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## May 2 Is Election Day

### Voters Decide Our Leaders for the Next Five Years



Free National Movement leaders are shown above as they prepare for a day of campaigning in the South Abaco Constituency. On the left is the Hon. Tommy Turnquest, new leader of the FNM party. Mr. Sweeting, center and holding a grandchild, is campaigning to hold his seat representing South Abaco in Parliament. He has held that position for the past ten years. On the right is the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, who has been the Prime Minister of The Bahamas for the past ten years. He will step down as Prime Minister after the election. But he is willing to continue representing the people of North Abaco as he has for the past 25 years.

The general election is set for May 2. The political leaders are crisscrossing the country wooing voters and outlining their objectives. At stake are 40 seats in the House of Representatives and the leadership of the country.

The two prominent national leaders are Mr. Tommy Turnquest, leader of the Free National Movement, and Mr. Perry Christie, leader of the Progressive Liberal Party. Locally five candidates are campaigning. In the North Abaco Constituency the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham is willing to represent his home area once again. He first went to the House from North Abaco in 1977. Mr. Fritz Bootle is contesting the seat that Mr. Ingraham has held for 25 years. Ms. Ali McIntosh is campaigning in North Abaco also as the only candidate of her Bahamas Constitution Party.

In the South Abaco Constituency Mr. Robert Sweeting, who has served for the past two terms, is offering himself as a candidate once again. Opposing him is Mr. Edison Key, who has held the seat for two terms in the past, 1982 and 1992.

In other parts of the Bahamas two new parties have candidates. The Coalition for Democratic Reform (CDR) party is led by Dr. Bernard Nottage and the Bahamas

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### SCUBA Students Show New Fins



Students participating in the SCUBA Scholarship Program show off their new Force Fins which give them greater speed in the water. Shown above are, l. to r., Scott Albury, Terence Scavella, Sarina Green (snorkeler), Keith Green (teacher at St. Francis) and Sherell Corey. Other students participating in the program are Brad Curry, Lakendria (Peaches) Lightbourne, Brian Symonette, Brent Symonette, Nykail Murray and Warren Archer. Please see story on page 23.

### Dog Show Attracts Many Breeds



A dog show held in Marsh Harbour on April 13 brought out a great variety of dogs. Shown above is Mrs. Maureen Koepf with her dog. Please see story on page 16.

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## Remember to Vote on May 2

# What Do the Candidates Say?

## FNM Outlook

By Alice Bain

The Free National Movement incumbent for South Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting, addressed a few of the issues he believes are relevant during this election season.

"The FNM is dedicated to continuing economic development on Abaco. In addition to this, we are concerned with the health of the local fishing stock. We need to create no-take zones and ban the take of grouper during the spawning season. We definitely support the creation of a national park at the Fowl Cay preserve and would like to see the Pelican Cays go into a sea park as well."

Mr. Sweeting continued, "I personally support the idea of a park for the Abaco wild horses and plan to bring up the subject in a meeting with the Prime Minister before the election." Mr. Sweeting spoke about the issue of the Haitian communities of the Mud and Pigeon Pea. He said, "The problem with making another community is that we don't want to just create another slum. Those who are illegal immigrants can't buy land here anyway, so we need to deal with the ones who have status. Many are now purchasing lots in the new Central Pines Estates Subdivision. Fifty percent of lots there have been

sold to Bahamians of Haitian descent. We support integration rather than segregation of these people in another slum area. They should integrate with the local community whenever they can afford to."

According to Mr. Sweeting, "The Mud and Pigeon Pea will eventually have to be evacuated. The communities were created over a period of 35 years, however, and we cannot resolve this issue overnight. My advice to those residents of these areas is that if they are living in the Bahamas, they need to comply with Bahamian rules and regulations, for example, with getting building permits before they build. I think the government needs to pay more attention to monitoring this."

"I apologize for the situation with the traffic light. I have done my best to try and resolve the matter. I personally secured four stop signs and saw that they were installed at that intersection, so now there is at least an official four way stop." Mr. Sweeting agrees that Abaco needs an effective driver's education program.

"If re-elected, I am basically looking forward to playing a bigger role in Central Government... a bigger role in making national decisions."

## PLP Outline Their Agenda

By Alice Bain

Randy Key of the Progressive Liberal Party outlined his party's stance on some of the issues he believes are relevant to voters going into this May's general election when Edison Key will be running again for MP for the South Abaco district.

Mr. Key commented, "I think people should understand that the former PLP is nine and a half years ago now. We're not looking at the past, we're looking towards the future. I would like to see the local business owners working together regardless of party affiliation to get people-oriented feedback on what we need on this island. I know that Abaconians are tired of being dictated to by Nassau. The PLP is committed to bringing together a coalition to improve tourism and agriculture in Abaco and to preserve our fishing grounds which are suffering."

Mr. Key had no comment on the park proposals for the Snake Cay area, the Fowl Cay preserve and the Drinkwater area of Little Abaco. When questioned about the Haitian situation, he replied, "We need to establish an orderly relocation of the residents of the Mud and Pigeon Pea."

PLP leadership has assured Edison Key of financing for the expansion of Marsh Harbour International Airport. "This is a priority!" says Randy Key. "This should be the number one capital expenditure on our budget. It simply has to take place."

Mr. Key would like to see old and young voters alike vote on the issues presented, not vote based on things that happened thirty years ago. "I hope that we as an island have matured to a point that we can vote on an issue-oriented campaign," adds Mr. Key. "We have a right to vote and we should be thankful that we are presented with a choice between candidates. So many countries don't have that privilege."

## Profiles of PLP Candidates

### Fritz Bootle

PLP Candidate for North Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Mr. Fritz Bootle, Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) candidate for the North Abaco Constituency, hopes to bring North Abaco back to the prosperous community it once was.

Eldest child of the late Mr. Sherlin C. Bootle and Verleta Davis, he was born in Nassau and grew up in Dundas Town. He was raised by his grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Bodie, who instilled in him strong Christian values. He received his formal education at the Dundas Town Public School and at St. Francis de Sales evening school. Mr. Bootle is married to the former Audrey Poitier and is a dedicated husband and father.

A successful businessman, Mr. Bootle has worked for the past fourteen years building his own businesses. He has served in the Customs Department on Abaco and as Regional Purchasing Director for Princess Properties International, Freeport Operations.

### Edison M. Key

Candidate for South Abaco

Mr. Key was the middle son of Bunyan and Lillian Key of Marsh Harbour. He has three children and five grandchildren. He lives in Marsh Harbour with his family.

Mr. Key worked in road construction engineering and heavy equipment for Sea Breezes Ltd in the 1960s. In the 1970s he along with his brother-in-law established a very successful farm, the Key and Sawyer Farms in the Treasure Cay area. It grew to be the largest winter vegetable and citrus farming operation in the Bahamas during that time.

Mr. Key is no new comer to the political scene. He has served as Senator for two terms and a Member of Parliament for two terms representing the Constituency of Marsh Harbour under the Progressive Liberal Party government. During that time he served as Chairman of Batelco for seven years.

He enjoys woodwork, horticulture and fishing.

## Profiles of FNM Candidates for Abaco

### Rt. Hon. Hubert Alexander Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, FNM Member of Parliament for North Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Mr. Hubert Alexander Ingraham is the Member of Parliament for the North Abaco Constituency and Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, having retained the seat in the general elections of March 1997.

Born on Grand Bahama in 1947, he received his education in Nassau. Mr. Ingraham married his wife Delores in 1971 and is a

### Robert Percival Sweeting, Jr. FNM Candidate for South Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Mr. Robert P. Sweeting, Jr. is the incumbent Member of Parliament for the South Abaco Constituency. He was first elected in 1992 and successfully retained his seat in the general elections of March 1997.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeting, he was born in Nassau on February 4th, 1945. He received his education at the Man-O-War All Age School. Mr. Sweeting is married to the former Margaret Russell of Hope Town. The couple have three children, Robert, Jr.,

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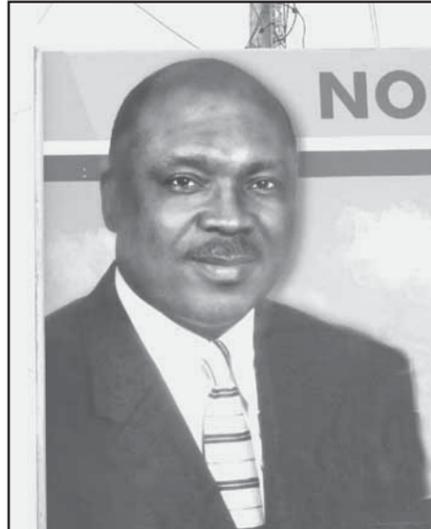
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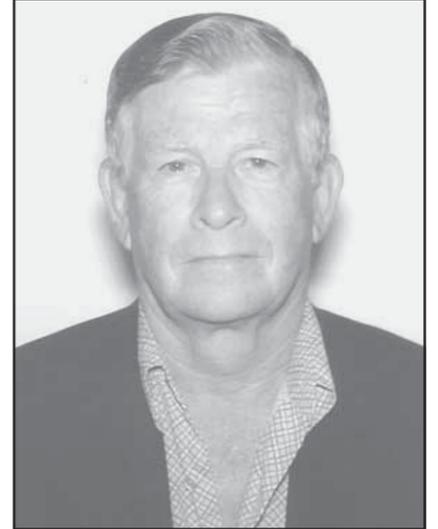
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# News of the Cays

## Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

When I was a little girl, holidays and special events seemed lifetimes apart. Now they seem only days apart as time flies by, and I race to keep up.

The first few months of the year are usually quiet and uneventful, but not 2002. Maybe it was the mild winter that had people wanting to get out and do things. I will try to summarize the events of the past four months on Green Turtle Cay.

### Traffic Changes

January 14 was a historic day on the Cay. One way traffic went into effect in town and is now the law. It took a few weeks to get used to but traffic is flowing smoothly. It is really a big improvement and our small roads don't seem as congested. Even the tourists in golf carts are going with the flow.

### Town Events

On February 14 the Amy Roberts Primary School's Valentine Dinner was hosted by the Green Turtle Club. It was well attended and the food was excellent. It's always nice to have a dress-up evening away from the children and what better night than February 14.

The Architectural Preservation Society's annual wine tasting was presented by the William Brewer Company on February 21. It was a successful event and proceeds will be used in the historical preservation of Captain Roland Roberts' house. Capt. Roberts' house was constructed of Abaco pine by local shipwrights and carpenters in the 1800s. It survived the 1932 hurricane despite being knocked off its base by another building. Over the years the house was occupied by the descendants of Capt. Roberts but later

fell into disrepair. Hurricane Floyd claimed a part of its roof. It is now being historically restored by a crew specializing in such renovations. In the past few months we've seen the house restored to what must have been its former glory. Attention to historical detail extends to the gutters and the brick paved grounds. Upon completion, Reef Relief, an environmental organization, will use a portion of the house as an educational center. It is wonderful to see this part of our island's history restored.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Health Minister Ronald Knowles and Education Minister Dion Foulkes visited our community in February to discuss the referendum. The courtroom was filled with interested voters. Voter turnout for the referendum was high with the majority of voters on Green Turtle Cay supporting constitutional changes. However, the entire country did not agree and the rest is history!

### School News

Amy Roberts Primary School presented the Lion King to standing room only crowds on March 22 and 23. They also performed a third evening, March 27, by popular demand. Students of Hope Town, Cherokee Sound, Man-O-War and Guana Cay schools traveled to Green Turtle for a "matinee" performance of the play. A lot of hard work went into the play and it all paid off as the students did an excellent job. They not only acted but were responsible for building the scenery and making costumes. The students will perform again on April 23 for the National Arts judges and in May for the Green Turtle Club's Fishing Tournament's participants.

In other school news, congratulations to Heather Sawyer, who won second place at

the 3rd grade spelling bee and to Tyler Survance, who won third place at the 4th grade spelling bee. Colby Cross and Amanda McIntosh will represent the school on April 26 at the first grade spelling bee. Good luck!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Christopher and Pamela Roberts, who welcomed their first child, Reagan Christopher. Both mother and baby are healthy and back home.

Wedding bells rang on April 13 for Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dames. The couple were married at St. Peter's Anglican Church and a reception followed at the Green Turtle Club.

Congratulations to Debbie Symonette as she marks her 20th anniversary as bartender at the Green Turtle Club. Debbie's cheerful disposition keeps guests feeling comfortable and welcome.

The Green Turtle Awana Club hosted the Marsh Harbour Awana Club on April 13

for an afternoon of friendly competition at the game circle. Hot dogs, hamburgers, fritters and desserts kept everyone happy. It was hard to tell if the leaders or the clubbers had the better time. Awana leaders are to be commended for the tremendous job they do.

On a sad note Mrs. Roselyn Curry died on March 24 in Nassau. "Mama" as she was affectionately called, spent most of her life on Green Turtle Cay, but moved first to Treasure Cay and then to Nassau to be with her daughter. Funeral services were held on March 30 at the Gospel Chapel. She is survived by her brother Reuben Roberts, son Allan Curry, daughter Estella Lowe, adopted son Percival Roberts, Jr., daughters-in-law Marina Curry and Judy Roberts; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

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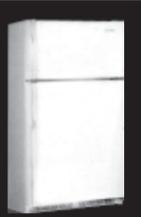
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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Wedding Celebrations

On April 6th Krystle Roberts married her childhood sweetheart, Dean Weatherford, in a touching ceremony and celebration of love in the Assemblies of God Church. Their reception was held immediately after the church service on the schoolhouse grounds on a warm and sunny afternoon with all their closest family and friends around them.

Dean works in construction with his two older brothers, and Krystle is employed at Standard Hardware in Marsh Harbour. Cherokee residents have watched these two young people grow up in this small community and we know everyone wishes the

happy couple a long and happy marriage.

### Fish Are Biting

With crawfish season now closed many have turned to trolling. From what we hear, they are catching some big ones and our visitors are thrilled. We depend on these fishermen to keep our local economy going and when they catch fish they are happy. If they're happy, we're happy.

### Still No Rain

It seems like almost every day the dark clouds gather, but then they pass us by. The homeowners are still praying for some much needed rain. Maybe other parts of Abaco have been getting rain. Here in Cherokee we have only received a little over two inches of rainfall since January and those

who depend on their rainwater tanks are suffering. We have certainly had our share of blustery wind lately and even lovely warm weather. But what our gardens really need is water and plenty of it.

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These excursions broaden the children's horizons and enhance their learning. Parents must be very glad that their children were able to have this experience while they are still so young. (And I'll bet the grown

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# Central Abaco News

## Extra Flights

By Isobel Sherman

Continental Airlines will begin a second flight between West Palm Beach and Marsh Harbour on May 2. The flight will leave West Palm Beach at 10:40 a.m. This extra flight will be daily through August 15.

According to Mrs. Kathryn Albury, Manager of A & W Travel, Continental is expecting to put a 49-seat plane on all their flights into Abaco but the date for this has not been announced.

## Performing Arts School Opens

By Isobel Sherman

The Fame School of Performing Arts is scheduled to have their Grand Opening all day on May 1. A variety of classes will be held for anyone five years and up. Various dancing classes, modeling and aerobics will be featured. The school is located on the second floor of Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour. The school is under the management of Angeline Rollins from Freeport who has 14

years of experience. For more information call 1-242-375-8452.

## Business Women Start New Venture

Well known businesswomen, Barbara Simmons and Sandra Evans, have joined forces to better serve their clients. Doing business as Abaco Bound Choice Destinations and Sandra Evans Real Estate Sales, the entrepreneurs' new office is located in Simmons' Plaza, formerly Touch of the Trop-

ics, on Bay Street in Marsh Harbour.

Barbara Simmons has many successful years of experience in the hospitality industry and Sandra Evans is a prominent real estate broker. Together they are committed to excellence, community service and thorough professionalism. Mrs. Simmons offers complete vacation planning and property management while Mrs. Evans continues to

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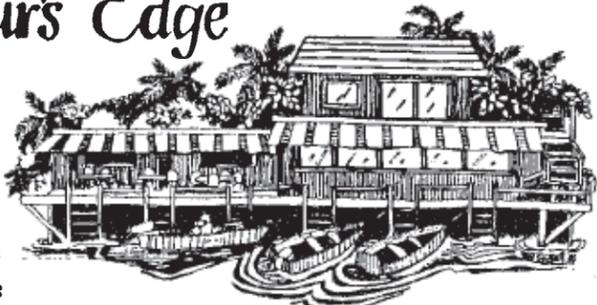


The traffic light corner now has four stop signs. This changes the system of Queen Elizabeth Drive being a through street. Motorists are not used to the newly placed signs so there is confusion at the corner and many vehicles make no pretext of stopping or yielding.



The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a fire truck to replace the one that went to the newly formed Casuarina Point Fire Department. It was put into use less than one hour after it got to the fire station. Shown above are, l. to r., Assistant Chief Claude Sawyer, Chief Fire Officer John Hall, Mr. Randy Key and Mr. Sidney Albury. Mr. Key and Mr. Albury represent United Abaco Shipping which brought the truck over at no freight cost to the fire department.

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# Central Abaco News



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## Bahamas Assists US in Wrecking a Smuggling Ring

The Royal Bahamas Police Force assisted United States authorities in smashing a multi-million-dollar major organization involved in smuggling Chinese nationals from mainland China into the United States. Seven persons have been charged with smuggling Chinese aliens into the United States. Twelve of the aliens were said to have entered the U.S. through The Bahamas. The defendants are alleged to have paid more than \$219,000 in "smuggling fees" to take the Chinese nationals into the U.S.

Mr. Guy A. Lewis, United States Attorney, said, "It was critical that we had the support as well as the co-operation of the Royal Bahamas Police Force," Mr. Lewis said. "We are very thankful we had that. It made a difference in this case."

The indictment alleges that the defendants conspired to smuggle three different groups of Chinese nationals into the U.S. over a period of about eight months.

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#### Restaurant Opens

Sea Shells Restaurant opened on the second floor of the liquor store on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. According to some anglers in the BBC tournament the food is great and so are the prices.

### Grace Baptist Youth Receive Training

By Anita Rolle

The Youth Department of Grace Baptist Church recently participated in a workshop for peer leaders. The two-day training program focusing on adolescent reproductive health co-ordinated by Ms. Sandy Walker and was held at the Learning Resource Center in Marsh Harbour.

Jackie Robins, Youth Leader, commented, "We decided to hold the workshop with the permission of parents in order to educate the group. This way, all of their questions can be answered in a professional manner by professionals." Some parents accompanied their children, making the workshop a family af-

fair. Topics included Human Sexuality, Puberty and Adolescent Development, Communicating with Peers about Sex, Teen Pregnancies, Sexual Abuse, Gender Violence and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.



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# The Editor Says **The Politics of Cooperation**



This is the season when the politicians are your best friend - just give them a chance and they will tell you. National elections are scheduled for Thursday, May 2. Those campaigning are making the most of the few days left until the polls open.

There is little personal contact with most of their effort directed to town and area rallies where the message can be given to several hundred voters at one time.

The past is brought forth as proof of competency or lack thereof while the future is always projected to be an improvement. Accusations are hurled and arguments are put forward. Within the towns tempers can get short and friendships are tested as the opposing views are debated and justified.

However, we must remember that all election promises are tempered by budget constraints and the civil service which is the working arm of government.

The civil service seems to be immune to change and progress. Change is unknown and dangerous while maintaining the current status is relatively safe (except for the need for a pay increase.)

Our councils, town committees and statutory boards have come to a standstill while national politics take center stage. Building permits will not be issued, licenses will not be granted and many of the other functions of local government are on hold.

After May 2 those persons serving on local government bodies will be concerned with their own political future and their interest in local government issues will be minimal. Traditionally, governments, both local and national, loose interest in the getting much done at election time. On a national level the civil service keeps the government machinery working. At the local level the decision making responsibilities assigned local government grinds to a halt. as their own re-election local government elections will be a main issue.

Our considered opinion is that you should listen to the various candidates and judge how effective you feel each candidate is. Weigh the effectiveness you think he will be to Abaco or your town. Get past the hype and noise of the rallies and assess each person's ability to achieve his stated

goals and if those promises are realistic.

The next few years will be a trying time for the Bahamas. Although we are not under any specific or immediate crisis there are several areas which need long range planning and careful thought.

M Our entry into the World Trade Organization

M The impending Free Trade Association of the Americas

M CARICOM - a Caribbean basin trade association.

These and other issues reach beyond our

borders but they must be acknowledged and dealt with. The world is getting smaller and more complicated. Outside interests are infringing on us and our leaders must seek acceptable answers to these challenges. In this age, no country can stand alone, particularly a small vulnerable one such as ours.

We need to get past this current political noise and get back to business of running the country. We need to put aside our differences and rhetoric and work together for the overall good of the country. Which-

ever party wins, it should not try to go it alone but to reach out to the opposition for input. The recent referendum is an example where more cooperation and broad based input might have changed the outcome.

Our country will do best when all groups work together. Many times the opposition feels obliged to live up to their name and oppose rather than try to find a middle ground that is acceptable to both sides. However, blind opposition is often not in the long term interest of the country.

## Generally Speaking . . . *Trouble in Paradise*

By S. Timothy Roberts

On Abaco we are privileged to live in an indigenously beautiful island amongst a people of great charm and dignity. In essence we have, as much as can be had, a piece of paradise here on earth. However, there is, to use a colloquialism, "trouble in paradise."

Like it or not, our number one industry throughout the Bahamas is, and seems it will remain for quite some time, tourism. Tourism is an industry that requires careful nurturing and imaginative innovation to not only survive but thrive.

Anywhere you go on Abaco you are greeted with pristine beaches, beautiful woodland areas, and (though not quite exotic) wondrous wildlife. The trouble here is attributed to bad habits possibly or whatever else can be blamed for it. The trouble is littering in all its various forms.

Drive along any of our great highways and view the amount of trash that is slowly, but steadily increasing in quantity. There are any number of illegal dump sites where you will find all sorts of heavy trash like derelict cars, old washing machines and refrigerators and other waste.

Visit any of the North Side beaches and you will find the greatest variety of garbage ranging from wood and light bulbs to medical supplies and plastic bags and much more.

Some of these problems are not caused directly by the local people of Abaco, but some of it is. The trash on beaches that ends up there because of passing vessels is still our problem, though we are not the cause of it. We still must take the situation in hand and deal with it.

We have to think, what heritage are we leaving for our children? What messes are we leaving behind? What will be left when we are gone? Can we be proud of ourselves for the mark we have left?

It is often that we all, regardless of race, age, sex or creed, neglect to think of the consequences of our actions. Whatever we do, whether we think it an insignificant thing or if we believe it to be of great importance, has an effect on others. Seldom do we honestly think of what we may cause as a result of our actions in the immediate future, much less over the long term.

We are responsible not only for ourselves but for all that we survey around us, whether

it is a person, animal, tree, beach, water or whatever. The effect of our being here will leave an impression. It is up to us to make it a good one. After all, not only do we have to live here, but our future generations will in all likelihood live here as well.

Everything is connected. There is cause and effect. There is a degree of control we have on the future of this piece of paradise. We can, indeed, even have an affect on the rest of the world. The power we possess in such degrees is limited only by us as individuals.

The Bible says that we "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of

the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth." This is God's ecological program. He gave us the earth and its creatures to be rulers over them. This is not licence to do what we wish; however, it is a responsibility to make sure the environment runs the way it ought.

We are obligated to our fellow man and to our future generations to provide the best possible present and future that we are able to provide.

We are sitting on a treasure, a virtual paradise. Let us not through selfishness, greed, and irresponsibility destroy it for ourselves and our future children and grandchildren.

## All About TOWN

By Isobel Sherman

### No Seats

Air service between West Palm Beach and Marsh Harbour is a huge problem. I thought I would have no trouble getting a ticket for my daughter to return for the summer in the first week of May. I was quoted an expensive \$400 ticket and finally got a one way for \$184. When I tried to book a return to West Palm Beach in August, I had to change dates as the flights were either full or the price the day I wanted to fly was ridiculous.

In a casual conversation with one of my daughter's friends at college who happens to live in Nassau, I learned that she obtained a one-way seat on Continental from West Palm Beach to Nassau for only \$88. Yes, \$88 while I was quoted a price of over \$200.

We are closer to West Palm Beach than Nassau. It is not fair. Seats to West Palm Beach are still scarce even when Continental puts on an additional flight.

However, if you talk to persons who are trying to travel, the prices they are quoted are out of this world. It seems to me that some compromise can be achieved. We are a prime tourist destination but no tourist is going to pay the prices for tickets that I have been hearing.

I have been told it might be cheaper going through Nassau. The only problem with that is you have to get to and from Nassau on Bahamasair.

### Pitbulls

Recently in Florida a little four-year-old girl was viciously attacked in her face by a pit bull. The damage was extensive physically and apparently she has not spoken since the attack so the emotional damage is worse. The pit bull was illegal and was destroyed the next day. In the meantime the little girl faces several operations on her face.

As awful as it sounds we here in Abaco have a time bomb ticking because what happened to that little girl could very well happen here. It is the fashion with our young men to have pit bulls. They are dangerous and can turn without warning. Incidents of their turning on their owners in the United

States are documented

It is illegal to own Pitbulls in Dade County in Florida and many other places in the United States and other parts of the world.

### New Stop Signs

The intersection of Queen Elizabeth Drive and Don MacKay Boulevard has now been equipped with stop signs on all four corners, making it a four-way stop. Could it be that we may never see the traffic light there again? I hope not.

Post script. I recently I noticed that the stop sign on Queen Elizabeth Drive coming from the dock has been removed. Does this mean it is now a three way stop?

### No Phone Yet

Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High School, has been living in the principal's house since November 2001. As yet he has been unable to obtain a phone in his house. Now people listen carefully, this man has his family in Freeport and at the University of Nebraska. Don't you think he should have a phone? Also with his son so far away, don't you think it would be nice if he could go online and email? Come on, Batelco, give the man a phone, please!

### The Worst Road in Murphy Town!

The worst road in Central Abaco is the road leading into the teachers' homes and principal's home next to Abaco Central High School. It seems that it should be made passable. Once again persons have to suffer the dust, ruts and bumps that could have been eliminated.

TravelAccording to A & W Travel the cancellations of flights by Bahamasair has really messed up their ability to book flights for their customers. They have had to deal not only with the flight cancellation into West Palm Beach but also the length of time we had no third Nassau flight. They are having a terrible time trying to get people in and out of Marsh Harbour.

What is needed is for another air line to come in and fly to West Palm Beach with an aircraft that seats as many as Bahamasair used to.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Give Credit Where Credit Is Due

Dear Editor,

No sensible person will deny that the FNM has done much good for Abaco over the past nine years. BUT for persons with one broad sweep of the brush to say that the PLP "did nothin" for Abaco during its 25 years of government is absolute nonsense. Following are just a few of the things I can think of.

1. A major effort was undertaken by the PLP in education and school construction. Schools were built in various communities and a new high school was built in Murphy Town which served the central Abaco area. Bahamians were elevated to be teachers and administrators instead of floor sweepers and cleaners. A drive toward uplifting the masses of Bahamians to first world status was undertaken by the PLP leadership in what we have come to know as "Bahamianization."

2. The water systems in many communities were initiated for the first time and Marsh Harbour's water system was upgraded.

3. Roads were paved in many communities including Sandy Point, Spring City, Crossing Rocks, Moore's Island and Marsh Harbour, and a new tarred road was completed from Marsh Harbour all the way down to Crown Haven. Plans were underway at the time when the PLP lost the government in 1992 to continue the road paving from Marsh Harbour to Sandy Point. The FNM completed this plan for which we are truly thankful.

4. Some of you might not remember how the community was treated unfairly when Phil Ferrar owned the electrical company. Under the leadership of our then Member of Parliament, Mr. Edison Key, the power company was bought by BEC and a new state-of-the-art power generation plant was completed on Sherlin Bootle Highway (its current location). After BEC took over, the price per KWH for electricity dropped considerably compared to the Phil Ferrar operation, and consumers were able to economize on their electrical bills.

5. During the PLP's terms a new airport terminal, runway and ramp paving were completed in Marsh Harbour. This was the only terminal upgrade since the days of the UBP and the only terminal upgrade to date. Further, a new airport terminal and runway were constructed in Treasure Cay.

6. Admittedly, dealing with Lands & Surveys has always been like pulling teeth. But land during the days of the PLP was made available to Bahamians at reasonable prices - the folks of Crossing Rocks and Spring City will agree with me on this. Lots at Crossing Rocks were made available at \$300 each! Land plus houses in Spring City were sold to their occupants for between \$10,000 and \$12,000 each!

7. Under the leadership of the Progressive Liberal Party, Abaco was brought up to first world standards in the area of telecommunications. I believe the number was around a \$10 million dollar upgrade. This was inclusive of direct dial (remember the days when you waited around all morning to call an order in to Florida by having to reach the operator), and the introduction of our facsimile, cellular phone and the ground-work laid for future Internet services. As a matter of fact, the first fiber optic cable laid in any of the Family Islands was laid right here in Abaco. Every community in the Abaco's was touched by this upgrade during Mr. Key's time as chairman of Batelco.

8. A modern, new and upgraded Government Clinic was constructed in Marsh

Harbour. This is the only health facility constructed in Marsh Harbour since the days of the UBP. Along with the National Insurance program which was instituted under the PLP, many individuals now are collecting retirement benefits, disability benefits, etc. which were nonexistent before the PLP came to power.

Now having said the above, I still believe over the many years that Abaco has not received its fair share of revenue back from the treasury. Our less fortunate brothers and sisters in some of the southern islands also need everything that we need, (light, phones, water, roads, clinics, etc.) so we must take that into consideration. But, nevertheless, it is always incredible to me that persons who I regard as people of good will and common sense can continue to say that the PLP did nothin!

The record must be set straight. If you are to be fair and balanced, credit must be given where credit is due!

I thank you for the space in your publication.

Respectfully,  
Randy Key

## The Day the Prime Minister Ate My Soup

To the Editor,

I was born in a frame house in Missouri during the depression 66 years ago and was raised in a small town in northern Illinois. Having had but fleeting brushes with fame and been totally neglected by fortune, I did once shake hands with Jack Dempsey. On another occasion I waved to the governor of Michigan and he waved back.

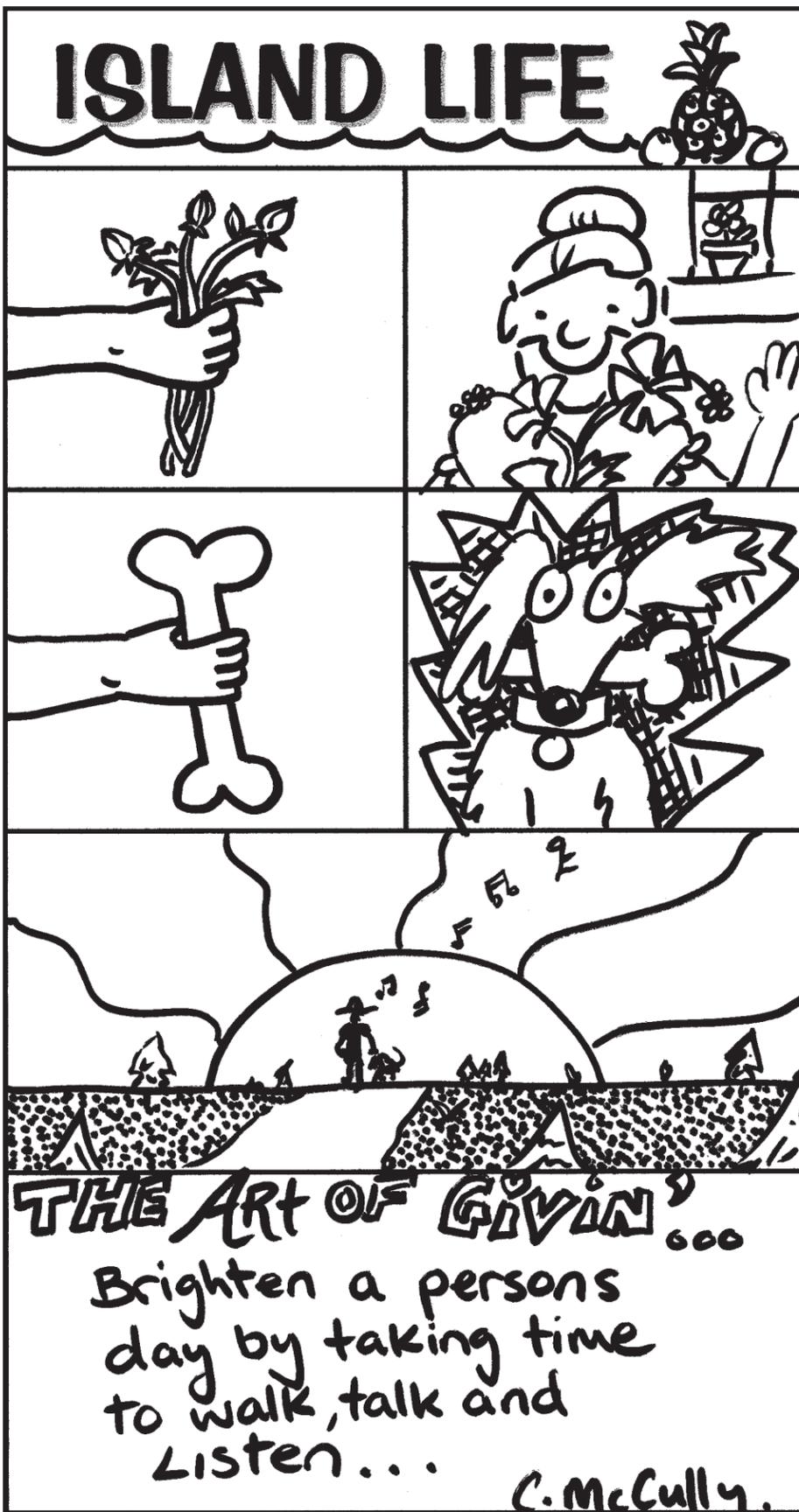
At present I'm semi-retired, (translation: working harder and making less money), and living on this island nation of the Bahamas with Nettie, my wife of 35 years. She was born and raised in these islands and we thought it would be nice to spend some of our "golden years" living here.

Here where the strangers are few and the relatives are many, we live in a house overlooking the Sea of Abaco. Her sister, who lives next door to us, married a skinny boy from Man-O-War who worked in a boatyard and was raised on porgies, curbs, morgan birds and potted meat.

Thirty-four years later we find the skinny boy is now a Member of Parliament in this nation of beautiful islands and is not nearly as skinny. With a new election coming within a month, the Prime Minister of these islands came here to Abaco from his headquarters in Nassau to campaign and talk strategy.

During one of their meetings the M. P. called home to his wife and asked if she could send them something to eat. She had made a big pot of turkey soup and had promised us some. But not wanting to offend the Prime Minister by telling him to go get his own turkey soup, she sent the potful down to the War Room.

With it went my meal of turkey soup.



However, with it came another brush with fame. If I am blessed with a few more years on this earth, there still may be hope.

Garland Davies

## A Frustrated Abaconian Writes

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the space in this paper. I feel compelled to write and express my point of view. The FNM would like to remind us

of the imperfections of the old members of the PLP. But that is such a long time ago, let's try to remember some things not so long ago.

The airport that they said the PLP were criminal for in 1992. What political party in power would wait until right after an election to start the most talked about issue on Abaco, come on. How many times will we

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# School News

## Forest Heights Academy

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is passing. Year end activities are only a reminder of the graduation of Forest Heights Academy's Class of 2002. In February Principal Michael Meeson took a small group of students to Florida to visit technical schools: Tampa Tech and ATT and ITT in Fort Lauderdale. This proved to be a very successful adventure as each enrolled in the school of his choice. Meanwhile, most seniors have sat their SAT's, applied to colleges and many have already received acceptances.

This is the largest graduating class yet at Forest Heights Academy, and the group is well prepared for the real world that awaits them. During the last week in March they

were challenged with the mock experience of applying for jobs or college followed by an interview by various businessmen and women, all Rotarians. The students, dressed for success, greatly enjoyed this and it helped to prepare them for their future. Thanks to Sandra Albury, George Riviere, Denise Archer, Joyce Coleby, Steve Davis, Bill Lyons, Mel Grey and Hugh Cottis for donating their time to this event. It is people such as these that help Abaco become a thriving community whose future is determined by the strength of its youth.

## S.C. Bootle High School

By Ima B. Nehr

S.C. Bootle High School's first annual Springfest was a resounding success! Funds

targeted to give the campus a much needed facelift were celebrated by all who contributed time and energy to the event. The spirit of the student body was elevated by the repaving of the basketball court just days before the festivities. When Sweet Emily began to sing that evening, she did so on a new stage on a pristine new court.

The day began with the aroma of food floating across the quadrangle and the sounds of family and children gathering with much excitement. Games included Dunk the Teacher, Darts and Dominos. Throughout the day music boomed, T-shirts, candles, and SnowCones as well as cotton candy were sold. Teachers and community members served hot meals amongst the merriment.

The day's activities began at 10 a.m. and

were still going strong after midnight. The city of Cooper's Town can now look forward to next year's fair. If it is anything like the success of this year's event, it will prove to be quite splendid. S.C. Bootle now anxiously awaits the upcoming basketball tournament.

## Central Abaco Primary School Inter-house Sports Day

By Anita Rolle

The students of Central Abaco Primary School held their Annual Inter-House Sports Day on April 12 at the Murphy Town playing field. The avid minor leaguers proved their endurance as their energy seemed to

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Students from the Moore's Island All Age School attended the recent inter-school track meet held at the Murphy Town Park. It is a major undertaking and expensive to bring the students to the mainland. They are shown here with their coaches Mr. Christopher Rahming, principal of the school, Mr. Anthony Williams and Mr. Deanzar Cash. The students were able to attend the first game of the basketball season held in Murphy Town.



The primary schools of Abaco held their inter-school track meet on April 18-19 at the Murphy Town park. They are shown here in competition. It is a time when students can get to know others their own age from various towns.



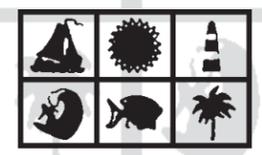
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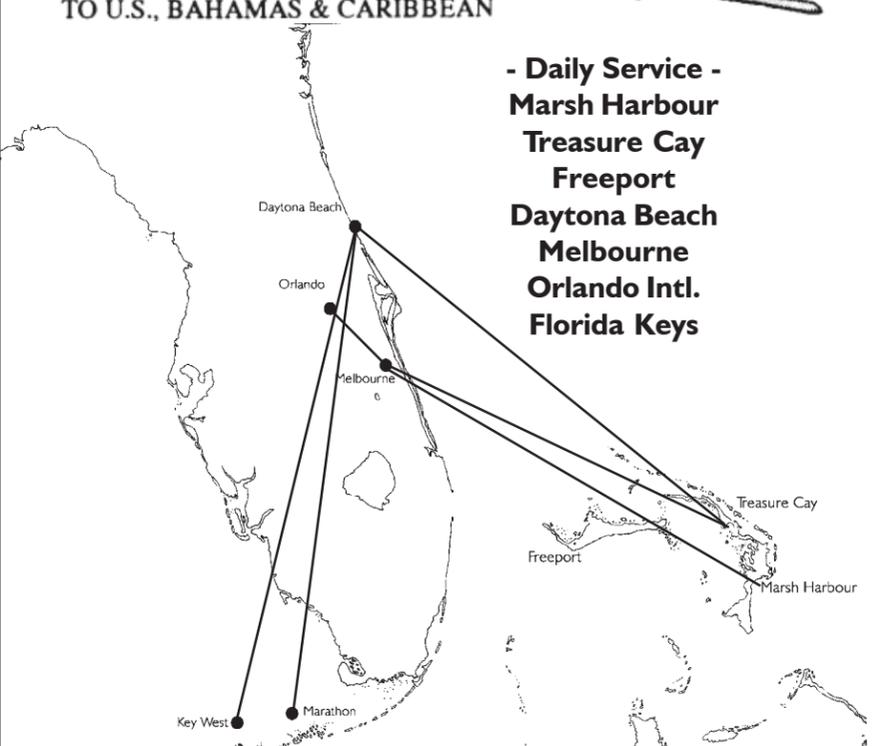
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# School News

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soar even more as the sun beamed down. Coming out victorious at the end of the day was Blue Marlin house. The school staff is hoping that next year's sports day will be held at the primary school's very own playing field.

## Government Scholarship Loan Was Outlined

*By Isobel Sherman*

On April 11 Abaco Central High School

held a meeting for all parents and students interested in the Government Loan Scholarship Scheme. Ms. Judy Dorsette, Education Officer with the Ministry of Education in Freeport, spoke to more than 120 persons. Ms. Dorsette answered all questions and was available on April 12 at the high school to answer any other questions. She was surprised at the interest and promised to talk to education officers about servicing Abaco more in relation to scholarship scheme.

This meeting was open to all parents on Abaco and was the brain child of Principal

Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, who has close links with Freeport and with Mr. Cecil Thompson, District Superintendent of Grand Bahama. Education on Abaco is definitely on the move.

Mrs. Isobel Sherman will be the liaison person with Ms. Dorsette and can be contacted at Abaco Central High School or at home at 367-5561.

## Abaco Central High School

*By Isobel Sherman*

### Adopt a School Program

Mrs. Anne Rolle of the Ministry of Tourism in Nassau visited Abaco Central High School recently with a mission to re-institute the Adopt-a-School programme with hotels. She talked to 11th graders about the opportunities for jobs in tourism.

### Anchor Club News

The Anchor Club of Abaco will present Spring Extravaganza 2002 on May 4th at Central Abaco Primary School. It will be a fashion and talent show beginning at 7:30 p.m. with a dance starting after the show with DJ Smooth. Price for the show is \$10.00 for the

show and \$5 for the dance. Tickets can be obtained from Anchor Club members

In other Anchor Club news they will be having a retreat in Hope Town on May 17 to 20. There they will discuss various topics. The Anchor Club is the youth organization of the Pilot Club.

### Two Scholarships

Two students at Abaco Central High School received full music scholarships from Florida Memorial College in Miami Florida. Patrell Carey and Durrell Burrows will be enrolling for the fall semester majoring in music. Florida Memorial will give the two scholarships perpetually in recognition of their alumnus, Mr. Alfred Dean, music teacher at Abaco Central.

### Security

It took many years for the wall in front of Abaco Central High School to be completed and the fencing around the campus to be installed. The gates were put up but the school is still not secure because the gates do not have locks on them and the walk-in entrances

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The students were very enthusiastic as they competed in the inter-school track meet at the Murphy Town park on April 18 and 19. Shown centered above is William Pinder from the Fox Town school, who thoroughly enjoyed all the day's activities..

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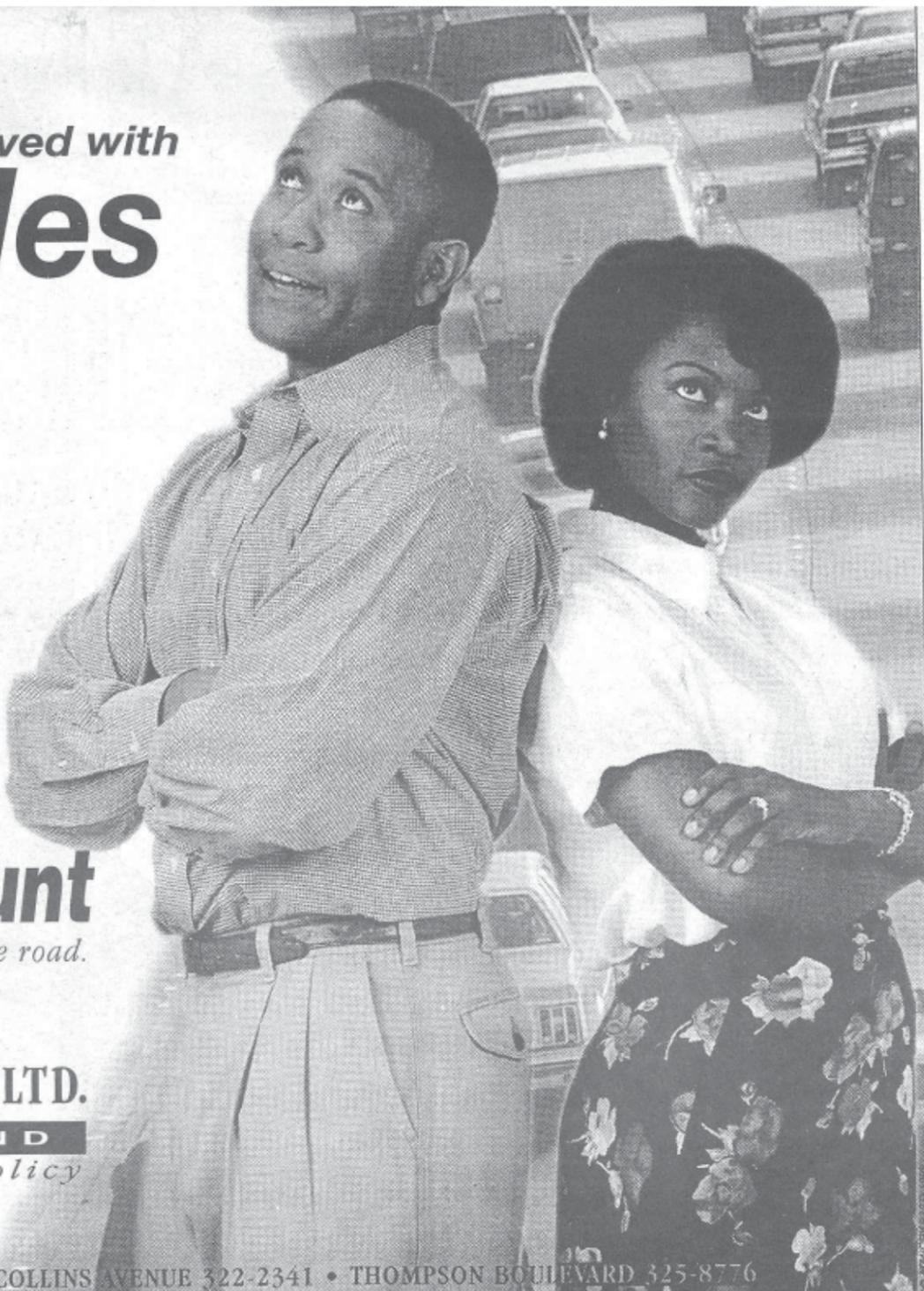


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# Environment Issues Discussed at Workshop

By Nancy Kline

Forty enthusiastic people participated in a Friends of the Environment workshop held on April 13 at Abaco Beach Resort. They came from Marsh Harbour, Green Turtle Cay, Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay, Treasure Cay, Elbow Cay and Nassau. Participants included government and business employees as well as retired persons. These men and women used their Saturday to discuss, question, think and plan about the future of the environment in Abaco. After a full day of effort, including a working lunch, they were still exuberant at the end of the workshop, with most staying for further discussions and planning after the meeting adjourned.

The workshop goal was to develop specific plans for selected environmental issues and get a commitment to carry out the plans. This workshop was a result of suggestions made at a general meeting of Friends in February at which current environmental issues were discussed. The workshop planning committee included volunteers from that meeting.

Friends, a totally volunteer organization has been hard at work for the last 14 years and it shows. Bright colored "success post-

ers" with specific environmental accomplishments were hung throughout the meeting room. The achievements include such things as the installation of boat moorings near fragile reefs, beach clean-ups, programs for school children and Abaco representation at environmental conferences.

Prior to the workshop, participants were asked to select three environmental issues they would like to participate in from the following: Abaco National Parks, Education, Environmental/Historic Walking Tour Maps, Fishing Licenses/ Regulations/ Enforcement, Oil Waste Disposal, Personal Water Craft/ Airboats/Beach Vehicles, Pump Out Stations, Styrofoam/Recycled Products.

The issues with the most interest were selected in order to make the best use of the time. Consequently several topics were not discussed at this workshop. Those and other issues, of course, are still important.

After introductions, an explanation of the role of the facilitator was given and agreement on workshop ground rules, the participants divided into seven issue groups:

- Education
- Fishing
- Oil Waste Disposal
- Parks - Fowl Cay and Little Abaco

- Parks - Snake Cay
- Personal Water Craft
- Styrofoam.

Each group discussed options and formulated specific plans. The largest groups had only seven members, so there was plenty of opportunity for everyone at the workshop to participate and give his or her ideas.

There was a working lunch, and in the afternoon issue groups reported the highlights of their plans to the group as a whole. After each report there was a brief period for participants to add suggestions, express concerns and/or a willingness to help with the plans.

This was done orally and/or in writing. The plans of each issue group will be communicated as they are fully developed.

One indication of the enthusiasm of the workshop participants was the fact that only three people left before 3 p.m. when the meeting adjourned (the three had prior commitments). One group met again after the workshop, and several of the issue groups scheduled follow-up meetings within a week.

All of those who completed a workshop evaluation responded "Yes" to the question *Was the Workshop Worthwhile?* Evaluation comments reflected the positive mood of the group. A sample of these are: "Many people promised their time and will produce," "This was a very interesting meeting. I believe my time was well spent today coming here," "This was the first meeting I attended and it won't be the last," "I think everyone was hyped, just look at what we have done in just one workshop."

Follow-up was eagerly anticipated by many participants with such comments as: "Workshop was great, must be several meetings after this," "We need more like this," "Looking forward to more workshops of this sort; this is the beginning of something great so let us go for the gold. The sky is the limit."

Anyone interested in participating, please contact Lory Kenyon at [lajolla@abacoinet.com](mailto:lajolla@abacoinet.com) or 366-0121 or Erin Lowe at [info@abacooutback.com](mailto:info@abacooutback.com) or 367-5358



The Environmental Workshop sponsored by Friends of the Environment held small group discussions in the morning. Then groups came together to present their summaries to the entire assembly. Deb Patterson is shown above giving the review of her group's conclusions.



Friends of the Environment held an Environmental Workshop at the Pavilion in Marsh Harbour on April 13. About 40 people broke into groups to consider various topics and came up with ideas of solving a specific problem. Shown above is the group discussing issues facing the fishing industry. They considered regulations and enforcements. Shown above from l. to r. are Mr. Boot LeBouillier from Hope Town, Mr. Cyril Morley, Mr. Gary McDonald, both of the Port Authority on Abaco, Mr. Ross Sawyer from Green Turtle Cay, Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP from Marsh Harbour, and Mr. Frank Kenyon from Hope Town.

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# Fishing Tournament Season Begins

By Isobel Sherman

On April 14 the first leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship 2002 entitled the South Abaco Championship began at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour. The BBC is a series of five tournaments. This year four of those events will be held on Abaco.

Rolex is the Title Sponsor of the Rolex Grand Prize which now stands at \$800,000 for the angler who boats a marlin breaking the existing Bahamian record of 1069 pounds. This year several of the championships will be hosted by boat builders which will showcase new models. The first tournament will be hosted by Hatteras Yachts.

Fifty-six boats registered for this leg of the five-leg championship. The results of the South Abaco Championship were first place *Black Gold*. Tied for second were *J&B* and *Rum Bum* and third place was *In-Flight*. *Mac V* caught the largest fish in the tournament, a 636-pound blue marlin.

The next leg of the tournament will begin April 29 in Walkers Cay.

This year there were some added social events for the anglers. On April 14 Bristol Cellars sponsored a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. One evening Bertram hosted a Southwestern Barbeque Night with the barbeque food being flown in. Another evening

Abaco Gold held a Conch Festival on the porch of their store. For the other days the BBC encouraged anglers to try different restaurants in Marsh Harbour.

Several other fishing tournaments are scheduled this spring. Three of the four remaining legs of the Bahamas Billfish Championship will be held on Abaco. The Bertram Hatteras Invitational Shoot Out will once again be held at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour early in May. Other tournaments scheduled include the Boat Harbour Billfish Bash, the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament and the Green Turtle Club annual fishing tournament.

## Seat Belt Law Becomes Effective on June 1

The law requiring the use of seat belts comes into effect on June 1 and carries fines up to \$500 for persons driving a vehicle or permitting a person to ride as a passenger without being secured by a seat belt. A stern warning has gone out from Road Traffic chief, ASP Willard Cunningham, Sr, that the new seatbelt law will be "vigorously enforced."

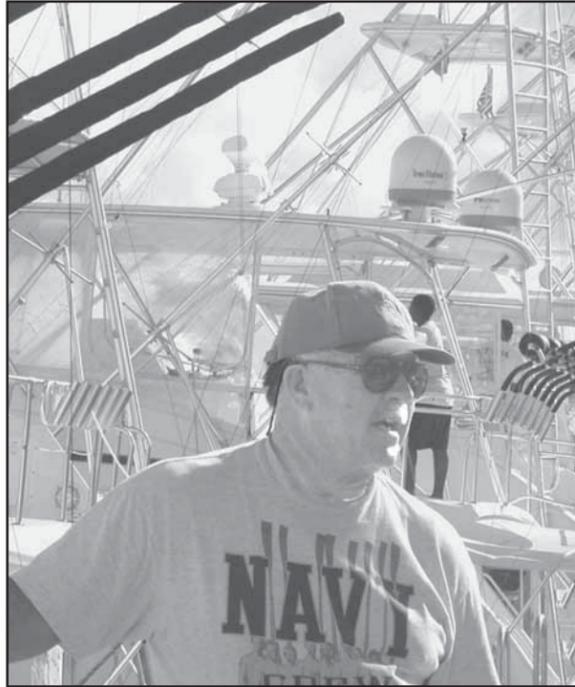
Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport encourages motor vehicle owners and passengers to "take full advantage of the opportunity to adjust and practice the use of their seatbelts. Our objective is to encourage individuals to change their behaviour and assume personal responsibility for themselves and others. This will ultimately result in a reduction in the number of injuries on our streets."

"We will enforce these laws vigorously when the time comes," said Mr Cunningham. "I want to send a signal out to road users to start now to practice using your seatbelts because when that law does come into effect, we in the Traffic Division will enforce it to the fullest, and you will feel the full extent of the law."

Road Traffic Controller Brensil Rolle warned that seatbelts were not just for New Providence and Grand Bahama. "It's a law that includes the entire Bahamas and every initiative we take will include all the islands," he said. "Enforcement will begin in June. We encourage Bahamians to take this period to start using their seatbelts."



The first leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship was held at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour on April 14-19. The boat Cob-Too brought in this 386 pound blue marlin. This annual fishing tournament attracts serious fishermen from all over the United States. Tournaments such as this contribute greatly to our economy.



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# Garbage Presents Problem for Guana

By Alice Bain

A town meeting was held on Guana Cay on April 18th to discuss the issue of the new garbage landfill area that the Government will be initiating on the north end of the island.

Mr. Robert Sweeting, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, opened the subject by stating that the garbage situation is a pressing problem, not only on Guana Cay but also in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay and Green Turtle Cay. The site for the new landfill is located in an area of north Guana Cay that does not have an access road. In order to get to the site, a road will have to be put through the property of Mr. Figi.

"We met with Mr. Figi and gave him the courtesy of a private notification that the government would like to do this," said Mr. Sweeting, "and we thought that at that time he had given his consent to have the road pushed through his property." Mr. Sweeting then went on to say that he was shocked to read a letter in the following issue of *The Abaconian* from Mr. Figi, stating his opposition to having a road put through his land.

Guana Cay has had trouble dealing with its garbage since the old dump on the private Orchid Bay land was closed. A parcel of land on the north end of the cay has recently reverted to the Bahamian Government since the owners defaulted on payments, and it is here that the Government plans to build what is emphatically termed a "landfill site" and NOT a dump.

"It is important to understand that this is not going to be an unmanaged, ugly site," said Mr. Everette Hart, Island Administrator. "There will not be cats and rats and flies and a big hill of trash. This is going to be a managed site, and the garbage will not just be lying around in the open, rotting.

"Objections were raised to situating the landfill on Guana Cay, and some residents thought that it would be a better idea to send the garbage over to Marsh Harbour. Mr. Hart replied, "The Government brought over a Canadian consulting firm four or five years ago to study the garbage problem throughout the entire Bahamas and they studied EVERYTHING that could be done with the garbage, including barging it to the main-

land. It was their opinion that a landfill project should be created on Guana Cay. The government has already borrowed money and that money is in the bank for this project. Orchid Bay has accepted Guana Cay's garbage for years. I thank God that the government found property to put the landfill on. If they hadn't, then it would have been a BIG problem."

Mr. Hart pointed out that in order to access the dump properly that the government would be obliged to improve the road running north out of the Guana Cay settlement. This road right now is unpaved, heavily rutted and extremely dusty in dry weather. A general round of applause greeted this statement, indicating that a majority of the meeting attendees were in favor of improving this road.

"We need to start moving on this NOW," continued Mr. Hart. "If we don't get the project going, it could be another twenty years before this gets done."

An objection was raised that the elected officials present had not provided a map for the public to see the actual location of the site in question. Mr. Hart assured the assembled people that a map would be posted the following Monday. Suzanne Bethel said that Guana Cay people are fortunate to have such a site for a landfill, since there is no such site on Elbow Cay and the garbage there has become a seemingly insurmountable problem. The prospect of barging the trash over to Marsh Harbour was brought up again. It was explained that this method would be prohibitively expensive, and some members of the assembled populace agreed.

It was pointed out that Marsh Harbour accepts garbage from Man-O-War Cay, Mrs. Bethel replied, "The only reason Marsh Harbour accepts Man-O-War garbage is that Mr. Albury assures them that it is 'quality' garbage!" Tony Albury has been managing the dump at Man-O-War for seven or eight years now, and it is his opinion that "even Bill Gates couldn't afford to run a service to barge garbage to Marsh Harbour." Mr. Albury separates the garbage that comes to the Man-O-War dump. Golf carts and appliances are kept in a special area where they can be stripped by anyone needing parts; trees and bushes are chipped and sold as mulch; and other garbage is burned. "We send five bins a week, that's forty

cubic yards, to Marsh Harbour," continued Mr. Albury, "and the rest we burn."

At the end of the meeting the general consensus seemed to be that the landfill on Guana Cay is a necessary evil. Mr. Hart stated that the government had already begun the land acquisition process against Mr. Figi. The road would go through his property one way or another although it would be vastly preferable if Mr. Figi would allow the road to go through where he chooses without such measures having to

be taken. "It is true that we don't always do everything right," said Mr. Hart, "but for a small country we try to do the best we can." He pointed out that there is no storage area for garbage within the Guana Cay community, and that garbage would have to be put at the site in any case even if it was going to be shipped. He said that he, personally, is convinced that this landfill will not make a mess and exhorted the Guana Cay residents to trust that the landfill project was the right thing to do.

## Central Pines Now Open



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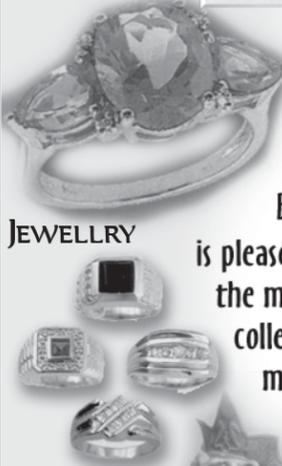
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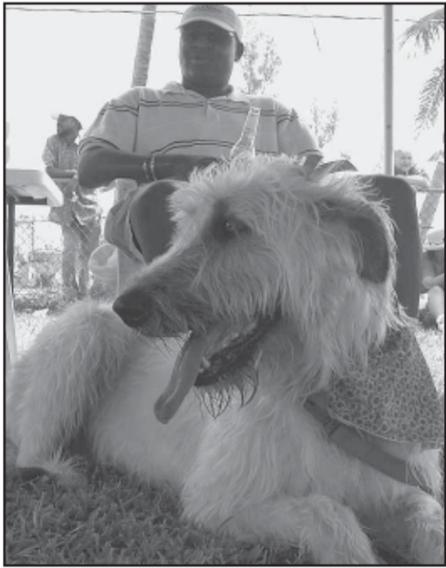
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# Dog Show Displays Variety



Shown above and to the right are dogs representing the many breeds entered in the Dog Show held in Marsh Harbour on April 13. Even potcakes were recognized.

By Anita Rolle

The Second Annual Dog Show was held on April 13 sponsored by *Pets Are People Too* along with the Pedigree dog food were the proud sponsors of this event.

Over fifty pets participated in this year's show, breaking the record of the previous year. Taking home the winning prize for Best in Show was *Sylvester*, a Sheltie owned by Kim Roberts. *Sylvester* also took home

the top honors in the Obedience category. In the Rottweiler category *Kia*, owned by Shawnalee Sands, emerged victorious, while *Spice Girl*, owned by Diane Solomon, was champion Irish Wolfhound.

Other breeds participating in the event included the Jack Russell, German Shepherd, Chow Chow, Pomeranian, Pot Cake, Poodle, Shih-tzu, Fox Terrier, Dachshund, Pekingese and Pitt Bull.



## Planets Are Putting on a Great Show

By Alice Bain

Abaconians will be treated to a spectacular alignment of planets in the west just after sunset from now through May 15. The five planets known to ancient astronomers, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter, will all be visible to the naked eye, and Uranus and Neptune will be visible with an amateur-sized telescope.

On May 5 Venus, Mars and Jupiter will be very tightly grouped in an almost perfect equilateral triangle. Furthermore, on May 10 Venus and Mars will appear very closely paired in the sky, almost seeming to become a single bright object. This particular alignment is going to be the closest visible alignment of these planets until September 2040! Similar alignments will be seen in July 2060 and November 2100 — but very few of us are going to be alive to see them! From May 13 to 15 a crescent moon will also join the show.

Scientists assure the public that this planetary alignment will NOT herald floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or other sundry natural disasters, at least, not any more than usual. The gravitational pull between the planets is way too weak to affect the surface of the earth that much, and similar alignments occurred recently in 1982 and in May of last year. Significantly, the world did not end on either of these dates. Mars, Venus and Saturn will perform another tight trio act without the benefit of the other planets in early August 2010.

To find the planets in the sky at night, go

out just after sunset and look for the moon. Draw a straight line across the sky between the moon and the point on the horizon where the sun has just set. This is the plane of the ecliptic - the imaginary plane that all the planets and the earth occupy as they revolve around the sun. All the planets will be on this line or very close to it. Jupiter and Venus are unmistakably the brightest objects in the western sky and observing for multiple nights will give a better idea of which objects are planets (the word means "wanderer" in ancient Greek) and which are stars. The planets move, the stars do not. Happy viewing!

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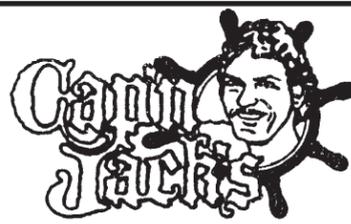
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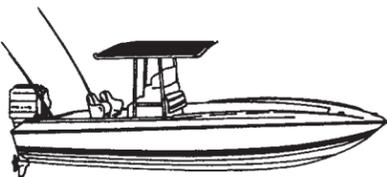
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# Rotary Members Help in Many Ways

The Rotary Club of Abaco, at its April 15th meeting at Angler's Restaurant, presented Michael Parotti of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department with a cheque for \$200. The club has, over the years, been supportive of the firefighters' service to the community.

Michael Parotti spoke on the department's efforts to maintain an efficient service with well trained personnel and properly equipped fire fighting appliances. Presently they are in the process of raising funds for the construction of a fire house. This facility will house the engines and provide accommoda-

tion for duty personnel. In this way response time should be further improved and maintenance of equipment made easier.

Acting Rotary President, Mr. Hugh Cottis, attested to the debt of gratitude that the Abaco community owes the volunteers. He emphasized that many thousands of dollars worth of property had over the years been saved by these firemen, occasionally at considerable risk of injury. Rotary will continue to support them and it is to be hoped that a grateful community will, as they have in the past, also do so.



Above the Rotary of Abaco has recently completed construction of the gazebo on the water front of Marsh Harbour. Hurricane Floyd destroyed the original one which the Rotary Club constructed several years ago. The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club has put up a notice board in the gazebo to notify our visitors of events and services available. The Rotary members shown above are enjoying the works of their hands. To the left, Mr. Hugh Cottis, President of the Rotary Club, is shown making a donation to Fireman Michael Parotti for the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department after he talked to them of the fire service.

## Surfers Enjoy Competition

By Christine McCully

April 14 was a super day for a surf competition. This was the second event of the series and took place on Elbow Cay. The first two heats were run at Garbanzos where the surfers paddled out at low tide, well over head wave conditions. The strong on-shore wind didn't seem to hinder the open men's division one bit. Late take offs forceful bottom turns, 360s, cutbacks and off the lips were some of the successful maneuvers accomplished during their long rides.

The remaining three heats were held at North Beach in Hope Town so all of the competitors were transported north to compete in smaller wave conditions. Although the waves were smaller, the competitors no longer had to deal with the reef off Garbanzos surf break. Due to the rough conditions within the Sea of Abaco, the Guana Cay surfers did not make it. They were sorely missed

and we hope to see them at the next event. The results are as follows:

Open Men's: 1st Tim Albury, 2nd Warren Knowles, 3rd Andrew Wilhoite

Junior Men's: 1st Christian Wilhoite, 2nd Andrew Nottage

Junior body board: 1st Ben Nottage, 2nd Tyler Albury, 3rd Jacob Albury

Open short board: 1st Andrew Wilhoite, 2nd Christine McCully, 3rd Scott Patterson, 4th Christian Wilhoite

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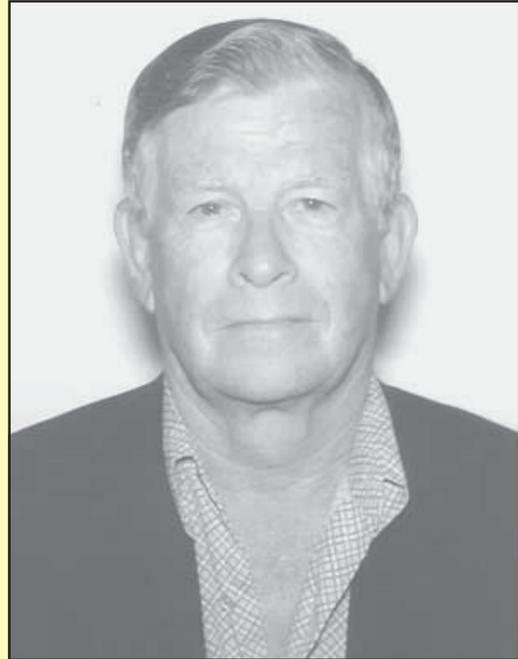
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## My Fellow Abaconians,

My campaign is not about running my opponent down, or about what happened in 1968 , or 1987, or 1992. The past is the past, and there is no changing that. As Abaconians we must look ahead with a common vision of building our island for future generations to come.



I believe there are issues facing our youth, promises made which have not been kept, and areas of our economic engine such as tourism, fishing, and farming which must be seriously addressed if we are to bring Abaco into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Empowering Abaco to become an economic generator in a tourist based economy must begin at our airport. It is a disgrace what we and our visitors have to endure when traveling into and out of our existing airport facility. This was promised to be upgraded for over nine years now. This will be one of my first priorities under a new Progressive Liberal Party Government.

Further, I will make every effort to form a team of community and business leaders from all political backgrounds to discuss and develop views and ideas on the preservation of our fishing grounds (conch and fish), and other important issues affecting the daily lives of our citizens.

Like you, I could not agree more that Abaco has long been neglected in getting it's share of the economic pie. I will make my best effort to change this. Robert Sweeting, our current Member of Parliament is a hardworking and honest individual, of whom I have great respect. However, I believe I am the candidate who would better serve Abaco's interests when the Progressive Liberal Party win's the government on May 2nd.

I will be asking for your support, pledging my effort to work for you, and be a voice for you, and be available to you, as your next representative for the South Abaco Constituency.

Respectfully yours,

***Edison M. Key***

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# A Report on Abaco Tourism

By Timothy Roberts

## Recovery

Abaco as well as the rest of The Bahamas stands poised to fully recover from the devastating effects of the events of September 11 on our tourism, according to the local Ministry of Tourism office in Marsh Harbour. When terrorists attacked the United States last year and the Twin Towers came crashing down, the shockwave was felt all across the globe. Among those severely affected economically were nations whose financial livelihood depends heavily on tourism.

In the days that followed tourism came literally to a standstill in the Bahamas, but slowly and surely, as airspace reopened, tourists began to again find their way to our shores. However, the pinch was felt quite badly for some time with occupancy levels as low as 25 percent in some areas. Abaco was no exception.

In the months that followed, recovery commenced and bookings increased as tourists regained confidence in air-travel. As of February 2002 Tourism's local office reported about a 95 percent recovery in Abaco's tourism with hopes and bookings high for the upcoming season.

## Plans, Promotions and Programs

The Tourism office stated that there are several programs under way to help boost tourism on Abaco and the other Out Islands. The Bahamas Out Islands Promotion Board along with Tourism are now advertising *Islands of The Bahamas* abroad and are promoting the advantages of visiting them. Tourism has a new service called Destination

Bahamas for booking trips to the Islands of The Bahamas operated by trained consultants who will tailor-make a vacation with air, transfers and accommodations.

Tourism along with hotels and Bahamasair is trying to promote domestic travel with a focus on homecomings, regattas and other events with the view to enhance the Out Islands' economy and to boost Bahamian culture, using the incentive of reduced rates on air travel and hotel prices.

Tourism still seeks to encourage the industry to open eye-pleasing crafts markets where native Bahamian arts, crafts and foods can be displayed and sold as well as allowing for performing arts and musicians to play.

Eco-tourism is being encouraged through various avenues such as a Birdwatching Certification Program for bird guides, a Bonefishing Certification Program for bonefish guides. The BahamaHost personnel are working on educational programs with Friends Of the Environment and the Architectural Preservation Society in Green Turtle Cay. There are currently several eco-tourist lodges and resorts on Abaco.

Tourism hopes to encourage the building of a museum in Marsh Harbour and possibly develop some island tours.

## Obstacles

The most demanding difficulty on tourism on Abaco today, according to Tourism is the lack of an adequate airport terminal building in Marsh Harbour. This is of utmost importance in enhancing tourism on Abaco. With an upgraded airport will come more commercial flights and thus greater business.

Tourism is talking with two new airlines, Discover Air from Daytona Beach, Florida, and Express Airways from Ft. Lauderdale,

with a view to increasing air service to Abaco.

Other things that the Tourism states as problems facing the tourist industry on Abaco are as follows:

- Quality of service is not up to par.
- Overpricing, particularly with taxi services.
- Lack of night time activities.
- No night time ferry services to accommodate late flights.
- Lack of cleanliness along roadsides and on beaches.
- Derelict vehicles and garbage left on illegal dumping sites.
- Lack of adequate street and information

signs.

- Speeding and inconsiderate driving in tourist areas.
- Lack of proper lighting in tourist areas.
- Lack of cultural activities.
- Lack of public rest rooms.

These are a few obstacles that Abaco's Tourism Office hope to address in the coming months and years.

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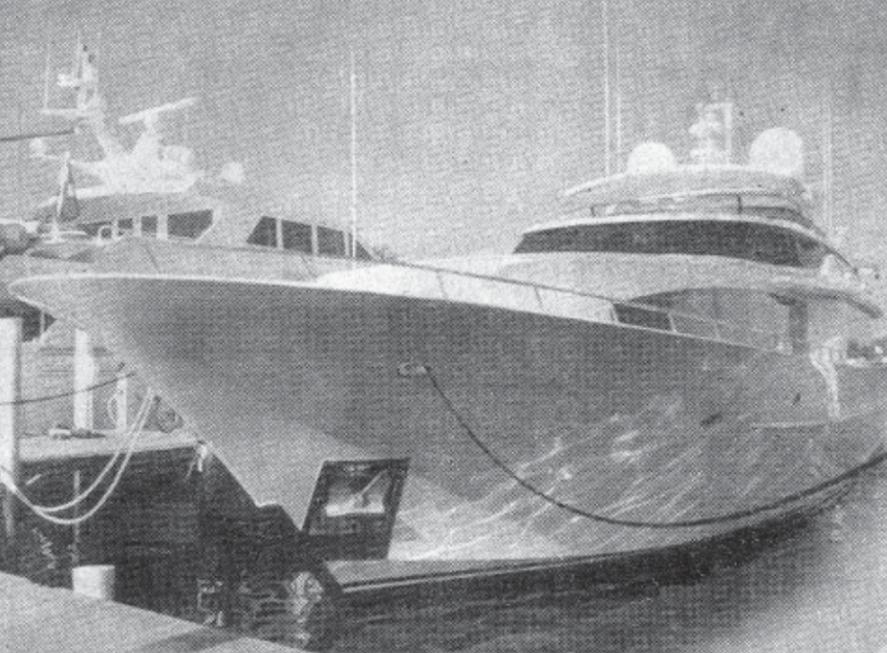
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Redesign & reconstruct road leading into Sandy Point.  
Upgrade water supply in Sandy Point.

#### **Moore's Island**

Upgrade sporting facilities including lights for basketball court and building a track and field.

#### **Crossing Rocks**

Complete the process of land ownership for the residents of Crossing Rocks.

#### **Bahama Palm Shores**

Work with the fast growing community of Bahama Palm Shores to improve their infrastructure and help with orderly development.  
Completion of telephone system installation.

#### **Casuarina Point**

Provide a park for the children of Casuarina Point.

#### **Cherokee Sound**

Extend water supply from Casuarina Point to Cherokee Sound.  
Extend electrical supply to Yellow Wood.  
Pave road to Little Harbour.

#### **Spring City**

Tie Spring City's water supply into central system.  
Make additional land available to residents.

#### **Marsh Harbour**

Complete airport terminal building and upgrade parking area.  
Pave all existing unpaved roads in Marsh Harbour.  
Build mini-hospital in Central Abaco.  
Complete landscaping and play area for Central Abaco Primary School.

#### **Guana Cay**

Extend cable television & water supply to Guana Cay.  
Provide garbage disposal area.  
Make portion of govern h of Crossing Beach available to locals.  
Dredging at Guana Cay docks.  
Create parking area for West of Town dock area.

#### **Man-O-War**

Extend water supply to Man-O-War Cay.  
Continue road building program until completed.

#### **Hope Town**

Pre-pave Center Line Road and reconstruct road damaged by Hurricane Floyd (project to be completed during the slow months of August, Spetember and October 2002)

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## 5 Year Plan



### We Will:

Work with the leaders of the Mud and Pigeon Pea communities and assist those with Bahamian status to be integrated into other communities.

Work with our fisherman to form a Fisherman's Association to help preserve our marine resources for future generations.

Work to enforce "no take" zones for grouper during spawning season.

Continue to work with local government so they can better serve their communities.

Work with Marsh Harbour sporting associations to develop the 10-acres leased and build a major sporting complex in Central Abaco.

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# Viewpoint . . . Culture Shock: 101

By Alice Bain

Living on Abaco has changed me. I arrived a jaded, cynical, Americanized girl in August of 1998. Three and a half years later I found myself in Chicago of all cities, walking around in what seemed like a permanent state of shocked amazement, staring at the skyscrapers, giggling maniacally to myself and generally feeling like I'd just arrived on Mars.

Even before I got to my final destination, the culture shock had set in. Waiting for my connecting flight at Cleveland airport was simply delightful. All the harassed commuters, the affected teenagers, mothers wrangling surging packs of small children - none of it seemed real. I sat at the gate attempting to read a copy of *Vanity Fair*, trying to mask my awe. When I bought that magazine at the airport convenience store, I had a delicious moment of dislocation: "Hey! The guy gave me back my change in U.S. dollars! How about that! Oh, wait, that's normal over here."

The Cleveland-Chicago flight was on a small commuter jet and was scheduled to arrive at O'Hare at about 9 p.m. We took off

from Cleveland in the pouring rain and the flight was bumpy until we got above the clouds. At our cruising altitude the night was very dark and the south end of the Milky Way filled the sky outside my window. The cloud layer below us looked like the surface of an ocean. As we flew, patches of it were lit up from below by the lights of towns and cities. We began our descent into Chicago and the clouds became more and more brightly lit in mottled mercury-vapor white and sodium orange.

I had been told about The Grid, but nothing prepared me for the sight of it as we sank through the clouds and I got my first view of the city. It is simply immense. Midwestern suburbia, lit at night by streetlights, all the streets are laid out in perfect squares, every house is placed in perfect relation to its neighbors, each streetlight lights a house. The effect is astounding; a glowing quadrille pad laid out on the flat Midwestern soil. I had forgotten that so many people even existed in the world! I sat there, quietly bogging at Civilization passing outside the window until the aircraft landed.

Then there was the ride into the city.

Lighted skyscrapers. Roads passing underneath the El tracks. Snow flurries. When you pass Lake Michigan, there is no smell of salt in the air. Restaurants in Chicago have menus that take up four pages and have entire sections devoted to vegetarians and followers of the Atkins diet. The next day I walked into a deli and realized that I was the only person there, customers included, who didn't speak German, with the possible exception of the Korean-looking kid who was sweeping the floor. The local TV stations were in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Greek. Culture shock multiplied exponentially.

And then, after a week, it suddenly all seemed normal.

I have now been here in the Windy City for nine days, and I feel robbed. The Achievements of Human Civilization have dwindled back down to the scale of the mundane. When the Saxons invaded Britain, they found the ruins of the Roman Empire and assumed that the concrete-and-stone buildings were the work of giants. A city like Chicago is the work of giants, or perhaps more accurately, it IS a giant. It has bones of brick and concrete and steel and a vascular system of free-

ways and trains and buses. The citizens that make up the lifeblood of the city don't spare time to ponder the overall structure. They have jobs to do and families to raise, food to find - it takes someone with fresh eyes to look at the Hancock tower, the Aon Center, the Sears tower and see how truly preposterous they look, how strange the combination of high engineering achievement and sheer whimsy. It is true, then, that familiarity breeds contempt. Chicagoans do not see the glory of their architecture; Abaconians do not see the splendor of their natural surroundings. Abaconians, however, have a disadvantage in this game of Taking Things For Granted: Chicago can build more skyscrapers, but what will Abaco do when the last conch is knocked?

I took a conch shell with me to Chicago. It now sits on a shelf in the foyer of the apartment I am staying in. It is old and rather faded - any Abaconian would not spare it a second look - but my Chicagoan friend was thrilled to receive it as a gift. When I return to Abaco next week, I wonder if the island will look as beautiful to me as my first view of downtown Chicago at night.



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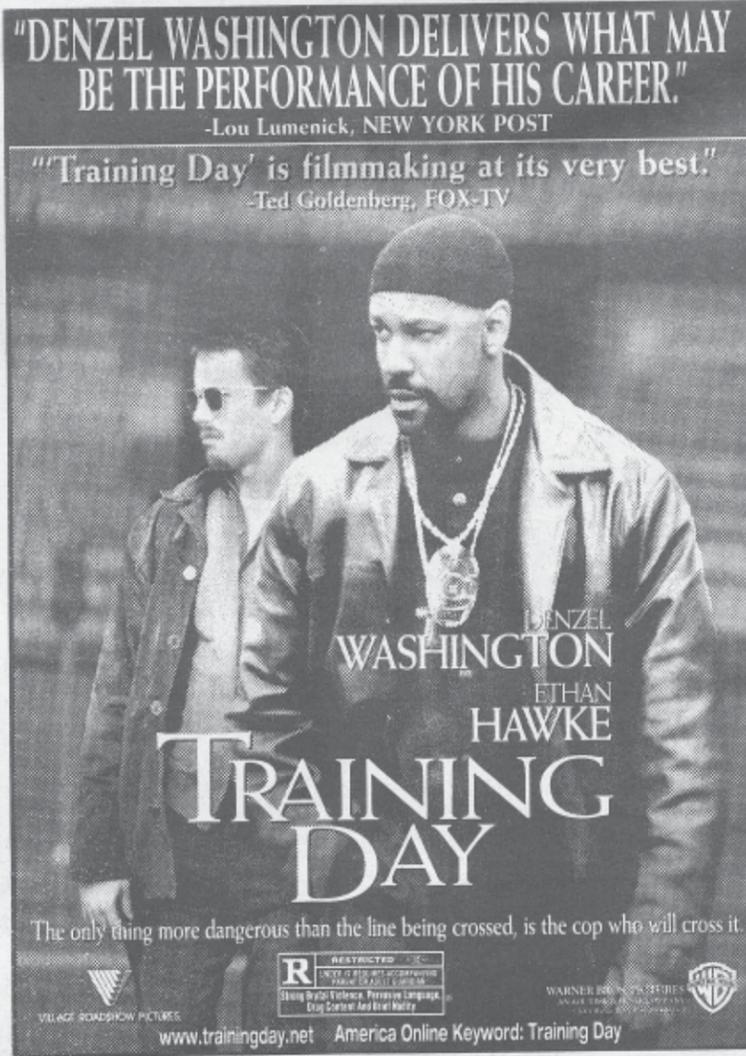
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# Viewpoint Seeing the Light . . . or Not . . .

By Alice Bain

Abaco is losing its night sky. Paradoxically as our nights become more thoroughly lit, we are having more trouble seeing effectively at ground level.

NASA published a very pretty composite satellite picture of the earth at night on its *Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD)* website ([http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/image/0011/earthlights2\\_dmsp\\_big.jpg](http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/image/0011/earthlights2_dmsp_big.jpg)) which shows a projection of the globe at night, dotted with a delicate tracery of light outlining the areas of human civilization. The image is beautiful, profound and disturbing. Abaco is visible as a pair of tiny lights (Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay) in the far northeastern quadrant of the Bahamas. Nassau and Freeport outshine us by many orders of magnitude—but if the present level of development continues in Marsh Harbour, we will catch them up within a decade or so. The Bahamas will have three bright dots on the satellite map at night, and Abaconians (except for those living in Crown Haven and Sandy Point)

will have lost their stars.

Poetic arguments against “light pollution” exist almost without number, but the most compelling reasons to control the glare in our night skies are practical and economic. First, there is a fundamental difference between “light” and “glare.” “Light” is cast onto objects, enabling us to see them. “Glare” is what happens when the light is shining directly in our eyes, and it actually hinders our ability to see properly at night. If you can see the source of the light—the bulb—then it’s glare. Because the light is shining directly into the eye at night, glare can actually induce a state of night blindness.

Our eyes are equipped with an iris (the part of the eye that gives it its color) that expands and contracts in reaction to light. In low light the iris expands and allows more light into the eye, allowing us to see more effectively. Light shining directly into the eye at night causes the iris to contract, as it would on a sunny day. The practical effect of this is that in “glarey” situations, we lose the ability to see anything much other than the light itself. The security light at the BEC transformer station on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour is a good case in point.

Glare is the reason why so many people

have trouble driving at night—the lights of other cars shine directly into their eyes, making it impossible for them to see the road properly. Many freeways in the United States take this into account and have built barriers between carriageways to cut glare from oncoming cars at night. Even streetlights can cause glare, especially on rainy nights when the roads are more reflective.

Obviously then, glare can cause unsafe situations and is not a practical or effective way to light an area at night—but glare is also uneconomical. Any light that does not shine directly onto the object that needs to be lit is wasted. This translates directly into electricity bills—and for operations using a lot of lights at night, this can be quite a bit of money. One way to “ration” light is “full-cutoff” (FCO) lighting—lights that are triggered by movement and come on only when you need them. These are particularly effective as security lights.

One oil refinery in Texas installed FCO lighting and saved a mind-boggling \$172,000 in electricity bills in a single year! A second way to save light and electricity involves installing a simple shield around the bulb to direct light where it needs to go. A “shield” is any device that prevents light from escaping sideways—a simple juice can around the bulb will work, although there are many more stylish solutions to the problem! A porch light is more effective at 40 watts with an effective shield than an unshielded light is at 60 watts.

Of course, it is needless for me to add that FCO and effectively shielded lights are also friendlier to our view of the stars—and to our neighbors at night who may not appreciate floodlights shining in their bedroom

windows. Boaters also report that navigation is becoming more difficult at night the more lights we put up—the Hub of Abaco is becoming a confusing smear of light. Progress and development on Abaco does not mean that we have to lose ourselves in the glare. Let’s all save light and electricity and while we’re at it, go out and look up at the stars once in a while.

For information on FCO lighting and light shielding, please contact Alice Bain via *The Abaconian* office at 367-3201.

## Students Show off New Force Fins

By Kay Politano

Students participating in the SCUBA Scholarship Program show off their new Force Fins donated to the program by Bob Evans, president and CEO of the Force Fin Company in California. Force Fins allow for faster and easier movement through the water.

Each semester up to eight Abaco high school students are chosen to participate in the Abaco SCUBA Scholarship Program. Students who qualify for the program must be in good health, pass a swim test and commit to attending pool and classroom sessions held after school hours during the semester.

In order to receive their NAUI certification cards, students must demonstrate academic knowledge of SCUBA diving by passing a written test of 85 questions. This test includes questions on physics and physiology of diving, dive related illnesses, dive table problems, and questions on undersea life and conservation. Students must also pass skill tests in the pool and in the sea. These skills include basic fundamentals of

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# Musicians Entertain at Treasure Cay



Ms. Vicki Hart, left, and Mrs. Jennifer Hudson, right, were part of a group of musicians from Central Abaco who got together to give two public concerts. Ms. Hart, music teacher at Forest Heights Academy, performed on the violin and the piano as well as vocal selections.



The night of April 13 was special for the Treasure Cay residents as a group of musicians performed in a varied program. Shown above are the Jes'Us quartet which included, l. to r., Basil Been, Anderson Alcime, Kevin Stirling and Gentry Morris. Also performing that night were Mrs. Joan Albury Moss, soprano, and Mr. Brian Thompson, baritone. The group performed in Marsh Harbour at New Visions Church on March 16. The music ranged from classical, modern, show tunes and spirituals.

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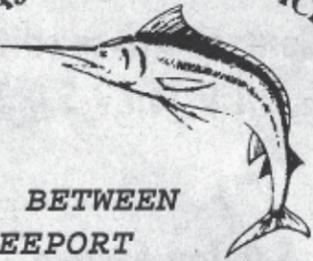
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## Letters

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in power would wait until right after an election to start the most talked about issue on Abaco, come on. How many times will we fall for the same promise? 1992, 1997, 2002.

The FNM let the Crossing Beach dock get so bad one could fall through it. When finally a hurricane totally destroyed it, they waited over a year while local dock builders pleaded for the opportunity to rebuild it. Finally, they awarded the contract to some of their inside friends for twice the normal cost. Could it be they needed a little piece of pie back?

I know I have to keep this letter short, but there are so many issues. The FNM paint and resurface something, and they brag. The PLP brought in, and the UBP/FNM fought against, one man one vote, the right for women to vote, National Insurance, the Defense Force, etc. etc. etc.

We now have a national debt almost twice what it was in 1992, but FNM's now don't seem to mind. Then, "If the PLP's borrow any more money, our dollar will be devalued." Now, "How great it is that our credit is good, let's just keep borrowing." If they don't care, I do, and my children care as well as anyone concerned about the future of this country.

So many issues, such a small paper. Please remember all the times over the last ten years you have heard "It will be a waste of time to call them about that."

You now have the opportunity to have a voice it what happens on Abaco. It's time for a change, GET ON BOARD.

A frustrated Abaconian

## An Improvement?

Dear Editor:

It is with much gratitude that I wish to thank our local government and Ministry of Works for the three newly erected additional stop signs at the junction of Don MacKay and Queen Elizabeth Drive. This "improvement" to our road system has elevated Abaconian motorists from the level of dangerous, inconsiderate and uneducated up one more notch to include being ignorant of the law. Are the stop signs transparent to the masses or are we such an advanced nation now that we can pick and choose the laws we wish to abide by? It's strange to me that neither one of our political candidates has chosen to use this in their ploys for votes. I guess they overlooked it.

Brant M. Albury

## PLP Are Desperate

Dear Editor,

Well, folks, nomination day for the general election has come and gone. On nomination day here in Marsh Harbour the PLP's candidate for the South Abaco Constituency has shown the desperation of that party.

The PLP is a party famous for saying that if you don't register to vote and don't vote you have no say in the affairs of your country.

But on nomination day the candidate for the PLP was chauffeured to the office for nomination by a citizen of the constituency who did not bother to register. Then on top of that at a rally that evening they had the audacity to put the same gentleman on the podium to address the people.

The said candidate in an interview with Radio Abaco mentioned about the motorcade that followed his nominating. But what he didn't mention was that about half of the cars in the motorcade were driven and occupied by citizens of the North Abaco Constituency.

Is that desperation or what?

Jim Hall

## We Need to Prepare for FTAA

Dear Sir;

Free Trade Agreement of the Americas! These are words that seem to strike fear in many normally rational people. I recently attended a very lively Chamber of Commerce meeting where this subject was heatedly debated. What does it really mean to those who live and work here? Will the government do a better job of explaining it to the populace than they did the referendum? Is it really the end of our way of life? Or, by now, isn't the world really just the global village predicted by Marshall McLuhann forty years ago?

In the "free world" to which we belong, goods and services already cross many borders. Many multi-national corporations are already represented in the Bahamas in industries such as banking, tourism and real estate. Those of us who work in such industries already realize that there is an international level of service and performance expected by our customers.

Is it likely that the Bahamas will be the only non-signatory in the western hemisphere? Where would that leave us? Don't we have any products that are in demand beyond our own borders? Aren't there any young (or otherwise!) Bahamians who would like to work their way up in a company that does business all over the world?

Many times over we hear the buzz-word eco-tourism as well as vague musings on "our product." Let's look at that product. Where is the conservation land in eco-sensitive areas such as the Hope Town harbour? Why do we fail to contain the current wrecked car dumping ground along the route many of our visitors take? Where are the design standards and beautification codes for new commercial construction? Why don't we preserve any of the old homes along Marsh Harbour's Front Street? Has anyone thought what a "product" enhancement a historical village is? Why can't we teach ourselves to stop littering?

As humans, we tend to fear change and the unknown. I believe there will be restructuring of our old ways of doing business. Will we adjust or be left behind?

Yours truly,  
Sandra Evans

## Upset in Guana

Dear Mr. Robert Sweeting,

In your FMN political ad on page 17 of *The Abaconian* May 15th issue you take credit at Man-O-War Cay for "greatly improved garbage collection and disposal" and providing "crown land used for garbage holding area." We on Guana Cay would like to know why we shouldn't try to implement a similar project for which you've received political accolades on Man-O-War Cay rather than regulate us to a stinky rat and fly infested dump from which you'll only receive our political opposition. If you want to ram rod a central-government-run dump down our throat, then why don't you promote the location of a similar "sweet smelling dump next to your residence in Marsh Harbour? Your FNM party's ad on page 12 of *The Abaconian* April 15th issue blames the prior PLP administration for "gross neglect of the environment" and other "shame, scandal, mismanagement." Do not forget the Golden Rule of Jesus and repeat the sins of the past. Another FNM ad (page 5) praises your party's commitment to "deeper, more dynamic democracy." We didn't witness that at last night's Guana Cay dump public meeting with you!

Thank you,

Upset in Guana

## Let's Keep It Real

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the space in your paper. Forgive me if this comment sounds rude, but what will the FNM take credit for next, the rain the sun, what.

One of their big claims to fame is Cable Bahamas, a private company that was given the contract over well-to-do white Nassau business men. Is it a coincidence that Mr. Ingraham is said to be one of the largest Bahamian shareholders of this company. A

company that seems to get any concession it asks for?

On and on they go about Batelco in Guana Cay. Open your eyes people. While at Batelco, Mr. Key put direct dial in Man-O-War, Hope Town and even FNM Cherokee. If the FNM had not come to power, Guana Cay would have had direct dial long before it did.

The public would like to know how the FNM can take credit for the ferry to Guana Cay. Are our tax dollars going to pay for a private company to run to that island? Maybe those dollars could have been used to replace the long gone stop light.

Let's give credit where credit is due, but . . .

Let's keep it real.

## Slander Is Very Serious

Editor:

There is a serious slandering matter that needs to be clarified immediately.

Last month, my nephew was fired by his employer for allegedly stealing one of the co-worker's paychecks. At the time of the discovery, only two of the five workers were asked to disrobe and their bags were thoroughly searched - nothing was found on their bodies that would have led anyone to believe that they were guilty. (Let me mention also, the two accused were also newly hired employees.) BUT, only my nephew was fired, not the other accused worker - my nephew even offered to submit himself to a lie detector test! On the day of the "missing money," the amount that was allegedly taken was approximately \$900. As of today (a month later) the amount has grown to \$4,000! If we all had interest rates like that - wouldn't it be nice? My nephew's name is being slandered around town that he is a thief. If he is a thief, why hasn't his em-

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# More Letters to the Editor

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ployer pressed any charges? Could it be because my nephew is innocent and he just doesn't have the guts to fire him like a man? What is my goal in writing this letter? Well, my nephew is 16 years old and has a bright future ahead of him. If his employer's family labels him as a thief, that assumption can ruin his life on this island. His employer must not understand the importance of this situation. So I am writing this to let him know just how important it is. I also want a written apology to be published in *The Abaconian's* next paper or we will take this matter to the courts on the grounds of slandering.

We are looking forward to hearing from you very soon.

Ms. Barbara M. Simmons

## A Plea to the PLP

Dear Mr. Edison Key,

The residents of Guana Cay would like to know your comprehensive position on garbage collection in the Abaco Cays and Guana Cay in particular. At your April 6th rally PLP party leader Mr. Perry Christie spoke about three issues of interest to me: 1. support of a healthy fishing and farming industry, 2.. the people will be more active and will (be) asked to contribute before any major decisions are made and 3. every island needs one major anchoring hotel which Abaco does not have.

Your opponent would ram rod an already flawed "model" government-run dump down our throats against our united will and ruin Bakers Bay, an ideal site for a major anchor hotel development. If you are willing to listen, we have some ideas for an economical and people / fish friendly garbage collection site to include recycling, salvaging, mulching, compacting and incinerating.

Thank you,  
A Concerned Guana Resident

## Concerned About Wild Horses

To the Editor:

Eco-tourism is a fast growing industry. Abaco has great potential for this type of non-destructive, educational tourism and the wild horses of Abaco could contribute a lot in this area.

Unfortunately, the herd is now endangered and will not survive unless it can be moved to a safe habitat.

The Abaco wild horse is listed under the Bahamas Wildlife Protection Act. But this is not enough. Recent figures released by Arkwild, Inc., a non-profit organization that focuses on saving endangered species, verified the downward trend in size of the herd and the problems it is encountering.

Anyone who has a stake in the economy coming from tourism should be encouraging the Bahamian Government to set aside a safe reserve for the horses so that they can be protected and multiply.

Eventually, when the herd is large enough it can be split and placed in a horse park such as the park desired on North Abaco. Here visitors could appreciate the wonders and the romance of the wild horse of Abaco.

To learn more about the horses please attend a meeting on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Port-O-Call Marina in Marsh Harbour sponsored by the Friends of the Abaco Wild Horse.

Thank you,  
A. L. Knowles

## Plea for the Wild Horses

To The Editor Abaconian

The wild horses of Abaco can help our economy if they can be saved. In order to do this they need to be moved to a safe place away from the feral dogs, nails and sharp metal and the over-rich grass where they are "hanging out" on the Bahamas Star Farm. They must be returned to the forest where their hoofs will wear down properly and they have to forage more for their food.

The herd is gradually dying. (Fifty-four percent gone in the last 10 years, only 16 horses left.) Once the herd is large enough, its potential for eco-tourism is very strong.

Many visitors to our country care about the horses and even have donated money to help keep them alive. This in itself proves they are a valuable eco-tourist asset.

I was born on Abaco and live and work here. I care about the economy of my country and I don't want an economic asset as

valuable as the wild horses to be lost.

Please give us an emergency reserve so the horses won't die.

Sincerely,  
Donnalee Ferguson

## Abaco Wild Horse Emergency

The *Friends of the Abaco Wild Horse* is launching a campaign to get government action to save the wild horses of Abaco.

The Abaco wild horses will not survive if they continue any longer in their present environment. In the last 10 years, 19 horses (fifty-four percent of the herd) have died. Fourteen of the remaining horses have varying degrees of lameness and hoof problems and there have been no foals since 1998. These problems can be reversed by moving the horses back to their natural forest habitat and away from the Bahamas Star Farm where they have been over grazing, exposed to agricultural chemicals, discarded sharp

metals, nails and dog attacks.

Government land adjacent to the farm is available and, as suggested by Member of Parliament Robert Sweeting, an emergency horse reserve could be combined with a water reserves and fire watch area.

Petitions to the Prime Minister to set aside appropriate land for the horses have been placed at the Bahama Family Market, Buck a Book and Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour, the Post Office and Vernon's Grocery in Hope Town, at Joe's Studio on Man-O-War, Nipper's on Guana and outside the Mini Mart at Treasure Cay.

Arwild, Inc. via Ms. M. Rehor has done 15 "saves" of horses from sure death since 1995. This is notable since there are only 16 horses left in the herd. The work was supported using donations from local citizens and visitors.

The Friends of the Environment and oth-

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# Little Harbour Medical Examiner Testifies in Buster Murder Trial

## Previous DUI Damages Quack Psychiatrist's Credibility

By Barnyard

Defense attorney Johnny Conchrun, true to his reputation as a pit bull in the courtroom, made LH medical examiner and Quack psychiatrist, Dr. Canard, the first victim of his rabid cross-examination. Speaking to the jury and packed barroom at Pete's Pub, Conchrun portrayed Canard as a prejudiced, pro-duck witness who tampered with forensic evidence to frame his canine client, Buster, for the murder of LH resident Duckie. Conchrun immediately attacked Canard's credibility as an expert witness.

"Have you ever received a DUI?" he asked Canard. Before the flustered psychiatrist could answer, Conchrun presented a copy of Dr. Canard's 1999 DUI and address. The Ducks Unlimited Invitation asked Canard to speak to its 1999 convention in Las Vegas, the topic, *The Canine Menace*. Conchrun read excerpts from Canard's speech which included calls to "snip the canine problem in the bud and take the issue by the \_\_\_\_\_ and sterilize them all." The medical examiner protested, "This is nuts, I am not on trial here!" Canard re-

fused to answer further questions about the Vegas trip including questions regarding his lodging and companionship at the Vega's Best Nestern. On advice of prosecutor Au Brie Clarque III esq., Canard pleaded the fifth and was promptly served with a bottle of Anejo by the Pete's Pub bailiff - bartender.

When asked to present his conclusive videotaped DNA evidence, a visibly shaken Canard further lost credibility when he accidentally played the wrong video tape for the packed barroom. A blushing Canard quickly ejected, *Great Bustiers*, apparently a tape from his private dinghy race collection, and inserted the *Great Buster* tape, but not before suffering another blow to his credibility. Calling order to the snickering barroom, Judge Judy agreed to a recess hastily requested by prosecuting attorney Clarque, who remarked that while playing the *Great Bustiers* tape was unintentional, it did have the desired effect of arousing the Little Harbour jury, several of whom were nodding off.

Returning after the recess, Dr. Canard warned the jury that they might find por-

tions of the *Great Buster* tape offensive, a warning which had little impact on the Little Harbour jury, all residents of the former penile colony who certainly did not seem to take offense to the first tape.

The *Great Buster* tape, apparently a promotional video filmed by his owner when attempting to launch Buster's movie career, played to a hushed barroom. Filmed late at night at Sapodilly's, the tape revealed Buster standing erect, teeth bared, claspng customer and barstool legs with his fore paws while gyrating his pelvis wildly to the background tunes of *Who Let The Dogs Out*. Nibbling at proffered chicken fingers and thighs, the cunning canine demonstrated a passion for poultry flesh.

"If this doesn't reveal his DNA or Doggie's Nasty Attitude, what then does?" Canard confidently asked.

An incredulous Conchrun, shaking his

head, demanded of Canard, "You call this DNA? Have you ever heard of Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid?"

"Well, um, I may have dropped some in college in the sixties, can't remember for sure . . ." he trailed off.

"Have you ever heard of wining doctor?" demanded Conchrun, referring to the Bahamian national dance characterized by pelvic gyrations.

"Why yes, I enjoy wining and dining myself," replied an oblivious Canard.

"Well, doctor, all that your video proves is that Buster is a winner, not a killer. Careful review of the tape will reveal many others on the dance floor engaged in wining. This is not a crime in the Bahamas, though in some cases it should be!"

Refusing Conchrun's motion for a mistrial, Judge Judy has ordered exhumation of murder victim Duckie's corpse in order to collect proper DNA evidence.



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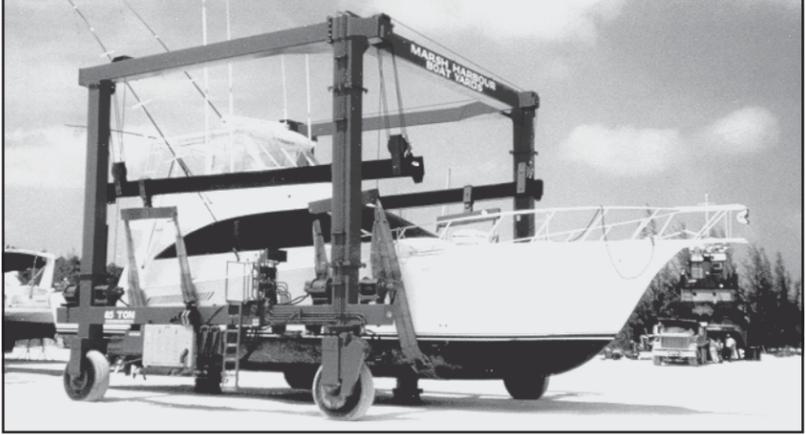
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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Irene Christensen Falkenberg**, 82, passed away on March 14 at her home in Copenhagen, Denmark. A part-time resident of the Bahamas for over 35 years, a pioneer in the Little Orchard development, she was known and loved throughout Marsh Harbour and Abaco. She will be deeply missed by her many friends. She is survived by one son Tonny Falkenberg, daughter-in-law Bodil Falkenberg, grandchildren Yarilena and Daniel, and numerous relatives in Denmark and close friends on Abaco.



Chuck Nielsen

**Charles P. Nielsen**, 76, living in Toledo, Ohio, passed away March 23. Mr. Nielsen was a vice-president of Owens-Illinois Forest Products Group and was general manager of the Owens Illinois pulpwood operation for most of the years it was in operation on Abaco, 1960 - 1967. He oversaw the building

of the road network on Abaco and the other benefits that OI brought to this island.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; sons Bruce and Gunnar Nielsen; daughter Charlene Saari; grandchildren; and many friends on Abaco who remember him through their employment with OI.

The funeral service for **Virginia McIntosh**, 54, of Fox Town was held on April 13 at the Zion Baptist Church in Fox Town. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Allan Mills assisted by Rev. Merlin McIntosh and Rev. Ezekial McIntosh. Interment was in the Fox Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter Sophia Smith; granddaughters LaQuey Smith and Andrea Scott; sisters Leonza Thompson, Isolene Thomas, Mae-Ellen and Olive McIntosh, Lillian Green and Vernice Russell; brothers Merlin, Reginald, Leanath, Wilfred and Leroy McIntosh; uncles Roland McIntosh and Cleveland Sawyer; nephews; nieces; brothers-in-law Arnold Thomas, Sidney Green and Willie Russell; sisters-in-law Millie, Princess, Debbie and Emma Russell; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Eunice Agatha Lowe**, 71, formerly of Cooper's Town was held at the Nassau on April 13. Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by her husband Leroy Lowe, daughters Myrceleta McPhee, Teorah and Dawnette Ferguson, Sidney and Pamela Lowe; sons Eleazor, Tony, Cleveland, LeTroy and Trevor Lowe; daughters-in-law Shirley, Jenetta, Zerlene, Royann and Dellareese Lowe; son-in-law Thomas

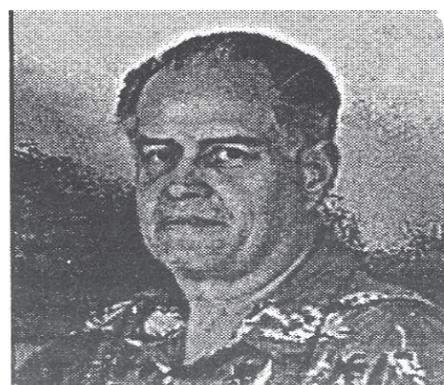
Ferguson; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Violet Jeanette Dames Darville**, 87, formerly from Crossing Rocks, was held in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by sons Eric, Oswald, John, Harry and Ronald; daughters Vernetta, Orinthia and Annie; adopted daughter Vernisha Gaitor; grandchildren; great grandchildren; and many relatives in Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point including Grace Roker, Doris Russell, Capt. Ernest Dean and family.

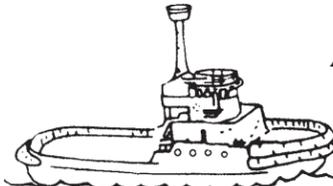
**Frances Yvonne Smith**, 62 of Hope Town passed away on April 15. Her funeral service was on April 20 at St. James Methodist Church. Officiating was Mr. Vernon Malone. Interment was in the Hope Town Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Jackson Smith, sons Robin and David Smith; grandchildren Deidre, Brittany, Amanda, Deon, Darren, Desmond and David; sisters Dianne Bethel, Shirley Sawyer, Modena and Maella; brother Glen Cash; daughters-in-law Wanda and Christine; brothers-in-law Clyde Sawyer and Tommy Bethel; sister-in-law Vernita Cash; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.



Marvin Higgs

Marvin Higgs, 49, of Marsh Harbour died on April 20 in Marsh Harbour. He is survived by his wife Gaylene Higgs; son Stephen Higgs; brother Larry Higgs; sisters Arlene Key, Frances Roberts and Carol Higgs; brothers-in-law Walter Key, Bunyan Roberts, Robert Higgs, Gene Lowe and Gary Lowe; sisters-in-law Ann Lowe and Sheena Lowe; many nieces and nephews; and many other family and friends. Funeral services were held at Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel on April 24. He will be deeply missed by all.



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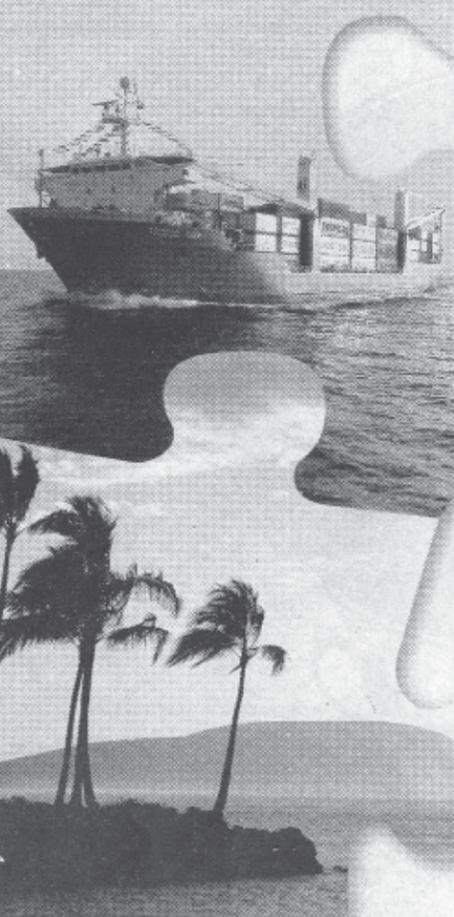
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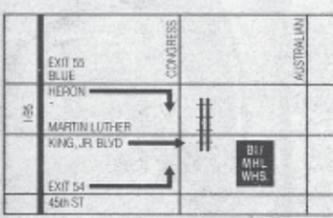
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# Every Child Counts Grows to Help Needy Youth

By Lyn Major

The Every Child Counts, a Special Education and Literacy Project, is moving its location. Archbishop Lawrence Burke has given permission for the program to use "the convent" building of St. Francis de Sales Church. The space being used at St. Francis de Sales School is needed when the school expands to Grade 12 in September 2002. The program itself which remains under St. Francis de Sales Church has also outgrown the space. There currently are 23 children in the program full-time. In September there will be between 26 and 28 students. In addition to our staff, we will welcome members of the community to teach such skills as Karate, Yoga, Carpentry, Mechanics, Gardening, Pottery and Cooking.

All funds for the continuation of the program have been raised privately including those being used for renovations to the building. The full time program is open to any student on Abaco who because of severe learning disabilities or physical disabilities is not able to function in a regular classroom. The new facility will be wheelchair accessible

and will be geared to using teaching methods and techniques effective for struggling students and beginning vocational training. The professional training part of *Every Child Counts* will continue from this building. The professional library will be open some evenings for teacher research and assistance and evaluations and tutoring will be done from here as well.

Since January, monthly training in various aspects of Special Education has been held at St. Francis School. In January Dr. David Bicard, a behavior analyst of Florida International University, gave the introduction to Special Education. In March Dr. Sharon McGee gave an intensive workshop on the Woodcock Johnson Test of Cognitive Ability. Once certified in administering this test by Dr. McGee, *Every Child Counts* clinicians and teachers will add this to the evaluative and intervention battery taught them by Dr. Sharon Kossack. Teachers from Sandy Point to Fox Town and Hope Town on Abaco and teachers from Eleuthera are continuing the training they began two years ago in order to complete this certification.

As a means of support for the program, note cards, T-shirts and other products designed by students are being sold at various shops on Abaco including Ebb Tide, Light-house Marina, Iggy-Biggy and Sea Spray Marina in Hope Town, Dolphin Beach Resort in Guana Cay and Iggy Biggy in Marsh Harbour.

If you would like more information about the *Every Child Counts* program or have a skill you would consider sharing with our students for an hour or two per week starting in September, please contact Lyn Major at 366-0101 evenings or e:mail [lyn.#tuman@abacoinet.com](mailto:lyn.#tuman@abacoinet.com).

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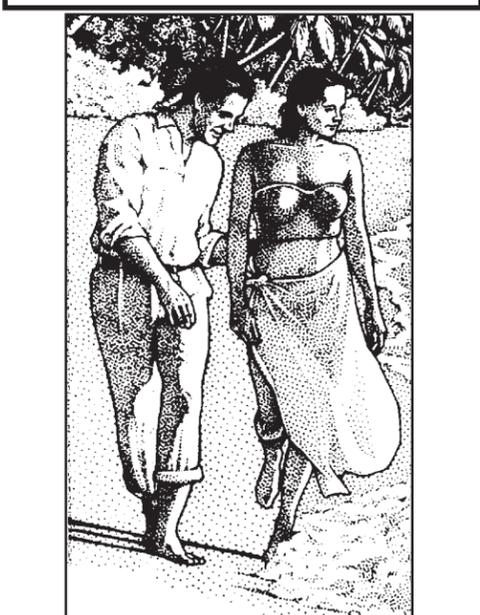


Emergency Services	
Police (Marsh Harbour)	367-2560
Marsh Harb. Volunteer Fire Dept.	367-2000
Hope Town Volunteer Fire Dept.	VHF Ch 16
Trauma One Ambulance Service	367-2911
Dundas Town Fire Dept.	367-2935 or 4935
Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc	VHF 16 or 366-0282

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers Plus extra for each passenger 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	
<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b>	
<b>Marsh Harbour to Hope Town</b>	20 minute trip
‡7:15 (M-F) 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:30	
<b>Hope T. to Marsh Harbour</b>	20 minute trip
8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)	
<b>Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War</b>	20 minute trip
10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:30	
<b>Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour</b>	20 minute trip
8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)	
<b>Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay &amp; Guana</b>	30 minute trip
‡6:45 am 10:15 1:15 pm 3:30 5:30	
<b>Guana &amp; Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour</b>	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 Union Jack	
<b>Green Turtle Ferry</b>	
<b>Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport • Daily</b>	
8 am 9 11 12:15pm 1:30 3 4:30	
<b>Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay • Daily</b>	
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	
<b>Abaco Adventures</b>	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Daily</b> 10 am Sunday 12 noon	
<b>Guana Cay to Treasure Cay - Daily</b> 4 pm Sunday 3 & 5 pm	
Fares One Way \$10 • Round Trip \$20 • Charter any time	
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Abaco Marinas	
Slips Fuel Phone	
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 ..... F ..... 353-1252
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
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
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 ..... F ..... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26 ..... F ..... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
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 ..... 367-2287
Abaco Yacht Haven	7 ..... 367-3079
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16 ..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 ..... F ..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	24 ..... F ..... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 ..... F ..... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Guana Beach Resort	22 ..... F ..... 365-5133
Orchid Bay	32 ..... F ..... 365-5175
Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour.	

Medical Services	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Abaco Medical Clinic	367-4240
Abaco Family Medicine	367-2295
Government Clinic	367-2510
<b>Cooper's Town Gov. Clinic</b>	365-0300
<b>Green Turtle Cay Gov. Clinic</b>	365-4028
<b>Hope Town Gov. Clinic</b>	366-0108
<b>Sandy Point Gov. Clinic</b>	366-4010
<b>Treasure Cay Corbett Clinic</b>	365-8288
<b>Dive Shops</b>	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Shop	367-4646
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Dave's Dive Shop	366-0029
Froggies	366-0024
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Brendal's Dive Shop	365-4411
Green Turtle Divers	365-4271
<b>Guana Cay Dive Shop</b>	365-5178
<b>Man-O-War Dive Shop</b>	365-6013

Rentals	
<b>Bikes &amp; Scooters • Boats • Cars &amp; Carts</b>	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
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
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4656
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Guana Cay Cart Rentals	365-5016
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
<b>Hope Town</b>	
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
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

Tours & Excursions	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Abaco Outback - by kayak	367-5358
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

Bonefish Guides	
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
Justin Sands	367-3526
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
David Albury	365-6059
<b>Cherokee</b>	
Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Junior Albury	366-3058
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Maitland Lowe	366-0133
<b>North Abaco</b>	
O'Donald McIntosh	
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
Ricky Sawyer	365-4261



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Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
C&G Restaurant	\$ 367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Daily Bread (lunch)	\$
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Jamie's Place	
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Katie's	367-4657
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch)	367-2615
Lacaye	\$ 367-4910
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	\$ 367-2002
Pop's Place	\$ ... + 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-2498
Sharkees	\$ ... + 367-3535
Snack Shack	\$ ... + 367-4005
Subway	367-2798
Wally's	\$\$\$ 367-2074
<b>Dundas Town</b>	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
<b>Murphy Town</b>	
Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy	367-5331
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Boat House	\$\$ 366-0065
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Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
Hollywood Temptations	
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ ... + 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ 366-0062
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Pavilion	\$ 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Coco Paradise	365-5197
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	\$\$\$ 365-5137
Orchid Bay	
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	\$\$ 365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
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
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

**South** *From Page 4*

ups who went along had a good time, too.)

**Work Almost Finished**

Another new home is nearing completion in Cherokee. The changes have been slow and subtle over the past few years. But Cherokee is changing, there is no doubt about it. One day there is an old abandoned building and the next day a brand new modern house. We are losing our old landmarks slowly yet surely. These new homes bring new people to our little community, some full-time residents, others only occasional visitors. Many of them have old Cherokee roots, so it is good to see them back home again. We know they will want to keep improving Cherokee, not only for themselves but for others as well.

They say change is good. Sometimes it just takes awhile for us to realize it and too accept it. We didn't realize we missed the old house till it was gone. But then, of course, the new ones are much easier on the eye and improve all our property values, right?

Ed. note: We regret that we incorrectly named the person who crafted the beautiful, detailed model fishing smack pictured in the April 15th issue. It should have been Hartie Albury.

**Sweeting** *From Page 2*

Hope Town. The couple have three children, Robert, Jr., Jessica Pinder and Jonathan. The Sweetings reside in Marsh Harbour.

A successful businessman, Mr. Sweeting is the owner of Rich's Boat Rentals in Marsh Harbour. He is an active member of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce and the Abaco Concerned Citizens Committee. His hobbies include sailing and softball.

**McIntosh** *From Page 3*

and soon advanced as a full time radio announcer. She hosted several local talk shows before resigning in 1992 to pursue personal goals. In 1993 she ventured into public relations, establishing the firm Almac Agency.

Presently, Ms. McIntosh is enrolled at the American University in Washington, DC, in an ongoing professional evaluation and certification course. She has no children of her own, but considers herself a mother to the nation's youth.

Ms. McIntosh founded the Bahamas Constitution Party in 1998 and serves as its Chief Servant Leader. She will carry the BCP's banner in North Abaco in the 2002 general elections.

**Election** *From Page 1*

Democratic Movement (BDM) party is led by Mr. Cassius Stuart. In the next few days the public will hear much from all these people as they ask for support from the voters on May 2nd..

**School** *From Page 11*

It took many years for the wall in front of Abaco Central High School to be completed and the fencing around the campus to be installed. The gates were put up but the school is still not secure because the gates do not have locks on them and the walk-in entrances does not have gates. Principal Benjamin Stubbs would like to see a secure campus especially at lunchtime, on weekends and in the evening. A night watchman would be an added bonus but locks and two small gates with locks would do fine.

**PTA Update**

The PTA of Abaco Central High School has undertaken the complete renovation of the Computer Lab at the school and has already painted the walls and installed a ceramic tile floor. The labour is all volunteer. The funds are in place to finish the renovation including the building of computer desks and cabinets. Once again, Mr.

**Ingraham** *From Page 2*

Ingraham married his wife Delores in 1971 and is a devoted wife and father. A lawyer by profession, he was called to the Bar in 1972.

Mr. Ingraham joined the Progressive Liberal Party in 1975. Mr. Ingraham was first elected to Parliament in 1977 and has been re-elected by his constituency in each national election since then.

In the elections of 1977 and 1982 he ran as a PLP candidate. He remained with the PLP until 1985. He then ran as an independent in the election of 1987 and was victorious. In 1990 he became leader of the Opposition, the Free National Movement. He lead that party to victory in 1992.

**CDR** *From Page 3*

opened my own business this past June and didn't feel that I could run a campaign effectively this year." He is planning to run in the 2007 election and hopes that his business in five years is to the point that he is able to do so. Mr. Davis owns four liquor stores in Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay (including A&K Liquors), also a barber shop near the traffic light intersection and the Satellite Lounge and Bar in Spring City.

"We should be open to giving our people a chance," he continues. "Candidates need to live in the communities and see the prob-

lems that people there deal with on a day to day basis. I think many representatives cannot identify with the problems of their constituents."

"The CDR has striven a lot in trying to become the next government of the Bahamas. We have been in formation for a year and a half, and I think we've been successful in challenging the status quo. We've made the official Opposition and the Government both pull up their socks! Another reason for the success of this party I think is that we have attracted a lot of vibrant new comers to the political scene, people who are youthful, energetic and passionate politicians. I think we have brought a new political vibrancy to this country."




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Great rental investment. Must see. \$280,000</p> <p><b>TREASURE HOUSES</b>  <i>Ocean front luxury units with lagoon pool / waterfall</i>                  2 bed / 2 bath <b>SOLD</b> general house \$275,000</p> <p><b>BAHAMA BEACH CLUB</b>                  New luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 2 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features Starting at \$412,500 Plus 14% closing</p> <p><b>CASUARINA BEACH/OCEAN BOULEVARD</b>                  "Toad Hall" Package deal. Extra large ocean front lot with unlimited opportunity for building your dream home. Directly behind is your present main home on its own lot. Two storey with 4 bed / 3 bath upstairs and large living / dining / kitchen downstairs. Detached double garage with 1 bed / 1 bath guest apt. above. \$1,169,000                  "Sea Grapes" Directly on the ocean modern CBS fully tiled 3600 sq. ft. home on extra large lot with 215 ft. ± frontage. Features 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath, fully equipped kitchen, large living / dining area (open concept). Two bedrooms / living / dining / kitchen all face ocean side and have direct access to beautiful garden and beach. Garage and utility in main house with additional detached garage / work shop / storage. Grounds fully landscaped with irrigation / sprinkler system. \$2,225,000</p> <p><b>GALLEON BAY CANAL / ESTATES</b></p>	<p>"Burns House" canal front 2 storey 2,250 sq. ft octagonal home. Lower 3 bed / 2 bath living / family, utility and screened porch. Upper vaulted ceilings living / kitchen, master bed / en suite bath \$652,000</p> <p>"Safe Harbour" Canal front with excellent elevation. Octagonal 825 ± sq. ft. garage / efficiency guest house with plans for main house. Dock with power in place. Must see. \$369,000</p> <p>"Laguna" brand new canal front, octagonal home, fully furnished, 3 bed/ 2 bath, modern open concept, living/dining/kitchen plus partially covered deck. Perfect island retreat for some lucky family \$676,500</p> <p>"Island Times" 2500 sq. ft. modern spacious 3 bed / 2 1/2 bath, living/dining/kitchen opening onto covered patio facing waterfront. Double garage/ utility. Extra adjacent lot. Total frontage 108 ft. \$830,250</p> <p>"Seeductress"/ "Harbour's Edge" Modern CBS 3 bed/ 3bathhome including private entry suite, pool, 80 ft. full serviced dock, 2 car garage including two vehicles. Exceptional location and view. Many more features, must see to appreciate. MOTIVATED SELLER \$1,200,000</p> <p><b>SANDPIPER BEACH</b>                  "Point of View" 3 bed / 2 1/2 bath split level open concept home with cathedral ceilings and skylights. Master bedroom suite accesses large ocean-side deck with beach, beach and more beach \$1,476,000</p> <p><b>BRIGANTINE BAY ESTATES</b>                  "Sea Cliff" newly completed 2 storey CBS home fully furnished. Living / dining / kitchen downstairs, bed rooms upstairs. Direct greenway access to Treasure Cay beach \$431,000                  "Sableau Soleil" Canal front with dock. Island simplicity home, 3 bed / 2 bath, detached garage with half bath. Waterfront view from master bedroom and open concept living / dining / kitchen \$430,500</p> <p><b>WINDWARD BEACH</b>                  "Hughes" Exceptional beach lot with high ocean front elevation. Two storey, open lower level. All living upstairs. 3 bed / 2 bath, open concept, living / dining / den / kitchen. Your imagination completes this house. \$523,000                  "Coconuts" Two ocean front lots with 3 bed/2 bath CBS family/beach home. All bedrooms and living/ dining/kitchen have full open view. Bathrooms have outside access. <b>SOLD</b> Extra features including pool, detached garage and VW automobile. 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# CIBC Hosts Mortgage Workshop

By Anita Rolle

Canadian Imperial Bank (CIBC) Bahamas Limited hosted their third

Mortgage Workshop at the Marsh Harbour Branch on April 10. Panelists briefly covered a variety of topics.

- Mortgage financing explaining the low interest rates and qualifications
- Legal process of buying property
- Locating property that is right for you at a price you can afford
- Home insurance and the need for hurricane coverage
- Importance of life insurance.

Chairing the workshop was Mr. Steve Davis of CIBC. Panelists were banker Mr. Marvin Major of CIBC; realtor Mr. Victor Patterson; Insurers Mrs. Beryl Norris, Mr. Gentry Morris and Mr. Michael Cooper and lawyer Ms. Vanria Lightbourn. Following the presentations, eager participants were able ask any unanswered questions.

In concluding the workshop, Manager Mr. W.G. Lyons commented that the event was an effort to assist those persons in the community, in a professional manner, who plan to build or purchase.

## New Arrival

William and Cindy Weatherford are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Brittany Leeanne born March 10. Brittany joins the family as a sister of older brother, Brandon.



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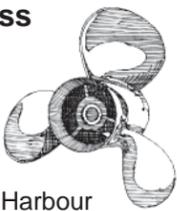
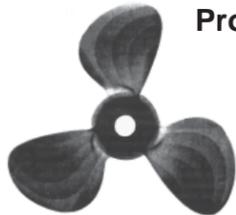
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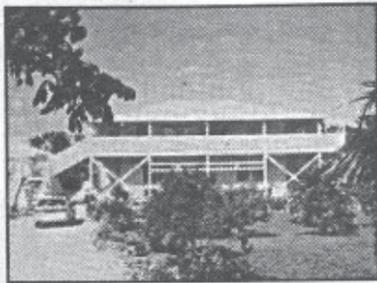
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**Bahama Palm Shores.** 2 adjacent lots. Close to beach. #3646. \$35,000 ea. OBO.

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**Elbow Cay.** Wooded home site in Buttonwood. Community boat dock. #6163. \$72,000.

**Elbow Cay.** Surfer's Rest. 10,000 s. f. home site. Good family area. #6206. \$66,000.

**Great Cistern Cay.** Super family home, w/guest cottage. #5729. \$375,000.

**Great Cistern Cay.** 1/2 acre corner lot w/sea view. #5730. \$59,500

**Green Turtle Cay.** Rare 3.5 acres on Atlantic Ocean. #4332. \$600,000

**Leisure Lee.** Canal front home site, cleared ready to build. #5828. \$46,000

**Long Beach.** Atlantic views. 3 bed/3 bath. Rental on 1st floor. #4032. \$295,000

**Marsh Harbour.** New! Near Boat Harbour. Residential lot. #6351 \$77,000

**Scotland Cay.** 1/2 acre plus home site. 150' on Sea of Abaco. #6180. \$298,000.

## Internship Awarded to Local Student

Vaughn Butler was recently awarded an internship position with Abaco Outback. He is in grade 11 at Abaco Central High School. Vaughn was selected from a group of interested students from Marsh Harbour and the surrounding cays. He will work with Abaco Outback each day after school and Saturdays until the end of the school year. Through the summer he will move to a full-time schedule and participate in all the operations of Abaco

Outback guided nature tours. In his application essay he explains that he wants to work with Abaco Outback... "because I love the outdoors. I love to go hiking, kayaking, and swimming as often as I can. I also know a lot of different types of trees, fish, and every other thing that grows and lives in our ecosystem. This would also help to prepare me for the jobs out there in the 'real world'."

## Agent Joins Damianos



Damianos Realty Co. is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kerry Sullivan will be an estate agent representing them in Hope Town and the Elbow Cay area. Mrs. Sullivan, originally from Canada, has experience in sales and marketing in a variety of business situations. She moved to The Bahamas in 1997 and a year later met her husband and moved to Hope Town. She can be contacted at 366-0040.

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# Hurricane Season Predicted to Be Normal

The 2002 hurricane season will begin on June 1. The forecasts say that this year will have an average number of storms. They predict 12 named storms with seven or eight of these developing into hurricanes. They are saying that perhaps three will develop into major storms.

Mr. William Gray, a well known forecaster, has put out a serious warning that several specific coastal areas need to be especially careful and these are the southeast coast of Florida, the Texas coast and the New York-New England coast.

The El Nino weather pattern is develop-

ing once again in the Pacific Ocean. The Pacific warms up only a few degrees but that affects weather along the western areas of North and South America. This time it is a weak system compared to the last cycle when it was a very strong system and affected weather around the globe. Weathermen do not expect that this El Nino will make much difference to our hurricanes.

Beginning in 2003 hurricane experts will be able to give hurricane warnings two days earlier than now, giving a total of five days warning for preparations. However, the expanded forecasts will be less exact, with a

margin of error of about 350 miles. Current three-day forecasts have a margin of error of 200 miles.

The experts say that these long range forecasts are not to be confused with warnings

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<p><b>On Green Turtle Cay:</b></p> <p><b>The beach:</b> Charming furnished cottage on 1/3 acre with ocean view. <i>Firm \$236,000</i></p> <p>1.46 acres on Atlantic Ocean. 150' on beach. <i>\$480,000</i></p> <p>Two one-third acre lots on Bight O Bay beach. 90' frontage. <i>\$222,000 each</i></p> <p>Fourteen lots across from Bight O Bay Beach. Waterfront on Inner White Sound. 1/2 acre and up. <i>Starting at \$78,650</i></p> <p>One-third acre on Atlantic Ocean beach. 66' frontage. <i>\$183,000</i></p> <p><b>Green Turtle Estates:</b></p> <p>Two story, beautifully furnished, 4 bedroom, 2 living rooms, 3 baths ocean views throughout. 125 steps from ocean beach. Nearing end of construction. Plus fully furnished completed 2 bed 2 bath kit/liv/din guest house <i>\$775,000</i></p> <p>Half acre, 125 steps to beach <i>\$186,000</i></p> <p><b>White Sound:</b></p> <p>Four inland lots within 5 minute walk of waterfront and public dock. <i>\$47,200 each</i></p> <p>Newly finished, furnished, three bed two bath house near Green Turtle Club. A/C throughout. 1/2 acre. Five minute walk to beach. Very private. <i>\$670,000</i></p>	<p><b>Bluff Harbour:</b></p> <p>Two waterfront lots 140' total frontage. Dock site. Gorgeous views <i>\$430,000</i></p> <p><b>Quiet waterfront:</b></p> <p>Furnished two bed, two bath with views of Black Sound. Use of shared private 100' dock. 1/3 acre. <i>\$335,000</i></p> <p><b>Inner White Sound:</b></p> <p>Two bedroom suites; 3 bath: Kit/liv/dining fully furnished villa on water. In pristine condition. Good rental income. <i>\$275,000</i></p> <p><b>Coco Bay:</b></p> <p>Four unit income producing 2 bed 1 bath apartment complex. Fully furnished. Water views. Dock. Laundry. Two years old. <i>\$700,000 plus closing</i></p> <p>One-third acre. Five minutes walk to beach. Owner needs to sell. <i>\$42,000</i></p> <p>Stunning new home. Interior still under construction. All materials on site to complete. Truck. Golf cart. 2 bed 2 bath. A/C throughout. Views of ocean, Guana Cay and Sea of Abaco. <i>\$775,500</i></p> <p><b>On Munjack Cay:</b></p> <p>10 acres. Dock. 320' on Sea of Abaco. Good elevation. <i>\$300,000</i></p> <p><b>On Little Ambrigris Cay:</b></p> <p>10 acres with good elevation and beach. <i>\$515,000</i></p>
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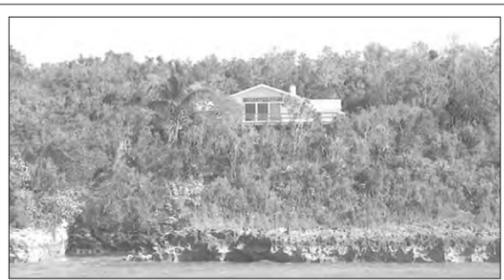
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**Election Time Again**

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On April 19 Ms. Ali McIntosh, Bahamas Constitution Party candidate, visited our community. She did not hold a meeting but handed out flyers with information on her political platform.

The PLP rally was held on April 19 at the basketball court. Music and refreshments were a part of the rally. Speakers included Sen. Neville Wisdom, Mr. Edison Key and North Abaco's candidate, Mr. Fritz Bootle. A large group of supporters traveled to Green Turtle Cay with these candidates and

made up a large percentage of those at the rally.

In a few days Election 2002 will be history. Green Turtle Cay has approximately 290 registered voters. Voter turnout is usually high here. We will all know the outcome in a few days and then our country can put all of the election emotion behind us and move on with our lives!

**Town Needs Rain**

As usual the past month has been really dry and the trees and lawns look parched. Cisterns are empty or very low. A fire that has been burning on No Name Cay since April 2 is adding to our misery as the smoke is blowing our way much of the time. Efforts have been made by a few concerned citizens to put the fire out but dry conditions and the fact that it's so far inland made their efforts useless. At this time of year we must all be extra careful when lighting fires for cookouts, not to mention cigarette butts. We are all hoping for rainy days in the next few weeks!

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# Birdwatching Is a Popular Pastime

By Alice Bain

Birdwatching, or "birding" as it is commonly known, is more popular than ever before on Abaco. This island lies directly on the eastern flyway migration route between North and South America, and subsequently Abaco has a lot to offer ornithologists—particularly during the migration months of April and October. Ron Pagliaro is a certified Bahamas birding tour guide and presently operates the only birding tours available in Marsh Harbour.

"Popularity of the tours is definitely going up," he says. "This week we've had the most inquiries we've ever had about birding." Ron takes small groups out early in the morning, usually focusing on Bahamian and Abaconian specialty species—birds you can't see elsewhere or that are rare in other locations. The Abaco Parrot is, of course, extremely popular but Ron cautions that on any given tour there is no guarantee that the parrots will be in evidence. "They don't leave us a schedule of when they're not going to be at home," he explains.

Among other species targeted by visiting birders are the Red-legged Thrush, LaSagra's Flycatcher, the Loggerhead Kingbird, the Crescent-eyed Peewee, the West-Indian Red-bellied Woodpecker, the Thick-billed Vireo, the Olive-capped Warbler, and the Bananaquits that are so common in everyone's back yard. Anything else? "Yes, they go gaga over Stripe-headed Tanagers!" says Ron.

"Also, everyone loves hummingbirds," he continues. Abaco is home to two species of hummingbird, the Cuban Emerald and the much rarer Bahama Woodstar. Birders often spend a lot of time differentiating one small, greenish-brown species of warbler from another. Some are common, some are rarer. The Olive-capped Warbler is native only to Abaco and Grand Bahama and is found nowhere else in the world.

The acme of birding within the warbler genre is the Kirtland's warbler—a migratory bird that summers in pine forests of Michigan. There are only a couple of thousand of them left alive. They winter in the Bahamas, in coppice much like we have here in Abaco. Every serious birder would give his or her eye teeth to see one of these elusive little warblers. The fact that one was recorded near Hole-in-the-Wall two years ago can only boost bird-oriented tourism to the area.

"Spring and Fall are the two most exciting times for birding here," says Ron. "You have to pay extra attention to the birds because some of them will be ones you're not expecting." Local ornithologist-in-residence Reg Patterson agrees. "April is the best time," he says, "because you get a lot of birds coming through. The winter birds are leaving and the summer birds are about to

arrive. The warblers are easier to identify because they are growing their mating plumage. In October all the warblers tend to look alike, and it drives you crazy!" Reg spotted two Red-breasted Mergansers at Different of Abaco two months ago, a species he says he has never heard of being recorded on Abaco before. He sometimes takes tours out but does not operate an official business.

He is a mine of anecdotal data about the local bird populations. Parrots used to be relatively common on the Little Harbour/Cherokee peninsula, he says. Curtis Lowe, who was the lighthouse keeper at Little Harbour during the 1950s and 1960s, used to have one as a pet. "They had that bird for years," says Reg. "It wasn't very fluent as parrots go, though—wasn't a very good talker."

Once, during the 1996 October migration, Reg was called out by BaTelCo employees who had arrived to work and met a strange and gruesome sight. Dozens of warblers were dead and dying, littering the ground around the radio tower in town—and apparently the same thing had happened at towers in Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks. "They were mostly Blackpoll Warblers," he says. "These birds migrate to South America in huge flocks, mainly flying by night. Apparently the night was cloudy, and the birds had somehow picked up the beacon from the radio towers and beat themselves to death on the struts. Because it was October, they were hard to identify but I took some of them home and found among them one Connecticut Warbler, which is a species I have never seen before or since on Abaco."

How about rare birds? Mr. Patterson continued, "In April of 1971 we had a strong southwest wind that blew for days and days. We were seeing birds that were rare, birds we'd never seen before on Abaco. Apparently they had been blown here all the way from the central flyway!" The central flyway migration route passes over Texas and the eastern part of Mexico, then down over Central America, which is a long way to be blown off course!

There is also the issue of "exotics"—non-native species that have been introduced to the island. Eurasian Collared Doves, known locally as Ringneck Doves, are an introduced species and fill the niche in Marsh Harbour that is filled by the common pigeon in cities

like Nassau. European House Sparrows have also been introduced and seem fairly widespread. An imported species of Bolivian parrot, the Quaker Parakeet, is also liable to become established in the wild here, mirroring similar populations in South Florida. Exotic species usually compete with native birds and may be responsible for decreasing their populations.

Certain native species, however, are now increasing their numbers. The population of the White-crowned Pigeon has rebounded in response to the instigation of a hunting sea-

son. Reg Patterson reports that he now sees more pigeons than he used to, plus they are breeding on cays where they were not present before. He agrees in principle with the season on these birds but thinks that the opening day should be brought forward two weeks. "The season was calculated for the Central Bahamas but is not good for us here in the North Bahamas. Our birds finish nesting earlier. Most years by the time the season opens, they're already gone. The season should really open on the 15th of September instead of the 29th here."

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### Letters

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ers have sent letters to the Prime Minister requesting a Letter of Intent to save the horses and provide appropriate and safe land for them.

The horses' DNA tests show an extremely rare gene pool. The medical, economic and bio-diversity values of the Abaco wild horses are well documented. For more information about how you can help the horses and join the Friends of the Abaco Wild Horse, call Gretchen Cuffe at 242-367-4805 in Marsh Harbour.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Abaco Wild Horse will be held on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Port O' Call Marina gazebo in Marsh Harbour.

Gretchen Cuffe

## FNM Visits Sandy Point



FNM party leaders held a rally in Sandy Point on April 9 to boost their supporters there. Shown above are the Hon. Frank Watson and Mr. Robert Sweeting with some of the town people.

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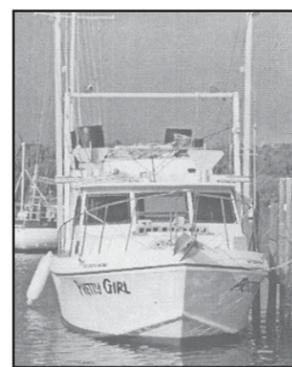


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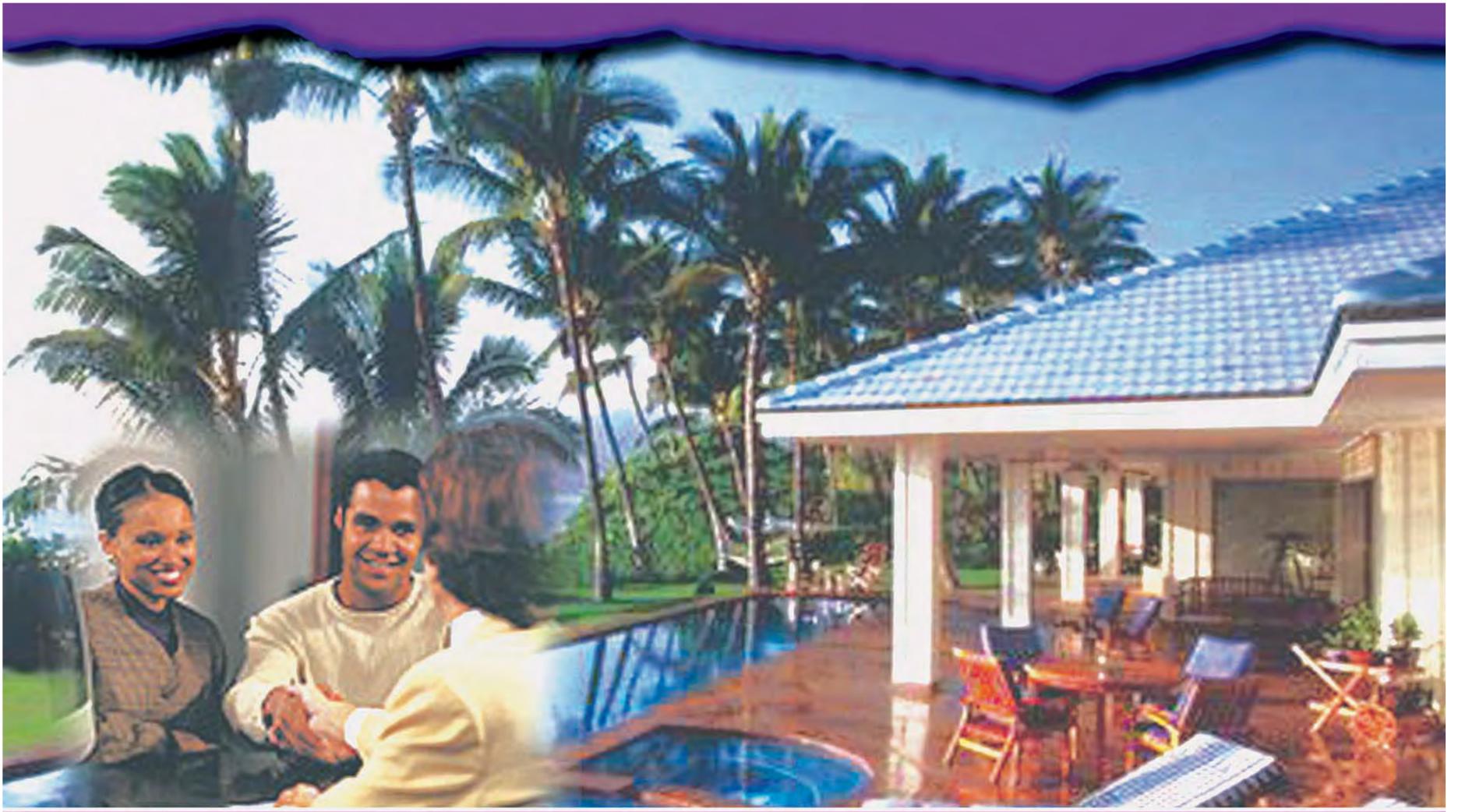


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