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## PLP Wins Landslide Victory 29 Seats Give Powerful Mandate from the People



Winner of the general election held on May 2, Mr. Perry Christie of the Progressive Liberal Party quickly organized his new government and began his task of governing. He is shown here with enthusiastic supporters on Abaco at a rally in Marsh Harbour.

The Progressive Liberal Party under the leadership of Mr. Perry Gladstone Christie won the May 2 election in a landslide, winning 29 seats of the 40 seat House of Assembly. The Free National Movement won seven seats and independents won four seats. The PLP had been out of power since 1992 when the FNM defeated them for the first time since the independence of The Bahamas. They had been in power for 25 years under the leadership of Sir Lynden O. Pindling. They now have won 21 of the 24 Nassau seats, three of the six Grand Bahama seats and five of the seats in the other Family Islands.

Two candidates who had previously been cabinet ministers in the FNM government ran independently and won. They were Mr. Pierre Dupuch, former Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mr. Tennyson Well, former Attorney General.

Mr. Christie was sworn in on May 3 in a ceremony of pomp and pageantry at Government House. He pledged to "build a peaceful, prosperous and just society for all our people." He is the third prime minister since The Bahamas became an independent country in 1973.

He has already named his cabinet members and created two new ministries. Still to be named are the persons named to the Senate.

### FNM Wins Both Abaco Seats



Both Free National Movement candidates for Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting on the left and the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham on the right, were successful in their bid for re-election in the general election on May 2. They are shown here at their victory party held in Cooper's Town on May 10.

The Free National Movement party was able to hold onto only seven seats in the general election held on May 2. This included one seat in Nassau, three on Grand Bahamas, both of the seats on Abaco and one seat in North Eleuthera. This major defeat for the FNM came after being in power for the past 10 years, in 1992 with 32 seats in the 49-seat House of Assembly and in 1997 with 35 of the 40 seats in the House. Although the former Prime Minister, the Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, retained his seat, those losing their seats included most of the Cabinet members as well as

all the women FNM parliamentarians including the first woman elected to Parliament 20 years ago, Foreign Minister Janet Bostwick. The losers also included the party leader of the FNM, Mr. Tommy Turnquest, and the deputy party leader, Mr. Dion Faulkes.

Mr. Turnquest conceded defeat in a message to the country stating, "The people have clearly indicated that they have chosen the PLP." He congratulated the incoming Prime Minister Christie. "To-

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### North Abaco Gets Fire Truck



After several years of raising funds, North Abaco finally has a fire truck. They are now forming a volunteer fire department and are receiving training from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department in fire fighting techniques and in using their new equipment. Shown in the picture on the truck is Eric Collie from Cooper's Town and beside the truck is John Hall of Marsh Harbour with Euclid Baillou from Black Wood. The 1000-gallon tanker is in good shape but will require additional equipment including a portable pump.

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# Major Upset as PLP Regains Political Power

By Anita Rolle

Official results stand at PLP - 29 seats; FNM - seven seats; Independents - four seats

May 2nd brought about major changes throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas as the Progressive Liberal Party reclaimed the Government of the Bahamas. As polling divisions began submitting their tallies, notably much earlier than expected, it could clearly be seen that by the end of the evening major changes would come about. Paramount political giants were quickly annihilated, political newcomers sprang to the forefront, as what is now being termed a "landslide victory" occurred before our very eyes.

It was almost inconceivable that by the end of the evening, the entire sitting cabinet with one exception would have been defeated. Free National Movement party leader and deputy leader, Tommy Turnquest and Dion Foulkes, seemed no match for their opponents Keod Smith and Leslie Miller; incumbent Members of Parliament such as Janet Bostwick, Algernon Allen, Frank Watson and Theresa Moxey-Ingraham were unable to hold on to their seats as they were overthrown, some by gargantuan numbers. In Kennedy long serving Member of Parliament Bernard J. Nottage, (former member of the PLP) who defected to the Coalition for Democratic Reform party about two years ago, was defeated by newcomer Kenyatta Gibson of the Progressive Liberal Party.

Moments following the electoral process,

former Prime Minister of the Bahamas Hubert Ingraham declared that he had no interest in leading the Free National Movement for another term. This left scores of Bahamians wondering . . . WHO? The choice of six others was soon laid to rest as it was announced on May 6th that Mr. Alvin Smith, Member of Parliament for North Eleuthera, would lead the party in the House of Assembly while Tommy Turnquest will stay on as the official party leader.

Many are now using the coined phrase, "The electorate has spoken." The campaigning is now done and the choices have been made. A pleasing act of democracy has been demonstrated by Bahamians as we now move forward to a new nascence. Who else in the Caribbean can boast of such a well organized, successful process? Free of violence and crime. A government of fresh new faces, unprecedented ideas is now with an opportunity to prove themselves worthy of being chosen by the people of the Bahamas. We must, however, take note that never in the history of the Bahamas has there been a government comprising four independent Members of Parliament. This leads one to wonder: Were the people of the Bahamas on May 2nd looking to a) vote out the Free National Movement; b) elect the Progressive Liberal Party; or c) were Bahamians simply looking for change, whether that available change were PLP, CDR, FNM or Independent?



Loyal PLP supporters on Abaco attended a party celebrating the landslide PLP win on May 2. Good food and good music contributed to a great evening. Shown above are, l. to r., Mrs. Jenny Lou Caron, Mrs. Nettie Kouvaras and Mrs. Yvonne Key.

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## A Message from Edison Key

May 4, 2002

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We must now move on from the political process and work together to build Abaco and to solve issues which affect all of us regardless of race, religion, or political persuasion.

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Mr. Perry Gladstone Christie, the new Prime Minister of the Bahamas, was the triumphant winner who campaigned on the platform "A stronger and a brighter future." He became the nation's third Prime Minister on May 3 when he was sworn in by Governor-General Dame Ivy Dumont. He told thousands of supporters that night in his victory speech that he was humbled by the "mighty demonstration of the power of the Lord. This is a great triumph for the Progressive Liberal Party, but it is an infinitely greater victory for the Bahamian people. Far more than for my party and for me, this day belongs to the Bahamian people. Their voices rang clearly and magnificently throughout the land today."

He pledged to govern for all, and assured Bahamians that there will be no victimization on his watch. He and the others recently elected are assuring the public that their government will respect the views of all their citizens, that their government will be inclusive and transparent. Mr. Christie has appealed to all to work together for the good of the country. He plans to place more emphasis in involving citizens and the governing process.

Mr. Christie, 58 years old, came from a working class family and has the ability to relate to the lives of the poor. He is a charismatic leader who is reaching out to unify the country. He was first appointed to the Senate in 1974 at the age of 30 years and has been an elected member of the

House of Assembly continuously from 1977. He ran as a PLP candidate in each election with the exception of 1987 when he ran as an independent. In 1984 he resigned from his Cabinet position because of what he perceived as corruption. However, after the 1987 election he rejoined the PLP party and became leader of the PLP party after the 1997 election. This is his sixth term in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Christie's background will influence him in caring for the poor and he promises "to give the Bahamas back to Bahamians." His mother was a mid-wife from Eleuthera and his father was a taxi driver. He dropped out of high school but later studied to get a law degree from Birmingham University in the United Kingdom. He became a highly respected partner in a large Nassau law firm.

He has had other interests beside politics. At one time he was a world-class

triple jumper, winning a medal the 1962 Central American and Caribbean Games in Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. Christie has increased the number of cabinet offices to 16 and has named all

the members of his cabinet. He has established two new ministries, the Ministry of Financial Services and Investments and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.





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# Ingraham Holds Victory Party

A victory party was held in Cooper's Town on May 10 to celebrate the re-election on May 2 of the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham as Member of Parliament for the North Abaco Constituency. The large enthusiastic crowd welcomed their native son with a rousing entertaining program. Accompanying Mr. Ingraham were Mr. Frank Watson, former Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr. Zhivargo Laing, former cabinet minister.

The entertainment included the Heavenly Dancers and the crowd pleasers, the Spice Girls, both from Freeport.

Mr. Ingraham told his supporters that this was the pinnacle of his political life, that he left on his own terms, at his own timing and in the knowledge that "I did myself proud. And, God willing, I will serve you faithfully for the whole five year term." This is his sixth consecutive term in the House of Assembly. He thanked those of the South Abaco Constituency for their support of the FNM candidate, Mr. Robert Sweeting.

Mr. Ingraham urged his supporters to get up and get going. They must not let division get them down. He expects the party will go back into power. He felt that he has brought a much better life to all Bahamians giving them higher incomes, better housing, a good economy and greater security. He has played straight and has maintained a good record. "We did what we had to do because it was the right thing to do; it was the Christian thing to do," he commented. He said he brought the largest inflow of money into the Bahamas - an impressive total of \$4.3 billion.

The former prime minister gave his view of why the FNM party suffered such a devastating defeat.

- The first reason was his declaration that he would serve only 10 years which he stated

when he first went into office and repeated later.

- Another reason was the leadership fight over his replacement and the subsequent fight within the party which hurt badly.

- The referendum undermined and hurt the party when political leaders, even within the FNM, question the amendments after they were passed by Parliament.

- According to Mr. Ingraham the party failed to be responsive to the wishes of the people in the selection of candidates.

- He then spoke specifically to the young men that drug traffickers will be arrested and extradited no matter what government is in place. There will not be changes those policies.

- The PLP outspent the FNM party in the campaign.

- The new financial service laws were resented but were necessary. They may be "tweaked" and necessary identification made easier to obtain but they will not be changed in a fundamental way. For those who did business with shady clients the laws will not be changed to accommodate that now.

- Mr. Ingraham felt that the PLP were well organized and hungry to return to power while the FNM was not focused and was complacent of victory.

- The new inheritance law, labour law, health and safety law and minimum wage law were not well understood and many people did not realize the significance of their benefits.

- He mentioned that FNM felt that a good performance was enough. "We believed that better health, better education, a strong economy with more employment and better law enforcement was enough. We discovered that what really mattered was what was best for me."

- Finally, he thought that the people felt that

Mr. Christie was a safer choice, "a safe pair of hands."

Mr. Ingraham continued with advice for Abaconians. Be stronger. Be better organized. Stay the course. Be battle ready. Support Tommy Turnquest.

He concluded with the encouraging view that the Abaco economy is in good shape and will hopefully continue to grow and can become a significant employment center in the country. Hopefully, the PLP will leave in place the plans that are underway for Abaco. These include improved infrastructure, housing and new businesses to support a 250-room hotel in Treasure Cay. Others were expansion of food processing production. He approved a new processing project by BJ Harmon which will include a juice processing facility. The new dock in Marsh Harbour is locked in. But he hopes that the new government will continue with plans for a terminal and tower at the Marsh Harbour airport and an administration building in Central Abaco. He wants to see a bridge at Angel Fish Creek to replace the present causeway. Also in the plans for North Abaco were

better water for Treasure Cay, cable television in Little Abaco, a water supply for Green Turtle Cay, a better dock at Grand Cay, improved cellular in Fox Town as well as a new subdivision for Sandy Point.

Mr. Ingraham plans to open two offices in his constituency which will assist in his serving the people of North Abaco.

## FNM

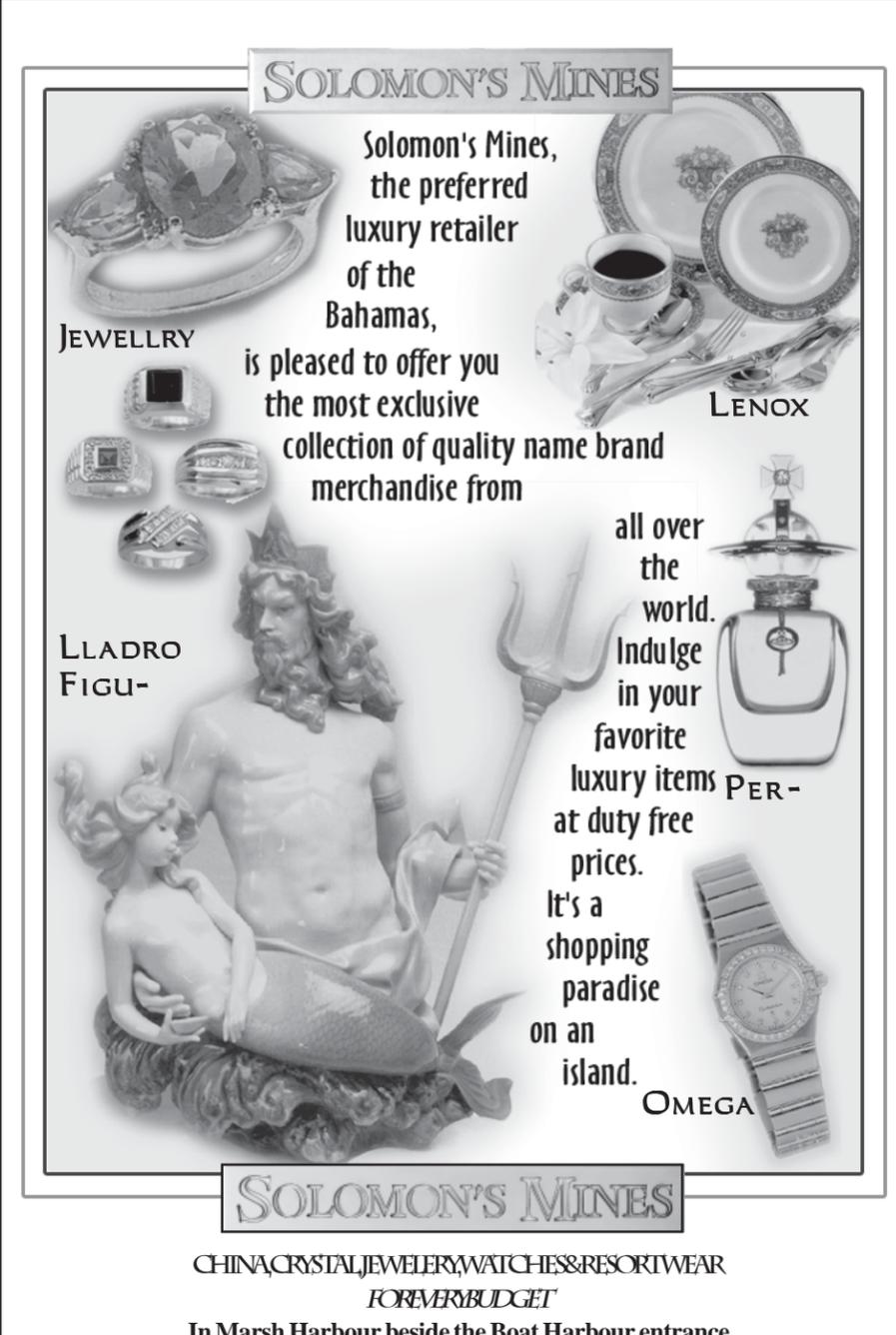
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night, I am proud of the Bahamian people for the maturity displayed in the peaceful and orderly manner in which they exercised their right to choose the persons and party to govern The Bahamas," Mr. Turnquest said.

Prime Minister Ingraham announced his retirement as Leader of the FNM after the results of the election were known, saying he had no desire to lead the party inside or outside of Parliament. "Insofar as to what is going to happen for the future, the party will have to make a decision," he said. "My retirement from leadership is effective, as I said previously, now." He will remain as a member of Parliament



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# Voting Process Is Questioned

Gladstone "Stone" McEwan from Central Abaco has been waging a one-man battle for five years for an absolutely secret ballot in this country. He argues that the system of marking the registered number on the counterfoil of ballots is unconstitutional. Finally on April 24 Justice Sir Burton Hall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, ruled in his favor. However, two days later that decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal. Again on April 29 Chief Justice Burton Hall ruled in Mr. McEwan's favor but again

on April 30 the Court of Appeal in a unanimous decision ruled that his orders should be set aside. If Justice Hall's ruling had not been overturned, the election on May 2 could not have taken place.

Mr. McEwan is bringing charges against the Attorney General and the Parliamentary Commissioner that the balloting in The Bahamas is not entirely secret as each ballot has the identical serial number on both the ballot and the counterfoil. Although there are safeguards in place to assure secrecy, Mr.

McEwan claims that those serial numbers could be traced by unscrupulous officials. He and his lawyer, Dr. Peter Maynard, contend that the system of voting undermines the right to freedom of expression. However, Dr. Maynard failed to convince the Justices how persons were hindered in their freedom of expression in the voting process.

The system which has been in place for 50 years allows for protested votes to be researched and is in place to control fraud. The only time the votes are questioned is if there is a serious allegation of fraud. Then the Supreme Court can permit the Election Court to scrutinize the ballots. Without this provi-

sion in the law, there would be no effective way of controlling fraudulent voting. With small constituencies such as we have in the Bahamas, this could be a major problem as several votes are more apt to change an outcome. England has had a similar system since 1872. Mr. Carl Bethel, Attorney General in the previous administration said, "This is not only about having free elections but fair elections."

Mr. McEwan now plans to take his case to the Privy Council in England which is the ultimate court of appeal for The Bahamas.

## An Election 2002 Overview

By Anita Rolle

According to official election results presented by the Parliamentary Registration Department, the Progressive Liberal Party will control 72 percent of the 40 seats in the House of Assembly. The Free National Movement will control 18 percent while the remaining 10 percent will be controlled by independent representatives.

The Progressive Liberal Party swept a massive victory capturing 29 of 40 seats in the House of Assembly. The Free National Movement managed to hang on to seven seats, while Independents captured four seats. The FNM previously held 35 seats and the PLP four with one independent.

Out of a 144,705 registered voters, 129,194 cast their votes on May 2, meaning that 89 percent of registered voters exercised their right to vote. The PLP received approximately 51.7 percent of the votes while the FNM received approximately 40.8 percent with the other parties and independents receiving about 7.3 percent.

The Free National Movement is now in the process of conducting a complete analysis of the election results to determine why they were

defeated. FNM party leader Mr. Tommy Turnquest believes that once the party has determined the reasons for the loss and addresses them, they will be able to regain control in then next general election. MP for North Eleuthera Alvin Smith has been elected Opposition Leader in the House of Assembly. However, Mr. Tommy Turnquest will stay on as the party's official leader. The FNM will have four Senate appointments while the PLP will have nine. The other three Senate appointments will be worked out between the Government and the Opposition.

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# News of the Cays

## Man-O-War

*Sports*  
By Pat Elkins

The Texaco Pirates hosted the Young Guns at Man-O-War on April 13th. The Pirates celebrated a victory. The game was broadcast live on Radio Abaco, thanks to sponsors Man-O-War Hardware, Mac's Building and Repair, Quality Star, Abacays, Edwin's Boat Yard, Arawak Agency/Cherokee Air and Tropical Construction. Everyone enjoyed the game and the delicious food.

## School News

Michael Albury represented Man-O-War School in a Spelling Bee in Marsh Harbour on April 2. The faculty of the school and Michael's fellow students are very proud of

his first place finish. It was the first competition for the first grader.

While Michael was off island representing the school, Principal Kellie Janes and Teacher Larry Elkins led the remaining student in an island clean-up during the PE period. Several bags of trash were picked up along the Queen's Highway and the sea road.

## Great Guana Cay

By Emily Bethel

On April 26 Austin Sands of Guana Cay won first place in a Spelling Bee for first grade students. Austin attends Agape Christian School in Marsh Harbour and was one of 19 students from schools all around Abaco. The Spelling Bee was held at the Resource Center in Marsh Harbour. Congratulations, Austin. Keep up the good work.

April 22 was Earth Day Clean Up with the school on Guana Cay. A section of Front Street was cleaned up by the children and lasted a few hours. The children picked up 14-16 bags of trash. Their motto was *Let's Keep Our Island Clean*.

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. In the meantime until the end there are a lot of things going on. GLAT examinations are being held for third

grade and six grade students. Ryan Sands of grade 6 is the only student taking GLAT. There will be two students of Guana Cay School, Olivia Roberts and Joshua Sands, taking BJC's in early June. Study hard and do your best.

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The Man-O-War Texaco Pirates recently played the Young Guns and came out the winners. They are shown above. Pictured in the very back is Nigel Bootle, President of the Abaco Softball Association. Standing, left to right, are Andy Albury, Lee Roberts, Andrew Albury, Timothy Albury, Haziell McDonald, Michael Ballou, Fred Sweeting, Grant Albury, "Fish" Knowles, President of the Bahamas Softball Association, Brian Neilly, Chairman of the Bahamas Softball Association. Front row are, l. to r., Dylan Sawyer (batboy), David Elden, Dave Albury, Shane Sawyer, Freddy Cornish and William Weatherford. Absent were Gregory Albury and Lucas Albury.

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# More News of the Cays

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Guana Cay's Austin Sands is shown with the trophy he earned by winning a Spelling Bee.

## Garbage Grabs Guana's Attention

Guana residents united on May 6 when they were confronted with the town garbage piled alongside the water front road on the harbour. The existing dump on the Orchid Bay property had been put off limits by the owners, leaving the garbage contractor with nowhere to deposit the trash.

When the contractor, who works for Or-

chid Bay, dumped the garbage alongside the roadway and tempers collectively rose. The town banded together, took 14 pickup truck loads, including a dumpster container, and deposited the entire mess back on the old swamp site inside the Orchid Bay property.

A new dump site is under consideration on 18 acres of government land on the north-west end of the island adjoining the Baker's Bay property. However, it is expected to be several months before this new site is available as legal proceedings must run their course for a road right-of-way across private property to gain access to the site. Several miles of road from town to the site need to be widened and improved along with necessary landfill preparations.

A hastily called meeting brought the Hope Town District Council to Guana Cay. Guana and Man-O-War are members of this Council. Administrator Everette Hart and M.P. Robert Sweeting also were present. A nearly two-hour closed meeting was held followed by a one-hour public meeting under the fig tree with 60 persons waiting the outcome.

Suggestions for barging the garbage to Marsh Harbour, as is done by Man-O-War, were not acceptable to those gathered. Furthermore, there was not money available, equipment or staff to separate, burn, shred and ship trash that could not be handled locally. Man-O-War has refined its system over the years with a dedicated site manager mak-

ing the system work. A key component, purchased by community donations, is a 50 HP shredder which converts yard and land clearing trash to useful mulch.

Several portable bins are being used by Guana Cay to send household garbage to Marsh Harbour. However, many times the containers came back half full of Marsh Harbour garbage put in the empty bins by persons cleaning up the Marsh Harbour dock area. With Guana Cay's growth, the bins are becoming inadequate.

Central Abaco's Chief Councillor Silbert Mills was at this public meeting and objected to Guana Cay taking its garbage to the Marsh Harbour dump site which is maintained from his Council's budget. He asked, but did not get an answer, if they were prepared to contribute to the maintenance of the Central Abaco dump site. He did concede that money would be found if the garbage ended up at the Marsh Harbour dump.

To add to Guana Cay's problem is the lack of public land anywhere on the cay, either inland or at the waterfront by a public dock. When bins are used, they must be positioned at a dock for the barge to lift them aboard

with its crane.

Mr. Hart proposed that the residents form a town improvement committee and collect donations toward more bins, for paying the associated freight costs for shipping the containers to Marsh Harbour and the subsequent trucking to the dump site. This would be a temporary measure until the court proceedings allowed the new site to be accessed. Local government is not allowed to levy taxes or collect money. However, a private welfare committee could accept donations toward town affairs in a similar way to how a PTA operates.

Those assembled seemed to accept this possible solution for some distant point in time but they wanted a temporary solution for today and tomorrow. Mr. Hart twice made a point of telling the group that he had no authority to either allow or recommend that they return to the Orchid Bay site. It seemed clear that once the officials left the island, the residents were willing to risk the consequences of using the old site until another one was operational. Residents have been

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When the man with the garbage contract had nowhere to take the Guana Cay garbage, he piled it on the side of the road in town, irritating the town people. They then hauled the garbage and the garbage container to the old dump site, requiring 14 pick-up truck loads. A final garbage solution still eludes the town.

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# The Editor Says . . . Time to Pull Together



The votes have been counted, candidates have won and lost. Now it's time to prepare for the work ahead.

Abaco is in the unique position of having retained both of their previous FNM representatives in a country that overwhelmingly chose the PLP to govern the country for the next five years.

We now will have to examine the political speeches made at the rallies, taken from Nassau newspapers and proclaimed in manifestos, covenants and plans to see what Abaco was promised.

Political promises are like fresh flowers presented to a loved one. Flowers are attractive when presented on bended knee but they tend to wilt and fade quickly. We were just given flowers by both political parties. Like flowers on a grave, they may last but many will fade away.

Both parties continue to say the right things in public. Let's hope their work in Parliament and with the various government departments is one of cooperation for our mutual benefit. The FNM took the South Abaco seat by only 24 votes. Government must do things for Abaco to satisfy the voters which nearly won a seat in Parliament. Although the FNM won in the north by a larger margin, the PLP did make a strong showing. However the government rewards its supporters, we all will hopefully reap the benefits.

It is not particularly relevant whose name is on the plaque for completed projects such as airports, docks, clinics and schools. The important thing is that these civil projects proceed where needed.

Mr. Ingraham recognized this when he told those gathered for his thank-you speech in Cooper's Town that he was in Parliament not to merely oppose but to be a watchdog for the Bahamian people and particularly his Abaco constituency. He will continue toward getting the additional infra structural projects which Abaco still needs.

There will be political maneuvering by both parties to get credit for government events and civil projects affecting Abaco. It is more important for us that ribbons are cut rather than who is doing the cutting.

Abaco plays an important part in the national economy. It is home to the third largest economic area in the Bahamas after Nassau and Freeport. Abaco's population

showed a 31 per cent growth in the last ten years, leading the country in growth. Both parties have alluded to the job creation potential Abaco has and the attractiveness we present for tourism. We have one of the highest visitor return rates in the Bahamas, which speaks well for our image.

When Parliament convenes, the goal will be for Abaco's elected representatives to participate meaningfully so we get our share. The growth of Abaco will continue as it has for the last 30 years but it will be a smoother, steadier and healthier growth with government's cooperation and support.

Our attractiveness to visitors and second homeowners is not based on political parties. However, government and the political parties comprising government can and should help enhance what Abaco offers.

Many of the stated goals of both parties were similar although presented in different wording. Both want to improve educa-

tion standards, to facilitate tourism, to encourage investment, to create jobs. A lot of foreign investment will happen in any event regardless of which party is in power. Protection of the environment is becoming a standard issue to be pushed by everyone whether they believe in it or not. Even unscrupulous developers would not make any public statements about destroying the environment.

The political tug-of-war comes into play when the resources must be allocated and the pie is not large enough for every community to get a big enough piece.

Even though politicians may be sincere in their concern for making the lives of the people better or government services more convenient, reality shows that most projects are beyond available funding. Government responds and looks for funding when situations become untenable.

In addition to the national politics with PLP and FNM overtones, we are about to

select new persons for local government and these elections are scheduled for late June. Local Government campaigning will begin soon. Some persons will be re-nominating while others have had enough and are calling it quits. Hopefully, those dropping out will work to find qualified replacements to fill the vacancies.

Remember that local government is only as good as the people we elect. If we are unhappy with the actions of our present officials, then we need to find better qualified persons.

Fortunately, national politics has not played an excessive role in the local government process. The new government in Nassau can be expected to tinker with the system but that is to be expected. Even if the FNM had remained in power, the local government system needed some adjusting. In fact, it will probably be tinkered with forever.

## Generally Speaking . . . Masters of Our Fate

By S. Timothy Roberts

### Majorities Rule

As we look to the future, we seek to create an environment that can help us reach the dreams and goals that we have for our country. Unfolding before us in this country is a democracy that is growing in maturity and sophistication, that is striving to reach the common goal of a healthy and wealthy future.

As people placed their vote in the ballot boxes, they were at once victorious, though few realized the great significance of the privilege they just took part in. No matter who the voter supported, they participated in choosing the party they desired to lead the country for the next five years, and thus were privileged to have the right of a voice.

There may be much disappointment across the country today as FNM supporters lament the loss of the party they chose to support. However, the privilege of choice in a democracy also comes with a sting, that of "majority rule."

In a democracy we are the masters of our country's fate. We collectively decide who we believe is fit to discharge the duty of the running of our country. On May 2nd the Bahamian people spoke, and the polls resonated with the sound of their voices.

Together we chose this new government, and in this we can agree with George Bernard Shaw who said, "Democracy is a device that insures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."

### Who's the Master?

*Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day, to the last syllable of recorded time.* Macbeth, Act V.

Time marches on, and we seemingly eke our way through life unaware to the existence of so many around us, and vice-versa. Nevertheless, we are so much a part of each other's lives impacting each other in ways great and small.

In life we may lament where we are, in what circumstances we may find ourselves and the social stratus we are apparently assigned to by order of our fates.

Whether we are affected by social, political or religious opposition, we are the masters of our fates, we have control of who we are, where we go and what we achieve. We can blame no government, no church, not even our parents who brought us into this world for what we ultimately become. We have choices to make, and we are not chained to follow the mold our environment dictates.

Shakespeare wrote in Julius Caesar:

*Men at some time are masters of their fates: The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings.*

We are responsible for ourselves should we be a success or a failure, or should we exist in mediocrity. With each rise and fall of each individual within a society, so goes that community and so goes the country. For a community or a country is no better than its citizens.

For us as individuals and as a society to prevail over the identity of third world status, we must face the challenges head on, and transcend whatever situation we find ourselves. And, as we attain success encourage others to achieve as well.

We can overcome mediocrity if we meet the challenges life brings, and have the courage to believe we can be anything and all we want to be.

### Theory of Relativity

We have in our hands the ability to control both our own and our country's future, and we can steer it toward success or failure. We the people are ultimately responsible for everything that happens in the country.

Individually we all believe we make no difference in what happens in our Bahamas. However, we, just like each piece of a puzzle, make a significant difference.

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## All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

### Parenting

As part of the BJC Home Economics Syllabus I am required to teach Parenting and Child Development which is usually done in the ninth grade. I tell my students that a parent is a person who is responsible for the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of a child from birth through age 18. I tell them that being a parent involves some very heavy responsibilities. Even though the child reaches the legal age of 18, a parent is always a parent. The role may change but until the parent passes on, he or she will always be a parent.

I tell them that practically anyone can conceive a child or bear a child but the next 18 years of that child's life gets harder with each year and not easier. Why do I tell them that? I want them to realize the responsibilities of being a responsible parent and hopefully for them to think about it seriously because we have too many children that are becoming "parents."

My information given to my students comes from Parenting and Child Development textbooks and many times I refer to my own experience as a parent and as a teacher.

Why am I writing this? I want parents to read it. I want them to look at the definition I give my students and think seriously about the tremendous responsibility they have. As humans we are not given the skills for parenting that God gave the birds, dogs, and other animals. They give birth and automati-

cally they know by instinct how to care for their young and when to let go of their young. God did not do that for us. For many of us it is trial and error or asking for advice or by observation.

If one parent reads this and thinks about the awesome responsibility they have, then my writing this will be worth it. We need parents to be parents. We need parents to be good role models. We need parents to parent their children right through the age of 18 and maybe beyond if necessary. If we all became better parents, we would have a much better younger generation who when it its their turn to become parents, not as teenagers or younger but in their 20's, we would have a better Abaco and thus a better Bahamas.

### Year One Is Over

I have survived the first year of my daughter being away in college. She returned home for the summer on May 3rd.

It has been a year of tears, laughs, joys, worries and growth for both of us. There are persons that thought she would never stay and that I would not make it either but we both did. Tecuma has become more independent and much more mature. Math is still driving her to stress level but she is gaining in confidence in that area.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Congratulations to the PLP

Dear Editor

The election is over finally. Thank God. I offer my congratulations to the PLP. To the FNM I say you all have to do a lot of thinking and reevaluate the makeup of the party's leadership including Council members.

I do not know who the real leader/s of the PLP are but they had better try to control their supporters before the country is destroyed like Haiti and Jamaica.

To Mr. Christie I say congratulations to you on your elevation to the office of Prime Minister.

To all of my Bahamian brothers and sisters I say this:

Our people have spoken. We must accept the people's choice. Please, Please let us all live together in unity.

Jim Hall  
Peace to All

## Explanation of a Misrepresented Situation

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the space in your paper. I would like to clear up the rumors that Donna Burrows was fired from Albury's Ferry Service.

During the week of April 1st several ferry captains began wearing political caps and bringing home political shirts. I immediately called the Labor Department to ask what the policy was on this matter. I was told there was no law as to what captains could wear on public transportation, but to keep in mind that we serve customers from both parties and we should seek not to cause hard feeling toward anyone.

Based on my conversation with the Labor Department, the decision was made to allow my employees to wear caps but not political shirts. I notified my employees of my decision and on April 9th I was in the Marsh Harbour office and Donna and I discussed my talk with Labour and my decision. Political caps were allowed but political shirts were not. She said when she got her cap, she was going to wear it. I said "Fine."

Nothing more was said until election day. Donna called just after 10:30 a.m. to say that one of the ferry captains had put a political flag on the Hope Town ferry. I immediately called the captain to tell him to remove it. He said that he would, but that Donna was wearing a political shirt. If she could wear a shirt, the captains wanted to wear their shirts, too.

I called Donna at 10:50 a.m. and asked her what was going on. She admitted she was wearing a political shirt. I reminded her of the rule made several weeks ago and told her she should change the shirt. If she wanted, she could wear a cap. Donna said if she had to go home to change her shirt, she would not be coming back. I said, "If you go home and do not come back, I will assume you have left your job and quit."

Seeing that this was turning into a problem, I immediately called all the other employees and asked them that if they were wearing political caps, to please remove them which they did with no complaints.

At 1:15 pm I called Donna's house and her daughter answered the phone. I asked if her mother was coming back to work that afternoon. I was told she was not. I sent someone on the 1:30 ferry to Marsh Harbour to cover for her.

Looking back, I can see that it would have been better to have said they could not wear anything political on the job. I am sorry to have lost a good employee over such a trivial matter. However, she was not fired, but left by her own choosing.

Ralph Albury, Manager  
Albury's Ferry Service

## When Will We See Action

To the Editor, The Abaconian

I write this letter for my family and for many others in Hope Town. We have here in Hope Town a very nasty American who has been arrested and found guilty of drug possession. He and his wife were later arrested for drug possession, including cocaine.

He has also been charged with trafficking in drugs. Our question is when will this case come to trial? He is an American. Why is he still in this country? The fine for the first offense was \$600. If a Bahamian in the U.S. had been accused and convicted of this offense, he would have been deported.

Justice delayed is justice denied. We cannot allow this activity in the Bahamas. Please bring him to trial, and let us all see how serious the Bahamas are about illegal drugs. Please!

A concerned Hope Town resident

## We Need to Protect Our Public Places

Dear Mr. Editor,

You have recently printed an advertisement for a property sale by Tom Roberts of a house to be sold at \$100 below cost of an acre of land with views of the sea and to be ready for occupation in three weeks.

I live next door to Leisure Lee on the hill above Turtle Rocks at Joe's Creek. For twelve years I have visited the beach below us constantly, reaching it by way of a Government Reservation Road just below me. After six months confined to my house by doctor's orders, I emerge to find I can no longer get down to the sea. The bottom half of my Reservation Road has been removed and in a large cleared space a house is being completed almost on top of the road's new ending.

Originally the house was built fairly neatly on the end of the Leisure Lee development but it was damaged by Floyd, removed by rollers into a space alongside our road and now resplendent on cement pillars. The area between that and the sea has been completely devastated by heavy machines which made Floyd's efforts very puny.

I have protested to Government about the citizens' loss of rights in the roadway and beach and am protesting farther. I live on the borders of Murphy Town and have known in the past of the huge family beach parties and of the night fishermen I met. A friend from Cooper's Town told me it was the loveliest area on that coast. I did avoid the beach with my dogs on holidays and during breeding time of the migrant shore birds who came down.

Why should we lose the quiet joys on this beach? It must be restored in peace and beauty for us. The particular horror to me is that as I explore this lovely island again after my six months' break, I find crude inva-



sions of its beauty everywhere. Will you please help me start a reversal of this trend at least in this one area as a beginning?

I do advise any prospective buyer to look closely at the origins of the cut-price dwelling you advertised. Floyd was not fanciful, and, of course, deeds to a property are essential. But I am merely assuming the identity of the gift to the property market.

Yours truly  
Betty F. Hedden

## Thanks for the Railing

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank Bill and Eddy Albury for putting a railing up in front of the Man O War Clinic. Also, Walter Sweeting for providing the lumber. There has been a need for this for some time, as many people who go to the clinic are unable to walk in without assistance.

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# Central Abaco News

## Central Abaco Election Day in Marsh Harbour

By Isobel Sherman

The center of business activity on Abaco, the Marsh Harbour business district, was very quiet on Election Day. Most places of business were either open all day giving their employees the time required by law to vote or businesses including the banks closed at 2 p.m. That morning banks were not busy at all and neither was the post office. The stores were relatively empty. The only places reporting lines were the various polling stations in Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

## Fund Raising Is Planned for Drexel Major

On June 15 all of Abaco will come together for a Drexel Major Family Fun Day to raise badly needed funds for the medical expenses of Drexel Major. Mr. Major was very seriously injured in a car accident in January and today is partially paralyzed. His medical expenses are well over \$300,000.

Mr. Major is a very popular and active citizen of Abaco. He is the current president of the Rotary Club of Abaco, the Boy Scout Commissioner for Abaco and is a lay minister in the Church of Christ in Marsh Harbour. In addition, he is involved with the Governor General's Award Scheme for Abaco. He was the manager of Abaco Water, which has since closed its doors.

The venue for the fund raising has not been announced but raffle tickets for great prizes will go on sale next week. Anyone wishing to contribute to Mr. Major's medical fund can contact Sandra Albury of the Rotary Club of Abaco at 367-3114.

## New Airline Goes to West Palm Beach

Golden Airlines, a Fort Lauderdale based airline, announced that Golden Airlines has started a new round-trip air service between West Palm Beach and Marsh Harbour four times weekly, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It operates with Navajo Chieftain aircraft which are air-conditioned and weather radar equipped. All flights arrive and depart from the Galaxy Aviation terminal in West Palm Beach. For reservations contact a Marsh Harbour travel agency or call Golden Airlines at 954-359-8020. The company offers a consolidated air cargo as well.

## New Lawyer in Town

By Anita Rolle

The law firm of Rolle & Co. is pleased to announce the opening of its law offices on Abaco. Located in the Colina Financial Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive, services are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Operating under the able hands of Attorney Darence Anthony Rolle, Rolle & Co. offers a wide variety of services. Having an established practice in Nassau since 1997, Mr. Rolle commented that with Abaco's development and now being considered the third major city, the island and its people are well worth investing in.

Mr. Rolle, who has been practicing law for the past six years, received his education at the College of the Bahamas, at Tiffin

University, and is on the verge of completing his MML through the University of London. Appointments can be made by calling 367-5990.

## It's a Boy

Huel and Charmica Moss of Dundas Town are proud to announce the birth of their son Joshua Jabari Humico Moss born on April 18th in Nassau. Joshua joins his siblings Latario and Latonya. Mrs. Moss is a grade 2 teacher at St. Francis de Sales School and Mr. Moss is the Vice Principal of Abaco Central High School.

## UPS Update

Frederick's Agency, the UPS agent on Abaco, is now accepting letters and packages for delivery in Nassau and Freeport. The cost for an envelope is \$12 to either Nassau or Freeport.

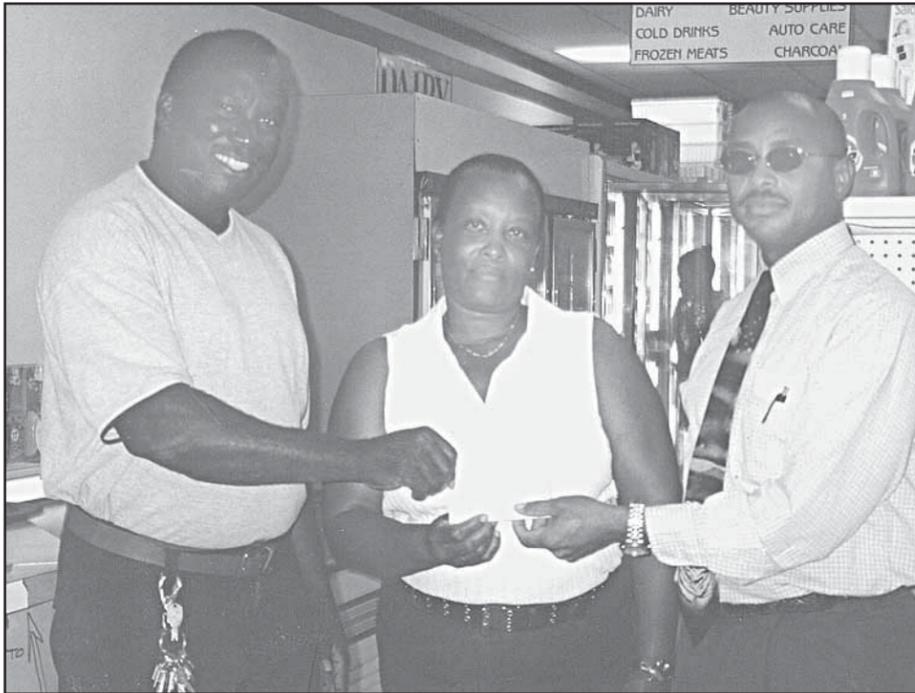
They would like residents and tourists alike to know that when a package is sent from the United States to a customer on Abaco, the package must clear customs in Freeport. Even if the package is duty free, the Government Stamp Tax must be paid as well as a handling fee. This cost including duty and stamp tax is to be paid by the customer.

## Extra Flight

Beginning on May 2 Continental Airlines put on an additional daily flight between Marsh Harbour and West Palm Beach. But, believe it or not, seats are still scarce in both directions. There is talk that Continental will be putting on larger planes and we hope that when that happens, the ticket prices become more reasonable.

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Lorene Walker of Crossing Rocks was the winner of the \$300 in free groceries from M & R Food Store during the Election Sale Special. Abaco Road Runners Bicycle Store in Dundas Town sponsored this special. Customers could enter the competition for the free groceries after purchasing \$50 or more at Road Runners during the month of April. An extremely happy Ms. Walker spent her \$300 in one shopping trip since she does not travel to Marsh Harbour often. Pictured above, l. to r., are Mr. Roderick Strachan, Ms. Walker and Mr. Huel Moss.

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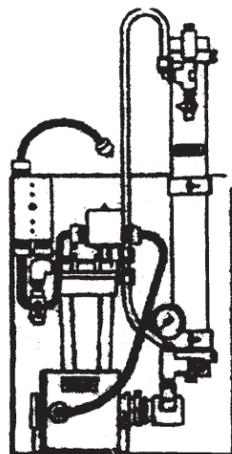
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# More Central Abaco News

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## Music Album Released

The *Make It Happen Music Ministry* celebrated the release of their first album on May 3 at Central Abaco Primary School. The program featured Mr. Alfred Dean, the music group God's Soldiers, the Abaco Central High School Choir and other musical talent.

## Hope House Opens

By Anita Rolle

Hope House, is now in operation. A few months back, organizers of the center held a meeting to update the community on the plans and progress of the center. Now, following numerous contributions from the community and much hard work on the part of the organizers, Hope House is now open for business.

Offering a recreation room, snack bar, and study room, the center is open daily except Sunday. The youth of the community now have a safe Christian environment where they can go and be entertained or entertain themselves. Among other amenities, the recreation room houses a pool table. The snack bar is equipped offering soft drinks and light snacks for sale. Counseling is available at the center located on Crockett Drive.

## Parrot Study Presentation Planned

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Abaco will have a joint dinner meeting on Monday, May 27, 2002, at 6 p.m. at Anglers Restaurant, Abaco Beach Resort.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Frank Rivera-Milan of the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service Division of International Conservation. His topic will be a survey to estimate density and population of the Abaco parrot.

Dinner tickets are \$20 each. Please RSVP by Friday, May 24, 2002, for dinner by calling 367-5822. For those not wanting to have dinner, the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

## Crime Watch Needs Support

The Citizens Against Crime committee has sent out an appeal for funding. They have been in operation for one year and have been monitoring our community streets nightly. This private group provides extra eyes for the police and is making a difference in our neighbourhoods.

The costs of operation were not met last year with donations. However, the men who staff the vehicles will work the same hours and shifts for less pay in order to keep the operation going. They are asking for support from the community. Contact Randy Key at 367-2674 for more information.



The official counting of the votes from the General Election on May 2 was supervised on Abaco by Island Administrators. Shown above is Mr. Everette Hart holding a ballot for all observers to see. Seated is Mr. Frederik Gottlieb, observer, and standing are Mr. Richard Gibbs and Mr. Frank Hepburn.

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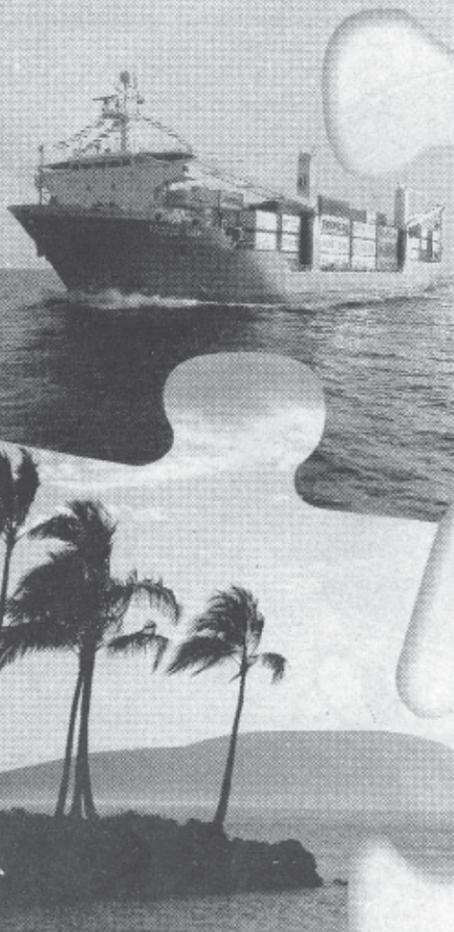
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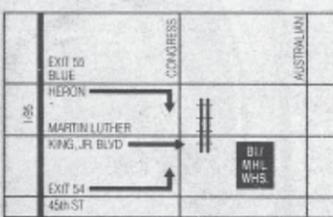


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# School News

## St. Francis de Sales School Holds Mock Elections

By Anita Rolle

Tenth and eleventh grade students of St. Francis de Sales School held a debate and mock election on the morning of May 1, the eve of the 2002 General elections. The teenagers were most enthusiastic about the event as they debated today's political issues, using the topic *Why My Party Is the Best Choice to Govern for the Next Five Years*. The panel of debaters were students Warren Archer, Julian Williams, Terence Scavella, Neisha Oliver, Nicole Williams and Kashif Burrows. Moderating was 10th grader Viline Baptiste.

Warren Archer, an aspiring architect and politician, represented the leader of the Free National Movement. Warren plans to one day represent the Constituency of South Abaco. Giving some splendid advice for such a young person, he stated, "I would definitely like to make a difference someday. When people cast their votes, they should vote for the party with the best plans for the Bahamas, and be sure that the plans are realistic."

Julian Williams representing the Progressive Liberal Party leader, has dreams of one

day reaching the goal of Prime Minister. On giving advice to other persons of his age group, Julian commented, "It is very important to be aware and know what's going on in your country. I'm growing up around politics and right now I feel like its something I'd like to get into in the future."

Following the debate the 10th and 11th graders held mock elections resulting in the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) winning with 46 votes and the Free National Movement (FNM) receiving 40 votes. The enthusiastic group of students initiated the process, doing their own research and preparing their own speeches. The event was organized by Spanish instructor, Mr. Richard Fox, who saw the need for the students to become involved in the political process.

## Cooper's Town Primary Drinking Fountain Is Donated

By Anita Rolle

Mr. Jeff Cooper and his wife Kay recently made a special donation of a new Avanti Hot/Cold Water Fountain to the Cooper's Town Primary School. On hand for the presentation was Mr. Ivan Ferguson, North Abaco Island Administrator who gave a brief ad-

dress. He challenged the students to tell their parents about the presentation as an encouragement for them to also contribute to the school.

The presentation also included two five-gallon bottles of water and a case of hot/cold cups. Mr. Cooper, a parent himself, informed the students that the donation was something that he has wanted to do for a long time. He encouraged them to take good care of the gift and put it to good use. He commented, "I encourage parents to visit the school regularly, find out what the needs of the children

are and do all you can to help. We shouldn't have to wait for the government to do everything because our children must be comfortable in order to be productive."

## Hotel Learning Program Will Be Offered

By Isobel Sherman

The HOTEL (Hospitality Opportunities Through Experimental Learning) program is

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The students of St. Francis de Sales School got an idea of what real life election campaigns and elections are like when they participated in a political debate followed by a mock election. The outcome of their mock election was a victory for the PLP.



The students of Cooper's Town Primary School can now enjoy cold water thanks to Mr. Jeffery Cooper and his wife, who donated a water cooler along with a supply of water and a case of cups. Shown above is a group of teachers at the special assembly when the cooler was presented.

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coming to Abaco. In a recent visit Mrs. Ruthann Rolle, Coordinator of HOTEL at the Ministry of Tourism spoke to students at Abaco Central High School as well as visiting hotel properties in Marsh Harbour. The program is run in conjunction with the Bahamas Hotel Association, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Education and the Nassau/Paradise Island Promotion Board.

The HOTEL program exposes high school students to careers in the hospitality industry and tourism sector. In the program students are exposed to all of the areas of the hospitality tourism industry including lectures, discussions, field trips. The program lasts ten weeks and involves a one-hour session once per week.

The ultimate goal at the end of the ten weeks is to select the top student to enter the HOTEL Mentoring Program.

Mrs. Rolle and Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High school, are hoping to institute the program in the near future.

**Moore's Island School**

*By Christopher Rahming*

Twelve students from the Moore's Island All Age School traveled to Nassau on May 7th as part of the All Abaco Track and Field Team and put on a splendid performance.

The following students were a part of that team: Shakita Davis, Petra Gaitor, Thomazena Stuart, Latanya Hield, Michaela Greene, Neko Hield, Alvanu Laing, Alando Williams, Devon Ferguson, Ellison Davis, Christopher Hield and Antion Davis. Traveling with the group were Mrs. Ruthmae Rolle, a teacher, and as coach Pastor Anthony Williams.

They returned with eleven golds, two silvers and two bronze. Individual medals were earned by the following:

1. Neko Hield (gold) Shot putt.
2. Alando Williams (gold) High Jump.
3. Shakita Davis (gold) 100 m and Shot Putt.
4. Devon Ferguson (gold) 800 meter and bronze (400 meter).
5. Ellison Davis (gold) 4x 100 meter and 4x400 meters relay.

6. Alvanu Laing (The MVP) (gold) 100 meter, 4x100 meter and 4x400 meter relays and (silver) 400 meter.

7. Thomazena Stuart (silver) 400 meter.

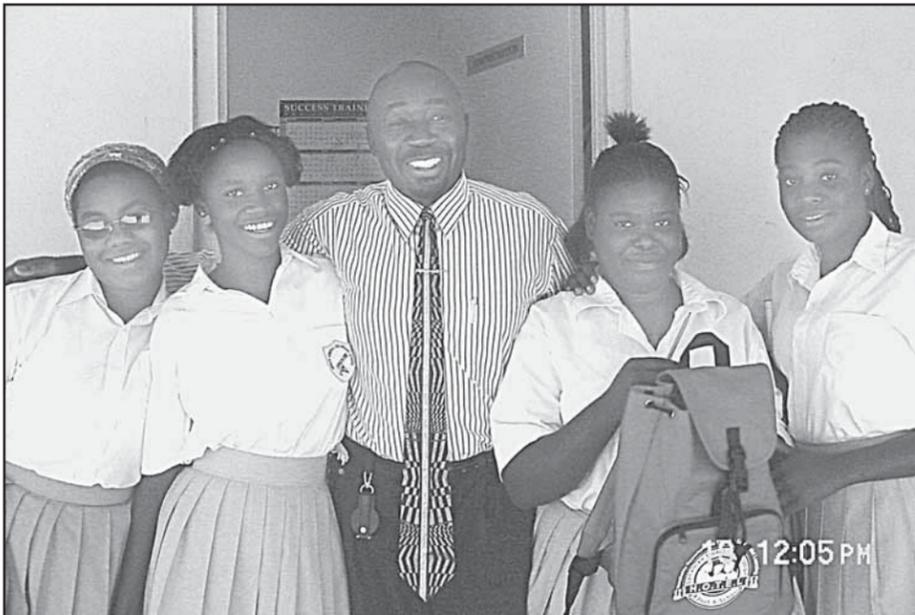
8. Michaela Greene (bronze) 4x400 m relay.

Congratulations go to the Abaco team, and in particular the Moore's Island group. Keep on doing what you are doing!

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Sherill Carey, the only girl in the carpentry class at Abaco Central High School, is shown above with her three projects, all beautifully finished and ready to be graded for her BGCSE.



Principal of Abaco Central High School, Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, is shown above with four of the students at his school who will be participating in the HOTEL mentoring program which introduces the students to various aspects of the tourism industry.



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# More School News

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## Abaco Central High Students Complete Woodwork Projects

*By Anita Rolle*

A group of twelfth grade students of the Abaco Central High School are pleased to show of their completed carpentry course work as this is the first time in many years that a class has successfully completed their

projects. This year's group consists of Macquel Spencer, Alonza Roberts, Anderson Alcime, Ronel Ash, Durell Burrows and the lone female in the class, Sherell Carey.

### Chicken for Sale

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## Course Options

*By Isobel Sherman*

This article applies especially to ninth graders at government schools on Abaco. Soon you will be choosing your BGCSE subjects for grades 10-12. The important thing for students and parents of ninth graders to remember is what the students are going to do after they complete grade 12. Is college in the planning stage, a technical or vocational school or employment straight from high school? If planning on going to college, the selection of BGCSE subjects is very important. Just last month when Education Of-

ficer Judy Dorsette spoke at special meeting on the Government Scholarship Scheme, she stated that many colleges are very particular about the BGCSE subject they will accept. For instance, most colleges overseas will not accept Typing, Office Procedures, Religious Knowledge, Commerce, Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Carpentry or Bookkeeping. That means that if the entrance requirement is five BGCSE examination passes, those subjects mentioned above cannot be part of the five subjects.

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Mr. Wellington Ferguson presented Abaco Central High School with the gifts displayed above. Those holding the colorful paintings are, l. to r., Mrs. Betty Rolle, Corrine Curry, Principal Benjamin Stubbs, and Devaughn Edgcombe.



This is the time of year for students to complete their course work for the BGCSE examinations. Shown above are Eric Auguste and Eddy Joseph of S.C. Bootle High School proudly displaying their artwork which will make up part of their grades in art.

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First grade students were the last to compete in the series of Spelling Bees organized by the District Education Office for all the schools of Abaco. Shown above are all the competitors with the certificates of accomplishment.

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### First Graders Compete in Spelling Bee

By Anita Rolle

Grade one spellers and parents from around the island gathered at the Learning Resource Center on April 26 for the final grade level competition of the Abaco District Spelling Bees. Competition was stiff as the little ones proved their phonetic skills, exhausting the seen list of words. Not until the pressure began to mount and the difficulty of the words increased did the five and six year olds begin to waver just a little.

Having spelled ALL of his words correctly, winning the competition was Master Austin Sands of Agape Christian Schools. Second place went to little Kimberley Estick of Central Abaco Primary School and third place winner was Jade Thompson of Long Bay School.

Coming up later this month, the Ministry of Education presents the District Mathematics Competitions.

### Saturday Fun and Summer Activities

By Isobel Sherman

Every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. a group of children from Grades 1-5 travels from Fox Town on the bus to Cyber Learning Center in Marsh Harbour to be tutored in math, reading, English and computer skills. The students buy their lunch locally as a break. Sharon or Keith Greene as well as a small group of assistants works on skills to help each child individually. It is a long way to ride but the students really enjoy their time at Saturday Fun.

run through August. The physical sports will be in the morning only when it is a little cooler.

For more information contact Sharon Greene at 367-5757.

### Forest Heights Academy National Festival of the Arts Visits

The sounds of music, drama and dancing were enhanced by blue skies and a cool breeze as students performed for judges of the National Arts Festival on Wednesday, May 8th. Forest Heights Academy students performed for the first time in this national competition organized by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

The following students represented the school in eleven categories with all partici-

pants gaining merits or distinctions. They were the following:

- Merits
- Celisha Russell Violin and Solo
- Michelle Lowe- Solo
- Kristen Pearce-Solo
- Destiny Cornish Solo School Choir
- Da Angels - Gospel
- Naughty Nines - Dance
- Jamie Benjamin - Drama
- Brittany Benjamin-Drama
- Clair Basden - Drama
- Destiny Cornish - Drama
- Distinction
- Tonya Patterson - Solo
- Shane Pedican - Solo

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Once again Cyber Learning Center will be offering a summer camp which will have two objectives. The camp will include tutoring in math, reading, English and computer and will develop physical skills, too, such as basketball, softball, volleyball and tennis. Children can participate in both or either one. The Greens are considering the possibility of a crafts class being added to the camp curriculum.

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Viki Hart and Leslie Kennedy coached these talented students and all received helpful pointers from the judges to further improve their performances.

The Arts, in all their various forms are an important aspect of all civilized societies, and showcasing these gifted students is a necessity in its continued growth. All greatly enjoyed displaying their talents and look forward to next year's event.



The National Arts Festival judges from Nassau visited the Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay for a fantastic production of The Lion King. They gave the cast a rating of 97 which is HONOURS! They said, "Very good!" "Imaginative!" "Interesting!" "You are the National Winners! Congratulations!" Also rated in the Honours category was the original song Tribute to the USA. Great work, Amy Roberts Primary.



## St. Francis Students Vote for PLP

By Britney Edgecombe, Erica Oliver, and Mathilde Dieujeste, Grade Nine

The senior school of St. Francis de Sales held an election debate and a mock balloting this morning, May 1, the eve of the general elections. Speaking on behalf of the national PLP leadership was Julian Williams, a tenth grader. Warren Archer, also a 10th grader, spoke on behalf of the National FNM leadership.

In the candidates' section of the debate, Neisha Oliver of Grade 11 spoke on behalf of PLP candidate Fritz Bootle of North Abaco; 11th grader Terence Scavella spoke on behalf of Prime Minister Ingraham; 11th grader

Kashif Burrows represented PLP candidate Edison Key for the South; and 11th grader Nicole Williams spoke on behalf of FNM candidate Robert Sweeting. The debate, which was moderated by 10th grader Viline Baptiste, was very spirited but serious, with students waving party flags, clapping, cheering and thumbs-downing.

Eighty-six students voted according to the constituency they live in. In the north, Prime Minister Ingraham and the FNM beat Fritz Bootle and the PLP 28 to 14. In the South, Edison Key, PLP, beat Robert Sweeting, FNM, 31 to 13.

## Tennis Player Receives Scholarship

By Anita Rolle

Young Sherell Carey, an avid tennis player and student at Abaco Central High School, recently received a full academic scholarship from Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia. Sherell has been playing tennis for four years and has successfully competed in numerous tournaments throughout the Bahamas. Excited about her success, Sherell told *The Abaconian*, "I feel privileged to have received such a fine reward after all the long hours of hard work. I will definitely not take this opportunity for granted.." She plans to major in forensic science whilst leading the Middle Georgia Tennis team to many championships.

Sherell commented that the opportunity would not have been possible without her faith in God and the love and support of her family and friends, especially mom Gwen, grandmother Willamae Dawkins and Coach Bobby Russell.



Sherell Carey, above, has been awarded a tennis scholarship for college. She is shown here with two of the trophies she has won, the Under 18 Winner Doubles Championship and Under 18 Singles Finalist at the 2nd Annual Coca-Cola Junior Tennis Tournament in 2001.

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Reconstruction Is Finally Under Way  
Work is finally under way again on the old schoolhouse. As the contractor has other jobs already in the works in other settlements, there have been several delays due to the demands of his previous commitments. However, the roof is now on and the tarpaper is down. It is such a relief to see something being done to bring this old landmark back to life and realize that it will no longer be an eyesore to the community, but will soon be a very useful meeting place for us all to use and enjoy.

## Write-Up In US Magazine

In case you are not aware of it, our last Cherokee Day celebration got a mention in the April 2002 issue of *Saveur* magazine, in fact, twelve pages of mention. By their own definition they describe themselves as *Savorer's of Authentic World Cuisine*, while they show fourteen tourist-tempting shots of our small settlement and ten more mouth-watering photos of some of our most closely guarded secret local recipes like Cherokee White Bread, Conch Fritters, Macaroni and Cheese, Chicken Souse, Conch Salad and Baked Grouper. This is good publicity and free advertising you couldn't even buy that is

undoubtedly being seen world-wide by the magazine's many subscribers and customers.

This monthly publication, aimed primarily at gourmands and world traveling bon vivants, felt Cherokee's homecoming and general fund-raising event for the restoration of our old schoolhouse on October 12, 2001, warranted a full-spread article. Of course, it may have helped just a little bit that our old friend and onetime-resident of Cherokee, Lucy Bingham, who works with the magazine, wrote the article. Lucy describes how she and the rest of her family were first welcomed into the community upon their arrival those many years ago and confirms that the warm spirit of our residents and their good cooking has not waned a bit since then. She has returned often to the island where she spent so much of her childhood and still has many friends here as well as a special spot in her heart for "Little Cherokee."

Cherokee women are well known throughout the island for their good food and unique cooking skills, but now that "The World" knows, I feel certain the "Worldwide Savorers" will be beating a path to our shores

so that they, too, can experience what most of us here accept as everyday fare.

## Local Government Finally Comes Through

"Better late than never," they always say, and we are happy to see that the much needed repairs to some of our roads are finally being attended to. Yes, we have had to wait, but The Bahama Islands are spread out over a large area with many individual settlements having their own needs as well, and we just had to wait our turn. Of course, we could help ourselves a little if we could only cut down on some of the vehicular traffic on our roads. No matter what any of us says or feels, our roads were never intended to support the large trucks that traverse them daily. As long as that continues, the trucks will break up the roads and they will need to be repaired or replaced more and more often. If we want to have anything left for the next generation, we will have to find a solution to this problem before it is too late, if it isn't already?

## Student Architect Wins Award

A Bahamian architectural student has won a prestigious award at one of the leading art schools in the United States. Rondinearo Edgecombe from Cooper's Town came second in the Elbert Square Design Competition at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. The competition was aimed at "re-creating" a famous Savannah city square lost to a road development scheme in the 1930s.

Students developed designs that considered current and proposed development along a Savannah boulevard. Seventeen entries were judged by a panel from the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority's Urban Design Committee. Mr. Edgecombe, a third year master of architecture student, won a series of gift certificates as part of his prize.

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends



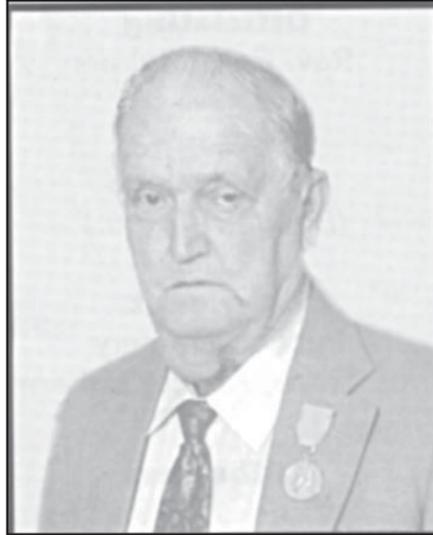
Mr. Charles Sawyer

**Charles Sawyer**, 84 passed away on April 17 after a short illness. His funeral was on April 26 at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marsh Harbour with Rev. Charles Carey and Pastor David Cartwright officiating. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

Mr. Sawyer, or Pa Charles as he was affectionately known, was a prominent citizen of Marsh Harbour. He was a sea captain most of his life. He opened Sawyer's Soft Drinks in the 1950s, the first soft drink distributor on Abaco, which he managed until his retirement in 1994.

He is survived by his wife Mary Sawyer and daughter Bettee Albury. He was predeceased by his daughter Winifred Sawyer and son Junior Sawyer. He is also survived by his son-in-law Carroll Albury; stepdaughters

Marie Pinder and Winifred Albury; stepsons-in-law Rudy Pinder and Junior Albury; grandsons and their wives Chad and Ginnie Sawyer, Mike Sawyer, Doug and Mary Albury, Sean and Brenda Albury, Christopher and Celeste Pinder, and Charles Whitman Albury; granddaughters Marlene Sawyer and Heidi Albury; great grandchildren Dana Albury, Montana Albury, Haley Albury, Josh Albury, Jaden Albury, Shea Bussert, Bailey Pinder and Matthew Pinder; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.



Mr. Theodore Malone

**George Theodore Malone**, 79, died on April 24, 2002, at Doctor's Hospital in Nassau. Mr. Malone served his country as the local constable of Hope Town for 34 years.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years,

Iris Mae Malone; three sons Thomas, Mike and George; two daughters Elsie Carroll and Pauline North; sons-in-law William Carroll and Ronnie North; daughters-in-law Sheila, Debbie and Debbie; grandchildren Laura, Brian, Kristal, Nicole, Joshua, Kelli, Nathaniel, William Jr, Rayanne Brook, Candice, T.J., Courtney and Faith; also many other friends and family members including Sara and Howard Cash (sister) and Samuel and Amaryllis Malone (brother).

The funeral service for **Cleveland Samuel Davis**, 71 of Crossing rocks was held on May 10 at ST. Mark's Baptist Church in Crossing Rocks. Rev. Napoleon Roberts and Elder Lennis Cornish officiated assisted by Dea-

con James Williams. Interment was in the Crossing Rocks Public Cemetery.

His is survived by sons Marcus, Nelson and Michael Davis Sr.; daughter Marilyn Davis; Stepdaughter Sandra Inness; stepson Alfred Bain; sisters Mildred Moss and Clotilda Johnson; aunt Minvella Walker; grandchildren, daughters-in-law Diana Davis, Catherine Davis and Margie Davis; brother-in-law Rev. Mervin Burrows; godchildren Learlean Hepburn, Deborah Carroll, Elvis Burrows, Joyce Williams and Vernita Walker; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

## Robert Sweeting Holds Press Conference

By Anita Rolle

Days following the astonishing defeat of the Free National Movement, Mr. Robert Sweeting, re-elected Member of Parliament for South Abaco held a press conference thanking all those involved with his campaign for their support.

Chairman of the FNM party for the South Abaco Constituency, Mr. Jack Albury, addressed the audience, predicting that their policies will fail after a year. Mr. Albury intimated that monies had been paid out by the PLP in exchange for votes.

Mr. Sweeting in his address thanked his supporters for giving him yet another opportunity to serve. Commenting that his campaign was not properly funded, he expressed sincere gratitude to all those who

went the extra mile. Sweeting pledged to stand firm to his campaign promises and continue to work with the community at large, laying to rest the rumors of his resignation. This brought loud cheers from the audience. Expressing congratulations to the Progressive Liberal Party and the Hon. Perry Christie, he acknowledged that the majority had spoken and encouraged his supporters to comply.

Commenting on the recount, he proclaimed, "It's time for my opponent to realize that I am the elected representative for this constituency." Mr. Sweeting stated that he and a campaign worker had received threats from his opponent.

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Dundas Town Fire Dept.	367-2935 or 4935
Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc	VHF 16 or 366-0282

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Dove Plaza to Stop Light	\$10.00 + \$2
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<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	
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# Students Attend Environment Summit

By Candace Key

Recently students Leonard Edgecombe from Abaco Central High School and Eric Patterson from the Hope Town School, accompanied by Hope Town School Principal Mrs. Candace Key, attended the second Bahamian Children's Environmental Summit held in Nassau. They joined 60 Bahamian youth from most Bahamian islands on Earth Day to discuss environment problems and plot strategies to solve them in order to make the Bahamas a better place for us all. Many problems discussed existed on nearly all the islands and some were island specific. However, it was very clear that these students were concerned and very cognizant of their environmental problems. Topics were divided into environment problems existing on the land, the sea or in the air.

The students arrived early the second day of the conference to produce a very artistic backdrop of the Bahamian environment - now and then again after our problems are solved. Ardastra Gardens, the Bahamas National Trust, BREEF and Save Our Turtles along with the BEST (Bahamas Environmental, Scientific and Technical) Commission set up educational displays for the group. The National Trust performed their wonderful puppet show *Wetland Are Wild* whose theme was the importance of mangroves. Mrs. Key was the facilitator for the groups' activities on the second day preceding the presentation

ceremony.

The culmination of the two-day conference was the groups' presentation of their findings to Madam Helene Maria Gasselin, the N.E.S.C.O. Head of the Caribbean Region, Mr. Colin Higgs, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Ambassador to the Environment for the Bahamas, and Mrs. Iris Pinder, Director of Education. Mrs. Beverly Taylor, Deputy Director of Education, and Mrs. Karen St. Cyr planned the successful conference.

U.N.E.S.C.O., the Ministry of Education and Culture and Friends of the Environment were the groups making the conference possible financially for the youth, the future caretakers of our planet.

## Children's Environmental Summit

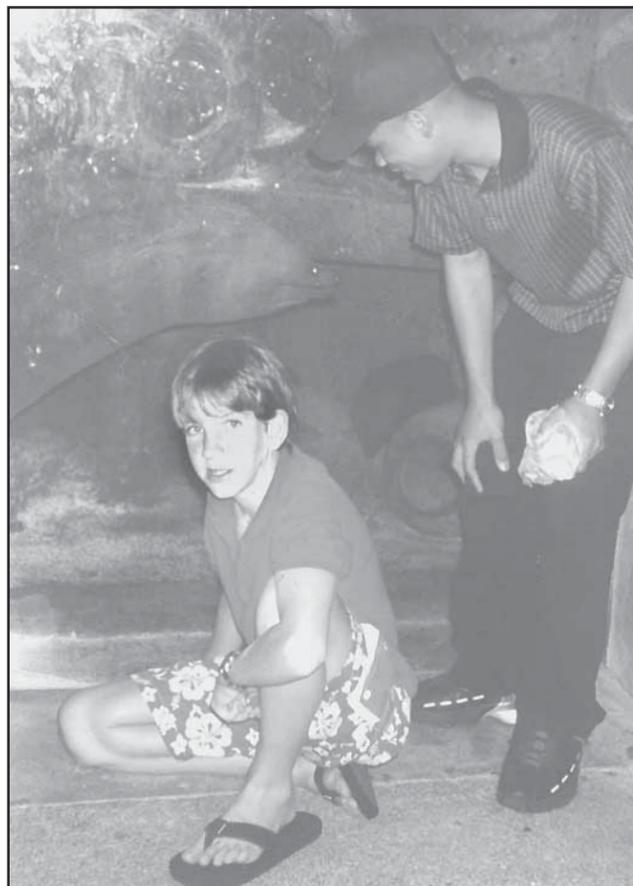
By Eric Patterson

An Environmental Summit was held at Crystal Palace Hotel in Nassau on April 22-23. On the first day of the summit, there were 60 kids from various islands such as Bimini, Long Island, Andros, Exuma, Grand Bahama, San Salvador and Abaco. There were also people from Adventure Learning Centre, Dolphin Encounters and Ardastra Gardens. The people from Ardastra Gardens brought a military macaw and a three-foot-long boa constrictor. First, we were sorted into

groups. Leonard Edgecombe and I were put into Group 7. Each group had to come up with what we thought were two major environmental problems in the Bahamas. Our group came up with air pollution and the introduction of foreign animals harming indigenous animals. They gave each child a folder containing a record sheet. Each group picked a writer who was supposed to write everything down.

On the second day the children made a backdrop of before, how messy our environment is now, and after, how it should be posters. The theme was *The Bahamas - Our Environment, Our Future, Let's Sustain It*. I presented Friends of the Environment posters to Madam Gosling, representing U.N.E.S.C.O., Mr. Colin Higgs and Ms. Iris Pinder. Mr. Higgs is the Ambassador to the Environment and Mrs. Pinder is the Director of Education.

Then each group came up to report to the audience about their two problems and about how we



A trip to visit Atlantis was a treat after working on environmental problems and finding solutions all day during the conference. Leonard Edgecombe and Eric Patterson could hardly believe that the moray eels in this exhibit were nearly as big as they were!

thought they could be solved. This was all written by us on chart paper and presented to Mr. Higgs. Mrs. Candace Key led the groups on the second day. We also visited Atlantis and saw a huge moray and more big crawfish than I've ever seen before.



Eric Patterson from the Hope Town School and Leonard Edgecombe from Abaco Central High School worked on environmental problems in small groups during the recent two-day Bahamas Children's Environmental Summit held on Earth Day in Nassau. Their leader was science teacher, Mr. Nazir Assiz from New Providence



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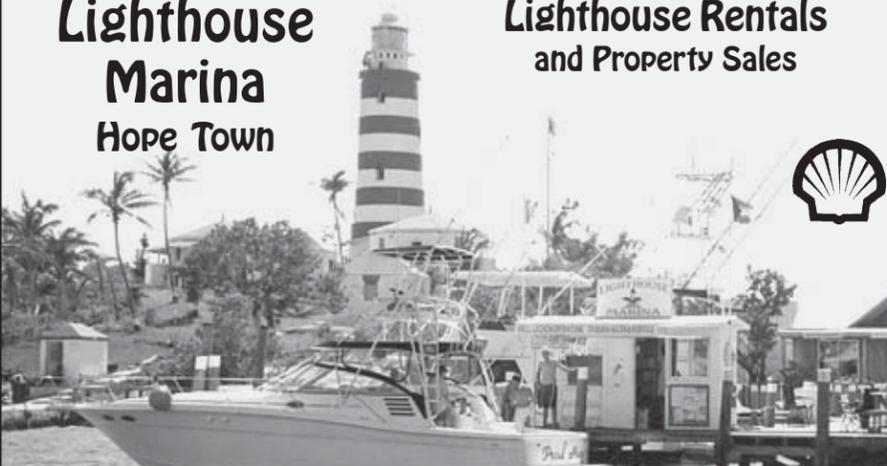
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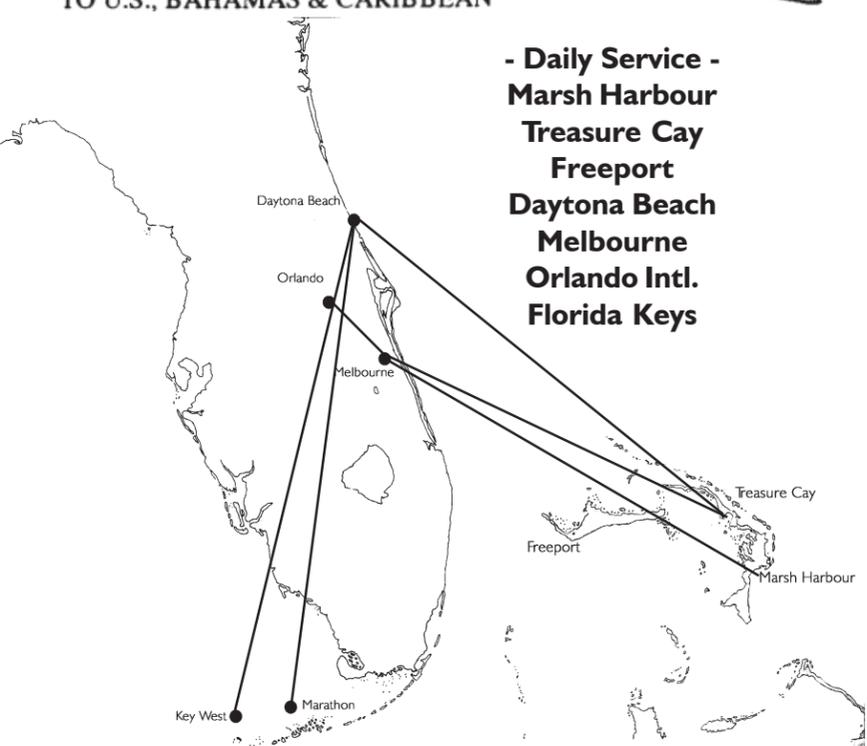
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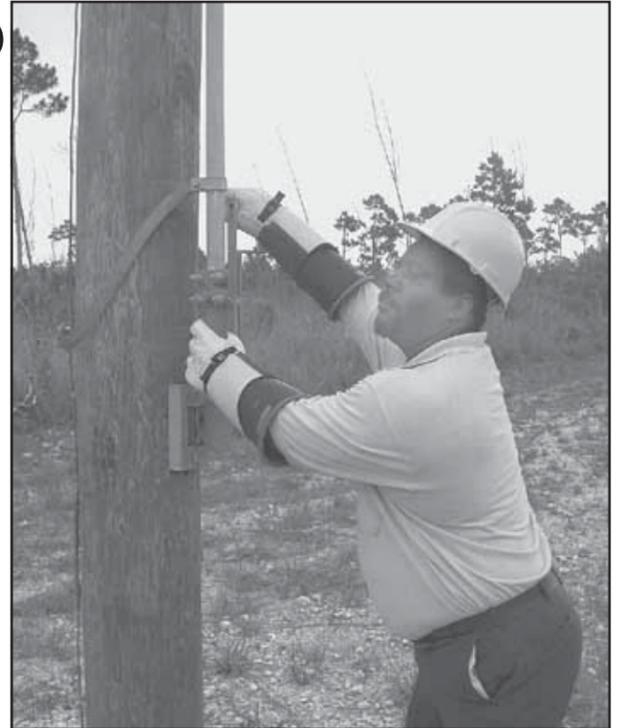


The photo above shows the winning Abaco Full Gospel Crusaders, who won the Bahamas Amateur Basketball Association championship. They are, front l. to r., Josh Rolle, Godfrey Rolle, Kelsie Rolle and Ray McKinney; middle l. to r., Lemond Saunders, Bruce Missick, Max Theavell, John Fynes, Cranson Symonette and Kenny Rolle; Back row Samuel Kelly.

By Anita Rolle

The Abaco Full Gospel Crusaders basketball team from Treasure Cay recently brought Bahamas Amateur Basketball Association championship home to Abaco. Islands competing in this year's competition were Nassau, Grand Bahama, Eleuthera, Exuma and Abaco. The ten member team traveled to Eight Mile Rock for the tournament which was held at the Tanker Williams Basketball court.

The championship match was played between the Crusaders and the Hatchet Bay Potcakes from Eleuthera with a final score of 80-59. Top scorer was Kelsie Rolle with a remarkable 23 points.



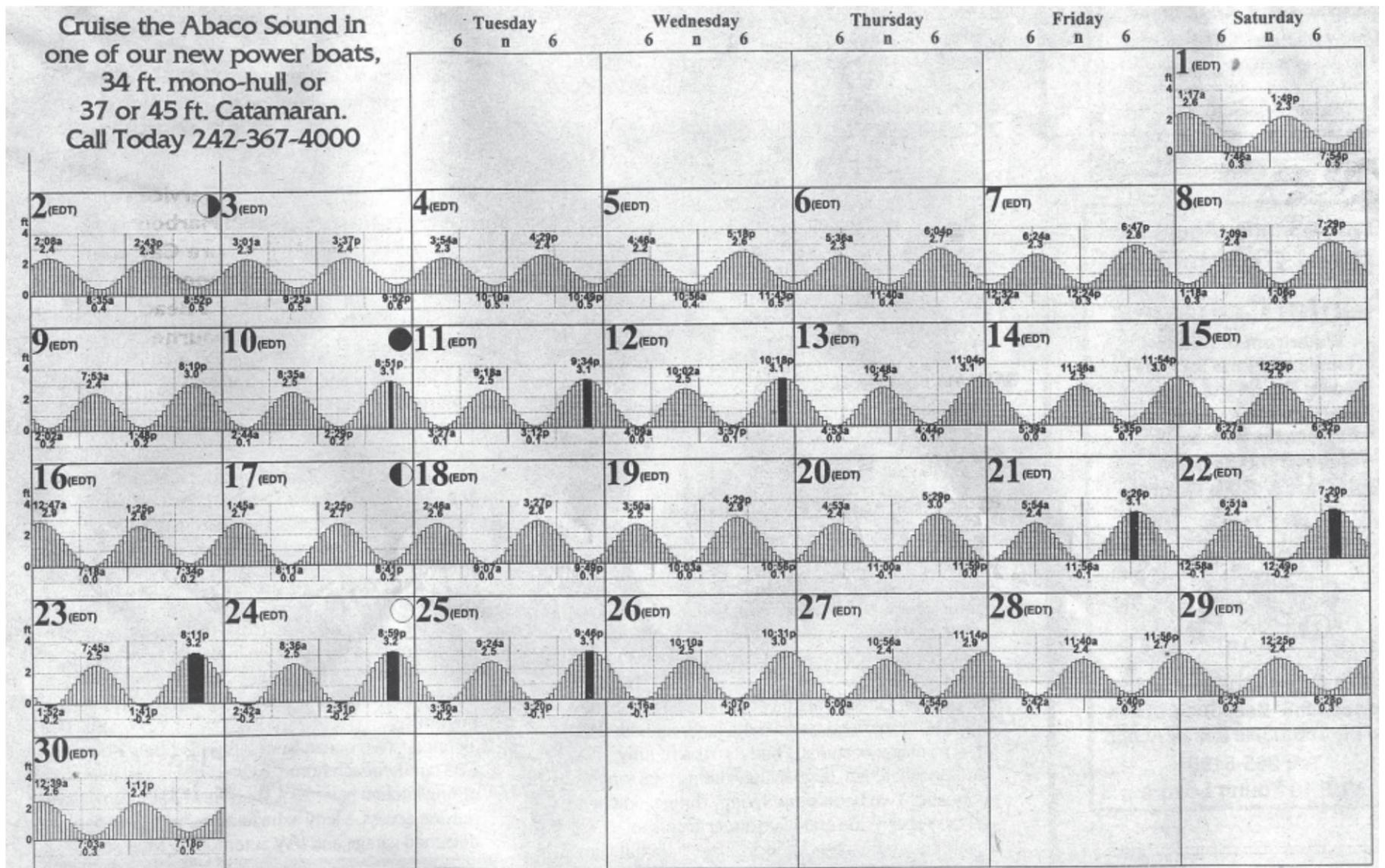
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# New Regulations on US Visas

By Anita Rolle

Immigration officials in the United States have tightened visa rules for foreign students and are proposing a 30-day limit to the time millions of tourists and business people may stay in that country. Effective immediately, a foreigner wishing to study in the United States must obtain a student visa before beginning classes. Previously, a student could request a visa and begin course work while his or her application was being processed.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) believes that requiring approval before students enroll will ensure they have received the appropriate security checks before entering the country. The INS is also proposing that people who want to switch from a tourist or business visa to a student visa return to their home country to apply. Presently, persons can make the switch while in the US.

Two of the hijackers of September 11 traveled to the United States on visitor visas and later applied for student visas. They began flight school training more than a year before their student visas were approved. At

the time of the attacks, approximately 600,000 foreign students were enrolled in US colleges and universities. The INS has since admitted that they were unable to account for the whereabouts of many of them, hence the implementation of changes to better keep track.

On the issue of business and tourist travelers, it is proposed that time for these visitors be reduced from six months to 30 days. It will also be made much more difficult to

apply for an extended stay - which incidentally will also be reduced.

These changes will no doubt greatly affect thousands of Bahamians - students, tourists and business persons. The ripple effect of September 11 has brought about changes on immigration policies worldwide, the Bahamas being no exception. We must now find ourselves better organized regarding our travelers outside the Bahamas. Students planning to study in the United States must now en-

sure that they allow themselves sufficient time beforehand to apply for and receive the appropriate documents. As for Bahamians traveling to the US for business purposes and as tourists, the proposal of reduced staying time comes at a time when many use this avenue on a regular basis. Will these proposed tightened barriers give persons incentives to find a vacation destination outside the US?



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# Johnston Foundry Produces Great Art

By Alice Bain

Johnston Studios was founded by Randolph Johnston, who moved to Little Harbour in 1952. Bronze art work has been designed and cast by the Johnston family there ever since. Resident artist Richard Appaldo explained the process of casting hot bronze as he stood by the furnace feeding bits of scrap bronze into a crucible. The furnace is fired with diesel fuel and attains temperatures in excess of 2200 degrees Fahrenheit in order to melt the bronze.

"Today we will be casting two coral legs for a table, an eighteen-inch dolphin, a turtle that Pete Johnston designed and two spiders and a frog that I designed. The smallest piece is about six inches long. We are melting about two hundred pounds of bronze for the cast."

The process of casting bronze is quite complex. The original piece is generally modeled out of clay, and a latex cast is made of it, from which wax replicas can be produced in quantity. The wax replicas are used to make the molds for the final bronzes. They are "gated," that is, they have wax rods attached to them to provide the bronze with an entry into the mold, and "invested," dipped in layers of colloidal ceramic slurry and silica sand to form a clay shell around the wax. This clay-and-wax combination is then fired in a kiln to remove the wax from the mold. About 14 percent of the wax is collected for reuse, and the rest of it is vaporized in the firing process.

At the end of this a hollow ceramic mold is produced that is strong enough to contain the molten bronze. The molds must be "sounded" before they are used to make sure they are solid. An investment that rings like crystal when it is tapped is usable, and one that makes a dull thud is no good. Some small pieces are clustered like grapes in a single investment, and larger pieces are invested separately.

The foundry recycles all kinds of bronze and

brass fittings. At this casting an old propeller, some pipe valves and a brass skeg are amongst the bits and pieces being melted down. Richard adds some bars of tin to the mix. "The mix of bronze depends on what we get - but we aim for a mix of 85 percent copper and five percent each of zinc, tin and lead." The crucible - the pot that the bronze is melted in - is made of graphite and silicon carbide and needs to be strong, light, and resistant to high temperatures and thermal shock. It takes the furnace three and a half hours to get hot enough to melt the bronze. Just before pouring, a few beer bottles are thrown into the crucible to act as a "flux" - they melt and trap slag and impurities in the molten glass which floats on top of the bronze. The flux is taken off the top of the molten bronze with a piece of steel rebar, and the bronze is ready to pour.

The investments need to be hot out of the kiln in order to take the bronze without shattering, so pouring the pieces is a two-man job. Richard is joined by Greg Johnston, the third generation of Johnstons to live and work with bronze in Little Harbour. Together they are suited up in heavy canvas clothes, work boots and silvery heat-resistant gear.

The investments have to be removed from the kiln and set up to be poured only one or two at a time. They are at about 1000 degrees Fahrenheit when they are being handled - very hot indeed! The bronze is even hotter - it comes out of the furnace at about 2100 F and is poured at between 2050 F and 1850 F. Greg and Richard work in tandem, setting up investments and guiding the stream of glowing molten bronze into the openings at the top. A crowd of tourists watches at a safe distance from the studio floor, and the end of the successful pour is greeted with applause. The investments can be broken within hours, and the bronze pieces will then be ready for "chasing" (removing

flaws in the metal from the surface) and the patina chemical, which gives the bronze its green color.

Patina can be almost any color though. Pete Johnston says one of the best methods is to tie a bronze to the dock between the tide line and let the sea do its work on it.

Johnston Studios is also an art foundry school and has been taking apprentices for years. Richard Appaldo himself was Randolph Johnston's last apprentice. He helped finish the portrait bust of Sir Milo Butler that stands in Rawson

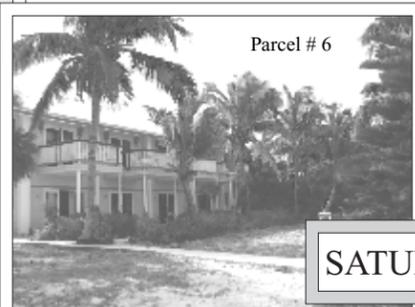
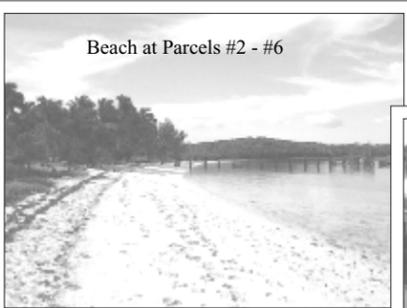
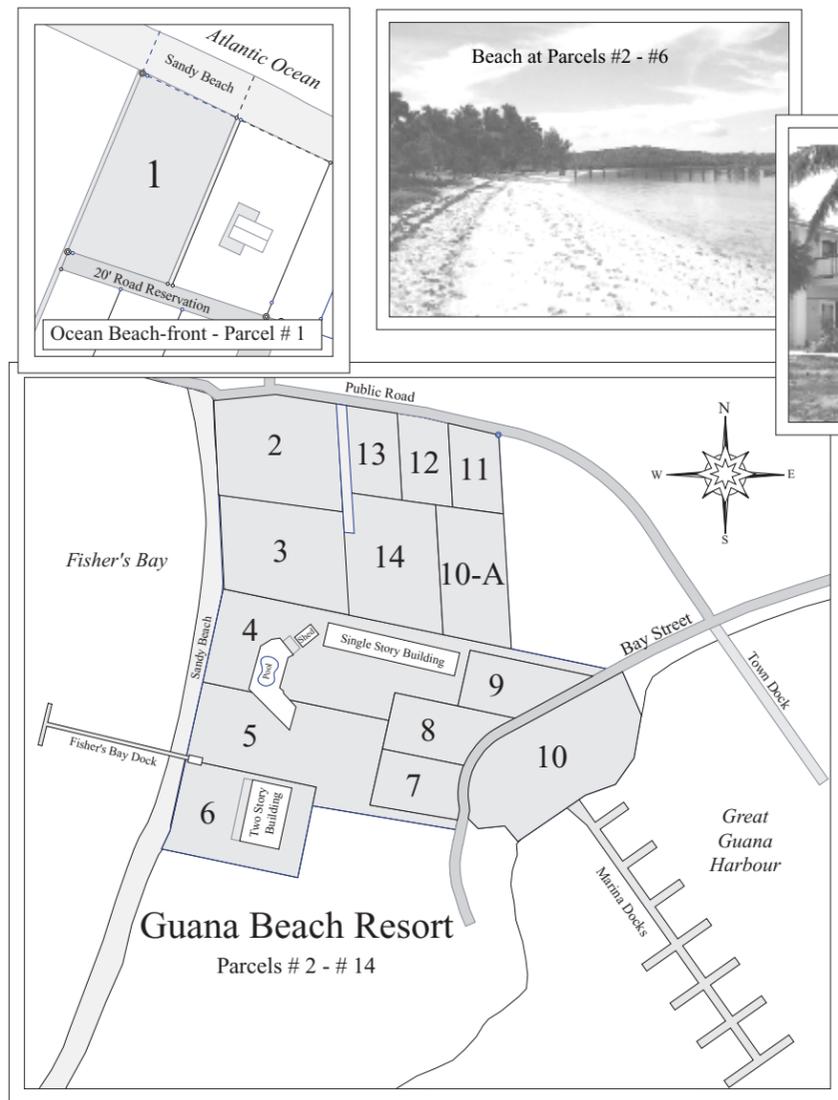
Square in Nassau, and also one of Randolph's most famous works, *The Seven Ages of Man*. Richard worked with Pete Johnston after Randolph's death and has now been living in Little Harbour for the past eight years as a resident artist.

Johnston Studios and Little Harbour see 30,000 tourists annually, and the gallery and foundry give tours to over 2,000 schoolchildren. Little Harbour itself is an expanding community and now has close to fifty year-round residents.



Greg Johnston and Richard Appaldo are shown with the crucible of molten bronze during a pour. The family operated foundry has been in operation for almost 50 years with the second and third generations now producing art work. Well renowned Randolph Johnston settled in Little Abaco in 1952.

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I am sure I speak for all those who go to the clinic in expressing thanks.

Joyce Grant

## Thanks for Your Support

To All My Friends and Family,

The 60-mile walk for Breast Cancer was on April 19, 20 and 21 from Boca Raton to Miami. Lisa, Michelle and I were among over 2000 walkers who started; not everyone finished. From blistered feet to sore and stiff muscles to extreme dehydration and a few cracked bones, no one ended the experience without a limp of some kind.

Along with 200 other volunteers, Skeet and nine other bikers worked as safety staff to get us all through intersections without getting killed. The weather was HOT, the road was LONG and at the end of the three days I came away with an incredible feeling of accomplishment not only for completing the walk but especially for what we were able to contribute to the fight against Breast Cancer.

Thanks to your very generous contributions. We were able to donate over \$15,000 to the Breast Cancer cause. As a direct result of this event on April 20, a check for \$500,000 was presented to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami for Breast Cancer projects being conducted by them.

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Most sincerely,  
Debbie Curry

## Shocked at Attitude

Editor, the Abaconian,

In 1982 as a young teenager, I was a supporter of the FNM. However, when the voters of the Marsh Harbour seat elected a PLP candidate, I was one of the first in Hope Town to congratulate him and shake his hand. He thanked me for my congratulations and said some very kind words to me. I was left that day with a very positive impression. However, over the years, I did not feel that the PLP did right by Abaco, and I continued to support the FNM.

Perhaps because my encounter in 1982 was so positive, I found my meeting with the same man the day following this recent election so disappointing. I was in the courthouse, waiting for the start of the official recount when I heard him tell my Member of Parliament that he "had it coming to him." Mr. Sweeting approached him and asked him to clarify that statement. The man again repeated that he "had it coming to him."

Thinking to diffuse the situation, I walked over to the two men and told him very calmly that I thought he would be happy as his party had won a great victory. I did not expect the comment I got in return. The exact quote was, "Boy, get from 'round me or I'm going to pull back my fist and smash your mouth in." Somewhere between shocked and amused, I again repeated my thought that he should be celebrating and not making ugly threats, but again he advised me that he was going to "punch my face in."

Mr. Colyn Rees, who was there the entire time, silently indicated that it would be better if I left as he tried to calm the man down, so I did. My attempt was never to stir any thing up, only to bring peace. I can un-

derstand his disappointment at losing the election, but not his anger.

In closing I would like to say that I do congratulate the PLP for the large victory that they won throughout the country. And I still remember the man I met in 1982 and I hope that the next time I encounter him, that's the person who will be there.

Victor Patterson

## Election Freedom

Dear Editor,

As I sit here on the day of our election, my heart is very heavy with all the rumors that have been going around for the past month. Why is there so much victimization in our country during election time?

Just to tell you a little about myself, I want first and foremost to let you know that I am Christian and in times like these I am so thankful that I can lay all my cares on my God. Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you. II Peter 4 vs. 7.

I am a woman who tries very hard to live my life for Christ, to set an example to others. I try my very best to keep peace with everyone. I am the kind of person who hates to stir up strife, but it seems like lately so

many people take great pleasure in pulling others down. I am not saying that I am perfect, by no means. We are all guilty for our mistakes and I will have to answer to God for all that I have done with the life he has given me.

I would like to tell all the readers of this paper about two of the many disturbing rumors that have been floating around that have been the most disturbing to me.

1. One what I am sure all Abaco or I should say the entire Bahamas is talking about. It is the one where Mr. Edison Key is accused of making a statement to a Cherokee woman. I would like to ask this question, does anyone have any evidence to prove that he said this other than the lady saying Mr. Key said it to her. She says he did. He says he did not. Let me just remind each one God knows what was said during that conversation. Who are we to spread around gossip without the facts saying that he said this. How do you know? It is one person's word against the other.

2. I and many other Christian people have been told, "How can you call yourself a Chris-

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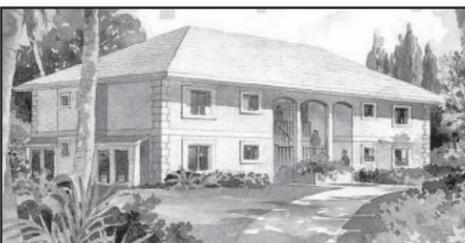
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tian if you support the PLP Party. Let me remind you of a verse of scripture found in Matthew 7 vs. 1 & 2. *Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged.* I ask Who are you to pass judgment on me, telling me if I am a Christian or not. You have no right to accuse me that my salvation has been taken from me because I am a PLP. This is a free country I am entitled to choose my party and you likewise. I have no problem with people who support the FMN Party. I have many friends and family members who support this party and I would never ever tell them that they are not a Christian if they vote for FNM Party.

Let me remind everyone that God is in control of everything. He knows the future. I just want you to know that even though I am a PLP, I pray every day that the Lord will put the Government in power that will best run our country. I as an individual will pick today the party whom I think will be the best Government for our country and you likewise. But that does not mean that our choice is the right one.

So to whichever party wins today, PLP or FNM, I congratulate you and remember, we all live here in this beautiful country together and we all need to learn how to accept wins and losses. I feel like whichever party is elected should not show discrimination against the supporters of the party who lost because this is our God given right to vote for whom we choose and we all need to learn to respect each others choices.

A Concerned Citizen

## Falsely Accused

Dear Editor,

We're writing from Man-O-War Cay to let the Bahamas know some of the incidents going on through the sheer childishness of some people on the island.

All they are accusing the FNM of is VICTIMIZATION. Let us give you some facts, and you decide for yourself who is doing the victimizing.

About four weeks ago a young lady of the island was leaving to go to Marsh Harbour on the ferry boat. An employee there approached her and told her that she better not put any more FNM posters on his pole or else he would call the police for her.

Some of us have these government owned poles in our yards, but they don't belong to us. They are government property. Whether we like it or not, anything can go on them as long as we don't go on their property to do so, if they disapprove of it.

A few days after this, two ladies at a grocery store on Man-O-War were accused by a young gentleman (customer) that they would not serve him because he was wearing a PLP cap. This accusation in no way, shape, or form has any truth to it. One of the ladies that he accused was not even there when he came in the store, and the other lady only said, "Good Morning" to him and then served him.

A couple of days later a business on Man-O-War had an envelope to send on the ferry to Marsh Harbour and carried it up there to be sent on the 11:30 a.m. ferry. When they called to see if the envelope had been sent, the gentleman that answered the phone told them that he told the captain to carry it. But when he told him who it was for, he turned

around and proceeded to the boat without the envelope. This business has some FNM persons working there and because of this, he would not carry it. They had to go get the envelope and send it another way.

A few days after that incident, two young guys were approached by two policemen at their school in Marsh Harbour. The policemen took them to the office and told them that two people from Man-O-War had reported that they had seen them tearing down PLP posters at 1 a.m. the night before.

Not only is this not true, they didn't tear down any posters, but both boys were home by 10:45 p.m. that evening. What were these so called eyewitnesses doing out at 1 a.m. in the morning anyway. This incident happened at 10:30 a.m. that morning at the school, and the parents of these two guys didn't know about it until 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. That is totally ridiculous!

Just a few days before this false accusation came about, an adult man stood in the road and tore down about 12 or more FNM posters, threw them in the garbage and made a total idiot of himself. He says that they were on HIS so-called pole. He didn't want them there so he tore them down.

To get the attention off this incident and one that happened with a big time PLP general, as he is so passionately called by some, who caused an unnecessary political scene at the softball game, they are trying to come up with any story they can with no truth to it at all. If you guys want to get the spotlight off of these ridiculous incidents, try rightly accusing someone of some good instead of making up all these lies and accusations against all of us.

Well, you can decide for yourselves, after hearing a few of these false accusations, and tell us who is doing the VICTIMIZING. The CHOICE IS CLEAR!

Falsely accused Man-O-War residents

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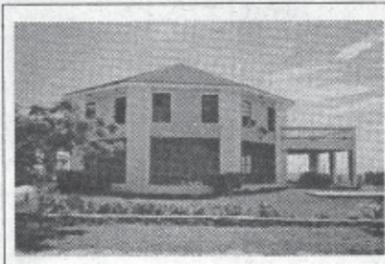


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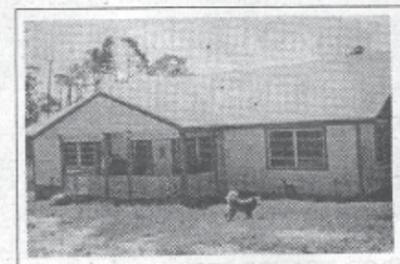
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# More News of the Cays

## Cays

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using the present site for 35 years and they saw no reason to alter that policy without another location available.

Residents and business owners seemed somewhat willing to explore donations for future trash handling methods, perhaps a shredder, an incinerator, and definitely a site manager.

The rapid growth of Guana Cay is generating garbage and trash faster than local government has been able cope with the problem. Until recently there was no government land available to even consider for a dump site. Within the last two years, an 18-acre parcel was forfeited to government ownership from a holding company that had been

inactive for over 20 years. The site is beyond the Guana Seaside resort and a piece of private land. Government had hoped to work with the owner of this private piece and acquire a right-of-way to the 18 acres on the other side. Objections by the land owner have now caused government to begin the legal acquisition process which must wind its way through the courts.

Had a right-of-way been granted, Mr. Hart said money is available to improve the road and prepare the site immediately but now the process must await court action.

Several persons said the present site has been used for many years and is on an interior swamp. They felt that several more months of use until the new site is made available would not make much difference. They

brought out that even the new Orchid Bay restaurant will be generating garbage that will have to be put somewhere.

Those present wanted no part of any change at this time. Not using the old site while waiting for either a new site or bins and money for moving the garbage to Marsh Harbour would only exaggerate the problem as the daily garbage would continue to pile up in yards and roadsides.

The mood of the crowd definitely supported the continued use of the Orchid Bay swamp site until the new site was available. They cited several reasons for continuing with the old site.

• It is an interior swamp with no connection to the ocean or sound. Since it is landlocked, it is a nursery only for land crabs.

• Opinions were expressed that since it was a swamp, it was government land and not part of the Orchid Bay land.

• Government has maintained the road into the site for the 35 years the dump has been used.

• There has been no effort by land owners in years past to assert ownership by blocking public access to the site annually as required to maintain ownership.

Please see **Cays**

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A hastily called meeting of the Hope Town District Council followed by a Guana Cay town meeting still failed to produce a garbage solution which was acceptable to everyone. Shown above is Mr. Everette Hart, Island Administrator, in the foreground and the Councillors beyond him.

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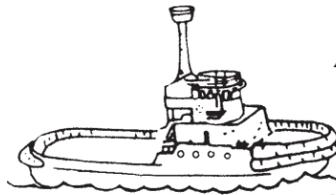
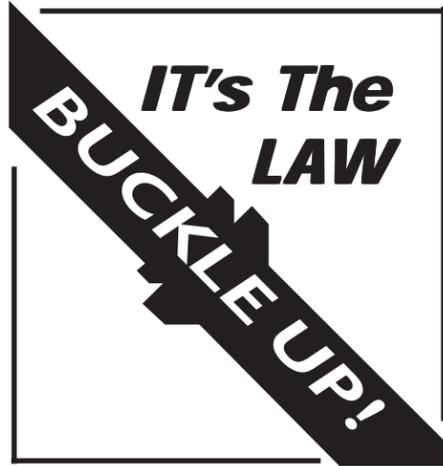
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**Cays**

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Sherman

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She has seen a Shakespearian play, gone to art shows and galleries, visited antique shows, attended a book signing by one of her favorite authors and experienced the beach in Palm Beach. She learned to maneuver on the bus system. She found a church where she became a member of the choir. She met many persons. Her experiences have broadened her horizons and that is one of the things I wished for. I will never forget her voice as she told me of going to the public library and seeing all the books and of the plays and art shows. Her enthusiasm over these things is something to be remembered by me while they might become "old hat" to her. I am happy she is home for a while. She will go back to college in August and I will miss her. But both of us will survive again.

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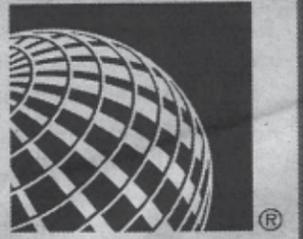
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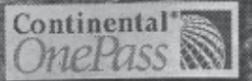


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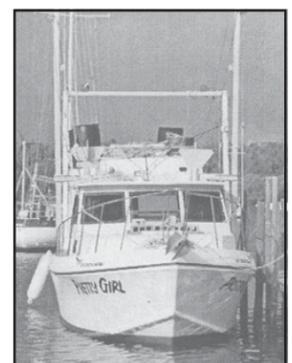


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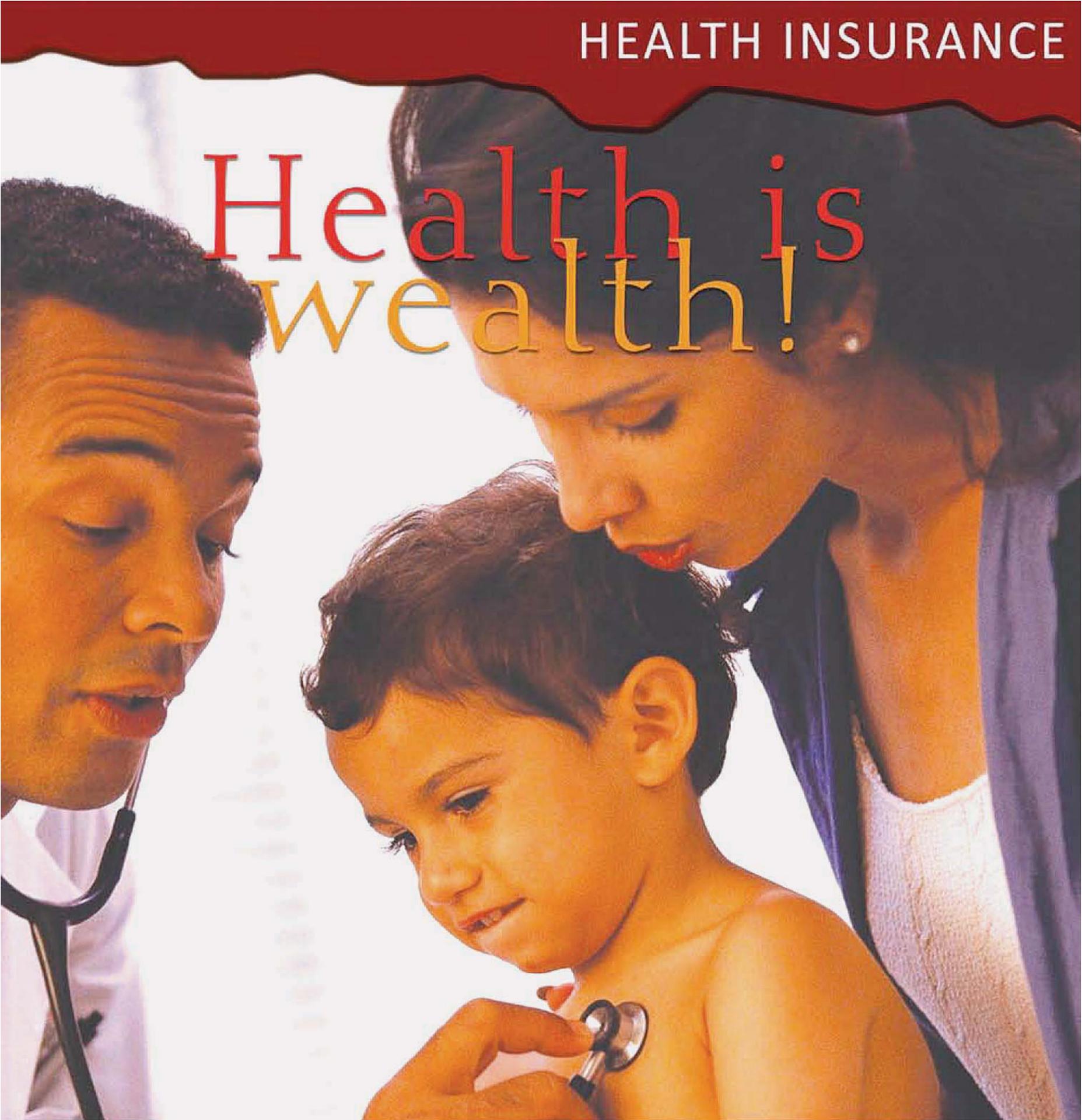
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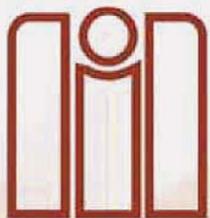
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