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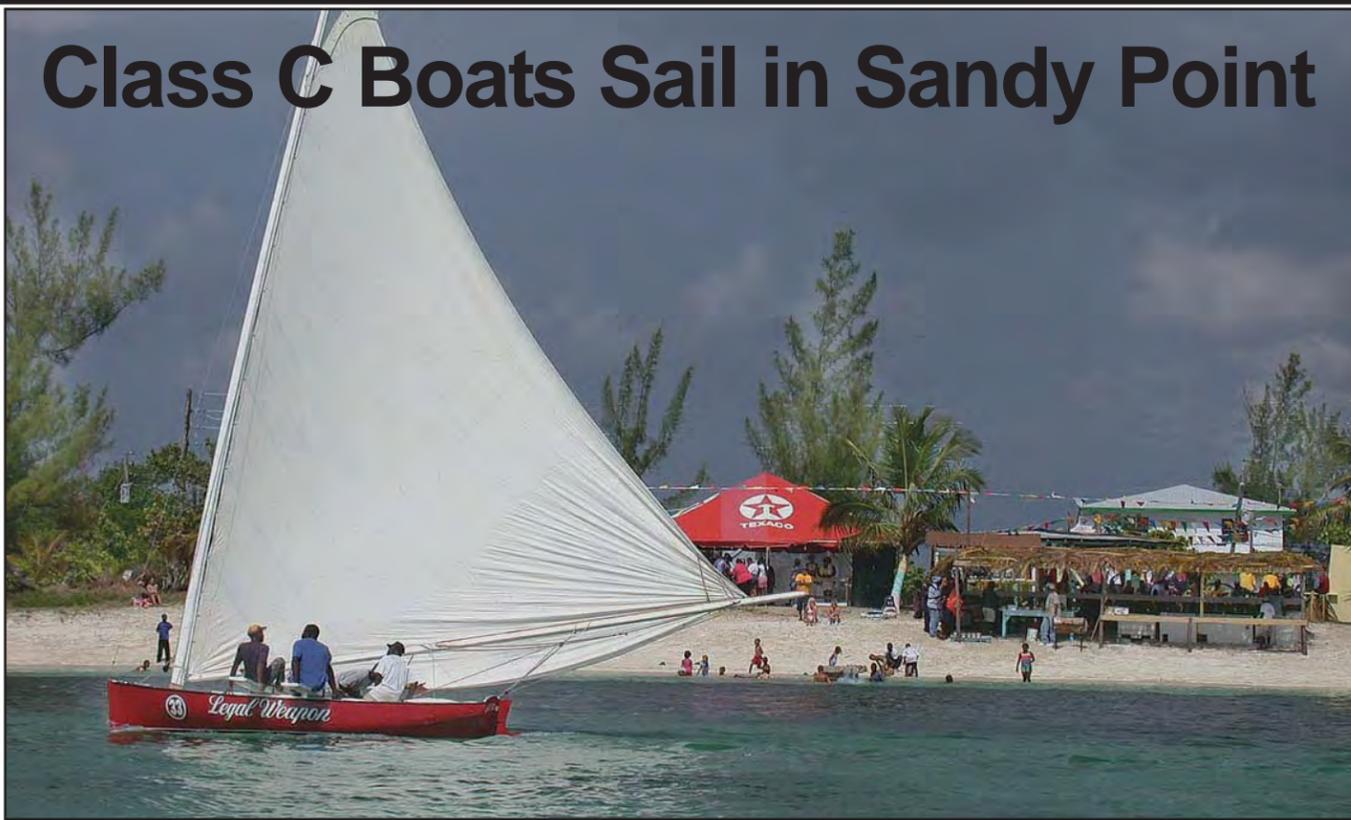
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153 Nominate for Local Government Election on June 27 Will Select 73

Class C Boats Sail in Sandy Point



The highlight of the Sandy Point Home Coming over the Labour Day holiday was a regatta featuring Class C workboats. A total of seven boats competed off the shore while hundreds enjoyed the weekend activities. The organizing committee hopes to raise enough money through this and other events to completely finish the community center which will serve as a hurricane shelter. The building is closed in but will require about \$50,000 to complete the interior.

Nomination Day for local government was on June 5. Any Bahamian on the voter register wanting to run for the local government elections scheduled for June 27 had to register by noon. The election on June 27 will be conducted the same as for a general election. For all of Abaco 153 nominated for 77 seats on town committees. Those nominating were enthusiastic and seemed committed to managing their towns effectively. Many are new to the local government system while there are still some with past experience. Of the total 27 are women. Many leaders in the previous town committees did not nominate. Both people nominating from Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores are new to local government. Otherwise there are candidates in each town which have served before.

Two towns will not have elections because those nominating were the exact number allowed. Those areas are Guana Cay and the combined Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores. All other areas will vote from a wide selection of candidates.

Towns varied greatly in the number of candidates nominating. Hope Town will elect three out of four nominees while Murphy Town will elect seven out of a list

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Remember to Vote for Your Town Leaders on June 27

Fox Town Holds Home Coming



Labour Day weekend is the traditional date for the home coming for Little Abaco. Many activities entertained the hundreds who attended. Shown above is a dominoes game being enjoyed by some young people.

By Anita Rolle

Most roads led to Fox Town on June 7 to 9 for the Annual Little Abaco Homecoming celebrations. Under the theme *Back to the Island*, hundreds certainly did come back to the island to enjoy the festivities.

With a full slate of events, activities available for the young and the young at

heart included sporting activities, a Miss Homecoming Pageant, numerous contests. However, entertainment for the weekend was untouchable. Music was provided all weekend long by notorious DJ Tyrone T, well known throughout the Bahamas. On Friday night scores came

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Ten Are Awarded Scholarships



Pathfinders Foundation awarded ten students scholarships to assist them financially as they go abroad to study. They honoured this year's group at a reception held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on June 2. The foundation will continue supporting the ten students who were awarded scholarships last year. Shown above are, left to right, Louise Ashail, Marsha Sands, Theresa Pinder, Benita Altidor, Samantha Gaitor, Erica Lowe, Kenneth Strachan and Brock Pinder. Standing behind is Priscilla Weatherford. They will be studying a wide variety of courses at a number of colleges. The scholarships will continue if their grades are acceptable.

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87 Seats Will Make Up Local Government

Election

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of 19 candidates.

Each candidate had to nominate before a returning officer, taking a form with the signatures of five registered voters of his town. A fifty dollar deposit was required which will be refunded if the candidate receives at least one-fifth of the votes. New to the process this year was the ability of candidates

to nominate from anywhere within a town and they will be voted on at large also. Several towns on Abaco have more than one polling divisions. These areas will be voting for candidates at large. However, where a town committee is made up of representatives from more than one community, those candidates must be from the specific town.

After the June 27 election, each town committee will be sworn in and meet to elect

a chairman and deputy chairman. They will also elect their representatives to the council which must include their chairman. The next step is for the council members to be sworn in and then meet to elect the Chief Councillor and Deputy Chief Councillor. This group of officials will serve for three years.

There are six councils on Abaco. The

three councils on the mainland, North Abaco, Central Abaco and South Abaco, are schedule two. These councils appoint boards to take care of much of the area's affairs and include town planning, licensing, hotel licensing, port authority and an advisory tourism board. The road traffic authority is comprised of members from all three districts. The three schedule three councils, Grand Cay, Hope Town and Moore's Island, do the work of all these boards.

Listing of Candidates in Each Town

North Abaco District - Four Town Committees

Little Abaco

Crown Haven, Fox Town, Mount Hope

Five will be elected

Hiram Cooper	Earlin Mills
Daniel Curry	Calvin Parker
Revie Fox	Leon Pinder
Jocelyn McIntosh	Sandra Saunders
Leslie McIntosh	Hayward Thomas
Leanath McIntosh	O'Neil Rolle

Wood Cay and Cedar Harbour

Two are to be elected

Wilfred Curry	Lionel Mills
Charley Mills	Yvonne Saunders

Treasure Cay

Five will be elected

Cecil Forbes	Stephen
Lavan Laroda-	Pedican
McKenzie	Kirk Reckley
Fred Parker	Stanley Sawyer

Zeldon
Simmons

Cooper's Town

Cooper's Town

Five will be elected

Everette Bootle	Hiram McIntosh
Hartman Cooper	Kevin McIntosh
Kirk Cornish	Sabrina Russell
Ejnar Cornish	Elvine Sawyer
Garneth Edgecombe	Boynell Williams

Fire Road and Black Wood

Two will be elected

Cedric Bullard	Eddison Cornish
Eric Collie	John Williams

Green Turtle Cay

Five will be elected

David Bethell	Omri McIntosh
William Curry	Donald Outten
Floyd Johnson	Roswell Sawyer
Lincoln Jones	Walter Thompson
Lonnie Lowe	Kola Wells

Central Abaco District - Three Town Committees

Marsh Harbour

Marsh Harbour

Seven will be elected.

Mitchell Albury	Mike Malone
Nicholas Albury	Kim Roberts
Brent Cartwright	Tim O. Roberts
Robert Claridge	Frank Russell
Dale Hill	Chad Sawyer
Yvonne Key	Gefrey Victor

Spring City

Two will be elected.

Emory Curry	David Williams
Roger Delancy	

Dundas Town

Seven will be elected

Neil Adderley	Sonith Lockhart
Wayde Archer	Cay Mills
Carl Archer	Silbert Mills
Wayne Bastian	Faron Newbold
George Cornish	Churton Toote
Marguerita Cornish	Ellis Stuart
Dave Darville	Agustine Williams
Racel Ingraham	Jimmy Williams
Gracie Knowles	
Stephen Knowles	

Murphy Town

Seven will be elected.

Barbara Ambrister	Gilbert Davis	Henley Dawkins	Jason Swain
Yvonne Bethel	Cubell Davis	John Hudson	Paul Swain
Ernestine Bootle	Joy Davis	Glenn McDonald	George Stuart
Gwendolyn Carey	Rex Davis	Jeff Mills	Portia Wilkinson
Alexander Curry	Eugene Dawkins	Algie Reckley	

South Abaco District - Three Town Committees

Cherokee Sound

Cherokee Sound

Three will be elected.

Kenneth Albury	William Johnston
Vashti Albury	Kathy Ann Sawyer

Crossing Rocks

Five will be elected.

Joseph Bodie	Vernita Walker
Theadore Carroll	Israel Williams
Marilyn Davis	James Williams
Frank Hepburn	

Casuarina Point

Two nominated and both will serve.

Charles Albury	Netica Symonette
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Sandy Point

Five will be elected:

Hercules Clarke	Julia McKinney
Bradley Fox	Robert McKinney
Laurestine Fox	Paul Pinder
Julie Greene	Jason Roberts
Lunsworth	Nicholas Roberts
Lightbourn	Stanley White

Hope Town District Council

Great Guana Cay

One nominated and he will serve.

Glen Laing

Hope Town

Three will be elected

Diane Bethel	Junior Mernard
Jeffrey Key	Roscoe Thompson

Man-O-War

Three will be elected.

Antonio Albury	Gary Sawyer
William Albury	Jeremy Sweeting
George Phillpot	Walter Sweeting
Roy Russell	

Grand Cay Council

Five will be elected.

Calvin Albury	Kennedy Russell
Roosevelt Curry	McGarrett Russell
Carlin Russell	Sidney Rolle
George Russell	Toney Rolle

Moore's Island Council

Five will be elected

Jackson Davis	Solomon Hield
Randy Davis	Lillian Liang
Ruthmae Rolle	Nixon Simms
Valentino Feaster	Edward Stuart
Nathaniel Hield	Garnett Stuart

Notice

Timothy Oswald Roberts, who is running for the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, is the son of Oswald (deceased) and Myrtle Roberts of Treasure Cay and the son-in-law of Dave and Sharon Roberts of Marsh Harbour. S. Timothy Roberts, son of Telford Roberts, is not the candidate.



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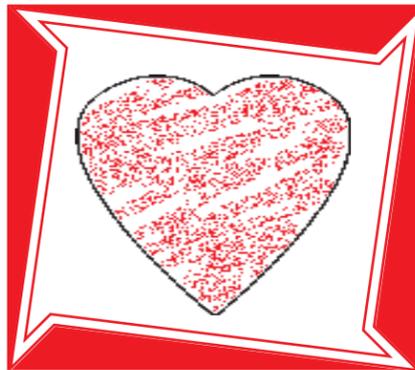
The HMY-Boat Harbour Invitational Billfish Blast made a donation to Trauma One and to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department during their recent tournament. Shown above are Manni Alexiou, left, owner of Boat Harbour, along with HMY officials giving checks to Linda Wilfang, center, representing Trauma One, and Michael Parotti, right, representing the fire department.

By Isobel Sherman

The Fourth Annual HMY-Boat Harbour Invitational Billfish Blast was held from May 27-May 31 at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour. Thirty-five boats were registered for this fishing tournament which focuses not only on fishing for the big blue but also on the fun side after lines are out of the water. The tournament included a huge fireworks display, courtesy of Shell Bahamas and Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour.

Under the rules of the tournament anglers could fish any three of the four days with one day being taken as a lay day. Each night brought a different theme to the dinner. A record number of blue marlin and white marlin were released during the four days, 42 blue and five white marlin.

The winner of this year's tournament was the boat *Lady S*, in second place was *Utopia* and third was *Aquaholic*. All these boats won on catch and release only. Only one blue marlin was boated in the whole tour-



namment and that was a 501-pound blue marlin caught by lady angler Debbie Austin.

Entertainment was outstanding and was varied each night. Tuesday was Sports Night, Wednesday was a Classical Music

and Video Dance Party, Thursday was a Country and Western Round Up and Friday was the victory tournament banquet and awards presentation. Despite heavy rain the anglers and sponsors had a great time at the banquet.

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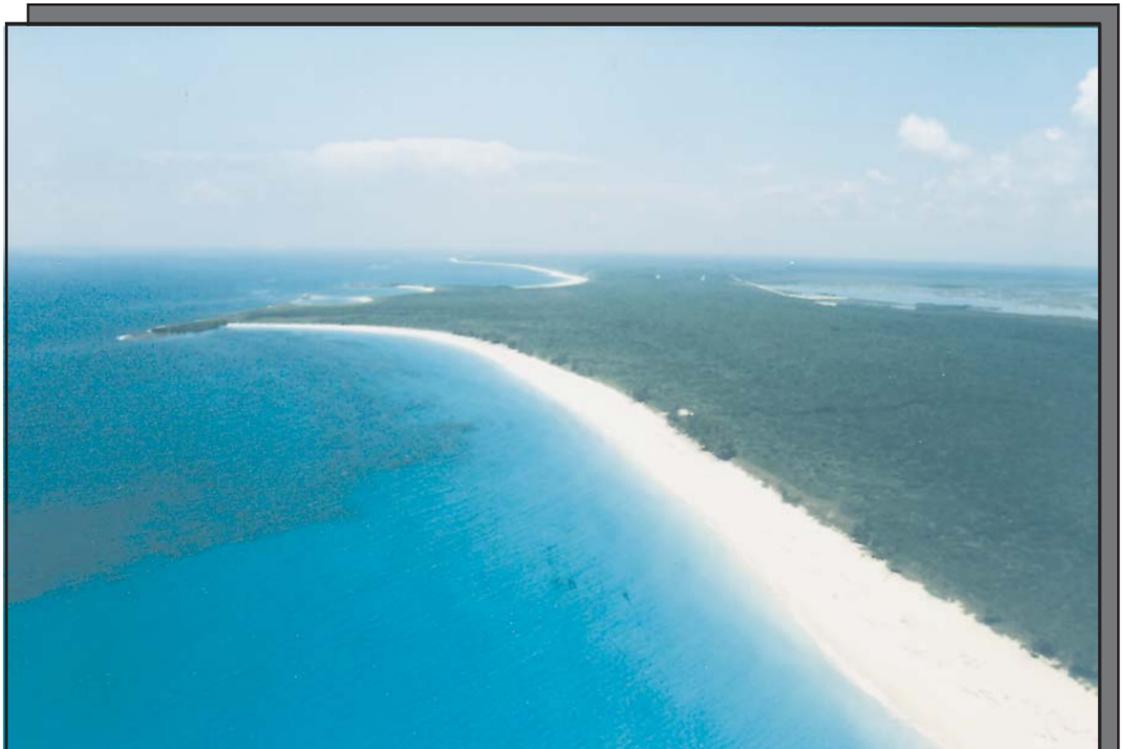
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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

After months of extremely dry weather, the rains finally came. Trees and lawns are green again, days are hot and steamy and the mosquitoes are back! Ah, the joys of summer! Green Turtle Cay is bustling with activity as the busy summer season is off to a start. There are only a few weeks left in the school year and students are busy with exams and upcoming graduations.

School News

Tiny Turtles held its graduation early this year. On May 31 eight students donned caps and gowns for their ceremony at the Miracle Church of God. Moving on to primary school will be Seanna Albury, Patiqua Cooper, Krista Curry, Burton Howell, Jamal Johnson, Taria McIntosh, Aaliyah Outten and Kenneth Roberts. The ceremony was bittersweet for the children as they also said goodbye to Burton and his family. Burton's dad, Michael, has been the chef at Green Turtle Club for the past three years. We will miss the Howell family and hope they will come back for visits.

In other school news, CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Thompson and the *Lion King* cast for receiving honors at the National Arts Festival judging. Congratulations also to the choir for another honors for their original song *A Tribute to the USA*. and to the sextet for Distinction in the Gospel category.

The sixth grade held a cookout and offered food for sale at their international exhibit to raise funds for their field trip. Principal Mrs. Anne Bootle, teacher Ms. Th-

ompson and parent Mrs. Pam Sawyer accompanied the students on their four-day trip to Nassau and Eleuthera.

New Dining Choices

Our island offers three new establishments for drinking and dining. The Jolly Roger Restaurant and Bar, located at Bluff House Marina has been open for the past few months. There's a pool, lounge area and gift shop right next to the restaurant. The menu offers the usual fare as well as other selections.

Sundowners (formerly Mike's Bar) is located on the water, offering outdoor dining and a beach. As the name suggests, happy hour and onto the early evening is a great time to be at Sundowners. A special on their menu is stone crab.

Pineapples is now in operation at the Other Shore Club. They offer outdoor dining on their deck overlooking Settlement Creek and the anchorage. Their menu offers burgers, conch fritters, etc.

Congratulations Are in Order

Our community welcomes two new baby boys. Congratulations to Ted and Almata Curry who welcomed Quadray Ishmail on April 21.

Kevin and April Roberts welcomed their second son Ethan Kevin on May 27. Congratulations to the proud parents and to big brother, Zachary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts on the arrival of their fourth grandchild. Skylar Grace was born on May 7 in Kenner, Louisiana. Proud parents are Tod

and Elizabeth Knaak.

Community Meeting

A community meeting was held on June 3 with special guest speaker Don Cornish of the Abaco Tourist Office. The discussion focused on the proposal of Chalk's Airline flying directly into New Plymouth. While the majority of those in attendance support the idea, the area to be used as a landing-terminal site as well as funding for the preparation of the site are yet to be decided.

Local Government elections will be held on June 27. Ten persons nominated for the five seats on our town committee. The five person who currently serve, David Bethell, Lincoln Jones, Lonnie Lowe, Roswell Sawyer and Kola Wells, are all seeking re-election. Also seeking election are Gregory Curry, Floyd Johnson, Omri McIntosh, Donnie Outten and Judson Thompson.

These Will Be Missed

A memorial service will be held on June 26 at the Gospel Chapel for Mr. Don Rothenhaus. Mr. Rothenhaus passed away earlier this year after a courageous fight with cancer. Don and his wife Ida have owned a home in White Sound for many years and Don was well liked in our community. Don's always smiling face made him a natural choice for the school fair's Santa. Don was supportive of our community and if he was in town, he and Ida were a part of com-

munity functions. He is survived by his wife Ida, daughters Robin, Betsy, Heidi and Sally, sons-in-law Jack, Patrick and David and grandchildren Lillian, Kate, James, Molly and Matty. We all miss Don and hope that his family will continue to visit and be a part of our community.

Funeral services were held on May 25 for Mr. Richard Hodgkins. Mr. Richie died at his daughter's home in Cherokee Sound. Mr. Richie is remembered as a quiet, hardworking man. He was predeceased by his wife Hilda, son Christopher and granddaughter Janey Sands. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Sharon Bethell, Peggy Hodge, Richard Jr. and Ann Hodgkins, Laura and Peter Sawyer, Kathy and Noel Sawyer, Ruth and Derick Sands, and Melvina and Joe Daddio, 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, sister Nellie Weech and other relatives and friends. Mr. Richie was 88 years old.

Other Community Items

Work to complete the roads in New Plymouth will begin this month. The area near the town dock and leading to Sundowners was badly damaged during the hurricanes of 1999. This work will complete the road work in our community.

Retirement Was Earned

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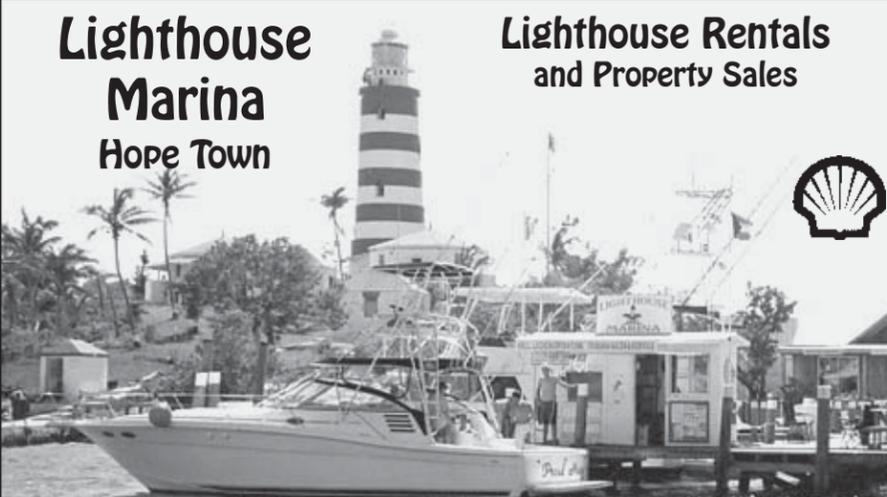
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Tourism Speaks on Airline Proposal

In informal fact-finding meeting was held in Green Turtle Cay on June 3 with 35 residents interacting with Abaco's Tourism manager Don Cornish. The main topic was the application by Chalks Airline to fly directly to the cay from South Florida with

their 17 place seaplane.

Opposition to the plan centers on the proposed seaplane ramp at Settlement Point which provides access to the dredged area beyond slated for a park. The ramp site was used during the 1950s by Bahamas Airways

! when Green Turtle Cay had airline service direct from Nassau. That came to a halt in 1959 when an airport opened on the main island of Abaco. Presently, it is proposed that the site be reactivated for Chalks seaplane to make a daily stop to the island.

The land was verbally assigned to the Green Turtle Cay Historical Society in 1993 by newly elected Prime Minister Hubert

Ingraham during a visit to the Cay. It was not known by anyone present if the Prime Minister's intention was later documented to the Historical Society. Several directors of the Historical Society were present but were not sure that this was documented.

An offer was made by the Other Shore Club to give a suitable ramp site if the Settlement Point site problems cannot be resolved.



Mr. Don Cornish of the Abaco Tourist Office met with residents of Green Trutle Cay on June 3 to discuss the possibility of Chalk's Airline providing amphibian air service to the cay. He is shown here, center, with Mr. David Bethell, left, chairman of the Town Committee, and Mr. Lonnie Lowe.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder
School News

In April the students planted a Lignum Vitae tree on the school grounds which they hope will grow to be a local landmark and will be here for many years to come. This is the national tree of The Bahamas. They already have a Yellow Elder, the national flower, that is doing very well planted near the road. These plantings are part of the students' on-going beautification program for our school and they will be entered as a nation-wide participant. A lovely underwater mural which will be displayed on the front of the building is nearing completion and should soon be put up for all to enjoy. Cherokee is praised as being one of the cleanest and neatest little settlements on

Abaco, and the school and school grounds are definitely a big part of what Cherokee is trying to maintain. So, this new-found pride and desire to improve their surroundings needs lots of encouragement and plenty of recognition.

Show and Tell

Each student was asked to make something to bring to class that they could share with their fellow students. They could make anything they wanted as long as they did it themselves.

Some of the entries were quite inventive and some very artistic. The various entries included an Arawak Indian village, a painting, a patchwork cushion, some shell work on wood as well as a Lego model spacecraft. Principal Ms. Lowe was impressed with their work and felt that most of them

did a very good job.

Mini-Fair in the Works

On June 22 the school plans to have a mini-fair to finish off the school year to raise some extra funds to have a little left over to keep in reserve for any unexpected necessities that they may need for the new school year. They hope everyone will come out and join in the fun.

Around Town

When the rain comes, the crabs crawl. It's not unusual to get up in the morning and find the crabs have escaped from one of your neighbours cages and one or two of them is scurrying hotly across your lawn trying to find a temporary hiding spot.

Even the littlest resident in Cherokee can catch a crab and almost everyone likes to eat them. The season is short while the crabs are crawling, but almost every household will be savouring big plates of spicy crab and rice with plenty of fresh hot bread, a local delicacy, as often as they can. If you have never tasted it, you don't know what you are missing.

Father's Day

The annual celebration of Father's Day is coming up soon and Cherokee children from *Kids Korner* will be putting on a special

Please see **South**

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Moore's Island recognized their teachers at a special teachers' appreciation church service. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Rankin, Mrs. Rankin, Ms. Rossan, Ms. Duff, Ms. Rolle, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Davis.

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Mike Malone

Local Government Candidate 2002
Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee

To the voters of South Abaco (Marsh Harbour) polling division 4-5-6:
You have twelve good candidates running for seven positions on the Marsh Harbour/Spring City Township Committee. You have seven votes. The choice is going to be difficult for you to make. I ask that you make one of your choices William "Mike" Malone.

To the voters who supported me in the past from polling division number five, I say "thank you" and I look forward to your continued support.

If elected, I promise that everything I do will be in the best interest of Abaco and not Mike Malone.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Achievements as Chief Councillor & Committee Chairman 1996-1999

- First Chief Councillor for District and first Chairman of the Marsh Harbour/Spring City Township Committee
- Served with distinction for three years 1996-1999 as Chief Councillor
- Initially responsible for Central Abaco District which included the Central Abaco Cays
- Corrected sewerage drainage problems at Marsh Harbour airport with Civil Aviation Department
- Hired first District Building Inspector
- Established first Local Government District Council Office in Abaco and The Bahamas to ensure essential delivery of services through Statutory Boards, Town Committees and Council
- Provided regular professional annual reports of the work of the Council to the District and the Government
- Relieved the District of the great burden and health risks posed by the Central Abaco dump and placed it under a proper management system
- Began process of constructing perimeter walls and fences at Abaco Central High School
- Assisted with acquisition of essential equipment and supervisory personnel at the Ministry of Public Works
- Ensured that general upkeep commitments were carried out by competent contractors throughout the township
- Managed a system of highly effective Statutory Boards equipped with a broad cross section of committed residents
- Recommended Crown Leases for several important individual and business applications within the District
- Ensured that sidewalks were placed in key areas of the Township to maximize public safety
- Initiated a landscaping project which encouraged businesses to place planters and aesthetically pleasing signs in front of their properties
- Worked with contracted individuals to improve public property upkeep and litter pick-up
- Established a nature area at the Fish Pond with a bridge and nature area for observation of fish and other wildlife
- Constructed a rest area and gazebo near Harbour View Marina
- Improved the the Crossing Beach facility
- Closed the dump sites at Spring City and Snake Cay and ensured centralized and timely collection and disposal at Marsh Harbour dump site
- Placed protective barricades at north end of Don MacKay Boulevard to ensure public safety

South Abaco News

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performance for their fathers (and their mothers, too) at 6 p.m. on June 16th in Epworth Methodist Chapel. Special awards will be handed out and afterwards a home-made ice-cream social will close out the evening on the steps of the Mission House porch. All are welcome to attend.

Moore's Island

School Celebrates Teachers Appreciation Week

By Rebecca Knowles and Anita Rolle

Teacher's Appreciation Week on Moore's Island was a bevy of activity as teachers, parents and students came out in full force to celebrate. Moore's Island All Age PTA played a key role in organizing

the activities for the week. The week's events included a special church service at Soul Seeking Ministries where the host Pastor was Rev. Anthony Williams. Guest speaker was Rev. Nixon Simms. Teachers were given words of encouragement, showered with awards and honored for their hard work. A talent and fashion show was organized which was very well attended - teachers participating in this successful event showed off their talent and strutted their stuff on the catwalk!

Fun Day was very exciting and included games such as egg and spoon race, 4x1 relay, three legged race, volleyball and a basketball game. Teachers took advantage of this time to let their hair down and relax to the maximum! It wasn't just your ordinary basketball game either - the game was played at



Greater Bethel Baptist Church participated in the Youth March held on May 27.



Celebrating Youth Month, youth groups on Moore's Island held a Youth March on May 27 to mark the event. Youth departments participating in the event were St. Matthew Baptist Church; Greater Bethel Baptist Church; Zion Baptist Church; Soul Seeking Ministry; and Worldwide Church of God. The march, co-ordinated by Ruthmae Rolle, ended with a mass rally at the community park. Shown above is the Soul Seeking Ministry group.



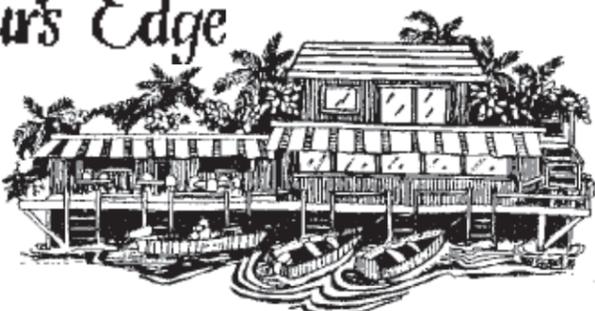
St. Matthew's Baptist Church youth enjoyed the march and rally celebrating Youth Month

half court for about TWO HOURS, breaking with a score of 13 ALL - second half to be continued NEXT YEAR, same time, same venue!

The week would not be complete without the most popular sport on the island of

Abaco - fishing! A fishing tournament was held on May 25 and drew scores of spectators and participants. Boat captains for this event were Mr. Ollie Davis, Mr. Ellis Stuart and Mr. Junez Stuart. Winning the tournament was Ms. Rossan with a total catch weight of 18 and a half pounds. The heaviest fish was caught by Ms. Rolle - a four

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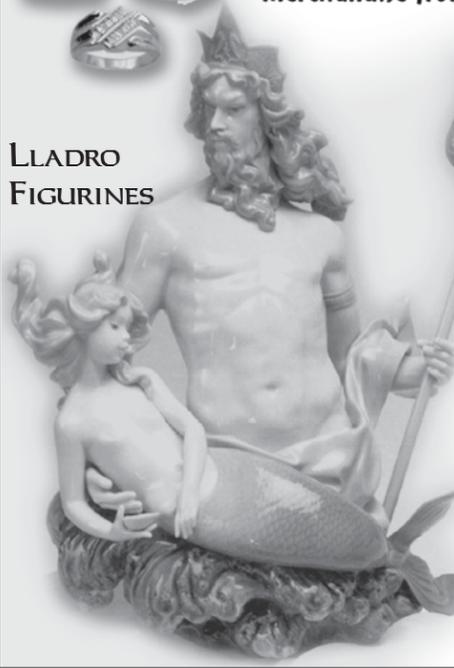
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The Editor Says - Choosing Our Local Government



On June 27 we will be electing the leaders of our communities which will make important decisions affecting our futures. They will be the ones in charge for the next three years. Although much of the work of local government is maintaining our towns, there are still many decisions these people make such as approving plans or issuing licenses which have long term effects. It is incumbent on us to make sure that the people we elect will do a conscientious job.

Perhaps the biggest problem local government officials face is the restraint that budgets put on them. Money is always short and it takes resourceful people to get the jobs done with the budgets they are allocated. Several towns have formed town improvement committees which are independent from local government. These groups can raise money, purchase equipment or do projects in the towns which complements the work of the elected committees and councils. Sometimes this is done in concert with their Town Committee and other times they work separately. Many times it is the same people working under two different sets of rules.

As we study the candidates, we have to decide who have the town interests at heart and who will actually work within the system. Some committee members attend meetings, accept their monthly stipend and go about their lives without further thought to their town responsibilities. They can make plenty of noise at the monthly meetings and want recognition of their position, but that is all that happens.

In some instances the choices are between a candidate with a known record and an untested new candidate. A good committee should have a mixture of old experienced members and new persons willing to learn and serve. New unbridled enthusiasm is great but it usually must be tempered with a bit of experience to get things done. New people bring new views, new problems to the table and hopefully new solutions to consider.

Many will vote for friends and this is fine if we sincerely believe he or she will work for our town. Remember, that after the election, we need to be in communication with these leaders to let them know how we feel about their work and our opinions of their ideas which are under consideration. It is

easier to work with friends supporting them through the thick and thin of local politics than dealing with those we are less comfortable with. But we must consider if our friends are actually the best choice. When our friend is less qualified or less enthusiastic than other candidates, we must make a difficult choice.

When controversy arises in local government, clear thinking must prevail. Are friendships and alliances more important or the long range effect to the town? Unexpected situations will come up that do not have clear solutions - unusual buildings, inadequate parking, tenders that appear to be too high, unqualified persons attempting to get contracts, new ventures that threaten old established businesses, more bars and liquor stores - yet these and other situations will arise. The committee members we elect must be prepared to deal with issues like these and change with the times as conditions dictate.

Our choices for local government must be for persons willing to listen to the community and follow their wishes. On controversial issues we must accept their judgement, which is why we elected them. However, committee and council members willing to listen to us are better choices.

Generally Speaking . . . Choice and Consequence

By S. Timothy Roberts

Our elections are free - it's in the results where eventually we pay. - Bill Stern

Life is full of choices. Daily we are bombarded by the consequences of our own choices as well as the choices of others. Some of these choices are insignificant in the way they affect others and ourselves. Other choices are momentous affecting many people and sometimes even many nations.

Choice is a power, a privilege and, indeed, a responsibility that we hold within us. It is a force that we truly have a degree of control over.

Everything that happens throughout a day is based upon choices we make. It is true that by not choosing you still choose. So no matter what you do or don't do, every day is filled with choices.

In response to our choices, life throws consequences back at us. Now not all consequences are bad. A consequence is merely the relation of a result to its cause.

What we have quickly noted here is that practically everything we do is based upon choice and that all choices carry consequences.

Now we have democracy, which is essentially government by the people (by their choice). This is determined through the process of elections. Election is the act of choosing, and in this case it is by means of a balloted vote.

So we are soon again going to be called upon to vote. On June 27 we will be required to make choices, in this we have no other option. If we stay home and do nothing, or should we go out and vote, it is the

Cooperation and negotiation accomplish more than confrontation and belligerence. Are our choices for the committees able to negotiate, are they able to work together, are they team players? The town committees and councils are not places for those who must always be in charge or who feel their view is the only one to consider.

Town Committees are not places for persons holding grudges as that attitude accomplishes nothing for the town. Opposing views are acceptable but grudges and vendettas have no place in the committees.

We have had some excellent leaders in the past and some are willing to try it again. Others have decided to withdraw. This encourages newcomers to try their hand in local government. It is much like growing up in a functioning family. Children grow up under their parents guidance. As they develop, they work with their parents or occasionally compete against them. Later, the parents accept a lesser role and the younger folks become the leaders. Local government follows this pattern with newcomers learning from those now serving.

It is most encouraging to see the large number of people nominating for this election. This indicates a basic interest that our

people have in local government. We hope that this indicates a sincere interest in handling the town affairs. Maybe some of the new faces we see emerging have watched the present officials and felt that they had better ideas and more energy to offer. We hope that is the case. Other possibilities could be an interest in being a dominant person in the town which we hope is not the case. Or it could be from frustration that the previous groups were ineffective. We hope that no one has the idea of benefiting personally from their position. Hopefully, those seeking personal glory are weeded out in the election.

This local government election comes on the heels of the national election with its FNM and PLP overtones. Unfortunately, that opposing mentality is still foremost in some minds. A few good candidates will be dismissed because of this which is unfortunate. Local government should not be political at all. Some of our present committees and councils have prominent party members of each party working side by side quite effectively.

Our local government will be effective only to the point that we elect qualified, conscientious persons who will be committed to making our communities better. The choices in some instances will be difficult to make but we must choose our representatives wisely and thoughtfully. Local government is only as good as the people we elect.

result of our choice.

I ask you now, what good is your right or privilege to vote should you choose not to? Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good. 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm."

Not only should we vote, but we should with the highest level of understanding that we can gather. This is a choice that not only affects the person voting, but also the entire electorate. In the case of local government by voting we are choosing a group who will be responsible for managing the affairs of our community. This directly affects those around us, our families and ourselves.

There is also the matter of what choices are available. Each community or district has a group of individuals who are seeking to be elected. Each of these individuals brings to the job his personality, ideals and agendas. Some truly have the best interests of the community in mind. However, there may be some who are motivated by self-interest, greed or pride.

When we go to the polls, we are choos-

ing who we think is the best person or group for the job. We ought to be considering who these candidates are even now and prepare ourselves to decide in whom we shall place our trust. When the voting is over and the ballots counted, we will have to accept the choice that is handed to us. It is our place to make sure it is the choice we want to live with.

To not vote on something which so critically and directly affects us is a disservice to ourselves and all those in our community.

Not voting can also, in certain instances, determine that the unpopular candidate be selected. That is, if enough of the electorate did not come out to support the popular individual, then the unpopular individual by default has a greater chance of being selected. Not because his own support was so great, but because the other's support was so little. It is our right, however, to choose; it is our individual decision to make whether we vote or not, and for whom and why.

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Seat Belts

The new law regarding the wearing of seatbelts has come on stream. After nearly one week of driving with the seatbelt on, I am still not used to buckling and unbuckling. Short trips are tedious. Buckling and unbuckling. However, I do not wish to pay the fines so I will comply with the law. I always wore my seatbelt when I made long drives like to Treasure Cay or Cooper's Town, but I never bothered to wear it driving around Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. I am now driving with the belt buckled everywhere. I suppose in a few more weeks it will become automatic, get in the car and buckle up, and maybe it will also be more comfortable.

The Library

Now that my daughter is home for the summer I have begun weekly or bi-weekly trips to the Marsh Harbour Community Library. I had not been there for about one year. The library is better than ever. There

are plenty of books to read, a computer to use and even a copy machine. With the books available in the library there is no reason why children and adults alike cannot enjoy reading and at the same time improve their reading skills. The library is the result of the hard working Mrs. Yvonne Key, who had the idea and with the help of others got it off the ground. Thank you, Mrs. Key.

Hurray for the Young

On nomination day for Local Government in Central Abaco I was happy to see that several young adults nominated in Marsh Harbour. Two of those are ex-students of mine. Yes, they are young in their early to mid-twenties. I am happy because they are stepping up to hopefully get positions where they can assume responsibilities of the managing of a community. Too often young people are labeled wrongly. The young are the future of Abaco, the Bahamas and the world. Let us listen to them and be proud that they decided to get involved.

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Letters to the Editor

Where Does the Money Go?

To the Editor

Presently there are more than 150 foreign owned homes on Guana Cay and more are being built monthly. The taxable value of the land and buildings of each property averages more than \$175,000 which is taxed at 1 percent annually. Therefore, at least \$ 262,500 is received by the government every year.

With Orchid Bay coming rapidly on-line, there will soon be 75 more homes, each one valued, land and buildings, at more than \$400,000 each, resulting in an additional \$300,000 of tax revenue going to Nassau for a total annually of more than \$562,500.

Add to this the eight percent stamp tax on all real-estate sales, the hotel and meals taxes and we are talking a whole lot of money going South.

What does Guana Cay get back through the Abaco and Hope Town councils?

Last year I believe it was \$50,000.

Why can't Guana Cay have a managed dump, a fully funded school, roads without pot holes, fire protection, street lights, emergency and security services and the other amenities enjoyed by her sister cays and Abaco itself?

Great Guana Cay Homeowner

Let's Move Forward Together

The Editor,

If you will provide the space, hopefully, I can provide a view of, at least, a little interest. Thanking you in advance.

It has been said that we Abaconians cannot accuse the PLP of never "doing" nuthin' for Abaco." That is absolutely right. To do so would be too generic and immature. We can say, however, that the FNM accomplished much more in a relatively short period of time, as far as infrastructure is concerned anyway. So, what brought about the downfall of such an accomplished political organisation as the FNM? Actually, there were many different events that hurt the FNM terribly, all of which have been analyzed over and over since election day by various opinionated persons like myself.

The defeat of the FNM at the polls on May 2, however, can be attributed to one thing, which is a common affliction among powerful people. The English-speaking world refers to it as *arrogance*. There's no sense in hiding from it or continuing to lament over what coulda, shoulda, woulda happened if only we had done this or that. Or the rumours might be true. Maybe "Hubbigity" did make a promise to Sir Lynden on his death bed. Maybe the election was sabotaged. Some say "Truth is stranger than fiction."

Whatever we choose to believe, there is one undeniable fact. The election is over. The people, no, wait a second, I mean THE PEOPLE have spoken. And quite frankly, they were very pointed in their speaking. My advice? Get up, dust yourself off and move on, preferably forward. The Bahamas, like so much of the rest of the world, is changing. There have been many powerful, sometimes strange (if you believe the rumours) and always necessary changes that have brought us to the point we are presently at.

I am looking forward to great things in the future. I hope I'm not disappointed. I am, however, a little put off by reports already reaching the news media of alleged victimisation. Victimisation can only happen to those who will be intimidated, just as powerful people are only powerful as long as they are supported by other people who share their views. Prime Minister Christie has publicly stated that there will be no victimisation under his watch. So, to those who would seek to subvert his promise, I say, Bugger

off.

This is the "New Improved PLP," and believe me, there is nobody happier to hear that than myself. The New PLP has my support as long as the greater good of the many outweighs the interests of the few self-serving individuals. Time will tell.

Sincerely,

William (Billy) Roberts

A Time to Ring the Bell and Wake Up

Dear Editor,

Please allow me again a little space in your much read paper for a little "wake-up" call to Abaco residents but especially to Marsh Harbour residents including the business sector, etc.

This island has delivered in many ways, especially in the last 30 years, since the Marsh Harbour airport was opened to air travel, passengers, freight, emergencies, etc. As many of you readers know how I can talk and write a lot. Still I wondered how I could start and end this letter best.

As a former postal clerk who helped manage the local post office at that time located next to Barclays Bank, I saw new businesses start, then close, Crockett Farm, M and M Farm canning factory in "the forest" many years after Wilson City Lumber Company, Green Turtle Cay pineapple canning factory.

I saw, and many of you saw, the smoke stacks of BAIL sugar cane mill producing raw, light brown, coarse sugar after Owens-Illinois pulpwood company had left Abaco or almost left. All this and I hardly touched on the purpose of this letter.

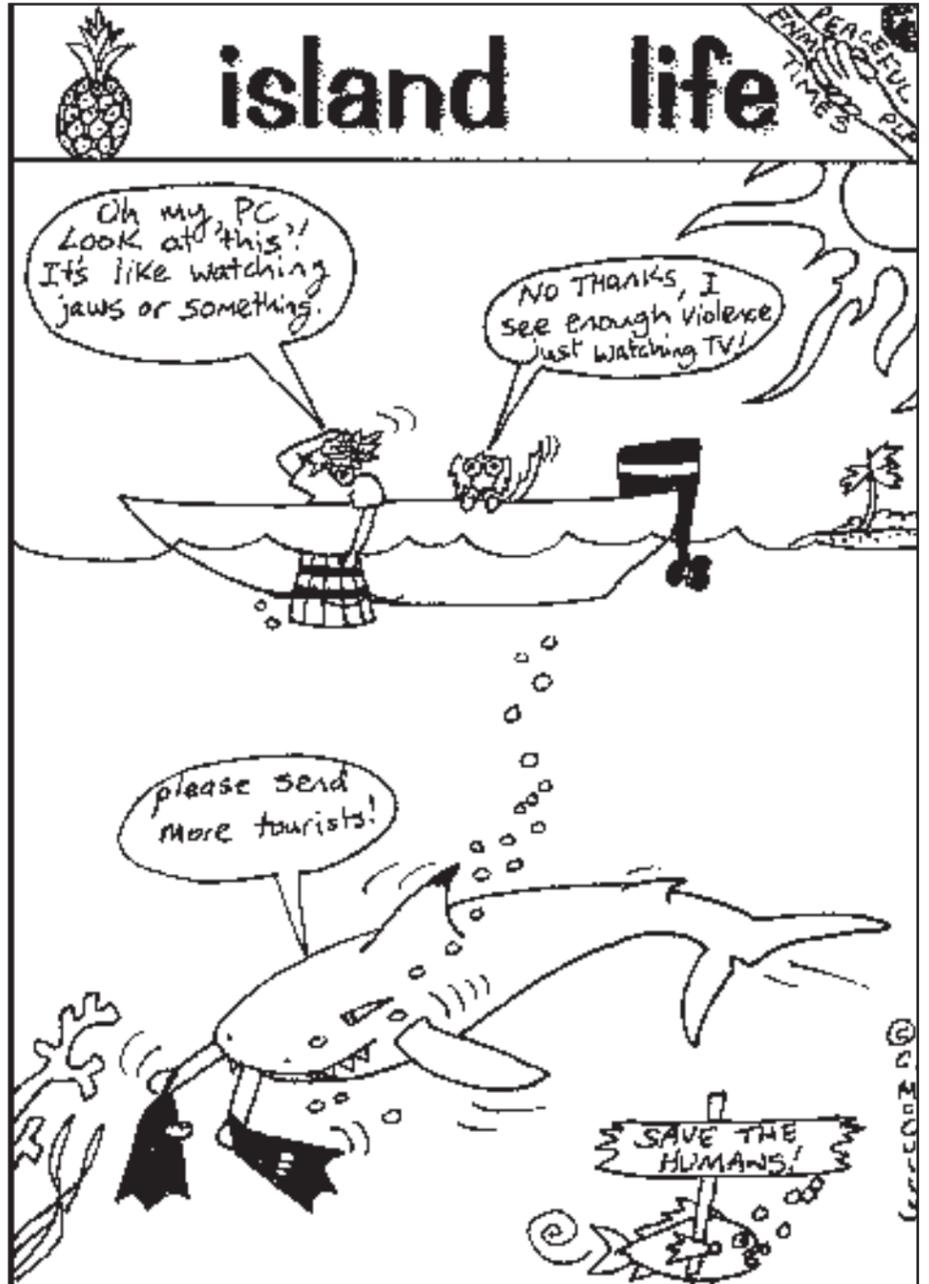
If you people that are of a short attention span are still with me here, I'd like to say or write that someone and something seems to have been overlooked or forgotten. I hope not.

Before I go on, I'd like to repeat a quote by the late Sir Winston Churchill to remind some of you about showing appreciation for service. He said after World War II, "Never before in the fields of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

He referred, of course, to the British armed forces I believe, but to the few members, pilots and crew of the Royal Air Force. Thank Almighty God for them, also for the US armed forces and other allies. Even Russia was an ally of sorts at that time.

Readers, now I will try here to make a long story shorter. A well known lady from Abaco from Murphy Town, Mrs. Parker is a nice humble Christian lady after 34 years of job stress in the post office and a handicap of a high-low blood sugar condition including eye surgery. She could still manage to give people a pleasant smile. Is it something to say "thank you" and "well done" etc, to her for, Amen, it seems that most people who do show love to post office staff at Christmas said or did nothing before Ena Mae Parker left. This must be a bad dream.

P.S. In conclusion I've heard that out of



ten lepers that Jesus Christ healed when on earth, only one came back to thank Him for the miracle. Mrs. Parker, Ena Mae, is still around. Say something and do something before it's too late for you or for her or for all of us to say anything.

Ena Mae can tell you that I helped train her in post office work in 1967 way back then even before British post office instructor, Mr. Wallace, in Nassau affectionately called her "Eartha Kitt!" Post office training in Nassau was an experience. Well, back in the 1950s or 60s Eartha Kitt, a smooth cute black gal, was a star, a movie star and a singer. I have seen her picture long ago. Come on, Mr. Forkie and smile. It takes old guys like us to remember names like Eartha Kitt or a Jackie "Mom's" Mabley, singer and comedienne who has entertained at the White House in Washington under Lyndon Johnson's government administration. Anyone know about cute and perky Teresa Brewer and her hit song *Put Another Nickel in the Nickelodeon?* All a part of this life back then

God says: Et Bon Jours! Hasta Manana! I thank you.

Sincerely,
Lee Lowe

Is Cable Giving Adequate Service?

Dear Editor,

It was my understanding that Cable Bahamas would provide service to all communities in the Marsh Harbour area. I thought that was what government mandated when they gave Cable Bahamas their license. Now come to find out that, even if the cable line is on the poles, that does not mean you can get cable service. I was told by a representative in Nassau that Cable Bahamas did not anticipate people living on certain roads in the Marsh Harbour area. Food for thought.

Puzzled

A Tribute to an Archer Ancestor

Dear Editor,

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School News

Teachers Are Honoured

By Anita Rolle

Schools around the Bahamas celebrated Teachers' Appreciation week on May 19-25. At Central Abaco Primary School a special assembly was held on May 24 where teachers were showered with gifts as students expressed their love and appreciation. Following the assembly, teachers were treated to a luncheon by the Parent Teachers Association. The teaching profession is so often taken for granted, and teachers so often go unrecognized for their efforts. Teachers' Appreciation week was established for this very purpose - time set aside to say "thank you" to those that play such an important role in molding the lives of our children.

I would be remiss if I did not also take this opportunity to say "thank you" to a special teacher who has played such an important role in the life of my daughter for the past six months, assisting in the smooth transition to a new school, new island, new friends and faces and new environment. This young lady cradles her students as if they're her very own children.

I specifically know of a time that she was feeling ill and was advised by the doctor to take off work for a few days and rest. Of course, she did not follow doctors orders! Why not? In her words, "My children are preparing for GLAT!" Ms. Robertha Lindsay, third grade teacher at the Central Abaco Primary School, hats off to you for going the extra mile every day, giving Ashley that extra push and encouraging her to do her very best. Thank you!

The participation of parents in the school life of their children is so vital. As parents

we must do our best to support our children and their efforts. When they do well, we must praise them, when they do poorly, we must encourage them, praise them for having tried and let them know that nothing is impossible. Once our children see that we are interested in their progress, they are inspired to do well, thus making the teachers job just a tad bit easier.

School Was Blessed

By Isobel Sherman

On May 29 the Rev. Lawrence Burke, Archbishop of the Catholic Diocese of the Bahamas, blessed the new classroom building at St. Frances de Sales School in Marsh Harbour. Also coming from Nassau for the event were Sister Mary Benedict, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools, Dr. Linda Davis, member of the Catholic Board of Education, and Mrs. Claudette Rolle, Supervisor of Curriculum of the Catholic Schools.

The weather was overcast which turned into heavy rain showers before the programme was over. With the rain pouring down Archbishop Burke said that the school was not only preparing students to

make a living but how to live. He said this is done by following the dictates of the Gospel. He stated that the Catholic Church came to Abaco to be of service to the people.

Throughout the programme different classes performed. Grade 6 sang the school song, Grade 10 recited a story in Spanish, Grades 3 and 7 did a song and praise dance and Grade 11 students recited sayings of Michael Pintard.

After Bishop Burke blessed the school, refreshments followed for the students and the invited guests.

Inspection

By Isobel Sherman

Once again the Cambridge Board of Examinations sent an inspector to Abaco to inspect the BGCSE Examination facilities. The Inspector visited only two schools again as was done last year, Forest Heights Academy and Abaco Central High School. Mr.

Huel Moss, Vice Principal of Abaco Central High School, said the inspector was very impressed with the set up and the security measures taken.

Abaco Central High Graduation Time

The graduation for the Class of 2002 at Abaco Central High School will be held on June 25 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Guest speaker will be Mr. Jack Thompson, Chief Passport Officer for the Bahamas. Forty-five students are members of the Class of 2002.

Deadline Approaches

By Isobel Sherman

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Club News



Pilot International President, Mrs. Sharon Slusher, is shown on the left presenting the charter to President of Pilot Club of South Abaco, Mrs. Claudia Pinder, on the right.

New Pilot Club Charter

By Neulessa Major

On May 25 in Sandy Point a new Pilot Club was chartered by President of Pilot International, Mrs. Sharon Slusher, and President of the Pilot Club of Abaco, Mrs. Neulessa Major. The new club is called Pilot Club of South Abaco.

The president of the club is Mrs. Claudia Pinder, president-elect Mrs. Raquel Sweeting, treasurer Mrs. Valeria Lightbourne, recording secretary Mrs. Donna Bain, corresponding secretary Mrs. Sancha Pinder assistant treasurer Ms. Anne Darville and chaplin Mrs. Carmeta Roker. There were 20 members chartered including three males.

Pilot Clubs are one of the world's leading and outstanding service organizations with some 25,000 members worldwide. If you are interested in volunteering your time to upgrade and render service to the Abaco community, consider joining one of our clubs. The Pilot Club of Central Abaco meets the third Tuesday of every month and the Pilot Club of Sandy Point meets the first Saturday of every month.

AA Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

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New Anchor Club Is Chartered

On May 25 President of Pilot International, Mrs. Sharon Slusher, and president of the Pilot Club of Abaco, Mrs. Neulessa Major, chartered a new Anchor Club called the Anchor Club of Abaco Central High School. They were chartered with 20 members.

Officers include president Lakeisha Douglas, president-elect Antonise Nicholas, treasurer Sasha Williams, secretary Alexis Sawyer and chaplin Temeka Cooper. The advisor for the club is Ms. Fontella Rolle assisted by Mrs. Zally Chu.

The charter ceremony was held at Mackerels Restaurant and was attended by visiting governor-elect Ethlyn Morley, visiting president of the Pilot Club of Nassau, Ms. Rohda Bullard Stamp and other Pilot members and Anchor member from our evening Anchor Club.



A new Anchor Club has been chartered at Abaco Central High School. Officials on hand for the ceremony are shown above. They are, left to right, visiting governor-elect Ms. Ethlyn Morley, Pilot International President Sharon Slusher, President of Pilot Club of Abaco Neulessa Major and the President of the new Anchor Club Lakeisha Douglas.

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Central Abaco News

Model Search Underway

By Anita Rolle

Why not get paid for your beauty? Fame Productions has announced that it is on the lookout for a Splash Trader Cover Girl. Splash Trader magazine, the brainchild of Fame operator and owner Angelique Rollins, is scheduled to be launched this summer. The magazine will be a trade magazine specializing in Classified Ads while the cover will feature local Bahamian models ages 6 to 40 years old.

The winner of the first Cover Girl Model Search will receive \$400 in prize money in the adult category and \$200 in the children's category, the final competition being held in the form of a pageant in August 2002. All entry forms should be accompanied by a five by seven full shot colour photo and an entrance fee of \$35 for children and \$45 for adults. Sponsors are also being invited to become a part of this great event. Applications and any further information may be obtained at Fame Productions Studio, upstairs in the Dove Plaza Suite 202. Deadline for applications is June 28, 2002.

Cherokee Air

By Alice Bain

Cherokee Air has leased a 19-seat Beechcraft 1900 aircraft from BH Travel Center in Nassau and is planning to estab-

lish non-scheduled routes between Nassau, Marsh Harbour and Freeport on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Bahamian government has recently been relaxing Bahamasair's monopoly on scheduled routes within the Bahamas and many charter companies are maneuvering themselves to take advantage of this.

"The Beechcraft can carry a ton of luggage," said Faron Sawyer of Cherokee Air, "It's a really nice plane." Cherokee Air pilots will be training for certification on the new airplane. Until then the Beechcraft will remain based out of Nassau. In the future, Cherokee will be running this service from Marsh Harbour, and BH Travel will continue its service from Nassau to Long Island, Deadman's Cay and Haiti. The partnership will allow the two companies to provide more reliable service along all of their routes. Rates on Cherokee Air's new service from Marsh Harbour to both Nassau and Freeport are \$95 one way and \$160 round trip.

Bible Book Store Opens

By Isobel Sherman

Inspirational House, a store specializing in Bibles, church and Sunday School supplies has opened in the Colina Insurance Building on Don MacKay Blvd. It is owned by Tanya Newbold.



One of the attractions at the recent Anglican Church fair was a bouncing castle for children. Other games and competitions entertained the crowd.



The diocese of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church of Marsh Harbour and St. Marks Anglican Church of Sandy Point held a joint fund raising fair in Marsh Harbour on June 1. A DJ with popular music and a variety of games and fun activities entertained while food booths kept the crowd happy.



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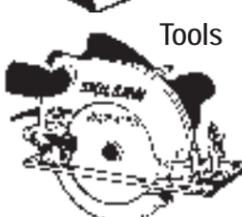
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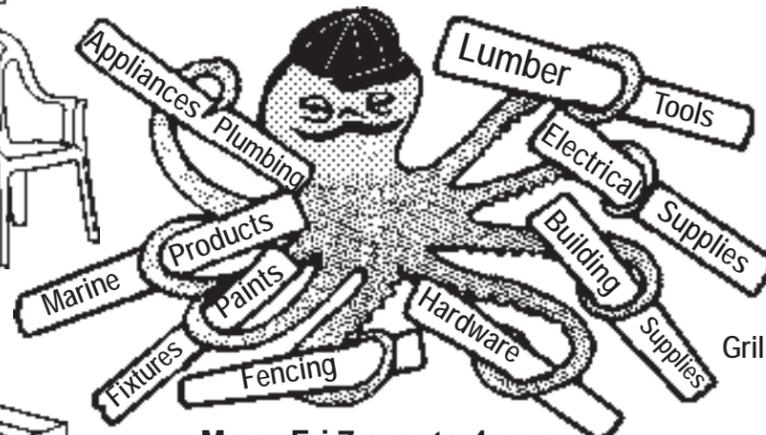


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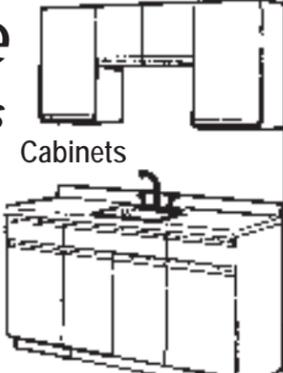
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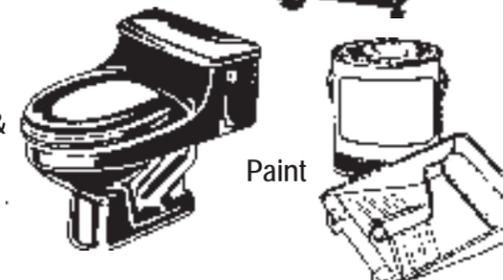
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LA Home Coming a Resounding Success

Home Coming

From Page 1

out in full force to jam with Bahamian singing sensations K.B. and Terez Hepburn, who awed the crowd with Bahamian music exactly the way it should be done! The cultural show on Saturday night, of course, would not have been complete without the antics of Mr. Austin Mills and Company. DJ Tyrone T made history as he commentated his very first basketball game! Anyone who's ever had contact with this DJ got exactly what we expected - endless hilarious shenanigans throughout the entire game! It's hard to decide which drew the most attention and laughs - the uncalled fouls on the basketball court or Tyrone T's capers on the microphone! On Sunday night entertainment came in the form of a gospel

concert featuring church groups from the Little Abaco area.

Everything Bahamian was available for eats. For the sweet tooth there was guava duff, cakes and other delightful treats. Scrumptious meals included the traditional fish, chicken and sides. Probably the most popular stall by far was serving delicious conch salad, grilled conch and chicken among other items. And who said men can't handle themselves in the kitchen? Thanks to the guys at this stall - representing the Little Abaco Men's Fellowship, my appetite was sated ALL DAY LONG.

Congratulations to Lonikea McIntosh, winner of the Miss Home Coming Pageant and her court which included Clayshaun Brown first runner up, Jonikia Pierre second runner up, Onasha Parker third runner up and

Kendace McIntosh fourth runner up; to the basketball teams who showed true comradery proving that it's not all about winning, it's

about having a great time. Hats off to the Little Abaco Homecoming Association for organizing a great weekend. Those of you who missed it - start planning for next year.



The Little Abaco Home Coming held on June 7-9 included a contest to choose Miss Home Coming. Shown above is Clayshaun Brown, first runner-up in the contest.



A basketball tournament was one of the activities organized at the Little Abaco Home Coming on June 7-9. The events were held in Fox Town.

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Freight Dock Construction Continues



Construction of the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour continues. American Bridge, the US-based contractor in charge of the work, is staying on schedule with the work of building a new dock, freight warehouses and offices and dredging a new channel out to deep water. Shown above is the view of the land fill forming the new area of dock. The seawall is heavy steel sheet piling capped with concrete. The capping is being completed in segments. The foreground is the present freight dock and warehouse. Beyond that on the left, just over the roof of the old warehouse, is the foundation for the new warehouse for domestic freight. This present warehouse will be removed. The new international warehouse building will be built in the central area, not yet filled in.



This shows the current status of the buildings being constructed by American Bridge at the new dock. In the foreground men are working on the foundation of the warehouse for domestic freight. In the background is the port administration building with offices for customs, brokers and freight companies. The fill under that building came from the site of a new road joining Crockett Drive with S.C. Bootle Highway. The road area had to be excavated and the rock from that area was hard. Much of the material being dredged from the channel is muck which is not being used for fill as it is not stable. A large new warehouse will be constructed for international freight in the area still not filled.



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By Anita Rolle

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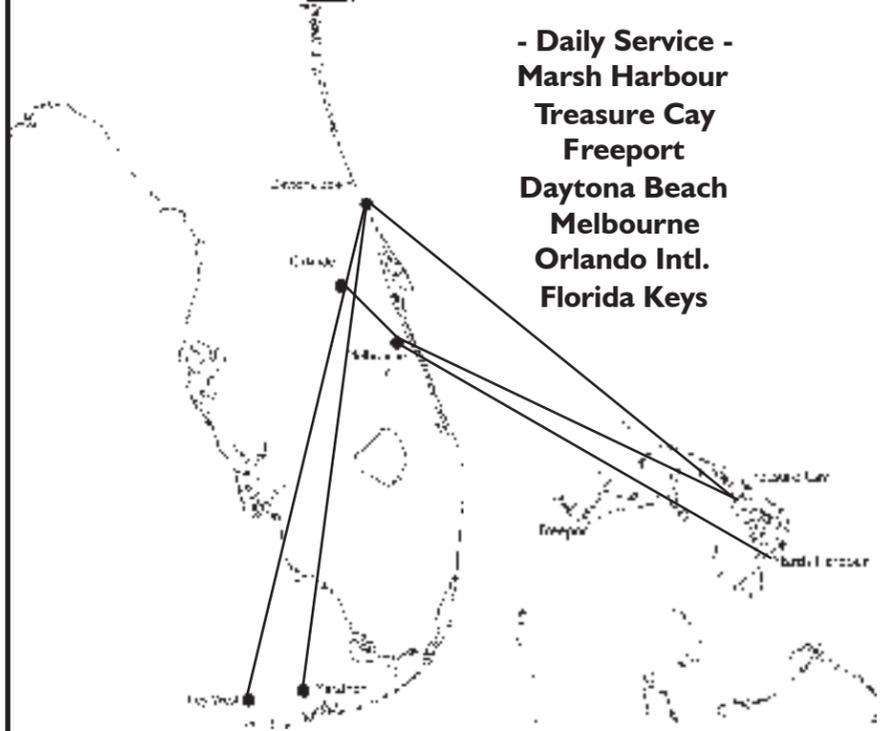
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Sandy Point Celebrates Labour Day

The beach at Sandy Point reverberated June 7 and 8 with boats, bands and bathers. Topping the entertainment schedule were two Class C dinghy races for the small Bahamian work boats.

Race one was held Friday afternoon in very light air. Race two was on Saturday and was delayed until enough wind came up to allow the boats to sail. Race three was cancelled due to a lack of wind.

The goal of the organizers of the Home Coming event was to raise enough money to complete the combination storm shelter and recreation building on high ground outside town on the highway. The building is

closed in but needs interior finishing.

Two days of active beach activities concluded on Sunday with church services and gospel concerts.

On the Friday and Saturday race days, there were speed boats, jet skis, a multitude of water toys and kite rides. Beach volleyball games, dominoes, food stalls, several bars, conch salad stands, ice cream vendors, dinners, sweets and other delicacies kept the crowd entertained and well fed. A disc jockey provided constant music during the day and a live band played at night. A Little Miss Sandy Point beauty contest was on the program.

Cigarette speed boats and jet skis strutted their stuff along the waterfront just beyond the swimmers. The nimble jet skis and their youthful riders were constantly zooming, jumping and spinning, attempting to attract the eyes of the young ladies in their beachwear. There was something for everyone to look at.

Cars lined the highway for a quarter mile on each side of the Oiesha Resort across from the beach site. The freighters *Mia Dean* and the *Cherese M* brought race boats and passengers from Nassau and the southern islands.

Accommodations in Sandy Point are limited and the town was full of visitors. A steady stream of cars were on the highway

coming from the central Abaco area bringing people to the evening activities.

Although the home coming is a Sandy Point tradition dating back to the 1970s, this was the first year a regatta was incorporated which seven boats entered. The Class C boats are a shallow draft boat, well suited for the shallow water off the Sandy Point beach. The races began and ended close to the beach, giving spectators on the shore a good view.

The standings at the end of the second race were:

<i>Good Night Irene</i>	12
<i>Sacrifice</i>	10

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Legal Weapon is shown taking advantage of a puff of good wind on a mostly calm day during the regatta at Sandy Point on June 7 and 8. This boat came in third for the two races that were held.



Seven Class C boats raced in the first regatta to be held in Sandy Point. Light winds prevented the boats from following the plans for three races. Only two were held.

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Home Coming Includes First Regatta

Home Coming *From Page 16*

<i>Terminator</i>	10
<i>Legal Weapon</i>	9
<i>Chaser</i>	7
<i>Craze Partner</i>	4
<i>Miss Judy</i>	4

The Sandy Point Improvement Association and the Sandy Point Homecoming and Regatta Committee worked together to make

the event a success. The Improvement Association has a Nassau Branch which helps greatly with publicity, fund raising and logistical support. Administrator Everette Hart assisted the committee in planning the event along with Bruce Lightbourne, Treasurer of the Home Coming and Regatta Committee.

Sandy Point was competing with other communities staging events over the long Labour Day weekend. Little Abaco held a home coming in Fox Town, a 110-mile drive



A beautiful beach, lovely weather, many popular games and competitions, lots of music and good food all came together to make the Sandy Point Home Coming a great weekend festival. People of all ages enjoyed the long holiday weekend.



Some of the entertainment was not planned such as several planes flying low over the beach. Such tactics were not appreciated by many of the party goers.



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Viewpoint The Worrisome Fears of Antarctica

By Alice Bain

Following in the long-standing and well-respected tradition of media alarmism, I feel I must educate the Abaconian public-at-large about the devastating possibilities provided by global warming and the disintegration of the Antarctic ice shelves.

As you may or may not be aware, there have been several peripheral reports this year about record-breaking icebergs forming off the Waddell Sea in Antarctica. The culprit is the Larsen B Ice Shelf—a web of ice about 700 feet thick that until recently extended to the eastern side of the Antarctic peninsula which reaches north towards Cape Horn and the Straits of Magellan. Scientists have been tracking a warming trend on the peninsula since the 1940s and were aware of fissures forming in the Larsen shelf as early as 1997. They were not prepared, however, for 60 percent of the ice shelf to simply break off and float away in the space of three months earlier this year.

Seven hundred twenty billion tons of ice was liberated from the continent—which is enough to fill 290 TRILLION five-pound ice bags. At \$3.50 for a bag of ice at any food store on Abaco that comes to \$1.015 quadrillion worth of frozen fresh water, just floating around and melting. It's a crime against Capitalism, but I digress.

The demise of the Larsen shelf is interesting from a scientific standpoint, but not particularly worrisome since the ice that broke off was floating in the sea anyway and will not displace any more water than it did back when it was attached to the land. The truly disturbing possibility is that the same thing might happen to the massive Ross Ice Shelf on the side of the continent that faces the Pacific Ocean.

The Ross is about the same size as Mexico, and its main benefit is to hold back the miles-thick glaciers poised on top of the Antarctic continent. Without this ice shelf, these glaciers would flow into the Ross Sea at a much accelerated pace, dumping enough ice into the world's oceans to raise global sea levels by FIFTEEN FEET.

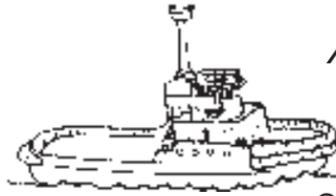
This would be enough to swamp most areas of Abaco, turning it into a broken chain of smaller islands as the marls and most of the southern side would sink beneath the sea, leaving only the ridges that extend to the north and south of Marsh Harbour above the water line. High Rocks would be fine, but Little Orchard residents would have to swim. Incidentally, New York City, New Orleans, most of the Gulf Coast of Texas, most of the state of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas up to the Piedmont area, Washington D.C. and Boston

would also be flooded, not to mention vast areas of every other continent on Earth.

However, good citizens of Abaco need not reach for the gopher-wood and bitumen just yet. Other data indicates that in West Antarctica (where the Ross and Ronne Ice Shelves are located) the ice sheets are actually getting thicker and the temperatures in that area are actually COOLER than they used to be. In fact, the only area of the Antarctic that has shown any definitive warming trend is the peninsula, and it is generally agreed that more studies need to be con-

ducted before anything coherent can really be said about the situation.

And so, once again, I must conclude that on a day-to-day basis, the continued absence of a TRAFFIC LIGHT at the B & D corner poses more danger to the average Abaconian than the possible disintegration of Antarctic ice shelves. Scientists are now able to determine which ice shelves have become unstable and are in danger of collapsing, but only a psychic with gifts of the highest order would be able to predict the behavior of any single car approaching that intersection.



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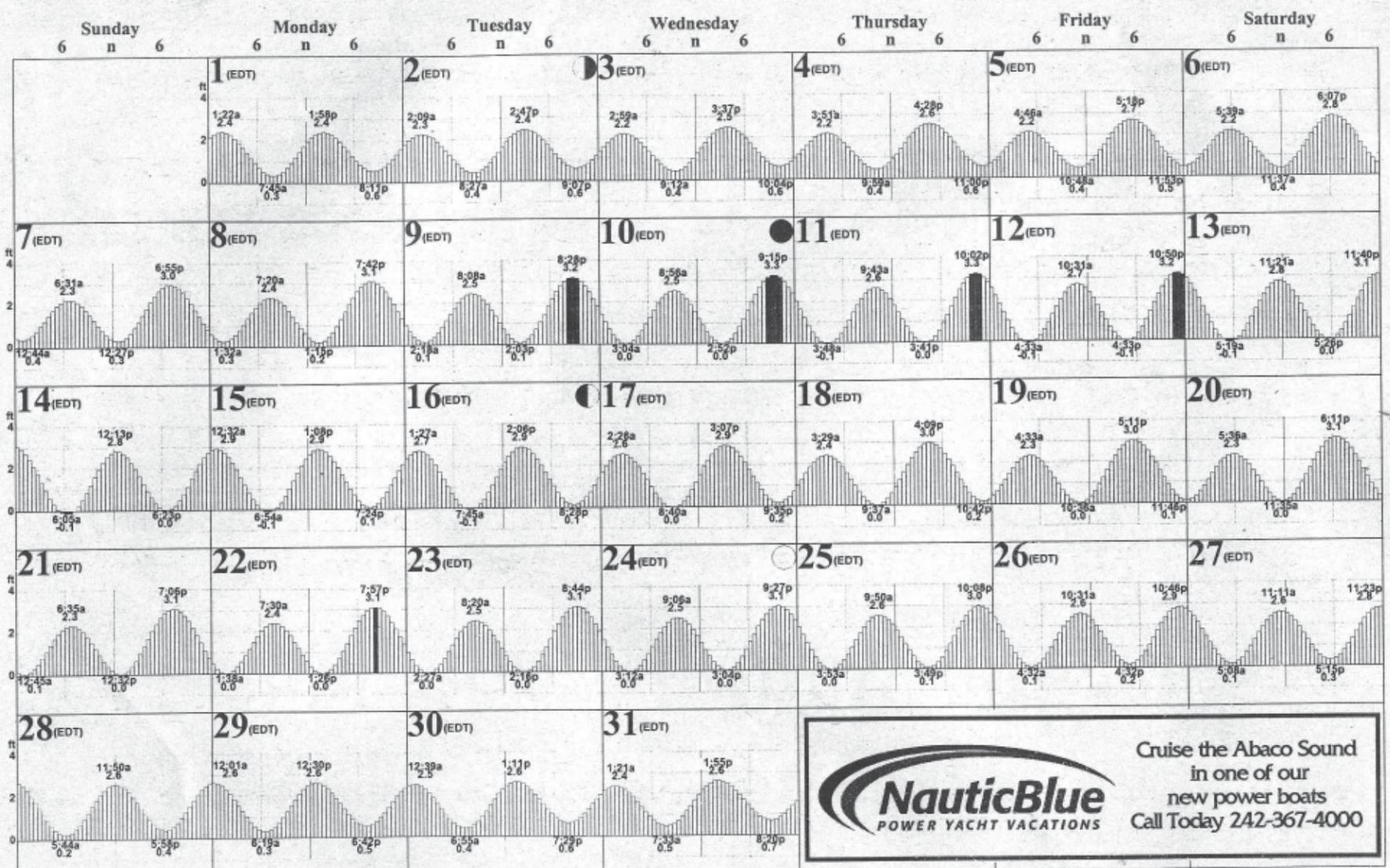
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Burial Society Has Fund Raiser



The Dundas Town Burial Society held a fund raising dinner on June 7. Abaco people traditionally enjoy the long Labour Day weekend and plan many activities and parties from one end of the island to the other. Great music and good food are always popular.

Sports News

Abaco Hosts Softball Games

By Anita Rolle

The Abaco Softball Association hosted the Grand Bahama Softball Association to a day full of fun and competition on June 1. A slate of games was scheduled to be held on May 31 in Man-O-War. However, due to rain all games were played in Cooper's Town on June 1.

Most Valuable Player for the day was 2nd Baseman Ken Gardiner; hitter of the day was William Weatherford; pitcher of the day with two wins, one save, giving up five runs and striking out twenty-seven was Freddy "Skipper" Cornish. Big surprise of the day saw the D & S Young Guns winning their first two games in three years!

Teams participating included the D & S Young Guns of Cooper's Town, the Joe's

Generals of Cooper's Town, the Texaco Pirates of Man-O-War, the Lexus Knights, Logwood Road Panthers and Coca Cola Reds all from Freeport.

Stats for the day were as follows:

- D & S Young Guns 19 vs Lexus Knights 14 - winning pitcher Tyrone Reckley
- Logwood Road Panthers 8 vs Joe's Generals 7 - winning pitcher Charles Jones
- D & S Young Guns 7 vs Coca Cola Reds 6 - winning pitcher Joshua Rolle
- Joe Generals 13 vs Lexus Knights 3 - winning pitcher Daron Lightbourne
- Texaco Pirates 7 vs Logwood Panthers 5 - winning pitcher William Weatherford
- Texaco Pirates 13 vs Coca Cola Reds 1 - winning pitcher Freddy "Skipper" Cornish
- Joe Generals 12 vs Coca Cola Reds 2 - winning pitcher Oscar Rolle
- Texaco Pirates 8 vs Lexus Knights 1 - winning pitcher Freddy "Skipper" Cornish

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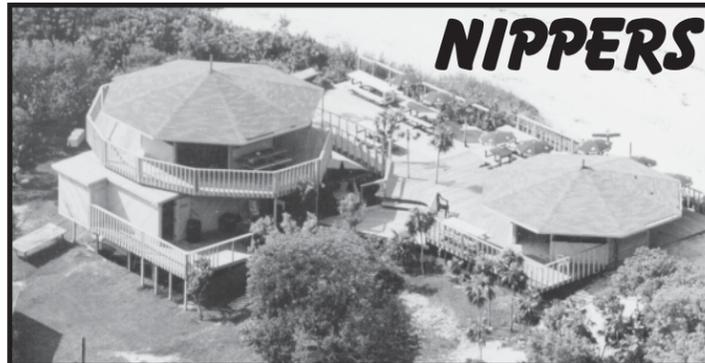


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Study of Abaco Parrots Is Discussed

By Alice Bain

Frank Rivera and Jaime Collazo from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service division of International Conservation visited Abaco with assistants Caroline Stahala and Wendy Moore to help launch an effort to



A study will be undertaken to determine the status of the Abaco parrot. Many factors can impact negatively on this native species which is unique in the way it makes its nest in holes in the ground.

gather data on the Abaco Parrot.

"We got a request two years ago from Eric Carey of the Bahamas Department of Agriculture who had been informed by locals that raccoons had been introduced to Abaco and were probably increasing in number and becoming more widespread," said Frank, "and that this involved a possible risk to the Abaco parrot. These parrots are ground nesters, and the raccoons could easily start preying on them. So we decided to get involved." The two men came to Abaco last year to learn about the local habitat and to meet the Abaconian people. At that time they started developing the idea of a project to understand the population of the Abaco parrot. The last population estimate of these birds was conducted in the 1980s, and biologists need more up-to-date numbers. "We also need to determine which predator are taking chicks and eggs," continued Frank. Possible predators include raccoons, feral cats, rats, snakes and land crabs.

"We're still in the developmental phase," Frank asserted. "We're here to conduct preliminary surveys to estimate density and population size to create a data baseline for the design of phase I of the project." Phase I will run from February of 2003 to November of that year and will be an even more intense information-gathering effort in which the entire set of environmental influences to the Abaco parrot will be studied in depth. This may involve placing remote cameras to monitor nests or putting radio transmitting collars on parrots to monitor their movements. All of this will be done as unobtrusively as possible to maintain the

validity of the data. In the second phase of the project the biologists will use this data to determine which exotic predators are posing the biggest threat to the Abaco parrot and will make recommendations of ways in which to best protect the population of parrots. Control and removal of exotic predators is very expensive and requires a lot of effort but the biologists will help secure funding for this if it is needed. "Our recommendations cannot be premature," Frank insisted. "We need to fully understand the impact that predators like the raccoon can create. Otherwise efforts to control predators may become an expensive im-

propriety."

Frank Rivera wants to stress that this is a joint venture between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local Abaconians. They have already worked with several local agencies and individuals and presented a project overview to the combined memberships of the Rotary Club and the Abaco Chamber of Commerce. Michael Albury has been very helpful in finding matching funds for this project, and Anita Knowles has been active in securing the commitment of local organizations. The control of this long-term project will remain with Abaconians as we strive to protect our environment and the Abaco parrot.



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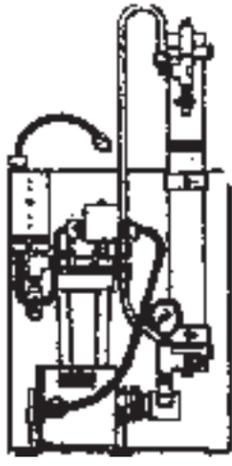
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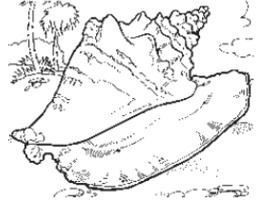


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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Morgan Turnquest, 53, passed away on May 29. His funeral was on June 5 at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel. Pastor David Cartwright officiated assisted by Bro Gurth Roberts, Dr. Edward Allen and Pastor Tom Roberts.

Mr. Turnquest, originally from Long Island, had lived on Abaco for many years and worked for Bahamasair for 15 years.

He is survived by his mother Cora Turnquest; sons Dwight and Michael; daughters Margo Harding and Tawan Turnquest; sisters Angela Wells, Rovena Cornish and Blanche Turnquest; aunts

Beatrice Miller, Olivia Dames and Justina Fox; uncle Henry Burrows; son-in-law Gerard Darville; brothers-in-law Pastor Lennis Cornish and Harold Wells; sisters-in-law Ida and Pamela Turnquest; grandchildren and many other friends and relatives.

The funeral for **Vernal Russell**, 59, of Crown Haven was held at the St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven on June 1. Rev. Fr. Kenneth MacKenzie officiated.

Interment was in the Crown Haven Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mavis Russell; sons Vincent, Laver and Demetrius Russell; daughters Barbara, Juanita, Carmel, Julie, Zulieter and Sharice Russell; grandchildren; a great grandchild; mother Evelyn Russell; sisters Pearl Clay and Florence Thompson; brothers Ralph Russell and Ednal McIntosh; brothers-in-law Hermis, Hayward and Arnold Thomas, Roland McIntosh, Jerry

and Henry Russell; sisters-in-law Sylvia Stuart, Althea Lightbourne, Sandra Johnson; Evelyn and Olive Russell; neices, nephew and other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Harcourt Rodney "Rusty" Bethel** was in Nassau on May 30. Mr. Bethel was originally from Cherokee and was very well known by many on Abaco.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Bethel; daughter Sheila Ashton; son-in-law Peter Ashton; daughter-in-law Angelita Bethel; grandchildren and many friends.



Mr. Morgan Turnquest

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Second Phase of Hope House Opens

Hope House is the vision of Mrs. Gracie Knowles as she realized the many needy per-



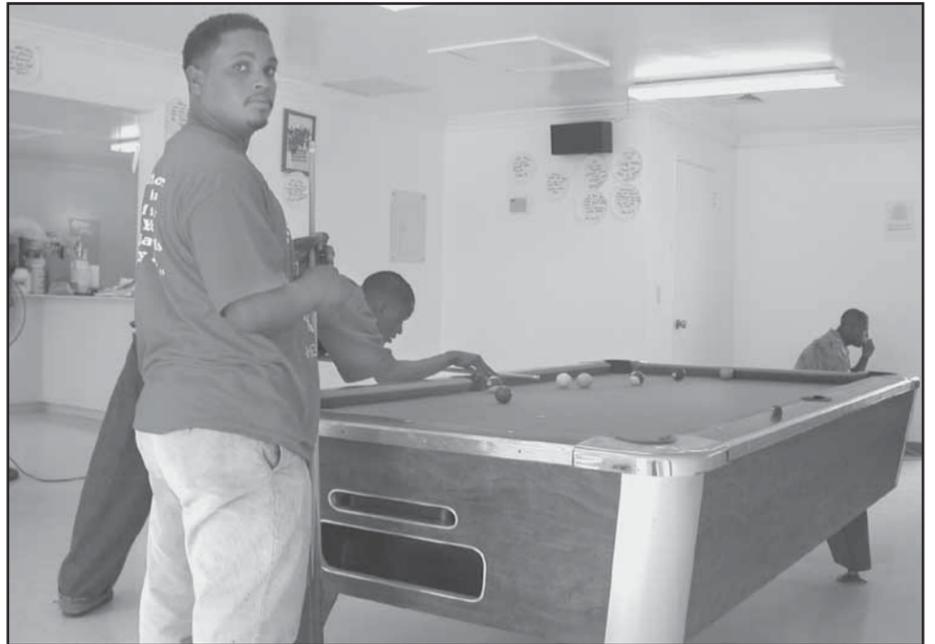
Briana Russell, crowned last fall as Little Junior Miss Abaco, on the left and Antonio Wright, crowned as Little Miss Abaco were selected to cut the ribbon officially opening Hope House. Hope House is Mrs. Gracie Knowles vision to help those in the community with a wide variety of problems.

sons living in our communities. She began in 1999 with a ministry of taking food to needy persons. She has regularly provided food for people from Murphy Town to Sandy Point, even to Moore's Island. She wants to minister to the whole person.

Mrs. Knowles is now expanding that ministry to provide recreational facilities for young persons. She has just opened a remodeled building which has a recreational area, a snack area and a counseling room. She wants young people to feel free to enjoy time there.

On June 8 Mrs. Knowles had an official opening of her new facility. The ceremony began with a ribbon cutting which was done by Little Miss Abaco, Antonio Wright, and Little Junior Miss Abaco, Briana Russell. A service followed which featured the band and singers from Grace Baptist Church in Dundas Town. The guest speaker was Rev. Ed Watson from the Trinity Assembly Church in Nassau.

Her work is supported by a wide variety of churches, individuals and businesses of the area which realize that she is providing a valuable service to many people who need assistance, whether it is physical, spiritual or emotional. When this concept is well established, she plans to move to Nassau to begin a similar work there.



Hope House is now a reality, a place open for all young people to enjoy recreation in an atmosphere free of drugs and alcohol. Snacks will be available and a variety of games and activities will be offered. The center is non-demoninational but is supported by a number of churches and businesses. Mrs. Gracie Knowles, founder, wants to give young people a place where they can hang out and be with friends, yet be in a wholesome atmosphere.

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Farmers Make Recommendations to Govt.

Twelve persons attended the Bahamas Farmer's Association meeting May 28 in the Marsh Harbour Court Room. It concluded with the desire to make a statement of their major concerns for presentation to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. John Hedden made reference to a government land resource study made in the mid-1970s and rarely brought to the public's attention. It studied soils, water resources, weather and other geologic and environmental issues. The report then gave recommendations for optimum land uses including tourism, crop and livestock farming, manufacturing and other uses. Mr. Hedden suggested that this report be reconsidered and be used to form zoning guidelines for efficient agricultural land use.

A common complaint was that farmers do not get documents on their leased land. It was stressed that realistic lease condi-

tions should be imposed and guidelines followed to ensure the land is used as intended.

Broad issues were discussed to be brought to the Minister's attention including:

! Environmental issues as agricultural interests can be harmful to other land uses.

! Scholarship and educational programs which now absorb graduating students into the government sector. It was suggested that these students should be encouraged to use their new knowledge in the private sector which is where production and revenues are generated.

! The need for government to work closer with agricultural interests in forming policies and programs.

! Labour availability was discussed without any firm conclusion but it was a major issue which the farmers felt needed to be addressed. This includes migrant labour, both legal and illegal, and new wage laws which do not lend themselves to farm pro-

duction.

! The farmers wanted more help from the Ministry in the form of education and extension services. Farmers need help with crop suitability, water management and agricultural chemical and fertilizer handling and use. They want help with farm management, record keeping, import/export rules, marketing and other issues.

! Government help was requested for

transportation of crops to Nassau markets. Mail boat service must be more reliable and provide for refrigerated cargo if the Out Islands are to supply Nassau with quality produce. Assistance may be needed for marketing and transportation to Florida markets.

! Storage, processing and packing facilities.

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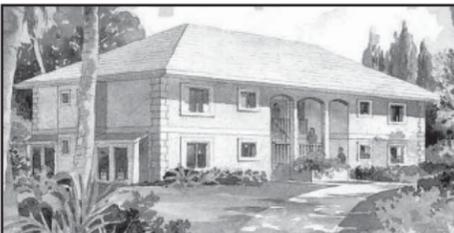


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Marsh Harbour - Pelican Shores elevated water front lot in very desirable residential area minutes from downtown Marsh Harbour, all utilities available, 100' on the sea. Asking \$110,000

Bahama Palm Shores - Two residential lots 150' from the beach, great sea views. Asking price \$42,500

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Local Government

Marsh Harbour Town Committee

5 Jun 02

A summary will be made of the many unanswered letters sent to Council over the past three years. This summary will be presented at the final Council meeting in mid-June requesting acknowledgment or a reply. Those Town Committee members attending Council were not aware that the letters had ever been brought up.

Chairman Yvonne Key said Council may have \$8000 or more as Marsh Harbour's share of remaining funds which must be used by June 30 or be returned to the Treasury.

It was decided to use the money for reinstating the increase of the Spring City garbage contract which was cut when funds were cut two percent last fall. An outstanding water bill for the airport roundabout will be paid and remaining money will be used for sidewalk construction at several well traveled locations.

A letter of consent will be given to Allen Lowe for transporting bulk Liquid Propane from the freight dock to his depot on Don MacKay Boulevard. He has been doing this for 40 years but the regulatory process now requires a multitude of permissions which have been granted.

Farmers

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ties will be needed if the industry is to make commercial progress. Standards in grading and packing need to be implemented, particularly if the export market is attempted.

It was felt that serious agriculture development could occur on Abaco as well as Andros and Grand Bahama as these three islands have ample land and ground water.

It was repeatedly stressed that the cooperative movement offers many advantages to both small and large farmers. Cooperative incentives include duty concessions, financing and channels to international credit.

Many of the suggestions do not require government funding. Some can be implemented with a shift of priorities using existing government staff and improving efficiency within the Ministry.

Mr. Pat Bethel chaired the meeting and joined Mr. Hedden in presenting relevant facts and statistics.



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Great Abaco Club. Great buy. Canal front site on cul-de-sac. #6255. \$216,000.
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Scotland Cay. 1/2 acre plus home site. 150' on Sea of Abaco. #6180. \$298,000.
Treasure Cay. Galleon Bay, 3 bed/3 bath, pool, furnished. #5859. \$1,200,000.
Treasure Cay. 1 acre beachfront. 4 bed/3 bath, fully furnished. #6063. \$680,000.

More Letters to the Editor

Letters

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"Sleep sweetly in your humble graves." These words of Henry Timrod come to mind as I watch the post-modern progress that has crept upon the graveyard of the Archer family. This graveyard, bordered by the sea to the northwest, was given specifically to the Archers and the general public out of a sense of grief and magnanimity. Henry Cuffy Johnson's child died in Man-O-War Cay where he was working. The inhabitants refused to allow his child to be buried in their burial ground. So with heavy grieving hearts, Henry and his wife brought the remains of their softly decaying child to be buried in his plot.

Since then blacks and whites have rested in peace, soul by soul, in this sacred spot. In recent times, however, persons not knowing or caring about the history of this sacred memorial have interred the remains of their loved ones and have unceremoniously dumped the bones of those buried before on the sunbaked ground to be further bleached by the scorching sun.

On earlier occasions while walking through this final resting place and gazing at the tall casuarinas and breathing in the fragrance of the many oleanders standing guard by the graves, I wished that I could talk to Cuffy Johnson. He was my great, great grandfather. My grandfather, George Archer, inherited his integrating spirit as well as a spirit of enterprise for George Archer built Abaco's first amusement park and "Disney Land." On the north side of the graveyard, still on Cuffy land, my grandfather and Uncle Jenkins built a merry-go-round. On a Saturday afternoon the children of Marsh Harbour who wanted paid a

penny or threepence for a ride.

There will still be a merry-go-round as the tractors continue their incessant clamour, to be followed by trucks and trailers and all other meandering traffic.

And we, the children and descendants of Henry Curry Johnson, will forever remember with pathos, magnanimity and thanksgiving the man who gave the graveyard to Marsh Harbour. He is resting from the cares and embarrassment of his colour and race. He has retreated to his Maker, who has given him the freedom to traverse all space.

Nadeen Beneby

Seconds Count!

Dear Editor

Looking at my mother, Eloise Huff, with her rosy cheeks and cheery personality, it's hard to imagine where we were just 48 hours earlier. Today my mother is in the ICU unit of Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach. Just two days earlier her vacation was cut short as we faced her mortality.

Our journey began around 10 a.m. on Saturday morning when I heard my mother's congestion and suggested I take her to the doctor. I was afraid that her lung condition and the congestion could develop into pneumonia. Since she wasn't feeling well, she agreed to go and went to get dressed. I made arrangements to meet Dr. Marc Binard at his office. I walked into my mother's room to tell her everything was set and saw her rolling around on the bed in discomfort. My mother advised that she had never felt this bad and could not do it alone. We both agreed that I should call for help. I called the Hope Town Fire and Rescue and Andrew Wilhoite provided Tito Baldwin's number.

As I called Tito, my mother quickly became very pale, cold and clammy and her breathing very laboured. In a matter of minutes my mother had gone from not feeling well to a serious situation. My neighbors, the Engles and Magees, quickly came to my aid. The next thing I knew the rescue team was putting my mother onto the stretcher, providing the necessary oxygen and transferring her to the boat with organized precision.

Sirens blaring, my mother talking incoherently and struggling to breathe, we raced to Marsh Harbour. When we reached Albury's Ferry Dock, my mother was rapidly deteriorating, Tito made a critical decision - to move on without the ambulance. A taxi driver, Patricia Cornish, volunteered to accommodate the stretcher and we raced for the clinic.

Dr. Binard promptly assessed the critical state of my mother's condition. As he desperately tried to locate my mother's "dancing" veins, I watched in horror as she fought to hold on. Within seconds, I saw life leaving my mother, her color changed to purplish blue. She repeatedly requested to "just let her go." I reassured my mother of her family's love for her as well as the Lord's and told her to go in peace. I was saying good-bye to my beloved mother which is the hardest thing I've ever had to do.

At that moment, as quickly as she crashed, I witnessed life returning to my mother. Dr. Binard had administered a medication that slowed her heart rate down. I found out later that he spent 13 years working in the Emergency Room in a hospital in South Carolina with 90 percent of his cases being cardiology emergencies. Thanks to

this experience he stock a particular drug. We Abaconians and visitors alike are most fortunate to have Dr. Binard and his knowledge serving in our community. My mother and I were most impressed with Dr. Binard's vigilant attention he gave her.

Faron Sawyer of Cherokee Air was willing to take us to Florida. Nurse Angie Colie watched over my mother throughout the day and traveled with us to West Palm. There isn't a doubt in my mind that a few more seconds lost and my mother would not be here today. By God's grace and the combined efforts of all who helped, she was saved. We say thank you to everyone. They are heroes for getting their job done and allowing me to share breakfast with my mother on Mother's Day.

With sincere appreciation
Karen Huff Lowe

Support for a Secret Ballot

To the Editor:

I have followed Mr. McEwan's secret ballot crusade for almost five years. We should be grateful to have someone with so much passion and commitment standing up for everyone in our country. Lord knows we need more people like him.

A truly secret ballot would take our democracy to first world status. I don't see why any democratic government would not want to make this available to its citizens. When you look at all the negative scenarios associated with the present system, one cannot justify the danger the entire voting public is exposed to just to prevent election

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More Letters to the Editor

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fraud. There must be a better way. I support Mr. McEwan's bid even more so since the Chief Justice, Sir Burton Hall, ruled that the present system is unconstitutional. I think that we all should support Mr. McEwan, no matter what our political choices are. A secret ballot would only close the doors to political persecution.

What I also find astonishing is how the political writers like Ms. Nicki Kelly, Mr. George Mackey, Mr. P. Anthony White, Mr. Andrew Allan and Mr. Raynard Rigby have not, to my knowledge, made any references to the legal battle that caught the attention of us all, including friends of mine living as far as Europe who followed the historic event on the internet. It was the only news story that ran simultaneously with the recent general election.

I do not want to speculate on why they abstained their pens from such a great democratic issue. I may have missed their comments in the daily papers. If I did, then please direct me to the editions of these papers. And if they abstained, I would appreciate a written response as to why they abstained.

A baffled Bahamian
Nicholas Miaoulis

Are We One Bahamas, One People?

Dear Editor:
Please allow me a space within your paper to express my opinion on a subject affecting the Bahamian people.
Sometime ago I heard someone say, "One God! One Bahamas! One People!" I don't believe that this is all true. Yes, there is

one God, the Creator of this world and everything therein. (And then there are those people going around thinking they are some kind of god because they have a lot of money.) Yes, there is one Bahamas. But one people? NO! If we were one people, we would not go around stealing, raping and murdering one another. We would not go about saying all the bad things we know about each other. We would try to help one another.

Someone said that The Bahamas is a Christian nation. They are wrong. The Bahamas is a religious nation and there is a lot of difference between a Christian and a religious person. It is my opinion that if The Bahamas is a Christian nation, God will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. Now, I not saying that there are no Christians in our country. That would be a stupid thing to say. I believe that there are people in this country who pray every day. I mean true Christians. Maybe that is why we haven't become a second Sodom and Gomorrah. Maybe we all talk too many bad things about our fellow men. As a matter of fact, some folks should put a sign over their cars that says "No dumping here." We say we don't gossip - we let it go in one ear and out the other. If you do that, then you do good for most people let it go in both ears and not out the mouth.

Now once upon a time some forty to fifty years ago when I was a boy growing up in a saw mill town, I would say that we were a Christian nation. We used to stand on the side of the railroad track and listen to the black men preaching and the black women singing and praising the Lord. You could feel the present of the Spirit. You could feel the love these people had for each other. They did not have a one and a half million

dollar building to preach in. Just a small shack. These people did not have a college education. Some of them could hardly read. Some could not read at all. They had to get someone else to read the Bible for them. They did have the love of God in their hearts. Next day when these folks would see us kids, they would say, "Son, did you enjoy the service last night?" We would answer "Yes, Ma'am," or "Yes, Sir." And they would put their arms around us and give us a big hug.

These people were not afraid to show us they loved us, even if we were white or "Conchy Joe," whatever you prefer to call us. Those days differ from the days of now. Some churches do not want blacks and some do not want whites. There is only one God and no one knows if He is black or white, yellow or brown. We should not even care as long as we have this big wonderful God who loves us whatever colour.

Let us be a Christian nation and remember that to be a Christian is to be "Christ-like." May our wonderful God be merciful to us ALL!

Thank you very much.
C.D. Bethel

A Gripe Against an Employer

Dear Editor,
Let me first make it clear, this is not geared toward every American company in the Bahamas. This is a warning to every Bahamian working for an American company based in the Bahamas. Hopefully, what happened to me will not happen to you. I was fired after nine and a half years of working for Bahamas Star, a citrus farm in Treasure Cay for no justified reason.

I don't think it is fair as a Bahamian that an American company is able to victimize the people of Abaco. If you worked overtime, wouldn't you want your due pay. My supervisor position was taken away from me and given to someone who was less qualified without reason. I watched persons of other nationalities driving trucks, making forty hours per week, while I sat home without any work. When I questioned why Bahamians were being treated unfairly, I was fired. Most important, now I can't even get my rightful pay owed to me for my nine and a half years of service.

Thank God for the PLP. I am so elated that we have a new government in place. I have always been a supporter of the PLP and that will not change. Regardless of what my former employers have done to my financial state. I know the PLP will make the proper changes to stop American companies like Bahamas Star from victimizing any other Bahamian. The needs and the welfare of the Bahamian people should always come first.

Victimized Abaconian
Stanley Delancy

Why Hasn't There Been Action?

To the Editor,
In the May 15th issue of *The Abaconian*, a letter was written to the editor regarding a certain "nasty" American who certainly appears to be an active member of the local drug scene. I am wondering why, however, the local authorities are not after a broader range of "nasty" Americans. What about the one who sells and bills 2500 gallons of

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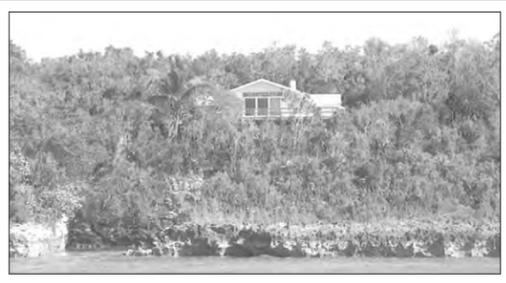


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water out of a truck which can only hold 2214 gallons? What about the one who sells and bills five yards of sand or rock but really delivers four and a quarter yards? What about the one who does all sorts of electrical installations without a license and illegally in order to further his profits? What about the one who drives at breakneck speeds, often followed by a green cloud of exhaled tobacco smoke, thereby endangering all in the area? What about the one who openly shares drugs with his visiting teenage son? What about the one whose foul mouth, buying tactics, slovenly and smelly appearance gives a bad name to other Americans who choose to come here and share the beauty of these islands with our Bahamian friends?

The reason all of these individuals get away with all of these acts is simple. They are, in fact, the same man. One man living in Hope Town, running unchecked through the decency of the rest of us. How does he get away with all this? I have the only answer. My guess is some powerful Bahamian authority has the answer.

In closing, I have been advised by friends not to write or sign this letter. Reprisal would be certain, I have been told. Well -- so be it.

Observant in Hope Town

Falsely Accused Letter

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter in last month's paper, "Falsely Accused." I and many others do feel that the person or persons writing that letter need to have an independent mind and sit down and absorb what has really gone on. Then after that they can make an educated statement.

During this whole election time I have

witnessed where different ones would make derogatory remarks to try and bring others down. I have seen persons who are not eligible to vote make a bigger deal over the election than ones who vote, and we have a say, not them! I have seen where Christianity was put on the side, and different ones would call you "stupid" or "crazy" because of your political preference. Some would even go as far as saying, "You can't vote PLP and be a Christian." Even some close friends and family have made ludicrous and unnecessary remarks.

They used scare tactics such as "Atlantis will close down if the PLP wins." or "A lot of foreign countries will discontinue their diplomatic relations with us if the PLP wins." Well, as we shall see, none of these rumors are true, they are just scare tactics. Besides even if it were true, I am not going to allow a foreign investor or a foreign government dictate on what government I am going to have.

Also in Man-O-War anyway, some of the FNM's have, by far, done more jeering, trash talking, vandalizing, etc. I don't want to get in a shouting match over the next month in the paper by responding back and forth. There is a second story to the first one and it needed to be told.

In 1992 when the government changed, certain persons on the island were power hungry and decided to abuse power on the local board. They decided to take victimizing to its highest level. They used a dictatorial style at "getting back" at ones whom they had past personal altercations with. So I don't know how the writer of the falsely accused can sit around and whine about FNM's getting victimized! Throughout the course of this election supporters on both sides have made mistakes, but I just thought it wouldn't do justice to let the other side of the story go untold. The writers of the "Falsely Accused" letter would have you believe that they wear halos, but that is certainly not the case. Any person in our community with an open mind would see that the person or persons who wrote that letter didn't tell the entire story.

I will leave the writers of that with this: I don't know how the writer of that letter can be a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt!

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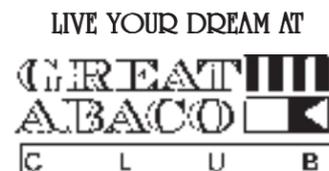
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He showed a map of the Guardian Blue Hole cave system on Andros which has been mapped for 2207 feet in length with no end in sight. The deepest sections in the mapped area was 436 feet deep. His longest dive

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Although the presentation was on the caves of Andros where he worked, Mr. Kakuk was aware of many of the caves on Abaco. He hopes to return and dive in many

of our sinkholes, blue holes and caves. He believes the Abaco caves will equal those he is familiar with on Andros and other areas in the southern Bahamas.

Cave diving is a specialized field requiring additional equipment, training and stamina. He described an extensive cave system that required three days of dives in preparation for one day of exploring 4000 feet entirely underwater using air tanks stashed the previous three days. An additional day was spent removing the equip-

ment.

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Roberts

From Page 8

Louis L'Amour said, "To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain."

The stakes for each voter are high. We have the welfare of our community in our hands. It is a serious and awesome responsibility that has been invested in us. We must do all we can to make the best, most informed choice and make sure that we are able to deal with the consequences.

It is our responsibility to fully exercise our privilege using all our faculties, based on as much information as can be attained to vote.

"The average man votes below himself; he votes with half a mind or a hundredth part of one. A man ought to vote with the

whole of himself, as he worships or gets married. A man ought to vote with his head and heart, his soul and stomach, his eye for faces and his ear for music; also (when sufficiently provoked) with his hands and feet. If he has ever seen a fine sunset, the crimson color of it should creep into his vote.

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Applicants should present a monthly cost for cleaning/upkeep of the premises in writing and in a sealed envelope.

Bids should be sent to B.E.C. Marsh Harbour, Abaco to the attention of Mr. Benjamin R. Beneby, Manager B.E.C. Abaco.

All Proposals should be submitted on or before July 15th, 2002.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.



INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals are requested for the cleaning contract for the B.E.C. Hope Town Office.

Services will be required one [1] days per week.

Applicants should present a monthly cost for cleaning the premises in writing and in a sealed envelope with the word "TENDER" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

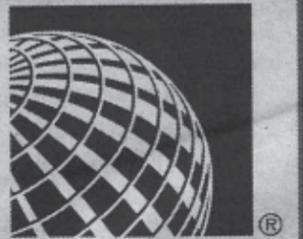
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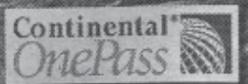


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Cays *From Page 4*

Nurse Barbara Reckley has retired after many years as a nurse, not only in our community but in Marsh Harbour and Nassau

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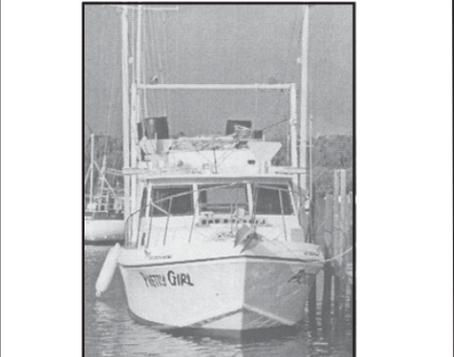
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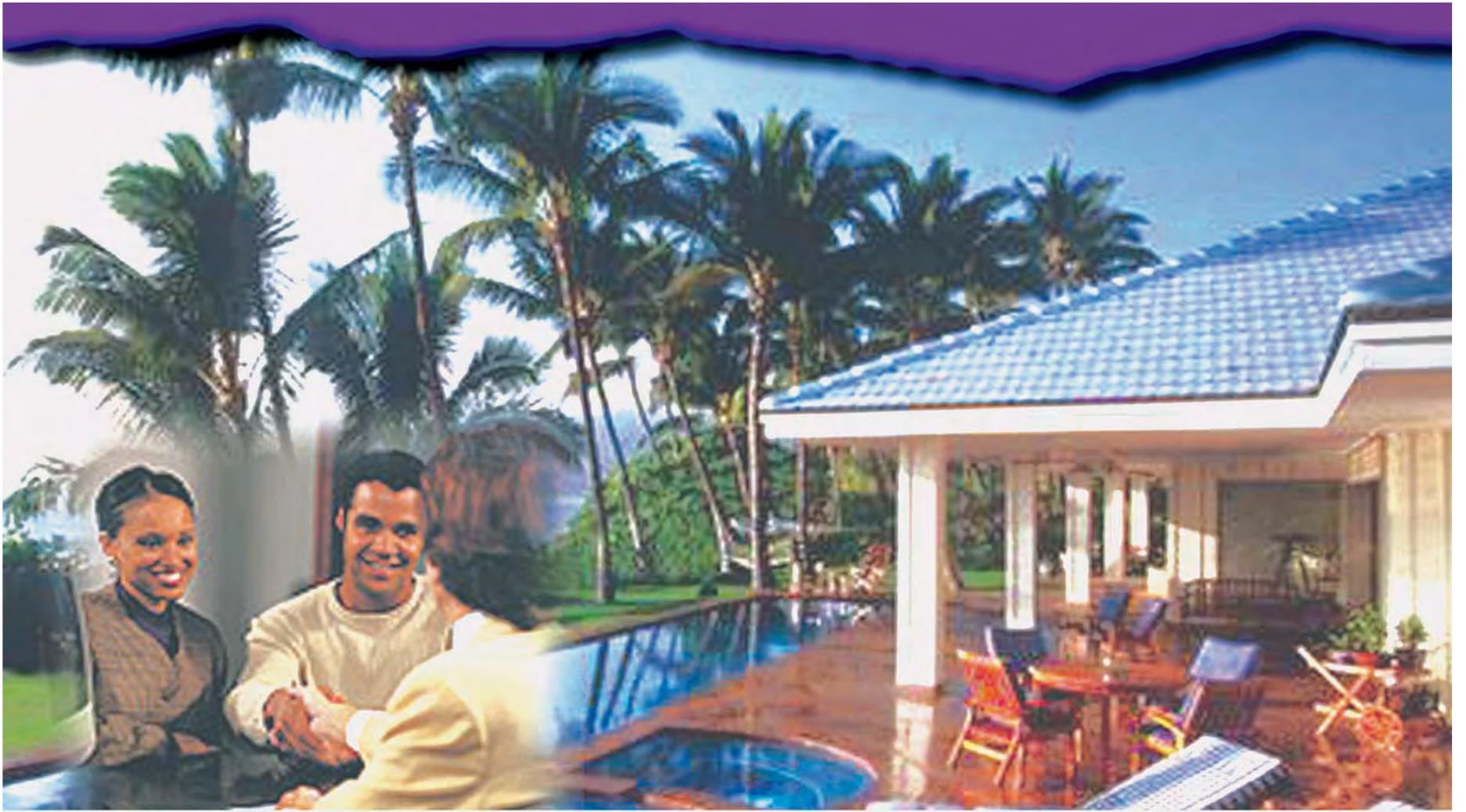
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