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## New Minister Opens Goombay

### Goombay Celebrations Include Bahamian Entertainment for Everyone

*By Anita Rolle*

Following numerous days of rain, the showers held up just long enough for everyone to enjoy opening night of Goombay Summer 2002 on June 14. Sprinkles teased the large crowd gathered in front of the Dove Plaza, but, none the less, held up for the duration of the celebrations.

Officially opening the affair was the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, newly appointed Min. of Tourism, making his initial official visit to the island of Abaco. Before declaring Goombay 2002 officially open, Minister Wilchcombe assured the large crowd that in the future Abaco will receive more funding for Goombay, regattas and other such tourist related festivals as the crowd present proved that the event is worth investing in.

Min. Wilchcombe took the opportunity to address the issue of flight services onto the island. He stated that plans are underway for increased flight services so that Abaco can begin receiving visitors from throughout the world. Other Ministry of Tourism officials in attendance at the opening of Goombay Summer 2002 included Mr. Cordell Thompson of the Ministry of Tourism office in Nassau; Ms. Antoinette Davis, official in charge of Tourism, Northern Bahamas including Abaco; and Mr. Don Cornish, Manager, Ministry of Tourism Abaco office.

Entertainment was remarkable and in-

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## Sunfish Winners Earn Trophies



The Marsh Harbour Sailing Club sponsors the Homer Lowe Sunfish Regatta annually. Shown above are the sailors with their trophies. Left to right are Liann Key Kaighin, Jim Kaighin, Lori Lowe, Lenore Mulock, Jimmy Lowe, David Mulock, Andrew Wilhoyte, Ellen Mulock, Ann Gooding, Paul Gooding.  
Photo by Lianna Key Kaighin

## Top Students Are



Valedictorian Theresa Pinder, left, and Salutatorian Bianca Bethel, right, graduated from Forest Heights on June 18. They are anticipating college next school year as are a total of 27 of the 49 graduates of the school - a fantastic record for Abaco. See story on page 10.

### High Fliers Graduate from Forest Heights

*By Leslie Kennedy*

On June 18 Forest Heights Academy's graduating class of 2002 received their diplomas and said their last goodbyes. The ceremony took place at New Visions Ministry with an emotional gathering of family, teachers and friends. With his usual sagacity and wit, Hugh Cottis acted

as Master of Ceremonies as Salutatorian Bianca Bethel delivered the welcoming speech with a "full heart" declaring the evening as "the end of the beginning."

Principal Michael Meeson spoke to the graduates, congratulating them on the high standard the class set for themselves and the rest of the school as he proudly

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## Minister of Tourism Vis-



Min. of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, visited Abaco to open the Goombay Summer 2002 program. He is shown above on the left on his arrival to Marsh Harbour, met by Mr. Gary Sawyer of Man-O-War in the center and Mr. Edison Key of Marsh Harbour on the right.

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# Goombay Begins With Much Fanfare

## Goombay

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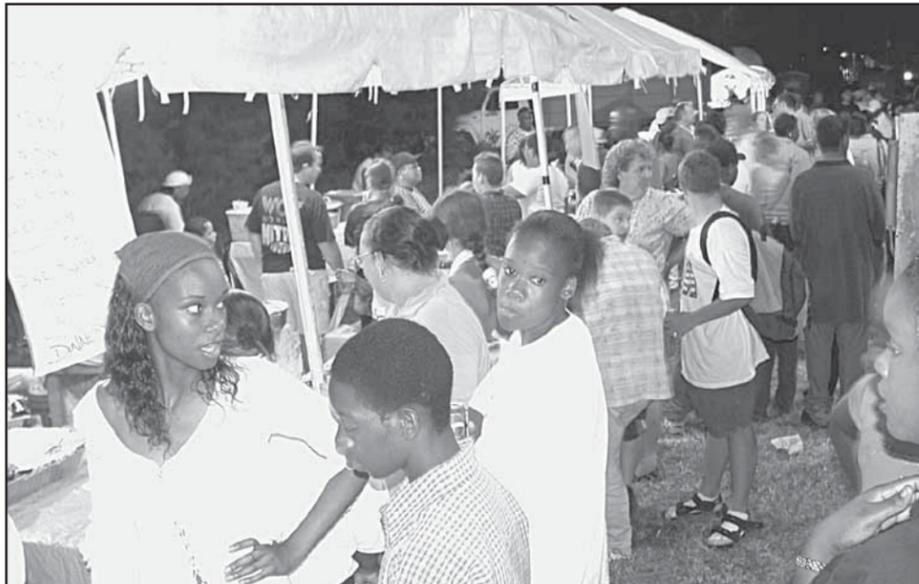
cluded notable performances by the world famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop

Band, Fire Dancer Pepper Watson, Desmond the Limbo King, and the Gully Roosters local band. Master of ceremonies for the evening was the incomparable Mr.

Wayde Archer, who did an impressive job keeping the crowd entertained with his hilarious witticism - so much that every tourist who attended the opening of Goombay 2002 now knows the meaning of at least one Bahamian expression "Back, Back!" which was used to keep the entertainment area clear. Something fresh and exciting for the assemblage was the performance put on by Fire Dancer "Pepper" Watson. Definitely a show stopper, Pepper, owner and operator of Abaco's newest performing arts studio located in the Dove Plaza, astounded

the audience with her magnificent, flamboyant performance.

Dance competitions were held with contestants being restricted to tourists, adding much excitement to the festivities. As is the norm with events such as these, visitors are able to feast on great Bahamian cuisine, music, dance and cultural expressions, leaving them each with a totally unique experience. This year Goombay is scheduled for a six-week run. Remaining dates are June 28, July 12 and 26 and August 9 and 23, 2002. See you there!



Goombay Summer 2002 offers much entertainment as well as wide assortment of Bahamian food. Shown above are the crowds at the food tent. The celebrations will continue every other week into August. The venue will be down town Marsh Harbour.



The Abaco Tourism office was pleased to have the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, officially open the Goombay Summer 2002 program. He is shown above on the first night of festivities on June 14. Shown above, left to right, are Mr. Don Cornish, manager of the Abaco office, Mrs. Kendi Anderson, Mr. Wilchcombe, and Ms. Wynsome Ferguson. Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Ferguson are in the Abaco Tourist office.

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# Bahamian Talent Is Showcased at Goombay

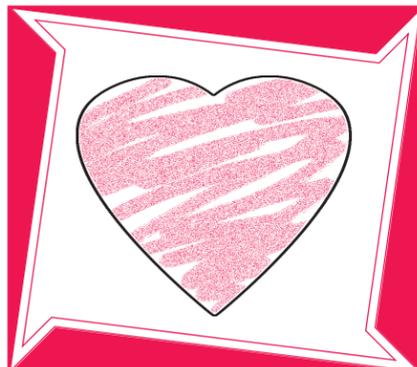


The Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band was one of the features of the first Goombay Summer 2002 program. Two members are shown above. Some talent was brought to Abaco for the occasion but much of the entertainment was provided by local individuals and groups.



A fire dancer fascinated the crowd who attended the first Goombay celebration of this summer. Shown above is Pepper Watson, a very talented young lady who has recently moved to Abaco.

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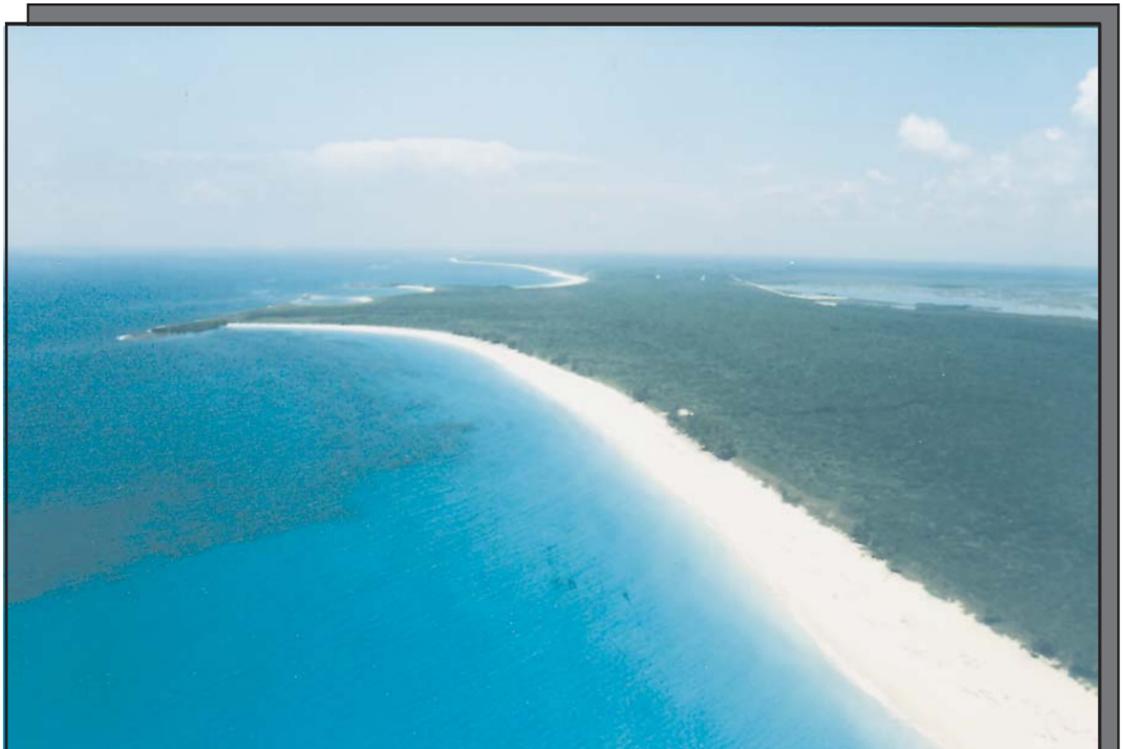
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# Light Wind Hampered Sunfish Regatta

By Liann Key Kaighin

The 12th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta was held on the 1st of June, 2002, off Pelican Beach, Marsh Harbour. The weather was very light with winds never

higher than five to six knots and some races took place in extremely calm conditions. Five dedicated sailors competed in the scorching sun. At the end of the day the most coveted award was the aloe vera leaf.

Jimmy Lowe of Nassau, son of Homer Lowe, was the overall winner with eight points, even after being fouled at the jib mark in the last race by his wife, Lori. Selective hearing was necessary if you were near that spot on the race course. Andrew Wilhoite of Hope Town came in second place overall with ten points. Andrew also won the trophy for Top Junior competitor. Jim Kaighin of Marsh Harbour came in third place overall with thirteen points. Lori Lowe of Nassau took fourth place and Top Woman with twenty-one points. David Mulock, of Little Harbour and St. Petersburg, Florida, came in fifth place overall with twenty-three points.

The Marsh Harbour Sailing Club owes a big thanks to Dr. Paul Gooding, Mrs. Ann Gooding, and their friend Ellen. Without their generous support with Race Committee responsibilities, this regatta would not have happened. Thank you to Lenore Mulock for her assistance on shore and with race committee. Also, a big thank you to the aircraft N359MA for stirring up the calm air over the Sea of Abaco.

For those who might be interested in sunfish racing, call Jim Kaighin anytime at 367-3086.



Andrew Wilhoite from Hope Town is shown above preparing to sail in the annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta held on June 1. He came in second overall and won the trophy for the Top Junior competitor.

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# Fishing Tournaments Are Making News

## Boat Harbour Hosts Last Leg of BBC

By Isobel Sherman

Eighty entrants, a record number of boats, fished the final leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour during June 16-22. In addition, there was a record number of catch and releases during the tournament.

The most exciting event was the fish that the boat *Abracadabra* hooked up at 11:58 a.m. on June 17th and boated at 9:30 p.m. It was a tuna that weighed a whopping 872 pounds.

A total of 84 fish were caught and released and only four were boated. These included two blue marlin on the first day, weighing 425 pounds and 472 pounds, a 370-pound blue marlin on the second day and a 398-pound blue marlin on the third fishing day. Once again the big one, a fish that exceeds the Bahamian record of 1065 pounds, eluded the anglers. The award for that one is worth \$800,000 in Rolex prize money. Well, the prize will be there next year.

The tournament ended with an awards banquet at which the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchombe, presented the

trophy for the overall BBC Champion for 2002. In his brief remarks, Min. Wilchombe congratulated the BBC for coming to the Bahamas for 29 years. He announced that next year the Ministry of Tourism will present a special trophy, one that commemorates the 30th anniversary of the BBC as well as the 30th anniversary of the independence of the Bahamas.

Two sets of awards were presented. The first set was to the winners of the Boat Harbour leg of the BBC. Winning first place in catch and release was the *Recovery Room*. The winning boat for this leg was *In Flight*.

The overall champion of the series of five tournaments was *In Flight* with second place going to *Black Gold* and third place to *Double Dog*. Fourth place winner, *Rum Bum*, received all its points by catch and release.

The top release boat was *Black Gold* with 10 releases over the entire series of five tournament. The largest fish award went to *Bumpers* for his blue marlin caught in Walkers' Cay. In addition, special awards were presented to three anglers who have participated in the tournament for over 20 years. Fred Morrow of *Cob Too* was present to receive his award. Ed Hardin and Bartow Rainey were the other two anglers to receive the 20-year award.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship offers sport fishermen a chance to compete in five different legs held in April, May and June each year. They are well entertained and have shore functions for the ladies who are not fishing. The resorts hosting these competitions make every effort to see that their guests are well taken care of. All the tournaments such as the BBC contribute a lot to the economy of Abaco by providing many jobs as well as the money spent by participants and their families on food, drink, lodging and entertainment.

### BBC Scholarship

For the past three years the Bahamas Billfish Championship has been raising money to provide scholarships for Bahamian students who wish to study Marine Biology. Each year the BBC must raise \$65,000 to fund the scholarship program which the Lyford Cay Foundation administers.

At the awards dinner on June 21 Mr. Al Behrendt announced that as of that evening the BBC had raised \$63,000 of the needed \$65,000 for the scholarship for the school year 2002-2003. Immediately after his announcement, Mr. Morrow of the *Cob Too* pledged to make up the difference. The BBC

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Abaco's International Game Fishing Association representative, Mr. Philip LeBoutillier, left, presented an invitation to the IGFA Invitational Tournament held in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in May 2003. The invitation was extended to the captain and crew of *In Flight*, the fishing boat which won the last leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship competition. Eighty of the top U.S. sport fishermen are invited to this annual prestigious fishing event.



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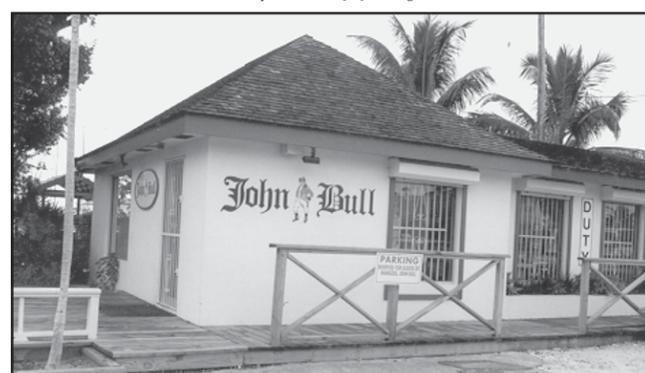
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# News of the Cays

## Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

Summer has officially started! School is over and summer fun can begin.

Congratulations to Andrew Albury, Erika Lowe, Mitzi Lowe, Neil Lowe, Tammy Lowe, Danielle Sawyer, Lisa Sawyer and Megan Sawyer, who graduated from Forest Heights Academy on June 18. A large group of relatives and friends traveled to Marsh Harbour to attend the graduation ceremony. Danielle, Megan and Erica

graduated with honours. Erica has been awarded a Pathfinders scholarship. Good luck to all as they move into the "big people" world.

Amy Roberts Primary School will have their 6th grade graduation on June 24 at the Gospel Chapel. The keynote speaker will be poet and writer, Michael Pintard. The lower grades had their awards' programme on June 21, saving the big night for the graduates.

Road work continues in the area of Settle-

ment Point. Because of this work, traffic has now gone back to "any which way you can." It's amazing how everyone got so used to the smooth flow of one way traffic in just five months. Hopefully, the work will be completed soon and our streets can be less confusing.

Local Government elections will be held on June 27. Ten persons have nominated as candidates for the five seats on our Town Committee. The five incumbent candidates are David Bethell, Lincoln Jones, Lonnie Lowe, Roswell Sawyer and Ms. Kola Wells. New comers are Gregory Curry, Floyd Johnson, Omri McIntosh, Donnie Outten and Judson Thompson.

On June 19 the candidates were invited to attend a Town Meeting to present their views on the future of our community. The meeting was co-chaired by Denise Bodie and Annabelle Cross. Administrator Ivan Ferguson was in attendance as were all the candidates with the exception of Lonnie Lowe. Each candidate gave a short presentation on their goals, followed by a question and answer session. Concerns ranged from speeding in town, the indiscriminate

dumping of garbage at the public dump, the lack of sporting and other activities for the youth, the condition of the government clinic and the lack of funds needed to do all that is necessary in the community.

It seemed that there is some confusion on Local Government's purpose and how the town committees and the council function. This led to some heated exchanges in the audience. It was suggested that following the elections, a seminar be held to discuss local government and its responsibilities. The meeting was successful and gave the candidates the opportunity to address a cross section of the voters. Now we await election day and the final results.

Stay safe this summer as you enjoy boating, beaching and all the summer activities.

Hopefully, this unsettled weather will move on out and allow for real summer days and nights.

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The ferry dock near the Treasure Cay airport that serves Green Turtle Cay is being improved. Central government is deepening the harbour and adding piling and a landing dock for small boats to tie to. The ferry will still dock in the same location, but the improvements will allow more boats to use the site.



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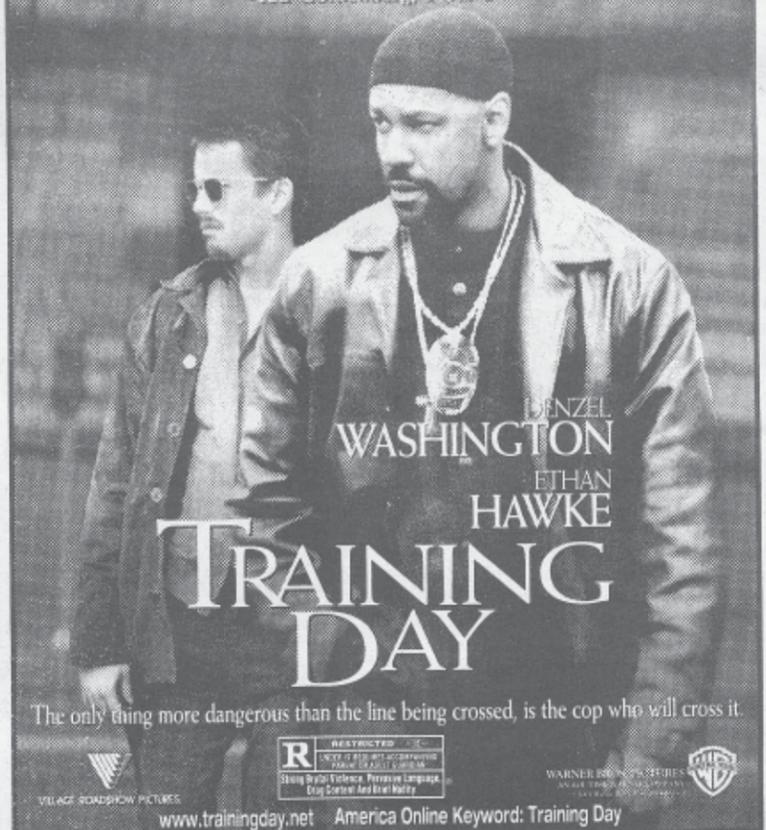
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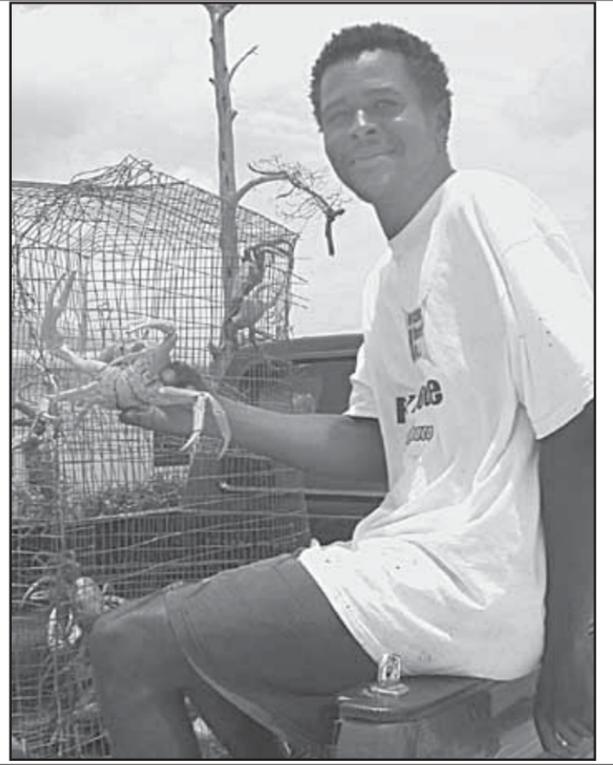


Chalks seaplane brought fifteen U.S. media persons to Treasure Cay in the late afternoon on June 18. The writers represented such publications as National Geographic and the New York Post on their one-day visit to Abaco. The trip was coordinated and sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism to promote travel in the Family Islands. Abaco was their second stop, having begun at Cat Cay.

Their arrival was different and dramatic. After the 19-passenger seaplane landed off the Treasure Cay beach, the pilot reversed the props to back the plane onto the beach, letting the travel writers get sand between their toes as they waded a few feet to shore. They were hosted by Tourism staff at the Spinnaker Restaurant. The next day was spent snorkeling, swimming and visiting Green Turtle Cay before departing for their next stop, Exuma.

## Land Crabs Sell Briskly

Alfred Knowles holds up a \$4 land crab caught on the South Side marles. He also had premium \$5 crabs for sale. Business was brisk on June 15 as customers noticed him parked across the street from A & K Liquor store. The first summer rains bring the land crabs out of their burrows where they are eagerly collected to flavor many Bahamian dishes.



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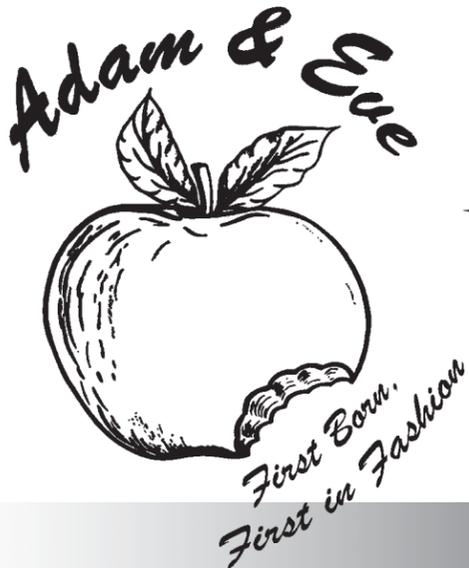
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# The Editor Says . . . The Importance of Board Members



This edition of *The Abaconian* will be on the press as the votes are cast for our town committee members. We will report on the election results in the mid July edition of *The Abaconian*.

If the elections proceed normally, the newly elected persons will be celebrating their victory as you read this paper. After being sworn in, they will meet and choose their chairman and deputy chairman.

The town committees on mainland Abaco will elect members to represent their towns as councillors on the district councils. If all goes well, the three councils on Abaco will meet three to four weeks after the election and select their chief and deputy chief councillor. Council's first order of business is to appoint members to form the statutory boards: town planning, licensing, hotel licensing, port, road traffic and in some districts a tourism advisory board.

These boards handle specific areas of responsibility relieving the council of these duties. Their decisions are only recommendations which councillors usually accept and ratify.

Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay vote directly for their councillors. That council has the authority of a town committee and does the work of the statutory boards. Grand Cay and Moore's Island also vote directly for their council.

In Central Abaco town planning is the busiest of the boards with an occasional meeting lasting as long as four hours. They review building permit applications and variances requested to the building code or to town planning regulations. They can easily review fifteen or more applications leading to the issuance of building permits. It is a rare meeting when Central Abaco has less than \$2 million in construction value to be considered.

Licensing is perhaps the next most active board with all shop license and liquor license applications reviewed for approval. Some are denied and a few are deferred for more information.

Zoning has been discussed by several communities but has not officially been implemented. As businesses encroach on residential areas, the town planning and licensing board members must decide if the proposed business or building is suitable for

the location.

Although we may not have formal zoning, the decisions of town planning and licensing are frequently of a zoning nature. Residential areas slowly convert to business uses, allowing the business district to gradually expand.

An obvious but gradual change in land use is evident on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. Over the past 30 years this area has been converted from mixed residential and business to nearly 100 per cent business today. Other areas are going through similar conversions and the town planning and licensing boards oversee these changes

The issuing of shop, restaurant and liquor licenses affects the towns greatly. Shop licences are permanent while liquor and restaurant licences must be renewed yearly.

Although the boards must not impede progress, they must be careful to make decisions which are compatible with the wishes of the communities.

As councils choose their chairmen and members for these statutory boards, care must be given to select people with open minds who are willing to consider the prob-

lems and challenges our rapid growth presents. Many of their decisions affect the long range growth of the area.

Guidance from the Local Government Act, other acts, rules and regulations is frequently vague. Board members must use their collective judgment and common sense in giving approvals or denials.

The experience gained from previous service on a board can be very helpful if members are appointed for another term. This gives continuity to the interpretation and application of the rules. When the boards are made up entirely of new members, the learning process begins again.

The selection of responsible persons to these boards is critical. In the past some members who served have not been committed and sometimes did not bother to attend meetings. Many times meetings had to be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Boards have sometimes ignored the wishes of a specific community and have caused much ill will by making decisions which were against the wishes of that community. The purpose of local government is to allow each community to control its own affairs. But some board members have disre-

garded individual town wishes.

The boards must be sensitive to the wishes of the communities. Board decisions can have far reaching consequences and once carried out can present awkward situations for years to come.

In many respects the boards are more important than the town committees and the councils. The councils decide the allocations of funding which comes from central government but the duties of both those bodies are more or less caretakers of the towns, maintaining public buildings, roads, parks, cemeteries and other public areas. But it is the boards which make decisions which ultimately decide the direction that the towns will be taking.

As the new committees and councils form, it is incumbent on the public to ensure that their representatives on council put responsible persons on the boards. For some this is an opportunity to volunteer and serve on a board.

We have been given an opportunity to manage our own affairs and it is up to us either to serve or to assist in finding others who will do a good job of managing our towns effectively.

## Generally Speaking . . . The Ugly Truth

By S. Timothy Roberts

When the first tourist to The Bahamas arrived in 1492, he was greeted by beautiful turquoise waters, flocks of parrots that "darkened the sun" and a native people with a unique charm and beauty. Since 1492 tourism has grown by leaps and bounds, becoming the number one industry of The Bahamas and accounting for at least 60 per cent of our GDP.

However, in those 500 and more years there has been an alarming trend that seems to have gone unnoticed or at least has been ignored.

What Christopher Columbus and others found here in the early days of tourism was crystal clear water throughout The Bahamas, an endemic sub-species of parrot in large numbers and a land and people of great beauty. I dare say if Christopher Columbus were to visit again today he wouldn't recognize the place.

I need not go far for examples of the decline of our beautiful country, and in particular our own island here. A simple look at the harbour in Marsh Harbour is quite telling. Walk down the beach in practically any area of Abaco and you will find loads of garbage, some of which drifted in from the ocean and some which locals have inadvertently or carelessly left behind.

This is no small matter. This is very serious. Most of the country's wealth lies in the hands of tourism, and we are not taking good care of the product we are selling them.

The new catch phrase in tourism across the globe in recent years is "sustainable development." The concept behind this is that a country should seek to maintain the integrity of the environment which will be im-

pacted by tourism and to ensure that what they are selling remains stable and unspoiled. This includes the people, fauna, vegetation and any other natural or native commodity of the given area that could be adversely affected by tourism.

It is time for those in charge of the tourism industry to adequately deal with the problems tourism is bringing to the country and to ensure that our people and our product can continue both unhindered and unharmed.

It is time for us as a people to have more pride in our country and in our surroundings. We are the ones who will direct the future of our country. We need to make ourselves aware of the reality around us. We need to see beyond the wealth that tourism brings at present and look at the welfare of our country, our families and our future generations. We cannot afford to neglect our future for the sake of the few dol-

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## All About Town

By Isobel Sherman  
**Dangerous Drug  
Is on the Scene**

I overheard some grade 10 students talking at break one morning and what they were talking about caused me to scrap most of my lesson and talk about the drug ecstasy. Yes, ecstasy is available on Abaco. Ms. Sandy Walker, who is in charge of the Adolescent Reproductive Health program on Abaco, confirmed this. If you watch television, you will see advertisements warning against the use of ecstasy. Many young people have died as a result of using this manmade chemical drug, which is made cheaply using easily obtainable equipment.

As I talked to these young people, I warned them that if they tried this drug, it could lead to their death. Parents are warned. In the United States the commercials have parents of children who have died as a result of using ecstasy tell other parents to learn about this drug and talk to their children about it.

Teenagers are funny. They never think anything bad will happen to them. It will always happen to someone else.

**Reading Is Essential to  
a Student's Future**

I have written many articles on reading and the need for the improvement of reading levels with our students and even our adults. I met Mr. Al Cooper in Marsh Harbour after one of these articles appeared in *The Abaconian*. He said in essence that unless a person can read and understand what they are reading, it affects all that they do in life and all that they cannot do because they cannot read. He said everything in life depends on reading and the ability to comprehend what you are reading.

This comes to the forefront when it is BGCSE and BJC examination time. Many students cannot read or understand the directions as well as some of the questions. Sad, indeed, and the answer is so simple. We must insist as parents that our children read. Reading improves reading and comprehension skills. The reading material does not have to be formal or even a book. A simple newspaper article or even a comic book will improve reading skills. Being read to has shown that reading skills will be improved. I can use my daughter as an example. She has had the ability to read from age four by just reading the words in front of her. She loved Dr. Seuss and has been an avid reader ever since. I read to her when she was in the womb and after she was born. Many times it was the newspaper I was reading that I read out loud to a two-week-old infant as she lay beside me. Sometimes it was a fairy tale or other story.

For those who simply do not want to read to their children, there are all kinds of computer programs that help improve reading and comprehension skills. As I said before the old Dr. Seuss books are good. The words rhyme and children love the books. There is the much advertised and acclaimed *Hooked On Phonics* program that improves reading skills. It is expensive but effective. There are places of tutoring like Cyber Learning which will work one-on-one with a student to improve reading skills.

It is evident that low reading levels are a fact of life in Abaco, the Bahamas and in many other parts of the world but it is also a fact of life that reading is essential to be a success in life. So persons such as Ms. Feleamease Sawyer, Curriculum Officer in the District Superintendent's Office, and

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# Letters to the Editor

## Appalled at the Apathy of Bahamians

Dear Editor,  
I was amused to watch the political hysteria that took place prior to the election last month. I thought, my God, if we actually put half of this energy into doing something productive, then what an amazing country this could be. How can we be so apathetic for five years and all of a sudden concerned about who will govern our country.

As a contractor people will call me 20 times if their roof leaks after they have paid me their hard earned money to do a job. Yet at the same time the average person could care less what the government does with their tax dollars.

Over the past 20 years this community has contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to the public treasury. The PLP and the FNM have raped and pillaged Abaco and we have let them do it. Take a look at the airport, the public school system, the sports facilities. We still do not have the traffic light. We are still waiting for the repair of the roads that are washed out on the cays two years after Hurricane Floyd. They are all a reflection of the people of this community.

It makes no difference who the government is. If we do not care and fight for our money, then we deserve what we get. Are you willing to give away your hard earned money so easily? I can tell you if I short any of my crew's pay, they are on me like white on rice. Why is it that nobody seems to care what the government does with this island's money. Do we want to spend the next ten years wasting \$400 million dollars on ZNS and Bahamasair or do we want better schools, roads and a new airport. The fact is if you don't care, the rape and pillage will continue and it does not matter if you are a PLP or an FMN. They don't care if you are rich, poor, black or white. But they do love that you could care less. Just give me your money.

Andrew Curry.

## Patience Has Run Out

Dear Editor,  
Bahamians are known for their patience. Well, in Marsh Harbour I think our patience has run out when it comes to the eyesore of the Golden Harvest property. There is a beautiful sign with a picture of a nicely landscaped modern grocery store. I got excited when I first saw it. The picture looks beautiful!

How can we be expected to believe this now that it has been one full year since the fateful fire and there is still garbage lying all over the place. It has become such an eyesore that if you ask most residents they say, "You try not to look at it as you drive by."

For eight months part of the building remained with a tin roof that made a terrible racket with the slightest wind. As of now there remains part of burned buildings, forklifts and other broken remains along with lots of garbage, stacks of wooden pallets, ugly trailers and miscellaneous metal pieces laying around. It is an awful sight right in downtown. Residents try to look the other way but what about our tourists who come to our island with wide eyes looking everywhere? Is this the image we want for our town?

Mr. Albury was quoted in the last issue as saying, "This will be a grocery store that Marsh Harbour can be proud of." I sure hope so because for the past year the property has been one that Abaco Markets should be embarrassed about.

There is no excuse. Please clean it up.  
Concerned

## A Reply to

## Falsely Accused

Dear Editor,  
It would be most appreciated if you would print my response to the letter *Falsely Accused* letter which appeared in the June 15 issue, written by Jeremy Sweeting.

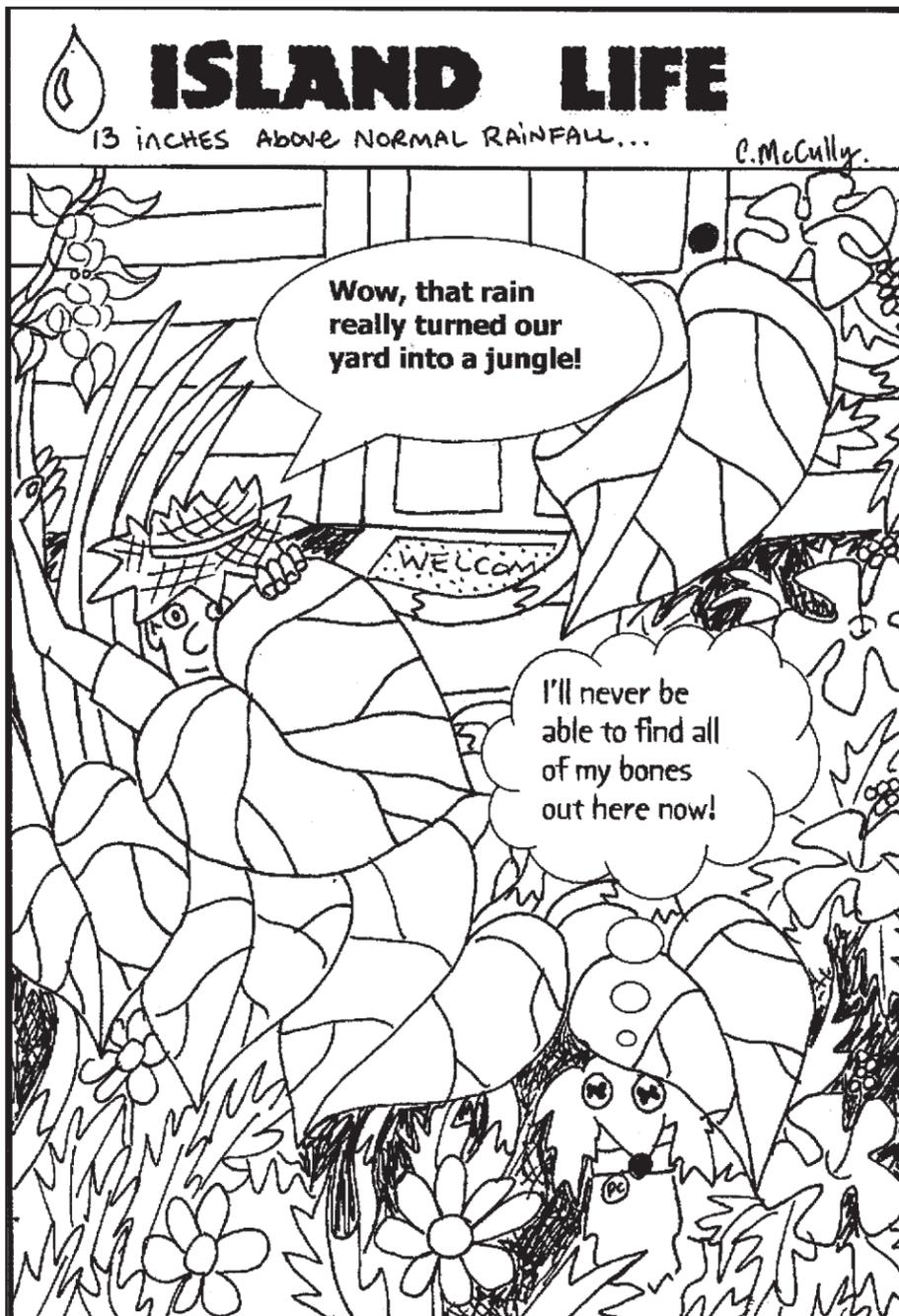
To Jeremy:  
First of all, I would like to begin this letter by referring to your quote, "It is better to remain silent and be presumed a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt." This is exactly what you have been successful in doing when you sent in your letter to be printed last month. Indeed, you have given a great illustration of what this saying means. Thank you for giving us such a great example. Read on to understand why I draw this conclusion that this quote is pertinent to you.

In your letter, Jeremy, the phrase that I found most hilarious was the one where you challenged the writer of the initial letter *Falsely Accused* to have "an independent mind." I find this so amusing because you yourself need to take a dose of your own advice.

You spoke about the events that took place after the 1992 election when certain people took "victimizing to the highest level." You accused people of using "a dictatorial style" of getting back at the persons they had past altercations with. I ask you, Jeremy, how old were you in the 1992 election for you to speak about such events, 8 or 9? This would put you to about 6 or 7 year of age at the oldest to remember their so called past altercations. You were writing from the tales of others. Yes, I know that you have always showed an interest in politics, but at that age I am sure you were not aware or understood the on-goings of our local boards and certainly not the personal affairs of others. You need an independent mind and you need to write about what YOU know and YOU remember.

This actually brings me to my second point. You touched on the fact that persons not eligible to vote were making a bigger deal over the election than people who were able to vote. This is your first time voting and prior to this election you always ran your mouth and you weren't able to vote. The ones whom you are referring to are teenagers and certainly older now than you were in the 1992 election. There is nothing wrong with our young people showing support of a political party. Perhaps they should limit the extent to which they "carry on," but you of all people should have nothing to say about a young person making a big deal over politics.

Local government elections will be over by the time this letter is printed. If you have by some chance been elected, then it is certainly my hope that you will have become a more independent individual instead of someone your so called "Generals" can use to their advantage. Hopefully, you will soon



begin to think for yourself.

I was not one of the writers of the original *Falsely Accused* letter, but felt that your accusations were without a doubt unsavory and that you should be told that when you publicly accuse someone of the things that you have, you should not do it from the storybooks of others but rather stick to what you know. Also you need to tell your "Generals" to have the courage to sign THEIR OWN names to their letters instead of using you as their lackey and cover. Whilst I would not argue that you did not want to write the letter, it is obvious that these stories that you write about must have been fabricated by someone older than you in order for that letter to refer to events more than 10 years ago.

Since you have already said that you have no intention of getting in a shouting match and writing back and forth, I want you to know that I do not wish for this to develop into a drawn out series of letter after letter either.

I also feel compelled to direct you back to your own quote once again for you to ponder. After a while you may realize that you have stuck both of your feet in your own mouth.

Mailin Sands

## Too Many Stray Dogs

Dear Editor,  
Stray dogs are really becoming a nuisance throughout town. These dogs are being allowed to freely roam the streets of Abaco, disturbing those who are resting, turning over garbage bins and spreading diseases. All these factors can be harmful to the tourism industry.

Recognizing that this is becoming a major problem, we surveyed 100 adults on Abaco. Approximately 95 percent of the people surveyed said "yes" to the following questions:

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# School News

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announced that of the 49 young adults over 50 percent had already been accepted to universities and technical schools. The group are truly "high fliers." In his emotional speech he challenged them to keep an open mind and to never stop learning. The crowd of nearly 800 was entertained by Miss Viki Hart as she sang *Time to Say Goodbye*, a piece partially in Italian, while the graduates thanked their parents with roses and tearful hugs.

All emotional composure went out the window when Gaenor Meeson spoke, and for good reason as twelve of the students were in her first and second grade when the school originally opened in 1991. She shared memories of these first days with a box of

tissues at her side. Brock Pinder spoke on behalf of these twelve as he presented a framed picture of them with a heartfelt message written by Dexter Russell.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Terry Davis, long term educator and founder of many schools including the West Island College afloat, greeted all. He described himself as a "dreamer," encouraging them to "dream more than others think is practical."

Of course, the evening would not be complete without a parting message from their home room teacher, Paul Vernall, who had been with the group since eighth grade. He said his goodbyes, telling them to "listen to yourselves and live your life designed by you and for you."

Theresa Pinder, valedictorian, completed the motivational portion with her message to her peers. She charged them to "let no

one steal your joy."

It is here that I must say this group whom I have taught for five years has given me and my peers great joy. Congratulations to you all; you will be greatly missed!

## Long Bay School

By Isobel Sherman

### Long Bay School Holds Graduation

On June 20 Long Bay School held their fifth graduation ceremony and their first graduation exercise for grade 12 with five students graduating. They are Elizabeth Collie, Tahrn Edgcombe, Ishmael Hepburn, Arthur Lightbourne, and Sandra Pinder.

Guest speaker was Pastor Wintley Phipps, President and CEO of the U.S. Dream Academy, a non-profit organization

for helping students who cannot function in a normal school setting with realizing their dreams. Pastor Phipps, began his speech by singing a beautiful rendition of *Amazing Grace*. He told students to reach for the gold, that with God all things are possible and that God had a dream for each one of them.

Valedictorian was Elizabeth Collie and Salutatorian was Sandra Pinder.

### A Surprising Delight

After the graduation exercise at Long Bay School, I along with many guests had a delightful surprise. The school offered a large array of refreshments. The refreshments were all lacto-vegetarian and were absolutely delicious. They offered shrimp in garlic sauce, though not real shrimp, vegetable kabobs, spring egg rolls, sushi, seaweed salad, veggie hotdogs, veggie chicken and many small desserts made from chocolate and whip cream and cheese. There was an enormous platter of assorted cheese and fruits. The food was delicious and was prepared by three chefs from Nassau. The team preparing this gastronomic delight was Cabuti Lockhart, Otis Strachan and Seanette Wallace.

The food was an excellent way to promote lacto-vegetarianism.

### Summer School

Long Bay School will be having what Mr. Isaac Collie, Principal, termed a Fun Summer School this year. Opened to all students from K- Grade 10 the Summer School will run from June 24 through July 18 from 9-12:30 Monday through Friday.

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The graduating class of Forest Heights Academy pose after receiving their diplomas. Their emotional ceremony was the climax of ten years of a close relationship with their teachers and with each other. Twenty-seven are planning for future education in many colleges and universities. At the podium is Mr. Michael Meeson, principal. The man to the left of Mr. Meeson is the keynote speaker, Mr. Terry Davis, an educator well known on Abaco.

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The school will feature remedial help in reading and math, computer, crafts and swimming. Long Bay has their own swimming pool and swimming lessons will be offered. The cost is \$150 and registration forms can be obtained from the school or by calling 367-2376.

**Teachers Will Be Certified**

Mr. Isaac Collie, Principal of Long Bay School, has announced that a life-saving swim instructor from Nassau will be here this summer to conduct Red Cross Life Saving Classes for his teachers. He expects that all the teachers at Long Bay School will be Red Cross certified in life saving. This is important since swimming is part of the curriculum at the school.

**S.C. Bootle High School**

**Graduation Is Held**

*By Anita Rolle*

Under the theme *Striving to Fulfil Our Visions of the Future*, commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2002 at the S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town was well supported as many turned out to cheer on the achievers. Salutatorian was dynamic Shonnel Pritchard with a cumulative GPA of 3.22. Valedictorian with a GPA of 3.6 Shonique Murray turned heads as she undoubtedly carried home the most

awards of the evening, with proud parents Zendel and Mildred Murray looking on. In a very emotional speech Shonique thanked her parents for their help and support in her successes thus far. She declared, "I know that through Christ I can accomplish even more." Young Ms. Murray was also the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship donated by Mr. Al Martin of Melbourne, Florida.

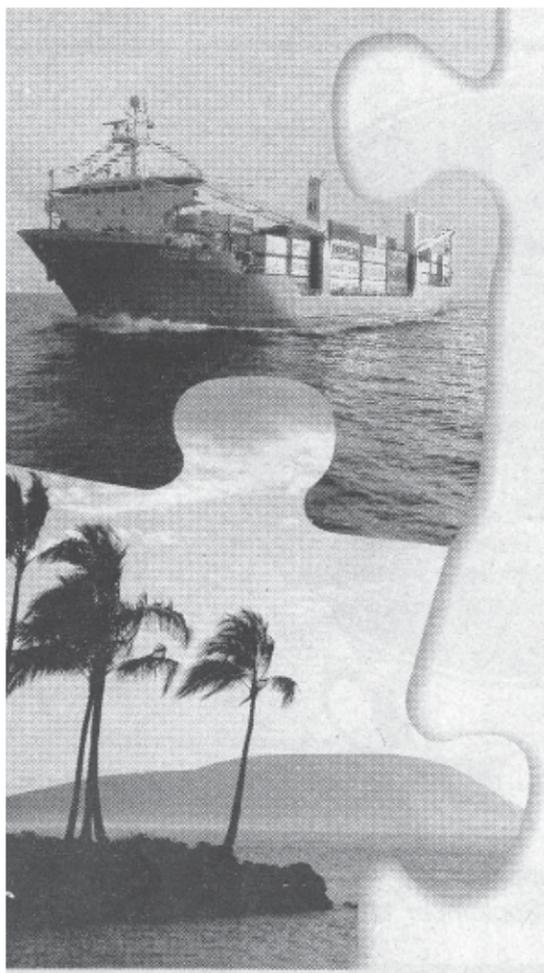
Principal Leslie Rolle applauded the graduating class for their hard work and accomplishments. He encouraged them to keep a mental note of their theme as they strive to fulfil their dreams. In addressing the teachers and parents present, Mr. Rolle encouraged the employment of talents. Said Mr. Rolle, "We must allow our students to maximize their potential by allowing them to use their talents."

*Mastering Your Destiny* was the topic chosen by keynote speaker Mr. Wilbur Outten. Well received by the audience, Mr.



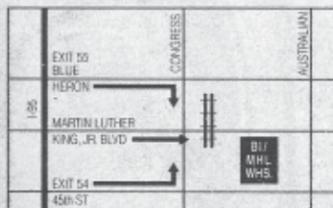
The graduates of Long Bay School were proud to receive their diplomas. They are, front row left to right, Sandra Pinder and Elizabeth Collie. In the back row, left to right, are Arthur Lightbourne, Ishmael Hepburn and Tahran Edgecombe. This was the first time Long Bay graduated twelfth graders since in the inception of their school five years ago.

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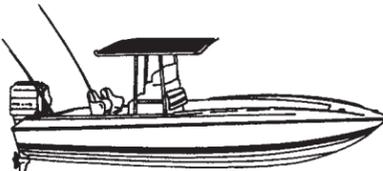
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# Central Abaco News

## New Clothing Store Opens

By Anita Rolle

Abaco is sure to compete on the fashion scene with the opening of yet another top fashion house from Nassau. Adam & Eve

has now opened its doors in Marsh Harbour, carrying top lines in ladies' and children's apparel, shoes, handbags and accessories. The store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Russell, has successful branches operating throughout New Providence. Managing the

Abaco branch are Mr. and Mrs. Al and Laura Lee. Some of the brand names include Esprit, One Step Up, Morgan and Anne Taylor. Adam & Eve caters to the full-figured woman with plus size clothing

by top designer Jordan Woman.

The store is located on Don MacKay Boulevard at Flamingo Place (next door to Good As New) and is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon-

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A fund raiser was held to help with the expenses of Drexel Major who was severely injured in a traffic accident in January. At this time Drexel is unable to walk and is having extensive physical therapy. Several civic groups and organizations worked together on this effort on June 22. Originally scheduled for June 15, it had to be postponed because of inclement weather. Mr. Hugh Cottis is shown above as he oversees the drawing of raffle tickets.



Ms. Jackie Escaveras, Assistant Manager of Commonwealth Bank, Marsh Harbour, is shown as she left for a fast ride with Dr. Mark Binard on his Triumph motorcycle. Mr. Bill Lyons, Manager of CIBC, sponsored the ticket for her ride in aid of raising funds on Drexel Day. This was one of the fun activities offered on June 22 to raise funds for Drexel Major of Marsh Harbour who was severely injured in a traffic accident in January.

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### Secret Ballot Issue Comes to Abaco

By Isobel Sherman.

Mr. Gladstone "Stone" McEwan has brought his fight for the secret ballot to Abaco this past week. Mr. McEwan told

me he has distributed over 8000 flyers in Nassau in his bid to raise funds to take the issue of the secret ballot to the Privy Council in London. An account had been established at the Royal Bank Main branch in Nassau for donations. This past week Mr. McEwan distributed flyers in Marsh Harbour asking for donations. In addition, flyers have been distributed in Grand Bahama. For more information Mr. McEwan can be contacted at 367-2614.



On June 14 CIBC Bahamas Limited, Marsh Harbour Branch presented a cheque to help with the 2002 All Abaco Regatta scheduled for September. Presenting the cheque on behalf of CIBC Ltd was Mrs. Iris Hanchell, Customer Services Manager. Receiving the cheque on behalf of the All Abaco Regatta was Mr. Everette Hart, Island Administrator and Chairman of the All Abaco Regatta Committee

## Blow Out Causes Wreck



Shirley Saunders from Sandy Point suffered a tire blow-out which caused her truck to roll over. Groceries for her shop in Sandy Point were spilled all over the road and her truck was totaled. But Ms. Saunders had on her seat belt and suffered only minor injuries. She very easily could have been killed if she had not had her seat belt on.

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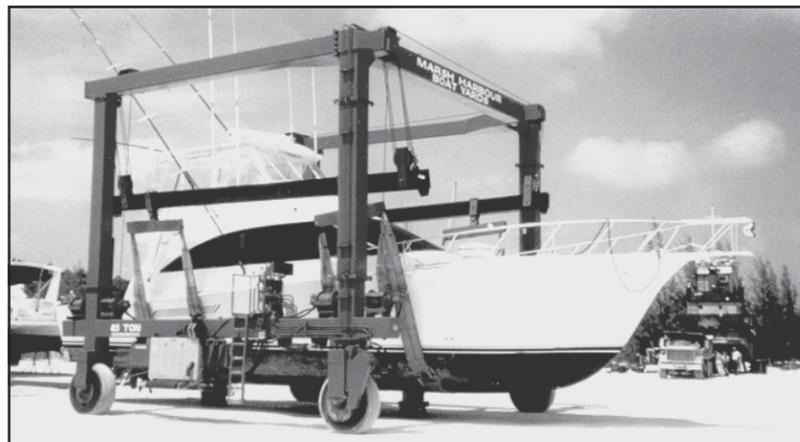


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# FTAA Will Bring Major Changes

By Alice Bain

On May 7th Dr. Trevor Hamilton met one-on-one with local business owners and members of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce to discuss the impact of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) on the Bahamian economy. He was here to help the Bahamian Government FTAA negotiating team "feel the pulse" of the private sector. Dr. Hamilton is a management consultant who has lived and worked throughout the Caribbean. He has worked for the Royal Bank of Canada, the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations and Caricom among other institutions. Although he is a native of Jamaica, Dr. Hamilton is no stranger to the Bahamas and has worked here on missions several times.

The Bahamas has many interests that need to be taken into account in negotiating the FTAA. The impact on retail, tourism, agriculture, professional services, manufacturing and the Freeport Free Trade Zone all must be considered. Dr. Hamilton has held meetings with local business owners and managers in Nassau and Freeport as well as Abaco. "I've had pretty good interest shown so far," says Dr. Hamilton. "I start out by telling people about free trade—the general principles of free trade, and what the implications might be for the Bahamas and other small countries. I try to point them to the opportunities that the FTAA will

bring.

Basically, free trade is unavoidable at this time—globalization is taking place whether we like it or not. Any business anywhere will now always have competition because of the existence of things like e-commerce—shopping online. We cannot avoid globalization, so we need to see what we can do to exploit the opportunities and minimize the threats and risks."

"Business cannot be done in the same way as it was yesterday," continued Dr. Hamilton. "I have gotten the impression in the Bahamas that 'What does free trade have to do with us because we don't trade here.' Well, you're wrong. Service is a trade and in today's world it is a bigger trade than commodities. Tourism, hotels, airlines, taxis and all the hospitality services—this is all trade, and it is no different from selling goods."

The FTAA is driven by the United States and is an emulation of what the European Union has already partially accomplished—the dropping of trade barriers between countries and the encouragement of the free migration of skilled workers. "NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) with the Canadians and the Mexicans worked reasonably well for the United States," said Dr. Hamilton, "and the FTAA is an extension of that."

The FTAA has invited 34 countries in

North and South America and the Caribbean basin to be included in the treaty—every independent country in the region excluding Cuba. "The Bahamas has a strategic position in the middle," Dr. Hamilton continued, "and can easily provide service support to trade. Transshipment centers in the Bahamas can be expanded, and there are more opportunities in real estate for warehousing and development and also in the areas of ship repair service and fueling."

The Bahamian tax structure will definitely have to be revised under the FTAA. "Under the general rules the FTAA requires 'harmonized tariffs'—reciprocity of import duties," explained Dr. Hamilton. "For example, if an item is charged 10 percent duty to enter the United States, it must be charged 10 percent duty to enter the Bahamas. Sixty percent of the Bahamian Central Government revenue presently comes from tariffs, and the Bahamian government does not have free trade with anyone. Yes, under most trade agreements tariffs have a tendency to

come down, but as a sovereign state, the Bahamas can play with revenues and install other compensatory taxes. If the normal duty on an item is 40 percent and the FTAA requires that the duty be set at 20 percent, the government can set its own additional tax of 20 percent to bring revenues up to where they were before. Clearly, at least for the time being, there should be two objectives in revising the tariff code: First, that any compensatory taxes should not bring an additional burden on the citizenry and secondly, that they should be kept as simple as possible in order that the business community not be exposed to a labyrinth of bureaucratic red tape. Examples of compensatory taxes are 'ad valorem' or VAT taxes and port surcharges."

"There are many challenges to be dealt with under Free Trade and globalization . . . basically, ANYTHING that happens anywhere in the world can affect you. The Ba-

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# FTAA Concepts Create Challenges

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hamas is a country that is highly exposed to external shocks—in fact, one of the most exposed in the area. The truth of this statement can be seen in the economic problems here brought on by the 9/11 attacks on the United States.”

“Internally, of course, the main issue for the Bahamas is that under Free Trade there has to appear to be the free movement of capital. Americans can come here and invest so Bahamians should be able to go to America and invest, which under the present Bahamian laws they are not allowed to do. Foreign exchange laws must be revamped.”

Dr. Hamilton said that in his opinion the issue of the free movement of work force will not be as worrisome as it might appear. The Bahamas, of course, is concerned that this clause will open the floodgates to a mass emigration of Haitians to our shores—that we would not be able to legally control. “The United States itself has similar immigration concerns,” he stated. “However, the Bahamas does need to reexamine its immigration policy. The policy needs to be rationalized in order for it to allow importation of skilled workers who can aid in the strategic development of the country. The same is true for all the nations in the FTAA—we don’t all want to have to reinvent the wheel! Importing skills is as important as importing food, and there should be a mechanism to allow this. The immigration policy definitely needs modernization.”

“Another issue to take into account when talking about immigration is that we need

to realize the stresses that can be placed on the social system by an influx of workers. Schools, utilities and housing may be inadequate. Because of this the company that hires the worker should contribute to the societal cost of keeping that worker—National Insurance or its equivalent should be paid on all workers. We do not need to make immigration to the Bahamas harder, but there should be some sort of equity involved. A good immigration policy will therefore allow importation of strategic skills and have a mechanism for employers to bear part of the social burden imposed by the presence of the immigrants.”

Dr. Hamilton stressed that “Free Trade does NOT mean FEAR Trade. I believe that one of the major challenges to the Bahamas is the need for safeguards.” He and other FTAA negotiators are trying to find out what safeguards are needed and looking for mechanisms to implement them. “The onus is on the business to make sure that it properly safeguards itself by setting standards within the industry. For example, in the United States it is almost impossible to import fresh food or pharmaceuticals because

of the vast regulations imposed by the Food and Drug Administration. A few years back a non-U.S. citrus grower was prevented from importing grapefruit to Florida because the acid content of the fruit was too high.” The industry itself must impose standards and get them approved, said Dr. Hamilton.

The FTAA also has anti-dumping provisions, and these need to be implemented specifically in small economies like ours. “Dumping” basically is the sale of goods below cost price. The example that Dr. Hamilton used was chicken. The U.S. chicken companies make all their profit on each individual bird from the chicken breast alone. This means that theoretically they could export the rest of the bird to places like the Bahamas, and if there were no tariffs in place they could undercut all the local competition and put them out of business. Governments can avoid this by creating compensatory taxes and by subsidizing any local industries that might be vulnerable.

“Right now, one of the biggest problems with this is that the law has no teeth, so to speak,” Dr. Hamilton added. “There is no

way to enforce regulations and standards, and that needs to be addressed.”

In conclusion, Dr. Hamilton said that whether the Bahamas becomes a member of the FTAA or not, competition is the name of the game. In his opinion it behooves the Bahamian Government to take part in the FTAA, if for no other reason than our abstention will rob us of a voice within the organization. “The Bahamian worker will have to be competitive,” he said, “and Bahamian corporations and investors need to

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# Radio Abaco Has New Home

By Alice Bain

Radio Abaco has recently moved into a new office built adjacent to the former one in Dundas Town. "This office has been in the making for over two and a half years," says Radio Abaco owner and chief anchorman Silbert Mills. "We looked at many different designs—in fact, we had a two-story plan actually approved by town planning and out to tender, but I rejected it at the last minute. The building now is based on the design of an Italian building. Bob Cope, an American engineer who attends the same church as I do, altered the design and drew

it up on his computer."

The new building has adequate office space, a recording studio area, an accounting area and an on-air studio. Radio Abaco used to do some recording in the former building, but it was a dicey job, not having a separate studio to keep out unwanted outside noise such as phones ringing and other people talking. The studio is using a standard Mackie mixer, but Mr. Mills has plans to expand his production capabilities in the near future.

The on-air studio has about 2,000 compact discs and about 20,000 songs on disc

and in the form of MP3 files. The station is computerized and fully automated. "We could run it for a week without touching it if we had to," says Mr. Mills. "In fact, we ran it for four days once and had no problems. The electrical voltage is not as stable as we might want, but we have battery-backups and backup generators to fill in so we can continue to stay on the air in the event of a power outage." Mr. Mills says that Radio Abaco is a community-oriented station and he is planning to keep it that way.

Mr. Mills' personal office also doubles as a television studio. Radio Abaco, in con-

junction with the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (ZNS), will be producing a weekly news show entitled *Abaco People*. Mr. Mills will be the anchor for the first few shows, which will begin airing on July 2nd of this year, but soon thereafter the job will be filled by a news anchor now in training. *Abaco People* will air every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and reruns will be shown on Cable Bahamas' new community channel which should be going on the air very soon. Radio Abaco scheduling can be seen on Cable Bahamas TV guide, channel 5.

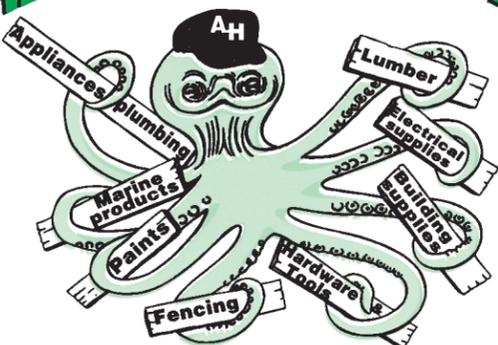


Radio Abaco has moved into its new building on Front Street in Dundas Town. Shown above is Mr. Silbert Mills, owner of the station, outside his modern building. Recently he has upgraded his equipment to provide coverage for the entire island of Abaco. Some of his equipment was burned out by lightning and by power fluctuations.



Mr. Silbert Mills is shown above sitting at a console in his enlarged studio in the new building housing Radio Abaco. The new building has a studio for recording advertising and future programming. There is also space for a small television studio.

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# Abaco Offers Variety of Boat Yards

By Alice Bain

The business of hauling and repairing boats is a tradition here on Abaco, and five boat yards offer these services in Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War Cay, Hope Town and Marsh Harbour.

Abaco Yacht Services at the Green Turtle Cay Shipyard was founded in 1978. They can haul boats up to 50 tons or about 55 feet long and have enough dry storage space for 150 boats. Some residents store their boats every year for hurricane season.

Crystal Roberts of Abaco Yacht Services commented, "We're usually full by August—people who want to store their boats

here during hurricane season should book by January of that year. We haul sailboats and powerboats, but we've got mostly sailboats in storage. We've got a smaller lift for boats up to 25 feet and also a forklift." Abaco Yacht Services also sells and services Yamaha engines.

Abaco Yacht Services is a full service yard. They clean and paint boat bottoms, polish hulls, and sell "Seahawk Island 44" bottom paint. The yard stored 170 boats during Hurricane Floyd. Of these, 14 sailboats tipped over and one catamaran was flipped. All but one of the boats were repairable and were sailed home for further repairs under

their own power. The yard has had no problems with any of the more minor hurricanes that have hit Abaco, including Hurricane Michelle in November of 2001.

Edwin's Boat Yard in Man-O-War Cay is a direct offshoot of the Man-O-War Cay boat building tradition. Edwin Albury started his business in 1960, building small wooden dinghies for use with outboard engines. He, Keith Albury and Darvin Sands built boats of varying sizes during the 1960s and were joined by Blake Albury in 1969. The business expanded in 1976 when Edwin purchased William Albury's boatyard, which is now known as Edwin's Boat Yard #2. Edwin's Boat Yard stores small boats up to 26 feet; runabouts and a few shallow draft sailboats. Their specialty is maintenance, paint work and mechanical repairs. They can haul boats up to 65 feet long or 50 tons. They are official dealers for Yanmar diesel engines. Edwin's has a lot of repeat customers and is the oldest yard on Abaco.

Lighthouse Marina has been operating their boat yard since 1979 and offers dry storage and hauling for boats up to 10 tons. The yard does bottom painting, pressure cleaning, compound waxing of hulls and they sell and service Yamaha outboard motors. They have a forklift capable of lifting boats up to about 32 feet long and their dry-storage yard can hold as many as 150 small boats.

Abaco Outboards hauls boats up to 34 feet using a hydraulic trailer and has been in business since 1984. They also offer a bottom-painting service and give written

estimates for each job. Boats can be stored on blocks or on the boat-owner's own trailer in the Abaco Outboards yard. The yard does not require booking in advance for hurricane season. "Most people will ask us to haul a boat if there is a hurricane in June, July or August," says Angelique Cash, "and we haul them as they bring them." Abaco Outboards sells Yamaha outboard engines and offers service on these engines only. They also sell Waverunners, generators and water pumps.

Marsh Harbour Boat Yard is the most recently founded of all the Abaco yards. It came into being three years ago in 1999 but at first they were only able to haul small boats using a hydraulic trailer. After Hurricane Floyd the business purchased a large straddle lift capable of hauling boats up to 85 tons or about 110 feet long. The yard, like Edwin's Boat Yard, is more geared towards working rather than storage, although they do store small boats for residents who live here only half the year. They offer full bottom-paint service and have a complete welding and machine shop on the premises for parts fabrication.



The M/V Leopard, a 100-foot long, 78-ton fishing boat was recently hauled and repaired at the Marsh Harbour Boat Yard. The boat belongs to Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers in Marsh Harbour and was being prepared for the upcoming crawfish season beginning August 1st..

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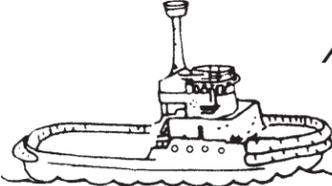


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# One Lady Who Is Making a Difference

By Alice Bain

Linda Giovino has been looking after the stray dogs of the Marsh Harbour area for three years now. The "Dog Lady" originally started putting out food for a small pack of dogs on Front Street by Rainbow Rentals, and soon her daily feeding schedule was taking her farther and farther afield. She took a pack of 17 dogs at the AID parking lot as her personal project, feeding them, befriending them and ultimately getting them spayed or neutered. She tried to adopt them out. She has gone into the Mud and Pigeon Pea seeking out abused dogs and helping them and educating the residents about proper dog care.

She has lived in Marsh Harbour for eight years and has always owned and loved dogs. "I started putting out food for the street dogs because I just couldn't turn my face away from their situation," she says. The Front Street Pack is now under the care of Charlie Cook at Rainbow Rentals.

The dogs have all been spayed or neutered except one who does not respond to tranquilizers. "They're very hardy animals," Linda comments. The former AID Parking Lot Pack has had a checkered history. It started out at that location. When Linda stopped feeding the dogs at the request of the management there, they took up residence around her old powder-blue diesel Mercedes—the "Dogmobile" that she used to drive around town. It became obvious that the pack considered the Mercedes to be their "territory" even while it was in the used car lot just south of Texaco on Don MacKay. They were used to being fed from it, chasing it and barking at it. Eventually Linda moved the car behind Abaco Spaces storage units where the remainder of the

pack now resides, happy in the possession of their German-engineered automobile. Of the seventeen original dogs, eight remain on the street. Linda herself has adopted two, two were adopted elsewhere and five have been hit by vehicles.

Linda's secret is her outgoing personality and her willingness to talk to anyone, anywhere, about their dogs. She will help any child who shows interest in keeping a dog properly. She gives out food, rawhide bones and worm medicine to kids for their dogs and tries to educate them in the basics of dog ownership, like providing fresh cold water for their dogs at all times. "I say to them, can you imagine wearing a fur coat in this hot sun and not having cold water to drink? They understand better after that!"



Linda Giovino has a big heart and concern for the stray dogs of Central Abaco. She is shown here with some of the dogs she has adopted. Besides her own dogs, she feeds many others.

"We've got a real problem, though," she comments. "Even good kids can't set an example. I've been helping out a Haitian-Bahamian kid who has a dog he's looking after in the Mud and people keep stealing his leashes. In fact, the dog itself has been stolen twice, but he always found it again." Not everyone is receptive to her mission though. "There's not a bag boy in town who doesn't know me, and not one who hasn't asked me for a potcake with Pit Bull blood," she says, commenting on the recent fad for Pit Bull terriers that has developed on Abaco. "I say to them, 'Do you think a Pit Bull is gonna make you a man? What would make you REALLY stand out from the crowd is if you took proper care of an animal!'" Linda isn't giving up though. She believes that having a heart-to-heart dialog on a consistent basis with as many people as possible is the best way to improve the situation of dogs in Marsh Harbour.

She would eventually like to open a small shelter for street dogs and abused dogs. This may be a difficult concept though because she says she doesn't want it to be a place where "people indiscriminately drop off dogs that they just don't want any more"

but admits that any semi-official shelter is liable to end up as a dumping-ground for unwanted dogs, particularly puppies. "Abaco Spaces is NOT a shelter!" she asserts.

Linda would like to see dogs on Abaco treated better. "But you have to start with small steps," she says. "A five or eight-year-old, the first thing they'll do when they see a dog is they want to pick up a rock and throw it. I tell them not to throw the rocks, but they say the dogs are 'bad'—because that's what they're taught. I tell them how special dogs are, how they work with people in all sorts of ways, herding animals like sheep, helping blind people find their way around and how they're helping the workers at ground zero. I like what comedian Denis Leary had to say about that. He really likes dogs, you know, he said something like 'You don't see any cats or fish or hamsters at ground zero!' and he's right!"

Linda has built up her reputation as a Dog Guru simply by caring—when other people turn their faces away. "Whenever I

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# Tips for Efficient Use of Electricity

Abaco is just beginning a summer that is predicted to be a hot one. For many, the electricity bills will be record breaking as air conditioners and fans are kept humming. Overcast days and rain help greatly while they last but unfortunately that is a limited amount of days. Here are several tips which can save energy and keep your electric bills reasonable.

- Turn the thermostat on your air conditioner to 78 degrees or higher. Comfort depends to a great extent on the removal of moisture from the air, not necessarily the actual temperature. Each degree can mean a nine percent difference in cooling costs.
- Use ceiling fans to circulate air. They use only about the same amount of power as a light bulb but can make you feel comfortable at a higher thermostat setting.
- Keep your air conditioner filters clean. This cleaning should be done monthly. A

good way to remember is to clean them each time you receive your electric bill.

- Air conditioners will work more efficiently when in shade, either from the building or by trees and shrubs. This can reduce the cost by ten percent.
- Use reflective film, awnings, shutters or tinted window glass to reduce the amount of sunlight in your home.
- Draperies, blinds or inside shutters reduce heat in the house.
- Clean your refrigerator coils once yearly and keep your refrigerator thermostat set to 36 to 42 degrees and the freezer between zero and eight degrees.
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or 140 degrees if you have a dish washer.
- Adjust the water level in your washing machine to match size of the load.
- Lower the heat on your stove once the food reaches a boil or simmer.

• Turn the oven on just before your use it. Preheating is seldom necessary.

• Insulate your ceiling and walls. Insulating ceilings can reduce your air conditioning costs as much as 20 percent.

• Turn off lights and fans when you leave a room.

These helpful hints should help keeping your electric bills reasonable.

## FTAA

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start looking at much wider markets. You must remember that competitiveness does not necessarily mean cheap labor wages.

High priced labor can also be competitive. For example, if I pay a man \$2 an hour to make cups, and he makes two cups an hour I end up paying more per cup than if I hire a man for \$10 an hour and he makes 50 cups each hour. Future wages will be based on skills, and the workers will also need a wider range of skills."

With the inclusion of all the South American countries in the FTAA, proficiency in Spanish and Portuguese will be a definite bonus and enable a worker to command a higher wage. "Corporations will be looking for value for money when they hire a worker," Dr. Hamilton asserted, "and the workers themselves must be much more flexible and globally-minded."

Dr. Hamilton will be returning to the Bahamas later in the year for further FTAA workshops.



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# Garbage Is Problem for Every Community

Garbage on Abaco is creating problems just as it does in the rest of the world. The cays in particular have problems due to lack of appropriate public land suitable for a dump. Land on those cays is too valuable to devote a large enough area for a proper dump. Maintenance is a problem for all communities. Burning is still the norm for

reducing the quantity of garbage, but experts who have made a study of the problem for the Ministry of Works are recommending other methods of garbage disposal as smoke from dumps can be toxic. This seems to be a problem that no one wants to deal with.



The dump servicing the central Abaco area is fast getting out of control. Although garbage is still well away from the S.C. Bootle Highway, the dump is disorganized and not maintained properly. People now rummage through the contents, rats and flies are having a heyday.



Man-O-War has succeeded in coping with their garbage problem very successfully. They were faced with no adequate site for a dump. They have secured a convenient location near the town where they collect the garbage. A large chipper-shredder grinds up all brush and construction lumber into mulch. The town uses this mulch for public areas and sells the rest to homeowners. For the rest of the garbage the man in charge of the dump waits until the wind is in a favorable direction, then burns it to reduce the volume. The debris is then put into containers and shipped to Marsh Harbour. The photo above shows the containers specifically made for this situation emptying the garbage at the dump on S.C. Bootle Highway. The mainland of Abaco has much land that can be used for such a purpose. The recommendation by the group studying the garbage situation throughout the Bahamas was for Central Abaco to have a land-fill dump inland from Snake Cay.

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- Fri 5th Lay Day
- Sat 6th Race 2 "Round-the-Islands" off Guana Cay; Evening party at Nipper's, Live music
- Mon 8th Race 3 off Man-O-War Cay, Crossing Beach Street Party and awards for races 2 & 3  
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- Tues 9th Race 4 Round-the-Islands to Hope Town, Party at Harbour's Edge
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# New Sculpture Series Is Underway

By Alice Bain

The artisans at Johnston Galleries in Little Harbour have been working on several new projects lately. A commissioned life-size bas-relief of Sir Lynden O. Pindling by Pete Johnston will be completed soon. This follows in the tradition of portrait sculpture begun by his father, Randolph Johnston, who created a bronze rendering of Sir Milo Butler, which has stood in Rawson Square in Nassau for many years now. In addition, Pete has finished work on two new sculpture series. The *Old Man and the Sea* series is based on the Hemingway novel of the same name and depicts three scenes from

the book. In *Tail Walker* the old man, Santiago, has hooked the giant marlin; in *Fending Off* he is shown stabbing at the sharks that are eating the beaten marlin; and finally, in *Homeward Bound* the little sailing dinghy has the remains of the marlin tied to it and is being circled by sharks. Each piece is finished in a color patina and is part of a limited edition of 50.

The *Western* series is another recent project, again a set of three sculptures that Pete developed inspiration for while staying at a friend's house in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. *Skull Dancer* is a lovely dynamic piece showing a wild horse jumping with

one hoof on a cow skull and depicts a Native American legend. In *Stand Off* a bull and a bear menace each other. And finally in *My Fish* a cougar and an eagle are vying for a choice salmon. These pieces are finished with a traditional honey-gold patina and are also part of a limited edition.

Finally, Pete has finished a pair of bronze gates for local Cruiser's Net hosts, Bob and Patty Toler. A pair of dolphins top the gate (for the Toler's call sign, *Blue Dolphin*) and the hinges are cast replicas of Bob and Patty's hands. The gates now grace the Toler's Eastern Shores home.



Pete Johnston of Johnston Studios is producing a series of sculptures based on Ernest Hemingway's novel *Old Man and the Sea*. Shown above is *Fending Off*. This will be a limited edition of 50.



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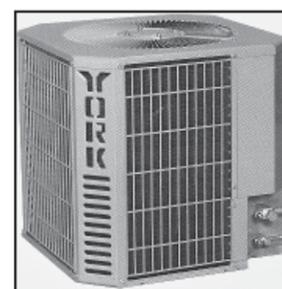


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# The Stars At Night: Corona Borealis

By Alice Bain

Corona Borealis, or the *Northern Crown* is one of the lesser known constellations in the summer sky, but it is one of the easiest to spot. Simply go outside on a clear night at about 9 p.m. and look directly up. You will see a semicircle of seven stars with one far brighter than the others; this is the crown of Ariadne.

In Greek mythology Ariadne was the daughter of King Minos of Crete. The Cretans were cursed with a monster, a man with the head of a bull known as the Minotaur, who was imprisoned in a treacherous labyrinth and fed on human flesh. Seven young men and seven young women were thrown into the labyrinth and sacrificed to the Minotaur every year. Ariadne fell in love with the hero Theseus, who was to be one of the Minotaur's victims. She

was responsible for helping him to slay the monster with a short sword she provided and escape from the labyrinth using a magic ball of string to guide his way. Ariadne escaped Crete on Theseus' boat, but en route to Naxos he marooned her. Left alone, Ariadne bewailed her fate and the god Bacchus heard her and came to her rescue. He fell in love with Ariadne and married her. To glorify her forever he took her jeweled crown and placed it as a constellation in the summer sky.

Other legends concerning this constellation describe the stars as beautiful maidens (Shawnee Indian), a circle of chiefs (Pawnee Indian), a broken dish (Arabic), a cord (Chinese), and "woomera"—a boomerang (Australian Aborigine). The brightest star in the constellation is known as Gemma or Alphecca.

## Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Persis C. Higgs**, 85, of Marsh Harbour passed away on June 9. Her funeral was on June 12 at Bible Truth Hall with Bros. Wayne Davis, Donald Roberts and Robbie Higgs officiating. Interment was in the public cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

Mrs. Higgs is survived by her children, Rowan Higgs, Bobbie Higgs, Eldwyth Roberts and Gaye Albury; daughters-in-law Patricia Higgs and Nancy Higgs; sons-in-law Benjamin Roberts and Jack Albury; sister and brother-in-law Christine and Donald

Roberts; brother and sister-in-law Stewart and Lily Stratton; grandsons and wives Robbie and Julie Higgs, Daron and Sheri Roberts, Brent and Jill Roberts, Timmy and April Higgs, Heath and Susan Higgs; granddaughters and husbands Bonnie and Ritch Madlorn, Maureen and Glenn Keopp, Ginnie and Chad Sawyer, Stacey and Brandon Thompson, Pamela and Andrew Pinder and Celeste and Vincent Pinder; granddaughter Darlene Higgs; great-grandchildren Tabitha, Gina, Austin, Allison, Jessica, Ben, Cody, Wesley, Benjamin, Bethany Brianna, Brian, Rebecca-Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Andrew, Troy, Crystal, Bailey, Ashley and Miles; and many other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed.

**Nancy Paty Jones**, 67, died on June 12 in Palm Beach after a long illness. She and her husband were long time second-home residents with a home on Sugar Loaf Cay.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Dr. Oliver L. Jones, Jr., five children, five grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. She will be missed by her many friends on Abaco.



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# More School News

**School** *From Page 11*

Outten proved a superb presenter as he spent a great amount of time speaking directly to the graduates. He encouraged them not to be afraid to dream big and be disciplined in following their dreams. "Courageous discipline is necessary to master your destiny," he said. Sharing a quote that has assisted him through the years, Mr. Outten quoted, "Life is a blank canvas waiting for us to

paint our picture upon it any way we choose."

## Abaco Central High School Baccalaureate Service Honour Graduates

*By Isobel Sherman*  
Abaco Central High School held their

Baccalaureate Service on June 23 at Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town. This service has been absent from the graduating class activities for the past several years. Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, insisted that the service be part of the graduating class activities and made it mandatory for all students graduating to attend. Pastor A.E. Lewis, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, was the guest speaker.

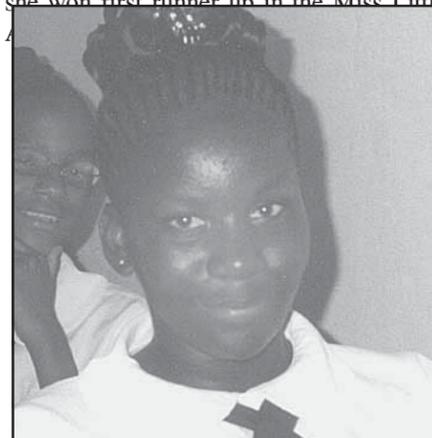
*Destination* the ceremony was held at the Zion Baptist Church in Fox Town. Key-note speechmaker was Rev. Stafford Symonette who challenged the youngsters to strive for success.

The challenge for the next school year was presented by Laquey Smith and accepted by Edrico Ambrister. This year's Valedictorian was young Clayshawn Brown, who also made her mark last month when she won first runner up in the Miss Little

Another departure from the usual procedure, the prizes for the top student in each subject, effort prizes and other awards were given out at this service, thus making the graduation ceremony much shorter. A full list of those receiving awards will be in the next edition.

## Fox Town Primary 21 Participate in Commencement Exercise

*By Anita Rolle*  
The Fox Town Primary School held Commencement Exercises on June 20th, with twenty-one students graduating. Using the theme *Success Is a Journey, Not a*



Validictorian Clayshaun Brown



The students of Ms. Farrah Cartwright's class at Agape Christian School recently visited the Marsh Harbour Community Library. Some of the students are shown here showing Ms. Cartwright the books they discovered. Mrs. Yvonne Key, who was instrumental in the creation of the library, was on hand to assist the students.



**Congratulations to Bianca Bethel**

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Sherman

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other educators must still fight for improved reading skills for the young people of Abaco. And maybe for even some of the not so young.

**Instant Gratification**

It seems that today anyone under the age of 21 does not want to wait for anything. They want instant gratification and get upset when it does not happen. It could be something as simple as a letter of recommendation. They ask the person, then get upset if the person cannot write the letter right at that moment. If they have to wait maybe a week for it, they do not understand why they have to wait. They never think that the person doing the writing has other things to do in life besides write a letter of recommendation.

Instant gratification is very prevalent with teenagers in high school or junior school. They have no patience whatsoever and in some cases they are so involved in their own lives that they think everyone else should be that involved in their lives also. Another good example is when students come to request transcripts or letters for visas at the high school. They usually think they can get the letter or transcript the same day and often do not understand why they have to wait a few days for it. There is an old saying that *Good comes to those who wait*. Maybe this is something for our young people to think about.

Roberts

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lars we make today.

There is a monument here on Abaco which, for the most part, describes what I am saying vividly.

At the southern tip of Abaco there stands a proud lighthouse in some of the most magnificent surroundings you can find on the island. Hole-in-the-wall Lighthouse is, in fact, the very first Imperial Lighthouse built in The Bahamas in 1836. It stands gorgeously on a high point of land surrounded by cliffs and, of course, the landmark hole-in-the-wall. Surrounding the lighthouse are three buildings one of which served as the keepers' quarters. In fact, the whole area out there is quite beautiful.

Recently I visited the lighthouse and met a run down lighthouse with the front door broken off its hinges and the surrounding buildings in derelict shape with much garbage scattered around.

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It is good to select a safe place within your house, preferably an area without windows and away from outside walls, that you can use as a shelter in case you feel your house is not going to withstand the high winds. This could be a closet or a bathroom. It needs to be equipped with basic necessities that would be needed for several hours until the severe part of the storm passed.

Remember, a seasonal storm forecasts may indicate mild normal or severe season but that does not give any security. It takes just one storm to cripple a town or island. Preparation is the key to surviving a storm with the minimum of damage.

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

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

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

Tours & Excursions	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Abaco Outback - by kayak	367-5358
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646
Dive Abaco	367-2787
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

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

Ferry Schedule	
Departure times shown • Daily unless noted	
<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b>	
<b>Marsh Harbour to Hope Town</b> 20 minute trip	
7:15 (M-F) 9 am	10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:30
<b>Hope T. to Marsh Harbour</b> 20 minute trip	
8 am	9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 ‡5 (M-F)
<b>Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War</b> 20 minute trip	
10:30 am	12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:30
<b>Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour</b> 20 minute trip	
8 am	11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)
<b>Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay &amp; Guana</b> 30 minute trip	
‡6:45 am	10:15 1:15 pm 3:30 5:30
<b>Guana &amp; Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour</b> 30 minute trip	
8 am	11:30 2:30 pm 4:45
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$ 8/\$12 Children \$4/\$6	
Charters any time • Phone 367-3147 or 365-6010 VHF Ch. 16	
Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries leave from Crossing Beach	
Guana Cay and Scotland Cay ferries leave from Conch Inn	
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock	
<b>Green Turtle Ferry</b>	
<b>Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport • Daily</b>	
8 am 9 11	12:15pm 1:30 3 4:30
<b>Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay • Daily</b>	
8:30 am	10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
One way adult fare \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$11	
Additional to some destinations • Charter any time	
Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 VHF Channel 16	
<b>Abaco Adventures</b>	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Wed &amp; Sat 10 am, return 5 pm \$25</b>	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Sun 11, 12:30, 4, return 11:45, 3 &amp; 5</b>	
<b>Treasure C. to Man-O-War &amp; Hope T - Thur 10 am, return 3:30 \$35</b>	
Charters available - Phone 365-8749 VHF Channel 16	
<b>Pinder's Ferry Service</b>	
Connects Abaco & Grand Bahama - Approximately 1 hour trip	
<b>Crown Haven to McLean's Town - Daily 7:30 am &amp; 2:30 pm</b>	
<b>McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am &amp; 4:30 pm</b>	
Fare \$30 one way - For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356	
Bus service to and from Freeport at McLean's Town AND bus service to and from Marsh Harbour at Crown Haven. Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Abaco Marinas	
	Slips Fuel Phone
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 ..... F .... 353-1252
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	45 ..... F .... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32 ..... F .... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15 ..... F .... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12 ..... F .... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10 ..... F .... 365-4033
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 ..... F .... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26 ..... F .... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Boat Harbour Marina	183 ..... F .... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75 ..... F .... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36 ..... F .... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 ..... F .... 367-2700
Mangoes	29 ..... F .... 367-2366
Port of Call	24 ..... F .... 367-2287
Abaco Yacht Haven	7 ..... F .... 367-3079
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16 ..... F .... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... F .... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 ..... F .... 366-0154
Sea Spray	24 ..... F .... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 ..... F .... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Guana Beach Resort	22 ..... F .... 365-5133
Orchid Bay	32 ..... F .... 365-5175
Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Dive Shops	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Dave's Dive Shop	366-0029
Froggies	366-0024
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Brendal's Dive Shop	365-4411
Green Turtle Divers	365-4271
Guana Cay Dive Shop	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Rentals	
<b>Bikes &amp; Scooters • Boats • Cars &amp; Carts</b>	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Laysue Boat Rentals	367-4414
Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Wilmac Car Rentals	367-4970 or 367-4313
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4656
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Guana Cay Cart Rentals	365-5016
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Dave's Dive Shop Boat Rentals	366-0029
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



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

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
C&G Restaurant	\$ 367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Daily Bread (lunch)	\$
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Jamie's Place	
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Katie's	367-4657
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch)	367-2615
Lacaye	\$ 367-4910
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	\$ 367-2002
Pop's Place	\$ + ... 367-3796
Sapodill	\$\$\$ 367-2498
Sharkees	\$ + ... 367-3535
Snack Shack	\$ + ... 367-4005
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
<b>Dundas Town</b>	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
<b>Murphy Town</b>	
Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy	367-5331
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Boat House	\$ 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Club Soleil	\$\$\$ 366-0003
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
Hollywood Temptations	
H T Harbour Lodge	\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + ... 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Pavilion	\$ 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Coco Paradise	365-5197
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	\$\$\$ 365-5137
Orchard Bay	
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	\$ 365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ 365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ 365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$ 365-4066
Wrecking Tree Rest.	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ + ... 365-8635
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

# Letters to the Editor

**Letters**

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law to keep their dogs in a fence?

2. If the dog is found outside the fence, should the owner be fined?

3. If a person cannot afford a fence, should they chain the dog?

4. Does the government need to develop a dog-catching/animal shelter programme?

We, the grade nine class of Agape Christian School, have a remedy in overcoming this major problem affecting our town. We strongly suggest the implementation of a dog-catching/animal shelter programme.

The following are some suggested guidelines on how to conduct such a programme.

1. The dog is caught and kept at the shelter for seven days.

2. The owner can retrieve the dog for a fee of \$25.

3. If any of the public would like to "adopt" a dog, they can do so for the same fee.

4. If the dog is not claimed or adopted within seven days, then it is put to sleep.

We hope that the government will recognize our problem and will take immediate action.

Grade 9, Agape Christian School

## Has Falsely Accused Forgotten?

To the Editor,

If you would allow us a space in your paper, we would like to reply to the writer of the *Falsely Accused* letter in your last edition.

Within this article it said, "I have seen persons who are not eligible to vote make a bigger deal over the election than ones that can vote."

Mr. Writer, you must be forgot you used to be one of us who made a bigger deal than those who could vote. Does the 1997 election ring a bell? You were only 14 or 15 years old, an age that you were not eligible to vote. We went to rallies together, put up political signs together and went to the victory party together.

Just because you are not on our side doesn't mean that you now have to carry on about us. Or should we use your quote "NOT THEM." If persons not eligible to vote are not meant to get involved, then why do both parties have T-shirts made in children's sizes?

All right, put yourself in one of our shoes. If you, like me, missed voting in the election by seven months and you owned a vehicle, you wouldn't decorate it with stickers or flags of the party that you supported? You wouldn't get involved with the actions and events that your party takes?

In conclusion, each individual is entitled to his own opinion and is responsible for his own actions. You should worry about

your own. Just because we are not on your side of the fence now doesn't mean we don't have the right to decorate our vehicles or voice our opinions, eligible or not eligible to vote.

Just remember, just because you are old enough to vote now doesn't mean you have always been old enough to vote. You must also think of your past before you put down on others younger than yourself.

Here's a phrase for you. *Those who live in glass house shouldn't throw stones.*

Sincerely,  
The Big Dealers,  
Joshua Malone and Junea Sweeting

## Story of Marsh Harbour Cemetery

Dear Editor,  
*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

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Bldg 4 Upstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, boat slip \$194,000  
Bldg 5 Upstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, boat slip \$194,000

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New luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 2 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features Starting at \$412,500 Plus 14% closing

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"Burns House" canal front 2 storey 2,250 sq. ft octagonal home. Lower 3 bed / 2 bath living / family, utility and screened porch. Upper vaulted ceilings living / kitchen, master bed / en suite bath \$652,000

"Safe Harbour" Canal front with excellent elevation. Octagonal 825 ± sq. ft. garage / efficiency guest house with plans for main house. Dock with power in place. Must see. \$369,000

"Laguna" brand new canal front, octagonal home, fully furnished, 3 bed/ 2 bath, modern open concept, living/dining/kitchen plus partially covered deck. Perfect island retreat for some lucky family \$676,500

"Island Times" 2500 sq. ft. modern spacious 3 bed / 2 1/2 bath, living/dining/kitchen opening onto covered patio facing waterfront. Double garage/ utility. Extra adjacent lot. Total frontage 108 ft. \$830,250

"Seaductress"/ "Harbour's Edge" Modern CBS 3 bed/ 3 bath home including private entry suite, pool, 80 ft., full serviced dock, 2 car garage including two vehicles. Exceptional location and view. Many more features, must see to appreciate. MOTIVATED SELLER \$1,200,000

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# Letters to the Editor

**Letters**

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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 all of the children of Marsh Harbour who wanted to 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

## Wants Change to a Secret Ballot

Dear Editor,

It gave me great pleasure along with high hopes to have read in the week of June 5, 2002, editions of the daily papers that the PLP is keeping their promise to appoint a constitutional committee to oversee the much needed constitutional reforms.

The number one item on the proposed referendum list is the creation of an independent boundaries commission with the responsibility to oversee the electoral process and to insure the complete integrity of the same.

It is very important for the citizens to know that if an untraceable secret ballot is not a part of the referendum, we are still being denied a democratic vote. We also should not forget the leader and deputy leader designate contest the FNM political party held in August 2001 where the party delegates voted on truly secret ballots. Less than a year later the Supreme Court ordered the same for the citizens. We were denied twice in one week before the general elections our democratic right to a secret vote. It is completely unfair. This demonstrates double standards and a complete undemocratic practice.

For those of you who think that a secret ballot is not important, I would like for you to put yourselves in someone else's shoes and think about this for a minute. It is now official that the FNM is contesting the results of the MICAL Constituency in the Supreme Court. The Hon. V. Alfred Gray won this seat by only four votes. This lets us know that the voters in that Constituency are equally divided. Now that the election is behind us, if you were a voter in that constituency and your ballot that is not se-

cret is scrutinized by persons whose political choices may differ from yours, especially if the political party that they support is now the seated government, would you want them to know how you voted? I surely would not.

This is why it is of the utmost importance for us to unite as a people in this struggle for a secret ballot. Heed the message and not the messenger in order to rid our country of all the negativity associated with our elections. I do not have to point them out. I am sure the majority of us know what they are.

I will be praying for God to touch the hearts of the members on the commission and for them to do the right thing, to bring an end to this embarrassing struggle for democracy. It will show the world that democracy in The Bahamas gets better as time goes by and that the Bahamian people are fair minded, futuristic thinkers.

Stone McEwan

## Horses Are Receiving Good Care

To the Editor:

Throughout the long and sometimes harrowing history of the Abaco wild horses, little has been said about the role of the Bahama Star Farm in keeping the horses and their history alive.

The farm is in no way responsible for the horses. The horses simply are present on the farm. It is not a job of the farm to care for the horses. However, the farm has played an active role in the preservation of the horses. Farm personnel have been very supportive in permitting vets and visitors access to the horses which are essentially on private land. Caring people on the farm have alerted authorities when horses have been seriously injured or when there has

been a death. They have often been sources of valuable information about the horses and their activities.

Negative impact on the horses occurs because the farm is simply an inappropriate habitat for them. The farm is not inappropriate as a farm. It must be remembered that it is a citrus farm. It is not a horse farm. The horses spent nearly 500 years in the forest. They were adapted to it. When the horses were nearly all killed, the last three were sheltered on the farm. The horses received support and care until it was thought they could return to the forest. Unfortunately, in this interval the horses lost the strength of their collective memory of the forest as home. Foals born on the farm imprinted the farm as their primary home. When fires and hurricanes and human intrusion made the forest even more inhospitable, the horses eventually stopped going into the forest at all.

Thus, the horses are in the dangerous process of trying to adapt to the farm. Any adaptation by a species from one habitat to another will be stressful. Given their small numbers and the challenges they face, it is hardly any wonder that the horses are struggling. They are attempting to live wild in a habitat that is totally domesticated. But even though it may be an inappropriate habitat, it is a habitat that has provided the only true shelter the horses have had since they were nearly exterminated in the 60s. The answer to the problem is that the horses should be returned to the forest habitat which will be maintained in a manner that will keep them safe. And steps are being taken to establish just such a habitat.

In the meantime, as in the past, the farm has provided shelter from fires. Farm secu-

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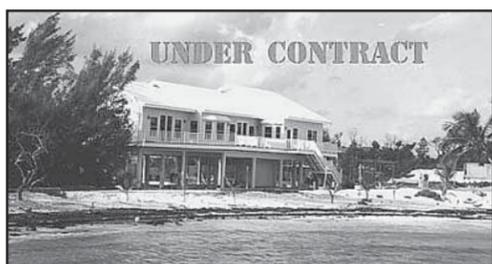


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# Viewpoint Boats Needs Special Handling

By Alice Bain

My editor has supplied me with the handy fact that Abaco has more docks per capita than any other island in the Bahamas. It follows that we use boats here more than anywhere else in the Bahamas, and indeed a boat here is not a luxury but a necessity for much of the population.

We have twelve boat rental agencies listed in the Abaco phone book and tourists who visit us generally will rent a runabout like they would rent a car elsewhere. But to run a boat, it helps to have certain skills. Basic knot tying is one (though as a friend of mine says, "If you can't tie a knot, tie a LOT") and "reading" the water—ascertaining how deep it is by how it looks—is another.

The deepest water here is the darkest midnight indigo blue. It has a sort of negative luminosity, like velvet—the sparkle and flash of the sun on the waves only makes the depths over which you are floating seem that much more profound. Blue water comes with its own special set of problems, but for the purposes of the average tourist in a runabout, and the average Abaconian (who is only trying to get to work, school or the grocery store) the water you have to keep an eye out for more than anything is shoal water.

Shoal water is shallow and a sort of dirty khaki color compared to the greens and turquoises around it. Get stuck on a bank and you're there until the next high tide. Tourists will call on the VHF to be rescued, but natives and sail-boaters are more sensitive to the humiliation factor—they should KNOW better. I've known sailors who have grounded their boats to throw out an anchor and abandon ship, sneaking off to the

nearest island in their dinghy. Sitting on a beach with a book and a bottle of rum is vastly preferable to the ignominy of sitting on your boat as it tips - slowly - to one side as the tide slips away beneath it - and other boaters passing either wave merrily or worse - come to ask if there's anything they can do to help.

If you have a sailboat with a keel, there is a precise shade of water that means trouble, depending on how much you draw. Four feet, a sort of light minty green, you'd better have some deeper water ahead of you or hope for a rising tide! In a runabout which draws different amounts depending on its speed, things are a little more complex.

For example, when I first arrived here one of my cousins offered me a ride to Hope Town. I can't remember what the tide was doing - most likely I had no idea. We were in a little Boston Whaler, and he set a course for the Parrot Cays. And we zipped across the Sea of Abaco towards the Parrot Cays. Then we were coming UP on the Parrot Cays and still zipping towards them at full speed. The water was getting shallower and shallower - we shot between the islands up on a plane in water that I swear couldn't have been much more than eight inches deep. I managed to swallow my heart again by the time we reached the dock. My cousin tossed out the anchor, cut the engine at precisely the right moment to let the boat coast in to a gentle stop against the dock, jumped out lightly and tied a neat bowline. Impressive.

Then there are those who are not so boat-smart. I still can't tie a bowline but I can heave an anchor with the best of them. I've learned from my "boaty" friends how to

deal with basic situations like setting a course and picking up a mooring ball. I have also learned what NOT to do. You do NOT bow-ride, not EVER! And in a situation where you've run hard aground, you wait for the tide to float you, you don't try to power your way off the bank. Little Harbour is notorious for the shallowness and inscrutability of its channel. A few years ago I was visiting with some friends on a boat of theirs moored in the harbour. We watched a rental sailing catamaran come in way to the right of the channel and stick fast in the muck.

This is quite an achievement since those boats draw only about two feet anyway. The guy who rented it had obviously not yet gotten the hang of doing things the Bahamian way. Instead of having a few beers and waiting for the tide to float him off, he decided to power his way off the bank. And instead of reversing off the way he came, he decided he needed to go OVER the bank, dredging himself a new channel as he went!

Of course, he just got more and more stuck until finally he enlisted the help of a guy in a runabout that was as clueless as he was. They ran a tow-rope to the bow of the

cat and gunned all the engines, with the runabout skidding around in front like an irate terrier on a short leash. Then when we looked, the man in the catamaran had his whole family standing on the front trampoline, right next to the tow-rope.

One of my friends had to dinghy over and point out to the guy that if the rope broke, it was liable to cut a few of his family members in half as it recoiled.

Luckily, there was a happy ending to this story with everyone sitting around the bar at Pete's Pub eating cheeseburgers. Needless to say, not all stories end as well. A boat—even a runabout—has wisdom to impart which is counter to all the type-A hyperactive control-freakiness of the Western World. In fact, I would venture to speculate that the necessity of fooling around in boats has shaped the Bahamian personality. If you need a lesson in humility, go get in a boat. Look at yourself in your boat, and then look at the sea. Who's got the size advantage? If you get into an all-out fight, who's going to win?

Boats have mastered the first lesson in swimming, which is how to float. Ask any swimming instructor. The first requirement for floating is that you need to RELAX!



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# Sail Shop Is a Family Affair

By Alice Bain

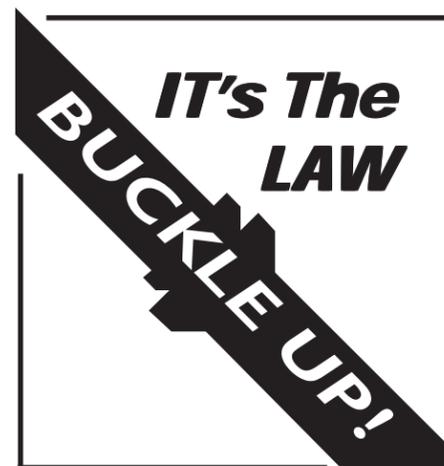
Fifty years ago Uncle Norman Albury's wife, Selina, made a small canvas ditty bag. Now the Man-O-War Sail Shop makes fifty-two different styles of canvas bags in twenty-one different colors and has recently expanded their line to include canvas printed in the popular *Androsia* batiks. Now it is Miss Annie, Miss Selina's granddaughter who mans a sewing machine in the shop. Six people altogether work at the Sail Shop. The bags are made assembly-line fashion with workers concentrating on cutting, lining, straps, reinforcing, pockets, and zip-

pers. The shop also makes a line of hard-wearing canvas hats.

The largest traveling bags cost \$70, and the smallest ditty bag goes for about \$15. "My grandmother had no idea this shop would come so far," says Miss Annie. "She was very happy to see its success, though. Sometimes she and Annie's mother, Lois, would stay up until 11 p.m. sewing in order to have enough bags to sell the next day." All the bags are made of pure cotton canvas with strong nylon straps, sewn with heavy cotton thread. Miss Annie adds the strap to an unfinished bag, beginning the

strap in what will become the bag's bottom and sewing it on expertly with one long single seam. "You don't cut the thread til the bag is done or the bobbin runs out!" she says. This adds strength to the already incredibly durable construction.

Miss Annie doesn't need to measure in order to place the straps on correctly. She has made so many canvas bags that she can now do it accurately by eye. Like everything else made on Man-O-War Cay, the Sail Shop bags have a reputation for being solid and built to last. It's not a bag, it's an investment!



The Sail Shop in Man-O-War makes a large variety of bags and canvas items. Shown above is Annie Albury, granddaughter of Miss Selina Albury, who made the first ditty bag, and Lois Albury, who built the canvas bags into a successful business.

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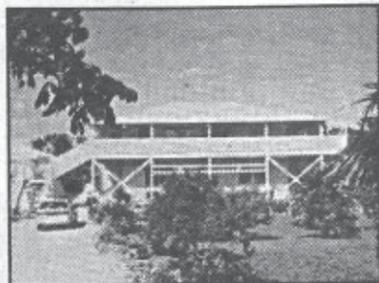
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# Crawfish Stock Appears to Be Down

By Alice Bain

Mr. Eugene Lowe of the Green Turtle Cay fish house gave a few insights into Abaco lobster fishery. The fish house has dealt with spiny lobster (crawfish) since Mr. Lowe started working there in 1975; a short foray into conch warehousing and distribution proved abortive during the 1980s. "Right now we ship all of our lobster to Nassau," said Mr. Lowe, "to Paradise Seafood Company. We're basically a buying and holding station, and Paradise Seafood processes and exports the lobster." The fish house used to do its own exporting but has not done so since the close of the season in March 1997. "It was easier to send the lobster to Nassau," he commented, "rather than invest in a costly upgrade to the plant here. We see half the production that we used to, but we have a lot less headaches, too."

In the three years since Hurricane Floyd, Mr. Lowe says that lobster production has

been down. "The catch seems to have been depressed since Floyd," he said, "although I couldn't tell you if that was something that was happening gradually before or not." Mr. Lowe speculates that the lobster stocks have not had an opportunity to build back up since the hurricane, which pretty much wrecked the season for the years 1999 / 2000. He has heard that the season this past year for the North Eleuthera lobster boats was a little better than for Abaco boats. Abaco boats usually fish north towards Walker's Cay and the banks while Eleuthera boats fish south along the Ragged Island chain and sometimes over towards Andros. "I heard the first trip last August for the Eleuthera boats was good, but they didn't have much luck after that until the very last trip this March, which was also good."

Mr. Lowe says he is looking up and hoping for a better catch this coming season.

# Scouting News

## High Adventure Is Again Sailing in Abaco

Joe Brownley  
Bahamas Director

Sea Base Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scout High Adventure Program on Abaco has opened its eleventh season here. The program is designed to be demanding and challenging for Scout troops which come from all over the United States. The boys spend a week on a 40-foot to 71-foot boats including the Man-O-War built schooner, *the William H. Albury*. Most of the Scouts have no prior sailing experience but they quickly adjust to life at sea. They perform all tasks necessary on a sailing vessel including sail handling, simple naviga-

tion, cooking, cleaning and anchor watches at night. In addition to sailing, the Scouts fish, snorkel and have a chance to visit many of the settlements and cays from Green Turtle Cay to Little Harbour.

The Scouts are often seen picking or diving up trash as part of a public service project. There is also a joint project scheduled again this summer with local Abaco Scouts. At the end of the summer the Abaco Scouts will sail on the *William H.* for a week and learn some of Abaco's maritime history.

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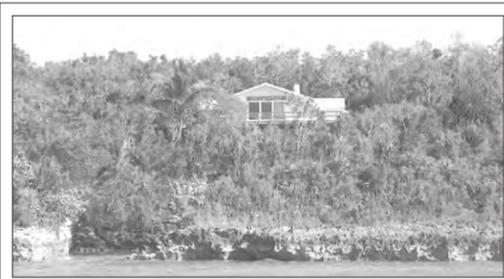
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**Fishing** *From Page 5*

Tournament Committee raises the money through donations, the Calcutta and sponsors which pledge money to the fund. Abaco Gold donates 10 percent from the sales of BBC rings to the scholarship fund.

**New Fishing Tournament Is Organized**

*By Isobel Sherman*

A new fishing tournament is slated to begin on Abaco. The First Annual Hook N Line Tournament is to begin July 5 and run until the 7th with the awards presentation banquet that night. The entrance fee is \$500 per boat and Mike Malone at 357-6510 or Chad Sawyer at 359-6707 has entry forms. The weigh-in stations will be in Marsh Harbour staffed by Jerry Smith and Jed Albury, Cherokee Sound staffed by Terry Albury and Treasure Cay staffed by Jeff Surveillance. It is a charity event to benefit a person from Cherokee with spinal injuries.

**An Apology**

In *The Abaconian* of June 15 a mistake

was made in the name of the winning boat of the HMY - Boat Harbour Billfish Blast. The winning boat was *Chupcabra*. Our apologies to the owner, captain, crew of

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**Letters** *From Page 27*

rity has curtailed many potentially dangerous activities which affect the horses. Farm buildings provide the horses with shade and it's reasonable to assume that the horses may have sheltered in the lee of buildings during hurricanes. As noted above, farm personnel have gone out of their way to get help when horses have been injured. It is a simple important fact that the horses would probably have become extinct long ago with-

out the continued support of the farm.

Sincerely,  
Milanne (Mini) Rehor  
Abaco Wild Horse Project

**Complaint Against Employer**

Dear Editor,

In the Bahamas everyone has freedom of speech. I believe that this is fair as long as it is done in a proper manner. For the past six years I have enjoyed working for

Bahama Star. However, the past few years have been miserable.

Bahama Star is an American company with a citrus farm on Abaco. It has many employees but its top two employees are not Bahamian. My supervisor has turned my life upside down. When I calmly questioned him about payment for working overtime, I was reprimanded and my hours were reduced severely. When I showed my support for the PLP, I was treated unfairly.

For years I suffered abuse from the hands of my employer. In the first week of May my suffering ended when I was fired for no reason. Please stop this man from treating any Bahamian the way he treated me.

How does our country permit ex-patriots to be unfair and unjust to its people? The Bahamas is all we Bahamians have. Make sure when we allow American companies to come that we are sure that the people of the Bahamas are being treated justly.

Sour Lemon

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The 27th annual Regatta Time in Abaco is once again making plans for this year's event. The Regatta is composed of five sailboat races which will begin in Green Turtle Cay on July 4. The fleet moves on to Guana Cay on July 6, then to Man-O-War on July 8. The fourth race will be off Hope Town on July 9 while the last race will be off Marsh

Harbour on July 11.

This annual event brings many boaters to Abaco. The Regatta is planned to allow lay days for the sailors to enjoy our water, beaches and towns. Shore parties hosted by various restaurants complete the activities. One of the highlights onshore for the sailors

is the annual street party held at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour. This year that party will be held on July 8. The boaters appreciate the trophies that the Regatta committee gives. They are bronze sculptures mounted on mahogany plaques made by Pete Johnston of Johnston Studios in Little Harbour.

The Regatta originated in the 1970s as a way of encouraging summer tourism. The committee created an activity encouraging families to enjoy the area in a casual fun atmosphere. They have always allowed time for diving, snorkeling, shopping and exploring Abaco. It has now attained the status within the sailing world as a really great event.

## A Variety of Summer Programs Is Available

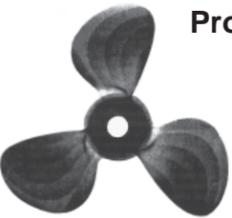
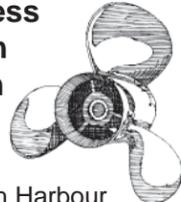
What is your child doing this summer? Ensure that he or she is occupied with constructive but fun activities. There are many programs being offered for young people including many church which offer Bible schools. Some are just for a week or two. Some of the church programs are free while there are charges for other programs.

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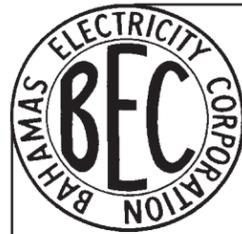
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Applicants should present a monthly cost for cleaning/upkeep of the premises in writing and in a sealed envelope.

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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**Dog Lady** *From Page 18*

see a dog wandering, I put down food and water and come back to that spot again to refill the containers. Eventually the dogs associate my scent with food, and they begin to trust me." Some dogs have taken her as long as seven or eight months to gain their trust, but she is persistent because she cares. She worms and feeds and spays or neuters all the dogs she takes under her wing and attempts to find good homes for all of

them. "So many people have taken dogs in, but we still have dogs on the street that need homes. Joy Stratton, Pauline Sawyer, Billy Roberts and Lisa Roberts in particular have given a home to many, many dogs." Linda herself owns ten dogs and cannot adopt any more. "Please, if anyone out there can give a home to a potcake, give me a call," she says. Linda Giovino can be reached at 367-2414 and will be more than glad to help match anyone up with a worthy dog.

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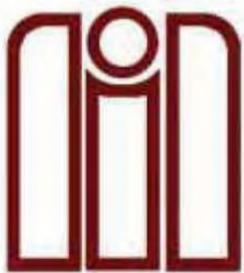
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