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Murder Suspect Is Arraigned

Murder of Canadian Visitor Shocks Sandy Point

By Anita Rolle

A juvenile has been charged with the murder of a Canadian visitor, bringing the homicide count on Abaco to one for the year 2002.

The partially nude body of 35-year-old Marcia Rose McKenzie, a Lab Technician of North York, Toronto, Canada, was found on the side of the main road leading into Sandy Point on August 19 with chop wounds about the head, neck, face, and arms. Both wrists were partially severed and there was evidence that she had been sexually assaulted. Ms. McKenzie was in town to attend the wedding of her boyfriend's brother.

Ms. McKenzie had been reported missing by her boyfriend, Harry Hanna of New Providence, shortly after 8 p.m. on August 17. According to police reports, the couple went to a local club on Friday evening, where an argument about his drinking soon erupted between the two. Ms. McKenzie left the club. The two were staying in separate houses in Sandy Point. Reports state that when Mr. Hanna went to check on Ms. McKenzie the following morning, he was informed that she had left the house at around 8 a.m. on foot. That was the last time she was seen alive.

Following an intensive air, land and sea search, her mutilated body was discovered by a Police officer and the Administrator for South Abaco. Her body was flown to Nassau where an autopsy was performed.

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A 17-year old was arraigned in court in Marsh Harbour on August 23 for the murder of a Canadian visitor in Sandy Point. Marcia Rose McKenzie, 35, was reported missing on August 17 and her body was found on August 19 near Sandy Point. She was visiting with her boyfriend to attend his brother's wedding which was held in Sandy Point on August 17. The juvenile was picked up in Sandy Point for questioning on August 20. A Preliminary Enquiry will be held on October 17 in Marsh Harbour.

Highway Accident Injures 11

A tragic accident August 17 just before sunset injured 11 persons when two pickup trucks traveling south left the road. One truck overturned ending up in the bush off the cleared verge and the other hooked a

power pole which tore the truck apart and left the wreckage a few feet behind the broken pole. Injured persons were scattered all

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3 Men Charged in Kidnapping



Three men were charged in Magistrate's Court on August 26 with the kidnapping of Mr. Floyd Sawyer which occurred on August 23. The men were traced through cellular phone calls they made to Mr. Sawyer's family members asking for ransom money. They were arraigned in Magistrate's Court on August 26 and were denied bail. They will remain in Her Majesty's Fox Hill Prison until a Preliminary Enquiry on October 23. See story on page 7.

Two New Administrators Arrive



Senior Administrator Alexander Williams, second from right, and Administrator Gary Knowles, far right, arrived on Abaco to take up their new posts. Mr. Williams will be in Central Abaco and Mr. Knowles will be in North Abaco. With them are Senior Administrator Everette Hart, second from left and Administrator Benjamin Pinder, far left. Mr. Hart has been posted to Exuma while Mr. Pinder will remain as Administrator in South Abaco.

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The Red Light Turns Green

By Dale Hill

In 1968 the sleepy town of Marsh Harbour began to awaken with the installation of a traffic light at its main intersection, Don MacKay Boulevard and Queen Elizabeth Drive. It created order and quickly became the base of directions to newcomers. Go up, Go down, Turn left, Turn right at the red light.

Unfortunately, during Hurricane Michelle of last year a tragic event occurred with the death of the red light. In one final bright flash of light, it jumped into oblivion.

The skies cleared and the confusion began. Drivers would close their eyes, hold their breath and speed under the bare wire hanging above. Some refused to use the intersection while others used it to vent their anger at other drivers. (An excellent Stress Buster!)

Four stop signs were erected and we naturally assumed they were only for those coming from the other direction.

During this time six sets of traffic lights, a control box and hardware were donated by a second homeowner. These became famous artifacts as many curious spectators would gather at the customs warehouse to look at them, scratch and then shake their

heads as they would leave in bewilderment. Some were told they couldn't work, others were told we did not need a traffic light and would not be allowed to install one - a landmark that had been there for 33 years.

I realized that it is the people of Abaco that make it such a great place. The business community banded together and in one day the \$1031.93 duty and shipping bill was donated. I began to realise the importance and support of this project when some people said, "Just tell me how much and I'll write you a cheque."

At the same time a well known and respected citizen had also taken it upon himself to have four sets of lights brought in, for which he personally took care of the costs and then turned them over to me for installation.

A few more set-backs, the brackets for the lights had to be fabricated and were installed, slowly order began to return as people would slow down long enough to see if the red light was working.

After waiting two weeks for the government-owned corporation in charge of electrical installations to do the required wiring, in a show of unity Mark (A Fresh

Breeze) Roberts and Dale (The Torch) Hill and numerous others wired the lights on August 24. What started as a small group grew as others joined in a great community spirit. Mr. Earnest Scott (Scotty) operated a fork lift from 1 to 6 p.m. Mr. Herbert Key in passing by asked if he could be assistance, then helped for five hours. Mike Malone supported and organised materials. Many passing would shout encouragement and smile, some admitted not knowing about traffic lights but offered food and drinks. Others asked to let them know if there were any other projects they could help with in

the future. The lights were turned on and it was like they had never been missing.

After a week of negative publicity on Abaco, the most encouraging and heartening end was the realisation that the *Green Light* is up for all to unite and work together. We can have opinions and yet respect differences. Sometimes instead of complaining about what should be, we can band together and make it happen.

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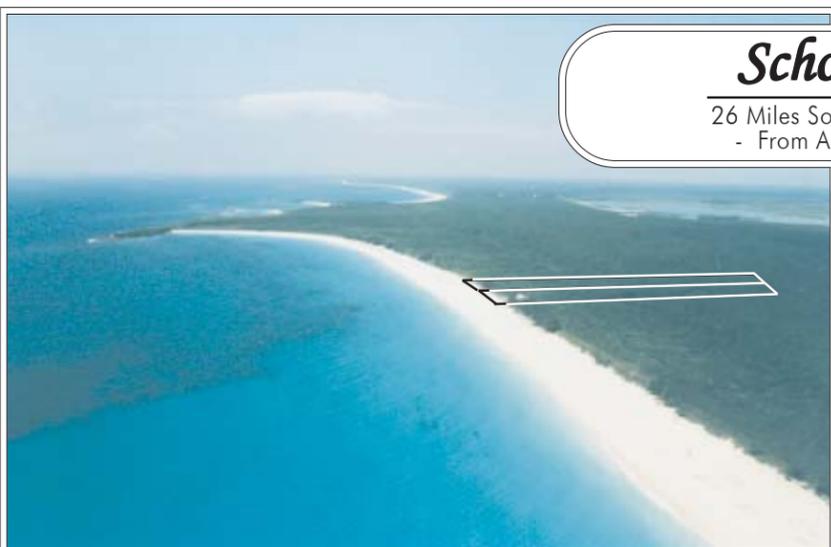
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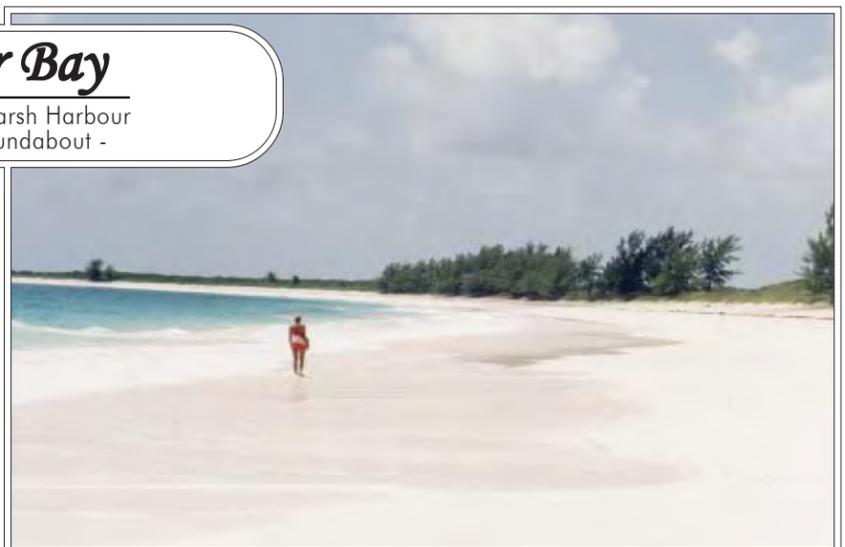
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South Abaco News

Sandy Point

Sandy Point has recently celebrated two very happy occasions this past two weeks. On August 17 the wedding of Kendall Brown to Ramona Green took place at the Assembly of God Church. Pastor Erskine Wells officiated. Mr. Brown is the brother of Harry Hannah, the boyfriend of the Canadian woman who was murdered.

On August 24 Solomon Russell married Avrey Moxey from Eleuthera. This wedding took place at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Napoleon Roberts officiating.

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

A very successful Town Meeting of residents of Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores was held on August 16th at the school-house in Cherokee with the new representatives as well as the old ones who were returned to office. It was one of the largest crowds I have ever seen come out. A good portion of those in attendance were from Cherokee, with a few from Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point and Yellow Wood.

After the preliminary opening remarks the new Chairman, Netica Symonette, assured all those present that she and her fellow Council members were dedicated to doing the very best job they could for us and that they would welcome our input and cooperation.

Administrator for South Abaco, Benjamin Pinder, announced that the budget had already been approved at the same amount as last year. He stated that after salaries and payment of contracts there would be only a small amount available for minor jobs and necessary repair work just as before. In other words, there were no funds available for any major projects.

The meeting proceeded with persons from the various communities voicing their needs and expectations. Ms. Symonette and Mr. Benjamin gave their present standing or their intention to follow through on the problem and a promise to get back to the interested

parties.

A public complaint was brought out regarding a large vessel, approximately 80 feet in length, that has been dropping fish pots off our shores and leaving them full on the bottom of the sea for the fish to die. Several persons said that they knew about this boat and that it wasn't the first time it had been seen. In fact, it has been doing this for several years. Ms. Symonette suggested the need for local "Beach Wardens" or designated persons in the immediate vicinity to help police the fishing offenders. In addition, the indiscriminate hauling of fish and the taking of immature conch was set out as areas to be watchful of. The suggestion for "Beach Wardens" was very well received by all those present.

The people of Bahama Palm Shores asked when Batelco was going to supply them with telephone service. Some persons pointed out that the previous government had all the necessary equipment set aside to do the job and that they couldn't understand what the holdup was, but a follow up was necessary to reinforce their needs.

Some persons in Casuarina Point are still awaiting deeds for their property. Ms. Symonette assured them that she would be making complaints to the proper government offices to facilitate satisfaction on their behalf. At the same time she stated that she would continue to push for electricity to be brought to Yellow Wood.

Mr. Pinder answered a question regarding the relocating of our dump from The Spit to the quarry area along the Cherokee

road. He stated that the relocation had already been agreed upon and that he was waiting now for final approval to come from Government Lands Department.

A complaint was made concerning the parking of vehicles on public land. The groundskeeper in Cherokee stated that he was having a problem with people not wanting to move their vehicles when he mowed. These public areas reflect the beauty of our settlement, a point that was applauded and very forcefully brought out in the meeting. All persons should cooperate by moving their vehicles, mowing the area in question themselves or finding another place to park.

Concerned residents of Casuarina Point, Bahama Palm Shore, Yellow Wood and Cherokee Sound are requesting that a full time on-duty policeman be assigned to our area, not a reservist as they felt he would not be backed up by the proper law enforcement, but a uniformed constable. This request was considered to be so urgent that a Cherokee resident offered five years free housing in an effort to entice the police to come to Cherokee. The Council felt his very generous offer would surely make a difference as the reason given previously was that there was no housing available for such a person.

Concerns regarding the old clinic building brought much discussion. Mr. Pinder stated that he had two quotes for repairs which were already submitted to Nassau. Many are concerned that the building is too far gone and that a completely new structure would be the best avenue to take rather

than try to repair the existing derelict building.

Someone brought out a matter of great importance that had been discussed at a previous Town Meeting regarding the need for a local volunteer fire fighting unit and a pump necessary to do the job. The government pump was rescued after being damaged from Hurricane Floyd and is presently being maintained and kept ready for use. There is only 300 feet of hose. More is definitely needed to be on the safe side. Bro. Bob Cornish, a member of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department who lives in Casuarina Point, is willing to assist in a work session to help Cherokee get a volunteer group up and running.

A public complaint was voiced regarding thwarted plans for an Independence Day celebration this past July. This was not an unexpected celebration to take place on the spur-of-the-moment, but a set date that comes around once a year just like Easter and Christmas and they could not understand why allotted funds did not arrive until July 24th, 14 days after the holiday. They felt this was a matter of public patriotism and pride and felt it should be celebrated on the specified day or it loses the importance of celebrating. The Chairman stated that his concerns were duly noted and that she would try to make sure they were received prior to the date next year.

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By Anita Rolle

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During the week of August 12, Batelco officially launched its new DSL, Digital Subscriber Lines, on Abaco, a system designed to transform the regular telephone line into a high speed digital line for Internet access. The new service now makes it possible to receive smooth video and clear sound. It is an "always-on" service which allows you to be connected to the Internet 24 hours a day - you can speak on the phone and surf the Internet at the same time using the same telephone line. Downloads are fast, connections are secure and there is unlimited usage.

DSL is beneficial to both residential and business customers because of its high speed and several computers can be connected with one DSL. With this technology your telephone line

is your private connection to the Internet as it is not a shared network. This decreases the risk of viruses and hacker attacks.

The service is presently available to the central areas of Abaco. However, technicians are continuously working to bring the remainder of the island online. Oneline DSL Turbocharged Internet access was launched in New Providence on July 29 and Grand Bahama on August 6.

According to Mr. Leon Williams, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Operating Officer of Batelco, nearly 1500 new customers were signed up in the first week of the launch. Mr. Williams said, "Many of these new subscribers have come to us from other ISP's (Internet Service Providers). We believe that this new technology coupled with very competitive pricing has put Batelnet back in the Internet access game."



During August 12 - 16 Batelco held a week long seminar in Marsh Harbour to introduce its new OneLine DSL Internet Service. Local technicians were supplemented by technicians from Nassau to explain the new system, answer questions and sign up customers. The new service has several advantages over other systems. It is very fast on downloading. Other attributes include a more secure private line, unlimited use and safeguards against viruses.

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Bahamas Wins Caribbean Cup for 4th Time

By Malcolm Spicer

The Bahamas National Darts Team returned from the Cayman Islands this last week having defended their Caribbean Title with great success and came out winners for the 4th time in the Caribbean Championships. Twelve countries participated in this, the 14th Caribbean Cup. From The Bahamas, Bermuda, Florida, Cayman, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, Guyana, Turks and Caicos, St. Lucia and Barbados, they all came to battle for this the most prestigious tournament in this region.

From the outset the Bahamas team took control by beating the Florida squad 7-5 and the Belize team 11-1. Florida was one of

the favourites and in beating them on the opening day, the Bahamas gained much confidence and sent out that all important message that they were there to win.

Points and positions for the top four in the team event were as follows:

99	Bahamas	1
84	St. Lucia	2
81	Barbados	3
78	Florida	4

The Bahamas team was made up of a powerful squad from Abaco, Nassau and Grand Bahama, chosen following many national tournaments here in the Bahamas. From Nassau there was Tony Moree, Steve Harris, Howard Hepburn, Ken Brathwaite, Barry Payne, Harry Brown, Trudy Johnson,

Helen Sweeting and Congette Green. From Grand Bahama was Prescott Minnis, Judy "Pepper" Sweeting, Valerie George and Wayne "Fish" Copeland.

President of the Bahamas Darts Federation and Secretary-General of the Caribbean Darts Organisation, Malcolm Spicer, from Abaco, accompanied the team as did Manager Byron Johnson from Grand Bahama, Captain Donald Burrows from Abaco and Coach Peter Duncombe from Grand Bahama.

The final positions in the Caribbean Cup were as follows. The Individual Events and the Team Events points are combined to find the winners.

Final Positions for the Caribbean Cup		
187	Bahamas	1
139	St. Lucia	2
134	Florida	3
131	Jamaica	4
109	Barbados	5
10	Cayman	6
89	Guyana	7
84	T & T	8
83	Bermuda	9
73	Belize	10
60	BVI	11

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The tournament itself goes on for nine days, nine hours a day and is not for the faint or weary! The Bahamas team are very professional and thorough in their preparation and how they organized themselves with Manger Byron Johnson, Coach Peter Duncombe and Captain Donald Burrows always alert to the needs of the players and ensuring that we have the demeanour and capability to produce our best at every opportunity. Much thanks need to go to them for their adherence to their duties.

One of the highlights for the Bahamas team was to play against former Caribbean Champion Earl Smith, a mainstay of the Bahamas National team for many years, a Bahamian, but now residing in the Caymans and eligible to play for the Cayman team which he did. His old form was still there but in this tournament one man doesn't a winner make. The Bahamas team, strong right through, came away once again with the spoils. Well done, Team!

The next Caribbean tournament is to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in June 2004.



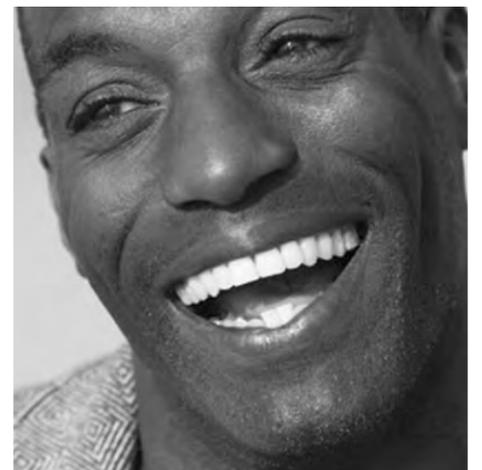
The proud team of dart players which successfully brought back to The Bahamas the Caribbean Cup are shown above. The men and women came from Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco. This was the fourth time in 14 competitions that The Bahamas has won the Caribbean title. Mr. Malcolm Spicer, owner of Abacom in Marsh Harbour, is the President of the Bahamas Darts Federation and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Darts Organization. He is shown at the very back sitting on the platform. Mr. Donald Burrows, Customs officer stationed in Marsh Harbour, is the Captain of the team.

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Three Were Charged with Kidnapping

By Theresa Pinder and Anita Rolle

On August 26th three men were arraigned at the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on nine charges robbery and kidnapping.

On the morning of August 23rd Mr. Floyd Sawyer was accosted by two armed gunmen as he was leaving his residence in Treasure Cay. Mr. Sawyer was robbed of a silver Rolex watch valued at \$8000 and \$2500 in cash. He was blindfolded, gagged, then driven to a remote location where he was handcuffed to a coconut tree.

Mr. Clint Sawyer, son of Mr. Floyd Sawyer, was contacted for ransom money. The kidnapers demanded the sum of \$350,000

for his safe return. They had originally demanded \$3 million but Mr. Sawyer negotiated it down.

With the help of Batelco officials, Police officers were able to trace the ransom demand call to a telephone in the name of a relative of Mr. Frankie Bethel of Marsh Harbour, one of the accused. With Batelco's assistance the police were able to keep track of phone calls and began surveillance, watching for suspicious activity.

They observed a truck with three men and gave chase, finally arresting the men. Besides Mr. Bethel they arrested Renardo Ricardo Major and Robert Edward Reckley,

both of New Providence. The Police were able to locate Mr. Sawyer and free him later that same day with the help of the men.

The three men, Bethel, Reckley and Major, were formally charged on nine counts before Magistrate Crawford McKee. They were jointly charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery, possession of an unlicensed firearm, use of unlicensed firearm, kidnapping, receiving, possession of ammunition, and possession of dangerous drugs. Because of the serious nature of the charges, Magistrate McKee denied the three men bail, fearing that they would abscond or commit other serious crimes. They have been remanded in custody in Her Majesty's Prison at Fox Hill until the preliminary inquiry, which will take place at the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on October 23rd, 2002. The men are being represented by attorney Arthur Yearwood.

Police officers of the Central Detective Unit were already on the island investigating the murder in Sandy Point of Canadian visitor Marcia McKenzie. They were notified of this new incident, quickly devised a plan of investigation and within a few hours were able to make the arrests.

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The two men charged with kidnapping who were from Nassau are shown above. On the left is Mr. Robert Edward Reckley in the white T-shirt and next to him in the black T-shirt is Mr. Renardo Ricardo Major. They are on their way into the Magistrate's Court where they were arraigned on nine charges including kidnapping. The Preliminary Enquiry will be held on October 23.

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The Editor Says Corporate Responsibility



The road from Marsh Harbour to the airport is named the Don MacKay Boulevard after the Canadian resident who spent much of his time and money in landscaping the roadside verges. He left us with a long lasting memorial which beautifies our surroundings. Other towns are working to maintain a clean appearance.

One of the major expenses for each town is road maintenance which is generally the lighter maintenance of keeping the roadsides free of trash and debris and mowing. In Marsh Harbour alone, it takes three men working five days per week to pick up the garbage thrown onto our roadsides and to mow the roadside grass.

One of the nicer stretches of highway is the section from Treasure Cay going north with miles of wide, clean and well kept verges. Central and South Abaco highways cannot compare to the highway north.

It helped that the road contractor who paved the road from Treasure Cay to Cooper's Town left the roadsides smooth and generally ready for grass.

From Treasure Cay south the road shoulders need more work before they can be mowed and maintained. They will still not be particularly attractive.

Recently BEC has cut down trees threatening their power lines along Don MacKay Boulevard. This is a normal maintenance procedure and ensures the integrity of the power lines. However, their record at cleaning up their tree cutting mess is not acceptable.

They recently asked for tenders to keep the landscaping at their sub-stations (transformer and switching yards) clean. They planted a ficus hedge around their transformer pad on Forest Drive to make it attractive. They planted bougainvillea shrubs inside their fence at the transformer station east of the Conch Inn. They will grow into attractive bushes and will shield the transformer bank inside.

Keeping their own grounds clean is a normal part of their corporate routine.

Cleaning up after their tree trimming should be a normal part of the process. If they take pride in their own properties, they should take equal pride in cleaning up after their trimming exercises, particularly in developed areas.

They could probably justify a chipping machine to grind the debris into mulch. In undeveloped areas the chips can be blown into the bush to decay into soil. In developed areas the chips can be collected and either taken to the dump or used as landscaping mulch. Our public schools can absorb truckloads of these chips around their bare grounds.

If they cannot acquire a chipper, they should contract the removal of the debris to an outside firm. Otherwise, we will have to live with the debris and stumps for years to come.

Another area for improvement would be for the trimming crews to learn some fundamental pruning procedures. It is not necessary to cut trees at waist level leaving ugly stumps. If a tree is so threatening as to warrant total removal, it should be cut at ground level leaving the landscape clean after removing the trunk and branches. Several buttonwood trees were decimated near the Cable Bahamas facility on Don MacKay Boulevard. They were not likely to reach the power lines in our lifetime. Why did the crew feel they were threatening their power lines?

Many trees only need selective pruning to protect the lines and the tree can remain to add to the natural beauty of the area. There is nothing inherently beautiful in a bare, treeless street decorated only with creosoted power poles.

Professional tree trimming is an art unto itself but a few of the fundamentals can be easily learned by property owners and BEC employees. A bit of common sense also goes a long way. A 30-pound chain saw and a gallon of gasoline can do nearly as much landscape damage as a careless bulldozer operator.

In residential areas property owners have a responsibility to keep their trees out of the power lines. They can prune selectively to protect the lines while keeping their trees. Homeowners should not attempt pruning when the lines are close to the tree branches. BEC will assist when asked.

BEC Corporate policy should not end with successful delivery of power to homes and businesses. Their employees live among us and should want a better town as

do most of us. A little consideration on their part for our environment should be a part of their corporate culture.



Shown above is one of the trees cut by BEC tree trimming crew along Don MacKay Boulevard.

Generally Speaking . . .

Internet Offers a Great Future

By Timothy Roberts

The course of world economic progress flows through fibre optic veins which connect each part of the world to all the other parts. The Bahamas is steadily progressing toward the complete inter-connectivity that many countries now enjoy, and it's through simple means that it is now increasingly available to all.

In the past few months we have seen the arrival of new Internet Service Providers (ISP's) coming to Abaco, and there are still more coming. For those who have craved high-speed internet, this is a much welcomed

advent. However, for those who simply want to get online, it may make things a little more confusing; especially the technically challenged.

For years Abaco has enjoyed internet service via dial-up through BaTelNet at first and then through Out Island Internet (OII). Yet, as progress goes, people are always looking for the bigger and the better.

Over the years many companies across the USA and the globe have experimented with broadband (the technical name for high-

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Central Abaco Primary

The front of Central Abaco Primary School has finally been landscaped. However, most persons do not see the front of the school as it faces a road in Central Pine Estates, the new government subdivision where no houses have been built yet.

The back of the school faces Forest Drive and it is from that vantage point that the school looks like it is in a sea of weeds and broken and dead trees. It is an eyesore. Wouldn't it be nice if that side of the school were kept weeded and cleaned up so that persons passing on Forest Drive would see a modern school in a neat setting. After all, Central Abaco Primary School is the larg-

est school on the island with over 600 pupils attending.

I hope that the landscaping contract provides for making a proper play area for the students.

Interpretation

Interpretation is a word that could be used numerous times in a given day or week. Every day people interpret things - some to mean what they want it to mean, some to know what another person means and some to give meaning to data.

Giving meaning to data is the way BJC and BGCSE Examinations scores are interpreted. The interpretation of these scores can be done in several ways.

Some persons interpret the success or lack of success of these scores on the school the students attend. Some blame or credit the teachers for the scores. A few might blame or credit the students for the scores they receive. It is all a matter of interpretation.

I learned many years ago that statistics can be worked many ways and so can the results of these examinations. To be perfectly honest and realistic all factors, school, teachers, students and parents, need to factor into the formula for interpreting these grades. And not necessarily in that order.

Parents, if you are not pleased with your child's results, then the first person to look at is yourself. You are your child's first teacher and most important teacher. You need to be interested in your child's school-

work. You do not have to know biology to help your child with his BGCSE Biology Exam but you can see that he/she is studying and doing the required work. You can get extra help for your child if he needs it.

Students, you need to remain focused on your schoolwork.

I will not comment on teachers because I feel teachers are blamed too much for everything a child does or fails to do and never given enough credit for anything. As for the school, if a study were done, I am sure that there is more parental involvement in private schools because parents are paying money than in government schools whose parents basically live hand to mouth with finances. However, I will state this: a good student does not need a private school or especially good teachers. They just need to be provided with the tools and they will succeed. An average student and below average student is the student who really needs the excellent teachers.

When parents look at the results for their children, consider these factors mentioned. Then ask yourself these questions: Did I do all I could possibly do to help my child be successful according to his ability? And did my child do all he/she could have done to be successful according to his/her ability?

Not everyone is an Einstein but as I was taught many years ago, always do your best so that at the end of the day you can say to

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the Traffic Lights

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the space in your paper to say thanks to all of the men who, out of the goodness of their hearts, got the traffic lights back where they need to be.

I'm sure I speak for hundreds of other drivers in Marsh Harbour that have been frustrated because no lights were there to direct the drivers. So now we can all breathe a sigh of relief.

To Dale Hill and all the others who are responsible for this good deed, I say THANKS A MILLION from the whole community.

Sincerely,
Carolyn A. Lowe

Enjoyed Dolphin Beach Experience

Dear Editor,

To my family the Dolphin Beach Resort "Barroom" is more tasteful than disgraceful! We were warmly invited by Aubry to attend a Friday night get together to meet "real people." Everyone brought food, "not bought food." To us the "barroom" is a quaint seaside respite and gives visitors an opportunity to socialize with residents. Since we docked our local boat at Dolphin Beach Resort, we were graciously greeted by Aubry most days. He was particularly helpful to my 15-year-old son. The same warmth was present at the Gospel Service on Sunday evening.

I have been reading about Bahamian Loy- alists the independent spirit constantly arises. My congratulations to Bruce MacDaniel and Dolphin Beach Resort for supporting independence and acceptance.

The Pecora Family
Ron, DeeDee, Lauren, Dyland and Bower

Where Is Law and Order?

Dear Editor,

What has happened to law and order on Abaco? The bad element will soon be in control. There no longer are consequences for crime. Recent examples: The nasty American drug suspect is still living the high life in Hope Town, still no trial. His top employee has also been arrested for drugs. An alleged child molester has been released back into the community. Is your child next? Another American was arrested for illegal crawfish, egg-bearing female and out of season. Result: Released with no punish-

ment. Let a Bahamian get caught in Florida with an egg-bearing female out of season and they would be put under the jail.

Let's catch a few and confiscate a sportfishing boat or two and see how long the poaching and over fishing continues. We now have people breaking into boats at docks in Marsh Harbour. The Abaco Inn was robbed once again. On and on it goes.

It is time to take control. The police can only do so much. We need courts that will punish the law breaker. We need people to be more vigilante, help the authorities. It is time the criminals learn there are serious consequences for their actions. Bring the evil doers to justice before they take control. The public must demand a change before it is too late!

Wants Police Action
Crime Is Killing Our Tourism

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for allowing me a spot in your paper. I am not a Bahamian, but I do live and own a business here. I consider this home. If I were a Bahamian, I would be even more disgusted at the way the police are handling the recent boat break-ins. Why are there so many? How come the police have not done anything about this? We have reported several incidents to the police, once gave them a tag number, we were surprised to note that they have NEVER followed up to date 14 month later. WHY? This is killing our tourism during the months when we need them most. I have been told by customers that they are not coming back! Is this what we want to be known as - Nassau? I suppose since the police do not rely on tourism, they do not seem to be bothered! Marsh Harbour has to STOP these thugs. Maybe if they got a job and earned a living like the rest of us, I would not be writing this. Wake up, police. SHOOT FIRST, then ask!

Concerned about Abaco



West Nile Virus May Become Threat in Caribbean

The annual migration of birds from North America to the warmer southern hemisphere has started, heightening concern about the potential for the arrival of the deadly West Nile Virus in the Caribbean.

Up to August 9 of this year, the 2002 death toll in the United States from this disease was seven and more than 130 infected after being bitten by Culex pipens mosquitoes which were carrying the virus. The virus has now spread to 29 States (58 per cent of the United States). This is the worst year for the United States since the virus emerged in 1999.

Human beings can become infected

ONLY if they are bitten by that specific species of mosquitoes and only if they are carrying the virus.

Some of the birds which have been known to be infected with the virus pass through the Caribbean area. The Culex pipens mosquito, which is the carrier of the virus, is endemic in many Caribbean countries. Researchers indicate that other species of the Culex mosquito might be able to transmit this virus as well.

There has been one reported case of infection of a human in the Cayman Islands during the last migratory season.

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Last Goombay Is Held



The last Goombay Festival for Abaco for 2002 was held on August 23 in Marsh Harbour. A variety of music, bands, dance, limbo, quizzes, trivia as well as Junkanoo entertained the large crowd of both visitors and local residents. These Goombay parties are designed to showcase Bahamian culture in all forms to give our visitors more information about our culture and to help Bahamians be proud of their heritage.

Murder

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Her boyfriend, Mr. Hanna, was treated at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic after becoming ill on hearing of the gruesome discovery.

Arraignment Charged Youth

A seventeen-year-old staying with a Sandy Point relative was arraigned on August 23 on the charge of murdering Marcia Rose McKenzie of Toronto, Ontario. Ms. McKenzie's body was found by the side of the road leading into Sandy Point on August 19 with chop wounds about the head, neck, face and arms.

Just a few minutes before 1 p.m. under heavy escort, the youth was whisked into the Magistrate Court in Marsh Harbour draped with a coat to conceal his identity.

Curious onlookers had begun gathering at the Magistrate's Court from about 10 a.m., hoping

to catch a glimpse of the accused whose identity is being withheld due to his age. Media presence was evident as journalists flew in from all over the Bahamas.

Representing the accused was local Attorney Kara Butler. Magistrate Crawford McKee presided over the arraignment proceedings. The arraignment was scheduled for noon. However, Magistrate McKee was delayed as he was on scheduled cases in North Abaco.

The only persons allowed in the courtroom were the juvenile panel, social services representative and immediate relatives of the accused. The arraignment where the accused was formally charged with murder lasted only a few minutes. The accused was not required to enter a plea. Just as he entered the court his face and head covered, he left the same.

He will be remanded at Her Majesty's Fox Hill Prison until October 17 when he will be returned for a Preliminary Enquiry.



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Club News

The August 12 meeting of the Rotary Club of Abaco was addressed by Assistant District Governor Robin Brownrigg of Nassau. He was accompanied by his colleague and long time friend of Abaco, Gordon Wilde.

As always Robin exuded his enthusiasm for and knowledge of Rotary's place as the worlds largest and oldest service organization. For the benefit of Rotarians who were unable to attend the recent District Conference in St. Croix, he outlined some of the more important objectives for clubs in District 7020 this year.

- Make early preparation for celebrating in some significant way the 100th anniversary of Rotary in 2005.

- Continue to strive for membership growth and find ways of attracting and hold-

ing members.

- Continue to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. The goal of eradicating polio from the earth by 2005 remains. As of January 2002 Rotary has committed \$462 million to the Polio Plus project and has seen a global drop in polio cases of some 99 percent. The disease has been virtually eradicated in the Western Hemisphere.

Robin further urged those present to continue with local projects that help the youth, the aged, those with disabilities, those with addictions and the preservation of our environment. He closed by reading a letter addressed to the Club from Past President Drexel Major in which sincere thanks were expressed for the funds raised on his behalf and for the prayers and support given by his fellow Rotarians.



Rotary Club's Assistant District Governor, Mr. Robin Brownrigg of Nassau, spoke to the Rotary Club of Abaco on August 12. He encouraged the Rotarians to continue to serve their community, particularly the youth, the elderly and the disabled.

Abaco Markets Names New President and CEO

By Anita Rolle

Abaco Markets Limited has announced that Mr. David Thurlow has been appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of the publicly traded company. The appointment is effective immediately. Mr. Thurlow will also join the Board of Directors. In welcoming Mr. Thurlow, company Chairman Craig Symonette said that his financial experience and extensive business background were well suited to the challenge of developing Abaco Market's diverse business interests.

Mr. Thurlow is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and

Wales, and is a former Chief Executive Officer of British American Insurance Company Ltd. Prior to his new appointment, he was actively operating his own Management Consulting firm in North Carolina. He is well acquainted with the Bahamas having resided in Nassau between 1967 and 1983.

Mr. Thurlow replaces Mr. Reginald Sands, who resigned from the post in July of this year. Abaco Markets has under its portfolio Solomon's Super Center, Cost Rite, Bellevue Business Depot, Thompson Wholesale, Sawyer's Market, Dominoes Pizza, Dairy Queen, Dunkin' Donuts, Solomon's Abaco, Treasure Cay Mini Market and Golden Harvest.



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Church News

Catholic Parish Receives New Priest

By Theresa Pinder

His session ended, his service complete, Father Stan Kolassa gathered his belongings and said a final farewell to his parishioners. After more than ten years as a spiritual guide, counselor, and friend, the Catholic Archdiocese has reassigned Father Stan elsewhere and ushered in a new priest: Father Rogelio Madrazo, known as Father Roger.

Father Roger was born in the Philippines in Zamboanga, a city located in the southern part of Mindanao Island. He attended the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary for five years, then studied theology in San Carlos Major Seminary for four years. Ordained in 1983 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Father Roger served as a diocesan priest in Luzon Island for nine years.

He then spent eight years on Mindanao Island, after which Father Roger volunteered for missionary work. In January of 2001 he arrived in Nassau where he worked in St. Cecilia for four months. He was then moved to Fresh Creek, Andros, where he spent a year. From Andros, he was then appointed as a priest here in Abaco to fill the vacant position left by Father Stan.

Continuing as Father Stan had done before him, Father Roger is the priest in charge of the congregation of St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour and Sts Mary and Andrew's Church in Treasure Cay. He also says mass on the Treasure Cay farm on Saturdays and in Hope Town on Sunday afternoons.

In addition to continuing the programs



Father Roger

left by his predecessor including that of the Haitian Evangelist Program, Father Roger is in the process of establishing a local church council and various youth programs. The idea is to plan and coordinate activities for the church through the interaction of the members with an emphasis on encouraging more participation in church activities by the youth. He will be joined by Father Ramon Saavedra the end of August, who will assist him in these duties.

The plans, however, will take some time to implement. Father Roger is allowing the activities to progress slowly as he has had only a little time to acclimate. One of the adjustments that he had to make was becoming accustomed to preaching to a smaller crowd.

Despite the adjustments that he has had to make including that in terms of a severe decrease in congregational size, Father Roger appears to have acclimated well. Here on a contract of two years which ends in January of 2003, he may decide to renew his contract with the Archdiocese of Nassau for an additional two years or to return to the Philippines.

Local Police Promotes Community Policing

By Cindy Armbrister

On August 18 the Men's Fellowship of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town in an effort to develop the whole man, conducted a seminar entitled Community Policing. Officers from the Marsh Harbour Police Station, Sergeant Wilchombe and Constable Knowles, were the presenters. In a very informative and enlightening speech Constable Knowles outlined some of the benefits of community policing which include the reduction of crime, safer neighbourhoods and a closer relationship between the police and the community. Blending his presentation with excerpts from the Bible and staggering statistics and figures, Knowles reiterated the need for a closer relationship between police and the community. He offered very helpful tips for women to avoid being victims of crime.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Members of the congregation participated, asking questions and

voicing many concerns.

Sergeant Wilchombe advised that they will be doing more of this type of outreach and awareness in similar settings and to the wider community.

According to the Men's Department, activities such as this will be ongoing as the department seeks to not only cater to the spiritual man but to the whole man. Such an activity is even more critical now in light of the recent murder and other criminal offences being committed in Abaco. They hope to have the police come back to do a follow up to the Community Policing seminar.

Earlier this year the Men's Department hosted Ms. Charlamae Fernander, who spoke on family issues. In the future, the Department under the leadership of Deacon Everette Strachan will be hosting similar mini-seminar sessions involving legal issues, health and family issues and the FTAA. Listen for the dates of these activities as the public is invited to attend.

Pastor Celebrates Twelve Years

By Cindy Armbrister

On August 18 the End Time Harvest Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven expressed thanks to its pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Mills, for twelve years of dedicated service. Members of the congregation and fellow clergymen came from all over Abaco to be a part of the service.

Pastor A. B. Lewis of Zion Baptist, Murphy Town, was the keynote speaker. The theme, *A True Watchman*, was a challenge to all clergymen. Pastor Lewis in a dynamic challenging sermon admonished pastors charged that in order for them to be true watchmen, they must 1.) Speak out on national issues and 2.) Confront sin in the church and community.

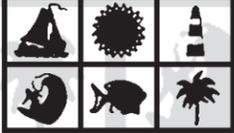
He described a true watchman, as one who displays godly characteristics. The man of God, according to pastor Lewis, must be of stern integrity and learn how to execute justice. He must preach and live holiness and righteousness and stand up for those principles because they are the standards of

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God. Lastly, he admonished the pastors to be men of compassion who see the needs of people, identifies the needs and ministers to those needs.

Pastor Mills has been a pastor for twelve years. Each week his church serves the community of Crown Haven with regular weekly services, youth programs and a food distribution program. Despite the roof of the church being blown off in 1999 by Hurricane Floyd, the beautiful edifice stands today as a testimony of restoration and dedication. Refreshments followed the event.

Drill Squad Is Formed

By Cindy Armbrister

Today when all seems hopeless for our young people, one man dares to make a difference. Mr. Clyde Bain, an ex-police officer, has started a drill squad at his local church. The club caters to boys ages 7 to 13 years. The group meets weekly at Trumpet Assembly of God in Dundas Town. During the meeting, the boys participate in activities such as reciting the Christian pledge, light exercise, and drill routines. So far, the group has performed at church events.

Mr. Bain is excited about the possibility for exploring other opportunities. The club, which has been in operation for six months, is open to all boys regardless of church denomination. It promotes fellowship in Christ and the breakdown of denominational barriers in order to develop godly men with sterling characters. Apart from being in the 7-13 age group, the only other requisites are interest and commitment.

According to Mr. Bain, after 11 years on the police force, he is very aware of the social impact of wayward youth on society. He stated that his concern came after observing the contrast between young females participating in church and other positive social behaviors and activities and young boys who showed no interest in such things. Like the girls, the boys are talented but there were limited ways for them to express their talents especially in things that interested them.

More information about the club may be obtained by contacting the Trumpet Assembly.

Heal our Land

By Cindy Armbrister

In June 2001 a group of local pastors met

in an effort to develop the vision of unity. Out of the meeting came the *Heal Our Land* ministry spearheaded by Pastor Stephen Knowles. The committee's motto is *Where the broken are made whole; helping others to help themselves*. The group which meets regularly is mainly concerned with uniting pastors to come together as one to heal the land. Its primary focus is healing the decaying fabric of our family structure through counseling and assistance to drug addicts and alcoholics. According to the committee, the main reason why society is failing is that the family is failing.

To date the *Heal Our Land* committee has accomplished a number of its on-going goals to heal families. During the 2001-2002 school year the group offered counseling at the Central Abaco Primary School. The school's library was used as a counseling room. This year the committee hopes to continue this service and has already designed its schedule for days and times when it will be offering the service at the school. It proposes to work closely with the Department of Social Services to operate a breakfast and/or lunch program for underprivileged students. Additionally, the committee has assisted two men to attend the Teen Challenge Drug Rehabilitation Center in Nassau and hopes to assist others who desire to be helped. Plans are in the making for the establishment of two rehabilitation centers on Abaco, one in Marsh Harbour and the other in Cooper's Town. It also hopes one day to offer job placement service and to operate a Family Crisis Center.

The offices of the Heal Our Land Committee are located in the Strong Tower Community Center in the former Dundas Town Primary School building. It is a non-profit, non-denominational organization. Donations are welcomed.

The committee met on August 20th to discuss plans for its FamFest scheduled for later in the fall. A similar festival will be held in Nassau in September and the group is working closely with the Nassau FamFest committee to bring the concept to Abaco and the entire Bahamas.

Plans are being made to train the committee members in specialized counseling. The group will be traveling to Florida for 16 training sessions over an extended period. Hopefully, the group plans to be able to bring the facilitators here as an alterna-

tive to the group traveling to the USA. Additionally, as the new school year unfolds, the committee hopes to take the message of a drug-free Abaco to every school campus on Abaco where they are welcomed.

Zion Baptist Elects New Abaco Moderator

By Cindy Armbrister

Changes must occur! In addition, the democratic process in the Bahamas allows Bahamian citizens the opportunity to effect change through the electoral process. As with the civic arena, so it is with the church.

After having the same Moderator for forty years, the leadership of the Zion United Baptist Convention in Abaco decided that it was time for a change. Therefore, on July 19 during a very smooth electoral process presided over by Executive Secretary of the Zion United Baptist Convention, the Abaco District voted in a new administration.

The election was held at Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay. When the ballots were counted, the results revealed that Rev.

John McIntosh had emerged as the new Moderator by a very, very slim margin. Rev. McIntosh represents the new breed of young Baptists. He pastors the New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope. The Abaco Zion United Baptist Community has mixed reactions to the outcome but looks forward to a fresh anointing of the Spirit of God. When the new Moderator conducts his first meeting, his agenda will be to select assistant moderators.

Look for exciting changes and challenges in the Baptist community as the new leadership put into effect its vision for the body of Christ here in Abaco.

Family Fun Day a Success at Strong Tower

By Cindy Armbrister

In an effort to strengthen the family structure in Abaco, Strong Tower Community church held its annual Family/Fun day

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Scout Program Sails a Tall Ship

By Theresa Pinder

The world was a watery blur through my glasses. Icy water oozed through my jacket and trickled down my neck. Soaked from crown to toe, I was freezing and virtually blind. *This was sailing?*

Perhaps if I had seen this aspect before I agreed to go along with the Abaco Boy Scouts on their annual High Adventure Sea Base trip, I would have remained warm, dry and safe on land. But throwing caution to the winds, I armed myself with a bottle of sun-block, a camera and a hat and boarded the *William H. Albury*. The last boat built traditionally in Man-O-War Cay and now owned by Joe Maggio, it is presently one

of seven boats engaged in the Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Sea Base Program.

Every year the National Council of Boy Scouts of America runs this program that gives American Scouts the opportunity to learn how to sail a tall ship and a chance to view the various cays of Abaco, to learn a little of its history. Another facet of the program is to teach the Scouts how to be dependable teammates. The sailing process forces the Scouts to rely on each other and themselves; if someone does not function competently as part of the team, he can endanger the rest of the crew.

Starting in March, usually taking a break in April, and then continuing in June through to the end of August, a new troop of Scouts is brought in each week. They arrive in Marsh Harbour, are taken directly to the Moorings, tested for swimming ability and then taken to the *William H. Albury*. The Scouts spend the entire week on board the schooner, cooking, cleaning, eating and sleeping on deck when the weather permits. At 70 feet long and weighing 25 tons, it takes the Scouts about three days to learn to competently sail the schooner. The rest of the week is spent touring the cays and snorkeling, swimming, and of course, sailing to each destination.

The last week of the summer program is designated for the Abaco Boy Scouts. This year the expedition was off to a slow start. Scheduled to leave the Moorings on Tuesday, August 13, the trip had to be delayed until Thursday, turning what was originally meant to be a four-day trip into just an overnight voyage.

At nine o'clock Thursday morning, I met the mixed troop of Scouts, ranging in age from eleven to fourteen, and Group Scout Leader Mr. Huel Moss. While waiting for high tide to cast off, the Scouts were given a tour of the *William H.* and a briefing on the rules of safety. We were taken below, to the "main cabin," or fore cabin as it is known, where the majority of dried food is

stored, and four tiny sleeping compartments are housed.

The main cabin opens into the galley, also known as the kitchen by us landlubbers. The galley opens into the "fo'c'sle" (pronounced folk-sull), the sailor's variant of fore-castle. It seems that the sailors' expeditious way of life also encompasses their speech. Or perhaps words with more than one syllable were too much of a bother to pronounce properly.

The First Mate showed the Scouts how to prepare the boat to be cast off. The Scouts removed the awnings and sail covers, folded and stowed them. Water and power source connections to the dock were severed and all dock lines were disconnected. We then motored out of the harbour. At the edge of the harbour, the First Mate and Scouts prepared the *William H.* to sail. The Scouts' help was enlisted to raise the main sail, the foresail and the inner jib. From there on, it seemed effortless. The motor was turned off and the ship sailed on under the strength of the wind, the deck pitching gently beneath our feet. It was almost eerie, yet exhilarating, traveling in this way in a time when noise and traffic are common occurrences. The *William H.* moved easily through the water, the only sounds being

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The Abaconian writer Theresa Pinder takes the helm on her experience aboard the *William H. Albury* on one of their High Adventure Sea Base trips, this one with local Scouts. The program introduces hundreds of American Scouts to the world of sailing each spring and summer.





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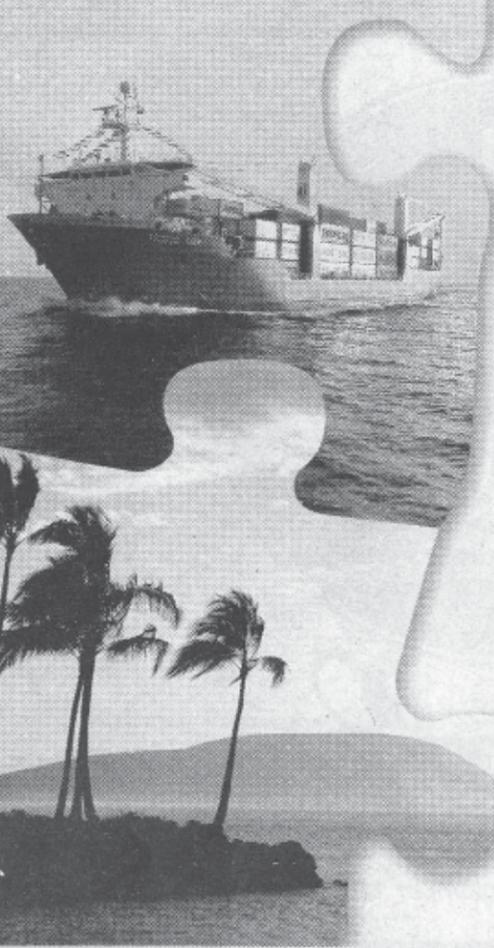
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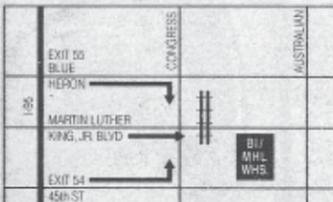
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Local Scouts Get Sailing Experience

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water gliding past the hull and the sails flapping in the breeze. *This was sailing!*

After an hour and a half under sail, Guana Cay came into sight. Mooring just outside the harbour, the Scout galley crew was called upon to extend their skills toward making lunch. Next stop, the beach at Nippers for a snorkeling expedition. Unfortunately, the current was too strong, and the Scouts had to be satisfied with a swim before returning to the schooner.

With the descent of night came the

dreaded challenge: using the "head." It sounds strange, but if you have the same limited experience as I have with ships, then the thought of using the bathroom aboard ship can be quite daunting. The basic idea might be the same, but operation is slightly different, involving a complex system (or so I thought) of counting the number of pumps and toggling switches. The constricting space and claustrophobia were not exactly helpful either. However, despite all obstacles, I persevered. My mission complete, I scurried out and prayed that I had not clogged it.

Next morning, everyone was up and about by 7:30, ready to greet the first task of the day: polishing brass. Polishing the brass on the ship, the portholes, the latches and the ship's bell, is a necessary chore, one that helps preserve and maintain their life. The Scouts took to it with zeal.

Once the mornings chores were out of the way, the Scouts got a chance to snorkel in the waters surrounding the ship before we were underway again. This time returning to port, we attempted to sail, but wind direction was unsuitable; it would have taken approximately four hours to sail from Guana Cay back into the harbour, so the sails were lashed down, awnings were set up and the motor employed. Even so, it was slow going.

In the distance rain clouds hung low on the horizon. A chill wind swept up, a promise of inevitable rain. Sure enough, just outside the harbour, a storm cloud swept in, obscuring the world in the gray haze of an icy deluge.

The First Mate, hidden deep within the folds of a jacket, crowded in delight and skipped to stand in the bow of the ship. "Now this is sailing!"

Huddled on deck, I eased my death-grip on the lifeline long enough to replace the cowl over my head and stared at the First Mate in bewilderment. White-capped waves surrounded the rocking ship on all sides, and land was hidden behind a sheet of rain. This was his idea of sailing? I shook my head, wishing that I was below decks with the scouts, warm, dry and safe from madmen.

In spite of the seemingly endless time we spent traveling through the storm (it lasted about fifteen minutes), we arrived safely into port without mishap. Our time together was up, and it was time to say goodbye to my shipmates and get back to reality. It was definitely a trip to remember; the Scouts had coped quite well in such a short time, considering that they were not quite sure what they were getting into. They enjoyed themselves immensely, and I would do it again if I could, especially if I could participate as an actual Scout. It is an appealing program, one that gains a large response every year. As a matter of fact, another ship is joining the fleet next year, bringing the number up to a total of eight engaging in this High Adventure program.



The Abaco Scouts pose for a picture. From l to r: Back: Juan Armbrister, Ramon Nottage, Fredeiro Smith, Samuel Cornish, Oneil Charlton. Front: Latario Moss, Tristan Bootle, Khiry Swain and Trevor Bootle.



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S.C. Bootle Students Attend BASE 2002

By Jim Richard

Twelve students from S. C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town attended The Bahamas Award Scheme Expedition (BASE) this past July. BASE is an annual expedition coordinated by the Governor General's Youth Award. Participants came from all over the Bahamas and special guests included students from Canada and Bermuda. Everyone is given training in First Aid, Campcraft, Boating Safety, Fire Safety, and Land Navigation. They are placed in small groups for the entire ten day experience. After two days of training the students hiked across New Providence to the Potter's Cay Dock where they boarded the mail boat

Captain Moxey.

The mail boat carried the entire group, 176 students and 30 supervisors, to seven islands over the next ten days. On each island the students hiked, explored, cooked their own meals and met local residents. Each group was responsible for navigating using a map and compass, and they had to return to the boat by a certain time each evening. The first stop was South Andros where the students caught crabs, camped on the beach and swam in the harbour. The boat then returned to Nassau to offload supplies, mostly crabs and conch. During this time a scavenger hunt was held in the Bay Street area and students were expected to

collect certain items as well as historical facts from plaques.

The next morning the boat arrived in South Eleuthera where the students hiked the beach from Rock Sound to Tarpum Bay.

The boat then sailed for Cat Island where a strenuous beach hike ended in a climb to

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One hundred seventy-six high school students participated in the Bahamas Award Scheme Expedition for ten days in July. Twelve of them were from the S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. Their trip took them to seven islands for hiking, exploring, camping and seeing their country first hand.



One group is shown here hiking on Cat Island. The experience was designed to teach them about boating and fire safety, camping and navigating. The group from Abaco included both boys and girls. They enjoyed meeting new friends and exploring islands they had never visited before.

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Central Abaco Council 13 Aug 02

This was Central Abaco's first Council meeting doing the regular business of the Council under the third term of Local Government. Chief Councillor Mike Malone, who served in the same capacity during the first term, chaired this meeting.

To save time it was agreed that minutes will be prepared in sufficient time to allow Councillors to read them prior to the meeting which will dispense with the need to read them during the meeting.

Members of the four towns were requested to submit a list of needed street signs.

Members were asked to tie a red plastic ribbon on each electric pole with a faulty street light, allowing BEC servicemen to quickly find the problems.

Money was authorized, \$197, for labour to fabricate two brackets to mount the street lights. The materials were donated. Mr. Malone said the lights were mounted earlier that day and now needed the electrical connections.

Mr. Malone asked Councillors to consider hiring two part-time school crossing wardens to man the main road at Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School at opening

Local Government at Work

and closing times. Both schools are located on Forest Drive, which has heavy fast traffic.

It was brought to Council's attention that a groundsman will be needed at Central Abaco Primary School when the landscaping is completed by the contractor.

Councillor Cay Mills wanted the restrooms at Crossing Beach opened early each day for taxi drivers and also wanted Council to remove the barricade bench alongside the road. It was pointed out to him that these two items were a Marsh Harbour matter and not Council's.

It was agreed that the Central Abaco District Council will meet on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. allowing any problems or business presented by the various boards that month to be acted on.

Central Abaco Town Planning 26 Aug 02

The first session of Town Planning since May opened with an introduction of Administrator Alexander Williams, Town Planning Chairman Bill Swain and Board members.

Mr. Williams spoke briefly reminding the members that their responsibilities went beyond reviewing plans and extended into long range planning for the communities they serve. He mentioned they must look 20 or 50 years ahead and consider growth that may affect the future environment as well

as plan for projects that affect the social fabric and community well being.

Chairman Swain welcomed the new Board members. He objects to interference from Council or Town Committees asking to make recommendations concerning the plans his Board has the authority to approve. The decisions of his Board are absolute and final and not subject to outside recommendations or decisions.

Due to the volume of business the Board is required to consider, Mr. Swain advised members they may be asked to hold extra meetings to accommodate community needs.

Administrator Williams echoed that the Board is a Statutory Board and not subject to Town Committees and Councils. He mentioned that a deposit is required when applications are submitted and asked that this be reinstated. He reinforced the need to have the plans reviewed by the area engineer and Environmental Health prior to coming to Town Planning for their final decision. He brought out that any plans submitted by a foreign architect must be signed by a local architect and not an architectural technician.

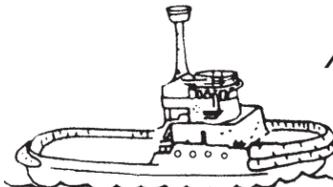
Twenty-three plans valued at \$3.2 million were before the Board for consideration with most being of a residential nature. Several were passed conditionally but required attention to the fire walls to meet code requirements to fire walls between apartments or on ceilings between different living units.

Plans continue to come with poorly defined site locations. When the location cannot be clearly determined or there are questions concerning neighboring buildings on the same or adjacent property, the application will be deferred pending clarification.

A Texaco water front fuel station at Marsh Harbour Boat Yards was deferred due to a poorly defined site plan.

A small six-building hotel in the Busic Bight area was approved in principle pending more information on the location.

The three and one-half hour meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. as predetermined without all applications being reviewed. An interim meeting will be scheduled so all plans publicly posted and on the agenda can be reviewed this month.



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After the fire was contained, the Guana firefighters received assistance from George Phillpot, who took a pump from Foot's Cay and by firemen from Man-O-War who took additional pumps.

The house that burned was an older wooden home which was badly damaged by Hurricane Floyd and had not been repaired. One corner of Michael Roberts' house next door was badly burned and on the other side the home of Bob and Norma Sellars was slightly damaged.

The Guana Cay Fire and Rescue is a group captained by Laura Sands which responds basically to medical emergencies but is trained in the basics of fighting fires.

They think that the fire was started by children playing with matches.

We thank Pat Ward for supplying the photograph.

Obituary

The funeral service for Mr. Donald Sawyer, Sr., 42, was held on August 24 at the Revival Time Pentecostal Church of God in Cooper's Town. Officiating were Rev. Kenneth Knowles, Pastor David Knowles and Bishop Henry Wright. Burial was in the Cooper's Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his son Donald "D.J." Sawyer; adopted son Gino Simmons; adopted daughter Anya Mills; parents Elvin and Celita Sawyer; brothers Eddison, Kirk, Mario and Bernard Sawyer; adopted brothers Walter, Fletcher, Roy and Harrington McIntosh; sisters Sandra Curry, Tina, Yvonne, Shantia and Erica Collins; adopted

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Accident Involved Soccer Team

Accident

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over as many people were riding in the back of both pickups.

Injured persons were taken to the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour which was overwhelmed. Three of the injured were sent to Dr. Binard at the Blue Ridge Medical Clinic. Six were flown to Nassau on two

local aircraft and one air ambulance from Nassau. Cherokee Air took three and Sean Nixon took one persons. The Haitian community raised over \$3000 to pay for the air ambulance flight.

One man was believed to have been paralyzed below the waist but was later discovered to have a broken hip and remains in the hospital. Two others are still in the hos-

pital, one with a severe injury to the neck and the other with a leg broken in three places. Miraculously, there were no fatalities.

Several of the injured were part of the soccer team sponsored by Yamaha Outboards in Marsh Harbour. They, along with team supporters, were returning from a victorious match at the farm behind the Treasure Cay airport.

Hundreds of family members and friends congregated at the two clinics awaiting information on those injured.

Information is that while rounding a curve four miles north of Joe's Creek, the second truck passed the first truck, then bumped the first truck due to an approaching car. This sent both pickups off the road with one severing a power pole.

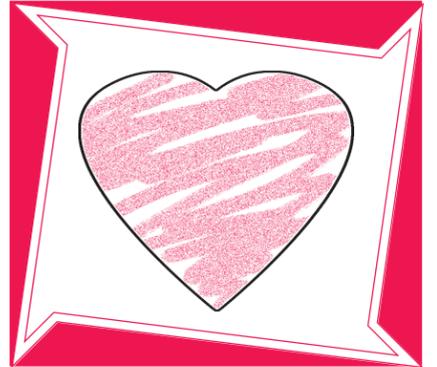
BEC technicians knew a pole had been

hit somewhere as lights flickered island wide several times as the main generators attempted to deal with the swinging wires touching each other.

The team is still functioning but is missing several players. All the injured are expected to make full recoveries.



Two badly smashed pick-up trucks show the severity of a crash which happened four miles north of Leisure Lee on August 18 injuring 11. The men, all of Haitian descent, were returning to Marsh Harbour from a soccer game at the Bahama Star Farm west of Treasure Cay. Several of the injured men were team members. Fortunately, no one was killed in this very bad accident.





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Viewpoint

Words of Wisdom for Parents

By Cindy Armbrister

School is opening in a matter of days and soon we will be back in the routine of getting our lives re-adjusted to school related activities and schedules. By now, you should have done most, if not all of your shopping. Most of us are operating on very scanty budgets and so here are some tips to help you stay sane during this potentially stressful time.

- Stay calm. Understand your budgetary limitations and spend wisely. Although the name brands are stylish and your child is probably right when he says all his/her friends will be wearing them, stay within your limits. Avoid spending a fortune on one pair of shoes when that same amount of money could purchase maybe two to three pairs of a cheaper brand. Alternatively, buy quality! A pair of shoes of quality like Clarks will last for a longer time and if the child takes care of his/her things, can probably survive to be passed down.

- Buy in bulk. When I was in school, my parents had six of us in school at the same time. My mother would buy a case of books and a gross of pencils. This worked for us and the supplies lasted.

- Capitalize on sales and buy extra. If particular items are on sale, buy plenty at the sale price. You will thank yourself when the prices go back to normal.

- Recycle. Uniforms, shoes, bags and other supplies from the previous years, if they still fit and are in good condition can still be used. I used to buy five new skirts/pants and five new blouses/shirts each new school year until circumstances forced me

to cut back. I learned to purchase one or two new uniforms and recycle. You will save a whole bunch. Some of the stuff can even be passed down to younger siblings. Once the novelty of the first day, week, and month passes, no one will notice.

- Purchase used textbooks where possible especially at the junior and high school age. Identify former students who have textbooks that your child needs and offer to purchase them. This is an incredible way to save money on textbooks. It is done on college campuses every year.

- Buy lunch supplies at wholesale prices and prepare home lunches for the children. I can hear some of you now. "My children won't carry lunch to school from home." I agree with you. As a former teacher, I have seen hungry students sitting in the classroom watching others eat. I am very certain that there was something at home that they could have fixed to bring to school. That is better than going through the day hungry. Psychologists will agree that lack of food affects children's behavior and academic performance.

- Ensure that children eat breakfast, if only a piece of bread and a cup of hot tea. A study was conducted some years ago to determine the effects of eating breakfast on students' academic performance. It was discovered that those children who ate breakfast performed better academically than those who did not have breakfast. You don't have to fix elaborate meals. Keep it simple: a slice of toast, some soft grits and eggs, a bowl of cereal, a fruit.

- Limit television and video games. The

amount of time children spend watching television and playing computer games is a big area of concern. Research has proven that it affects academic performance. So, limit the time spent watching television and playing games. You will be glad you did.

- Insist that students study systematically. Just as with maintaining a bank account, if you put nothing in, you will have nothing to take out. So it is with studying. If your students do not study, they do not do well on exams and in-class tests. Saving requires self-discipline and systematic deposits. As you save each week, your balance increases. Therefore, it is the same thing with developing study habits. Many students wait until the night before the exam. Wise students study everyday. The little deposits add up to big savings and little daily study habits produce excellent results.

- Finally, relax. Before, you know it the children will be grown and off to college or working. It seems like only days ago my children were babies, and now two will be graduating in two years. Amazing! So, hang in there! Be consistent and reap the rewards.

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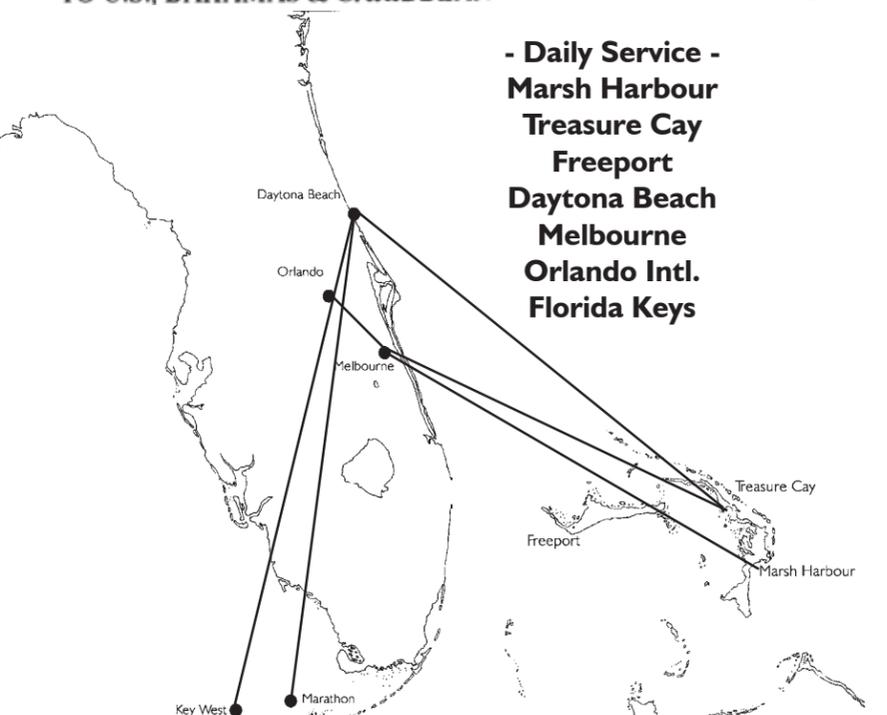
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A nine member AGGRA team led by two professors from Nova University were engaged in a seven day intensive reef study collecting data for future studies. The teams worked ten reef sites from Lynard Cay through the Fowl Cays. The data collected on Abaco will be incorporated with similar data collected throughout the Caribbean. A base of information is needed for future studies to determine what changes are evolving in the reef ecosystems. This local effort is part of the larger Atlantic & Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment (AGRRA) being conducted by many scientists throughout the Caribbean and Gulf waters. The study was designed to gather a large amount of data very quickly.

Gathered in Man-O-War August 9 at the Pixley's home are Professors Joshua Feinboro & Ken Banks with students Megan Davis, Carolyn Garreau, Luiz Piotto, Dave Morse, Lindsey Fulcher, Kandi Osman, Shawn McQuaid, Stacy Brown and Kaisa Joy Pixley. Sponsors for the Abaco studies were Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation (BREEF), Nova Southeastern University (National Coral Reef Institute), NSU Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, Friends of the Environment - Abaco, Dive Abaco, Tito (Froggie) Baldwin & Chris. Peter and Ann Pixley of Man-O-War Cay and Ken Banks of Lubbers Quarters and Nova University provided both local accommodations and support.

All Abaco Regatta T-Shirt Day Will Be September 6

By Anita Rolle

Plans are continuing for the 2002 All Abaco Regatta and Homecoming, scheduled for September 19-21, 2002. Stalls are now available and are being sold on a first come, first serve basis. Interested persons may contact the Administrator's office for details.

Persons wishing to advertise in the program booklet are being asked to submit their ads and payments as soon as possible. Regatta T-Shirt Day has been scheduled for Friday, September 6th. Individuals and business establishments are encouraged to purchase shirts and wear them on that day as we gear up for this the final Bahamian work boat regatta for 2002 as well as the final regatta for co-ordinator Mr. Everette Hart as Senior Island Administrator for Abaco.

Events will be held between Treasure Cay and Green Turtle Cay and serves as a great attraction for both tourists and Bahamians. Augmented with shore festivities including native food stalls, bars and music, this regatta promises to keep with its tradition of being one of the largest functions on Abaco

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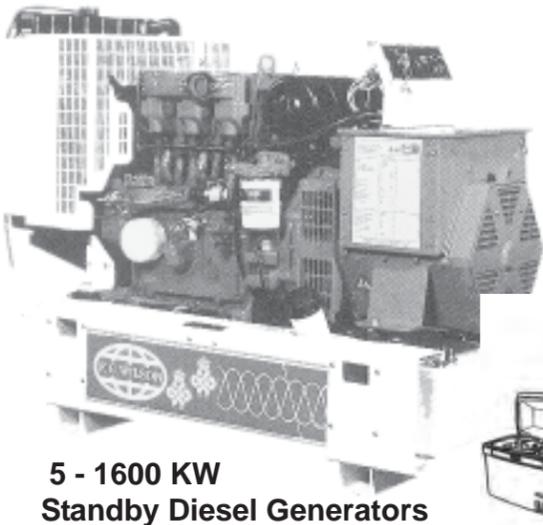
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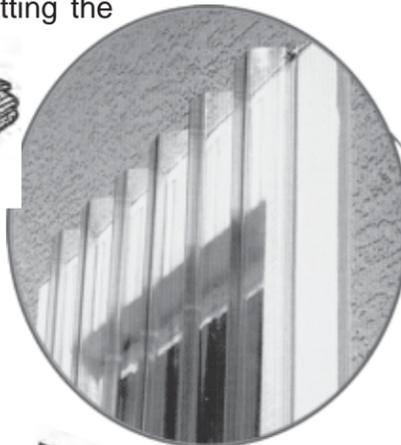
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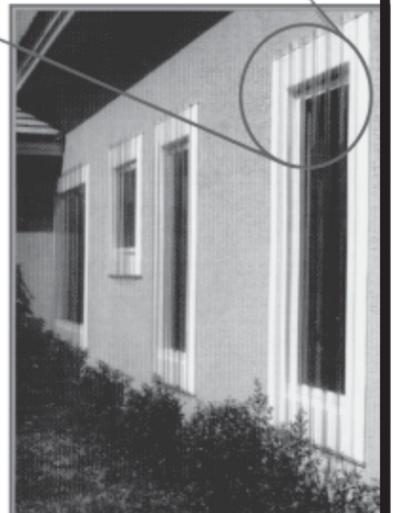
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Senior Administrator Hart Is Honoured

By Isobel Sherman

Island Administrator Everett Hart left Abaco on August 23 to take up a new assignment in Exuma. Mr. Hart has been Senior Island Administrator on Abaco for the past seven years. It was on his watch that Local Government came into being and he was given the title of Senior Island Administrator for Central Abaco.

Mr. Hart, an avid fisherman, leaves with mixed feelings. He is happy to be returning to his home island of Exuma but Abaco is a special place for him. The All Abaco Regatta is his special creation as he has headed the Regatta Committee for four years. Many on Abaco will miss this tireless worker.

On August 23 a farewell celebration was held at Abaco Beach Resort for all of Abaco including the cays to say farewell. About 75 attended to wish him well.

Mr. Hart spoke of his thoughts about his life, local government and life in general. He firmly believes that government is best when it is nearest the people. On Abaco since 1996 he was able to see local government put into place allowing local people such as fishermen and businessmen to be put into place to make decisions for their towns.

He mentioned that nothing in life comes easy, he learned this early. He learned early to be responsible for himself and that is what made him a man. He expected to be on

Abaco for three years. However, the first Council form was a motivating factor in his wanting to stay longer.

He introduced the new Administrator, his successor, Mr. Alexander Williams, and

exhorted him to take good care of the people in this area. He continued that all they want is an opportunity to succeed and for him to give them that chance.

He was presented with tickets for a Caribbean cruise.



The Chamber of Commerce of Abaco held a luncheon honouring Mr. Everette Hart, Sr. Administrator for Central Abaco. Mr. Mike Malone presented him with a special writing set made on Abaco. The set was handmade of native woods.



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Williams on the left were special guests at a farewell party for Mr. Everette Hart, right. The party was held at Abaco Beach Resort on August 23. Mr. Williams will be the new Administrator for the Central Abaco District and the Hope Town District.

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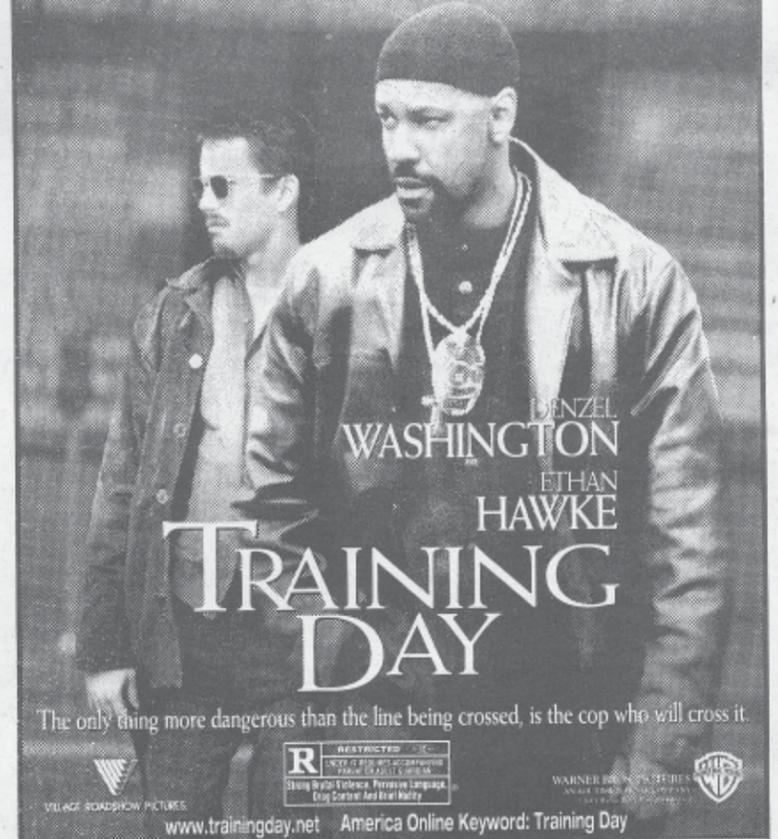
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Plans Continue for All Abaco Regatta

The All Abaco Regatta Committee met August 13 in the Marsh Harbour court room to plan the September regatta. Coordinator Everette Hart said funding continues to be a problem with major sponsors dropping out, dodging the issue or contributing only half their previous amounts.

Suggestions for raising funds ranged from a Gospel concert, an annual fair, a radio appeal, steak-outs, a cruise excursion by Nassau supporters and a concerted effort at selling t-shirts on September 6 island-wide. A concert was ruled out as usually costing more than the revenue generated. T-shirt sales and several cook-outs will be used to generate funds as well as contacting potential sponsors.

Commodore Hubert Smith is hoping to locate a suitable announcer to broadcast the event over the radio and to those on the shore.

At a second meeting a week later on August 22 Coordinator and Administrator Everette Hart introduced Administrator Gary Knowles recently of North Andros and now the new Administrator for North Abaco. Mr. Hart felt that Mr. Knowles' extensive knowledge of the successful North Andros Regatta would help perpetuate the

All Abaco Regatta. An annual July event at Morgan's Bluff, Andros holds one of the largest regattas in the Bahamas.

Mr. Knowles suggested that the committee consider reorganizing under a corporate structure with a paid executive director. He said the financial return to those who had booths in the Andros Crab Festival and the North Andros Regatta ranged from \$8,000 to \$9,000.

It was conceded that the sailing events are very expensive and ways must be found to reduce the expenses. The group decided to eliminate one day of racing (Thursday) which would reduce the sailing-related expenses considerably. The regatta will begin on Thursday, September 19, with only shore-side entertainment. Racing will begin on Friday, September 20 and will continue on Saturday, September 21.

It is expected that 21 boats may participate, seven each in the A, B and C classes. Participants are restricted by invitation to those boats which have placed first, second and third in several earlier regattas this year. Hope Town's Abaco Rage is invited being a home boat.



The Running Tide is shown above during a race in the All Abaco Regatta held last September on Abaco. It shows the crew out on the pry which acts as ballast for these work boats which used to be used for fishing.

Through The Land

By Cindy Armbrister

Through the Land is a phrase which has become synonymous with affordable travel in Abaco. The service originates in Crown Haven and has been in operation for quite some time. For local boatmen in Crown Haven, it adds up to big bucks daily as they make two daily runs between here and MacLean's Town, Grand Bahama.

The cost is cheap compared to the cost of air travel and regular patrons of this service prefer the long rides to Crown Haven, then on the boat to MacLean's Town, then to Freeport via bus or car and the five-hour boat ride to Fort Lauderdale from Freeport rather than pay high airfares. It makes one tired just trying to describe the route. However, one of the obvious benefits is the free ride for young children.

The boat ride to MacLean's Town is very enjoyable and scenic. The feel of the salty sea air can be quite exhilarating, if you are the outdoors type. Surprisingly, the water is very shallow and it takes very skilled boatmen to avoid running aground in very shallow areas.

Is it really worth the trip? I guess it is, if you don't like flying, aren't in a hurry and are looking to save a few dollars on the fare. You could always use the extra dollars for

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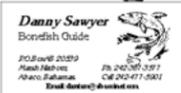



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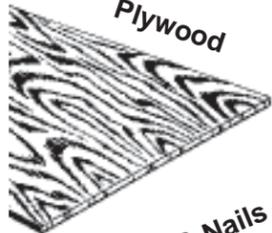
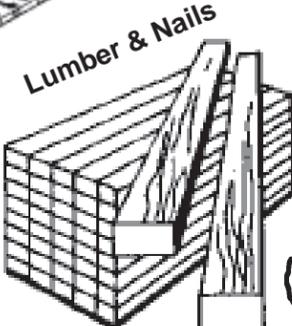


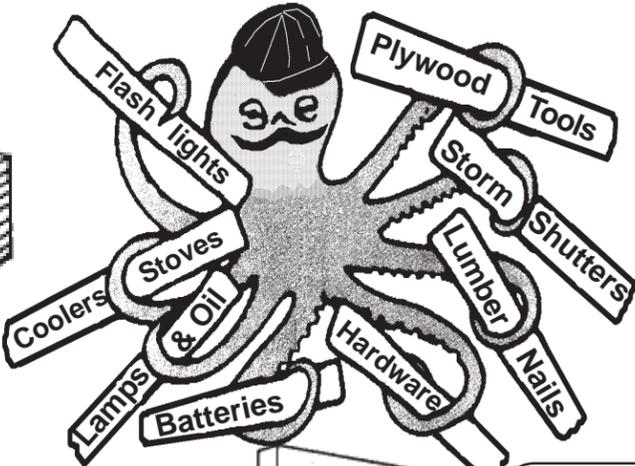


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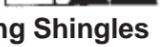
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Abaco Scouts Reorganize

By Sandra Evans

As a new school year begins, the Scout Association of Abaco is ready to meet its challenges and responsibilities. Although still very involved with decision making, our beloved Commissioner, Mr. Drexel "Skip" Major, remains temporarily sidelined by his accidental injuries. After ably and loyally serving as District Commissioners, Father Hugh Chapman, whose ministry has taken him to the Virgin Islands, and Mr. Huel Moss, who is devoting himself to teaching, have resigned their positions. In order to continue serving the Scouting movement and the community at large, the National Executive has named the Rev. Father Kenneth McKenzie of the Parish of St. Martin's and St. Anne's, and Mrs. Sandra Evans, real estate broker and recently retired Cub Scout leader, as acting District Commissioners. The Scout Association of the Bahamas expects a smooth transition under this new leadership and a renewed emphasis on financial responsibility, consistency and credibility.

At present there are active Cub and Scout groups in Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks and Fox Town. A new group is being formed in Treasure Cay and the troop in Green Turtle Cay will be reactivated. The goal of Scouting is to provide challenging and fun ways for young people to occupy their time while learning valuable life skills. Community service is a major component of Scouting and plans are underway for Scouts Abaco to be more visible in this regard. District-wide fund raising will be held this year with funds being raised to send deserving Cubs

and Scouts to camp both in the Bahamas and abroad. In addition, Scouts Abaco is committed to the establishment of a national camp in New Providence and locally to the preservation of the Abaco wild horses. There will be standardized procedures and programs throughout Abaco dedicated to the purpose of shaping responsible and competent future adults.

There is a growing need for interested persons to become Cub or Scout leaders. If you are creative and hardworking, then please consider giving of yourself to provide guidance and skills to our young people. Scouts is based on allegiance to God and country and is designed to foster independent and responsible citizens. The programs are well defined and easy to follow. Your time is the greatest gift.

We plan to make this the best Scouting year yet. In the past groups have gone camping, kayaking, hiking, fishing and boating as well as performing community service and being introduced to Jujitsu. Scouts prove an opportunity for the ambitious young person to elevate themselves and prepares them to meet the future in a mature and honourable way. Registration will be held on September 17. Scouts is an exciting and relevant program and we appreciate your ongoing support.

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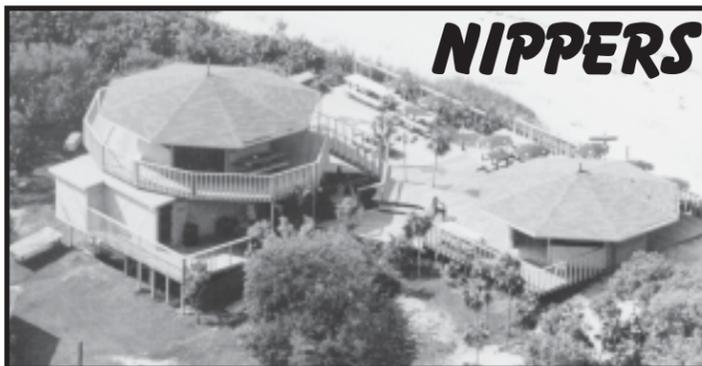
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Contractors Want Regulation

By Anita Rolle

The Bahamian Contractors Association is working to improve the quality, integrity and reputation of their industry. In a recent newsletter to members they outlined their drive for a regulated construction industry for the protection of both the consumer and the contractor. An elected contractor's council is working with government to write a Contractors' Licensing Bill, which will go a long way in supporting their objectives. If the Bill is passed, the association will work to advance the industry through education and training of its members.

Earlier this year, Minister of Public Works Bradley Roberts foreshadowed the Contractors Bill and said that it is currently under review by the Ministry's technical staff. It will seek to regulate the construction industry in the country through contractors' licenses in several areas, namely building, civil works, electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and roofing. The Bill will stipulate the qualifying requirements, including educational and ex-

amination requirements, for the awarding of a contractor's license. The Minister said that the Bill would protect the public and offer recourse through a Contractors' Board that would administer the Act.

Chairman of the association, Godfrey Lightbourne says that membership in the association will become the standard for excellence and accountability. "We want members of the association to enjoy the distinction of being recognized as industry professionals. When the Bill is passed, we will introduce relevant education and skills training to further enhance or expand the expertise of our membership to enable them to become further qualified and win new respect in the community. We hope our progress will reduce the dependence on foreign contractors."

The association also intends to introduce a code of ethics, procedures and operating standards to raise the level of professionalism in line with the new Bill's Contractors' Licensing requirements.

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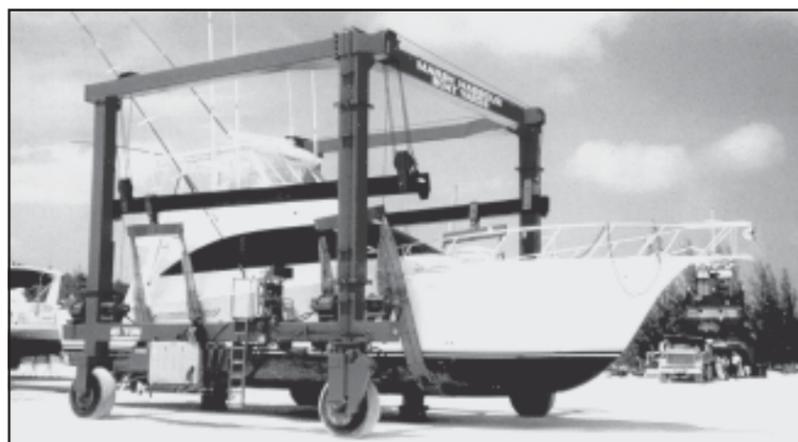
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Annual Local Government Conference Is Held

By Theresa Pinder

During July 22-25 a Local Government Conference was held in Nassau. The conference was attended by Local Government representatives and Island Administrators from the entire Bahamas with the theme *Preparation and Partnerships for Progress*. It focused on giving Local Government representatives, the majority of whom were new to office, an overview of how the system of Local Government works. The infrastructure, roles and responsibilities were explored in some detail, and a plan of improvements that could be made in the various communities was laid out and discussed.

Another main purpose of the conference was to develop a closer relationship between Local Government and Central Government agencies and Members of Par-

liament. The conference gave Local Government officials an opportunity to familiarize themselves with some of the changes in personnel and portfolios in Central Government. There was opportunity for the representatives to converse directly with the Central Government officials. Various question and answer sessions brought out many viewpoints and addressed issues pertinent to their individual districts.

Central Government outlined the plans that it has for improving and developing the Bahama Islands further. For Abaco this includes the encouragement of eco-tourism, an eventual upgrade of Marsh Harbour's airport and conserving and protecting our natural resources such as pine forests and fisheries.

Local Government officials will serve their three-year terms with a better idea of what is planned in both the districts and on a national level.

Student Loans Are Finally Processed

By Anita Rolle

The government has announced that students eligible for guaranteed loans and renewals have been completely processed, meaning that those and 200 new applicants will now be able to collect their schools funds. The committee completed processing all eligible loan renewals on August 21. The loans are for students who continue their education after high school, both in The Bahamas and abroad.

The Ministry's delay of the August 2 deadline upset students who were dependent on these funds to continue their education. Renewal loans for this school year have been capped because of the low percentage of students who actually submitted all the required documents during the 2000 and 2001 allocations. The program has been limited to two hundred new applicants. However, the Ministry of Education received over two thousand new applications.

To qualify for loan continuation, students

had to maintain a 2.5 GPA in the previous academic year while carrying a full course load, provide an official receipt of payment of fees and have paid the bank interest on their loans.

At the end of the first two-year period of the program, the limit of the loan program was virtually reached as students were allowed to borrow up to \$20,000 a year. Because of the amount in arrears, government had to borrow an additional \$15 million to continue the program, even in a reduced format.

The loan program began in 2000 and was offered again in 2001. Tecuma Sherman was the only student from Abaco who received funding from this program last year. This year three additional students are approved from Abaco. They are Harriet Gomez, Younnique McDonald and Nicole Swain-Scott. Two of them, Ms. Gomez and Ms. Swain, will be working toward their Master's degrees.

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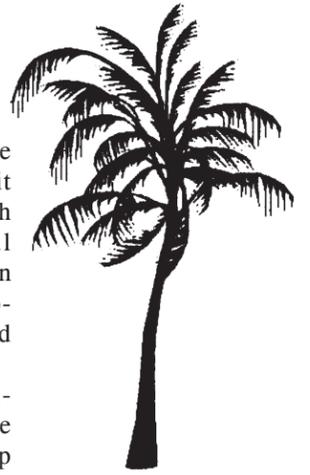
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The Versatile Coconut Tree



By Alice Bain
Coccoloba nucifera is a common sight in Abaco - this exotic term is simply the Latin name for the common coconut palm. The origins of this ubiquitous

tropical tree are shrouded in mystery. Although we can safely say that coconut palms are not native to Abaco, it seems that horticulturists cannot agree exactly what region they are native to.

Reports from as early as 545 A.D. mention coconuts growing in India, and in 1280 Marco Polo describes it growing in Sumatra. Locations in the Melanesian Islands of the Pacific show charred remains of coconuts going back to 3000 B.C. A naturalist by the name of Purseglove theorized that the tree originated in Northwestern South America, since palms of similar species are native to that area.

In any case, the coconut is undoubtedly one of the most useful trees in the world and has been spread throughout the tropical zone both by man and by sea currents. In fact, coconuts have washed ashore as far north as Norway and still sprouted although the trees will not grow above 28 degrees north latitude or below 28 degrees south latitude.

All varieties of coconut in the world belong to the same species, although this is divided into a staggering array of different varieties. "Dwarf" varieties may grow to be only six feet tall while more traditional varieties such as the "Jamaican Tall" can

attain heights of 80 feet or more. There are varieties with green nuts, brown nuts and gold nuts and one type from the Maldives that has a double nut. The traditional tall varieties are unfortunately susceptible to a disease called Lethal Yellowing which has killed off palm groves in areas of Central America, in Florida and in Nassau.

The nut itself goes through several stages of development with harvesting concentrated on the later stages of jelly coconut and mature nut. A jelly coconut has an immature gelatinous meat inside it, and about two cups of "coconut water" which is tasty and often drunk straight from the nut or mixed with gin and condensed milk to make a "swigel." Coconut water is sterile, and there are reports of it having been used intravenously in emergencies during World War II as a replacement for glucose solution. Dried nuts produce coconut oil (good for making soap, among other things) and the pressed meat of the adult nut yields "coconut milk" which is used in many dishes. Mature nut meat is grated and boiled down with sugar to make coconut candy.

Other parts of the tree are also useful. The leaves can be woven into hats, mats and bags and the "bud" or growing point at the top of the tree is edible as a kind of vegetable. Harvesting this bud unfortunately kills the tree. In the East a flower-stalk on a palm will be bound tightly and bruised so that it weeps a juice that can be fermented into wine and further distilled into a liquor.

The coconut is a hardy tree that will tolerate a variety of different stresses from variations in pH, poor soil, extreme slope, salinity of water, tropical heat, insects, diseases and, of course, hurricanes.

After Hurricane Floyd some of our palm trees died, presumably due to having their growing point buds bruised or destroyed, but other trees, left with only one frond, recovered to return to their full tropical glory in a year or so. The coconut harvest was depressed for a year and a half after the storm. It takes a coconut bloom about ten months to mature, and the trees did not start putting out flowers until they had regrown most of their fronds. Abaconians often prepare for a hurricane by chopping any bunches of unripe nuts from the trees lest they become lethal missiles propelled by high winds during the storm.

Coconuts can be planted, but seem to grow just fine by sprouting on their own initiative. "Planting" a coconut is usually as simple as laying the nut on the ground

and keeping the bottom of it damp, though professional groves often use more sophisticated techniques.

A knowledgeable native with a sharp machete can open a coconut in a few seconds, impressing any tourist who has just spent an hour or so being thwarted by the tough husk that surrounds the nut. The coconut is an inextricable part of Abaconian cuisine and lifestyle.

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Malathion: a Rock and a Hard Place

By Alice Bain

Late summer in Abaco brings mosquitoes and sandflies, and the government's fogging program goes into high gear to control these flying pests. Killing mosquitoes is a worthwhile endeavor—but what is the hidden price of the pesticides used to kill them?

Mosquitoes, because of their blood-sucking behavior, act as a "vector" (a distribution point) for many dangerous diseases including Dengue fever, Malaria and the potentially lethal West Nile Virus that has been in the news recently. As far as I am aware none of these diseases exists on Abaco, but with our year-round warmth the mosquito population thrives even during the dry spells and any of these diseases could easily be introduced and become a health threat for all Abaconians.

In order to control mosquitoes, both as a nuisance and a possible vector for disease, the government fogs populated areas with Malathion, an organophosphate pesticide. Malathion is one of the less lethal chemicals in its class—but organophosphates are also known by a more common name—nerve gas. The Sarin gas released on a Tokyo subway by a Japanese terrorist group in 1995 is also a type of organophosphate, albeit a much more potent one. Once the chemical enters your system in sufficient quantity, it operates via a process known as "cholinesterase inhibition." Basically, it prevents signals from your brain reaching your muscles. Your heart and lungs "forget" how to function, and you die of respiratory or cardiac failure.

Malathion is not a very potent organophosphate. To poison yourself to the point of death with the pure substance you would have to drink quarts of the stuff. However, the Malathion available on the market is not a pure substance. It is called "technical grade" and is only about 96.5 percent pure.

Please note that the official statements on Malathion toxicity DO NOT take into account the impurities found in technical grade Malathion. One of these impurities is "trimethyl-phosphorodithioate" which is 500 times more poisonous than Malathion alone. To make matters worse, this particular impurity is formed in the Malathion under conditions of extreme heat, 100 degrees Fahrenheit and above. Ask yourself—where is the government storing the Malathion they use for fogging? I doubt that it is in an insulated, air-conditioned shed.

The good news is that organophosphates are broken down or "metabolized" by the body, so if you are exposed to Malathion it does not stay in your system forever.

The bad news is that the impurities in technical-grade Malathion (according to the Division of Toxicology and Physiology,

University of California, Riverside) actually diminish the ability of your body to break down the poison—so the more impure the Malathion is or the longer it has been stored in a hot metal shed during the summer months—the longer it will take your body to rid itself of the poison once it has been exposed. Not only that, but the trimethyl impurities of Malathion have been shown to weaken your immune system by attacking a type of white blood cell called a "cytotoxic lymphocyte." These are the cells

in your bloodstream which are responsible for locating and destroying virus-infected cells and cancer cells in your body. In practical terms, this means that long-term exposure to technical grade Malathion can increase your risk of getting cancer or dying of a disease such as viral pneumonia.

Symptoms of exposure to Malathion are similar to those caused by other organophosphates. They include dizziness, headache, nausea, muscle weakness, loss of co-ordination, sleepiness, diarrhea, excessive uri-

nation, confusion, blurred or double vision and difficulty in breathing.

Long-term organophosphate poisoning has been linked to syndromes such as Parkinsonism. In Nebraska a lawsuit was successfully prosecuted against the City of Bridgeport by the father of a boy who has suffered from intermittent seizures ever since he was accidentally fogged with

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More Church News

Church

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on August 5. According to Pastor Stephen Knowles, the event was very successful despite the rain. In addition to the regular activities, the church held its first annual volleyball tournament. The home team won. However, Pastor Stephen assured the group that he cheered for all the other teams. The floating trophy is up for grabs next year. So, volleyball enthusiasts, please get ready for Family and Fun Day 2003.

The Strong Tower Family is creating beauty out of ashes with their efforts to restore the former Dundas Town School Campus into a Community Center. Located on the grounds are the church sanctuary and other church activity rooms. The burned out, building is slowly being transformed into a place of beauty and refuge for the congregation. The grounds offer the space and safety needed for the many young people that the church caters to.

In addition, Pastor Stephen's passion for mentoring young males has led him to con-

duct a basketball jamboree each Wednesday night at the basketball court in Murphy Town. Assisted by Pastor Derek Benjamin from the New Vision Ministries, Pastor Knowles plays basketball and leads the boys in lively discussions of interest to the boys. The primary focus of the activities is to foster good sportsmanship and team play.

For many of the boys this is the only time they see how men should behave and play together in an atmosphere of Christian morals and leadership. He and Pastor Benjamin enjoy the opportunity to be fathers and big brothers to the young men. Now that school is reopening, this program will continue with greater fervor and excitement.

In addition, at the Strong Tower Community Center this fall, they hope to open the community library which will assist with homework and other after-school activities.

During September the church plans to go on the road taking the message of hope to people in the communities. These events will occur every second Tuesday. Efforts will be confined to Murphy Town, Dundas Town, and Marsh Harbour at the beginning.

Later on, the group will move into other settlements.

Prayer Walkers

Cindy Armbrister

Dressed in army style camouflage clothing, a group of intercessors from Trinity Assembly in Nassau invaded the Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town area on August 17. The group, who came to pray for the island of Abaco, took to the

streets, knocking on doors, praying for needs and spreading the message of the gospel.

They left Saturday afternoon after having breakfast at a local restaurant and visiting the Greater Faith Ministry Center in Dundas Town.



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Bluff Harbour: UNDER CONTRACT, 140' total frontage. Dock site. \$430,000
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September 1, 2002

Basketball Clinic Helps Youth



Mr. Lyndon B. Davis, Manager of Commonwealth Bank, has organized a local basketball clinic in conjunction with the Freeport YMCA. Lessons were conducted throughout the summer at the St. Francis de Sales School basketball court.

On August 24 the final clinic for the summer was held in conjunction with Freeport ZNS radio station. Mini games were held with the children divided into teams of 12 years and under and 13 and older. They played short 15-minute games and were awarded prizes. The children shown above are in the 12 and under group and are displaying their best shooting form. The clinics are working to improve their technique.

ZNS assisted in awareness with a live broadcast from 2 p.m.

through 5 p.m. They also sponsored the prizes and gave participants school supplies.

The Freeport YMCA donated basketballs to the program so children were not waiting for a chance to actually use a basketball. Others assisting Mr. Davis were Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Jackie Estavez, Jude Hart, Kelson Morley and Keith Green. During the summer the Freeport YMCA shared U.S. coaches they had with the Abaco clinic.

Mr. Davis is working to put two mini-leagues together with competitions for boys and girl, ten years old and under and a second for 11 and 12 year old children. He is asking the community for donations to assist with buying uniforms, equipment, bottled water and GatorAid.

Boat

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shopping. Another huge benefit is the amount of luggage you can bring from the States. We all know how Bahamians like to shop. Once a pilot remarked that Bahamian women travel with every thing but the kitchen sink. I tend to agree.

I admit though that it is quite enjoyable and I recommend it to anyone who hasn't tried it yet. It's quite an adventure.

South

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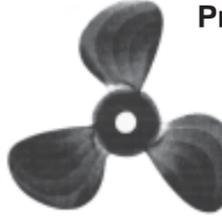
restaurant, Liquor and Dancing licence was coming up before the Licencing Board shortly. They felt the people of Cherokee should have an opportunity to voice their concerns about this type of establishment in such close proximity to their settlement. Mr. Pinder and the Licencing Board member who was present stated that they would call for the matter to be postponed until the community was officially notified (which had not been done) and given time to state their complaints in writing to the Licencing Board.

It was generally felt that much was prom

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The Stars at Night - Sagittarius

By Alice Bain

When I first started to decipher the constellations last summer with the aid of a star-finder dial, the constellation that stumped me the most was Sagittarius, the Archer. The problem with most star-finders is that they distort the view to the south, and Sagittarius is very much a southern constellation. I looked and looked in the southern sky until one day I finally saw a helpful diagram of it in the Miami Herald. Sagittarius looks like a teapot!

To find Sagittarius with much less of a hassle, look to the south-southeast at around 9 p.m. The "teapot" will be plainly visible - five stars making up the body of the pot, two on the east for a handle and one on the west for a spout. The teapot is poised to pour hot water on the curling tail of Scorpio just to the west, and as the night progresses with the rotation of the Earth it tilts further and further over. The ancients saw the three westerly stars making up the body of the pot as the "bow" and named them Kaus Borealis, Kaus Meridionalis and Kaus Australis (the northern, middle and southern bow) and the "spout" star as the tip of an arrow (or Al Nasl, "the point"). In

Greek mythology, Sagittarius is the good centaur Chiron who was accidentally killed by his friend Hercules. The gods placed him in the sky as a constellation, his arrow perpetually pointed at the star Antares, the red heart of the treacherous Scorpio. The Sumerians saw Sagittarius as a representation of their war-god Nergal.

Look at Kaus Meridionalis and Al Nasl. Use the distance between them as a unit length and draw a line between them for direction - one unit length along this line towards the west (more or less) lies the central point of our galaxy, the Milky Way. We cannot see the heart of our own galaxy because it is obscured by dark clouds of dust. The center is about 29,000 light years away from us. The galaxy spins like a giant pinwheel and the sun (two-thirds of the way out on one of the spiral arms) orbits around galactic central point every 240 million years or so, at an estimated speed of 8,100 miles per hour! The fact that the positions of the stars do not change greatly from night to night should indicate just how LARGE the galaxy really is. Don't think too much about this before bedtime, as it's liable to keep you awake at night!

School Supplies Are Available

By Cindy Armbrister

It's back to school time! Just yesterday it seems that the summer break had started and parents were wondering how they would cope having children underfoot for twenty-four hours a day. Now the summer break is ending and school starts in just a matter of days.

That means parents must purchase new uniforms and school supplies. Shopping around for good deals is a wise idea especially if you are operating on a limited budget. I am sure the flea market and other stores in Florida were the place where many people shopped for back to school items.

However, just in case you are in need of additional school supplies a number of local churches will be distributing notebooks, folders, folder papers, pens and other school supplies.

Strong Tower Community Church plans to help send students back to school with a bang. A Back-to-School Jam is scheduled for September 6 and 7 on the grounds of the Strong Tower Community Center.

The event will include a Talent Extravaganza on September 6 at 7 p.m. Local youth will be encouraged to display talents in the arts. A movie appropriate for teenage viewers will be aired in an outside setting reminiscent of the drive-in theatre style. In the morning of September 7 the church will distribute school supplies. Later that afternoon the events will climax with the volleyball tournament.

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Malathion

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Malathion by a city truck in 1994. Malathion and trimethyl impurities of the chemical have also been found to be "moderately toxic" to birds and shows high toxicity to some species of fish. The fogging is extremely toxic to honeybees and adversely affects lizards.

Using Malathion to control mosquitoes is a deal with the Devil. In theory it can be shown that Malathion is not particularly toxic to humans, and the nuisance and potential danger posed by mosquitoes justifies the fogging. In practice, Abaconians are most probably being exposed to the far more toxic trimethyl impurities of Malathion every time the fogging truck goes by.

Abaconians need to be aware of the dangers posed by organophosphates, particularly to children and to the elderly (those

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God that I tried my best. That is all God wants and if that is all He wants, that is enough to satisfy the mortals down here.

Gone Again

When this issue comes off the presses, my beloved daughter will be back in college beginning her second year. WOW! It was not any easier leaving her again in a different dorm than it was last year. However, I found comfort in the fact that she is "college savvy or smart." By that I mean that she knows how to get around campus, the public bus system, her favorite places to visit like art galleries, library, etc, and other basic things.

Many things have happened since she began this journey in September of 2001. She has matured, grown in both mind and height, among other things. I will still miss her just

as much as ever. I am happy she can settle in and has a roommate whom she knows and likes. I am happy she found a church and goes every Sunday and is actively involved in the activities of the church. I am happy she realizes that she is there to learn for herself and she is not competing with anyone.

I have many hopes, one of which is that the math will come easier this semester. I will look forward to our times together and everyday I will look forward to instant messaging with her on line. To many parents who have a child away instant messaging is a real Godsend. If you don't want to learn a lot about the computer, just learn enough to use that feature. It is cheaper than phone calls and I had such a good time last school year not only communicating with her but with her friends as well.

I survived last year and I will survive

this year with her in college. I look forward to the day when I see her receive her de-

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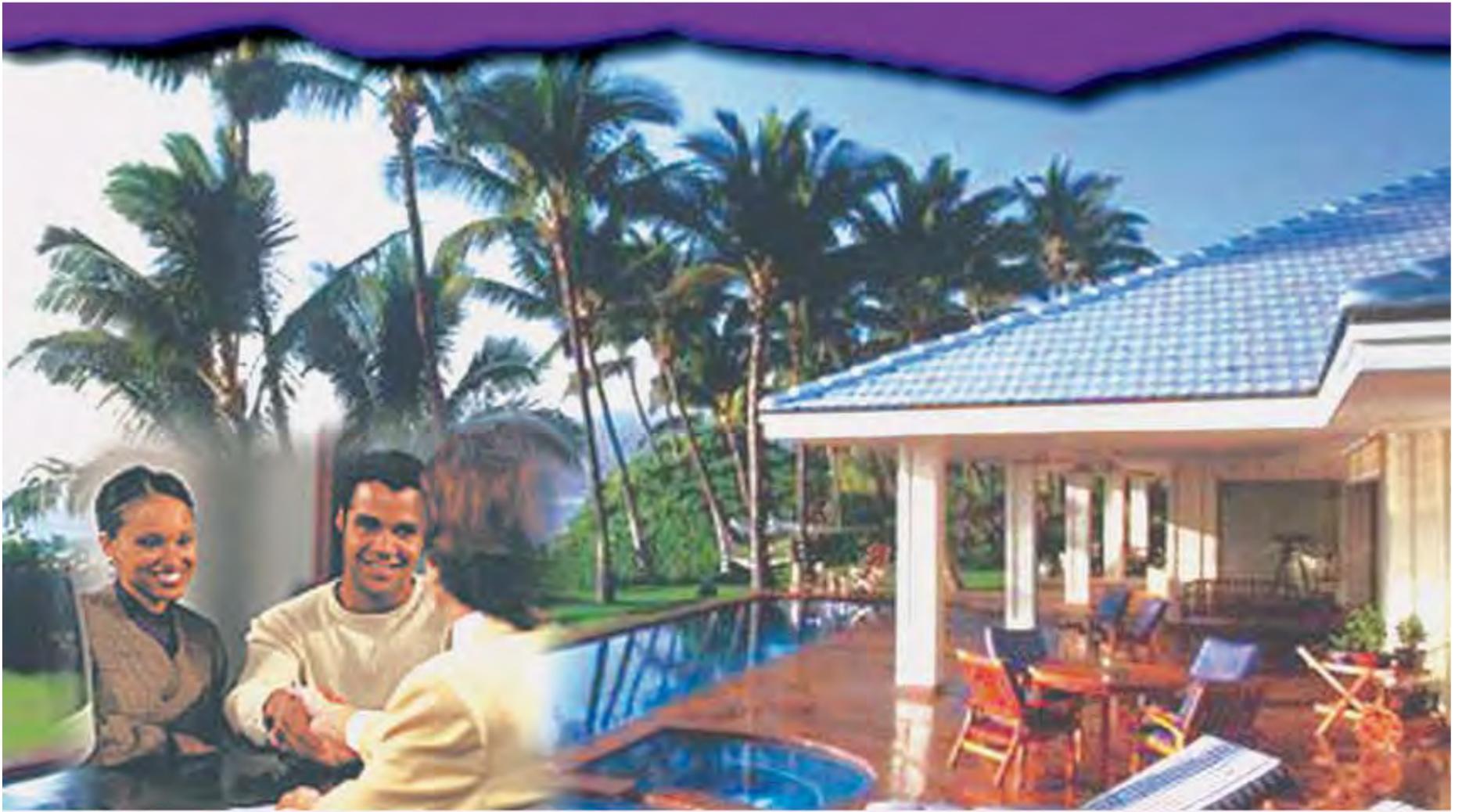
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