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Ninth Triathlon Brings Athletes

Bahamians Compete Individually and in Relays

One of Abaco's relay teams is shown above with their trophies for coming in second place. They are, left to right, Doug Evans, who swam, Judy Albury, who biked and Vicki Hart, who ran. Three other teams from Abaco competed in the relay. Dale Hill of Marsh Harbour and Rhiannon Thomas of Hope Town competed individually and both did very well. Dale came in first place for Bahamians. This annual event brings visitors to Abaco as a boost to end our summer tourist season.

By Isobel Sherman

Over 100 triathletes participated in the ninth annual triathlon on August 31, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and coordinated by Exclusive Sports Marketing of Boca Raton, Florida. The triathlon consisted of a half-mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride and three-mile run, all starting and ending at Abaco Beach Resort. This year 59 men participated of which one, Dale Hill of Marsh Harbour was from Abaco, and three others from the Bahamas. Twenty-nine women competed which included two from Abaco, Rhiannon Thomas of Hope Town and Kathleen Van Nimegen of Marsh Harbour. There were eight teams including four teams from Abaco. This meant that 24 athletes competed in the team efforts with a total of 112 altogether. The Triathlon brings visitors to Abaco giving a small boost on the final summer weekend.

The race was preceded by two days of activities. On August 29 there was a welcome party at Snappas and on August 30 there was registration by the pool at Abaco Beach Resort.

The triathletes assembled on the beach at Abaco Beach Resort on Saturday morning at

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BEC Employees Demonstrate

Employees of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation on Abaco staged a demonstration on September 5 outside the BEC office on Don MacKay Boulevard to protest the local management of the company. Two top union representatives from Nassau were present from Nassau, Mr. Dennis Williams, president of the Bahamas Electricity Workers Union, and Ms. Patricia Johnson, secretary-general of the union, to hear the grievances and to take these concerns to the BEC management in Nassau. Speaking for local union

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Dynamite Blasts New Channel

A new channel is being dug leading to the new freight dock facility in Marsh Harbour. It is a direct route to the new dock, eliminating the sharp turns of the existing channel which was dug in the mid 1960s. The new channel cuts through a very hard bar which had to be blasted several times. Shown above is a blast on September 7 done by Abaco Tug and Transport. The construction of the dock and dredging of the channel is being done by the American Bridge Company of Florida.

School Opens with Record Enrollments

Abaco schools opened on September 2 with many schools registering record numbers. Shown above is Principal Benjamin Stubbs at Abaco Central High School greeting students and parents at the gate. He makes it a point to have this daily contact with them. An added benefit is that he can send students home who do not have on the proper uniform.

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Triathlon Brings Out Abaco Athletes

Triathlon

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7:30 where there was a brief opening ceremony. Don Cornish, Manager of the Abaco Office of Tourism, welcomed them and their families to Abaco. Then it was time for all swimmers in the water for the half-mile swim, followed by the bike race and finally the run. Very hot conditions prevailed. There were plenty of volunteers along the bike and run routes to give out water to the triathletes as they passed by.

The defending champion in 2001 and 2000, Dave Otto Bell from Freeport, was not successful in his bid for a third win. Dave was third out of the water in the swim, third at the end of the bike race and came fifth overall at the end of the run. Abaconian Dale Hill was second in the Bahamas category and placed ninth overall. However, he placed first in prize money for Bahamas residents because he competed in a different category from Dave Otto Bell. The money paid to Bahamians was $250 for first prize, $175 for second place, $150 for third place, $100 for fourth place and $75 for fifth.

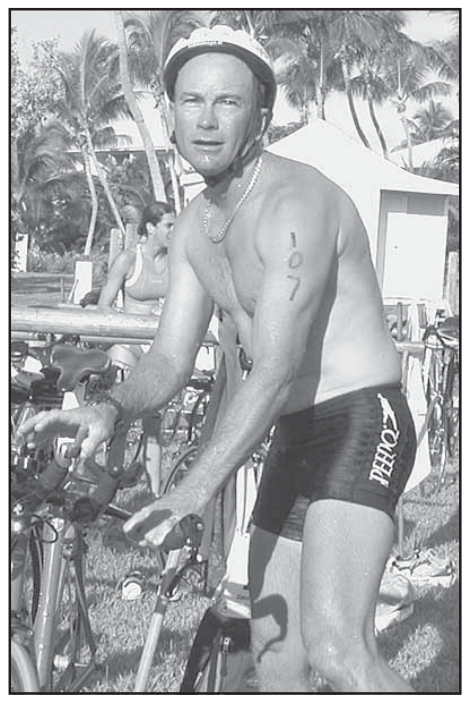
For the Elite Triathletes, both male and female, the prize purse was $3500 which was divided first prize $500, 2nd prize $250, 3rd prize$250, 4th prize $150 and 5th prize $100.

In addition, there were eight relay teams competing, four of which were from Abaco. The only women's team was the Twisted Sisters who were Diane Claridge, Brenda Mitchell and Rhonda Claridge. The Skylarkers, the coed team from Hope Town came in first place and included Timmy Albury, Chris Thompson and Peggy Thompson. Holding second place was the Rental Wheels team which included Doug Evans, Vicki Hart and Judy Albury. In third place was the Bistro team which included Brent Cartwright, Maria Santillio and Layna Carwright.

The awards ceremony was held at Crossing Beach on August 31 and was sponsored by Kalik beer and Beringer wine. The Impact band performed and the crowd was entertained by Junkanoo and dancing. Appetizers were provided by Mangoes, Sapodillys, Anglers, and the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. The next day the triathletes and their families made the traditional trip to Nippers on Guana Cay for the pig roast.

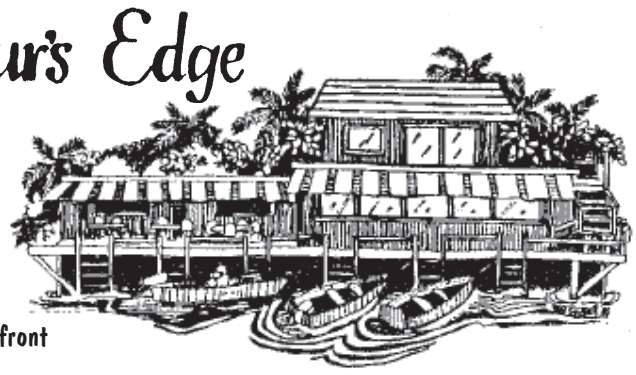
Once again the event will be shown on Sunshine Network Cable Television, giving Abaco added promotional coverage.

The Triathlon is a test of stamina with contestants first doing a half-mile swim followed by a 15-mile bike ride and concluding with a three-mile run. This photo shows one the competitors just finishing his bike ride at Abaco Beach Hotel.



Dale Hill made a good record for himself again this year. He has competed in all nine of the Triathlon's held on Abaco. This year he came in first among the Bahamians. One other Bahamian, Dave Otto Bell of Freeport, had a faster time but was competing in a different category.

Harbour's Edge



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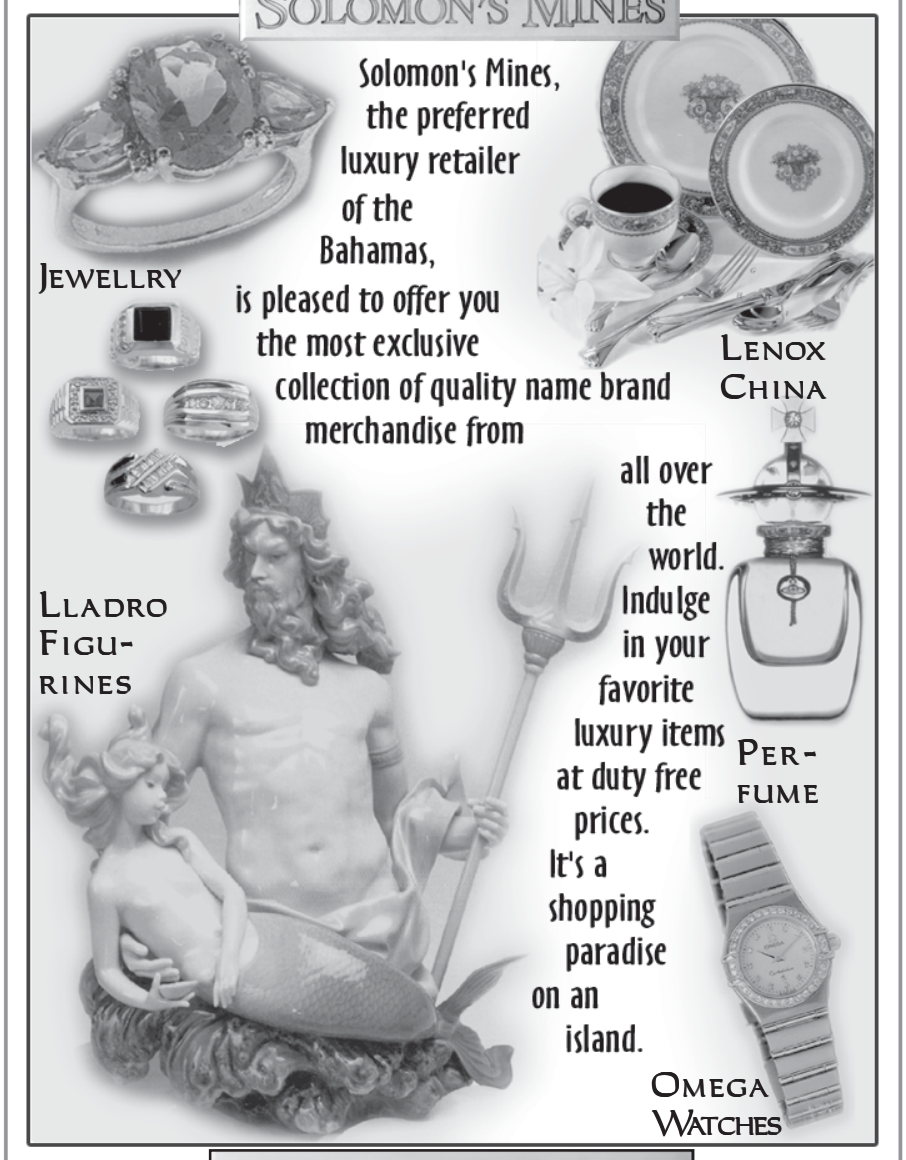

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The All Abaco Regatta committee is completing its plans for the 2002 event to be held on September 18-21. Once again this work boat sailing event will be held in the sound between Green Turtle Cay and the Treasure Cay ferry dock. The Regatta Village at the dock site will be venue for all the shore activities.

Last year's championship format will be followed again this year. Only those boats which have come in first, second or third in regattas earlier this year are eligible to compete. There is a possibility of 21 to 23 boats competing in this final regatta of the year.

To stretch finances there will be only two days of racing, September 20 and 21, but the partying will begin on September 19. Bahamian visitors are expected to come from all over the country for the festivities.

A golf tournament at Treasure Cay, a domino tournament and two bands will give shore entertainment. The 14 vendor food stalls will be augmented with three bars and several game tents. ZNS Radio is expected to broadcast the event live throughout the Bahamas.

All Abaco Regatta
Schedule of Events
September 18-21, 2002

September 18

7:30 p.m.	Church service at Unity Baptist Church, Treasure Cay

September 19

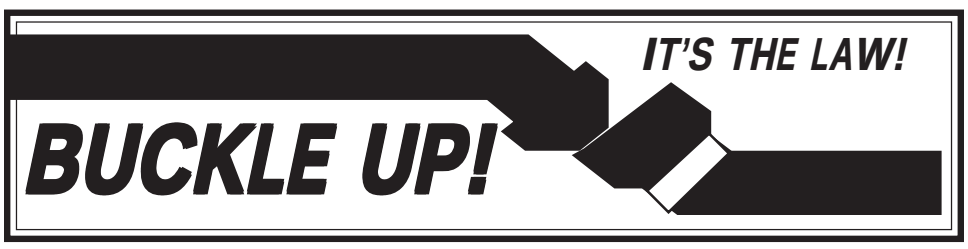
10 a.m.	Stalls open at Regatta Village - DJ music at site Food, Drinks, Games and Crafts
7 p.m.	Skippers' party (venue to be anounced)

September 20

10 a.m.	Regatta Village Opens - DJ at site
10 a.m.	Class C Race
12:30 p.m.	Class B Race
2:30 p.m.	Class A Race
3 p.m.	Domino Tournament
10 p.m.	Special Guest Band Performance

September 21

8:30 a.m.	Bahamas Shoot Out Golf Tournament at Treasure Cay
10 a.m.	Regatta Village Opens - DJ at site
10 a.m.	Class C Race
12:30 p.m.	Class B Race
2:30 p.m.	Class C Race
4 p.m.	Domino Tournament Finals
7:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony
11 p.m.	Special Guest Band Performance



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The Sount Abaco District Council, composed of members from Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks, Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point and Cherokee Sound, has named their statuory boards. These will remain in this capacity until June 2003 when the Council will reconsider their membership.

The Road Traffic Authority is composed of members from all three districts on mainland Abaco.

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Road Traffic Board combines North, Central and South Abaco Districts

The Pilot Club of South Abaco presented Mrs. Deloris Pinder with a washing machine. Pictured above are Assistant Administrator Benjamin Pinder, Mrs. Valeria Lightbourne, treasurer of the club, Carmita Roker, chaplain, Mrs. Pinder, Father Hepburn, Ms. Dolly Russell, Mrs. Claudia Pinder, President and Mrs. Marguerite Bullard. The presentation was part of the service program which the Pilot Club organizes.

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BEC Demonstration Brings Union Leaders

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members was Mr. Leslie Thompson, Area President for Abaco.

The complaints were mainly about the managing style of Mr. Benjamin Beneby, general manager of the Abaco operation. They felt that staff was not provided with adequate equipment to do its job properly. They did not feel that he communicated enough with them, having had only one open meeting with the employees in his three years on Abaco.

They felt the safety of employees was being compromised by the lack of proper and adequate equipment. Those demonstrating were irritated that new vehicles are being purchased for management but a second bucket truck cannot be acquired for overhead line maintenance. They gave an example of a Nassau BEC employee who went to Scotland Cay but returned on the ferry immediately on learning that BEC did not have a vehicle there. In Hope Town and other offshore islands they rent or beg the use of a golf cart to service their system.

The disgruntled workers made it clear that they were not striking nor were they staging a slowdown, but merely protesting the situation. The union officials will return to Nassau and begin talks to see how the problem can be resolved. There will be no action taken by the employees while waiting to see how the general manger in Nassau will respond. A strike or other stronger action could develop if the situation does not improve.

About 30 of the 60 - 70 workers demonstrated for a brief period, then went back to their jobs.

BEC employees staged a demonstration on September 5 to protest the management of the Abaco office. They cited lack of proper equipment, not enough communication between management and workers and safety compromises as their main concerns. Show above in center of photo are Mr. Dennis Johnson, President of the Bahamas Electricity Workers Union, and Ms. Patricia Johnson, secretary of the union. They were present to hear the complaints and will carry them to management in Nassau. On the right is Leslie "Pepper" Thompson, President of the Abaco branch of the union.

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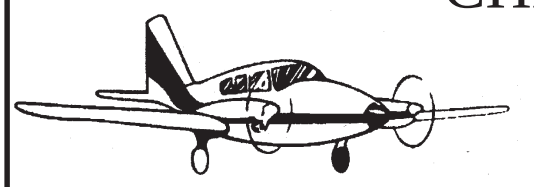

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Illegal Immigrant Problems Are Escalating

By Anita Rolle

On a recent trip to Abaco Assistant Deputy Director of Immigration Mr. John T. Rolle, who holds responsibilities for Northern Bahamas including Abaco, announced that close to 2,000 work permits have been issued to Haitian immigrants on Abaco. Approximately 90 percent of them are for farm labourers and domestic workers. There are no definitive figures available on illegal immigrants as the three main communities of Sand Banks, the Mud and Pigeon Peas have unknown numbers of Haitian immigrants residing in these areas.

Mr. Rolle stated the purpose of his trip was to have dialogue with immigration officers on Abaco and the Abaco community in an effort to get feedback on some of the challenges that they are faced with. He wanted to observe for himself the extent of the problem of immigration on Abaco. Immigration is not only a problem of Haitian nationals; however, Haitians constitute the majority of Immigration's problems. One major problem facing officials is that there are migrants who enter the country legally and end up performing duties that are not consistent with stipulations agreed upon when they first entered the country.

Work permits are issued to employers who must apply for permits for the immigrants. Issuance is made to requests made by employers on the premise that they cannot find sufficient Bahamian labourers to satisfy demands. These permits are issued specifically to an employer for an individual to perform a certain task. Employees cannot work for anyone else but the employer of record. Otherwise, they will be in violation of their permit.

Labour certificates must accompany all applications. This implies that the applicant has first gone through the process of seeking available Bahamian labourers. It must be noted that there are many Bahamians who do not sufficiently utilise the Labour Department which is there for unemployed Bahamians to register their availability. Once the department finds a vacancy for a Bahamian that matches an application, they then refer that Bahamian to the employer. If there are no Bahamians on file as available for certain tasks, then resources must but found elsewhere, hence the employment of immigrants.

Mr. Rolle stated that before work permits are issued, a current police record from their country of origin must be obtained. In a case where one is not available, a police record is issued by the Police Department of The Bahamas after a thorough inquiry.

The processing of work permits can take up to 30 days if full documentation is submitted. The Immigration Board, which consists of the Cabinet of the Bahamas assisted by the Minister of Immigration and his Permanent Secretary, the Deputy Director of Immigration and the Labour Department, makes the decisions.

The Department of Immigration holds the responsibility of following up on expired work permits. However, in many cases following up is not carried out due to a lack of resources. Unfortunately, there is no tracking system in place for persons entering the country. Once persons enter the country, they can move from one place to another, being unable to be located.

The complete application for work permits includes the Department of Immigration application form called a First Schedule Form I, a letter from the employer outlining his request or need for the laborer, police certificate, medical certificate, specific qualifications where necessary and, depending on which type of job the application is required for, additional documentation may be required.

Mr. Rolle stated, "If we are to solve the illegal immigration problem, it has to be a national effort."

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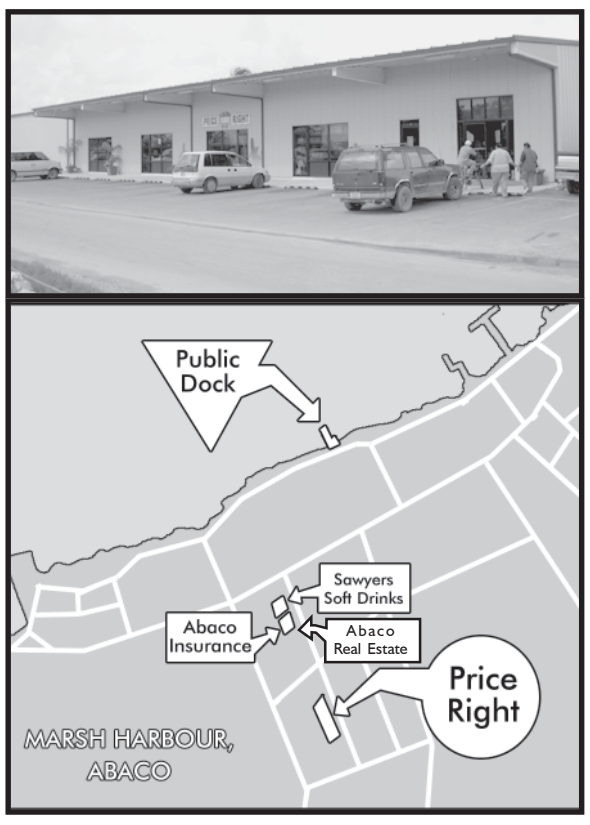

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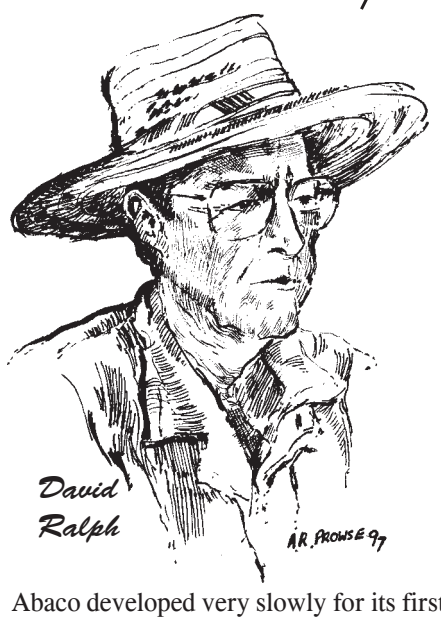

Abaco developed very slowly for its first 150 years. The economy had wild swings from prosperity to poverty according to factors beyond its control. Assisting the South during the Civil War, rum running during Prohibition and sponging were a few of the revenue earners.

Abaco began its climb out of the sleepy stage in the 1950s with the advent of the Crockett Farm, the *San Christobal* making a freight run regularly to West Palm Beach and the opening of the airport in the late 1950s.

The Owens Illinois logging operation came in 1959 and brought a supermarket, at least a supermarket by standards at that time. They opened the island with their road network. By the early 1960s you could drive from Crossing Rocks to Cooper's Town. Prior to these roads the towns were an arduous boat trip apart.

Two small hotels started just before this expansion period. Colyn Rees bought a residence in the center of New Plymouth town and opened the New Plymouth Inn in the mid 1950s. In Hope Town the residence of Brigadier Thomas Robbins was bought a few years later by Marcel Maury and converted into a small hotel. Traffic was sparse then with twice weekly seaplane flights from Nassau.

Man-O-War was an early contender for the second homeowner invasion with a few hardy boating folks buying property and settling there in the early 1950s.

Once the airport opened in Marsh Harbour in 1959, regular flights began from West Palm Beach by Mackey Airlines. Lost luggage was not a problem then as you got out at each stop and watched the baggage compartment to make sure your luggage either stayed on or got off as appropriate. Marcel and Ritchie Albury of Man-O-War saw the need for a ferry to connect with aircraft schedules and Albury's Ferry Service was born. To give some perspective to their operation, their last two ferries will each carry 100 passengers and cost nearly half a million dollars apiece.

During the 1960s and 1970s the second homeowners discovered Abaco and our economy has not looked back. It is the second homeowner that has fueled our economic boom. It was not difficult for the Abaco boat builders to convert to house construction. House carpentry is generally less demanding than boat construction.

With the homeowners came their demands for expanded grocery stores, maids, gardeners, boats and people to keep everything running.

The Seagull outboard gave way to forty horsepower motors (and larger). The Man-O-War boatyards found they could make more money fixing other people's boats than building boats. They have not had an idle day since.

The foreign homeowners introduced another innovation - rental guests.

This created another demand by the homeowners for gardeners, maids and caretakers to look after their properties in their absence and to take care of their guests.

The guests, in turn, wanted boats, restaurants, fishing guides, golf carts and other services. These rental houses changed much of our slow periods into active periods. Summers were definitely off-season in the early 19 70s when winter residents went back north for the summer. It was during this time that Florida people discovered Abaco and began coming for their summer fun. Our summer season is now the envy of many other Bahamian islands which have only a winter season. ! The marketing for these homes was handled by hundreds of homeowners and small managers each giving their own positive view of Abaco.

The diverse capital base and multitude of small tourism properties make failure rare. Certainly the closure of the Treasure Cay hotel years ago impacted severely on Cooper's Town. However, the second home and condominium rentals sustained Treasure Cay. The closure of the hotel there did not materially affect Abaco as a whole.

Abaco is not dependent on any one large resort or industrial entity. Like the Dow Jones stock index averaging hundreds of companies to gauge the stock market, our economy is based on hundreds of homeowners, and to a lesser degree our few small and medium size hotels. No single property controls our capital, labour or future. We are very dependent on tourism but it is a very solid, dependable and diverse foundation.

Hundreds of small businesses service the industry. For example, Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay have similar native populations of approximately 400, yet they each have nine restaurants. These businesses may be small but they all provide employment and keep the five banks in Marsh Harbour happy.

In a similar manner our surging economy is haven to the immigrant Haitian who is willing to weed yards, collect garbage and begin at the bottom to better himself. Inquire about any well landscaped property and see if there is not a significant Haitian component in the maintenance.

Abaco has not attracted the second homeowner's money because they felt sorry for us. On the contrary, the Abaco people were warm and hard working. Abaco Sound has played an important role in attracting these people. It lets them use a boat in protected water much as they would use a car back home.

The economy of Abaco is affected by world events and the world economy in general. The disaster of 9/11 slowed many businesses temporarily but not for long. The second homeowners and their rental guests know Abaco to be a safe friendly place and they will not stay away for long.

Generally Speaking . . . This Indifference

By S. Timothy Roberts

"Tell me how long shall we drink from the chalice of indifference?" - Michael W. Smith

It is lamentable as I watch the news on television, as do many others, that I am not as shocked at what I see as I feel I ought to be. I understand the awfulness of what is shown, I feel convicted of how evil the deeds are. Yet the emotion, the feeling of horror, that I should be experiencing is just not there.

What I am referring to is not a single news story, but several stories that have come to be more and more prominent across all the news stations both in the United States of America and The Bahamas.

In America the focus of so many news stations has been on the abductions, rapes and murders of a number of young children, many of which are little girls. The latest on American news channels is about Ward Weaver, a man who murdered two 14-year-old girls and possibly raped them, then buried them in his backyard under concrete. Then we have right here on Abaco, within the space of about a week, one rape and one murder among other violent crimes. These are things we never expect to hear about in Abaco.

Yet the reality is terribly and unmistakably real. Life seems just a bit more fragile here in our quiet communities across Abaco. The fragile line of peaceful innocence is shattered, and we fear that changes are coming that we wish were not necessary.

But there is something else that is troubling about all this, beyond the gruesome and horrific details of these deeds and of the minds of them committing such acts. It is what is happening or actually not happening on the other side of the television sets by those watching.

I speak of this not because I feel that I am alright or immune from this condition, but because I know it exists in me and also in so many others.

I feel as I watch the news on television no actual alarm or revulsion at what has happened. I acknowledge in my mind that what has happened is disgustingly shocking, but the feelings that should be associated with that knowledge are just not there. Intellectually I feel my reaction is right, but emotionally I am not sickened the way I should be.

This feeling of indifference, this non-emotional state, when viewing shocking and appalling news is, I believe, becoming more prevalent in societies across the world including right here in The Bahamas and on Abaco.

I don't want to give the wrong idea here. I am not blaming television itself. However, years of watching violence, real or acted out, has desensitized us beyond feeling. These stories have lost their shock value. And really, until some of these things happen in our communities or more directly in our family or home, we disassociate ourselves from it.

This neutrality of emotion filters down to our children who remain ignorant to a certain degree to why we have so little emotion about these things. They also are now bombarded with various cartoons that are rather violent in content and shallow in morality.

I am not saying kidnappers, rapists and murders are created by this attitude of indifference. However, it can produce an unfeeling, unconscionable person and a person more apt to commit these crimes when pushed the wrong way by other means.

As I now write these words, I am not sure what can honestly be done about this attitude which seems to grow in us all. The only thing, the only one, who can save us from this indifference is the only one who can really cure any and all our ills, whether social, emotional or spiritual.

I believe that in this world that is becoming more and more decadent every day the only solution is to seek our solace in God, and to pray for the state of this world today.

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Chosen by Computer

I approached the check in counter at Continental Airways at the West Palm Beach Airport in a mixed state of mind. I had just left my daughter at college and was heading home to Abaco for another full school year. The agent said to me, "You have been chosen by the computer to have your baggage checked by hand." So my checked luggage was opened by twp persons who went through it throughly. Dumb me. I thought that was the end of it. I went through the ID check point and the metal detector. My carry-ons were x-rayed and checked for explosives and off I went to wait for the flight. I sat reading a book, one of my pleasures. When the agent came, I checked in again. When the flight was called, I saw two persons approach the gate area. The woman said all of my carry-ons had to be empted and searched which she proceeded to do. She asked if she could pat me down. I wondered what would happen if I had said no. But I said yes. I had the metal scanned over my person. I was patted down like I was carrying a weapon. The final thing was I had to take off my shoes which were tennis shoes. They even took the inner soles out of the shoes and even checked my socks. All this while the rest of the passengers were on the plane waiting.

When I got to the plane, the first officer said, "Isn't it something when the computer picks you?" I replied I would have rather been picked for a prize of money by a computer.

I realize that all of these precautions are necessary as a result of 9/11 and I really was not that annoyed. The word to use would be inconvenienced.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Your Support

Dear Editor,

I, the Port Officer, would like to thank the people of North, South and Central Abaco, especially the Port Department for the kindness and warmth showed to me during my tenure on Abaco.

Time spent was February 2002 through August 2002. I am scheduled to leave Abaco on August 18, 2002, to return to the Port Authority in Nassau.

Thanks

Mr. Cyril Morley
Port Inspector and Port Officer

Shame on you, Batelco

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday evening a terrible accident took place at one of our neighbor's houses on Coco Bay on Green Turtle Cay.

Around 11:45 p.m. their 16-year-old son was shocked in their yard. As it happened, the power went out (I cannot say if it was related or not). When his father heard his cries for help and rushed outside, he had his wife call for help. Unfortunately for him in over three years now when the power goes off so do our phones.

Although the island doctor is their next door neighbor, his wife had to drive to get him to assist. One look at Ben and the assessment was made to evacuate him. The doctor told the mother to go have his wife call for the plane on his cell phone. Well, that day all cell communications were out. We are all paying for phones and in an emergency cannot even get a dial tone on any of our equipment.

This is when both the doctor's wife and Ben's mother came knocking on our door. Our phones were out as well (we are all on the same system on the North End of Green Turtle Cay). My husband immediately tried to call a MAYDAY on Channel 16 on the VHF and only had one neighbor who has no phone answer him. He kept trying and there were NO ANSWERS.

When I discussed that with people the next morning, I was told by everyone that in the "good old days" people used to keep the VHF on 24 hours but no more because everyone has phones.

We lost 45 minutes of precious time driving around trying to find a neighbor with a working phone so we could get in contact to get a plane to evacuate, have the power restored, (yes, we cannot even call to tell BEC we are out, what irony!) and find out about lighting the runway at the Treasure Cay airport, etc.

Shame on Batelco who has been asked for over three years now to put back the battery back-up at the bottom of our phone tower and has done nothing. I blame the local telephone office for dropping the ball on this as well as all the different technicians and management people that I have talked to personally through the years.

Do we have to have another fatal emergency for them to supply us with a working system or is the fact that this boy owes his life to his parents and neighbors who went through extraordinary measures and saved his life finally enough to spur Batelco into action?

I have now been promised since last Friday that the problem would be taken care of "right away." As of today, a week later, NOTHING has been done.

All I can say is that pray God that you are never in the same situation. When Ben reached Miami, his parents were told that had they gotten there 45 minutes later he would have lost his right arm.

They were lucky that two people were there to assist and allow one to go for help by car. Had it been only a husband and wife who had to cope with a massive heart attack, for instance, and no phone, the person assisting the patient would be made to decide to stay with the victim or jump in their car in the hope of finding help instead of being ONLY a phone call away.

Let's hope that we never have to find out!

Nicole Fleming

For What It's Worth

Dear Sir,

Thanks for allowing me space in your column. I'd like to get off on a "good foot." When does our government plan to stop making fools out of themselves? You give us pamphlets to give out to the tourists and locals concerning the size of crawfish to be taken and how many can be taken per person, per boat, and yet the foreign boats are out there crawfishing alongside the Abaco fishermen. Since August 1st came in, boats have been up and down our passage looking for the traps down in the Whale Cay Passage. The Abaco fishermen have enough trouble with some of their fellow Bahamians but this only makes it worse than it is.

Now understand me that you are allowed so many crawfish or grouper or a couple of conchs but not what is going on right now. Everywhere you go, it's the same problem. If the government can't do anything about it, who can?

When I was growing up in Nassau some thirty to forty years ago, the government confiscated boats that were illegally fishing in the Bahamas; speed boats, sail boats and yachts, and held an auction once a year. Go back to those days if you want to save what little bit we have left.

What does our government fear about doing something like this? We might lose ties with the US? Now, remember we cannot go to the States and get away with it, so how come a "blind eye" has been left on this matter? It's probably going to go so far as the fishermen will take matters into their own hands. This is not "heresay." This is "eye say" because I know from being a fisherman in the past myself. So this has been going on for quite a while. I will leave you with this question. What is more important - the foreigners or your own people?

Sincerely yours,
Randy Roberts

What Kind of Service Is This?

The Editor,

I read with interest your article extolling Batelco's recently introduced DSL Internet service. If only it extended through Dundas Town, I might be equally enthusiastic. Unfortunately, I, like some others, was duped by those selling the service three weeks ago. I signed a contract and was assured I would be on-line the next day. Three weeks later I have yet to be connected. Different Batelco staff now cite anything from "any day now"

to "another three months!" It sorrows me to know I was lied to - and fell for it!

A few months ago a new "more efficient" billing system was introduced. Despite weekly enquiries, faxes to Customer Services, etc., I have received no bill since April. I regularly pay the amount Batelco's computer shows but this provides no details of the calls made or alleged to have been made. An "improved" system - I think not!

Lastly, my home phone, and that for the Cancer Society, went out of service last Thursday. It was reported on Friday and daily since, but as of writing no service has been restored.

I think a shake up is in order!

Yours, etc.
Hugh Cottis

Re: The Ministry of Works and Its Crew

Dear Editor,

It would really be nice sometimes if some of the local big guns could have something nice to say about the crew of the Ministry of Works. The department has been the main course of their dinner for many years now. Yes, it may appear that sometimes the roads aren't repaired quickly enough for the motoring public, but the majority of these holes that are around aren't there because of wear and tear. The following corporations have a lot to do with them: Batelco, Water & Sewerage, BEC, Cable Bahamas. Perhaps if these corporations worked closely with the Ministry of Public Works, more would be done quicker.

It hurts to know there are still big guns out there trying to take bread out of the lives of these men and their families. We aren't saying that we're all perfect but I could guarantee we are better than they make us out to be. We often do work for the Council but have yet to see someone say "well done" or "thanks." Perhaps they feel we are slaves. But those days are gone for good, never to return.

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School News

Motivational Workshop Was Held

By Isobel Sherman

On August 28 administrators and teachers from Central Abaco Primary School and Abaco Central High School attended a motivational workshop at Central Abaco Primary School. Mr. Spence Finlayson, founder of Phoenix Institute of Positive Development in Nassau was the speaker.

In a three-hour session Mr. Finlayson motivated teachers in many ways. He began by saying, "What you start out in life is God's gift to you and what you do with your life is your gift to God." Teachers are not fully appreciated and cited that doctors and lawyers earn large incomes and society's respect but there would be no doctors or lawyers if there were not teachers.

Mr. Finlayson told the teachers they need to take inventory of their lives. He explained that a paradigm, the mental belief system which controls your behavior, needs to be expanded. He cited the example of persons thinking they could not run a mile in under four minutes until Roger Bannister did it. After he accomplished this feat, twenty other persons ran the mile under four minutes. He attributes this to expanding their paridigm. Thinking outside of the box.

He stressed avoiding procrastination. "Do it now as there may not be another time to do it." Tell your loved ones you love them now because there may not be another time.

Teachers shape the lives of human beings by their thoughts and actions. He credits a teacher he had at age 7, Lillian Walker, and his mother for instilling in him that he could accomplish anything in life he wished to do. The three letter word "but" stops most people. He urged teachers to step out in faith. "Courage is fear that has said its prayers."

Mr. Finlayson said that this country needs to encourage reading. Young people today cannot even talk in proper sentences. The Bahamas is in trouble as other people in the Caribbean are smart people who value education to the ultimate. He has traveled all over the Caribbean and cited a taxi driver in Curacao who spoke five languages while he spoke only one, English. He stressed that we as a nation must wake up and take every opportunity for education. Education never ends. Young and old must take advantage of it.

Near the conclusion of his presentation Mr. Finlayson once again said that teachers are not appreciated, yet their task is awesome. He urged teachers to let their attitude determine their altitude and by doing this they would make a difference in life. He urged teachers to treat everyone they love everyday like they would be dead by midnight.

Mr. Huel Moss, Jr., Vice Principal of Abaco Central High School, organized the workshop.

College Fair Is Planned

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Central High School is organizing a College Fair which will be held on November 19. Over forty colleges and technical and vocational schools have been invited from the Bahamas, United States and Canada. The fair will give students and their parents a chance to discuss any questions they might have and hear first hand about many schools. They will have brochures and information material. It is a great opportunity to begin the process of choosing a school to find one that suits that particular student.

This will be the first college fair to be held on Abaco. Already colleges have responded that they will be sending representatives. The college fair is being organized by Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, with the assistance of Isobel Sherman, Senior Teacher.

The fair will be open to everyone. That includes all students and parents in secondary schools in Abaco.

SAT Applications

By Isobel Sherman

Students wishing to sit the SAT examination in December are urged to get an application from their school and get it to New Jersey by the end of October. The SAT is for all students planning to attend college or university. The exam is given on Abaco twice a year, December and May. Students should be encouraged to take the exam while they are in the 11th grade and again while they are in the 12th grade. That way they can become accustomed to the exam and if their score is not good the first time, they can study to improve their grade. Colleges put a lot of emphasis on students' SAT score.

Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

New Teachers

Two new teachers have joined the staff at Abaco Central High School. Miss Phillipa Farrington from South Eleuthera will be teaching Religious Knowledge. Mrs. Sophia Miller has joined the staff as a Mathematics teacher. She comes here from Grand Bahama where she has been teaching.

Window Is Finally Replaced

At last, the window, which was blown out of Mrs. Nadene Beneby's office at Abaco Central High, has been replaced. The window was blown out by Hurricane Michelle in November 2001 and since then the window of Mrs. Beneby, Senior Mistress, has been covered with a sheet of plywood. On August 31, just prior to the opening of the new school year, light was returned to the office when the Abaco Central District Council had the window replaced. This was a welcome surprise for Mrs. Beneby when she

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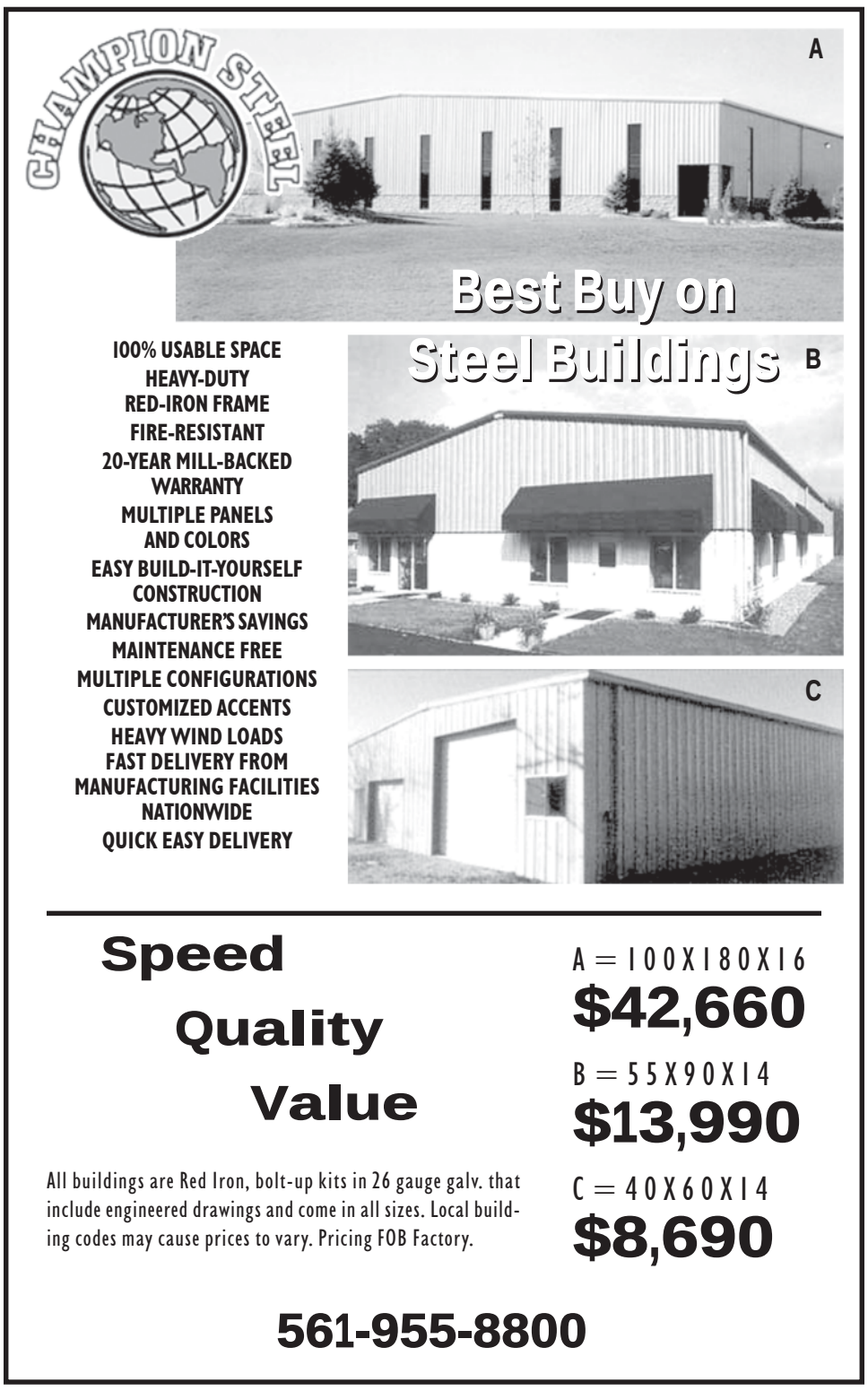

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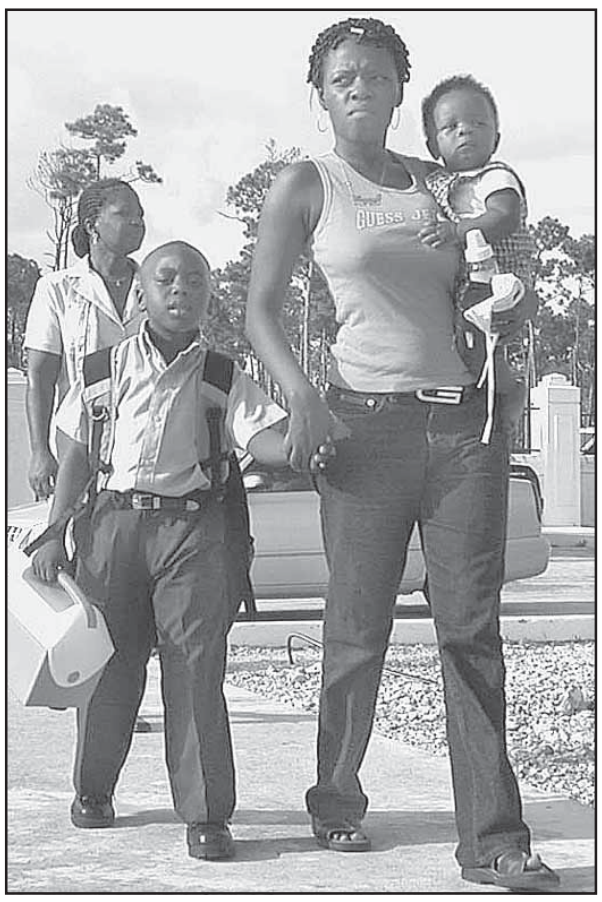
came to work on Monday morning.

A Fine Example

Abaco Central High School always seems to be talked about in a negative way, no matter how we try to change that concept. In June teachers were told to remove all posters and learning aids from their classroom walls as the rooms were going to be painted over the summer. On August 26 teachers reported to school to find that this had not been done. Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, met with Chief Counsellor Mike Malone who made sure that paint was delivered to the high school. Just prior to the school's opening teachers along with some students painted their classrooms to get them ready in time for Monday morning. The school was a beehive of activity on Saturday. So who says Abaco Central High School teachers do not go the extra mile?



Parents accompanied many young children on the first day of school. These students are headed for the Central Abaco Primary School.

Registration Fee

There has been much debate over Abaco Central's charging a fee for new students and a supplementary fee for returning students. There has also been much misinformation about the fees.

First of all, for new students the $150 fee includes a Physical Education uniform, five crests which cost $25 and school insurance which is $15. The rest of the money is for lab fees for supplies and photocopy fees. The supplementary fee of $100 for returning students includes lab fees, school insurance and photocopy fees.

Government does not provide the school with all that it needs. They sent the photocopier but do not provide the toner or the maintenance which is $1400 every three months plus supplies.

Parents who have more than one child enrolled in the school are given a discount on the fees. The days of everything being for free are over. If the parent can provide proof of having the child covered by medical insurance that fee is waived.

May I remind parents of Mr. Cecil Thompson's talk last school year at a PTA who stated that your children "should be your number one investment." As one person told me parents would not hesitate to pay over $100 for a pair of tennis shoes for their child but would hesitate to pay a school fee.

School Holds PTA Meeting

Abaco Central High School held its first PTA meeting for the new school year on September 5. As usual with the first PTA meeting of the school year the room was filled with parents.

Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, introduced the staff of Abaco Central High. He then explained in detail the registration fee for new students and the supplementary fee for returning students. He opened the floor to questions from the parents. Surprisingly, although there had been plenty of "talk" outside this venue about the fees, very few questions were asked. All questions seemed to be answered to the satisfaction of the parents. Mr. Stubbs pleaded for more parental involvement in the education process. He said parents must monitor their children's progress in school and form a partnership with the school so student's performance will improve.

The question of security on the campus came up and once again Chief Councillor

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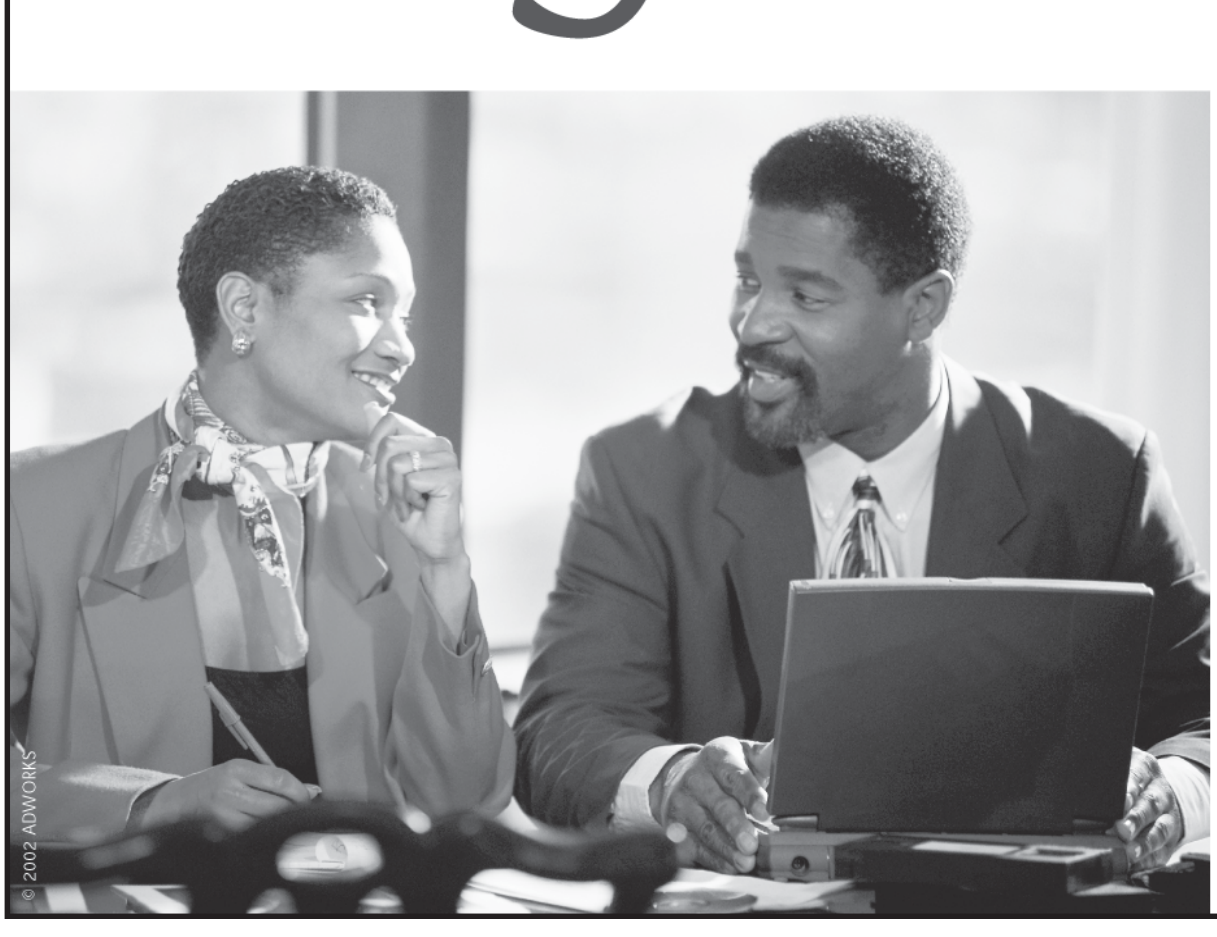

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Church News

Heal Our Land

By Isobel Sherman

A committee has been formed to construct a house for persons who have drug problems. This committee wants to open a counseling and resource center for drug addicts who want assistance and counseling and the resource center will disseminate information to young people on the dangers of drug addiction.

Members of the committee are Pastor Stephen Knowles, Chairman, Elder S.A. Kennedy, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Kathleen Knowles, Secretary, Elder Jerry Cornish, Treasurer, Mrs. Angie Collie, Assistant Treasurer.

The Heal Our Land Committee has written letters to every pastor of churches on Abaco soliciting monthly contributions so that the goal of assisting drug addicts and their families might become a reality. A bank account at Scotia Bank, Marsh Harbour, has been established for contributions.

Christian Council Has New President

By Cindy Armbrister

In a very candid interview, newly elected President of the Abaco Christian Council, Rev. Carlton Dorsette, shared some of his concerns, desires and plans for the Council. He is very passionate about his convictions.

The main purpose of the Christian Council during his watch is to bring Christian denominations together and propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not an easy task because of the different denominations and their different doctrines. In order to do this, he hopes to organize social events that ministers can come to and fellowship with each other.

One of the concerns of the public was the number of new churches springing up all over Abaco. Rev. Dorsette welcomes new churches; it is their right to exercise their freedom of religion. He appeals to all new ministers to be a part of the Abaco Christian Council and to offer their skills and talents to the success of the Council.

The Council has a number of commissions. The Broadcast and Media Commission headed by Pastor Keith Russell is primarily responsible for morning devotional programs aired over radio. However, this responsibility was taken from the Council because the Council failed to contact churches and arrange for them to host the segments. With the present administration, the Council will assume this responsibility again. According to Rev. Dorsette, he is embarrassed when ministers give excuses such as, "I don't have time to do morning devotions." This is a shame, and he feels, "such pastors need to pack their bags and go pump gas. They will probably do more for the community there." It is an honor to preach the gospel and the broadcast media is such a powerful tool to spread the gospel.

Rev. Carlton Dorsette

A second commission is Evangelism which is headed by Pastor Stephen Knowles. He is available to help churches establish their evangelistic outreach programs. Other commissions include the Church and Community and Public Relations, both so far with no one appointed to head them. On September 10th the Council will elect Chairmen for these two commissions and take an official position on the Immigration issue.

According to Rev. Dorsette, he is very concerned that a number of pastors in Abaco are only doing it for the prestige. He feels that a man who says that God has called him to pastor should do it full time.

Thirteen Years of Service

By Cindy Armbrister

Pastor Alphonso B. Lewis celebrated his 13th anniversary as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Murphy Town. The events began on August 28th and climaxed on September 1st, 2002. Dynamic speakers included Pastor Anthony Campbell, Church of God, Dundas Town, Dr. Alan J. Mills, District Moderator, Zion United Baptist Convention for the Abaco District and Pastor Alex Archer, the Church of the Latterain, Dundas Town. The Anniversary Service on September 1 was well attended by church members and fellow clergymen. Family members came from Nassau to join the pastor and Mother Lewis in their special day.

District Moderator-elect, Pastor John McIntosh, delivered the keynote sermon. He called for unity in the churches and appealed to the church leaders and members to stop

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Goombay 2002 Festivities Come to an End

By Anita Rolle

Abaco's Goombay Summer 2002 has now come to a close. Six well-organized weeks of Bahamian cuisine, music, dance and cultural expression have now concluded, as organizers now prepare for Goombay Summer 2003.

During the opening of Goombay Summer 2002 in June, Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, told Abaconians that in the future Abaco will receive more funding for Goombay, regattas and other such tourist related festivals, as the crowd present proved that the event is worth investing in. Min. Wilchcombe addressed the issue of flight services onto the island stating, "Plans are underway for increased flight services so that Abaco can begin receiving visitors from throughout the world."

Entertainment was remarkable and included notable performances by the world famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band, Fire Dancer Pepper Watson, Desmond the Limbo King, local bands such as The Gully Roosters and Impact. Performers such as the Soulful Groovers, K.B. and Eugene Davis awed the crowds with notably favorite tunes of many Bahamians while giving our visitors a sampling of the diversity we have to offer. Master of Ceremony for the duration of the summer was Mr. Wayde Archer, who did an impressive job keeping the crowd well entertained. A cultural artistic expression, Junkanoo, one which our islands are most famous for, proved to be the icing on the cake.

Looking ahead to 2003 as with any festival of this magnitude, consideration must be taken to show progress, change and diversity. We must give our return visitors new experiences to look forward to, our first time guests should be awed by their experiences here, and we must at the same time cater to natives, who play a very important role in the entire *It Just Keeps Getting Better* process. With the possibility of increased funding from the government, Abaco Goombay Summer 2003 should be even grander, perhaps last even a few weeks longer.

Civic Organizations

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Roslyn Marina Roberts passed away on August 12 at age 63. She had been quite ill for many months. Her funeral was at the A.B. Apostolic Church in Marsh Harbour with Pastor David Caskey, Bro. Bob Cornea and Bro. Ted Pearce officiating. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband John Roberts; father-in-law and mother-in-law Welden and Adina Roberts; brothers Carroll, Marcel (deceased), Vandel, Percy, Philip, Glen and Lonnie; sisters Olga, Ethlyn and Marilyn; sisters-in-law Bettee, Winifred, Yvonne, Tammy, Paula, Celia, Linda, Geanette and Jeanie; brothers-in-law Victor, Walt, Eddie, Geoffrey and Charles; nieces Heidi, Kimberly, Tracey, Lauren, Linsey, Keli, Laura, Kristi, Lonette, Fallon, Ruby, Paulette, Donna, Monica, Yvette, Audra, Melinda, Tammy, Lynn and Heather; nephews Dillon, Shannon, Andrew, Gurth, Elliott, Darryl, Duane; grandnieces Dana, Haley, Keri, Raven, Adele, Faith, Rosa, Sue-anne, Celisha, Kirsten, Holly and Casiah; grandnephews Montana, Josh, Emery, Dimitri, Damien, Carolito and Ashton.

The funeral for **Robertha Gertrude Duncombe,** 60, formerly of Black Wood, was held in Freeport, Grand Bahama. She is survived by daughters Merleane and Fredrica Duncombe; sons Charles Jr., Dudley, Lloyd, Ricky, George, Glen and Bradie Duncombe; brother John Saunders Jr., sister Patricia Brown; grandchildren; aunts; uncles; and a host of other relatives and special friends

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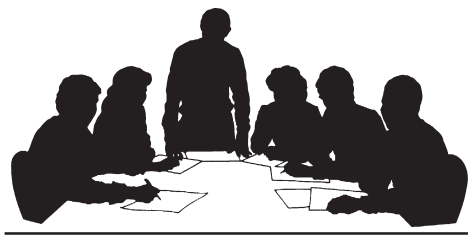

Central Abaco Council 29 Aug 02

Chief Councillor Mike Malone opened by telling members that information is being sought on the correct paint for road marking and replacement chairs for the airport lobby. He gave the figure of 88 street lights being out or mal-functioning in Marsh Harbour and was waiting for a count in Dundas Town and Murphy Town. Poles with bad lights were marked with plastic ribbon to assist BEC in making repairs.

Mr. Malone asked Councillors to consider a date for an area wide clean-up campaign for old cars, appliances and other items not normally collected by the garbage truck.

Two traffic wardens will be solicited, one for Central Abaco Primary School and one for Abaco Central High School. This will be a part time job to last only during the school year. The wardens will be given limited police powers and training and be sworn in as district constables allowing them to deal with traffic infractions at the school zones.

Mr. Malone felt the $3000 budgeted for the All Abaco Regatta and withheld by Council members at the last meeting should be reinstated and given to the Regatta Committee. In as much as it was budgeted last year and the Regatta Committee was counting on it, he felt the commitment should be honoured. The majority agreed.

Mr. Malone authorized the purchase and installation of a window for the Abaco Central High School which was blown out last November during Hurricane Michelle. The opening had been covered with plywood for nine months. The $300 expense was approved.

Six beepers have been ordered for the Chief Councillor, Deputy Chief Councillor and to four of the Statutory Board Chairmen. This will allow them to be contacted at much less expense than cellular phone. The previous Council authorized two cellular phones but had problems containing the monthly costs of those phones.

Deputy Chief Councillor Cubel Davis Jr. wanted the minutes to reflect that bleachers and a concession stall were removed from the Murphy Town basketball court. Residents there allege that a Council member removed the items and took them to Dundas Town.

Administrator Alexander Williams wanted members to consider an island wide workshop to bring all members of local government up to date on the workshop recently held in Nassau. This will benefit all persons now serving in Local Government but will be of particular interest to first time members.

Bills were submitted by the maintenance man at Abaco Central Abaco High School for $600 requesting reimbursement for gasoline used in his car while servicing the clinic, airport and primary school. Councillors wanted more information as gasoline had not been previously reimbursed.

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Police and the Ministry of Works have been advised that two houses have been built in the woods off the road to Spring City. The Committee is working to stop further construction and to have the houses removed.

Chairman Mike Malone advised Committee members that the two cottages on the freight dock property have been given to the town but the town is responsible for moving them. They will be moved west to the empty lot between the port and Abaco Outboards boat storage yard.

Recommendations were made for 47 new street lights in Marsh Harbour. BEC has been advised of 88 street lights in Marsh Harbour that do not work.

The Committee is concerned that BEC left felled trees along Don MacKay Boulevard after removing them as threatening their power lines. A letter will be sent to BEC to have them cleaned up.

Committee member Chad Sawyer asked that the access to the public dock at Crossing Beach be changed to keep an open area for truck deliveries to Hope Town and Man-O-War boats. Cars park in front of the dock making freight deliveries difficult.

Owners of a lot in downtown Marsh Harbour were given 90 days to remove an

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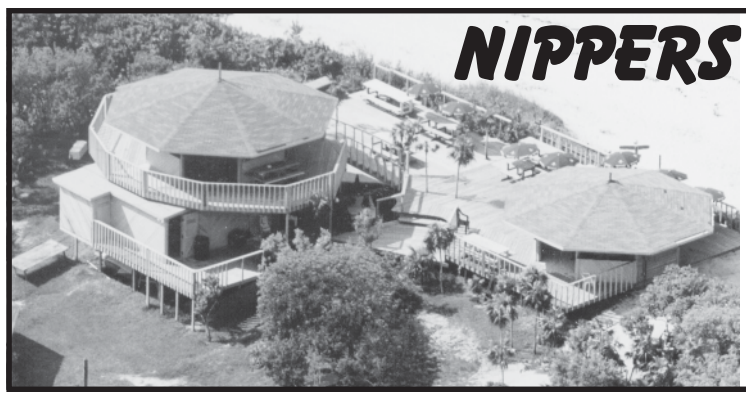

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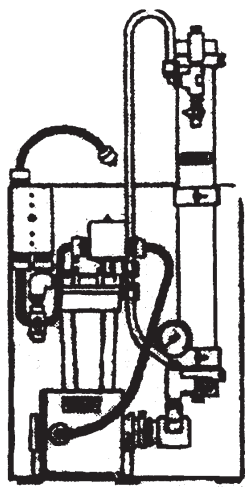

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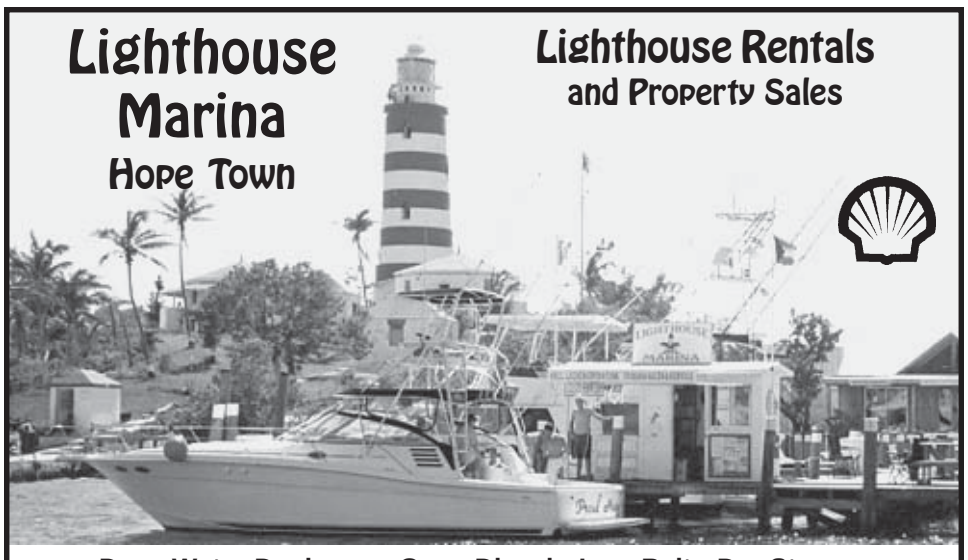

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accumulating collection of old cars.

Committee member Yvonne Key reiterated the problem of parking at the Crossing Beach and the need to consider another location for the ferry. A meeting is being arranged with the owners of the ferry service to discuss the problem.

Mrs. Key advised Committee members that legal advice is being requested to stop future Goombay events from being held in the street and lot across from Dove Plaza. She said another location has been found and will be recommended for next year.

Committee member Nicholas Albury wanted action immediately to stop further construction in the Mud and Pigeon Peas areas. It was suggested that work permits be conditional with the employer being responsible for the employee's housing.

Administrator Alexander Williams reminded the Committee that any action must be done with consideration as harsh measures can bring serious international repercussions which the Bahamas does not want. He did bring out the high social costs these communities cause government such as expenses for schooling and health issues.

The poor performance of the crew at the Ministry of Works compound was discussed with one employee being an exception. The Committee would like more cooperation between Council and the Ministry of Works as to work assignments.

The three-man Marsh Harbour maintenance crew will resume cleaning the S.C. Bootle Highway between Abaco Wholesale and the dump. The road cleaning responsibility is shared about half between Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town. However, debris in the verges has not been cleaned recently. Once the trash is removed, the sides will be mowed.

A complaint from Spring City concerns a residence operating as a garage and accumulating 10 - 15 cars and becoming an eyesore. Furthermore, the cars are expanding onto a public park area. The complaint will be forwarded to Environmental Health for action.

A long list of deficiencies at the government clinic was read and will be given to Council for follow up. A main complaint is that an air conditioner newly installed several months ago by an independent contractor is not operational now. The contractor's bid for the replacement air conditioner was the least expensive but did not include any warranty or followup service.

Additional topics members discussed concerned:

- Sheds on Don MacKay Boulevard
- Planting shrubs to shield the Works compound on Don MacKay Boulevard.
- Asking Abaco Hot Mix to clean up their yard and perhaps hide the area with shrubs.
- Uses for the vacant teacher's residence in Marsh Harbour

Cent. Abaco District Licensing 5 Sept 02

Chairman Colyn Rees showed the Committee documents giving the ownership of a new paint company startng business here as Bahamian. The license had been deferred at a previous meeting as the ownership was questioned.

Administrator Alexander Williams will provide the Board a list of the businesses which are reserved for Bahamians. This includes wholesale and retail sales.

Several routine applications did not have the required inspection reports from Works, the Police or Environmental Health. The applications were deferred pending these reports.

A Murphy Town application by a take-away wanting to expand to include alcoholic beverages was denied as this requires a liquor license. The nature of the application suggested that three licenses were required, a general shop license for the sale of clothing, a restaurant license for the food and a liquor license for the beer and wine.

Another liquor license application was rejected as it was rejected last month. Liquor license applications cannot be submitted more often than once every six months whereas general shop licenses can be resubmitted monthly if desired.

A written complaint was read about persons loitering and drinking outside the City Liquor store in downtown Marsh Harbour. The letter stated that complaints have been made to the police with no visible follow-up. This will be pursued with the police and others before stronger measures are taken.

Marsh Harbour Library Is Open Again

By Isobel Sherman

The Marsh Harbour Community Library opened on September 9. The hours are Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. On Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays students will be allowed to use the computers and the Internet. Homework assistance will be available using the resources of the library.

Once again a group of dedicated volunteers offer their help keeping the library open. Donations of books and money are gratefully accepted.

AA Meetings

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

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at the clinic.

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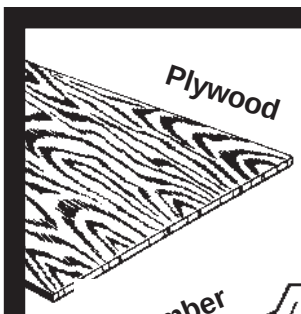

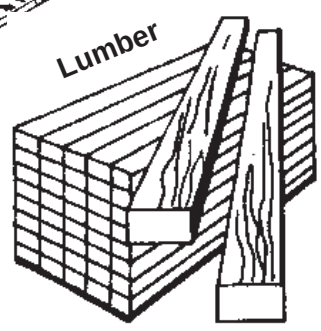

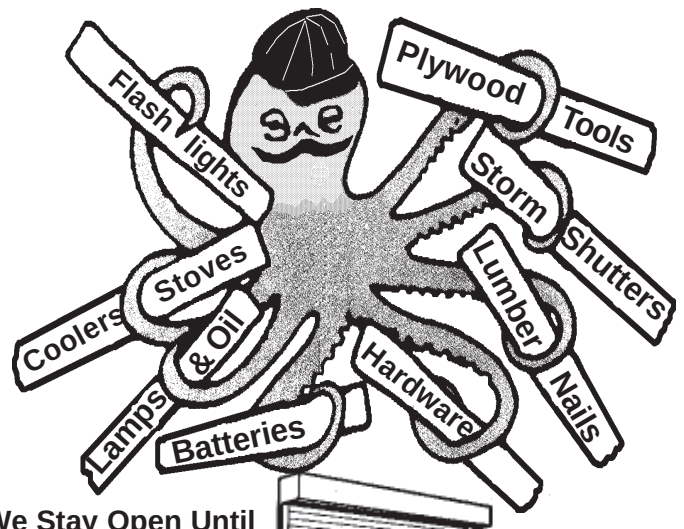

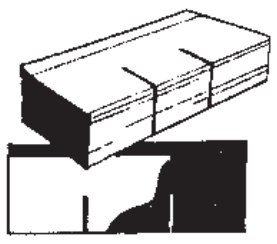

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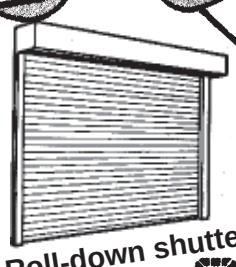


A New Generation Takes up Local Govt. Mantle

By Isobel Sherman

June 27, 2002, was the date that two young men of the new generation of Marsh Harbour citizens took up the mantle to serve on Local Government. Mitchell Albury, age 22, and his younger brother, Nicolas Albury, age 20, were both successful in their bids for election to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. It is probable that these two young men are perhaps the youngest to be local government representatives in the entire country.

As one of their former teachers I was a keen observer during the whole process of their election and I was eager to have an interview with them after they took up their new positions. I was able to interview Mitchell.

Mitchell Albury

Mitchell is an assistant manager in the family business, Abaco Hardware. He is the second youngest in the family. After Mitchell won the election, he was appointed to the Tourism Advisory Board and will serve as Deputy Chairman.

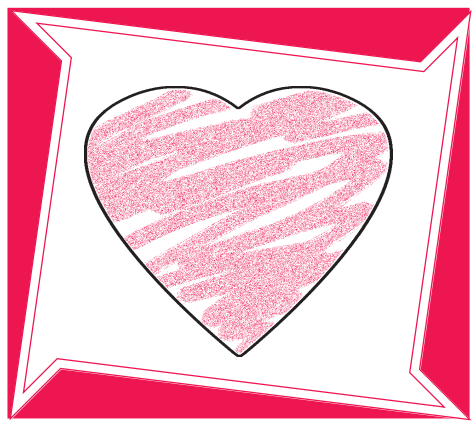
One of my first questions to Mitchell was why he ran. Mitchell wants to bring a youthful perspective to Local Government. He went on to say that he wants to see more accountability to the people of the community.

Mitchell admitted that many older folks in Marsh Harbour did not vote for him or his brother, citing that their young age was the deciding factor with those older voters. However, the young persons of Marsh Harbour did vote for him.

Now that he is on the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, I asked him what are his goals or what he would like to see done in the next three years. First, he would like to see the citizens of Marsh Harbour get more involved with the local government process by attending meetings and even attending board meetings. He wants to see Central Abaco become more tourist friendly. He is happy to serve on the Tourism Advisory Board because he feels that he can make a real contribution to the Board. He feels if we can make tourists happy, we can attract more tourists and thus improve our economy and way of life. Mitchell foresees Abaco overtaking Grand Bahamas in the future as a tourist destination. On that same note Mitchell foresees businesses expanding in Abaco as the island continues its phenomenal growth.

I can tell from talking to him that he is really into tourism. He said he would like to see that every employee of tourist- related businesses take the Bahamas Host programme. He feels that businesses should change some of their practices such as closing for lunch. Businesses which rely on tourists should consider being open on holidays and Sundays. These are times when tourists walk around looking for something to do.

Mitchell Albury is a young intelligent Bahamian who has taken up the call to serve his community. He along with his brother Nicolas are setting an example for other young people on Abaco and in the rest of the Bahamas to get involved in their community and make a difference.



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North Abaco Names Boards

The North Abaco District Council named the following boards and authorities for the North Abaco District. The Council is made up of members from Little Abaco, Cooper's Town, Treasure Cay and Green Turtle Cay town committees. Thes boards will conduct the business of North Abacu for one year, until June 2003 when the Council will review the Boards. The Boards make very important decisions which affect the future of our towns even though they do not have any funding.

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Kenneth Major

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Hiram Cooper
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Kirk Reckley
Floyd Johnson

Road Traffic Authority
North Abaco Members

Maxwell McIntosh
Ronald McIntosh

Road Traffic Board combines North, Central and South Abaco

Pageant Will Showcase Island Beauties

By Anita Rolle

The Miss Bahamas Universe Pageant organization recently announced that the date for the next annual pageant will be March 9, 2003. The committee also announced that the Bahamas is tentatively set to host the 2004 Miss Universe Pageant.

To encourage participation from the Family Islands, the format for all future pageants will change. Each Family Island contestant will have to meet pageant criteria. Each contestant must be a resident of the island represented for at least one year and must be the reigning queen or first runner up of a pageant hosted on that Family Island by the Miss Bahamas Universe Pageant. Only two contestants are allowed per Family Island.

Gaynell Rolle, National Pageant Director commented, "One of the committee's ultimate goals is to have as many Family Islands represented as possible. Over the past years most of the emphasis has been placed on Nassau and Grand Bahama. The committee now wants to establish a 'true Miss Bahamas' where all islands take part in the selection."

The local Pageant Director for Abaco has been selected and will be announced along with further details at press conference to held by the Miss Bahamas Universe Pageant committee.

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Cherokee Sound Has Changed with the Times

Tourism in Cherokee

By Lee Pinder

We are approaching our slow season and I just want to remind us all of some very important facts.

I first came to this corner of The Bahamas over forty years ago and have seen many changes, but not every change has been for the good. But in all the ways that count life here is unmeasurably better. In the beginning there was no paved road into the settlement and only a small handful of men even owned a vehicle. They had to park them at Big Mangrove and travel back and forth by boat. Now almost every occupant in every household over the minimum age of 17 has a vehicle. They are no longer second-hand vehicles but brand new ones.

At one time you could have listed Cherokee as having a "labour surplus" economy, but now the only ones who don't work are those too old, too young or just don't want to work. There are any number of explanations for the new wealth all around, but first and foremost Cherokee's prosperity stems from tourism. Oh, I know many would say, "It doesn't affect me!" But it does. Tourism affects all of us, even in the smallest corner of The Bahamas. We in Cherokee are just one of the benefactors of the trickle down effect. Not to say that we don't get our fair share of tourists, we do. Most of us are very appreciative. When tourist visit our little settlement, we all benefit, like one hand washing the other.

Without tourism to spur on our economy, the fishermen wouldn't need to catch so many fish, builders definitely wouldn't be building and we certainly wouldn't need so many vehicles because we would neither have the gas or money to pay for them. Many every day mundane services can trace their roots and their livelihood to tourism.

Those of us who remember Cherokee the way we first saw it understandably sigh for the past. There is no doubt about it our particular tourists may hesitate to visit during the hurricane season in any given year and 9/11 has had a big effect on all types of local business. However, tourism is really a two-sided coin, not just for those who make money from it but also for those who pay money to enjoy it. We need progress and a good economy and we can and should thank our lucky stars for the changes it has afforded us. But there are limits. Let it not change us too much. Remember - what brought the tourists to our shores in the first place?

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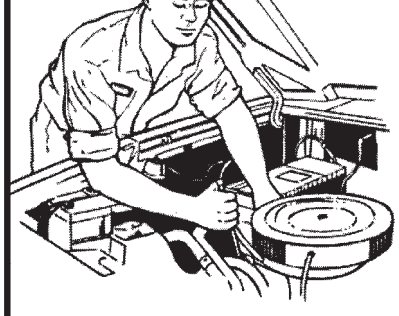

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Asbestos: How Bad Is It?

By Alice Bain

There have been worries lately about the pipe repairs that the Water and Sewage Corporation completed on the water main that runs along Queen Elizabeth Drive to Little Orchard, High Rocks, Eastern Shores and Pelican Shores. The new section of piping is, like the already existing pipe, made of a combination of cast concrete and asbestos. Asbestos has hit the headlines time and again as a proven carcinogen, and here we have the water that we bathe in (and possibly drink) running through pipes made of the stuff. How bad is it?

After having done exhaustive research on the subject, the answer appears to me to be "not good, but not as bad as you think." The United States Environmental Protection Agency has set an upper limit for the amount of asbestos acceptable in a public water supply as not more than 7 million fibers longer than 10 microns per liter. To get some idea of how short a length of fiber this is, a micron is one-millionth of a meter. An average human hair is about 100 microns in diameter. Pretty small! So why does asbestos cause cancer?

Asbestos is a mineral, a form of rock (to be technical, a "hydrous silicate of magnesium") mined out of the ground. Asbestos was used to make heat-resistant materials because the fibrous structure of the mineral was found to be an incredibly effective insulator and has been found in use as early as 4000 B.C. for wicks in lamps and candles. Asbestos is unique, but the mineral itself is not chemically very different from other silicates.

So what makes it so dangerous? The problem is that the fibers are so small. A fiber 10 microns in length is about the same size as the average human body cell. The fibers are sharp-ended and they cannot be broken down by the body's immune system. Once you get asbestos in your body—between the cells—it stays there, damaging all the cells it comes into contact with. One illness associated with inhaled asbestos is Asbestosis, in which the tissue of the lungs becomes scarred and less and less able to transport oxygen into the body. Over a period of fifteen to thirty years the scarring increases and the victim loses the ability to breathe.

Asbestos famously causes cancer of the lungs but also cancers of the lung and abdominal lining.

The key word in the last paragraph was "inhaled." Asbestos used as fire- and soundproofing was often spray applied, leaving a lot of free asbestos dust floating around in the air. In the heyday of asbestos usage (just after World War II to the 1970's) people simply didn't realize the risks associated with it and installation and demolition workers and bystanders were often exposed to massive doses of asbestos dust.

The situation with the pipe buried beneath Queen Elizabeth Drive is not so clear-cut. It has been proven without a doubt just how bad asbestos is to inhale - but what happens if we drink it or simply bathe in it?

Drinking asbestos is not good, but it is nowhere near as bad as inhaling the stuff. If you swallow something, it has an exit route from your body. But if you breathe it in, the only way it's going to leave your lungs is if you cough it up. Asbestos in drinking water mostly passes straight through your system, bound up in the food that you're digesting.

Some particles do stay in your body, but comparatively very few. Asbestos in your intestines can cause polyps and other abnormal growths which can lead to cancers of the digestive tract, but the chance of this happening is relatively small—there are much worse things to have in your water. As far as bathing in the stuff, it might cause a slight skin irritation but not worse than the fiberglass that so many Abaconians already work with.

Asbestos fibers in water can be easily removed using a filtration system. It has been shown that asbestos from a concrete/asbestos pipe does end up in the water system, but it is much more common in areas with a more acidic water supply. Acid dissolves the calcium carbonate base of the cement, and the asbestos fibers are released. Abaco's water, however, comes from aquifers in a limestone geology and anyone who has ever boiled it or made ice cubes with it knows how prone it is to crystallizing lime (calcium carbonate).

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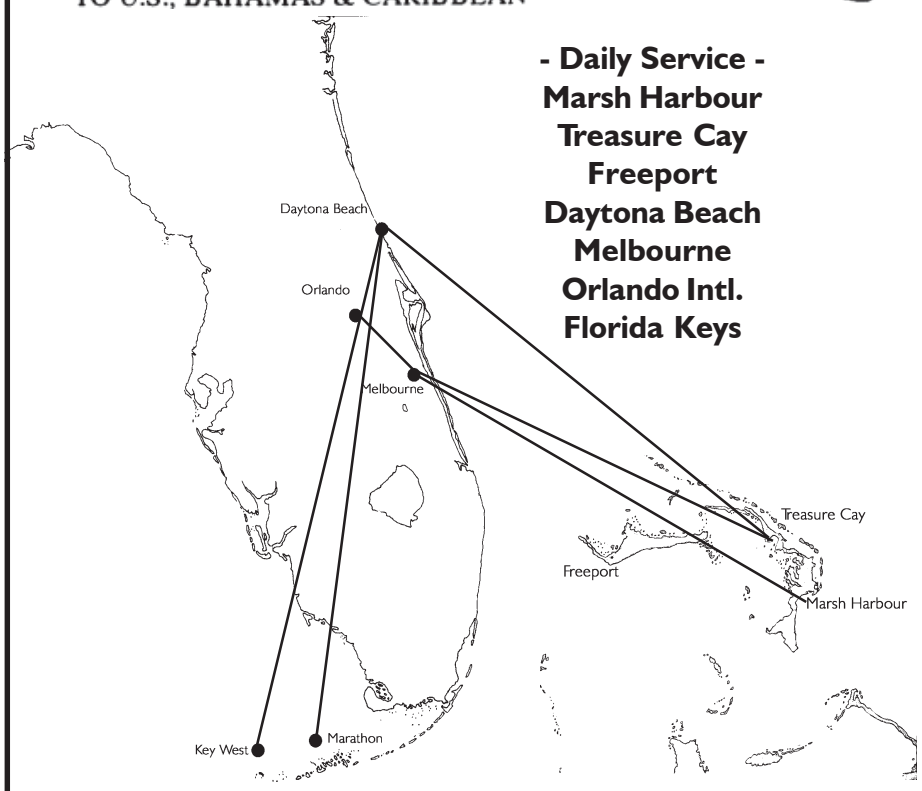

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Police Report

Police Report for August 13-26, 2002

As reported to *The Abaconian*

A Murphy Town resident had a window smashed on a automobile and a radio, amplifier and CDs were stolen.

Cash was stolen from a yacht at Mangoes Marina in Marsh Harbour.

A wallet containing cash and credit cards was stolen from an unlocked pick-up truck on Front Street in Cooper's Town.

Burglars entered a two-bedroom apartment in Dundas Town and stole a broom, four beer and four coke sodas.

A rifle was stolen from a sportfishing boat docked behind residence at Boat Harbour Marina. Entry was made by breaking open a front hatch.

A Marsh Harbour resident reported that a High Banks man was having unlawful sexual intercourse with her under-age daughter. The man was arrested, suspected of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Eleven persons were injured August 18 about 7:30 p.m. when their two pick-up trucks left the highway and hit a power pole. This happened south of Full Gospel Assemblies of God Church near Treasure Cay. They were all treated at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic with six being flown to Nassau for further medical attention.

The owner of an Inn in Hope Town reported that someone broke in and stole approximately six thousand dollars in cash and cheques.

A fight broke out at the Airport Inn in Hard Bargain involving four men and one woman. One of the men received lacerations to his head and a bite on his back.

A Murphy Town woman reported that a visiting friend stole six hundred dollars.

A Murphy Town woman discovered her wallet containing $415 missing from her handbag. The wallet was later found and returned by a young girl. Two teenage girls are suspected who were in the store earlier.

Someone broke into the fish house in Blackwood, stealing two bags of frozen crawfish weighing 70 pounds and valued at $508.

A leather wallet containing cash, credit cards and Batelco phone cards was stolen from the vessel *Ms. Charlotte* docked at Mangoes Marina in Marsh Harbour.

A Dundas Town man reported that his cousin was assaulted by a man known to them.

A 15 HP outboard engine valued at $1,500 was stolen from a garage on Stede Bonnet Road in Marsh Harbour.

Sandy Point clinic staff reported that a ten-year-old child had been sexually molested. Accompanied by her mother, the youngster told police that a black man she knew pulled off her underwear and molested her. Police that same evening arrested a 47-year-old Sandy Point man for the offense.

A Cooper's Town man reported that someone took his vehicle without his consent. Officers located the vehicle and arrested a 31-year-old for moving a vehicle without the owner's consent and assault with a dangerous instrument, namely a car.

Dundas Town woman reported that a man punched her in the neck and threw alcohol in her face.

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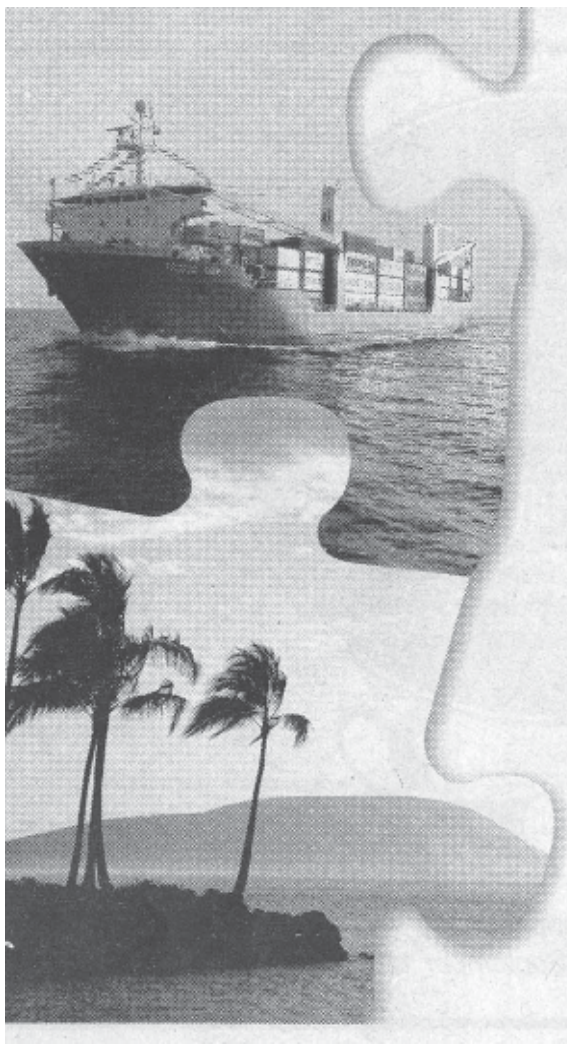

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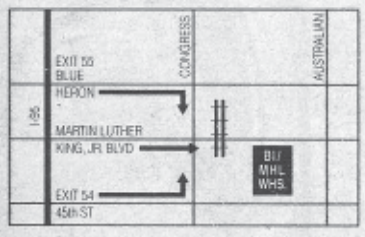

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Business Briefs

Three New Businesses Open

By Anita Rolle

One of the newest stores to be established on Abaco is **Tropical Souvenirs** in Marsh Harbour offering a wide variety of beautiful Bahamian souvenirs. The store carries straw products such as dolls, baskets, hats and bags as well as a wide variety of Bahamian postcards, Bahamian art and craft work and t-shirts. An array of school supplies is available at reasonable prices from backpacks to water bottles.

The store, owned and operated by Mrs. Fredericka Rolle, opened in July 2002. Locals and visitors alike patronize the business, and according to Mrs. Rolle, there has been a high percentage of return customers.

Tropical Treasures is located on Don MacKay Boulevard. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday including holidays.

Abaco's newest beauty supply store has opened in the Colina Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour. Owner of **P&T Beauty Supplies**, Penny Bain, says that the store is well equipped with the latest items for all your beauty supply needs.

P & T is proud to announce that they carry The Batch, a new and popular toning complexion creme. They carry a variety of supplies for contact lenses, nail supplies, human and synthetic weaves, full head wigs and other hair supplies.

P&T carries a selection of industrial size barber and beauty supplies. To enhance the variety of goods offered, they carry ladies handbags, body products, styling magazines, hosiery, and school supplies.

The selection at P & T Beauty Supplies is extensive, and customers are invited to stop in between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Abaco Discount Snacks recently opened in Marsh Harbour and offers wholesale and retail supplies. Located in the Percy Archer Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive, the store offers a large variety of snacks and beverages, cereals and sweets at reasonable prices. Abaco Discount Snacks is managed by Ms Ernestine Lightbourne and is open between of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The store opened in July of this year, in time for back to school shoppers, and has seen a steady rate of return and new customers so far. Prices are competitive and the spacious surroundings make items easily accessible for customers.

Legal Action Will Be Considered Against Loan Defaulters

By Anita Rolle

The Bank of the Bahamas Limited, which is the primary loan facility for the government scholarship loan program, has been advised to pursue scholarship recipients in arrears. It appears that most applicants did not thoroughly assess the financial implications of the program before participating. Min. Alfred Sears of the Ministry of Education stated, "I am advised by the bank that letters of action have gone out to all of the defaulters and co-borrowers and the next step will be legal action. We will not make exception for anyone."

Because of the high number of loan defaulters, this limits the number of new people who will have the opportunity to receive scholarships. It has been stated that a collection agency be hired to collect the money in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

Min. Sears has set up an Education Committee which will assess the applicants and their individual needs, noting also that there needs to be a more thorough assessment by the applicants themselves.

The loan program was designed in 2000 by the Cabinet and passed in the House of Assembly and Senate. Minister Sears stated, "This was a government program but it clearly needed more thought." Of over $500,000 in arrears by scholarship loan recipients, about $90,000 has been paid to the Bank of the Bahamas by the government.

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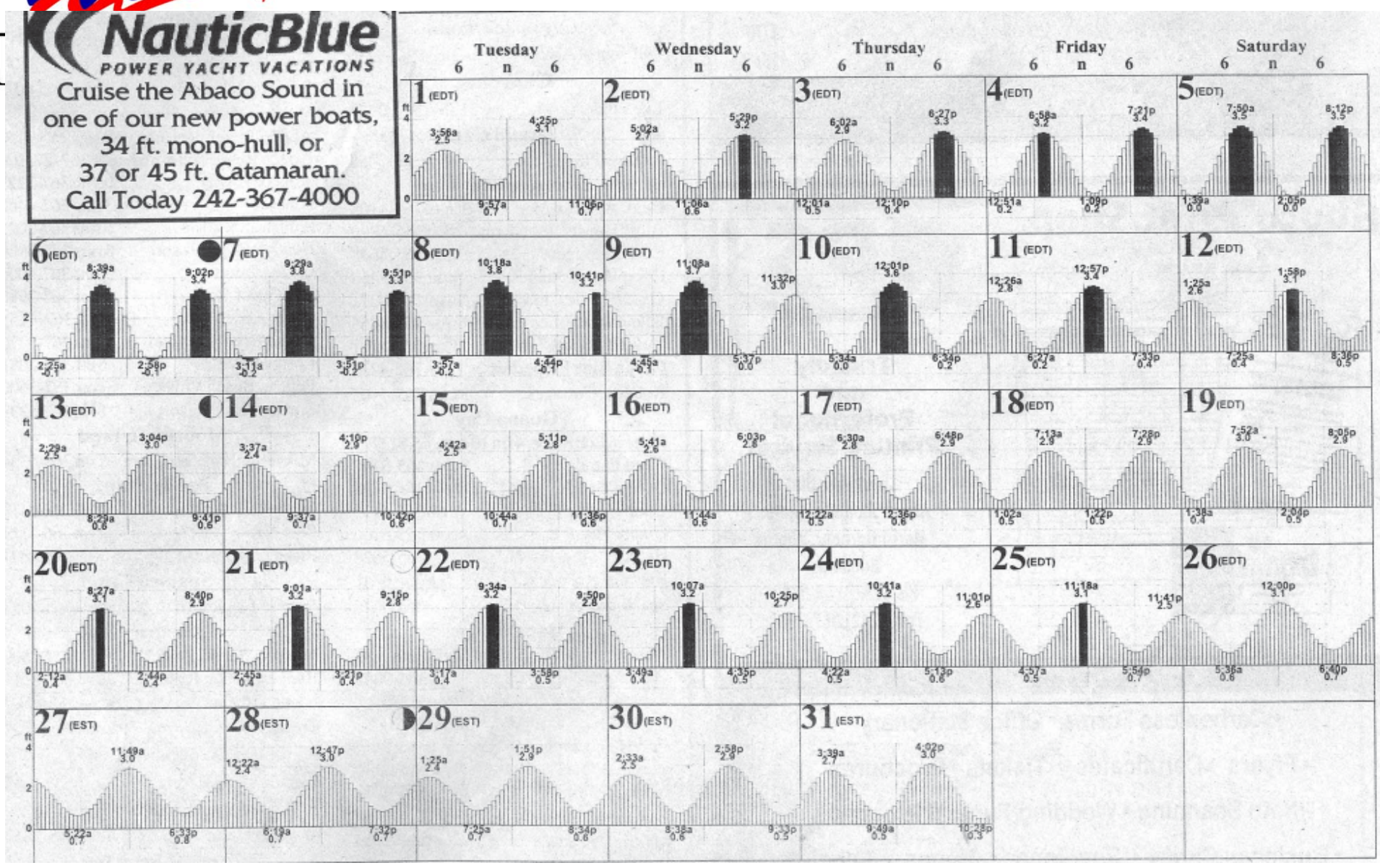

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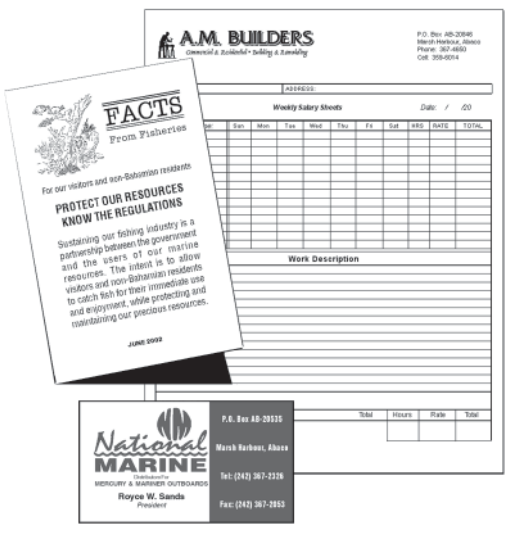

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• Marsh Harbour Round Trip	$85 + $5
TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour	$55 + $5
TC Hotel to Joe's Creek	$25 + $5
TC Hotel to Sand Bank	$16 + $5
TC Hotel to Moxey	$10 + $5
TC Hotel to Bronks	$7 + $5

From TC Hotel to All Areas N. of T.C. Airport Add $10
Waiting Time $12 Per Hour

Air Lines Serving Abaco

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

* Local charter companies serving S.Florida and within the Bahamas

Tours & Excursions

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Outback - by kayak	367-5358
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646
Dive Abaco	367-2787

Hope Town

Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431

Treasure Cay

Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

Medical Services

Marsh Harbour

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

Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

Albury's Ferry Service

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town 20 minute trip
7:15 (M-F) 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:30

Hope T. to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip
8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 ‡5 (M-F)

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip
10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:30

Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip
8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)

Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 30 minute trip
‡6:45 am 10:15 1:15 pm 3:30 5:30

Guana & Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour 30 minute trip
8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45

Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult $ 8/$12 Children $4/$6
Charters any time • Phone 367-3147 or 365-6010 VHF Ch. 16
Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries leave from Crossing Beach
Guana Cay and Scotland Cay ferries leave from Conch Inn
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock

Green Turtle Ferry

Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport • Daily
8 am 9 11 12:15pm 1:30 3 4:30

Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay • Daily
8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

One way adult fare $7 (Children $3) • Round trip $11
Additional to some destinations • Charter any time
Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 VHF Channel 16

Abaco Adventures

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Wed & Sat 10 am, return 5 pm $25
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Sun 11, 12:30, 4, return 11:45, 3 & 5
Treasure C. to Man-O-War & Hope T - Thur 10 am, return3:30 $35
Charters available - Phone 365-8749 VHF Channel 16

Pinder's Ferry Service

Connects Abaco & Grand Bahama - Approximately 1 hour trip
Crown Haven to McLean's Town - Daily 7:30 am & 2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Fare $30 one way - For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356
Bus service to and from Freeport at McLean's Town AND bus service to and from Marsh Harbour at Crown Haven. Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Abaco Marinas

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

Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Dive Shops

Marsh Harbour

Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646

Hope Town

Dave's Dive Shop	366-0029
Froggies	366-0024

Treasure Cay

Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111

Green Turtle Cay

Brendal's Dive Shop	365-4411
Green Turtle Divers	365-4271
Guana Cay Dive Shop	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Rentals

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Laysue Boat Rentals	367-4414
Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Wilmac Car Rentals	367-4970 or 367-4313

Green Turtle Cay

Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
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D & P Cart Rental	365-4656
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New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Guana Cay Cart Rentals	365-5016

Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Dave's Dive Shop Boat Rentals	366-0029
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay

Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

Bonefish Guides

Sandy Point

Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233

Marsh Harbour

Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
Justin Sands	367-3526
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Danny Sawyer	367-3577

Man-O-War

David Albury	365-6059

Cherokee

Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Junior Albury	366-3058

Hope Town

Maitland Lowe	366-0133

North Abaco

O'Donald McIntosh	
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024

Green Turtle Cay

Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
Ricky Sawyer	365-4261

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Restaurant Guide

Prices $ Low, $$ Moderate, $$$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)
‡ Provides ride from town
+ Picnic tables & restroom only

Marsh Harbour

Anglers	$$$	367-2158
C&G Restaurant	$	367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	$$$	367-4444
Golden Grouper	$	367-2301
Henry's Jerk Center	$	367-5959
Jamie's Place	$	367-2880
Jib Room	$$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch)		367-2615
Mackerals		
Mangoes	$$$	367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	$	367-2002
Pop's Place	$ +	367-3796
Sapodill	$$$	367-2498
Sea Shells	$	367-4460
Snack Shack	$ +	367-4005
Snappas	$	367-3278
Subway		367-2798
Wallys	Closed till Nov 3	367-2074

Dundas Town

Ambassador Inn	$	367-2022

Murphy Town

Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy		367-5331

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	Closed till Oct 10	366-0133
Boat House	Closed	366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	Closed till Oct 1	366-0247
Club Soleil	Closed till Nov 17	366-0003
Harbour's Edge	Closed till Oct 30	366-0087
Hollywood Temptations		
H T Harbour Lodge	Closed till Oct 1	366-0095
Munchies	$ +	366-0423
Rudy's Place	Closed till Nov 8	366-0062

Man-O-War

Pavilion	$	365-6185
Hibiscus		365-6380

Guana Cay

Guana Seaside	$$$	365-5106
Nippers	$$$	365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	$$$	365-5137
Orchard Bay	Closed till Oct	

Treasure Cay

Florence's Cafe	$	
Harbour Cafe	$	365-8635
Hudson's Delight	$	365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	$$	365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	$$$	365-8469
Touch of Class	$$$	365-8195
Traveller's Rest		365-8654

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	$$$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	$$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	$$$	365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	$$	365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	$	365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	$$$	365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe		365-4234
Rooster's Rest	$$	365-4066
Wrecking Tree Rest.		
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	$ +	365-8635

Sandy Point

Big J's	$	366-4020
Oeishas		366-4139
Pete & Gays	$$$	366-4119
Seaside Inn	$$$	366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge		366-4477

More Letters to the Editor

Letters

From Page 9

I myself try to work closely with several of the big guns but still can't seem to please them. I have asked for some assistance with that trench on Spring City's road some months back but I guess they ignored me. Also the S.C. Bootle Highway has not been cleaned for sometime. I have asked about that also and can't seem to come up with any good answers either. Whenever the road is cut or the streets are patched properly, we hear nothing. But whenever there is a dry spell, all you can hear is they don't work ever. Try taking in some of the dust that I often have to deal with and tell me if you like it.

I truly hope that one day we can sit down like men and women and make Abaco a special place instead of a war zone.

Yours truly,
Big Six

Complaint Against Utilities

Dear Mr. Editor,

I would like to take a moment to voice complaints against the local utility corporations, specifically Batelco and Water & Sewage Corporation.

About five months ago I requested, in writing, that Batelco turn off my cell phone with the understanding that I would receive my security deposit. I was told that they would have to fax my request to Nassau. I waited for awhile during which time I still continued to receive bills for a phone that should not have been in operation. I visited Batelco's office on occasion to get my security deposit with little success. I was always told to return at a later date.

Finally, five months and two letters later, my cell phone has been successfully turned off, but I have yet to receive my security deposit.

In addition, about four or five months ago Water and Sewage workers were running underground pipes in Pole Lane, and they placed the main valves at the edge of the road. Unfortunately, the main valves are always leaking and water runs into the yard of Sunshine Trucking, making it swampy and giving the area a rather unpleasant smell. My boss wrote letters to Water and Sewage in an effort to have them resolve the problem but so far nothing has been done to resolve the situation.

A while later I myself saw Water and Sewage workers again in the vicinity. I reminded them of the problem and asked if they could come and see what should be done. Told that they would come as soon as they finished the job that they were working on, I returned to Sunshine Trucking to wait for their arrival. I am still waiting.

This should not have to be tolerated. This is poor service, reflecting a lousy standard. Something must be done and done quickly.

Sincerely,
C. Turnquest

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

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GALLEON BAY CANAL / ESTATES
"Burns House" canal front 2 storey 2,250 sq. ft octagonal home. Lower 3 bed / 2 bath living / family, utility and screened porch. Upper vaulted ceilings living / kitchen, master bed / en suite bath $652,000
"Safe Harbour" Canal front with excellent elevation. Octagonal 825± sq. ft. garage / efficiency guest house with plans for main house. Dock with power in place. Must see. $369,000
"Laguna" brand new canal front, octagonal home, fully furnished, 3 bed/ 2 bath, modern open concept, living/dining/kitchen plus partially covered deck. Perfect island retreat for some lucky family $676,500
"Island Times" 2500 sq. ft. modern spacious 3 bed / 2 1/2 bath, living/dining/kitchen opening onto covered patio facing waterfront. Double garage/ utility. Extra adjacent lot. Total frontage 108 ft. $830,250
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Abaco Scouts Attend U.S. Camp

By Theresa Pinder

In June members of the First Abaco Cub Scouts, now "linked up" to the First Abaco Scout Troop, attended Camp McConnell in Micanopy, Florida.

When the idea first originated in 2000, it was intended to send Cubs to a Scout camp, but the Cubs were not old enough. Camp McConnell, run by the YMCA, turned out to be a very promising alternative. The first trip was a great success, opening doors to the possibility of further visits by the Cubs. The trip was made again last year and involved most of the First Abaco Cub Pack.

To defray the cost of the trip, the Abaco Cub Pack held various fund-raisers. A portion of the money raised is used in various community projects including the Rotary Club, AARF, the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and Trauma One. Funds were also used to provide a kayaking trip and Heritage trip to Nassau for the Cub Pack.

This year a portion of funds was used to send four Pack members to camp. Philip Fernander and Stephan Johnson stayed for two weeks, and Alexander Wilmore and Jason Evans spent an entire month at Camp McConnell.

From West Palm Beach the campers went by bus to Camp McConnell. Following the five-hour trip, the first evening is spent settling in the new campers. Despite the newness of the experience, the Cubs did not find it difficult to integrate themselves into camp life. Campers and counselors were friendly, and the camp provided a variety of social activities that allow the campers to intermingle.

Camp McConnell exposed the Cubs to many experiences not available here on Abaco. Cubs could participate in horseback riding and learn the rudiments of archery and riflery. Already equipped with a outside basketball court, baseball diamond and swimming pool, the camp is presently expanding its facilities to include a covered basketball court, a nine-hole golf course, and a skate park.

The Cubs were able to enjoy another aspect of camp life, without which no camp would be complete: the traditional camp legend. Camp McConnell's ghost, "Peg-Leg Pete," was a former counselor at the camp. According to the legend, Pete was out walking the camp grounds one evening where he had an unfortunate encounter with an alligator. He suffered the loss of part of a leg and was forced to replace it with a wooden peg. Now he spends his time wandering the camp grounds, lamenting his fate and searching for unwary campers.

Overall, it is was a great learning experience for the Cubs, who were exposed to different cultures and lifestyles, different attitudes and different activities. It allowed the possibility for self-growth as well as being an enjoyable experience for the Abaco Cubs. Cubs Jason Evans and Alexander Wilmore would definitely repeat the experience again.

Acting District Commissioner Sandra Evans says that there are plans to continue similar ventures in the coming year but with an even greater aim: to make this a district wide affair. Hopefully, next year Scouts from the entire Abaco District, Sandy Point to Fox Town, will receive an opportunity for new learning experiences.

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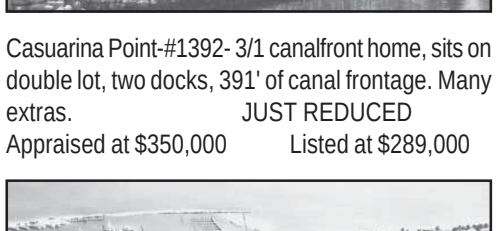

Casuarina Point-#1392- 3/1 canalfront home, sits on double lot, two docks, 391' of canal frontage. Many extras. JUST REDUCED
Appraised at $350,000 Listed at $289,000

Royal Harbour-#0233- vacant harbourfront lot with boat slip already seawalled and has a dock. 18,000sq. ft, desired location $250,000

More Fine Homes and Properties

Marsh Harbour - 2 acres of great elevated vacant property in High Rock near the Crossing Beach. $590,000
Treasure Cay Canal - Lots starting at $80,000
Man-O-War Cay - 1/1 cottage in picturesque community, features extra sleeping loft, newly renovated interior, close to amenities. $140,500
Palm Ridge - Private, quiet home on beach front acreage. Charming 2 bed, 1 bath , very spacious patio and endless views, ample room for expansion on this property, short drive to Cherokee Sound. $455,000
Hope Town - interior lot 10,000+ sq. ft. $65,000
Cherokee Sound - 3/1 home in town, private patio, furnished. Call for more details
Marsh Harbour - 3/2 home in Cove Estates, landscaped, furnished, ready to move in. $233,000
Leisure Lee - Vacant canal front lot available. $45,000
Hope Town - Lucayos, 10,000 sq. ft. lot with sea views. Private and quiet area. $99,000
Guana Cay - 18,000 sq. ft. elevated lot with deeded dock slip on protected Boat Harbour. Sea views. $90,000
Hope Town - Lucayos, 3/2 home on double lot. Almost an acre. $495,000
Casuarina Point - 3/1 house on double canal lot, sea walled, landscaped, 2 docks, boat house, motivated seller. Appraised at $350,000. Only $299,000
Marsh Harbour - Two, 2/1 apartments for sale, 1/1 efficiency in the rear also, fairly new appliances, furnished, fenced yard. $228,000
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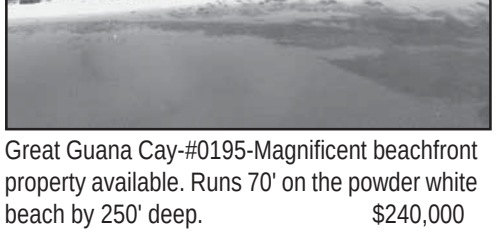
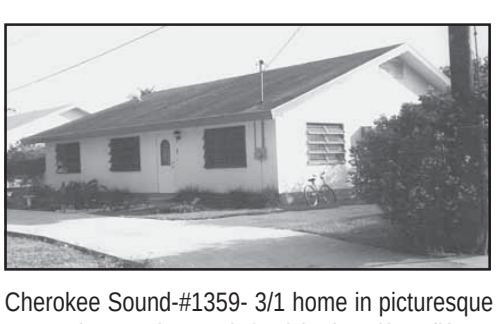
Marsh Harbour-#0234- 2 acres of prime residential property. Runs 190+ft on the water, and features elevations that present lovely views of the Sea Of Abaco. Call for more info.



Great Guana Cay-#0195-Magnificent beachfront property available. Runs 70' on the powder white beach by 250' deep. $240,000



Cherokee Sound-#1359- 3/1 home in picturesque town, private patio, mostly furnished, and is well kept. Close to conveniences.
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September 15, 2002

An Artist and Her New Endeavor

By Isobel Sherman

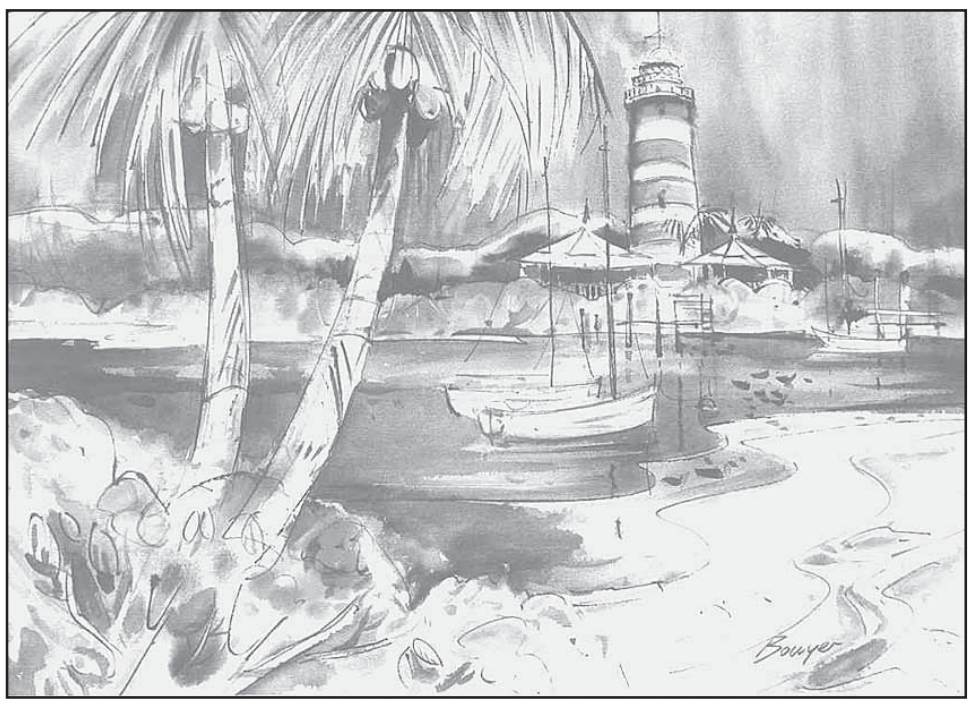
Bridgette Bowyer Carey is a talented artist making her home on Tilloo Cay with her husband Donnie Carey. Bridgette, originally from Germany, studied art there before moving to the United States where she continued to study art. She settled in South Carolina where she painted her watercolors using the wet-on-wet technique.

This technique involves wetting the paper before applying the watercolors. It has to be done very quickly and Bridgette is quick to admit she tears up approximately 60 percent of her paintings because of the use of this technique. Watercolor is a fast medium but wet-on-wet is even faster. The paper is wet thoroughly before any paint is applied.. When the paint is applied to the soaked paper, it literally blooms like a flower so She must work fast to have her values of darks, lights and mid-tones before she actually puts the paint in the paper. She does this by making sketches beforehand, planning her colours and values. With this painting style the transparency of the water becomes the dominating element in her unusual style.

Since moving to the Bahamas, Bridgette has painted numerous Bahamian scenes and her paintings reflect her deep love and appreciation for the natural wonders of the Bahamas. She has exhibited in Nassau and at various art shows on Abaco. For many years she painted scenes on driftwood and these paintings were so popular with clients that she spent most all of her time painting on driftwood which she collected on trips to various beaches on Abaco. The summer of 1999 she made a decision to resume her watercolor painting full time. Needless to say, the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd made it almost impossible to find any suitable driftwood.

In 2001 Bridgette began marketing prints of her paintings. The prints are very high quality, and she has joined the ranks of many artists on Abaco by marketing prints of their works. In the past few months she has put out a line of note cards. She and her husband have spent months perfecting the technique as they produce the cards themselves at their home on Tilloo. She waits for the perfect day, which is a sunny morning so she can photograph it with her digital camera. She then manipulates the photo on the computer to get the colours exactly like the painting. When she has the "perfect" image of her painting, she prints a copy out on high quality paper. The cards are large, five inches by seven inches, and it is hard to believe they were printed from a computer image.

Currently her cards are for sale at several shops in Hope Town including Ebb Tide and Iggy Biggy. In Marsh Harbour her cards are sold at Iggy Biggy and will soon be in other shops as well as in Man-O-War.



The lighthouse in Hope Town is one of the popular landmarks which artists enjoy putting in their artwork. The above painting, originally done as a water color, is now available as a print, available at several shops locally.

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BAHAMA PALM SHORES - Two residential lots, with all utilities $25,000 each.

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ELBOW CAY – White Sound - "Sand Dollar" – 3/3 custom home, sea to sea, private beachfront with pool. Turnkey. $1,450,000. Under Contract

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LUBBERS & TILLOO

LUBBERS QUARTERS - Abaco Ocean Club, lot #65. 12,326 sq. ft. beautiful hillside building site. $55,000.

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Stella Artois Donates to Regatta

On September 6 Art Sands, left center, presented a check from Stella Artois, the new Belgian beer sold by Bristol Cellers, to Immigration Officer Errol Ferguson, right center, for sponsorship of the Class C trophies in the All Abaco Regatta. Assisting in the presentation are Bristol Cellars employees Ms. Khadijam Davis and Ms. Lillian Forbes.

Asbestos

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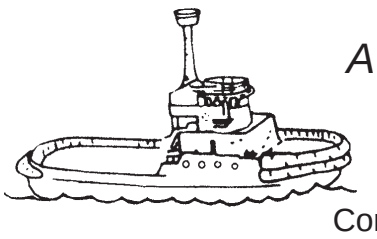
solved in the water makes it unlikely that the cement in the pipes will be significantly degraded any time soon. In my opinion there is no real reason to dig up these pipes and replace them with PVC (which is associated with its own set of possible carcinogens). The worst danger posed by asbestos/cement pipes is to the workers who install them. If they breathe in the dust as they cut the pipes, they are exposing themselves to developing Asbestosis, lung cancer and Mesothelioma later on in life.

Even without a filtration system, bathing in water that flows through the concrete/asbestos pipes is probably not going to significantly affect your health. Drinking the unfiltered water is not the best idea, but the amount of asbestos that is likely to be present in town water is pretty small. Your health might be more adversely affected by the amount of chlorine used to treat the water than the asbestos in the pipes it flows through.



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• Fourteen lots across from Bight O Bay Beach. Water front on Inner White Sound. 1/2 acre and up. *Starting at $78,650*

• One-third acre on [OFF THE MARKET] beach. 66' frontage. *$183,000*

White Sound: Four inland lots within 5 minute walk of waterfront and public dock. *$47,200 each*

• Newly finished, furnished, three bed two bath house near Green Turtle Club. A/C throughout. 1/2 acre. Five minute walk to beach. Very private. *$670,000*

Quiet waterfront: [UNDER CONTRACT], two bath with views of Black[UNDER CONTRACT]ed private 100' dock. 1/3 acre. *$335,000*

Green Turtle Estates: 1/2 acre only 125 feet from ocean beach. *Firm $183,000*

1/4 acre inland l[UNDER CONTRACT]nutes walk from beach. *0*

Bluff Harbour: [UNDER CONTRACT]ts 140' total frontage. Dock site *$430,000*

• Furnished private home. Three bedrooms, three baths plus caretaker cottage. 2000' water front. Secluded. One acre. Boat ramp and dock site. Needs repair.

Inner White Sound: Two bedroom suites; 3 bath: Kit/liv/dining fully furnished villa on water. In pristine condition. Good rental income. *$275,000*

• Four unit income producing 2 bed 1 bath apartment complex. Fully furnished. Water views. Dock. Laundry. Two years old *$700,000 plus closing*

• Three-fifths ac[UNDER CONTRACT]alk to beach. Owner needs to se *$42,000*

• Stunning new home. Interior still under construction. All materials on site to complete. Truck. Golf cart. 2 bed 2 bath. A/C throughout. Views of ocean, Guana Cay and Sea of Abaco. *$775,500*

Coco Bay: 1/3 acre, 75' x 185', about 3 min walk to beach. $59,000

2.1 acre inland [UNDER CONTRACT]

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★ **Elbow Cay** - White Sound Area - 6.13 Fabulous Acres - perfect for development or elegant estate - # 3697 - $1,820,000

★ **Elbow Cay** -"Tahiti North" - 2.5 acre building site - north of and adjoining Dorro's Cove - 91' of Sea of Abaco frontage - 1,200' depth # AB5065 **NEW LISTING** $1,500,000.

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★ **Treasure Cay -** *"Honey's Home"* - Windward Beach Road - 3 bedroom, 3 bath - 1,600 sq.ft. home - 2/3 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal - Private Dock with Boat Lift - Great Canal and Sea of Abaco Views. Furnished - #AB 0066- $765,000.

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Church

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backbiting and tearing down each other.

The Zion Church in Murphy Town expressed its appreciation to Pastor Lewis with monetary gifts and a personal computer. Pastor Lewis, a very humble man of God, was appreciative of the gifts and accolades. He left a couple days later for a much needed rest.

Youth Celebration of Praise

The Youth Department of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town will celebrate a week of Praise and Worship from September 23-29, 2002. The event will highlight talented young speakers, soloists and choirs. The main speaker will be Rev. Benjamin Smith from Nassau. Teenage speakers will include Keith Kemp and Felicity Simms, who will speak on topics related to young people.

In order to raise funds for the week of special services, the department will host a Souse-Out on September 14 in the church basement.

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Best wishes as you move forward in your career at Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants in Nassau.

Shown above is Dr. Marc Binard presenting a fan to Inez Gaitor

The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club, Abaco Chapter, recently purchased 40 electric floor-fans for distribution to senior citizens in local communities. This donation was the most recent in a variety of civic-related projects that the local-based motorcycle club has been responsible for. The Club wishes to thank the following for their invaluable assistance in acquiring the fans:

Mr. Tony Sands, Costrite Ltd., Nassau
Mr. Ian Roberts, Solomon's, Marsh Harbour
Mr. Rex Albury, Solomon's Marsh Harbour, Scurvy Few member

They would also like to thank the following for assisting in the distribution of the fans:

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Marsh Harbour: Waterfront lot on the Sweeting's Tract. Over 200 feet of frontage and small sandy cove. $100,000

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Abaco Insurance Donates To Abaco Crash and Rescue

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School

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Mike Malone said that they would submit a budget for security but there was no guarantee that the money for security would come.

Ms Sandy Walker, coordinator of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Unit on Abaco, asked parents to participate in a two-day Adolescent Reproductive Health Workshop on September 19 and 20. The purpose of the workshop is to educate parents in the areas of adolescent and reproductive health so that they can better communicate with their teenagers. At the completion of the workshop the participating parents will receive a certificate. Resource persons from the Aids Secretariat and Ministry of Health will be assisting her.

Central Abaco Primary School

By Isobel Sherman

Central Abaco Primary School opened its doors on September 2 to a record number of students. As of August 31 Mrs. Eunice Mills, Principal, said that the school would approach the 700-student mark and may go over it. Five new teachers were added to the staff and each grade has four classes. There is one preschool class at the school.

Mr. Thompson Is off to Guana Cay

By Cindy Armbrister

Popular sports teacher at the Central Abaco Primary, Mr. Leroy Thompson, accepted the invitation to fill in for Principal Chere Pinder of the Guana Cay School while she is on sick leave. According to Mr. Thompson, he loves working with children and this was an excellent opportunity to help others in a crisis. Though his schedule has changed and he is "marooned" until the 5 p.m. ferry arrives each day to transport him back to the mainland, he is in very high spirits and seems to be enjoying it immensely.

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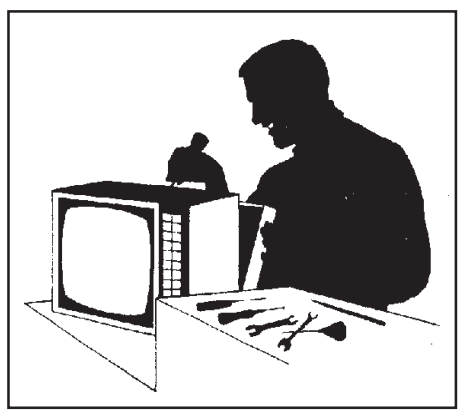

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