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6th Work Boat Regatta Attracts Crowd *Abaco Rage Wins Class A Championship*



The Running Tide, a Class A work boat from Long Island is shown racing in the All Abaco Regatta held on September 20 and 21. These work boats, without a ballasted keel, use a pry with the crew scrambling out as needed to form a moveable ballast. The smaller Class B and Class C boats raced for the two day event giving nine races total. Racing was compressed into two days to reduce expenses and to accommodate the schedule of the freight boats bringing the boats to Abaco.

The sixth All Abaco Regatta was held on September 20-21 on the waters between the Treasure Cay ferry dock and Green Turtle Cay. A total of 18 boats competed with seven boats in Class A, five boats in Class B and six boats in Class C.

The weather cooperated so the boats had great sailing on both days. In past years there have been problems with the weather both with shipping the boats here and with sailing. One year, 1999, no boats were able to come and again in 2000 only three boats came to compete with the local boat, the *Abaco Rage*.

The races are unique in that the boats begin racing with their anchors set and their sails down. At the signal of the start of the race, one group of crew members will haul in the anchor as rapidly as possible bringing the boat into the wind allowing the rudder to take effect. During this time a second group is scrambling to hoist the sail allowing the wind to catch the sail, maintaining the forward motion.

Under the theme *Let's Do It Again*, this regatta is the last one to be organized by Mr. Everette Hart on Abaco. Mr. Hart was Senior Administrator for Central Abaco until his transfer to Exuma in August. He came back for the celebration. But he regretfully told the audience, "This is the last time."

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Dep. Prime Minister Tours Abaco



The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt spent September 12 and 13 on Abaco acquainting herself with the communities, in particular she was interested in the problems the towns face with crime as she is the Minister of National Security. She is shown above walking in Hope Town with Mr. Alexander Williams, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, center, and Mr. Jeff Key, Deputy Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District.

By Anita Rolle

The first female in the Bahamas to occupy the position of Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt,

recently made her first official visit to Abaco on a familiarization tour of South,

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Forest Heights Students Earn Top Honours

By Gae Meeson

September 19 will go down in history as one of our most exciting days on the Forest Heights Academy campus. It was the day we heard Radio Abaco announce that 10 of our students had received the accolades of being named Top Students on Abaco.

For the BGCSE

- 1st place Bianca Bethel 7 A's, 3 B's, 1 C
- 2nd place Theresa Pinder 6 A's 2, B's, 1 C
- 3rd place Dexter Russell 5 A's, 1 B, 1 C
- 4th place Marsha Sands 3 A's, 4 B's, 1 C
- 5th Jamie Benjamin 2 A's, 5 B's, 2 C's
- 6th Kristen Pearce 3 A's, 4 B's, 1 C, 1 D

For the BJC

- 1st place Raenell Lowe 4 A's, 2 B's
- 2nd place Gabrielle Hardeen 4 A's, 2 B's
- 3rd Miranda McIntosh 3 A's, 2 B's, 1 C

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Raccoons Are Moving South



Raccoons are now a common sight at the S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town where they find food plentiful.

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Deputy Prime Minister Tours Abaco

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North and Central Abaco and included several of the Cays. At the helm of Minister of National Security, she is making an effort to visit as many islands as possible to get a first hand view of the conditions that police officers are working under.

Her extensive tour of the various facilities around the island constituted a renewed effort on the new government's part to foster closer ties with agencies such as the police force. Limited resources have been an ongoing issue on Abaco, as personnel cannot be expected to perform if the environment is not conducive.

Many changes are expected to be made on

Abaco in the near future, including upgraded equipment and additional manpower. Police officers have the ability to play many roles within our society. To assist in bringing this type of relationship into fruition, community policing will be implemented around the island as a priority.

Visiting also were a team of police recruitment officers who hope that more Family Islanders will become police officers so that they can return home to assist with law enforcement in their communities. Through strategic development and planning, it is hoped that eventually officers will be able to train on their island of residence instead of having to commute to New Providence for training.



The Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt made her first official visit to Abaco which included touring three Abaco cays. She is Minister of National Security and wanted to acquaint herself with the communities so she will be better able to direct her Ministry. Shown on the left she is talking with Brianna Bethel at the Great Guana Cay All Age School which is the smallest on Abaco. To the right she is talking with Mr. Haziel Albury of Man-O-War on the ferry dock there. With them is Mr. Walter Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District.



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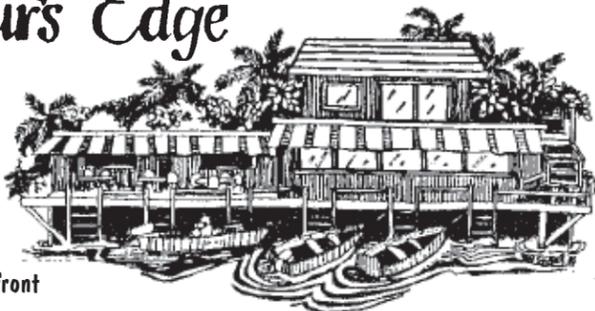


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Foreign Currency Limit Is Increased

By Anita Rolle

The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, has announced that Bahamians can now get up to \$10,000 of foreign currency from their local bank when traveling abroad. The government of the Bahamas recently raised the Exchange Control limits in efforts to provide for a more liberalized foreign exchange regime and to make foreign exchange more customer friendly.

Numerous other exchange changes have been made including an increase in the annual business travel allowance from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Non-oil imports which account for the bulk of outward payments will now carry a maximum transaction limit of \$500,000 per invoice, a major change from the previous \$100,000 limit.

The sundry payments category, which had an allowance limit between \$1,000 and \$6,000 per transaction on a range of items such as medical expense, alimony and educational payments will increase to \$25,000 in most cases. The maximum annual gifts category will increase to \$10,000 per person, while for credit card holders the annual allowance has been increased to \$25,000 per individual.

With these new changes, consumers may carry out transactions through their commercial banks, but with financial documentation still being provided to the Central Bank. Residents wishing to purchase foreign currency outside certain limits and categories are required to obtain approval directly from the Central Bank of the Bahamas.



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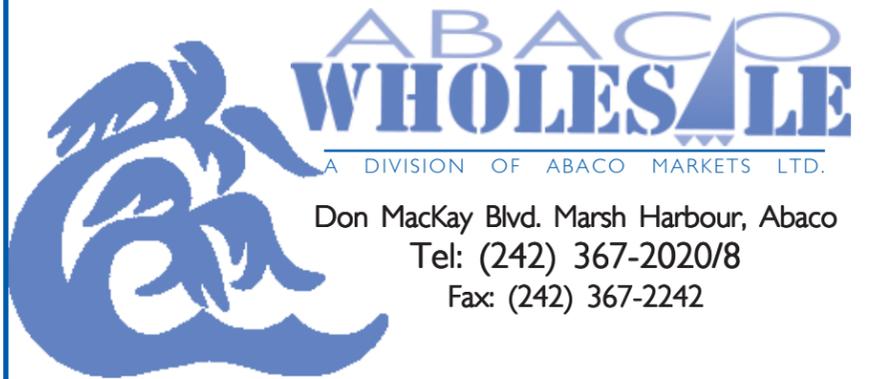


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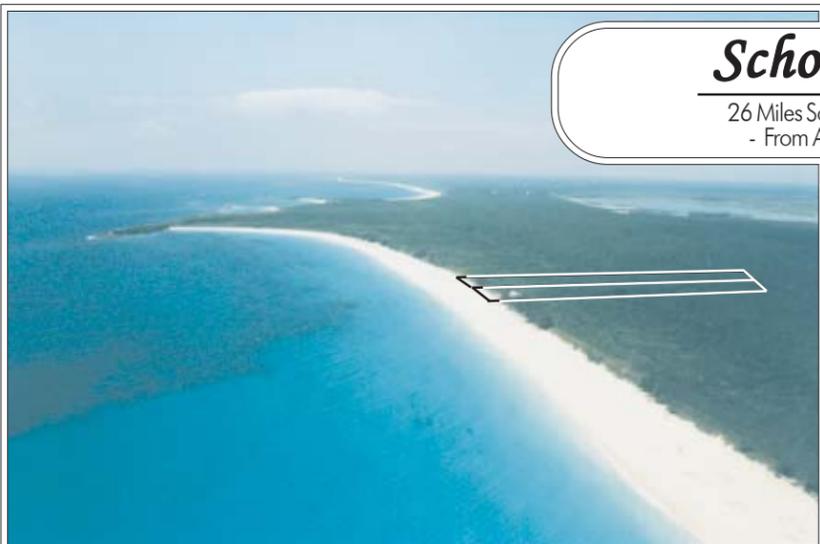
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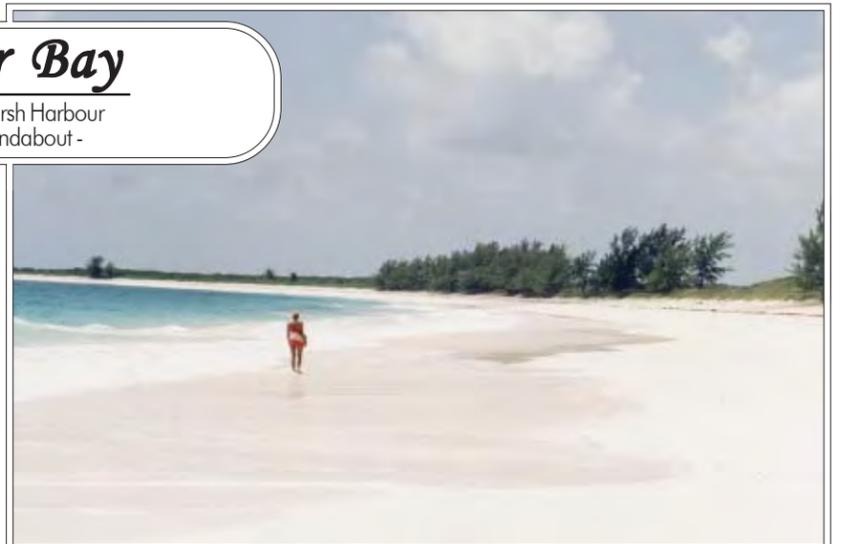
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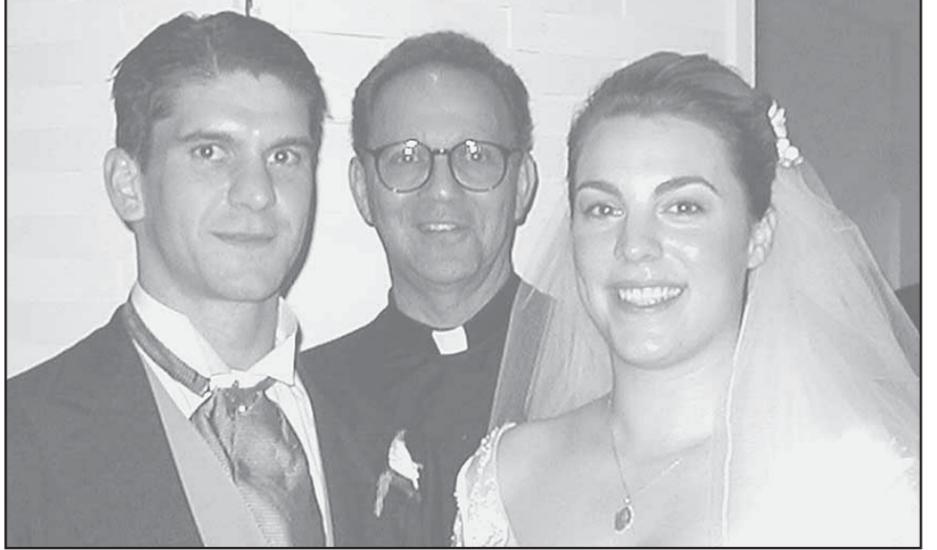


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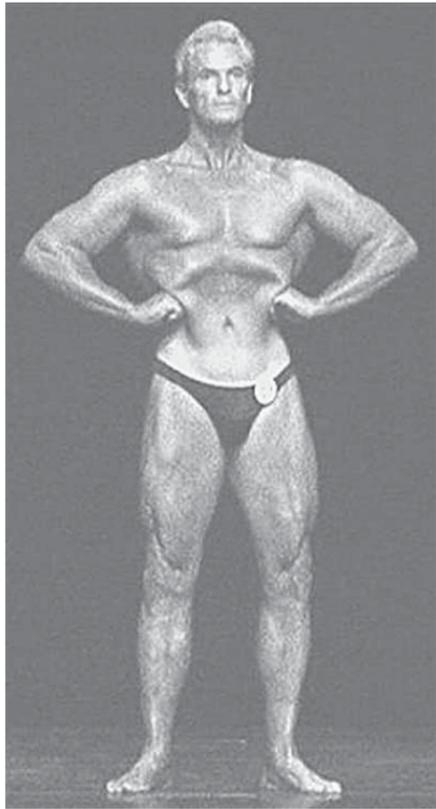
News of the Cays



The Green Turtle Cay Gospel Chapel has an active Awana Club with a membership close to 80 which includes almost all the town children. The young people are divided into six different age groups. The club meets weekly providing recreation as well as motivational and moral training for the young people.



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Lee of Man-O-War are happy to announce the marriage of their son William Lee to Madeleine Duplan Baudoin, daughter of a Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Baudoin of Bronxville, New York. The couple were married on September 14 in Bronxville by Father Stanley J. Kolasa. The couple will reside in Boston where Mr. Lee is pursuing a doctorate in nuclear physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The couple met in 1995 when the bridegroom was the captain of the 45-foot wooden ketch Tribute with the Boy Scout program. The bride and some friends were guests on the vessel while vacationing in Abaco



Body Building Champion Arthur Elden

Man-O-War

By Pat Elkins

It has been a long, hot, lazy summer here on Man-O-War. We do have our few little bits of news and now is time to catch up on all the goings on here.

On July 13 Arthur Elden competed in the All-Star Classic Body Building Championship in Jacksonville, Florida. He placed second in the Masters division. It was an exciting competition and quite a few in the audience thought Arthur should have outscored the home town boy that took first.

All the churches had Vacation Bible Schools with record numbers of 40 to 50 children in attendance. Our own Miss Edie continued with Children's Meeting each Tuesday morning so the kids were never bored.

Most, however, were anxious for school to start, especially the in-coming first graders. It was reported that one child was so ready for "big" school that he kept trying his uniform on weeks before school started. Man-O-War School has seven new students this year. Incoming first graders are Aaron Albury, Charles Bethel, Shauna McDonald, Faith Malone, Kevin and Kenson Jean-Louis and Emilio Cespedes. The total enrollment is now 18 students. Good luck to all in the

coming year. As a heads up, Man-O-War School Flea Market is scheduled for February 22, 2003.

The first day of school provided excitement in other areas of Man-O-War. Employees returning to work Monday morning at the hardware store and boatyard both found that their safes had been stolen sometime over the weekend. Reportedly, the thieves were

quite tidy as papers were neatly stacked and furniture was put back in place. The hardware store safe was found later in the week in Marsh Harbour. Of course, the cash was gone but paperwork important to the business was still there.

Our winter visitors will be arriving soon and we are looking forward to catching up on the news of friends in faraway places.

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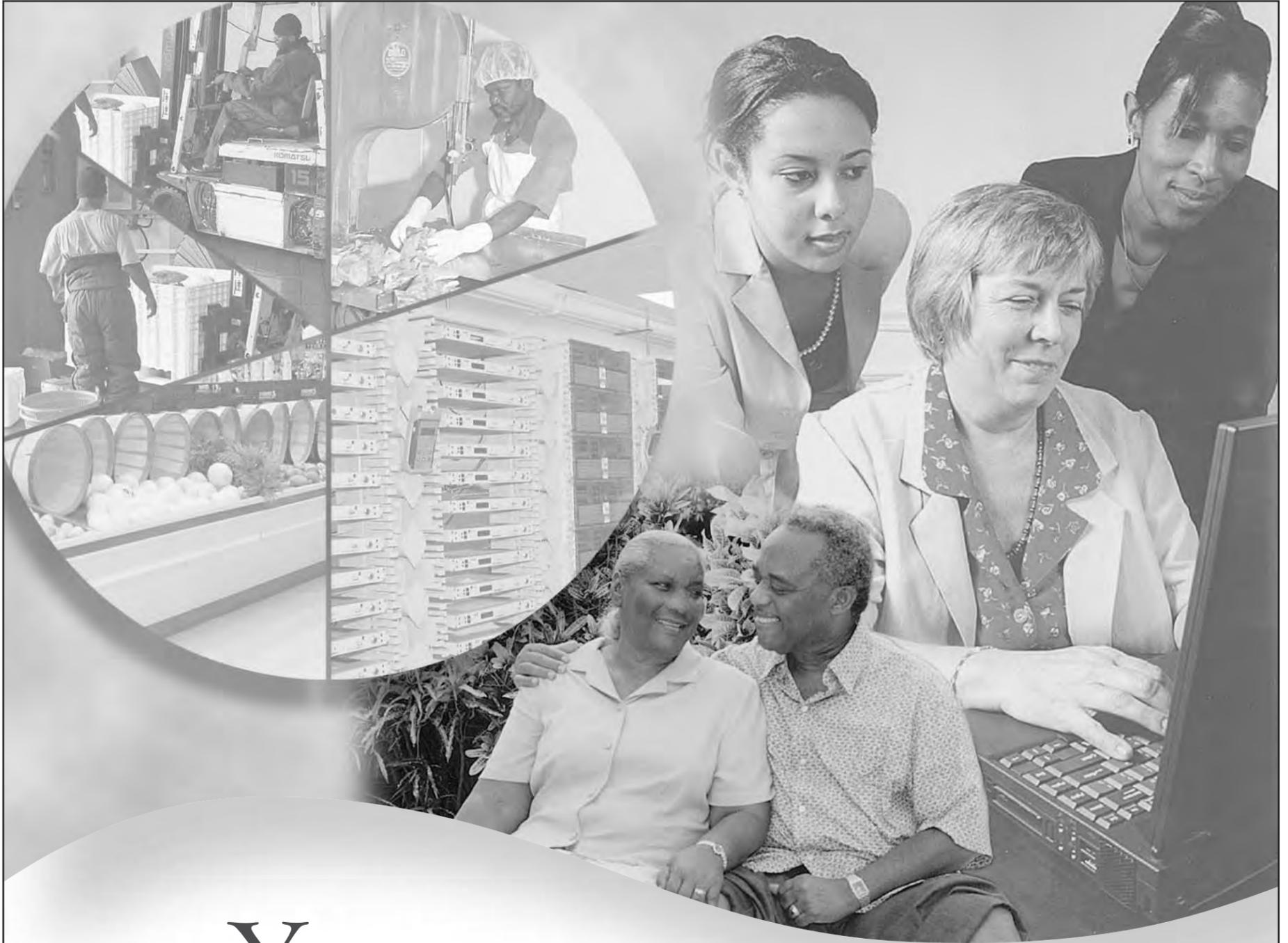
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Central Abaco News

A Newly Licensed Minister

By Isobel Sherman

In a recent ordination and licensing service at Mount Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church in Nassau, Miss Shandeline Parker, daughter of Forky and Ena Mae Parker of Dundas Town, was licensed as a minister. Miss Parker presently serves as Director of the Children's Ministry at Mount Tabor.

Abaco Radio Is Online

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Radio is now online. Just type radioabaco.com and you will have Radio Abaco on your computer. I have been told that many tourists as well as second homeowners in the United States and Canada are happy that they can tune in to Radio Abaco.

Remembrance Service Is Held

A 911 Service of Remembrance was held at Faith Chapel Church in Marsh Harbour on September 11. The public, especially foreign visitors, were invited. The service was held to allow a time of reflection on the events of September 11, 2001. Elder S.A. Kennedy, one of the organizers, said that the service was to allow a time to remember those whose lives were lost and to meditate on the acts of heroism and other positive attitudes and behaviors which have resulted in response to the tragedy.

The Service of Remembrance, one hour long, was punctuated by the reading of poetry and the singing of American patriotic songs. Pastor Carlton Dorsette, President of



The District Council under the leadership of Chief Counsellor Mike Malone has done a major job of cleaning up the Ministry of Work compound on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. Many loads of debris were taken to the dump. The Council plan to landscape along the fence to make the property look more attractive.



During the month of August the aerobics classes at Abaco Fitness Marsh Harbour held a contest. The rules were simple. Lose ten or more pounds, lose at least one inch in the waist, run one and a half miles in under 15 minutes, do a military style aerobic routine, do 200 sit ups and 100 push ups. The contest was the brain child of Churton Toote and Mrs. Beverly Rolle, aerobic instructors at Abaco Fitness.

Trophies and certificates were given to the winners of the first four places. They were first prize Susan Higgs and Lovely Reckley; second prize Deborah Basden, Patrice Johnson and Beverly Rolle; third prize Donna Reckley and Pam Deal; and fourth prize Donna Johnson and Robyn Davis. Certificates and medals were awarded to fifth prize Kathleen Adderley and Jennie Zehler, Royette Woodside, Kesha Carroll, Joyce Coleby, Stephanie Humblestone, John Neophytou and Nikil Shah.

the Abaco Christian Council, brought the exhortation. He called for all to trust God and not be fearful. He said that visitors could feel safe here in The Bahamas. Many of the attendees commented on the appropriateness of the lesson based on Psalms 56. Several person could not contain their sense of lose and hurt.

Bahamians, Americans and visitors from as far away as England were in attendance. The host pastor, Rev. Keith Russell, suggested that the service be held annually.

Civic Organizations

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abaco

Tuesday, 7 p.m., weekly at Touch of Class, Treasure Cay, 367-2536

Pilot Club of Abaco

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Minister of Health Examines Facilities

By Anita Rolle

The Hon. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health, says health care must be closer to the elderly of the communities on Abaco. On a recent fact-finding mission, Min. Bethel visited the island in an effort to seek out challenges faced with staffing and review existing facilities, as service must be commensurate with the needs of visitors to these clinics.

Min. Bethel noted that redevelopment of the physical premises that staff have to work with is being considered, as all efforts must be geared towards doing what is best for the community at large. The proposal for a mini hospital for Marsh Harbour, he said, has not been tabled. The area of Marsh Harbour deserves more modern facilities than is presently available. The Fox Town clinic, how-

ever, he said, is in a good state of repair.

The Dundas Town Committee officials have been appealing for some time for the reopening of the community clinic in Dundas Town, as the community has felt a loss with the absence of the facility. Following a tour of the facility, Min. Bethel stated that the building in Dundas Town still has some functional use. However, a number of factors must be looked into as reopening the clinic

would constitute a lot of work. He did say that the Dundas Town facility will be considered in the improvement process and that Abaco will receive high priority.

The Ministry of Health is in the process of developing an environmental protection agency to serve help ensure that all are in compliance with set legislation as pertains to maintenance of the environment.

Pastor Celebrates Sixth Anniversary

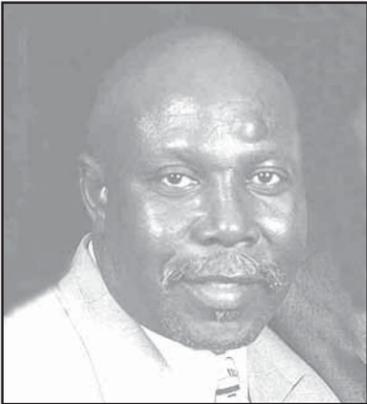
By Anita Rolle

Stay on the Wall was the selected theme as officers and members of the New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope celebrated the Sixth Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. John McIntosh. The celebrations began with a week of services featuring dynamic speakers such as Pastor Anthony Williams of Soul Saving Ministries in Moore's Island, Rev. Christopher Dean of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town, Pastor Stephen Knowles of Strong Tower Ministries in Murphy Town,

Pastor Nixon Simms of Zion Baptist Church in Moore's Island and Rev. Tyrone Mills of End Time Harvest Church in Little Abaco.

The week concluded with a grand affair on September 15 when Rev Stafford Symonette of Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay delivered the keynote address, leaving everyone with food for thought, selecting as his topic, *Ten Reason Why Leaders Fall off the Wall*. Using the chosen text for the week, Nehemiah 6:3, Rev. Symonette captivated the audience's attention as he methodically proceeded to explain his ten points - pride, fear of man, unwise council, neglecting the poor, failure to make decisions quickly, love of money, mental and physical lust, rejection of enemies, wrong priorities and neglecting God.

The New Hope family was joined by guests who traveled from north, south, east and west to celebrate, many of whom came bearing gifts and all with words of praise and encouragement. Pastor McIntosh was pleased to accept from his officers and members the keys to his newly completed church office, along with monetary gifts in a show of love and appreciation.



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The Editor Says . . . The Garbage Dilemma



Central Abaco's Chief Councillor Mike Malone recently discovered several garbage dumps on side roads in Marsh Harbour. Appliances, mattresses and household trash were all there. The problem is not unique to Marsh Harbour.

A Man-O-War resident is upset with junk found in the water which has been there prior to the town dump being established many years ago.

Many of the side roads on Abaco are littered with trash, appliances and disintegrating automobiles. A road leading to the coast in Murphy Town gives a beautiful waterfront view along with garbage and appliances scattered along the shore. The road to a coastal blue hole near Blackwood is littered with junk with a huge heap beside the beautiful water hole. We understand that Fire Road may stay clean by using a blue hole to absorb the junk. The story is similar up and down the island.

Abaco's northern and southern settlements have largely escaped the growing trash problem as their populations are not expanding the way it is in central Abaco. However, they are not immune to indiscriminate dumping throughout the countryside. The central Abaco area has an increasingly bothersome problem with trash of all kinds from residential to industrial debris. Just look at the 30 years accumulation of cars at the Kipco site beside the S C Bootle highway outside Murphy Town.

A proper sanitary landfill was mentioned several years ago by government for Central Abaco but it has not been discussed lately. In the meantime the Marsh Harbour dump is the biggest one in the Family Islands and gets bigger every year. It serves the largest population cluster in the Out Islands. This dump site was moved out of town years ago but is now across the street from the new Central Pines Subdivision in Dundas Town. As the subdivision develops, the dump will have to be relocated again.

Man-O-War shreds and chips yard trash, burns appliances as appropriate, then dumps them on an artificial reef site, batteries are kept separate waiting for a suitable disposal method and bagged kitchen garbage is shipped to the Marsh Harbour dump.

The Man-O-War garbage system or a variation may be appropriate for Hope Town and

Guana Cay which would mean that the Marsh Harbour dump site would be even larger than at present but those town's dump sites would get smaller.

Guana Cay has no garbage site at the present time and all trash is being sent to Marsh Harbour at substantial expense. Several alternate disposal methods are being investigated but the solution is complicated with no government or public land in the town. Even golf carts meeting the ferry are obliged to park on private land as there is no public parking at the dock let alone space for a garbage receptacle.

Hope Town's original 50 foot by 50 foot dump is inland in a swampy area. However, the fifty foot plot has grown to several hundred feet square and becomes larger every year. Carts, cars, trucks and appliances take space and do not disintegrate for many years.

In the north Green Turtle Cay environmentalists wonder if contaminants leaching from their dump is responsible for nearby reef damage.

Land on the offshore cays is at a premium with no land being particularly appropriate for a dump site. Even if a town manages to ship its garbage off its island, space is still required for its accumulation and sorting while waiting shipment to go elsewhere.

It is conceivable that in the future all the populated offshore cays will be sending garbage to Abaco proper for disposal. Harbour Island off North Eleuthera recently began barging all their garbage to the Eleuthera

mainland as the dump site on Harbour Island was becoming a noxious nuisance. Cost effective new or innovative methods may be found to reduce the volume of trash on the cays before it is shipped away.

Alternate methods may include efficient incinerators which burn their own smoke or compactors. Both of these methods reduce the volume to manageable quantities.

As land values on the cays increase, it will be worth more to the towns (and for government) to collect taxes on the land, let improvements create employment and bring economic wealth as home and business sites instead of being a degrading dump site.

In this case the cost of garbage handling will go up as additional shipping and handling costs are encountered. The desirability of living on an off-shore cay may include a higher cost of living for additional garbage handling. Man-O-War residents have accepted the additional cost of shipping trash off their island. The additional costs associated with water scarcity and transportation are now well accepted and trash removal may join the list.

Furthermore, the offshore cays' small size make them more vulnerable to environmental damage which would be a detriment to their continued expansion. It is the mystical attraction of the cays that helps drive the Abaco economy. That attraction should be enhanced, not endangered. This was a driving force in moving the dump off Harbour Island.

Abaco proper has suitable land available for garbage but it must be chosen carefully. Too close to the sea will pollute the saltwater while an indiscriminate location inland can ruin the water supply. Freshwater on an island is a luxury that should not be endangered.

Water pollution in several of our harbours has been of concern for years with no real solution (or effort to solve) in sight. Perhaps reducing or managing land pollution from trash and garbage would be a more realistic and immediate goal. It is becoming very visible and cannot be overlooked much longer.

Acceptable solutions will require cooperation between local and central government, not only within each town but across local borders as suitable sites and economics dictate. The pros and cons of various methods will have to be reviewed with the desirable and feasible methods implemented. The trash problem is reaching the point where an island-wide trash committee may be required to piece the puzzle together and make acceptable recommendations.

The garbage problem is world-wide with the richer and more developed countries better able to meet the challenge with recycling and proper land fills. Fifty years ago island families did not generate trash in the volume we do today. The increased trash is a sign of increased economic activity and a higher standard of living. The rewards of a better life style incur the responsibility to clean up our mess.

Generally Speaking . . . Where Is Our Patriotism?

By S.T. Roberts

The Growth Industry

About two months ago I visited Freeport, Grand Bahama, for only the second time since I left there in 1979, and I was amazed to see that as much as things change so much still stays the same.

I caught the ferry across and then drove from McLean's Town into Freeport. I was surprised by the fact that I still remembered the place after having not been there in almost 20 years. I was able, without much difficulty, to find the areas I lived and the school that I once went to.

The striking thing to me was the fact that I was driving through a town that was well organized and clean. The infrastructure of the highways as well as subdivisions were well thought out, and there was an obvious respect by the people of Freeport for the place where they lived. The other thing that struck me was the obvious fact that nowhere else in The Bahamas has ever attempted to be organized or so it seems.

When you visit Nassau, the first thing that greets you is how disorganized things are. The fact that traffic is chaotic, and the roads that you drive on and the city structure is all poorly laid out. The term used in Nassau for roads that were apparent afterthoughts is "jook-jook roads."

Abaco, though seemingly not as cluttered and chaotic as Nassau, still leaves much to be

desired. As Abaco grows by leaps and bounds, we should be looking even now to form a committee or organization such as the Grand Bahama Port Authority to structure the growth of our island. We ought to be concerned with the future growth of Abaco for the simple and obvious fact that it is growing and will continue to do so whether we like it or not.

I suggest that since we know that Abaco is growing and has, in fact, the highest rate of growth in The Bahamas that we attempt to steer the direction it grows in as well as to deal with the infrastructure of the island to make sure it grows in an orderly and designed fashion.

Patriotism

As much as we talk about education and the importance of it, I personally wish that patriotism was something that could be taught in the school system.

A patriot is one who loves, supports and defends his/her own country. There is a widespread lassitude as it concerns us as individuals being part of The Bahamas as a group of people that are united and working together for a common goal, being the general good of the country. We have garbage problems in The Bahamas because people don't care. We have historic buildings falling to pieces with no attempt to restore them because people don't

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

I noted with interest a portion of Radio Abaco's program on September 19. I heard only the very beginning but it appeared that the results for the BJC and BGCSE examinations were being taken over the coals, so to speak. I would like to state a few facts.

First of all, the BJC and BGCSE examinations are marked on positive achievement. The grades possible are A to G with a U being a failure or unclassified. The BJC exam is supposed to be taken by all grade 9 students and is only to be used as an assessment. This is not the old BJC that many parents took years ago. In fact, when the BGCSE exams came on stream about 10 years ago, the BJC exams were abolished and brought back only because parents wanted the exam back.

The rules state that every child in grade 9 and grade 12 should write the respective exams. However, there are schools which only allow their brighter students to sit these exams. When that happens, the validity of the exam is in question. At Abaco Central High School we allow any grade 9 student to sit the BJC and any grade 12 student to sit the BGCSE. Therefore, we have a vast cross section of ability levels sitting exams. Match those grades with a school which allows only certain students to sit the exams or has a small student

population where more individual work can be done with the students and how can the results be compared?

In truth, they cannot be compared and the school which allows all to enter will have a range of results from A to G and maybe some U's. That does not say that the school is not doing its job. What I say is that students who achieved a mark of A through G achieved something in the examination. It also says that those who achieve a C or better are the brighter students who will probably continue their education beyond high school.

Any trained teacher will tell you that very bright students only need to be guided and given the materials. It is the average student and below average student who needs the teacher the most.

As I wrote in an earlier article, exam results can be interpreted many way and that depends on the number of students sitting the exam. If there is only a small number of very bright students sitting the exam, then naturally the grades will be higher than a school with a large number of students with a wide range of abilities.

Maybe discussions involving education and the schools should be aired in the evening or at a time when there are persons in education there to help clarify matters.

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Letters to the Editor

A Letter of Warning

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the space in *The Abaconian*. I would like the public of Abaco to be aware of what is happening in a dental practice in our community.

On August 21 I took my five-year-old daughter to Agape Family Dental for a few facial fillings. She was given the drug Chloral Hydrate by the receptionist, which is a drug used by dentists to soothe frightened children so that the necessary dental procedures can be performed.

On this day she was given a "normal" dose of Chloral Hydrate. My daughter was sedated and calm but awake during the procedure. Thirty minutes later she was back to normal and able to walk on her own. Approximately one hour after leaving the office two of the new fillings dropped out.

Therefore, my mother took her back to Agape Dental on August 23 to have them fixed. At around 9:10 a.m. under the advice of the dentist and administered again by the receptionist, my daughter was given double the amount of Chloral Hydrate than the dose she had been given two days before. Keep in mind that on the 21st a "normal" dose was administered to my daughter to fix four fillings, on the 23rd she was given a double dose to replace half the number of fillings.

This in itself shows much carelessness when dealing with the administration of a prescription drug and a complete disregard for the possible damaging effects it might have on the patient, and a child yet.

Needles to say, my daughter was fast asleep by 9:30 a.m. Shortly after this time my child was in the dentist's chair awaiting the dentist when my mother was asked to remove her from the chair and continue waiting in the waiting room. Then the dentist proceeded to call on another patient, one without an appointment, to come into the room to be worked on.

Meanwhile, my mother is holding my daughter, asleep, awaiting her already past appointment time.

After physically carrying my daughter out of the office around 11 a.m., my family and I patiently waited for her to come to. At around noon I called Agape Dental hoping for some concerned advice. I informed them that my child had yet to respond. I was told, "as long as she's breathing, she's alive."

At this point with no help or concern from the dentist, I was in touch with Dr. Binard's office. We conversed back and forth a few times. By the time 3 p.m. so stressfully came, she was still out cold. In the four hours after leaving Agape Dental, my daughter's body was still that of a rag doll. My family and I made many attempts to rouse her but nothing

worked. I was advised to bring her into Dr. Binard's office which I did. She was in the emergency room being monitored closed by Dr. Binard and his staff. I was advised that she could be given a counteractive drug but that could be very dangerous. So we decided to wait. After another two and a half hours at 5:30 p.m. she finally came to. In the end my daughter was out for a total of seven and a half hours.

The point of my story is to advise the parents out there to be aware of the drug and its effects. Take caution in the fact that it should be administered BY A DOCTOR who is conscious of its risks and have some concern about how it may affect your child the next time he or she is sitting in the dentist's chair.

A Concerned Parent

To the Past Regatta

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to say thank you to the public who had a lot of fun at the All Abaco Regatta this past weekend. They all conducted themselves well and it says a lot about our people in the Bahamas. I also feel the site should be opened on weekends because of its location and view. It was nice to see all the MP's and former MP's enjoying themselves with all that good food.

The ladies who prepared all their food for the public should be given an Oscar award for all that hard work in making sure that the food was tasty. The service at the bars was also great under the conditions that they dealt with. I feel we should end the next regatta with a gospel concert on that Sunday. The bars could be closed for that and serve soft drinks only.

Another point that needs to be looked into is that the regatta committee doesn't need a lot of chiefs. They need workers, people who don't mind putting in extra time seeing that the All Abaco Regatta is a success.

In closing, I would like to thank Pastor Stafford Symonette of Treasure Cay in making sure that the fill that made its way down the hill from his home was moved around the time when a lot of traffic would have been on the streets of Abaco.

Concerned about Abaco
Wayne Bastian

More Banking Troubles

Dear Editor,

It seems that CIBC is not the only bank in Marsh Harbour that has serious customer service problems. Royal Bank of Canada has trouble with simple tasks. An example is ordering cheques. I have been banking with Royal Bank for several years now and I have come to realize that I cannot wait until I am almost out of cheques to order them. It takes three to six weeks to receive ordered cheques. Perhaps this long period is the fault of whoever they order these cheques from in Nassau so I did not hold the three to six week waiting period against Royal Bank Marsh Harbour Branch.



Knowing it would take a while to receive my cheques, I ordered them well before I would need them. But after 10 weeks of waiting for them, I got rather annoyed. A teller finally came up with the idea that he would order them again and put a rush on them. Unfortunately, a week later I was out of cheques and was forced to use container cheques to pay bills, etc. This is an extreme inconvenience because I must now write my name, address and telephone number each cheque. I do not have very clear handwriting and this makes my cheques look even worse.

It has now been almost three and a half months since I first ordered my cheques. I have not seen them yet and I have not heard one apology. I find it hard to believe that a company in Nassau is taking three and a half months to print my cheques. As a matter of fact, if Royal Bank had bothered to follow-up on the order when it did not show up after eight weeks, I may have had my cheques by

now. Why is it that the majority of customer service representatives in the banks are not there to serve the customer?

Sincerely
Tara Sands

News

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care. We have a subspecies of parrot nearing extinction because people don't care.

When will we stop being self-serving and selfish and realize that until we begin caring for our country as it is, whatever progress we make in other fields, we will still be going nowhere. We have a beautiful country that is rich in resources and has the potential to be so much more. Yet we are regressing toward destroying our number one industry simply because we are only interested in filling our own pockets.

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South Abaco News



About 30 persons helped in the clean up project on a Saturday in September. They are shown above after a hard day's work in Sandy Point.

Sandy Point Clean-up Brings Town Together

On September 7 despite the rain over 30 Sandy Point residents came out with gloves, trash bags, matches, lawn mowers and trucks to launch their first ever community clean up campaign. The clean up was lead by Chief Counsellor Jason Roberts. The town's enthusiasm was high and more than seven truckloads of trash and weeds were collected and taken to the dump. The residents took pride

in beautifying their surroundings and eagerly continued the clean up on September 14, collecting 20 truckloads of dirt and debris.

Many community leaders participated in the clean up including Town Committee Chairman Mr. Robert McKinney, Deputy Chairman Mrs. Julie Green, Town Committee member Mr. Lunsworth Lightbourn and Chairman of the Road Traffic Board Mr. Bruce Lightbourn.

A big thank you goes to the residents of Sandy Point. Let's continue to keep our community clean.



Sandy Point has organized a major clean up of their town. On several Saturdays groups have worked together cleaning the debris and hauling trash to the dump. The program is ongoing and is bringing the town people together.

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Marine Mammal Research Group Visits Rotary

By Anita Rolle

Rotarians and their guests were recently treated to a captivating slide show presentation by Ms. Diane Claridge of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey group. Ms. Claridge was accompanied by research assistants Pam Church, Deron Forbes and Trevor Morley. Deron and Trevor are two students who were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Abaco to assist with the research program during the summer of 2002, special emphasis being placed on the Dense Beaked Whale and the Bottlenose Dolphin. The slide presentation consisted of information and photographs gathered during the course of the project.

The research project, based in Sandy Point, Abaco, was initiated with the aim of documenting the occurrence, distribution, and status of marine mammal species. The data increases scientific knowledge and supports the conservation of marine mammal species throughout the Bahamas. The Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey group uses photography and collection of samples for genetic analysis as it is a paramount means of study. The researchers were invited by Friends of the Environment to examine the genetics and make-up of bottlenose dolphins and beaked whales with funding for the project being provided by Friends of the Environment and Earthwatch, a facility which currently funds

four projects in the Bahamas.

To date over 20 different species of marine mammals have been encountered. The audience was astounded to learn that as recently as last year there have been sightings of killer whales near the Great Bahama Canyon, also manatee sightings in Bullocks Harbour in the Berry Islands. Encounters with bottlenose dolphins on Little Bahama Bank have been very common as they have a high survival rate and genetic diversity. Beaked whales have been repeatedly found over the several years that the project has been in operation, providing knowledge on life history, habitat, and population status.

Ms. Claridge stated that marine mammals are the top predators of the ocean, therefore

must be very well kept and protected. The Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey operates under a fisheries' research permit granted by the Bahamas Department of Fisheries, which receives an annual report on the group's progress and findings.

Trevor Morley and Deron Forbes both gave presentations regarding some of the work they had accomplished over their summer project, Trevor on the dense beaked whale and Deron on the bottlenose dolphin. The young men expressed their sincere gratitude to the Rotary Club of Abaco and the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey research team for awarding them an opportunity and experience that they would have not ordinarily been able to received.



Bahamas Marine Mammal Research project includes a variety of students and volunteers usually from the States. But this past summer their team included two young men from Abaco. On September 16 Diane Claridge gave a report to the Rotary Club of Abaco on their activities this past summer. Shown above are, left to right, team members Pam Church, Deron Forbes, Diane Claridge and Trevor Morley.

Obituaries of Family and Friends

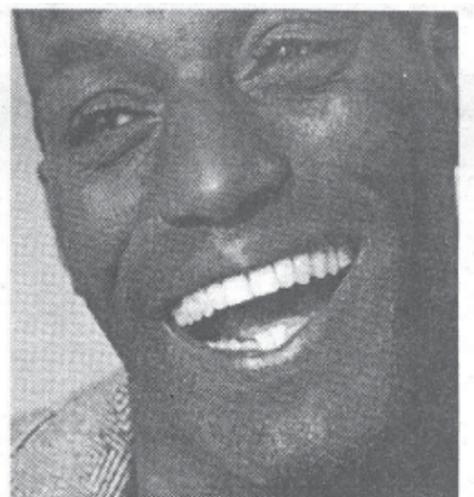
The funeral service **Erenette Oscar**, 28, of Treasure Cay was held at the International Gospel Mission Church in Marsh Harbour on September 14. Rev. Roland Swain officiated assisted by Elder Renold Noel and Pastor Jean Baptiste.

She is survived by her husband Benet Oscar; children Fedna and Edivonel Fatal, Tamara Osca and Genie Amertil; mother Eliveau Fatal; stepfather Summer; sisters Loudres Joseph and Rosita Fatal; brothers-in-law Jean Rolese, Gilbert Oscar and Devi Belean; and many other relatives and friends

The funeral for **Granada Elizabeth Francis Sawyer**, 64, of Dundas Town was held on September 14 at New vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Rev. Earlyn Baillou officiated assisted by Rev. Copeland Morley

and Bro. Derek Benjamin. Interment was on the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Leonard Sawyer; daughters Maggie McKenzie, Donnalee Reckley, Marsha Humes and Stephanie McPhee; sons Wilton, Levanus, Brian, Wayde, Bernard and Arelio; daughters-in-law Francis Pace and Lyn Adderley; sons-in-law Roy McKenzie, Gilbert Reckley, Neville Humes and Floyd McPhee; sister Nadeen Curry; brother Alexander Francis; grandchildren; nieces; nephews; sisters-in-law Mary Francis, Celita, Una Mae, Salvanna and Florence Sawyer brothers-in-law Erskine Curry, Elvin, Joseph, Felix and Elmore Sawyer; and many other relatives and friends.



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School News

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4th place Jason Schaefer 3 A's, 2 B's, 1 D Bianca, Marsha, Jamie and Kristen are already in college in the United States with Theresa and Dexter planning to go soon. Sixty-seven percent of our graduating class are either in college now or are leaving us in 2003.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeson, the staff and students are all very proud of these 10 young people. They are a credit to our school and to their families. Congratulations to you all.

On the Go

Forest Heights Academy began the 2002 academic year on September 2nd, welcoming new and returning students dressed in their updated and distinctive uniforms of forest green and khaki. But that was not the sole improvement. The results from the 2002 BECSE's were the best recorded to date. Congratulations are due to the graduating class with best wishes to all.

Then on September 11 after school clubs began their fifth fall season. Several clubs, the Drama, Music, Set Design and Costuming Clubs, are collaborating their efforts for a spring musical. The Sports Club will be featuring a wide array of athletics. In addition, Geoffrey Victor, head coach, has helped organize an afternoon school program with the establishment of the Abaco Independent School Sports Association. This will govern private school sporting events after school. Finally, the Spanish Club which meets during the week is planning its third trip to Cuba in February.

So Forest Heights is off to a busy start with all these activities. Academics are indeed the primary function of the school. But it is these programs that enhance the curriculum offered while giving the participants

a chance to interact with both students and teachers in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Special Workshop

By Isobel Sherman

The Every Child Counts Programme sponsored a workshop on September 14th at their new location, the Catholic convent behind Sea Star Car Rentals in Marsh Harbour. The morning session from 9:30-12:30 was open to anyone interested. The afternoon session was for ECC staff and persons who have been trained by ECC. The presenter was Dr Edrion Demeritte, a pediatric neurologist from Nassau. Dr Demeritte spoke on *Challenges Facing Children with Neurological Disorders*.

Dr Demeritte has office hours every other Friday at Abaco medical Clinic.

Back to School Service

By Isobel Sherman

The Third Annual Back To School Service at St. Andrews Methodist Church was held on September 8. Under the theme *Partners in Education* the service was for all educators and students in Central Abaco. Our new District Superintendent, Mr. Hezekiah Dean, spoke to the audience of helping education reach new heights in Abaco.

Mr. Henry Knowles, Deputy Head of Queens College, brought the message. His message likened education to running a 4 x 1 relay race. In a 4 x 1 relay the first leg is run by the student who must run hard and fast, the second leg is run by the teacher who must do their best to see that the student can win the race, the third leg is the parent who must be supportive of the student and the teacher and the last leg is the church which must support the other three legs.

Pastor David Cartwright of Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel offered prayers for the students, Pastor Alex Archer of Latterain Ministries in Dundas Town offered prayers

for the teachers and Rev. Carla Culmer of St. Andrews offered prayers for the parents.

Gifts of school supplies were distributed to every student and teacher attending the service.

Central Abaco Primary

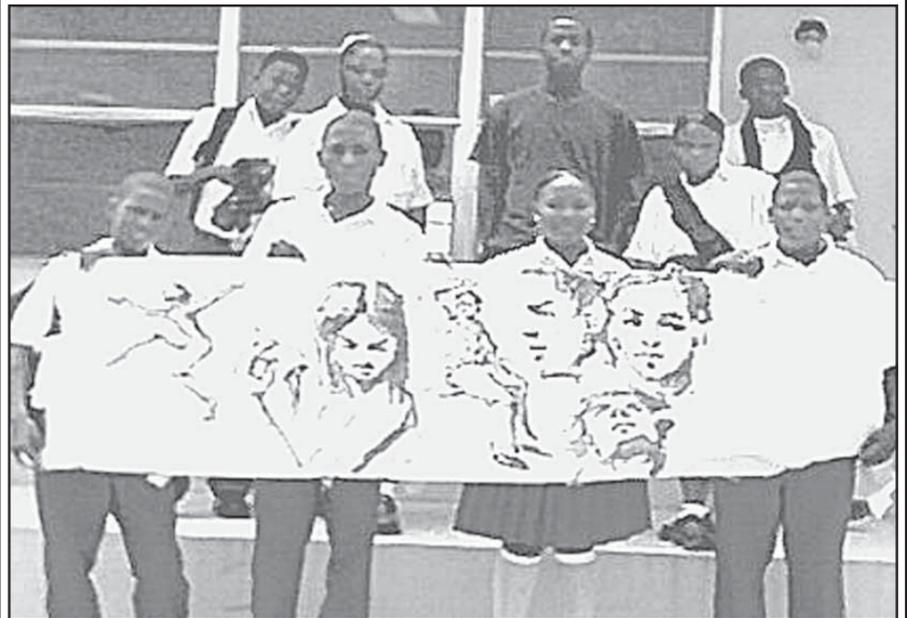
By Isobel Sherman

Central Abaco Primary School is filled to over capacity with students. There are four classes at each grade level. Because of the

size of the grade one classes, attempts are being made to create a fifth first grade. The numbers are in the middle thirties. All of the available classrooms are being used. The enrollment is around 700 students, making it the largest school in the Family Islands outside of Grand Bahama.

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S.C. Bootle High School News



Mr. Alan P. Wallace, who flew in from Nassau, is well known in some art circles as an "artist extraordinaire." For a week he shared his talents by giving demonstrations of his quick and adept sketching techniques to the students in the art department of S.C. Bootle High School. The proudly displayed the end results of one of their sessions. Mr. Wallace is available for more sessions with students on Abaco. For info call 365-0016 evenings.



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More School News

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College Fair

By Isobel Sherman

Plans are continuing for Abaco's first ever College Fair on November 19. Representatives from 35 colleges and technical and vocational schools have been invited from Canada, United States and the Bahamas. The hours of the fair will be 10-2 and from 4-6. The venue will be the Parish Hall of St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. The fair is open to anyone who wishes to attend and will be open to all grade 10-12 students at all schools in Abaco. The fair is the brainchild of Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal.

Abaco Central High School

Happenings Is Back on the Air

Happenings, a radio program produced by the students of Abaco Central High School, returned to Radio Abaco on September 19. Anchors this year are Lachrisser Dean and Brian Symonette. *Happenings* is a 30-minute broadcast every Thursday at 3:30 to tell the people of Abaco what is happening at the school and to halt the false information that is spread about the school.

Taking the PTA to the People

On September 12 Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, principal of Abaco Central High School, held a meeting at the Resource Center Marsh Harbour for the parents of the Haitian students at the school. The meeting was translated into Creole by Antoinese Nicholas, a grade 12 student. There were over 70 parents at the meeting and Mr. Stubbs termed the meeting a rousing success and plans to have more during the school year.

Furniture Is Needed

The problem of lack of enough furniture still exists at Abaco Central. Every period students are looking for chairs. There are not enough chairs for the students. One reason may be that when persons or organizations come to borrow chairs all may not be returned. Another more plausible reason is that the school has more students enrolled than chairs.

Three New Teachers

Mrs. Elva Davis has joined the staff at Abaco Central as an English language teacher and a physical education teacher. Prior to coming to Abaco Central, Mrs. Davis taught at Freeport Primary School for 12 years teaching English and physical education. A real sports enthusiast she and her husband Lynden, who is manager of Commonwealth Bank in Marsh Harbour, expect to be active in coaching sports here on Central Abaco.

Ms. P. Farrington has joined the staff at Abaco Central as the religious knowledge teacher. A June graduate of the College of the Bahamas Ms. Farrington is from Eleuthera.

Mr. A Miller is another new teacher, a foreign language teacher. Mr. Miller hails from Eleuthera but is no stranger to Abaco having served in Moore's Island.

Breakfast Is Served

Every morning from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. breakfast is sold at Abaco Central. The menu changes everyday with grits and fruit being set on the menu. Students and staff can purchase breakfast for as little as \$2.

Enrollment Increases

Enrollment has increased at Abaco Central High School this school year. A record 488 students are attending Abaco Central

High. The largest grade is grade 7 with 85 students followed by grades 9 and 10 each with over 80 students. All rooms are filled most periods and the entire staff is on a full time teaching timetable. In other words no one could teach any additional classes unless additional teachers were provided.

A Good Deed

On September 18 two tenth grade boys came to Vice Principal Mr. Moss. Their mission was to turn in a \$50 Bahamian bill they found on the school grounds. A few minutes later Mr. Moss asked the secretary if

anyone reported any money lost. She said she had lost a \$50 bill. To the two boys who are still unidentified, thanks to you.

A Helping Hand

This past week Pastor Campbell of the Dundas Town Church of God has been a regular sight on the grounds of Abaco Central. Pastor Campbell stands at the gate each morning with Principal Benjamin Stubbs. In addition he is trying to work with some young male students who need help to raise their

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Mr. Allan P. Wallace, a young Bahamian artist from Nassau, worked with the students of the older grades at St. Francis de Sales School on September 18. He demonstrated various techniques and introduced them to other methods of creating art work.

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More School News

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grades. He is a welcome addition and we appreciate his interest in young people.

English and Math Classes

Two teachers have begun after school classes in English and math. The aim is to help students who are having problems in those areas. Ms. Phillipa Farmington and Mr. Alfred Dean are working with the students every afternoon after school.

Still Not Secure

Last year the grounds of Abaco Central were finally fenced with two gates put at the entrance. One would have thought with locks the grounds would be secure. However, someone put two pedestrian openings allowing persons to walk into the grounds when the gates were closed. These openings were not gated.

At a recent PTA meeting the question of security was raised with the Chief Councilor Mr. Mike Malone who stated that the Central Council would put into their next budget a request for security personnel at the high school but they could only ask. Since then the Chief Councilor has met with Principal Benjamin Stubbs. They will try to obtain gates for the two walk-in entrances and locks for all of the gates.

Computers Are Donated

Three years ago the computer room at Abaco Central was broken into and the room and computers were vandalized. Since then the computer room has not been functional. Last year the PTA took on the project of refurbishing the computer room, raising money for the renovation. The walls were painted and ceramic tile was laid on the floor. Booths were given a new Formica finish and chairs were obtained. Requests went out to the busi-

ness community to donate computers.

On September 6 Mr. Barry Whiting, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco, presented three brand new computers and one printer to Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High and Mrs. Beverly Rolle, Business Coordinator at the school. The donation was made at Abacom where the computers were purchased.

Overcrowding

It is evident that Abaco Central is bursting at the seams again. Class size in many classes is in the high thirties. Grades 9 and 10 are the most overcrowded with 39 in each home room. English and math classes in most

grades are in the high thirties. There is not staff or empty rooms to make smaller classes which would mean more effective teaching.

There is a full timetable for a science teacher and for a religious knowledge teacher but the Ministry of Education has said that there is no money to hire additional teachers. Those classes have to be absorbed by the existing staff at the school.

The reason the school is short a science teacher is that Mr. Moss was a full time science teacher until he was named Vice Principal. Another science teacher was never

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The fencing and walls securing Abaco Central High School are nearing completion after many years. Now the only remaining unsecured area is at the front gate which still has two pedestrian walkways without gates or locks.



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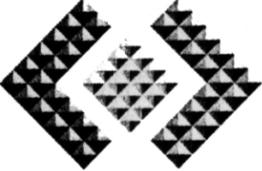
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Housing Minister Makes First Official Visit

By Anita Rolle

Abaco experienced a bevy of activity as yet another concerned government minister fit Abaco into a series of scheduled familiarization tours. Min. of Housing and National Insurance, the Hon. Shane Gibson, made his first official visit to the island in an effort to see first hand the status of housing and National Insurance on Abaco. Accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Housing and the National Insurance Board, Mr. Gibson took extensive tours of the facilities on Abaco, meeting briefly with some of Abaco's local government officials.

Min. Gibson vows that this new government will make every effort to be more socially conscious. One of the main focuses during his visit to Central Abaco was the Central Pines Estate in Dundas Town. Though designed to be affordable to the average buyer, Min. Gibson noted that response from Abaconians has been very slow. Being offered at \$.95 per square foot, the lots cost between \$9,500 to about \$22,000 to purchase depending on the size of the property. The infrastructure in the subdivision cost the Government of the Bahamas \$5.5 million plus interest.

Persons were initially given three years to pay for their properties and this was free of interest. However, interest is accruing daily on the Ministry of Housing's loan arrangement with the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation.

Taking the time to explain in detail the changes in the terms of payment for the Central Pines properties, Min. Gibson explained how the agreement difference was changed from three years to three months, noting that the three-month time limit does not affect persons who were already given three years.

According to Min. Gibson, the expected process is as follows: Persons can go to the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation or other financial institution to make arrangements for financing the property and make monthly payments to that institution on the arranged terms. In this instance, the lending institution pays the Ministry of Housing the full cost of the property while the consumer makes agreed upon monthly payments to the lender.

This brought clarity to many Abaconians who misunderstood the terms, thinking that they would have to pay their deposit, then within ninety days pay the balance on the property.

Alluding to the fact that the changes in the payment terms were made by the former Prime

Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, on May 1, 2002, the eve of the recent general elections, the terms are considered to be more feasible, as daily interest is adding to the \$5.5M borrowed for infrastructure. Now, once persons begin purchasing the properties, the Ministry of Housing receives an inflow of cash, making it possible for them to remit payment to their lender.

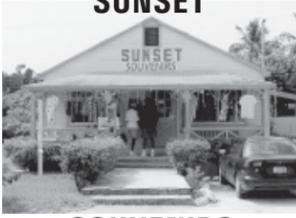
At press time the status was as follows. Of the 423 lots in Phase One of Central Pines Estate, 201 are offered to Abaconians. So far, less than 45 person have responded by making deposits while letters of offer are being prepared for approximately 60 - 70 more persons.

Because of the slow response, the government is considering lifting some of the restrictions so that any Bahamian may apply for the lots in the subdivision so that full development can begin in the Phase One as soon as possible. Being considered also is a rent-to-own option, whereby government builds homes and persons pay a monthly rental until full payment is completed. Min. Gibson stated, "The Government's position is to create successful partnerships."

Fox Town, Sandy Point and Crossing Rock are being considered for affordable housing subdivisions in the very near future.



The Hon. Mr. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, met with many persons on his first official visit to Abaco. He met with National Insurance employees and inspected government subdivisions including Central Pines Estates in Central Abaco. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Gary Sawyer of Man-O-War, Mr. Gibson, Mr. John Schaeffer, government engineer, and Mr. Nicholas Albury, Central Abaco Council member, examining an aerial photo of Marsh Harbour, discussing some of the growth problems the area is experiencing.



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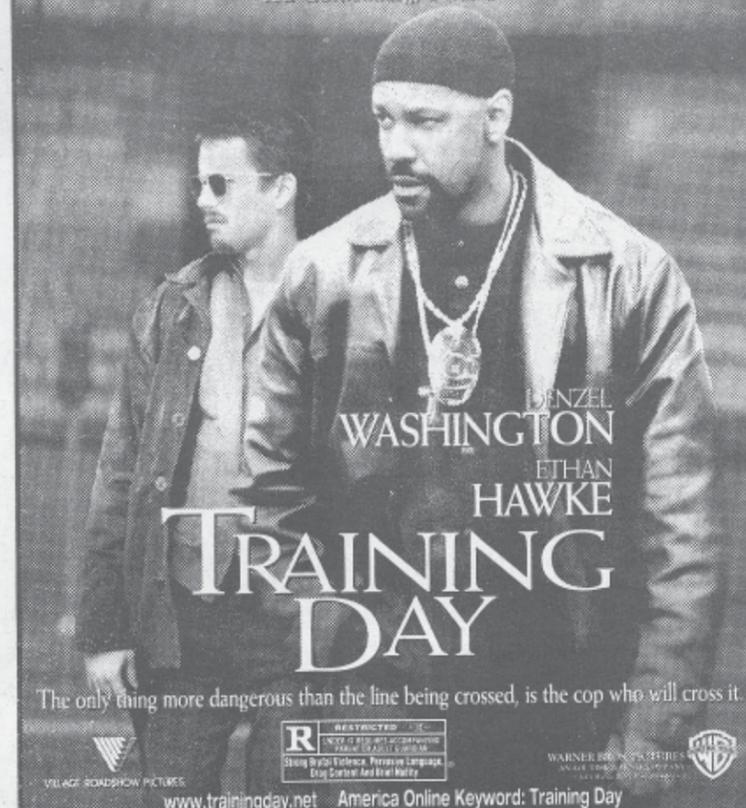
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Viewpoint . . . Agricultural Policies in Review

By John Hedden

As published in both major Bahamian journals, the Bahamas Poultry and Egg Association Producers are satisfied with actions taken by the Minister of Agriculture on their behalf to protect the poultry industry. However, the public is somewhat left in the dark as to what actions were taken and must guess that a clampdown was made on smuggling and a strict quota system has been imposed on the imported product. This may mean fair weather for the local poultry producer but does not necessarily bode well for the Bahamian marketplace.

There are two major ways a product can reach the marketplace.

1. Producer driven marketing strategies which really mean that the consumer has no choice over the selection of product presented for sale. This situation exists most obviously when governments and producers collude to

eliminate competition at the marketplace from foreign product.

2. Consumer driven marketing strategies where the end user of a product sets the demand for the selected product presented for sale. This situation exists where the supply chain of production, processing, wholesale and retail distribution and food services is driven by the consumer demand. Retail and food services are where most consumers make their choice.

Producer driven marketing strategies result in excessive protectionism whereas consumer driven marketing strategies result in the expression of the idea of free trade. In actuality, marketing systems exist somewhere between the two. In the case of Bahamian poultry production, a move has been made towards the producer driven marketing strategies, the rationale being to protect employment in the poultry industry. This in itself is

a noble cause and the Minister should be commended. However, without strict guidelines and preset goals placed on producers to modernise, streamline operations, cut costs, improve productivity, offer an improved product at the marketplace, the consumer will continue to be held hostage as follows:

- a. High costs
- b. Continued poor quality
- c. Lack of selection
- d. Poor presentation of product.

The Bahamas government has previously decided to take a controlling role in agricultural development in this country and after some 35 year the agricultural industry is at a standstill with no sign of development in sight. Rhetoric and short term goals are not the answer for developing a viable agricultural sector. The industry needs (including but not limited to)

- 1. An active and streamlined efficient

Ministry of Agriculture.

2. Definitive agricultural development policy from the Bahamian government.

3. A realistic approach to the philosophy, mechanics and negotiating process of FTAA.

4. Active encouragement of investment in agriculture through stable ongoing policies and real incentives for the investor.

5. Encouragement of modernisation and technological advances within the sector.

6. Improved communication between the Ministry of Agriculture, the farming sector and the consumer.

With realistic agricultural-sector development the move towards consumer driven marketing strategies can take place so that the consumer is presented with high quality, lower prices, large product selection. The result may then be higher satisfaction levels at all stage of the supply chain.

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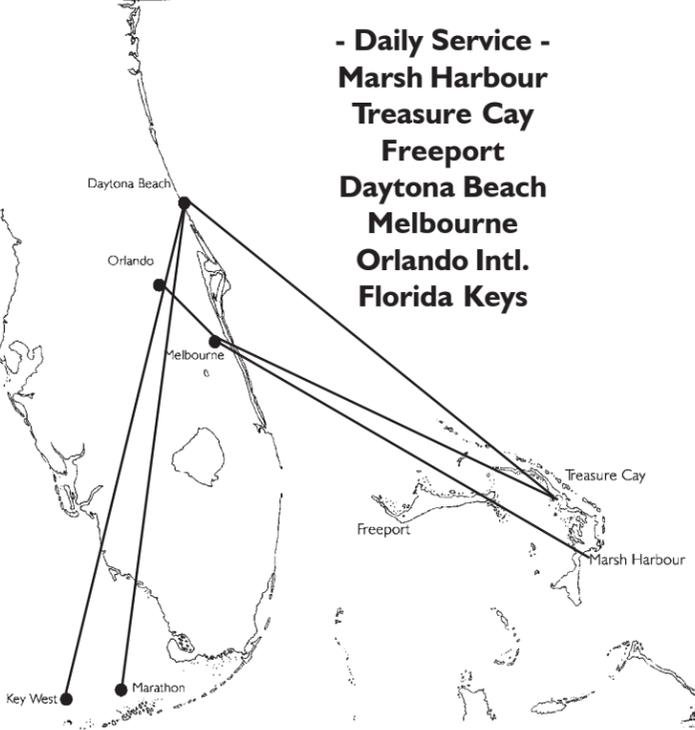
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7th Day Holds Youth Rally



The Seventh Day Adventists held a tent Crusade at the Murphy Town Community Park on September 14 directed to their teenage Pathfinders. The Pathfinders shown are Latisha Lightbourne and Carshala Johnson ushering arrivals to the beginning evening. Last year a pathfinder delegation went to the Seventh Day Adventist Camp in Toronto, Canada. The youth groups are the 9 - 14 year old Adventurers, the 15 - 30 year old Pathfinders and the 31 and older persons in the Master Guide group.

AA Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anomymous) 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.

Crime Tips To Protect Ourselves

To all homeowners and business persons, these are tips courtesy of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Abaco District. These tips will assist the public in protecting themselves.

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 2. Ensure that there are sufficient lights left on in the interior of the building particularly business places.
 3. Ensure that tools such as ladders, hammers and edged tools are locked away and properly secured.
 4. Ensure that no excess money is left in the cash drawer or security safes overnight.
 5. Be vigilant for suspicious persons casing your establishment and report these matters to your police department.
 6. Contact your police department for banking escorts no matter how small.
 7. Always make a record of all appliance serial and model numbers. This includes cash registers, televisions, computer systems.
 8. Where there is no serial number, make your own marking on the appliances.
 9. Arm your home or business with a security alarm where affordable.
 10. When security concerns arise, contact you police department for proper advice.
 11. Be vigilant of your surroundings.
- Note: These tips are to help you be less likely a victim of crime.

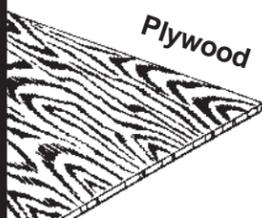
Christmas Ornament Competition

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism has announced the first authentically Bahamian made Christmas tree ornament competition. Local Abaco artists and artisans are invited to participate in this competition. Ornaments entered will be placed on a giant Christmas tree to be displayed in Rawson Square during the month of December. Deadline for entry is October 14, 2002.

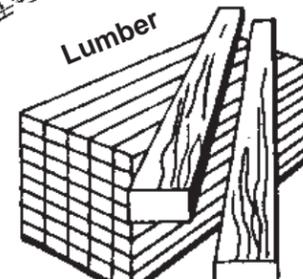
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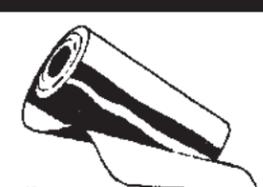
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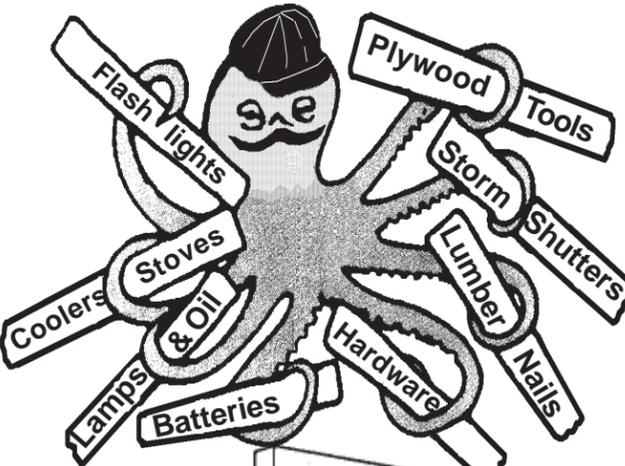
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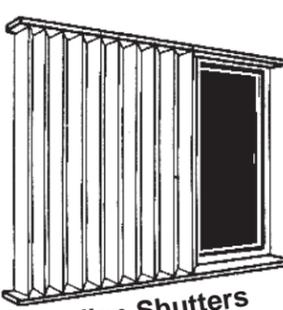


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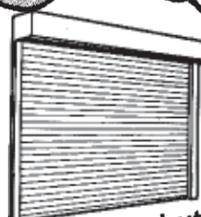


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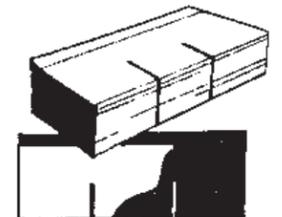




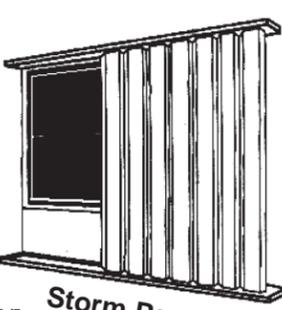
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Regatta Compresses Racing to Two Days

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The regatta was under the direction of Commodore Hubert Smith of Green Turtle Cay. Others serving on the race committee included Vice Commodore Cyril Morley, Errol Ferguson, Eddie Bodie, Perry Bodie, Livingston Bodie, Jedson Thompson, Willis Lavarity and Garnet Stuart.

Shore activities were organized at Regatta Village to entertain the large crowd at the Treasure Cay ferry dock. The weekend of activities began on September 18 with a

church service. The skippers' meeting was held on September 19. Each day, September 19, 20 and 21, music was supplied by a DJ which kept the crowd in a festive mood. On Saturday night a band entertained. Many booths were stocked with lots of delicious Bahamian food, craft items, games and even stalls with merchandise.

The awards ceremony was held at Regatta Village. The Hon. Neville Wisdom, Minister of Youth Sports and Culture, spoke to the crowd assuring the people of government's support for Bahamian events. He wants to encourage regattas and home coming as they



Many booths offered a variety of food, drinks, games, contests and merchandise appealing to everyone, young and old. This scene shows the booths and the activity that took place during the day. Abaco people look forward to this yearly event.



The crowds at the All Abaco Regatta gathered from all over Abaco and came from Grand Bahama and Nassau to enjoy the racing and the festivities. Regatta Village at the Green Turtle Cay ferry dock provided a large gathering area and offered a variety of diversions for entertainment. The two story observation deck gave a commanding view of the entire area.

bring people together and are truly Bahamian. He promised to bring cyclists to Abaco for next year's races and to have a boxing competition. He encouraged everyone to make the event entirely Bahamian with only Bahamian food, music, crafts and entertainment.

Mr. Wisdom is encouraging athletes throughout the Bahamas and plans to bring sporting events to Abaco, to take Abaco to the next level. He emphasized that he wants anyone who wants to participate in any sport the opportunity to compete.

The fund raising for this year's All Abaco Regatta was very slow. The business com-

munity did not have as much available funds for the expenses. The expenses are considerable and include prize money, trophies, per diem allowances for the crew, sailing money, and transportation of the boats. Other expenses include repairs and maintenance of the Regatta Village, expenses for entertainment including lodging and travel expense for bands or other entertainers if they are from away and advertising. This year about 35 sponsors donated much of the money. The rest was obtained through fund raising events and small donations. The cost of this year's regatta was estimated to be \$105,000.

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Abaco Rage Wins Fourth Championship



The crew of the Abaco Rage is out on the pry as they sail on the first leg after leaving the start line. The boat, originally built in Man-O-War for competing in Georgetown, Exuma, was purchased by a group of Hope Town citizens who have renovated it and brought it back into racing condition. They have stepped a new mast, rigged it with new sails and have it in top shape. It has performed very well and is a credit to Abaco in all the regattas it enters.



The jubilant crew of the Abaco Rage accepts the trophy for being overall champion in Class A in the All Abaco Regatta. This is its third championship in four years of competing. The Hope Town group are enthusiastic sailors, competing yearly in the Georgetown, Exuma, and the Long Island regattas.

The Abaco Rage maintained its excellent record with another overall Championship win in the All Abaco Regatta held on September 20-21. She was the only boat representing Abaco. For these races she was skippered by Jeff Gale with Chris Thompson as tactician and a total crew of 12, all from Hope Town.

All three races for Class A were on September 21 which was quite strenuous considering the fact that the anchor has to be pulled in simultaneously with the sails being hoisted. She had the lead in the first race until the last leg when she got in a dead area between two squalls. This allowed the other boats in the fleet to catch the breeze and overtake her. She gained enough speed to come in second. Although she came in second for the first two races, she won the third race easily, putting her in first place.

This is the fourth time the Abaco Rage has competed in the All Abaco Regatta and the third time she has won the Class A Championship here. In her first competition here in 1998 she surprised everyone by winning

that championship.

The Rage is owned by a consortium of Hope Town persons and sails in several Family Island competitions each year. It was purchased from a group in Man-O-War where it was built. The Hope Town group has put in much time and effort to keep her in great shape. If you are interested in seeing all the awards and trophies the Rage has won, they are on display at Cracker P's Restaurant on Lubbers Quarters

Overall Race Results

Class A

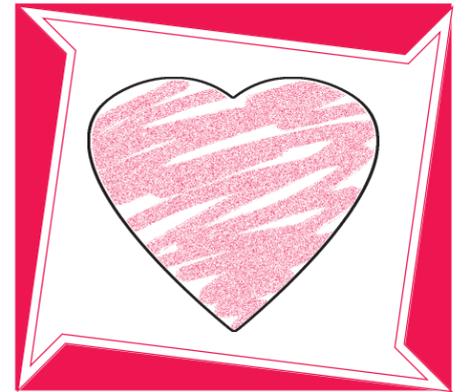
First Place	Abaco Rage	Fifth Place	Silent Partner
Second Place	Rupert's Legend	Sixth Place	New Courageous
Third Place	Running Tide	Seventh Place	Pieces of Eight
Fourth Place	Original Courageous		

Class B

First Place	Lady Natalie	Fourth Place	Revelation
Second Place	New Chase	Fifth Place	Passion
Third Place	Eudiva		

Class C

First Place	Sacrifice	Fourth Place	Fisherman's Inn
Second Place	Good Night, Irene	Fifth Place	Lethal Weapon
Third Place	Crazy Partner	Sixth Place	Chav Thunderbird



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These Students Study Abroad

More Abaco students than ever before are at schools abroad studying a wide variety of careers choices. Forest Heights Academy had a graduating class of 49 students this past June of which more than half are headed to college. Every high school graduating class on Abaco has students furthering their education. Many began their college work in September and more will be going in January, 2003.

The Abaconian is very proud of each one of these students. They are showing determination to better themselves for their future lives. The cost of this education is tremendous, both in the emotional strain of leaving home, the social adjustments needed for their new environments and the financial strain of paying the costs.

Many have received scholarships for their academic abilities shown during high school. Most of these scholarships are partial but do assist the families who have to bear the brunt of the expense.

Some of these students are on sports scholarship from the schools and these tend to be full scholarships. This is an excellent way for families to cope with the expense of a college education.

We congratulate the parents and family members who are working hard and making sacrifices to give these students the chance to further their education.



T.J. Adderley is in his fourth year of college and is now attending Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is studying accounting. He is on a basketball scholarship. T.J. is the son of

Thomas and Monica Adderley of Spring City and is a graduate of Lawton Christian High School in Oklahoma where he was on a basketball scholarship.



Adrian Albury is in his third year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida, and is studying computer programming. He has been awarded a scholarship from the Lyford Cay Foundation in Nassau.

He is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the son of Ricky Albury and Lisa Albury.



Ashley Albury is in her second year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is studying computer science and is on the Dean's list.

Ashley is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Albury.



Lonnette Albury is attending New England Technical Institute in West Palm Beach where she is studying cosmetology.

Lonnette is the daughter of Lonnie and Geanette Albury of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Clara Alcime is in her second year of college at the Newmann Catholic College in Ashton, Pennsylvania, where she is studying business management and marketing. She is on a full four-year scholarship from the college.

Clara is the daughter of the late Charlie Alcime of Hope Town. She was valedictorian at Abaco Central High School when she graduated in 2000.



Ivan Alcime is continuing his education at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He is studying physical therapy on a scholarship there.

He is the son of the late Charlie Alcime of Hope Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Davion Benjamin is in his fourth and final year at Georgetown College in Kentucky. He expects to receive a degree in physical therapy in May.

Davion is the son of Terry and Derek Benjamin of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Ben Lipper High School in South Carolina.



Jamie Benjamin is in her first year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is majoring in elementary education.

Jamie is the daughter of Derek and Terry Benjamin of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy where she was a Head Prefect and on the honor roll. She received a scholarship from Florida Southern College.



Amanda Bethel expects to graduate in December 2003 from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. She earned her degree as a paralegal.

Amanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bethel of Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Bianca Bethel is in her first year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, where she is majoring in physical therapy.

Bianca was salutatorian in her class when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She is the daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour.

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Ian Bethell is in his final year at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He will graduate with a double major of business and computer science and maintains grades which keep him on the honour rolls.

Ian graduated from Forest Heights Academy in 1997 and is the son of David and Kathy Bethell of Green Turtle Cay. He has a good position at the Echo Restaurant in the Breakers Hotel. He plays basketball for recreation.



Roger Bethell has begun his first year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Roger graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the son of David and Kathy Bethell of Green

Turtle Cay. He works at the Echo Restaurant in the Breakers Hotel and enjoys playing his guitar.



Angelo Bowe is in his second year at the Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute where he is studying air conditioning and refrigeration.

Angelo is the son of Yvonne Sanders and George Bowe of Wood Cay. He is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School



Keora Brown is a second year student at Louisiana State University. Keora was Valedictorian of the Class of 2001 at Abaco Central High School where she maintained a

3.9 GPA. She received the Prime Time Foundation full scholarship as well as an Abaco Pathfinder scholarship and the Al Martin Science scholarship. She is majoring in business along with pre-law.

She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Augustine Williams of Dundas Town.



Patrelle Carey is in her first year at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. She is majoring in music and received a partial scholarship in music from the school.

Patrelle is the daughter of Gwendolyn and Leroy Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Sherelle Carey is in her first year at Georgia Middle College in Cochran, Georgia. She is on a full tennis scholarship from the college while she is majoring in forensic science.

Sherelle is the daughter of Gwendolyn and Leroy Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Ashley Marie Cash is in her second year at Valdosta State University majoring in early childhood education.

Ashley is the daughter of Wade and Martha Cash of Green

Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is a member of the school choir.



Tabitha Cash is a second year student at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, where she is on the Dean's list.

Tabitha graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Maureen Koep of Marsh Harbour and Clark Cash of Casuarina Point. She received a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Jeta Charles is in her third year at the Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida. She is studying accounting.

Jeta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine Joseph of Hope Town and graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Dionne Coleby is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in elementary education.

Dionne is the daughter of Ms. Joyce Coleby of Marsh Harbour.

She graduated from Forest Heights Academy.



Greer Coleby is in her third year at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She is studying journalism. She enjoyed being on the school rowing team

last year.

Greer is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Ms. Joyce Coleby, manager of Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour.



Vernard Coleby is in his third year at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He received his Associate's degree from Jacksonville Community College. He is majoring in information systems.

Vernard is the son of Ms. Joyce Coleby, manager of Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour. He finished high school at Kingsway Academy in Nassau.



Elizabeth Collie is in her first year at the University of Montemoraes in Mexico. She is studying Spanish and taking a pre-med course.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Isaac and Jacqueline Collie of Long Bay, Crossing Rocks. She graduated from Long Bay School where she was on the honor roll.

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Darvin Curry is in his third year of college and is now attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He is studying business and finance.

Darvin is the son of Terry Curry of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Florida Air Academy with honors. He is a member of the YMCA basketball team.



Johan Dam continues his college studies at the Warner Southern College in Brandon, Florida, majoring in finance and banking. He works full time while studying at night school. He expects to graduate in December 2003.

Johan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Dam of Marsh Harbour and is married to Joni Albury of Marsh Harbour.



Rory Duggan is in his second year at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. He is majoring in product design and is maintaining a 2.8 GPA.

Rory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Duggan of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Vanguard School in Lake Wales, Florida.



Devaughan Edgecombe is in his first year at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he is majoring in accounting.

Devaughan is the son of Sara Dawkins of Murphy Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Rondinearo Edgecombe is in his last year of a four-year architectural program at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. He previously received an AA degree at the College of The Bahamas.

Rondinearo is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the son of Sylvan and Sarah Edgecombe of Cooper's Town.



Valencia Edgecombe is in her second year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in elementary education. She entered a college literature competition and helps publish the school magazine.

Valencia is the daughter of Leonard and Ruth Edgecombe of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She received a scholarship from the school.

Dumasse Etienne is in his third year at the University of Havana in Cuba. He is in a four year course in agronomy with emphasis on livestock and soil analysis.



Dumasse is the son of Lennie and Jerutha Etienne of Dundas Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School.

Jamal Hepburn is in his third year at Southern Nazarine University in Oklahoma. He is in a five-year program studying business and marketing.



Jamal is the son of Joel and Esther Hepburn of Dundas Town and is on a four year track and field scholarship given by the school.

Darlene Higgs is in her second year at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. She is majoring in biology.



Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Higgs of Marsh Harbour and was Valedictorian when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.

Neil Hingle is in his first year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is studying aeronautical science.



Neil is the son of Stephanie Humblestone of Hope Town. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He spent last year as a participant of the Class Afloat program.

Madeline Joseph is in her second year at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. She is pursuing a career in medicine. She received her Bachelor's degree from Florida Memorial College in Miami.



Madeline is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is the daughter of Elvie Joseph and the late Charles Bain and is from Hope Town.

Chrystie Kawalram is in her first year at Berkeley College in New York. She is majoring in international businesses with an emphasis on administration.



Chrystie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roodatram Kawalram of Treasure Cay. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy with honors in marine biology. She received a Pathfinders scholarship.

Robert Key is in his first year at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama. Robert is the son of Randy and Emily Key of Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



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Shivani Lachhman is in her fourth year at Hunters College in Manhattan, New York. She is majoring in biology and chemistry. She maintains good grades and is on the Dean's List.

Shivani was Head Girl at S.C. Bootle High School when she graduated in June 1998. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baldeo Lachhman of Fox Town.



Vashti Lachhman has begun work toward her Master's degree at Hunters College in Manhattan, New York. She is studying medical laboratory science and maintains grades which keep her on the Dean's list. She does volunteer work at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Vashti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baldeo Lachhman of Fox Town. She graduated from S.C. Bootle High School.



Jacqui Lightbourn continues taking night courses at Curtin University in Perth, Australia, and is working toward a degree in business administration.

Jacqui is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Meeson, both of whom are affiliated with Forest Heights Academy.



Erika Lowe is in her first year of college at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is studying psychology and education.

Erika is the daughter of Scott and Merdie Lowe of Green Turtle Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She received scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and Bahamas Supermarkets.



Nicole Lundy is in her second year at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she is majoring in finance. She is maintaining a 3.8 GPA. She is in the National Honours Society, the Pre-Law Society, the People's Editor for the year book, the Finance Club and the Pre-Alumni Council.

Nicole graduated from Freeport Anglican High School. She is the daughter of Elaine and Phillip Lundy.



Andrew McIntosh is in his first year at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida, where he is studying aeronautical engineering.

Andrew is the son of Karen and Luke McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay. He is a graduate of Canterbury Episcopal School in St. Petersburg, Florida.



Jamal McIntosh is beginning his college work at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. He will be studying music and education.

Jamal graduated from Wesley College as valedictorian in 2002. He is the son of Roosevelt "Rusty" and Belinda McIntosh of Dundas Town.



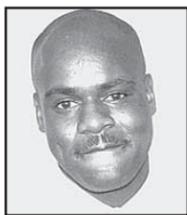
Jillian McIntosh is in her third year of college and is attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. She is studying business administration and management.

Jillian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Karen McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay.



Shavonne McKenzie is in her third year at the Bahamas Baptist College in Nassau, studying accounting. She was honored as top student in accounting class.

Shavonne is the daughter of Debbie and Bradley McKenzie of Wood Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Jerome Menard is in his second year at Johnson and Wales University in North Miami, Florida. He is studying to be a chef. He is on the Deans list and is now a Resident Assistant.

Jerome is from Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. He continues to be a recipient of a Abaco Pathfinders scholarship. He has also received a partial scholarship from the college for his excellent overall performance.



Cutelle Mikula is in her first year at Campbell University in Beuieres Creek, North Carolina. She is majoring in accounting.

Cutelle is the daughter of Mike and Gloria Mikula of Treasure Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy where she maintained a GPA of 3.4.



Teneil Mills is now attending the University of the West Indies at the College of The Bahamas. She is in her third year toward a Bachelor's degree. She is studying law and criminal justice and plans to eventually earn a law degree. She received her Associate degree from the Bahamas Baptist College. She has enjoyed playing second base on the Kiwi Shoe Polishers softball team.

Teneil is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silbert Mills of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Edie Nairn is in her final semester at the College of the Bahamas and is majoring in elementary education. She is on the President's List.

Edie is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the daughter of Veronica Nairn of Marsh Harbour and Edgar Nairn of Nassau. Edie spends her leisure time as a member of a basketball team.



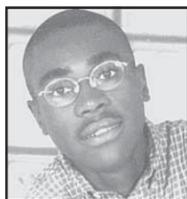
Veronica Nairn has begun her college work at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. She is studying psychology. She received a scholarship from Bahamas Supermarkets.

Veronica is the daughter of Veronica Nairn of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Nacia Alicia Newbold completed the work for her Associate's degree. She is currently doing an internship at Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, working in the intensive care unit. In November she will take her Nursing Council Exam to become a registered nurse.

Nacia is the daughter of Maria and Gersel Edgcombe of Cooper's Town and graduated from S.C. Bootle High School.



Herman Jean Noel is in his fourth year at LaRoche College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is studying graphic design and is maintaining a good academic record.

Herman is the son of Emmanuel Jean Noel of Hope Town. He is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is on a full four-year Pacem Teris scholarship.



Olivia Patterson is in her second year of studies at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. She is majoring in marine biology and environmental studies. She is enjoying extracurricular activities of dance and archery.

Olivia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Patterson of Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.

Stafford Patterson of Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Terrique Pennerman is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in economics and finance.

Terrique is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the daughter of Margaret Meares of Moore's Island.



Stephen Petersen is in his second year of college and is now attending Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach. He was on the honor roll last year at the University of South Florida. He is majoring in business.

Stephen is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the son of Linda and Tom Leffler of Marsh Harbour.



Brock Pinder is in his first year at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida. He is majoring in primary education.

Brock is the son of Buddy Pinder of

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Marsh Harbour and Danette Pinder of Boynton Beach, Florida. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He is a recipient of a Pathfinders scholarship.



Charles Pinder is in his third year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. He is majoring in biology and chemistry, hoping to pursue a medical career.

Charles is the son of Theresa Pinder of Casuarina Point and Simeon Pinder of Nassau. He graduated from St. Andrews School in Nassau.



Waseela Rahim is in her second year at Humber College in Toronto, Ontario. She is majoring in computer graphic design.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Rahim of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and was awarded a Pathfinder scholarship.



A.J. Reckley is in his first year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is studying music and minoring in business administration.

A.J. is the son of Gilbert and Donna Reckley of Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Wesley College and was active in the Abaco Community Band. He was on the Dean's list and was Head Boy in high school.



Anwar Cornelius Reckley is in his third year of college studies at Pensacola Christian College. He is majoring in business and computer science.

Anwar is the son of Bradley and Lovely Reckley of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Long Bay School.



Nicholas Roberts is in his second year at the Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario. He is in a two year program studying a general arts and science course.

Nicholas graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the son of Scott and Susan Roberts of Green Turtle Cay.



Marlon Rolle expects to receive his Associate's degree in December. He will then pursue a Bachelor's degree at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. He is studying computer data processing.

Marlon is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the son of Michael and Nadine Rolle of Cooper's Town. He received a partial scholarship from COB.



Dianna Russell is in her third year at the College of The Bahamas studying Spanish and communications.

Dianna is the daughter of George Russell of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



Marsha Sands is in her first year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in secondary education in biology.

Marsha is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Darvin Sands of Man-O-War. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy with a GPA of 4.0. She was on the Principal's list. She received a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders and the Lorraine Sands-Lee scholarship Foundation.



Amanda Sawyer is in her first year at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is in a two-year program studying computer information systems and music.

Amanda is the daughter of Elmore "Capt. Forty" and Florence Sawyer of Treasure Cay.



Erin Sawyer is in her third year at Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona Beach, Florida. She is studying radiology.

Erin is a 1998 graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay. She works part time at a stable with about 20 horses.

Michelle Sawyer is attending Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida, where she is doing basic course work.



She expects to transfer to the University of Central Florida in January to pursue a major in speech therapy.

Michelle is the daughter of Brian and Caroline Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Thurman Spurgeon Sawyer is completing his doctorate at the University of Laramie in Laramie, Wyoming. He will graduate in May with a juris doctorate in international law. He earned his Master's degree in history. He is working part time as an administrator on campus for freshmen.

Thurman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Sawyer of Man-O-War. He is married to Jeren Sawyer, who completed her post doctorate work and is now teaching languages at the University. She is fluent in five languages and is a native of Turkmenistan.

Erica Latoya Seymour is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying secondary education.

Erica is the daughter of Ms. Val Cornish of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

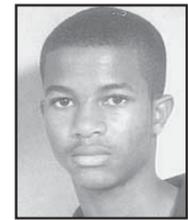


Tecuma Sherman is in her second year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in secondary education, specifically English language.

Tecuma is the daughter of Mrs. Isobel Sherman of Murphy Town and Mr. Eugene Sherman of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders. She received a Sailfish award and a Provost's scholarship from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Shakera Simms is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying primary education.

Shakera is the daughter of Jackie and Theresa Simms of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



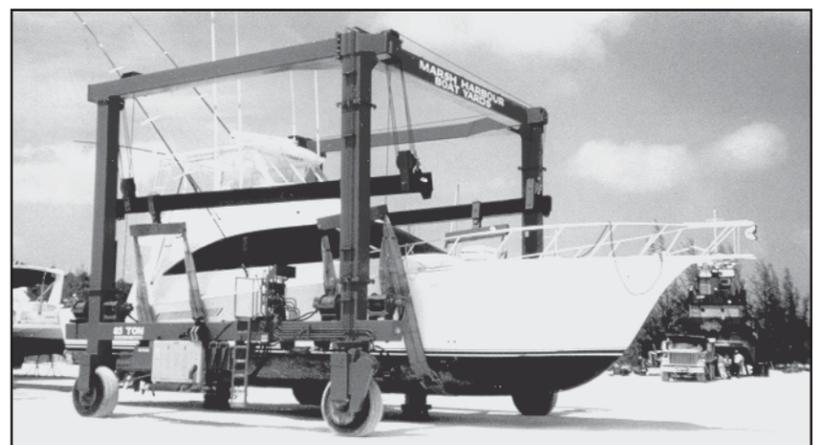
Kenneth Strachan is in his third year at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, studying biology and human genetics. He received his Associate's degree in biology and chemistry at the College of The Bahamas. He is planning to go to medical school in the Caribbean beginning next year.

Kenneth is the son of Anthony and Valderine Adderley of Fire Road. He received a scholarship from Pathfinders and a scholarship from the Abaco Scholarship Fund. He is quite active belonging to Toastmasters International, the McGill Choral Society and the McGill Aviation Club.

Brock Stratton is in his first year of college at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. Brock is the son of Andy and Clara

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Students *From Page 24*

Stratton of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Forest Heights Academy.



Dane Stratton is in his first year of college at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama.

Dane is the son of Andy and Clara Stratton of Marsh Harbour. He completed high school at Forest Heights Academy.



Tiffany Swain is in her third year at DeVry Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in telecommunications management.

Tiffany is a graduate of Freeport Anglican High School and is the daughter of Celestine and Robert Swain of Moore's Island.



Shanna Thompson is in her last year at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is taking a liberal arts course. She was named on the Provost's list with a GPA of 4.0. Lyford Cay Foundation awarded her a scholarship from the Abaco Scholarship Fund.

Shanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Mike Thompson of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Priscilla Weatherford is in her first year at Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida. She is majoring in commercial writing and computer science.

Priscilla is the daughter of Pastor Robin and Myrna Weatherford of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is active in the Dolphins Collegian, a sorority at the school.



Daniel Wiltfang is in his fourth and final year at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where he is majoring in political science. Daniel is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wiltfang of Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

There are more students away. The October 15 issue will include more of them.

We do not know all the students who are away. We need your help. If you have a friend or family member away or if you know someone in your community who is away who is not listed here, we ask that you call us to let us know. You can phone 367-2677 or 367-3202. We have a record number of students featured this year and we would like to include everyone of them. There is no charge for this listing

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Shown above discussing the subdivision is Mr. Timothy Roberts of Marsh Harbour, Mr. Bradley Roberts, a friend from Grand Bahama, Mr. Fritz Bootle of Cooper's Town, Mark Roberts of Marsh Harbour and Mr. Stubbs, Chairman of BAIC.

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Duck Too Testifies In Buster Trial

Torrid Little Harbour Love Triangle Is Exposed

By Dr. Barnyard

The Buster trial continued this week in Little Harbour with shocking testimony by murder victim Duckie's surviving life-mate, Duck Too. Mr. Too was called to the stand by canine defendant Buster's attorney, Johnny Conchrun. The renowned attorney attempted to exploit weaknesses in the couple's marriage in an effort to support his claim that Duckie was murdered by the Little Harbour mob in an effort to collect insurance money. Duck Too's behavior after the murder, including a prompt marriage to Cherokee native, Duck Tree, and newly extravagant lifestyle with purchases of a new Hinckley yacht, the *Quack's Deduction*, and new Range Rover raised suspicions in the small paranoid community that the allegations may, in fact, be true.

Duck Too, quickly falling victim to Conchrun's rabid cross examination, admitted that Duckie was a "problem drinker," quite an accomplishment in Little Harbour, a settlement famous for its world class drinking team. Duck Too revealed that Duckie's personality underwent unpleasant changes while under the influence of alcohol. "Duckie liked to get loose as a goose and then all hell would break loose. While most people enjoy duck sauce, there is absolutely nothing appetizing about a sauced duck," he explained.

Under more intense questioning, Duck Too also admitted that Duckie was unfaithful, no great surprise in Little Harbour, a settlement known for its blurred marital boundaries. However, the extent of Duckie's infidelity shocked even the most jaded observers at the trial. "Yes, Duckie strayed from the nest all the time. Mallards, wood ducks, pintails, Duckie bagged more ducks than anyone, even the best crack shots from Cherokee. At first it was only ducks, then Duckie began to get restless during the long duck off-season.

"Snowbirds, Canadian geese and finally a buzzard, Duckie's behavior was out of control," lamented Too.

"Why didn't you leave this drunken depraved duck?" demanded Conchrun.

"Well, you have to understand it's a very

shallow dating pool here in Little Harbour. You don't really break up with your girlfriend, you just lose your turn," replied Too.

Probing deeper, Conchrun asked, "I see that Duckie had a penchant for any thing that flies, floats or is feathered. Did he ever cross the line? You know which line I am speaking about, don't you, Mister Too? Tell me, did Duckie ever cross from feather to FUR!?!??"

Following a shocked silence, the courtroom erupted in a cacophony of jeers, curses and epithets. Pounding her gavel, Judge Judy attempted to bring order to the courtroom. Recognizing prosecuting attorney Au Brie Clarke's strong objection, the judge demanded that Conchrun end his outlandish questions or show relevance to the case.

"Just answer the question, Mister Too," insisted Conchrun.

"Well, yes, one night I did walk in on Duckie and Gilligan, the bar cat, sharing some catnip. I didn't see any thing going on but it did make me wonder what exactly Duckie really meant when he said he was going to raid the kitty."

"Any other creatures of a furry persuasion, Mister Too? Tell me, try hard to recall. Did Duckie ever cross the line with a CANINE ???!!!"

Again the courtroom erupted. Judge Judy, red-faced with anger, threatened Conchrun with contempt of court. "Please oblige me this last question, Judge," requested Conchrun. "Answer the question, Mister Too," directed the Judge.

A flustered and possibly blushing, Duck Too replied, "Yes, yes, I am ashamed to admit that Duckie did cross the canine line. It all started last summer when I saw this Jack Russell lurking about doc's dock. Unleashed and unneutered, he made me uneasy. There was this look in his eye, especially when I caught him looking, leering actually at Duckie, that told me he was up to no good. Imagine my surprise when I came home early one day and found my beloved and the Jack Russell sharing our love nest, joined Duckie style. 'Beat it, Buster!' I shouted, only later finding out that this was his name. Duckie

was unremorseful, explaining that once you have been with a Jack, you will never go back."

The court room went silent, a shocked silence only broken by Duck Too's muffled sobs on the stand.

Recovering his composure, Duck Too continued. "I pleaded with Duckie, please don't continue this affair. What if you have offspring, pups, neither dog nor duck. Despised by all, accepted by none. I was still in love with Duckie and I knew in my heart that this canine would take my Duckie. Little did I know that he would also take Duckie's life."

"Objection, objection," shouted a visibly surprised Conchrun. "I want that last remark stricken from the record."

"You started this line of questioning, Mr Conchrun. The least you can do is sit quietly until Mr. Too is finished," replied Judge Judy.

"Well, one afternoon I was sitting on doc's dock preening my feathers when I saw a commotion on the beach. I waddled down the dock to get a closer look and there was my beloved and Buster on the beach, together Duckie style. He was nibbling on Duckie's nape when all of a sudden he just goes crazy

and bites Duckie's head off. There was blood and feathers everywhere. It was just terrible. I was still in a state of shock when this van pulls up and Buster jumps in and makes his escape."

"Why didn't you come forward with this information earlier?" asked the Judge.

"I suppose I should have come forward earlier with this information but my shame prevented me from admitting that I had been cuckolded by a canine. I also didn't want to blemish the memory of Duckie. Yes, Duckie was a depraved drunkard, but who wants their beloved to be remembered as the duck who crossed the Canine Line?"

The courtroom at Pete's Pub was adjourned until next week when final sentencing will take place.

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Jeff Survance 365-4040
Ricky Sawyer 365-4261

Man-O-War
David Albury 365-6059

Restaurant Guide

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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
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Sea Shells \$ 367-4460
Snack Shack \$... + 367-4005
Snappas \$ 367-3278
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Wallys \$\$\$ 367-2074

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Boat House \$ 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks \$ 366-0247
Club Soleil \$\$\$ 366-0003
Harbour's Edge \$ 366-0087
Hollywood Temptations
H T Harbour Lodge \$ 366-0095
Munchies \$... + 366-0423
Rudy's Place \$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062

Man-O-War
Pavilion \$ 365-6185
Hibiscus 365-6380

Guana Cay
Coco Paradise 365-5197
Guana Seaside \$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers \$\$\$ 365-5143
Mermaid Cafe \$\$\$ 365-5137
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Treasure Cay
Florence's Cafe \$ 365-8635
Harbour Cafe \$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight \$ 365-8648
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Wrecking Tree Rest.
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New Generation Is Involved in Local Govt.

By Isobel Sherman

In a previous article I interviewed Mitchell Albury, a newly elected member of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. Now I am writing about his brother Nicholas Albury, who at age 20 might be the youngest serving Town Committee member as well as Council member in Local Government in the Bahamas. Nicholas was elected to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee on June 27th and was elected to represent Marsh Harbour on the Central Abaco Council.

Nicholas ran because he says young people must get involved in their communities, island and their country. He wants to make a difference. Prior to running Nicholas attended some of the Central Council meetings to see first hand what went on at these meetings. He repeatedly told me in our conversation that he wants to make a difference. He wants to be the voice for young people and he hopes more young people will get involved. However, he is very quick to point out that the young can learn much from older persons. He said, for example, the wealth of knowledge that Mr. Bill Swain, Chairman of Town Planning, has in the construction and building industry can benefit younger members.

Admittedly surprised that the Marsh Harbour Town Committee had enough confidence in him to elect him as one of four representatives on the Central Abaco District Council, Nicholas is looking forward to the challenge.

As a member of the District Council his goals are just about the same as his goals as a member of the Town Committee. Nicholas would like to see Marsh Harbour beautified. He would like to see Marsh Harbour become the "shining jewel" it is capable of becoming. He would like to see the airport road beautified with native trees and flowers

and more lighting in tourist areas as well as beautifying the tourist strip from Wally's to the entrance of Abaco Beach Resort.

Keen on more programs for youth, Nicholas said when he was growing up there were things like softball for the young to participate in. He would like to see after school programs for the school children. He would like to see play areas built where the young can go to participate in meaningful sporting programs as well as other programs such as homework help. He strongly believes we need to have meaningful activities for the young

in all of Central Abaco. In his words Nicholas said, "The barriers of my town and any racial barriers must be broken down."

He would like to see a jet strip at the airport and a 300- to 500-room hotel built in Central Abaco to attract more tourists. He feels if Cuba opens up, it can hurt our tourist industry. Young people need to be educated on the importance of tourism to our island and to our country. We need to look long term, like ten years from now. We need to be more self sufficient especially in farming and agriculture.

One thing he personally would like to do is to teach people about native trees. He said someone introduced him to growing native trees. He never learned in school about native trees and now he is learning about them and growing them.

In ending our conversation Nicholas said he would like everyone to work together and to look at the whole big picture so that Abaco can advance as an island and with that we are helping the country. A very young man with very mature and practical ideas.



Nicholas Albury

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Workshop Helps Parents Deal with Teenagers

By Anita Rolle

"We cannot always build the future of our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

With these famous words in mind, persons attending a recent Parents Workshop sat attentively taking in all that they could about Family Life and Reproductive Health Education. The venue was the The Learning Resource Centre in Marsh Harbour for two days of intense information and training. The aim of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Education Program is to contribute to the reduction of unintended teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among adolescents. The program focuses on educating and training adolescents and individuals who influence them most, such as their peers, parents, teachers and church and community leaders.

Presenters with a wealth of knowledge, Ms. Sandy Walker, Nurse Carolyn Russell, Mrs. Zenovia Mills, and WP Cindy Charlton, spoke with authority on specific topics including Puberty, Avoiding Teen Pregnancy, Communicating about Sex, Sexual Abuse,

Domestic Violence and Sexually Transmitted Infections. Group participation was great. Persons were eager to voice their opinion on certain topics, ask questions or simply share experiences they have had with their children.

At times it was like a roller coaster ride having certain aspects explained so clearly - at one point the parents were relieved to find that a certain reaction is normal for an adolescent. Then they were taken to another point and parents were shocked to find out some of the things that are readily accessible out there to their kids. Then another point is brought to their attention and parents realized that certain behavioral patterns that their adolescent might portray does not necessarily mean that he or she hates them.

Persons traveled from as far north as Little Abaco to attend and were delighted to be joined for a portion of day two of the workshop by Mr. Hezekiah Dean, the new District Superintendent with the Department of Education. Participants of the workshop left armed with enough knowledge to assist any adolescent in making wise life decisions.



Shown above are some of the participants of the recent workshop which dealt with problems facing our young people. The workshop on Family Life and Reproductive Health Education was sponsored by the Ministry of Education with an aim to reduce the number of teen pregnancies and to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted infections.



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Casuarina Point - vacant lot available, approx. 10,000 sq. ft. \$25,000

Marsh Harbour - NEW LISTING - BIG HOUSE. 3/2 home in Cove Estates, partially furnished, 2000+ sq. ft. of living space, 11,000+ sq. ft. lot. \$185,000



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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. Call for more details!

Bicycle Was Won in Store Contest



Aresine Cooper from Cooper's Town is seen picking up his new bicycle from Bellevue Office Depot. His Aunt Virginia bought school supplies in that store giving her the chance to enter their contest for the bicycle. Her ticket was the winning ticket. The bike can now be seen on the streets in Cooper's Town.

Batleco's DSL Internet Service Is Well Accepted

Batelnets has recently introduced OneLine - DSL Turbocharged Internet Access. This is a fast Internet service using a customer's telephone line but does not disrupting the phone or fax service. It is a very secure system with added safeguards. Batelco is very pleased with the response they have had with this new service. As of August 31 more than 5000 subscribers had signed up, surpassing their first month sales' forecast. Sixty percent of these were new Internet customers, some were customers who moved from their dial-up service while 25 percent were clients who moved from other Internet Service Providers.

Batelco Marketing has developed a plan in conjunction with computer vendors and Commonwealth Bank which encourages the sale of computers and computer upgrades. All of this encourages people to go on-line. They plan to aggressive push their DSL service in the coming months. For those persons who do not need high speed Internet service, Batelco has lowered the rates for their dial up service for both businesses and residential customers.

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

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ELBOW CAY - Dorros Cove- "Summer Winds" - Cheerful three bed, two bath oceanfront house. Central A/C, pool, water maker, generator, close proximity to Tahiti Beach, two car garage. Fully furnished. \$1,290,000.

HOPE TOWN - "Club Soliel" - Hotel, restaurant, marina on 1.75 acres; 320 feet harbourfront. \$2,990,000.

ELBOW CAY - White Sound - "Sand Dollar" - 3/3 cul-de-sac, sea to sea beachfront with pool. Turnkey. \$1,450,000.

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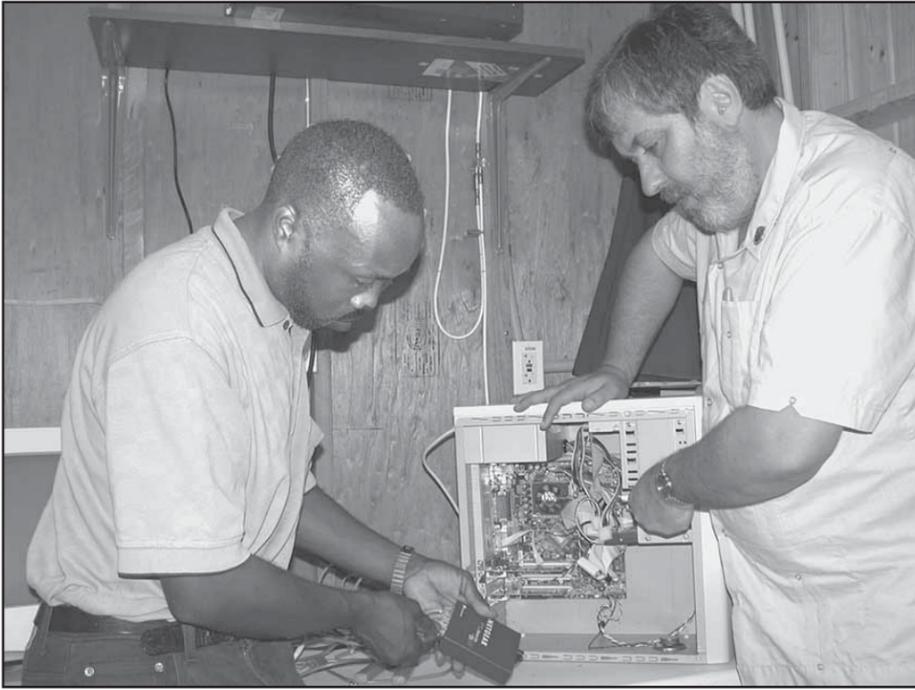
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Wireless Internet Is Coming



Abaco Wireless Services will soon be offering wireless Internet service which is particularly good for those who do not have cable service or a phone. Shown above are Gary Alexis on the left and Malcolm Spicer on the right assembling servers. Mr. Spicer owns Abacom which is the company assembling the servers.

Malcolm Spicer of Abacom is now starting a new wireless Internet service, Abacom Wireless Services. They have received their license from the Bahamian Public Utilities Commission. They are presently providing Internet connections by conventional dial-up modem while waiting for the wireless equipment to arrive. The company recently was connected to the fiber optic cable loop connecting Abaco, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Nassau and which extends to the Florida coast and beyond. The fiber optic cable through the Bahamas and connecting to

Florida is owned Caribbean Crossings, a subsidiary of Cable Bahamas.

Abacom Wireless Services will soon be offering broadband wireless connections and will appeal to customers without cable or phone service. They are expecting to offer wireless service from Little Harbour through Green Turtle Cay. They are presently offering Internet connections through the slower dial-up modem which is fine for E-mail and limited Internet use.

They recently received their Internet Service Provider (ISP) license allowing the pub-

lic to subscribe to their services.

Their service will be multi-homed by using the fiber optic cable and a DSL connection through Batelco's phone system. Both are broadband high speed connections.

Their servers are constructed locally by Abacom and will include servers for Web, E-mail, games and authentication use and are all operating on the Linux system.

Other staff members include Sinclair Frederick, Gary Alexis and Drexel Russell.

New Program on ZNS 13

By Isobel Sherman

There is a new program, *Abaco People*, on ZNS TV 13, which airs every Monday night at 8:30 p.m. The program, a production of Radio Abaco, is a news magazine featuring people and events on Abaco. Randy Curry of Uneek Video in Green Turtle Cay edits the video. Mr. Silbert Mills and Ms. Sharell Fox are the news anchors.



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Chamber Elects New President



On September 9 the Chamber of Commerce of Abaco elected Mr. Michael Albury of Man-O-War as their new president. Mr. Mike Malone, the outgoing president, felt that he could no longer give the necessary time and effort. Also elected were Art Sands, First Vice president, Bradley Reckley, second vice president, Cindy Hayworth, honorary treasurer, Anita Knowles, honorary secretary and three directors, Erin Pagliaro, George Riviere and Kim Roberts. Shown above is Michael Albury, center, receiving the gavel from Mike Malone, left, and Art Sands, right.

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By Anita Bain

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Solomon's Mines has been in the luxury goods and souvenir retail business in the Bahamas for over fifty years. The company retails a variety of the world's best watches, jewelry, china, crystal, perfume and leather goods and specializes in designer lines. Their stores on Abaco are located in Marsh Harbour and in Treasure Cay. No details of changes for Abaco were announced.

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National Marine Hosts Demo Day



Royce Sands of National Marine hosted a Mercury sales team who arrived on Abaco on three new Panga boats. The Panga shown above is a 26-foot model rigged out with a four-cylinder diesel inboard outdrive. The boats are completely fiberglass and have the best features of many boat designs. There is a variety of models from bare-bones with no liner to those with liners and full flotation. They can accommodate outboards as well as outdrives. The boats are made by the Mercury company which also makes Boston Whalers. The sales team from Miami is shown above demonstrating the features to Mr. Sands, who is on the left. The team visited Freeport, Marsh Harbour, Spanish Wells and Nassau taking fishermen and other interested persons out for demonstration rides.

New Sport Association Is Formed

By Geoffrey Victor

The private schools on Abaco have formed an independent schools sporting association that will govern all private school sporting events. The schools that are involved are Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy, Long Bay School, St. Francis de Sales School and Wesley College. The main purpose for this association is simply to build a better relationship through competition,

discipline and friendship between the schools. Some of the activities that have already been planned include softball for girls, baseball for boys and a swim meet to be held later this month. Other activities include basketball, tennis, volleyball, soccer and a track meet that will be scheduled for the spring of 2003.

Please see **Sports**

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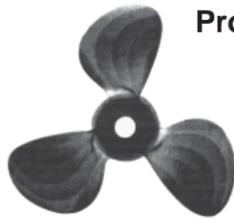
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Sports *From Page 34*

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The officers of the Abaco Independent Schools Sports Association are as follows: Mr. Geoffrey Victor, president; Mr. Brook S. Russell, vice-president; Mr. Chevance Henry, secretary; and Mr. Keith Green, treasurer.

School *From Page 14*

sent to replace Mr. Moss.

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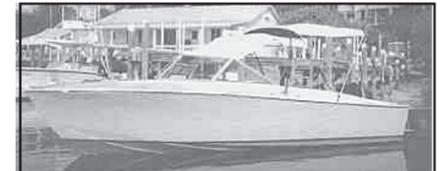
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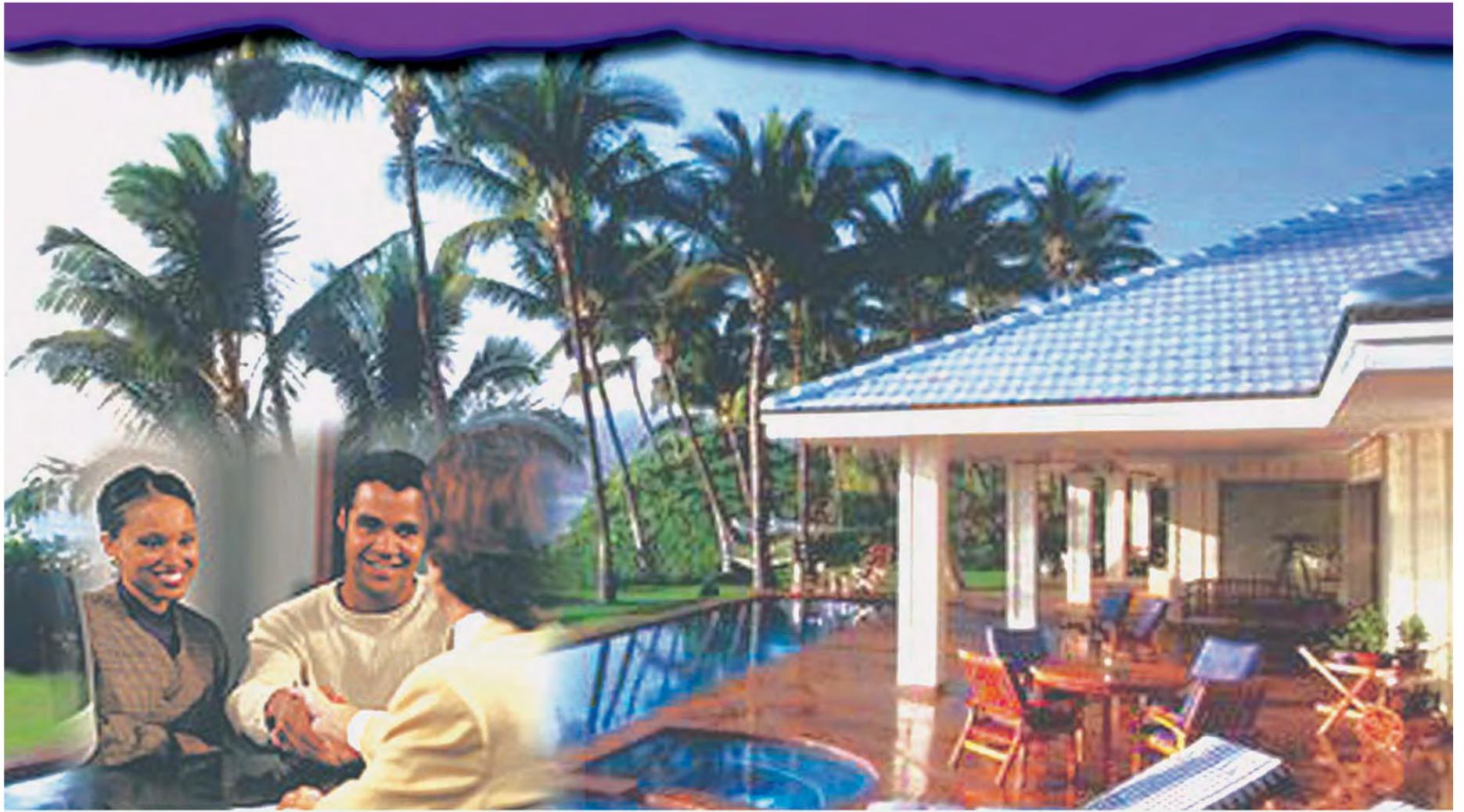


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