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## Min. Alfred Gray Challenges Farmers

Minister Wants Bahamas to Be Self Sufficient in Food Production

*By Theresa Pinder*

On September 26th Mr. V. Alfred Gray, Min. of Agriculture and Fisheries and Local Government, challenged the farmers and fishermen of Abaco to accept the responsibility of providing sufficient food for their own country.

On his first official visit to Abaco Minister Gray spent September 26th and 27th on a familiarization tour of farms, local government and fish house facilities on the island. Establishing an overview of what the island is producing as a whole in terms of food, production rate, quality, and crop type, Mr. Gray gained a better idea of the scope of what must be done to address this issue.

Min. Gray feels that agriculture is the bedrock of a country; when addressing the farmers at the meeting held at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour, Minister Gray stated, "We have a duty to feed our country." He went on to note that it is essential that the Bahamas learn to produce sufficient food at a reasonable price because it cannot afford to rely solely on other countries. He noted that if the United States closed itself to the Bahamas for a month, the entire country would suffer.

To demonstrate how serious the government is about becoming self-sufficient in food production, Mr. Gray said that the government is prepared to facilitate the establish-

Please see **Min. Gray**

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## Fire Destroys Four Houses



A fire on October 5 burned four houses in Charlie Boo Yard, Marsh Harbour, leaving 10 people homeless. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded with three trucks. Lack of adequate access to the area kept the firemen from effectively fighting the fire.

## S.C. Bootle High Selects Prefects



Schools on Abaco have been busy getting organized. Shown above are the prefects for S.C. Bootle High School chosen for their integrity and character.

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# Dock and Road Are New Landmarks



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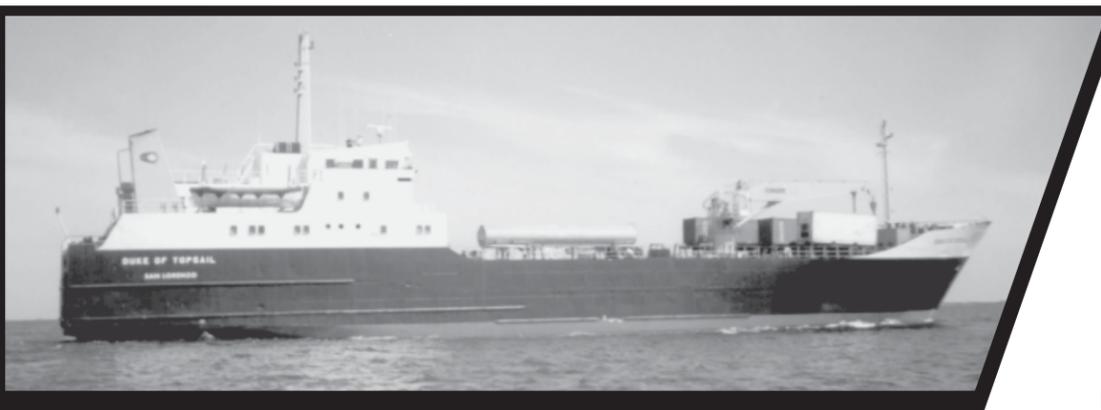
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# Minister Promotes Road Safety

By Theresa Pinder

The Hon. Glennys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, visited Abaco on September 25 as part of the Road Safety Month campaign. She visited several schools carrying the message of road safety. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation along with Texaco Bahamas Limited are spearheading the campaign to promote road safety. An entourage of representatives from both groups and the Royal Bahamas Police Force toured several schools. They were joined by Ms. Belinda McIntosh of the Abaco Road Traffic Department and Mr. Gary Sawyer of Abaco Petroleum.

The group first visited Forest Heights Academy. Ms. Hanna-Martin spoke to the students imploring them to take the appeal for road safety seriously. She acknowledged that reports of traffic fatalities usually have a minimal effect on the general populace, but that they do in fact affect us all. "Every time someone dies on our streets...that someone is someone to all of us." The majority of those being affected by traffic fatalities are young people between the ages of 18 and 35, a group that is the most productive sector of our society.

Mr. Algernon Cargill, Sales Manager for Texaco, opened this year's promotion under the theme *Road Safety: The Key to Our Future*. Mr. Cargill introduced this year's Youth

Safety Spokesperson, Ms. Shantara Davis, and encouraged the students to compete next year to be Texaco's Youth Safety Spokesperson. Ms. Davis delivered the message of road safety, urging the listeners to give the utmost attention and care to the practice of road safety cautioning them to keep safety uppermost in their minds.

Ms. Davis emphasized how speeding, drinking alcohol and driving without a seatbelt increase the risk factor. Since the beginning of this year, the Bahamas has experienced 34 traffic fatalities, many of which could have been prevented if the victims had acknowledged the safety rules surrounding these practices.

The entourage made its next visit to Abaco Central High School where they were joined by Mr. Hezekiah Dean, the Superintendent for the Abaco District. The group spoke to a combined assemblage of students from Abaco Central High School and S.C. Bootle High School. After Ms. Davis's speech on maintaining a heightened sense of awareness, Min. Hanna-Martin was emphatic that our youth be educated about the importance of road safety and stressed that life should not be cut short on the streets. "In a developing nation, we cannot afford to lose lives." She encouraged the students to pass the message of road safety on to others.

In a final message to her listeners, Mrs.

Hanna-Martin urged the students to consider their future and consequently the future of our country. "Don't die uselessly, or needlessly."

The group ended their campaign with a visit to Treasure Cay Primary School before returning to New Providence.



Ms. Glennys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, is shown carrying the message of road safety to the students at Forest Heights Academy last month. She arrived with a delegation from the Ministry of Transport, Road Traffic Department and Texaco Bahamas. On the left is Mr. Algernon Cargill, Texaco Sales Manager. (Photo by Tim Aylen/copyright Vision Media)

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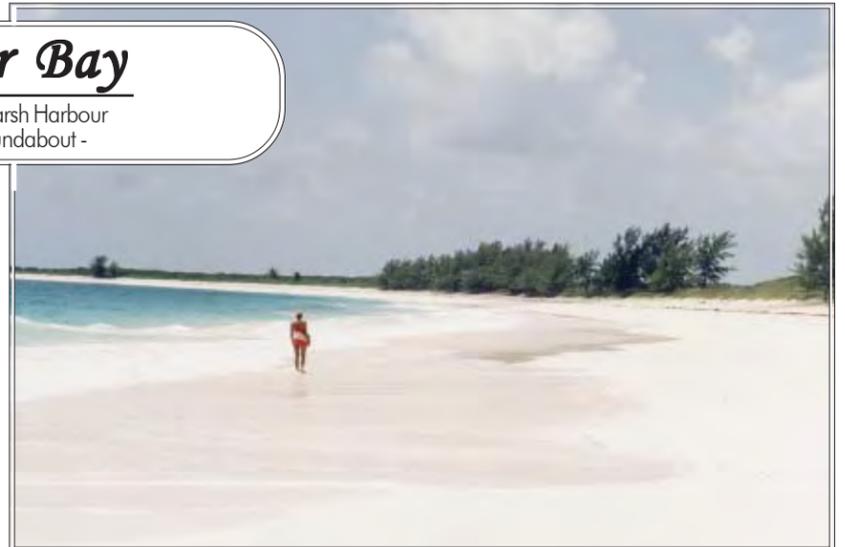
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# Minister Urges Support of National Insurance

By Anita Rolle

The Minister of Housing and National Insurance, the Hon. Shane Gibson, on a recent visit to Abaco, visited with the staff of the National Insurance Board. He encouraged more people to make their contributions to National Insurance. Self-employed residents are being encouraged to pay their overdue National Insurance contributions. Affected persons can work out schedules with the National Insurance Board and pay in installments, because the more payments made the more benefits they will receive.

Residents of Sandy Point expressed the need for an office in that area. However, Min. Gibson assured them that for the time being a National Insurance officer will visit there more frequently to collect payments.

Min. Gibson said that his Ministry is in the process of reviewing the policies and the Act governing National Insurance to see if

they can be amended and modernized to be more consistent with today's world. He assured the staff of National Insurance that some of their concerns, for example more office space, are being addressed. There are still plans to build a government administrative complex in Marsh Harbour and also in Cooper's Town. The drawings have been completed for Marsh Harbour. The next step is preparing tender documents.

He was accompanied by Mr. Lennox McCartney, Managing Director of the National Insurance Board, who assured the staff that personnel at the NIB head office are committed to ensuring that there are adequate resources for them to work productively and pledging sufficient computerization of the local office. Mr. Gibson took extensive tours of the facilities on Abaco, also meeting briefly with some of the islands Abaco's local government officials.



The Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, and Mr. Lennox McCartney, Managing Director of the National Insurance Board, visited with officers from the National Insurance Office in Marsh Harbour last month. They along with other senior officers from the Ministry, representatives from the Department of Housing, the National Insurance Board and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation, were on Abaco to discuss housing plans with community leaders and residents and to give them an opportunity to discuss matters related to National Insurance. Seated from left are Ms. Yvonne Wilmore; Ms. Lawrence Knowles, National Insurance officer responsible for Family Islands; Minister Gibson; Mr. McCartney; Ms. Shelly Austin, Manager of National Insurance, Marsh Harbour. Standing from left are Ms. Adena Minus, Ms. Evelyn Smith, Ms. Olga Delany, Ms. Kayla Curry, Ms. Lorraine Thompson, Ms. Quency Oliver and Ms. Emma Dawkins.

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## A New Plumbing Permit Will Be Required

The Ministry of Works and Utilities has announced that a new plumbing permit in the construction industry will be required. The ministry held a workshop in Nassau to discuss the implementation of the new permit where the Hon. Bradley B. Roberts, Minister of Works and Utilities, explained the permit and how it will work.

The most important aspect of this new initiative is that for all applicable plumbing work, an attached form must be signed by a licensed plumber (a journeyman or master plumber s applicable). This person responsible for full compliance with the plumbing code as well as any other relevant laws, codes and standards.

"This new tool is expected to bring about a much greater level of public welfare, safety, accountability and professionalism within this industry. The need for such a system of accountability has been recognized for many years," the ministry said. "The electrical industry long ago put in place a similar system. Applications for electrical permits must be submitted to the Buildings Control Division of the ministry. Such applications are only be accepted if they are duly signed by a licensed electrical contractor at the applicable level."

The objective of this new plumbing permit is to institute a similar requirement for the plumbing industry as the government is committed to the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors to The Bahamas.

It is expected that shoddy workmanship and unhealthy or unsafe plumbing work will progressively become things of the past.

"It has taken more than two years to put the necessary pieces in place to arrive at this point," the ministry said. "Proper implementation will now ensure that the benefits are realized."

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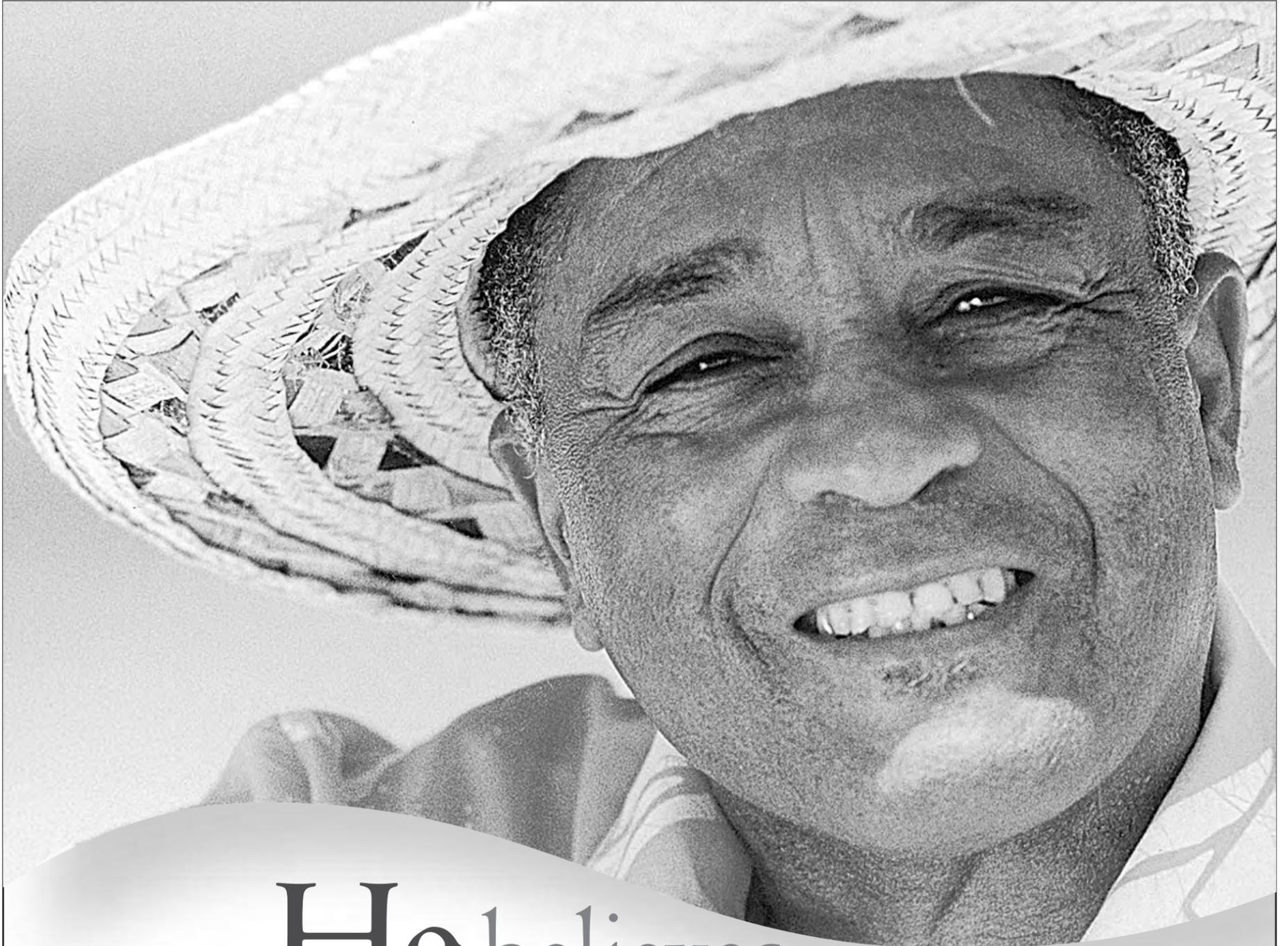
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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### A Extra Special Town Meeting

An unscheduled Town Meeting was requested by Mr. Rich Curry and held on August 28 in an effort to make known his complete plans for the Bone Fishing Camp/Restaurant and Bar being built on the seashore at the foot of the hill.

Mr. Curry brought his blueprints and gave an update of his progress on the project so far. He made a statement outlining his intentions and accepted various questions from the audience. He stated that his purpose was to build, maintain and run a quality establishment that would extend and reflect the order and cleanliness of our quiet little community and assured the people of Cherokee that it would be an asset to the community not a hindrance.

## Our Newest Citizen

Born the 11th of September in Freeport, Grand Bahama, to Mrs. Lexandra Weatherford, a new son, who I am told will be named after his paternal grandfather, George. Congratulations to Hank and Lexandra. The happy couple already have two beautiful little girls, Jessica and Juliet.

### Update on Restoration Work

One more session of roofing took place on the old schoolhouse during the last week in August, but there is still more work to do. Between the opening of crawfish season, crabbing when the rains came and now pigeon shooting, it is understandable that there never seems to be anyone available to do the work. However, we will not be discouraged because sooner or later it will get done.

## Crawfish Season Opens

Some are saying this is the best crawfish season they have ever experienced, and it didn't come a minute too soon. For the last few years more and more of our fishermen have given up fishing in search of another trade. They say that the take was getting leaner every year and that they felt the crawfish were being over fished, especially with so many new boats and more sophisticated equipment these days.

Who knows what caused the turn-around this year, but for some, it couldn't have come at a better time after 9/11 caused a major slow down in our tourism.

### An Unfortunate Accident

On the way home from school on September 18th Ms. Lowe and Ms. Sutherland, our two teachers, had a rear-end collision in the pine yards on the Cherokee Road.

Both vehicles were extensively damaged. Ms. Sutherland received a concussion and a bad gash in her kneecap and will be out on

sick leave till she is mobile again.

Ms. Lowe, although quite shaken, did not receive any injuries and the children she was transporting in her van received only a few minor bruises. Both drivers said they were just thankful that the accident was not any worse and that none of the children was seriously hurt.

### Pigeon Season is Here Again

The big light doughs and stew are already prepared, but there are no pigeons for the pot. Just as we hear that the crawfish are everywhere, they say the pigeons are nowhere to be found. Possibly it is due to the drought not providing the necessary food for the young and they flew further south to lay their eggs. As usual some of our men went to Andros to shoot. Let's hope they have better luck than our local boys did.

## Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue Benefit



The Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue were given a \$5000 donation from Niels Berger, President of Tankship Transport, a business in Hope Town. Niels competed in the Great Abaco Triathlon and raised \$6000 for charity in a "fun" wager with his co-workers that he would finish. He trained for six months and came in first place in his division. He is shown giving a check to members of the fire department.

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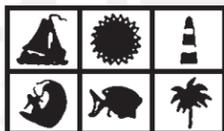
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# Central Abaco News

## Abaco People Are Showcased on Television

By Anita Rolle

Direct from the island of Abaco, the nation has been introduced to the informative weekly news magazine *Abaco People*. A few months ago the first show hit the screen via ZNS TV-13 with much anticipation from the local community. Despite glitches in scheduling, we were not disappointed. The television show seeks to highlight local happenings in the news and around the communities of Abaco. It captures the true essence of the island through technology, creativity and professionalism.

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*People* is the brain-child of Mr. Silbert Mills, Vice President of the locally owned radio station, Radio Abaco. According to Mr. Mills, the inspiration to produce the show came about after he had acquired some costly television equipment for which he had to retain persons to train him to use. This, however, became too costly. Mr. Mills later worked with Mr. Randy Curry of Green Turtle Cay and was impressed with his skills and expertise in that area. After much discussion the two decided to pool their resources. The end product is a dynamic, provocative news magazine which successfully captures the people, sights and sounds of Abaco at its very best.

The program has incorporated animation

into its setup, just another example of the ingenuity behind the scenes. Making its debut during a time when the economy of the Bahamas is not at its best, *Abaco People* can be considered a breathe of fresh air for those who hunger for new and exciting programming. Viewable throughout the Bahamas wherever ZNS TV-13 is available, the show gives the nation and visitors to our country a glance at Abaco and its happenings.

Response has been exceptional. According to Mr. Mills, viewers have responded with resounding excitement as well as sponsors from around the community. Talks are already underway with regard to taking the show international. Cable Channel 12 has offered to air the show free of charge. As for the future of the *Abaco People* news magazine, the sky is the limit.



Snappas Grill and Bar in Marsh Harbour had their grand opening on October 11. They offered live music, good food and drink and a great friendly spirit in a casual atmosphere. The new business, owned by Bill Albury and Drayton Pilcher is proving to be a popular place to hang out. Shown above is Dr. Marc Binard and Ms. Angeliqe Rollins conversing.

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# The Editor Says Our Escalating Immigration Problem



Forty years ago Abaco was a quiet island with little activity. Many residents lived a simple life by farming and fishing to satisfy family needs - not much above subsistence standards. At that time the number of Haitian immigrants in the entire Bahamas was inconsequential, too small in number to worry about. They fit quietly into the Bahamian scene finding jobs at the bottom of the work force wherever they could. They were not demanding and housing was not a problem. They came from a country without sanitary facilities so a raw shelter sufficed. As employers, we overlooked their housing needs. That was their problem, not ours.

However, after forty years of watching the immigrant communities expand with no letup in sight, we realize it is time to stop watching and find some practical solutions.

Some Haitians came to Abaco in the 60s and found employment with the Owens-Illinois pulpwood operation. They made good money. By the time the pulpwood operation closed in the late 60s, the Abaco economy had begun to pick up and many of the Haitians found other employment, often menial yard work.

We were quiet participants in this evolution and occasionally assisted with their minimal housing. Their ghettos were overlooked and tolerated since they were generally "not in my backyard." Government was an equally quiet observer in this process.

As Abaco has grown and expanded, so have the immigrant communities. The Haitians have generally congregated with their own people forming several distinct communities within our towns. Each of the expanding immigrant communities is now encroaching on a growing Marsh Harbour. What was vacant generation land (Pigeon Peas) or marginal swamp land (why do you suppose it is called the Mud?) is now bordering upscale commercial and residential development.

In Marsh Harbour the new access highway between the new freight dock and S.C. Bootle Highway displaced 10 - 12 families but they quietly accommodated progress. As the bulldozers approached, they took their houses apart and rebuilt them to the left and right of the new road. In the process some rebuilt a little better and bigger.

Government was not prepared to outright evict them (the Mud is government land) so they turned a blind eye to the new houses. It solved the immediate problem of how to build the road without causing a social commotion.

Pigeon Peas, the Mud and the other Haitian communities continue to expand rapidly. New houses go up every month. Free land, new accommodations and sympathetic friends and family attract more immigrants. Abaco offers everything a poor refugee immigrant requires, friends and family for support, readily available jobs offering relatively high entry level wages and a tolerant government. The relevant government authorities have not had the manpower, the finances or the motivation to curtail this expansion.

For years government has verbally been wanting to find a solution to the problem. As far back as the early 70s politicians have pointed out the problems we were going to experience in the future by allowing rampant immigration. However, not much has been done except talk.

A method or scheme must be found to stop new houses and limit additional growth. As the problem gets larger, it becomes more difficult to solve.

Several attempts in the past ten years were put forward to stop or limit this expansion. In the long run all failed. Like Mother Nature's ocean tides, this human tide keeps lapping at our shores.

Overtures to central government for help were rebuffed with simple logic. Since it was sanctioned locally, it must be solved locally. Local effort met with long term failure as there is no local authority to deal with a problem of this magnitude.

Since Nassau has not figured how to solve this problem on New Providence, they should not be expected to have a magic solution for us.

These people have lived here for many years. For many it is the only home they have known. Solutions must deal with accommodating them.

It will take a concerted effort by a coalition of central and local government agencies combined with civic, church and representatives of the affected communities to find solutions.

Some thought that the new Central Pines Estates subdivision might offer an outlet for legal residents looking to improve their standard of living. To date the response for these lots has not met expectations from either Bahamians or from qualified Haitians.

There was talk of a new "low cost" subdivision with small lots costing less than \$1000. This might be welcomed by some Bahamians and those immigrants with status and able to purchase land. There has been no mention of this plan for over a year.

However, there are many objections to this course of action which could produce additional problems.

The population of the two immigrant communities in Marsh Harbour is unknown. During the 2000 census there were approximately 1500 legal persons counted with NO illegal persons found or documented. It is probably safe to assume that there are double or triple that number actually living there without legal status.

The Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District, Mike Malone, recently initiated plans to form a working group to make rec-

ommendations and find ways to stop additional illegal growth or to redirect this growth along acceptable community standards. This is a good beginning and the effort must be sustained with community and government support.

A massive eviction exercise is not the answer. Where do 3000 or more people go? It is within the collective power and authority of local and central government to devise plans to stop these communities from sprouting more houses. That in itself would be an impressive first step.

We have touched on the Marsh Harbour problem but Treasure Cay with its Sand Banks and farm communities must also be considered. Hope Town's problem is not squatters on public land as there is no public land of consequence but with the myriad of shacks on the undesirable portions of Bahamian and foreign-owned land. As more land is developed, those undesirable locations become neighbors to the upscale lots.

It sounds as if all responsibility to solve this growing problem lies with Bahamian authorities - not so. Those who come here, who live here, who work here, whose children grow up here have a responsibility to accommodate themselves to our culture and laws, to learn our language and to rise to our living standards. This is quietly acknowledged in the education field as the immigrant children attend school and move on to colleges and universities abroad.

It is imperative that solutions work toward integrating these people into our society and not further stigmatize them in isolated camps.

We look forward to Council's initiative in tackling this problem.

## All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

### The Need to Drive Carefully

Residents of Murphy Town, Great Cistern and Dundas Town now have problems when driving to Marsh Harbour. If they choose to drive Forest Drive to Crockett Drive, they must be very careful driving past M & R Groceries as there is a deep trench in the road that really should be filled in. It is impossible to drive over it at a reasonable speed.

If one chooses to drive into Marsh Harbour on Front Street or Queen Elizabeth Drive, the construction at the dock has traffic going on a mud detour for a few feet which is wet and muddy.

It would seem that a solution to this problem would be to fill in the trench properly across Crockett Drive. Hundreds of persons must travel to and from Marsh Harbour daily. Even though nothing can really be done by the dock construction, surely something can be done on Crockett Drive.

### Is the Second Year Easier?

Last year I wrote several times about the experience of having a daughter in her first year of college and the problems encountered as well as the wonderful experiences. By the way, the wonderful experiences and the exposure to many new things far outweighed the problems.

This year my daughter is in her second year. For her it has been far easier as she knows the ropes of many things at college and she knows to use the term the lay of the land.

I marvel when she tells me of a new experience. For example, she went to a concert put on by the college's symphony orchestra,

her first time seeing a live orchestra and she enjoyed it immensely.

The NBA team Miami Heat held a training camp at her college and for that she was so excited as she got autographs, pictures and got to see a practice game.

These two things may seem unimportant to many people, but they are things she could not experience if she stayed here to go to college.

As for me, I still miss her just as much as I did when she went last year and I have concluded that will not change. However, as much as I miss her when I hear her tell me

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## Letters to the Editor

### Hold on to Your Dreams

To the Editor,

In the last three months I have had occasion to speak with several young people whom I have known since they were little children and who have now begun college. I am always very encouraged when I hear young people express a desire to do something with their lives and more so when they actually do that thing.

When I was a very young boy as I worked my way through school, the option of attending college was never known to me. For one thing, there is no way my father would have been able to afford it. Even if finance wouldn't have been an obstacle, college was never discussed in any circle of friends I had or by any of my teachers for that matter. Perhaps

they were all of the opinion that I would have been wasting my time. Who knows?

My point is this. There are people who, from the day they were born, were assured of a higher education and thus a higher possibility of doing something meaningful with their life or at least something they enjoy doing. Then there are those who had to fight tooth and nail to get to and through college and thus improve their chances in life. And then there are those individuals who had ambition and even some talent but because the right influences or opportunities never came along, they simply lived life in whatever form it manifested itself. There is no shame in not being somebody, but it is a real

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# Letters to the Editor

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shame when those of us who dreamed of something bigger never got the opportunity to realise those dreams.

So my advice to all of those young people whom I have come into contact with is that they should never stop dreaming. And if there is a dream, for God's sake, do whatever it takes to reach that goal? And do it now while you are young and strong and idealistic. Time can be a brutal enemy.

Sincerely,  
William (Billy) Roberts

## Crime Is on the Increase

Dear Sir,  
I hope you can find a little corner to fit me in. Thanking you in advance.

Cancer, if left unchecked and unchallenged, will eventually completely ravage the human body and subsequently bring about certain death. Violent crime affects our lives in a very similar way. We used to think that violent crimes were confined to Nassau and Freeport. Not so anymore. Welcome to the big leagues, Abaco! The destructive tentacles of violence are reaching out to us even here now. In fact, those tentacles were reaching out attempting to grip us some years ago. There are still murders that have taken place on Abaco within the last five years that are unsolved and thus unresolved. In fact, there really isn't much hope that they will ever be solved.

As we have seen in the news headlines, nobody is immune to the effects of violent crime. Even our honourable cabinet ministers are not safe. Case in point, the murder of Mario Miller, the son of the honourable minister, Mr. Leslie Miller. There is one very distinct difference between the resulting actions of the police, however, when faced with carrying out an investigation into the murder of a high profile case as opposed to a nobody.

Mr. Miller was assured of justice because of who he is. This is not Mr. Miller's fault. It is just the way things are. That doesn't mean that we have to like it or accept it though. It is a shame that if we are a nobody, we will not receive the same respect from the law enforcement agencies of this country as we would if we possess a recognizable last name. There is one particular murder case in the past here on Abaco that I refer to. However, I will not get personal, as you will not be able to print my letter, Mr. Editor.

Justice is for sale in this country? Justice is not blind in this country. If it is, it is only in one eye. Justice is the one thing that if it was feverishly pursued and then carried out with no bias, it would go one hell of a long

way in making this country a better place. The greatest duty of any government is the security of its people. That includes security from internal as well as external threats. Violent crime is as real an internal threat as you can get. If it is continued to be dealt with in a non zealous manner, violent crime is going to suck the life out of this country. I hope I'm not here to see it!

The police must get with the program! I believe the vast majority of really important criminal cases in this country that are lost are lost due to the inability of our police force to carry out a professional and unbiased investigation. The days of relying on intimidation as a means of getting a confession from anybody are fast fading. Also the assurance that our police officers are not for sale and can conduct themselves in a professional manner is absolutely paramount in proving to the public that we can depend on justice being served. I have to tell you, as it stands right now, I don't have a heck of a lot of confidence in the justice system in this country. Not when it applies to the nobodies.

Finally, the government must get with the program as well. I'm not referring to the PLP or the FNM. I am merely saying that our government, whoever they may be, must put the war against crime right at the top of their agenda. A death penalty means absolutely nothing if we don't have the conviction to use it. On the other hand, it should not be the responsibility of law abiding citizens to provide the tax dollars to feed convicted violent offenders. If we're not going to execute them, then let them somehow work for their own food. I hope to God change comes some day and soon! The decent hard working people in this country deserve no less. It is up to us to demand it.

Change doesn't come about by simply replacing politicians with more politicians. Real change comes from THE PEOPLE demanding it. I'm sick of having to remind us all of this fact. Things will change when we have finally had enough. Have we had enough yet? Obviously not.

Sincerely,  
William (Billy) Roberts

## Comments on the BGCSE Results

Dear Editor,  
It was with great interest that I read Mrs. Sherman's article All About Town in the October 1st edition of *The Abaconian*.

I agree most heartily with her assessment of the examination results comparisons. That is why we at Forest Heights Academy state that if the subject is studied, then the student sits the examination as per the Ministry of Education statements. That means that all grade 9 students must sit the subjects they have studied and that are offered a BJC examination subjects. In grade 12 students are not given an option of selecting the BGCSE examinations but must sit for all the examinable subjects studied in their upper school



career. Thereby, students at Forest Heights Academy take a minimum of six to a maximum of 11 subjects at the BGCSE level with the average being eight.

I agree also that when students are only allowed to sit subjects in which they are guaranteed an A, B or C pass, it negates the validity of these exams. How can the Ministry of Education access a school's performance with such a fabricated set of results? How can parents and future employers truly assess a school leaver's achievements if they have never been encouraged to stretch themselves to their full potential? These exams should indicated all school leavers' full accomplishments after 12 years of schooling, not just a selective area.

I disagree, however, with Mrs. Sherman's statement that bright students can look after themselves. If they are to achieve at their best level, they require the same time and dedication from their teachers as any student. Just because a car is a Ferrari does not mean that it will always be fast. It needs

tuning to maintain that peak performance. All of our students are constantly challenged to "Be the very best they can be and to remember that the learning process never ceases." All of our students, regardless of their average grade, are encouraged to continue with higher education after high school. As stated in one of our earlier articles, "From our large graduating class of 49 (one of the biggest on the island) close to 60 percent will be in a college or university by January 2003."

I believe that an evening radio programme, conducted by the Ministry of Education, would be beneficial to the public. So many people, including the parents and future employers I spoke of earlier, could be enlightened in the grading system and the necessity of these final exams.

I would like to finish by once again congratulating our graduating class of 2002 and

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# School News

## Every Child Counts

By Anna Cote

Every Child Counts, a programme of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Marsh Harbour, was established seven years ago to give special attention to the needs of children who are mentally or physically challenged. Headed by Mrs. Lyn Major of Hope Town, the programme was able to relocate from the campus of St. Francis de Sales School on Don MacKay Boulevard to its own premises behind Solomon's Abaco earlier this year.

Children from several townships throughout Abaco attend this facility on a daily basis. They are given life lessons between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. by a team of qualified teachers. Donations of play equipment, books, art materials and cookware have been given to the school by caring individuals from the Bahamas and the United States. However, as the programme's children are mostly male, it is in need of male father-figures, role models who would be willing to give of their time for an hour or two during the course of a weekday to teach physical education, social skills, to give one-on-one attention to students and to teach them skills such as carpentry and electronics.

The programme cannot yet afford to pay wages to anyone else but is requesting voluntary service. If you can help in this way, pastors, service club members, teachers, young

adult males, boaters, second home owners, retirees, call Mrs. Major at 367-2505 days or 366-0101 evenings.

## Art Winners Named

By Isobel Sherman

Recently Island Biz Kids, part of the Every Child Counts Programme, sponsored an art contest for high school students and have now announced the winners. Winning First Place was Abaco Central student Mario Sawyer of Grade 12, Second Place was Abaco Central High student Jamal Morley and Third Place was St. Francis student Kasif Burrows in Garde 12.

Abaco Central captured three honourable mentions: Jerome Dean, Ashley Simms and Wayne Gaitor.

## Cooper's Town Primary PTA Elects Officers

By Anita Rolle

On September 17 the parents of Cooper's Town Primary School elected their PTA board for two years 2002-2004. They are President - Theresa Simms, Vice President - Quincy Bethel, Secretary - Shantell Cox, Assistant Secretary - Kendra Smith, Treasurer - Wella Gardiner, Assistant Treasurer - Arlene Cornish, Chaplain - Felton Pritchard and Assistant Chaplain - Jennifer Pritchard.

Public Relations teams for specific communities have also been formed. They are for Cooper's Town - Merlene Huyler,

Dorleen Poitier and Remington McIntosh, for Fire Road - Gretchen McIntosh, Jeff Cooper and Aretha Huyler and for Blackwood - Michelle Cornish, Vanessa Cornish and Esther Laing-Cornish

President Theresa Simms is encouraging parents to work together with teachers for

the betterment of their children. She said that parents need to become more involved in their children's school lives and form relationships with their children's teachers, noting that there is a backlog of uncollected re-

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St. Francis de Sales has initiated a Student of the Month award. Fourteen students, Pre-K through grade 12, were presented with certificates for their good citizenship and academic commitment for the month of September. This will be an on-going activity to boost the morale and the efforts of the students. Pictured above are those honored for September. In the front row, left to right, are Pre-K Caitin Doyle, Grade 1 James Boyce, Kindergarten Oswald Parker and Grade 6 Duran Lowe. In the second row, left to right, are Grade 5 Oliceia Simon, Grade 4 Ashley Rolle, Grade 3 Alysia Boyce and Grade 8 Brittany Archer. In the third row, left to right, are Grade 7 Stephen Malone, Grade 9 Dana Albury, Grade 12 Dayneth Taylor, Grade 11 Viline Baptiste and Grade 10 Mathilde Dieujuste. Not pictured is Grade 2 Kadeem Gibbs.



Four new teachers were added to the staff of S. C. Bootle High School for 2002. They are, left to right, Ms. Zoreen Hardeen, mathematics; Ms. Ruby Rolle, English; Mr. Enrique Brown, Spanish; and Ms. Florine Russell, science.



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port cards of students in attendance at the school.

The new board will serve for two years and meets the third Tuesday of each month.

### Teacher of the Year Is Chosen

*By Anita Rolle*

Mrs. Keva McIntosh has been selected Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002 at the Cooper's Town Primary School. A special assembly was held in her honor on Septem-

ber 27 at the school where students, with the assistance of teachers, expressed their gratitude through dance, song, and poetry.

Pastor Ronald McIntosh of Friendship Mission Church delivered the keynote address placing emphasis on *Celebrating Our Uniqueness*. Each person is made for a specific purpose, and we must appreciate and be able to celebrate our uniqueness. He stated, *Never try to be somebody else. God loves uniqueness*. Principal at the school, Mr. Michael Rolle, stated, "There is no question that one

such person who possesses the attributes that cause individuals throughout our society to admire and respect her is Mrs. Keva McIntosh."

Mrs. McIntosh has been teaching for the past sixteen years and taught in Nassau prior to teaching at Cooper's Town Primary, where she has continued touching lives ever since. When asked how she felt about being selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year, she stated, "I was surprised and elated."

However, she said that the staff at Cooper's Town Primary works together as a great team.

Students, staff, the PTA and other well wishers showered Mrs. McIntosh with gifts, after which she proved herself worthy by settling the over energized group of first through sixth graders in a matter of seconds! Following the assembly, we were treated to a delectable luncheon for staff and invited guests.

### St. Francis de Sales After School Classes Are Offered

St. Francis de Sales School is intent on achieving success in all areas this year. It is the belief of the administration and staff that whatever is cultivated in the students is what determines the forthcoming harvest.

With this in mind the school now offers after school tutoring from grade one through grade 12 for those students who need extra help. Both BJC and BGCSE teachers have begun extra lessons for grades nine and 12 classes in all subject areas so that come next year the students will find the examinations more manageable.

The students and parents have responded well to this venture as some classes are as full as a regular class.



Central Abaco Primary has a total of 54 prefects which serve as role models for more than 700 students in the school. These are all from the upper grades in the school.



Marsh Dean  
Grade 2



Arlene Johnson-Moss  
Grade 1



Vonya Kemp  
Grade 2



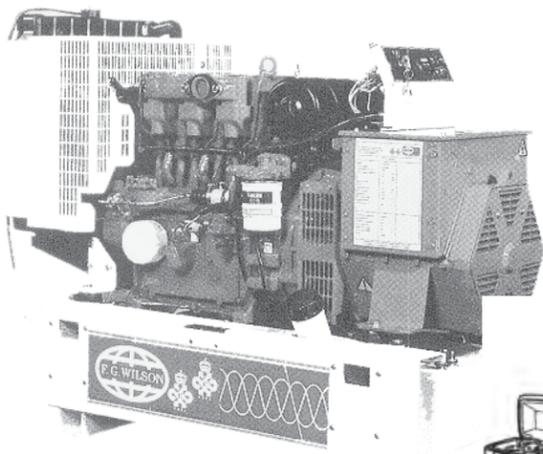
Carolyn Wright  
Special Education

Central Abaco Primary School has four new teachers to help cope with the record number of students at the school.

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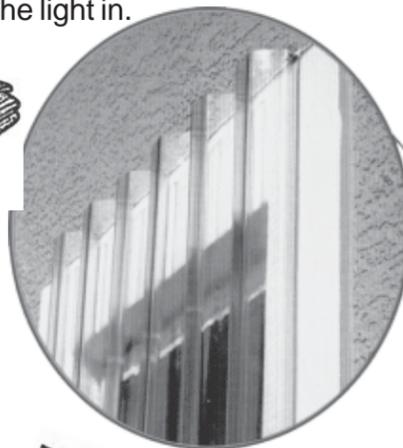


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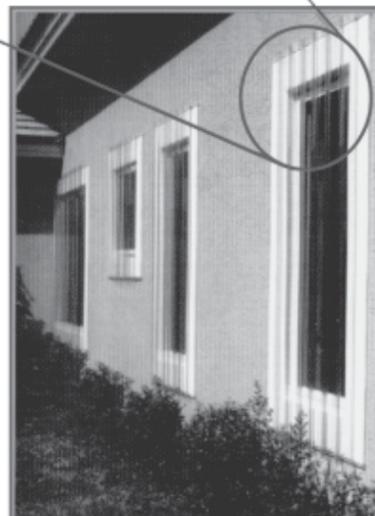
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## St. Francis Observes World Teachers' Day

Where would the world be without teachers? The students faculty and staff of St. Francis truly know the importance of teachers. On October 4 World Teachers' Day was celebrated. Teachers were honored for the steadfast dedication and commitment to education.

The teachers were honored at two assemblies hosted by the Primary and Senior school prefects who offered prayers, read poetry and serenaded the teachers. Superintendent of Police, Mr. Leland Russell, spoke to the Senior school on the importance of teachers and the role of students on achieving success. Mrs. Beverly Archer addressed the Primary school highlighting how the passion of teachers encourages students to succeed. Principal Josephine Giraud-Kumar and vice-principal Sharon Green presented gifts to the teachers. The administration and non-teaching staff hosted the teachers to a delicious meal.

The students of St. Francis de Sales want to thank their teachers for their efforts in making learning an enjoyable experience.

## Author Visits Grade 12

Novelist Cindy Ambrister of Murphy Town spoke to Grade 12 students about her novel *Rendezvous in the Wilderness* on September 19. The story is based on journals which she kept over many years. The students were interested and anticipate further visits.

## Forest Heights Academy Forest Heights Is Unbeatable!

*Stacy Lowe and Michelle Lowe*  
10th Grade Students

The Forest Heights Academy baseball team took yet another victory against Long Bay High School on October 3rd after beating St. Francis the week before. Both games ended in 9-0 shut-outs. The team went to the Marsh Harbour field determined to take charge and so they did with "Power Pitcher" Tristan Russell on board who served up 15 strike outs. Tristan's ability to take down the team did not stop there. Tristan hit a GRAND SLAM which helped the already psyched team on their way.

Tristan wasn't the only determined and outgoing player out on the field. Andrew Nottage, the backstop for the team, was out there catching Tristan's powerful pitches. As Coach Geoffrey Victor said, "I wouldn't even want to catch for Tristan!"

But the sportsmanship of this high school didn't stop there. At the Swim Meet held on September 27, Forest Heights blew the other teams out of the water. The scores were

Forest Heights - 188  
St. Francis de Sales - 28  
Agape Christian - 48  
Long Bay - 35

There were 15 first place winners. Every student that participated came back excited and energized winners.

Hopefully, Forest Heights will keep their winning rampage going for on October 11 they are having another baseball competition against Agape Christian School. Good luck and congratulations to all!

## Democracy Rings Through

*By Margo Albury and Jessica Higgs*  
10th Grade Students

Webster's Dictionary defines democracy as a government exercised either directly by the people or through elected representatives. This is the exact process at Forest Heights Academy. The Student Council at Forest Heights is a perfect example of a democracy in an educational environment. During the second week of school student nominations were held in each class to elect two representatives. Each nominee gave a speech to the class on why they should be the class representative.

On September 26 the first Student Council meeting was held. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers. They are President - Destiny Cornish, Vice President - Ovens Altidor, Secretary - Brittany Benjamin and

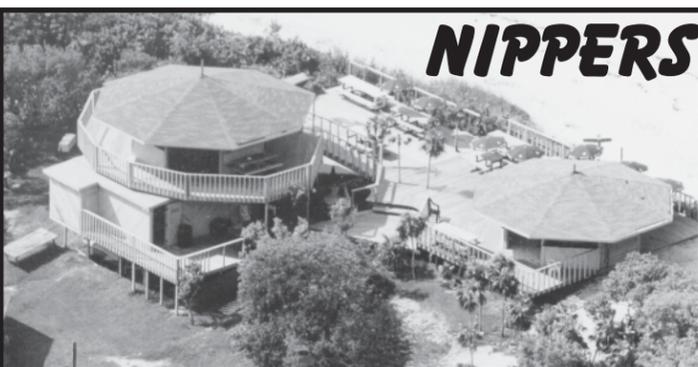
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Texaco Bahamas made a contribution to S.C. Bootle High School for purchasing equipment for their baseball team during a recent visit to Abaco. Gary Sawyer of Abaco Petroleum, Ltd, third from left, presents school principal Leslie Rolle with a cheque as members of the Texaco team look on. Left to right are Algernon Cargill, Sales Manager; David Hall, General Manager; Mr. Sawyer; Mr. Rolle; Rhonda Lightbourne; and Gary Bethel. Photo by Tim Ayles/Copyright Vision Media



Central Abaco Primary School has named their student leaders. Shown above are, front row, Alfredo Cornish, Head Boy and Shalna Blanc, Head Girl. In the back row are, left to right, Kenward Bethel, Deputy Head Boy; Ms. Beatrice Moxey, Vice Principal; and Georgia Cornish, Deputy Head Girl.



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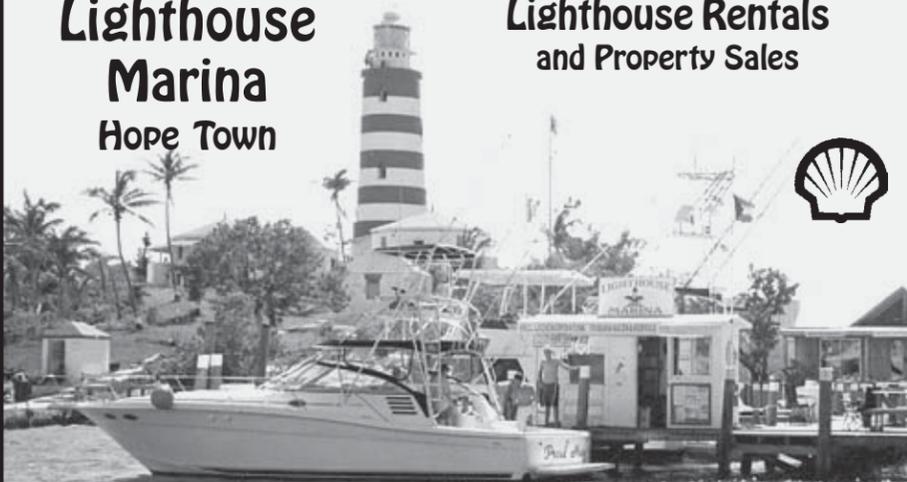
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Treasurer - LeeAndra Thompson

Teacher Laura Davies is the advisor of the Student Council. When asked about her outlook on the Council, she responded by saying, "Currently the only defined Council is an advisory group. The members have been asked to research what the Student Council stands for." However, the main purpose of the Student Council is to let the students' voices be heard. Students from each class can talk to their class representatives about any problems affecting the student body.

The students have been joined in the democratic process by their parents as the PTA held its first meeting on October 3. They, like the Student Council, voted on their executive committee. The results were President - Ms. Maureen Koepp, Vice President - Mr. Mike Malone, Secretary - Ms. Valery Taylor, Treasurer - Ms. Beth Sawyer, Parent Representatives - Mr. Chris Smith, Ms. Marsha Lowe, Ms. Elaine Martinborough, Ms. Julia Sawyer and Ms. Dellarese Davis, Teacher Representatives - Ms. Susan Parotti and Mr. Geoffrey Victor.

The PTA has always been an asset to the

school. Last year it provided the school with such things as a barbecue grill, trophies, sports uniforms, benches and 13 new computers.

The PTA plans to continue with its ongoing commitment to quality education. Principal Mike Meeson summed up its importance when he said, "Education is a triangle; parents, teachers and students, working as one entity."

### S.C. Bootle High School Treasure Cay Ltd. Sponsors S.C. Bootle Awards Ceremony

By Gopaul Hardeen

The month of October is significant not only for Columbus Day and the mid-term break at Sherlin C. Bootle High, it is also

significant because it is a month that has a special day earmarked for celebrating the success of our students. This is the Awards Ceremony Day.

This year we have chosen October 23 for this tradition and this time around it will be different. We will be awarding students trophies instead of just certificates, subject trophies, trophies for athletics, for the most improved in academics and attendance and good citizenship plaques.

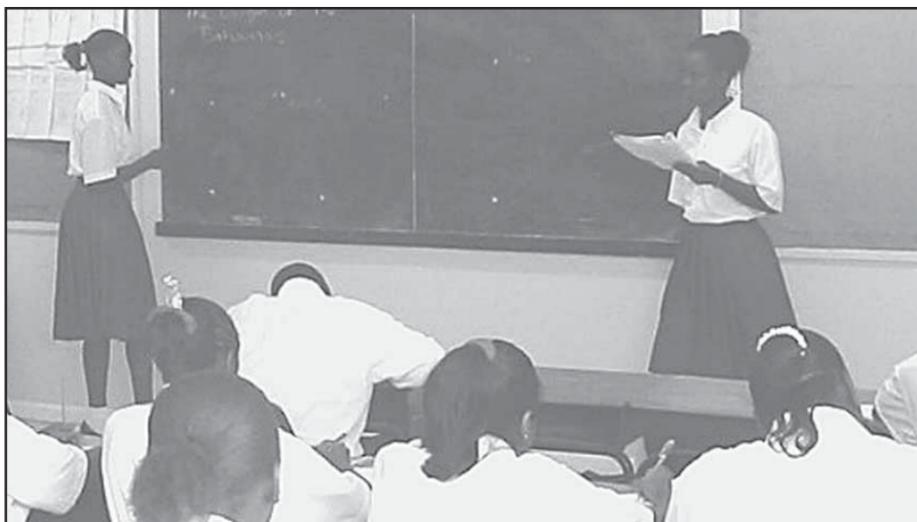
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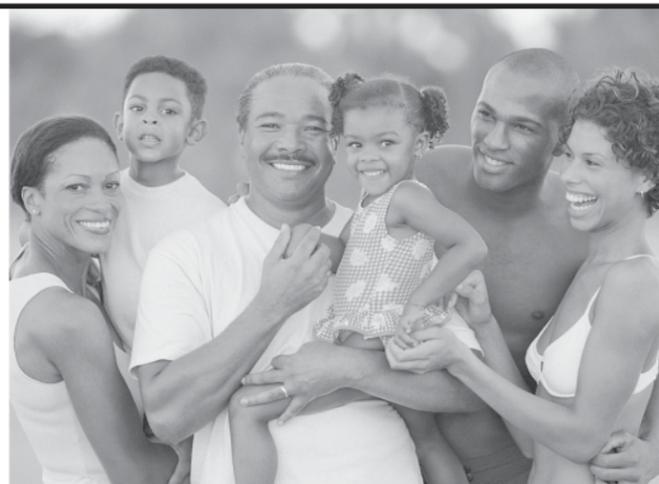
Shantarra Davis, Texaco Bahamas National Youth Safety spokesperson, spoke to the students of Treasure Cay Primary on September 25 about safety on the roads. She accompanied the Hon. Glennys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, in touring schools on Abaco bringing the message of road safety. Photo by Tim Aylen/copyright Vision Media



Two 11th grade students were thrilled to teach the 10th grade geography class. Shown above are Kaysiann Ambrister and Sasha Smith taking the class for their teacher, Mrs. Sabrina Russell. Their lesson for the day was on plate tectonics and the origin of the Bahama Islands. Will they choose to become teachers or geologists?

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# More School News

## School

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It will be an open air ceremony on the school grounds and will start at 7 p.m. This will give parents, guardians and special guests the opportunity to be there and participate in this annual celebration of educational success. Students must attend in order to receive their awards.

Earlier this year Treasure Cay Ltd. purchased a quantity of electrical materials for our library and it is now installed making the library a well lit environment conducive to reading and research. They donated a new computer last term to boost the number available for students' use in the Computer Lab. The staff and students of S. C. Bootle wish to thank Treasure Cay Hotel and Marina, particularly Mr. Jos Konsten, Director of Operations, Ms. Paula Morley and Mr. Everette Pinder.

Indeed, we can see that Treasure Cay Ltd. is setting the pace for the rest of corporate Abaco here in the North. Many parents have come to grips with the reality that everything will not be provided by the Ministry of Education and they are now willing to assist in the educational process by making donations and other contributions.

We would like to thank Mr. Zeldon Simmons who installed the air-conditioning

unit in our library free of charge. Although this was done months ago, it was only with the installation of a new breaker box last week and some additional electrical work that this phase of remodeling the library was finally completed.

The contribution of Mr. Glen Culmer is also noted who installed electric outlets in the library so that the multimedia center could be available for students' use.

We would like to thank Mr. Al Martin, a visitor from the US, who has presented a scholarship to a second recipient, Shanique Murray. Mr. Martin had previously presented a scholarship to Olanthia Russell and made a number of contributions to the school.

We look forward to more contributions which will definitely be a catalyst to the education process.

### The Prefects Are Named

By Banard Curry, Head Boy

S.C. Bootle High School is proud to present the prefect body for the academic year 2002 - 2003. As the famous proverb says, "In order to be a good leader, you must be able to follow." We, the Dynamic Dolphins, have been doing exactly that over the past five years. Now it is time to lead, and we are vowing to lead by example.

The prefects were selected based on their academic performance, character and lead-

ership qualities. Each promised to be good role models to the students and first-class ambassadors of S.C. Bootle High School. The prefects will ensure that the school's rules and policies are adhered to at all times, in addition to keeping their school's name in high esteem.

As Head Boy of this school, I congratulate the prefects on the position they hold and encourage them to continue striving for excellence in everything they do. Remember our theme for this year is *School-wide - Dolphin Pride!*

The following students were selected as prefects for the academic year of 2002 - 2003. Head Boy: Banard Curry; Deputy Head Boy: Felix Cooper; Head Girl: Latanya Rolle; Deputy Head Girl: Tamara Burrows; Prefect Body: Deidre Curry, Anthoniece Edgecombe, Ronece Edgecombe, Jenny Joseph, Charlese McIntosh, Gordinia McIntosh, Ronnisha McIntosh, Brittany Murray, Shavanna Murray, Felicia Pritchard, Clarence Albury, Valentino Carey, Tarvanti McDonald, Anvar Russell and Frisco Wells.

### Two Budding Teachers?

By Mrs. Leazona Richard

Two eleventh grade students of S.C. Bootle High school were allowed to create and execute a lesson for the tenth grade Geography class. Kaysiann Ambrister and Sasha Smith begged the tenth grade Geography teacher, Mrs. Sabrina Russell, to be allowed to present a lesson on plate tectonics and the origin of the Bahama islands. This was something that they dreamt of doing from the previous year and were determined to be given the opportunity. They brought great enthusiasm and confidence in delivering the lesson, and their pupils were very receptive to their teaching

style. The two young ladies reported afterward that they were exhausted after the first twenty minutes of teaching.

As to whether or not they may become teachers, they're not certain but they have shared with their classmates their greater respect and appreciation for what teachers do everyday without the thanks they deserve.

## Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman  
USSR

No, USSR does not stand for the United Soviet Socialist Republic. USSR stands for Uninterrupted Silent Sustained Reading which is a program where students read silently for an uninterrupted period of time. Over time it has been proven that this method aids the reading ability of the student to a great degree. Every Wednesday morning students at Abaco Central have USSR for 20 minutes first thing in the morning. The school acknowledges that many students have a serious problem with reading and comprehension. Principal Benjamin Stubbs instituted this programme last year as one attempt to address this problem.

### Students Helping Students

Junita Francis and Brent Symonette, two grade 12 students at Abaco Central have undertaken a lunch time tutoring program for a few seventh graders helping these 7th graders to read. Every lunchtime Junita and Brent work with the students. This deed is fulfilling their community service hours needed to graduate.

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Students of S.C. Bootle High School were donated 14 tennis rackets and a bucket of balls by Bobby Russell, who previously was the tennis pro at Abaco Beach Resort. Bobby, in the center of the photograph, is now coaching tennis in Orlando, Florida. The students of S.C. Bootle High are very enthusiastic about tennis and are forming a tennis club.

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# More School News

School *From Page 14*

## Community Service Is a Requirement

Abaco Central High School has instituted a new requirement for grade 12 students before they can graduate. Every grade 12 student must do 25 hours of community service and it must be documented. Community service has long been a requirement in schools

in Nassau and Grand Bahama and now it is a requirement here.

## Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Visits

On September 27 the Hon. Alfred Gray, MP, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Local Government, visited Abaco Central High School.

Mr. Gray broke ground for a new chicken coop which will be erected alongside the



The Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Local Government, toured Abaco Central High School on his visit on September 26 and 27. He is shown here breaking ground for a new chicken coop adjacent to the one there presently. The Department of Agriculture paid to have the land cleared and funding for the labour to construct the building will come from the Agriculture League of Nassau. Abaco Big Bird will supply chicks to the school. On the left is Principal Benjamin Stubbs

## Teachers Are Treated

On October 8 teachers at Abaco Central were treated to a cracked crawfish and fried fish luncheon courtesy of the Administration of the school. It was the administration's way of showing appreciation to the teachers and

was an event to celebrate World Teachers day which was October 5. Mrs. Starlene Prenelus prepared the luncheon with the assistance of Ms. Jackie Bootle.

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Each twelfth grade student at Abaco Central High School must now do 25 hours of verified community service before he or she can graduate. This is a normal practice in Nassau and Freeport but has never been implemented on Abaco. Shown above are, left to right, Brent Symonette, Clanardo Gibson, Deangelo Bootle and Shivargo Douglas working on the softball field at the park adjacent to the high school. They are working under the supervision of Jeff Mills, handyman at Abaco Central High School, not in the photo.

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# Miss Bahamas Universe Visits Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Miss Bahamas Universe, Nadia Rogers Albury, visited Abaco on October 1 along with Ms. Gaynell Rolle, Director of the Miss Bahamas Universe Pageant Organization. Ms. Rolle announced that the local Miss Abaco Bahamas Pageant will be held on February 1, 2003, and eligible contestants are now being sought for the pageant.

Local pageant director, Mr. Don Cornish, said that in preparation for the local pageant persons of high quality are being sought. Family Island participation in the national pageant

is being implemented as a means of corroborating a true Miss Bahamas, where all islands participate in the selection process. The young lady must exemplify beauty, character, must be community oriented and in a nutshell she must be someone who identifies with first class Bahamian women of today.

Miss Albury expressed her gratitude to the organizers on Abaco for their hospitality, this being her first visit to the island. She encouraged young ladies who believe they fit the criteria to enter the competition as it is a unique opportunity to develop themselves

in many areas. Deputy director of Miss Abaco Bahamas Pageant, Mrs. Jacqui Estavez, stated, "We want to be guided by biblical principals as we help to develop future leaders of tomorrow. We want to encourage young ladies to sign up. You will be guided, we'll get you there."

Deadline for applicants to apply is October 31. The local pageant will be held on February 1, 2003, and the national pageant to be held on March 9, 2003. The reigning queen and first runner-up in the Miss Abaco Bahamas Pageant will represent Abaco Island in the national pageant and the young ladies should be prepared to spend the two

weeks prior to the national pageant on New Providence with the committee for training and readiness.

Contestants are being invited from all over Abaco - North, South, Central and the Cays - as the committee seeks a broad cross section of ethnicity and culture irrespective of geographical location. She must be Bahamian between of 18-27, having permanently resided on Abaco for at least one year. Prizes are numerous. For further details persons may contact Winsome Ferguson at 357-6839; Nicola Ferguson at 367-5227 and Jacqui Estavez at 367-2370.



Miss Bahamas Universe, Nadia Rogers Albury, came to Abaco on October 1 to announce the Miss Abaco Bahamas Pageant which will be held on February 1, 2003. She, along with pageant organizers from Nassau including Ms. Gaynell Rolle, Director of the Miss Bahamas Universe Pageant, held a press conference at Mackerals Restaurant in Dundas Town to promote the Abaco pageant, spelling out the rules. Ms. Albury is shown here with Don Cornish, local pageant director.

## Local Nurse Receives Award

By Anita Rolle

Mrs. Carolyn Russell, a nurse at the Marsh Harbour government clinic, recently



Mrs. Carolyn Russell

received an award for Excellence in Nursing Care and Dedication to the Advancement of Nursing in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. At an awards ceremony held on Paradise Island, Nurse Russell was applauded for her contributions made to the profession.

Nurse Russell has been a nurse for 22 years, having served as a midwife since 1993. She has practiced in New Providence, Freeport and has been on Abaco for thirteen years. She has also been stationed on a number of other Family Islands. She has been married to Rev. Keith Russell for sixteen years. The couple has three children.

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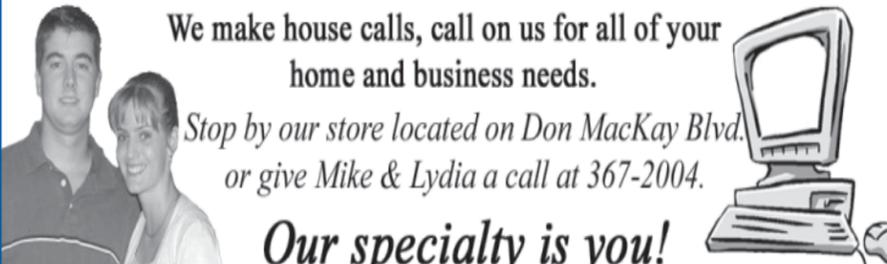
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## Surfing Attracts the Young



Christian Wilhoyte of Hope Town is shown out enjoying surfing at Garbonzo Break at White Sound, one of the outstanding young surfers of Elbow Cay. Photo by Lori Kenyon.

By Christine McCully

Surfing activities on Abaco have been going on through the summer and fall. The Bahamas Amateur Surfing Association has held an all-girl surf clinic and a summer and fall contest series. The national qualifying series started on October 6 and will continue on November 17 and December

15 with participants from Elbow Cay and Guana Cay. The events are organized by Christine McCully and Tim Albury. The Surfing Association chairman is Scott Patterson. The competitions were held at Garbanzo Beach near White Sound on Elbow Cay.

The final results of the Summer Surf Series is as follows:

### Junior Men's

- 1st Blake Sands
- 2nd Andrew Wilhoyte
- 3rd Joshua Sands
- 4th Brandon Sands

### 12 and under Grommets

- 1st Ryan Sands
- 2nd Christian Wilhoyte
- 3rd Bradley Albury
- 4th Jake Albury

The final results of the Fall Winter surf Series on October 6th.

- 1st Andrew Wilhoyte
- 2nd Ryan Sands
- 3rd Jacob Albury
- 4th Bradley Albury
- 5th Joshua Sands
- 6th Christian Wilhoyte
- 7th Andrew Nottage
- 8th Tyler Albury

### Open Short Board

- 1st Andrew Wilhoyte
- 2nd Blake Sands
- 3rd Curtis (Visitor)
- 4th Christine McCully
- 5th Joshua Sands
- 6th Charley Baldwin
- 7th Jeff Gale
- 8th Scott Patterson

## Treasure Cay Starts Garden Club

By Ralph and Colette Moore

The inaugural meeting of the Treasure Cay Garden Club was held on September 30 with four people in attendance. From small beginnings.....

The following have shown interest in the Club so far: Michael and Louise Lightbourne, Ralph and Colette Moore, Daryl Muratori, Nelrose Parker, Florence Sawyer, Linda Simmons and Stella Thompson

A couple of areas of interest were discussed, the primary one being that of soil augmentation. Since Treasure Cay is essentially a sand bank, all gardens (vegetables, flowers, shrubs, trees, etc) will need to augment the soil with organic matter. The value of seaweed was recognized and since our beach has an abundance of this, we will look at ways to efficiently gather and distribute it to club members.

Another topic was mulch. How can we take advantage of the many downed casuari-

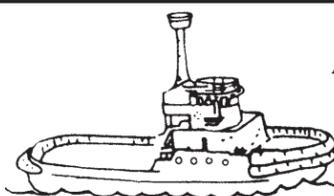
nas and get them chipped for distribution? Obviously, we can't get that mighty gobbler of trees we had to clean up after Floyd.

There was considerable discussion of native trees and shrubs for landscaping. Such trees as mahogany (madeira and mastic), lignum vitae and pigeon plum should do well in most of Treasure Cay. For example, there is a large mahogany in the parking lot in front of the Royal Bank office in Treasure Cay. Michael Lightbourne is quite an expert on native trees and shrubs.

There was considerable interest in propagation from cuttings, a technique successfully used by Ralph and Colette Moore for a variety of plants.

In future we plan to discuss vegetable and fruit growing. Our vegetable season is upon us!

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### Sherman

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via instant messenger or on the phone what she is doing, I have to say that I am glad she has been able to take advantage of this opportunity to further her education.

For readers who read this column, math seems not to be a major problem as it was last year. She is taking another math course but it seems to be a smoother road this year.

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## Sea Turtle Conservationist Visits Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Mrs. Karen Eckert, Executive Director of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Con-



Mrs. Karen Eckert, Executive Director of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network, visited high schools to promote the conservation of turtles. She is shown here at St. Francis de Sales School.

servation Network, recently visited Abaco, spreading the word on the importance of the conservation of the species. Accompanied by Ms. Eleanor Phillips of the Department of Fisheries, she took the time to speak to students at St Francis de Sales School and Forest Height Academy.

The conservation organization has promoted international co-operation for nearly two decades with coordinators in more than thirty Caribbean nations and territories. It has worked closely with a wide variety of persons within and outside government to develop scientifically sound programs manage sea turtle conservation. These persons can include scientists, conservationists, resource managers, resource users, policy-makers, educators and others.

Today many sea turtle populations are declining. Some of the largest breeding populations the world has ever known have vanished. The Caribbean region once supported populations of sea turtles that numbered in the millions. Seventeenth and eighteenth century mariner records documented flotillas of turtles so dense and so vast that net fishing was impossible. Even the movement of ships was curtailed. Their teeming numbers were a dominant force in the ecology of coral reefs and sea grass meadows and in the economies of man.

## Obituaries of Family and Friends

Mary Vivian Bethel, 78, of Hope Town passed away on September 30 in Hope Town. Her funeral was held at St. James Methodist Church. Rev. Carla Culmer, Rev. Derek Benjamin and Mr. Vernon Malone officiated.

She is survived by her son Thomas Bethel; daughters Carolyn Sacher, Cheryl Higgs and Patrice Fairchild; grandchildren Donna Patterson, Raquel Sands, Christy Sacher and Nicholas Malone; great-grandchildren Ryan and Tonya Patterson; daughter-in-law Eleanor; sons-in-law Charles Sacher, Stanley Higgs and Ronald Fairchild; grandsons-in-law Reginald Patterson and Tweedie Sands and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Louisane Louis**, 40 of Dundas Town, was held on October 5 at the Trumpet Assembly of God in Dundas Town. Rev. Carlton Dorsett officiated assisted by Pastor Exer Minme. Interment was the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Rodney Louis; son Louben Louis; daughters Mauouch and Latoya Louis; mother Anita Louis; sisters Lorme, Eugene, Margaret, Daniella and Elita; aunts; uncles; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Mary Swain**, 91, of Murphy Town was held on October 5 at the New Bethany Gospel Chapel in Murphy Town. Pastor Livingston Williams officiated assisted by Elder Lucian Curry. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Murphy Town.

She is survived by her daughter Sylvia Swain; adopted sons Rolston McKenzie and Theophilus Swain; sisters Edith Taylor and Angela Stuart; sister-in-law Lillis Wright; daughter-in-law Maggie McKenzie; grandchildren Geletha Archer, Christine Maingot, Michelle Davis, Adamae Deveaux, Hubert Russell, Ricardo Brown, Ricardo Rile, Alvin Strachan, Kenneth Bastian, Ray Pratt and

Gary Alexis; nieces Mytis Gibson, Maryann Sands, Brenda, Sylvia, Sharon and Lisa McNeil, Vivian, LaVann, Janeta and Joyce Rolle, Eutipi Monroe, Alma Knowles, Vernice and Anica Wright, Lucy Wright, Ismae Dawkins, Emmaline Butler, Ilma Curry, Leatha McDonald, Earsalena Hanna, Louise Cornish, Isetta Bartlett, Anamae Cornish, Anerva Davis and Inez Knowles; nephews John Wright, Elder Havort Wright, Craven McKenzie, Roland Douglas, Granville, Leslie, Luther and Larry McKenzie, William Milton, Salathiel and Rev. Roland Swain, Ramond and Harmen Davis, grandsons-in-law Maxwell Deveaux, Wayne Archer, Dave Maingot and Athlee Davis; granddaughters-in-law Sharon Bastian, Geraldine Pratt, Edith Brown, Rosea Alexis and Kayla Riley; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

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# Club News

The members of the Pilot Club visited Abaco Central Primary School on September 6 to present school supplies to the principal, Ms. Eunice Mills. The supplies were donated by club members, Lowe's Pharmacy,

Bellevue Business Depot and the Chemist Shoppe. Ms. Joyce Coleby, President of the Pilot Club extends gratitude to the businesses and members for their kind donation.

## Rotary Club Donates Computers



The Rotary Club of Abaco recently presented three computers to Abaco Central High School. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal; Mrs. Beverly Rolle, Business Coordinator; Mr. Malcolm Spicer of Abacom who supplied the computers; and Mr. Barry Whiting, President of the Rotary Club. The high school has had much damage to their computers from vandalism.

## Local Business Supports Scholarship Fund



This is the second year that John Bull has contributed to the Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Fund. Pathfinders helps about 10 new students each year supporting them with partial scholarships for the length of their course of study. Shown above is Mr. Ray Ketay on the left accepting the check from Mr. Drayton Pilcher, Manager of John Bull, on the right.



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There may be more students away which we have not listed. We would appreciate family members or friends calling us at 367-3202 or 367-2677 with the information.

**Shaqueria Adderley** is in her fourth year at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a full scholarship from the Prime Time Foundation. She will graduate in May 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in pre-med and expects to continue with her schooling toward becoming a pediatrician.



The Prime Time Foundation was set up by Mr. and Mrs. Yanover of Jupiter, Florida, and offers one scholarship to an Abaco student and one to an Eleuthera student annually for them to study at Louisiana State University. The recipients must maintain good grades to continue receiving the scholarship. Shaqueria was the first recipient on Abaco to receive this scholarship.

Shaqueria was Head Girl at Abaco Central High School in 1999. She is the daughter of Patricia Kemp of Dundas Town and granddaughter of Ralph and Caroline Kemp.

**Louise Ashail** is in her first year at Brevard Community College in Florida. She is studying to be a medical assistant.



Louise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Sawyer of Hope Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and was awarded a scholarship from the Abaco Pathfinders Foundation.

**Renee Archer** is continuing her studies toward a doctorate in psychology. She is attending the Professional School of Psychology in Los Angeles, California

Renee is the daughter of the late Capt. Garnet Archer and Mrs. Vyrona Archer of Marsh Harbour. She competes in swimming on a swimming team.

**Christina Basden** is in her third year at College of The Bahamas studying biochemistry.



Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Basden of Marsh Harbour. She graduated from Abaco Central High school where she was on the honor roll. She is a natural science senator for the College of the Bahamas Union of Students.

**Addison Durrell Burrows** is in his first year at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida, where he is majoring in music.



Addison is the son of Hudson and Claudine Burrows of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School where he was the Deputy Head Boy. He received a music scholarship from the college.

**Kenrick Chu** is in his first year at Centennial College in Toronto, Canada. He is studying to become a computer systems analyst.



Kenrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chu of Marsh Harbour. He received an education foundation scholarship.

**Mario Chu** is in his second year at Centennial College in Toronto, Canada. He is studying mechanical engineering and technical design.



Mario is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chu of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Abaco Central High School. He received a scholarship from an education foundation.

**Lawrence Collie** is in his third year and is now studying at the University of Phoenix, Arizona. He is doing very well in his biology courses.



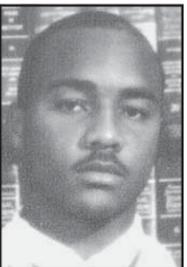
He received his high school training in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Collie of Long Bay.

**O'Neil Cooper** is in his first year at Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute in Nassau where he is studying welding and air conditioning.



O'Neil is the son of Yvette and Joe Cooper of Treasure Cay. He is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

**Brucely Cornish** is continuing his studies at the College of The Bahamas. He is working toward a Bachelor's degree in accounting while working at an offshore bank in Nassau.



Brucely graduated from S.C. Bootle in 1995 and is the son of Ruth and Leslie Cornish of Cooper's Town.

**Tavia Cornish** is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas studying primary education.



Tavia is the daughter of Maggie Cornish of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was top student in the BGCSE exam in Office Procedures in 2001.

**Jonell Curry** is in her first year at New England Tech in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is studying computer technology.

Jonell is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the daughter of Birdie McIntosh and Jonathan Curry of Mount Hope. She earned a prefect award, a principal's award and several other awards and certificates.

**Morgan Engle** is in his first year at Tampa Technical Institute. He is enrolled in a two-year program studying computer networking.



Morgan is the son of Jane and Ron Engle of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

**Samantha Gaitor** is in her first year at Broward Community College studying to be a dental hygienist. She is in a three-year program.



Samantha is the daughter of Harold and Carolyn Gaitor of Moore's Island. She lived with Minalee and Charles Bodie in Murphy Town to attend school on the mainland. She graduated from Abaco Central High School and attended the Bahamas Vocational and Technical Institute in Nassau. She was awarded an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.

**Remember: Time Changes October 27**

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# More Students Abroad

## Students

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**Jessica Hall** is in her second year at the University of California in Santa Cruz, California. She is studying psychology.



Jessica is the daughter of Oswald Hall of Treasure Cay and Sue Bowers. She graduated from a high school in Fresno, California, where she was in the gifted student program and maintained a 3.8 GPA.

**Logan Hanna** is enrolled in a Med-Evac program learning emergency medical techniques. He also works with the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Nassau. He is active in church work traveling to many of the Bahamian islands teaching abstinence.



He is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the son of Anna-Maria Cote and David Cote.

**Calea Laroda** is in her third year attending the College of The Bahamas. She is maintaining a 3.0 GPA.



Calea is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the daughter of Wendy and Clint Laroda of Treasure Cay.

**Nadia Major** is in her second year at Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce, Florida. She is studying computer science and is an honor student. She will receive her Associate's degree in December 2002. She plans to continue studying toward a Bachelor's degree



Nadia is the daughter of Ruth and Kenneth Major of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School. She studied for one year at Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute. She received a Lyford Cay Foundation scholarship.



**Ronnette McIntosh** is in her first year at Success Training College in Nassau. She is studying early childhood education.

Ronnette is the daughter of Enid and Rev. John McIntosh of Wood Cay and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School where she was on the honor roll.



**Hooshmand Nightingale** is in his last year of medical school at Michigan State Medical School in East Lansing, Michigan. He is interning at the New Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is married to Denise Ortiz, a medical technician. Hooshmand is the son of Alice Nightingale of Casuarina Point and Charles Nightingale of North Carolina.

**Bernadette Jean Noel** is in her second year at the Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Florida. She is studying physical therapy.

Bernadette is from Hope Town. She received an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.

**Kristen Pearce** is in her first year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is involved in community service working at an orphanage.



Kristen is the daughter of Theodore and Rhonda Pearce of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

**Tiffany Roberts** is in her third year at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. She is in a pre-med course. She was awarded a scholarship from the Lyford Cay Foundation in Nassau.



Tiffany is the daughter of Bert and Martha Roberts of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is working part time in trauma-emergency medicine and is active in the Caribbean group and UNICEF.

**Charlyn Russell** is in her second year of graduate school working toward a Master's degree in psychiatric nursing at the Dalhousie University School of Nursing in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It is a four year course. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and graduated magna cum laude.



Charlyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell of Treasure Cay and was a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

**Janelle Russell** is in her third year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida, studying nursing. She will complete work for her Associate's degree, then go on for her bachelor's degree.

Janelle is the daughter of Terry Russell of Cooper's Town. She is a graduate of the

S.C. Bootle High School. She received an Edwin Pearlstine scholarship. She is a member of the Phi Theta Cappa Honor Society.

**Taryn Russell** is in her second year at the University of Havana in Cuba where she is studying accounting.



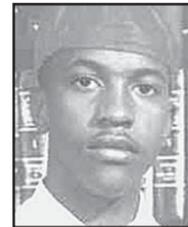
Taryn is the daughter of Whitfield Russell and Dorolyn Wilmore, both of Murphy Town. He is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is on a Cuban government scholarship

**Bianca Strachan** is completing her work for a Bachelor's degree which she expects to receive in December 2002. She is on the honor roll at the College of the Bahamas and is studying banking. She is working full time at Commonwealth Bank.



Bianca is the daughter of Anthony and Valderine Adderley of Fire Road and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

**Chadwell Williams** is in his fourth year at Florida International University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He expects to graduate in May 2003 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He maintains grades that keep him on the Dean's list.



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# Police Report

*As Reported to The Abaconian*

Someone entered the yard at Ministry of Works on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour, cut the locks to the two storage vans and a storage container. The thieves stole a \$950 saw, a \$150 hammer drill, a \$200 power drill and a 3.5 H.P. gasoline pump worth \$1,500.

Green Turtle Cay woman reported that someone entered her home, searched her bedroom and stole a bank deposit pouch containing \$8000 in cash, four Bahamian passports and one American passport.

A 23-year-old resident of Charlie Boo Yard was arrested while at the Marsh Harbour Police Station for disorderly conduct and obscene language. The accused was cautioned on suspicion of wounding someone.

The manager of Man-O-War Hardware Store reported (August 31 or Sept 7) that someone broke in and removed a 1200 pound safe containing \$2000 in cash and numerous personal effects including land papers, deed and records.

A resident of Man-O-War Cay reported that someone broke into Edwin's Boat Yard office and stole a safe which contained about \$700 in cash and personal effects.

A Murphy Town man reported that he saw a man break into the hood of a Buick at the Marsh Harbour freight dock. He discovered that the battery had been removed and the ignition switch damaged. A man was detained by a Citizens Against Crime employee and handed over to the Marsh Harbour Police. The battery was later recovered and the culprit was charged with stealing, receiving and trespassing.

A Fox Town man reported on September 23 that he was assaulted with a bottle outside the Reflection Nightclub in Fox Town. He was treated at the government clinic for

minor head injuries and was discharged.

A resident of Marsh Harbour reported September 24 seeing a suspicious male loitering on the premises of Dove Plaza on Don MacKay Boulevard. The suspect, a former resident of Dundas Town, was arrested and charged with vagrancy.

A Treasure Cay man was arrested September 24 outside of Best-For-Less Liquor Store, located on the S.C. Bootle Highway, for possession of drugs and the intent to supply. He was found with 22 packages of suspected marijuana and \$286.50 in cash as proceeds from the sale of the drug.

A Mount Hope juvenile was arrested September 26 and charged for being an uncontrollable child after a complaint was lodged by her mother. The minor was released back into the custody of her mother and is scheduled to attend court at a later date.

A 29-year-old Grand Cay woman was raped September 28. A man she knew from McLean's Town, Grand Bahama, was arrested and charged with rape.

Someone broke into Sawyers Soft Drinks in Marsh Harbour September 28 and stole \$40.

A Dundas Town woman reported September 28 that a fight erupted between her two sons with one being stabbed in the chest. The son responsible for the stabbing was taken into custody and later charged for grievous harm while the other was airlifted to Nassau for treatment.

A Marsh Harbour man reported that someone entered his home through a window and took a \$250 cell phone a \$60 watch.

A Marsh Harbour woman reported October 2 that someone stole four drums of diesel fuel from her son's residence in Dundas Town sometime between August 27th and September 1st. Her son's house was also broken into.

A resident of Dundas Town reported October 2 that a man broke into his residence. A suspect was arrested.

A fight erupted on the campus of S.C. Bootle High School between several students on October 3 and a number of arrests were made.

The owner of The Reflection nightclub in Crown Haven reported October 3 that someone broke into his establishment and stole a number of alcoholic beverages. A suspect is being sought.

A Crown Haven resident reported October 3 that her house was broken into and a satellite card valued at \$400 was stolen. The police have a suspect's name.

A resident of Crown Haven reported that on October 4 someone entered her residence and stole a satellite receiver valued at \$100 and a satellite authorization card valued at \$250.

A resident of Crown Haven reported October 4 that he was assaulted on the shoulder by a man known to him.

A resident of The Mud reported October 5 that he had been assaulted in Pigeon Peas by three men with a baseball bat and a handgun then robbed of \$150.

A resident of Hard Bargain, Moore's Island, reported that he was assaulted October

5 by an acquaintance, causing injury to his back and knee.

October 6 a resident of Fox Town reported that someone entered her home on September 19th and stole a cellular phone valued at \$275.

A Marsh Harbour resident reported October 7 that his house appeared to have been broken into.

A resident of Fox Town reported October 7 that her husband assaulted her.

A forty-year old man of Crown Haven being held for stealing escaped October 7 from the police station. The prisoner is known under the alias Bebe.

A resident of Marsh Harbour reported October 7 that someone entered her residence and stole her Suzuki motorcycle valued at \$850. The motorbike was later recovered in the area of Memorial Plaza.

Two residents of McLean's Town, Grand Bahama, were arrested October 8 near Carter's Cay for the possession of nineteen undersized crawfish. The men were charged and released on bail.

A resident of McLean's Town was arrested October 8 in the area of the government dock in Crown Haven for drug possession, suspected marijuana.

A Crown Haven resident was arrested October 8 for possession of dangerous drugs.



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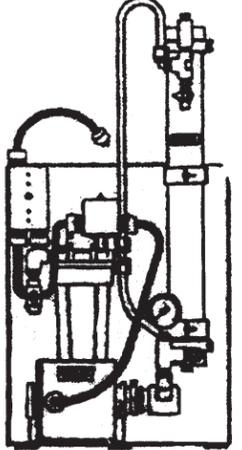
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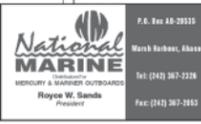
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# Marsh Harbour Magistrate's Court Report

As Reported to The Abaconian

**September 25**

A resident of Marsh Harbour was charged on two counts shop breaking, one at Central Abaco Primary School and one at Abaco Central High School. He was accused of stealing a number of computers and their components. He pleaded guilty for Central Abaco Primary and was convicted for Abaco Central High. He was fined \$500.

**September 26**

Three juveniles and one adult were charged for breaking and entering into the Batelco Office in Marsh Harbour. The trial was scheduled to take place on October 14 but will be rescheduled to a later date because of a holiday.

**September 30**

A resident of Marsh Harbour plead guilty to possession of dangerous drugs. He was fined \$1200.

A resident of Spring City was charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm, ammunition and drugs. He was convicted for the possession of drugs and ammunition, and was fined \$1,500 for drug possession and \$500 for possession of ammunition.

A resident of The Mud was convicted of drug possession and sentenced to serve twelve months in Her Majesty's Prison at Fox Hill, New Providence.

A resident of Dundas Town was convicted of two counts of shop breaking and one of housebreaking on September 30. He was convicted of one count housebreaking and one shop breaking for which he is currently serving 20 months in Her Majesty's Prison.

A resident of Crown Haven was convicted of unlawful possession on a number of items.

He was fined \$150.

A resident of Marsh Harbour was charged with vagrancy. He was fined \$75.

A resident of The Mud was convicted of three counts of housebreaking. He was sentenced to serve 14 months in Her Majesty's Prison, New Providence.

**October 2nd**

A Marsh Harbour Resident was charged with damage by fire, for attempting to burn down a building. The matter has been adjourned to November 6th.

Two residents of Marsh Harbour were charged with drug possession. One of residents was acquitted; the other pleaded guilty and was charged with two counts of drug possession. He was fined \$500 for one count and \$250 for the other.

A resident of Spring City pleaded guilty to a charge of drug possession. He paid a \$200 fine.

Two residents of the Pigeon Peas were charged with drug possession. The matter has been adjourned to November 6th.

**October 3rd**

A Murphy Town resident pleaded guilty to a charge of housebreaking that took place in Murphy Town, and he was subsequently charged with another count of housebreaking. He has been sent to Sandilands Rehabilitation Center until October 31st to be evaluated as to whether he is fit to stand trial. The matter has been adjourned to October 31st.

A resident of Marsh Harbour was accused of rape and burglary. However, the victim withdrew the matter.

A Marsh Harbour resident was charged with drug possession, but the matter was dis-

charged.

**October 7th**

A Marsh Harbour resident was charged with dangerous driving; police were forced to chase him through Marsh Harbour. He was convicted of the offence and fined \$500.

A resident of Sandy Point was charged with rape. The matter has been adjourned to November 20th for a preliminary inquiry.

Three persons, residents of Marsh Harbour and The Mudd, were charged with conspiracy to commit forgery, possession of a forged document and uttering a forged document. Allegedly the three forged a letter to represent Abaco Gas Limited and attempted to use this document in New Providence. Arguments will put forth in Court on October 9th as to whether or not the Magistrate's Court has jurisdiction to determine this matter.

**October 8th**

A Dundas Town resident was charged for driving a vehicle without undue care and attention, driving an unlicensed vehicle and driving without a valid certificate of inspection. She was fined \$100.

A resident of Murphy Town was charged with driving with undue care and attention, driving without a valid certificate of inspection and driving an unlicensed vehicle. He

was fined \$300.

A resident of Marsh Harbour was charged with driving an unlicensed vehicle without a valid certificate of inspection. She was fined \$50.

Four residents of Marsh Harbour were accused of possessing dangerous drugs. A substance was found in the house where the four resided. After analysis, the substance was determined to be marijuana. Three of the accused were acquitted, and one was charged. He must now put up a defense so as not to be charged for possession of dangerous drugs.

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# Viewpoint Farming Faces an Unsure Future

By John Hedden

There are so many problems facing agriculture in this country it is difficult to know where to begin. The blame usually goes to the Bahamian government, but the farmers must also take their share. Farmers are unwilling to work with others, expect the consumer to buy their product, produce poor quality, and look to the government for welfare and assistance. To survive in the modern world of globalisation, farmers must change their attitude.

Before the problems facing agriculture in the Bahamas can begin to be sorted out, it is essential to establish dialogue between the players and parties involved in the agricultural sector. To this end producers, the Bahamas government, wholesalers, retailers, processors, and the Consumer must begin to

communicate with each other. As information begins to move between the groups, an understanding of needs, obstacles and solutions will begin to form and develop. The access to reliable information is essential for all the components of the food chain to arrive at workable solutions.

Producers themselves can begin by changing their mentality and becoming more devoted to producing a high quality product that is appealing to the consumer. To fortify this, a system of grades and standards must be put in place either voluntarily or by the government. Farmers must begin to plan production in order to supply product consistently to the marketplace. Wholesalers, retailers and the housewife are not happy with the present system of erratic deliveries by the farmer to the market. Farmers need to mar-

ket their product at a reasonable price, and the wholesaler/retailer needs to put that product on the shelf within a reasonable profit range.

There are several major obstacles facing the farming industry here over the next few years. The first is the worldwide recession, and the second is the fast approaching FTAA agreement. Both, however, give unique opportunities and challenges to the agro-industry in the Bahamas. These challenges will have to be met if farming is to survive.

The biggest obstacle facing the farmer is the cost of labour. Agriculture is labour intensive, and when the cost of \$4.25 per hour is compared with Central America and the Caribbean at \$1.00 - \$4.00 / day the Bahamian farmer becomes immediately uncompetitive. Farms therefore have to increase labour productivity in order to begin to compete.

Present production systems are uncompetitive at the global level. However, the government is presently protecting local production through high import tariffs and outright bans as the need arises. Under the FTAA these barriers to free trade will have to be removed to allow competition at the marketplace. The FTAA challenges the Bahamian farmer to become more efficient, innovative, productive and price competitive at the market place. Remember that free

trade encourages the development of consumer driven marketing strategies rather than protected market structures. In other words, Quality, Price and Consistency of supply win the market.

It may follow then that farmers need to examine their present production programmes and reorganise them to produce items that are not competing with imported products grown at less cost in Mexico and the Dominican Republic for example. Perhaps we need to look at niche markets and the higher value commodities such as processed, organic, spice and herbs, as well as indigenous items for the hospitality industry and the local taste.

A world recession will limit the expenditure in foreign currency from the Bahamas, and the consumer will tend to buy more locally. Farmers can take advantage by producing high quality product for the local market at more competitive prices, thus ensuring a larger share of the market.

To conclude: farmers must prepare for the FTAA, change their mentality from government dependence, become more efficient, deliver a product that the market wants, improve on quality, become consistent and finally, be willing to share and access information from all quarters of the agri-business sector.

The farmer will not survive otherwise.

## Writers' Workshop Will Be Held

By Anita Rolle

A workshop will be held for writers and those who desire help with writing at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour on October 31 and November 1, 2002. The sessions will be conducted by Bahamian author Cindy Ambrister.

A special appeal is being made to students; however, anyone is invited to participate. Persons are invited to bring along their poetry, raps, songs, plays and stories to participate in the open sessions. Topics will include Journal Writing, the Writing Process and How to Get Published.

A registration of \$10 will be charged. Part of proceeds from the event will assist the Woman to Woman Network, an organization that has been established to help women in financial crisis. On completion of the workshop, participants will receive certificates of participation along with their increased wealth of knowledge. For further information and registration details please contact 367-3456.

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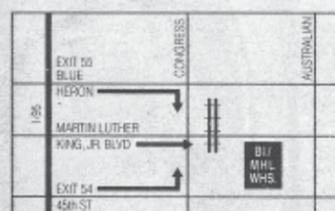


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**Min. Gray**

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ment of new commercial farming and fishing enterprises. It is willing to allow farmers to bring in the necessary equipment for large scale farming duty-free, whether it is seeds and fertilizers or heavy-duty equipment. The government is also prepared to assist the farmers in the problem of clearing lands for commercial farming, offering to clear fifty percent of the proposed farming area for free; the farmer is, of course, responsible for the other fifty percent. In addition, government is prepared to offer farmers guaranteed loans for up to eighty percent of the business venture cost; however, applicants must qualify for the other twenty percent.

To anyone willing to establish processing plants on the island, government promises a loan up to the amount of \$250,000. Min. Gray emphasized, however, that these guaranteed loans are addressed to "someone who will try to make a difference to the Gross Domestic Product of our country, to the food production of our country."

Fishermen took the opportunity to express concern over several issues, including poaching, the policy of the government concerning the ownership of fish habitats and the closing of season for grouper. To this last issue, Min. Gray stated that The Bahamas is the last country in the Western Hemisphere with an abundance of grouper, and therefore it must be protected.

In return to Mr. Gray's challenge, the fishermen and farmers of Abaco challenged the Minister of Agriculture to return to Abaco in a few weeks' time so that they may present their ideas in greater detail in a forum-type session.

Mr. Gray took time to briefly address local government officials and credit union representatives, advising them to pool their resources and establish good working relations.



During a recent visit of Mr. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, to Abaco, he toured farms and discussed problems with farmers and fishermen. He is shown above on the right talking with Mel Wells of Pepperpot Farm.

# Farmers Hold Planning Meeting

By Anita Rolle

During a recent visit to Abaco by Mr. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, Abaco farmers requested a meeting with the minister to further discuss their plight as farmers and possible solutions to some issues. Mr. Gray agreed on the terms that the group would organize themselves beforehand with

a plan of topical issues, possible solutions and possible action. For this purpose the Abaco branch of the Bahamas Farmers Association recently held a planning meeting, anticipating a meeting with the minister later this month.

Some issues brought up include land tenure, which the association feels is sorely lacking for the farmer; restrictive infrastructural inputs such as electricity, tariffs, lack of streamlined and effective education and training in farm development, the marketing process (or the lack thereof). The association discussed labour as the cost of labour is one of the more severe restraints to agricultural development. Labour productivity is low resulting in high labour costs. Also discussed was crop insurance and the unreasonable terms being offered to farmers for access to capital. Crop insurers have been sought. A Caribbean firm was found which is willing to include the Bahamas. Further discussion will be held.

The revitalizing of the producer/supplier co-operatives was suggested as farmers present at the meeting were encouraged to join together with the co-op movement to form a stronger credible force. Co-operative programs can have significant input towards all facets of agricultural development.

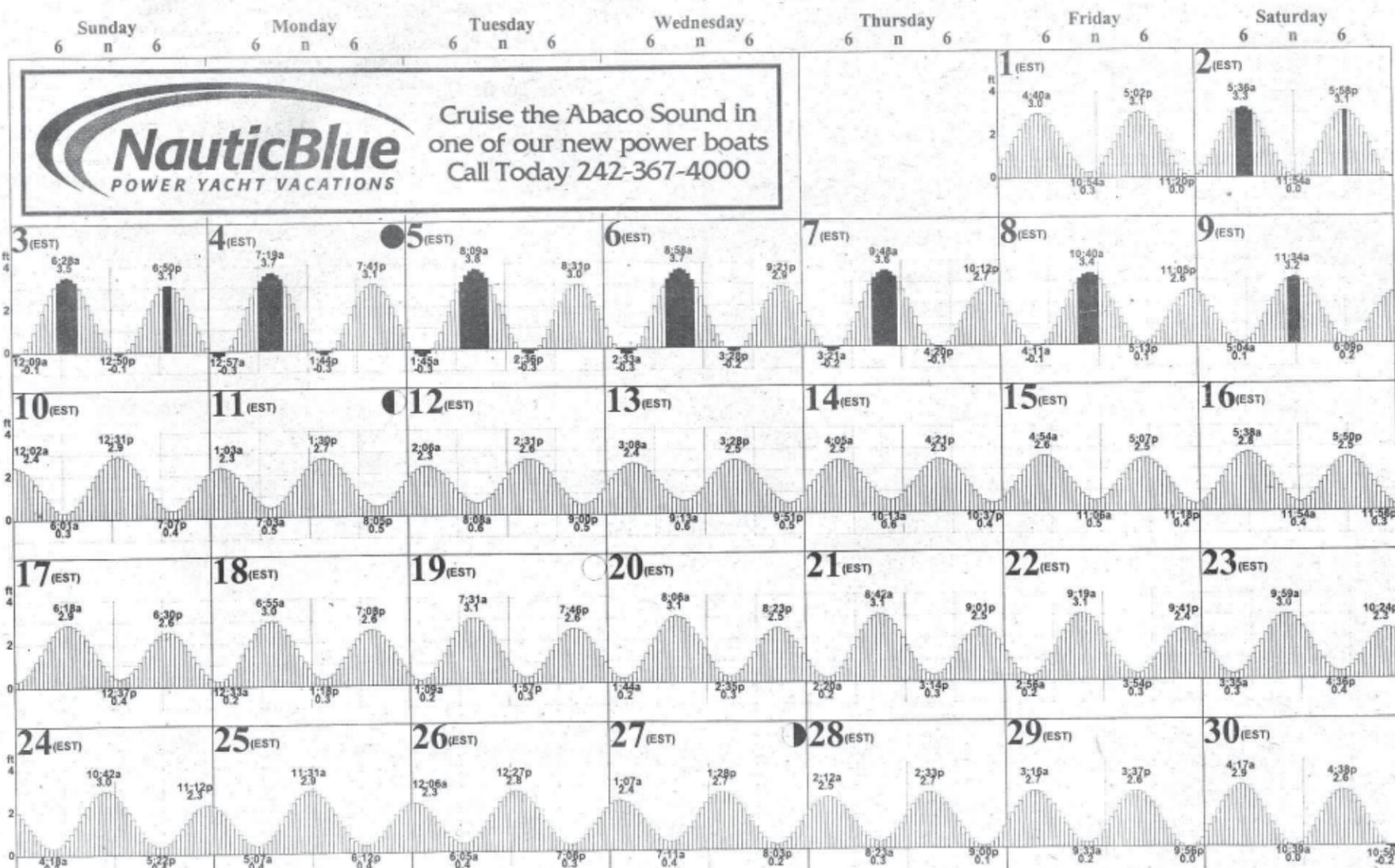
It is the intention of the association that the meeting with Minister Gray should include the full array of the agricultural system, i.e. the wholesaler, retailer, consumer, producer and all that play a part in the process from beginning to end.



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**School** *From Page 15*

**More Beautification**

The entrance to Abaco Central has been beautified recently thanks to the Central Abaco District Council. Plants and trees have been planted at the outside by the entrance. In addition, a sign is being made to be placed outside at the entrance.

**College Fair Update**

Plans are in full swing for the first ever College Fair on Abaco sponsored by Abaco Central High School. The date is November 19, the venue is New Vision Ministries and the time is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over fifteen colleges have confirmed they will be coming and it is hoped that more will confirm in the next few weeks. Letters have been sent to all Abaco high schools inviting them to bring their grades 10-12. We encourage parents as well as students to attend. Any other resident thinking about attending college, please avail yourself of the fair.

**Road Safety Campaign**

On September 25 a delegation headed by the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, MP and Minister of Transport and Aviation, visited Abaco to promote road safety. September is Road Safety Month and Texaco Bahamas Ltd. sponsored of the Road Traffic Department's safety campaign under the theme *Road Safety, the Key to Our Future.* The group visited Abaco Central High School where the students of that school and S.C. Bootle High School listened to her message.

Min. Hanna-Martin told the students that the topic of road safety sounds boring but it is important. She told of the 16-year-old girl in Nassau who was killed recently in an automobile accident and the effect the accident had on the girl's mother as the girl was her only child. She said deaths in road traffic accidents leave an impression on those left behind for the rest of their lives. Min. Hanna -Martin stated that many injuries that happen as a result of road traffic accidents are permanent injuries to the head and spinal chord. "Road traffic accidents leaves a long trail of blood in injuries. My message to young people is 'Life should not be shortened by unnecessary death in a motor vehicle.' Don't look on road safety as being a boring corny subject." In conclusion Min. Hanna -Martin told the students that alcohol

impairs judgment and they should not drink and drive.

Ms. Shantara Davis, Youth Road Safety spokesperson, said that young people must be more safety conscious. She cited the safety rules for walking the street and said the faster you drive the more likely you would be killed. Shantara stated that so far this year 34 persons have died due to traffic accidents involving both vehicles and pedestrians.

Inspector Kenneth Strachan of the Royal Bahamas Police Force told students that they need a license to drive and that they need to be insured. He told students that if they drive a car and are not insured that their parents are liable if they get into an accident. He said their parents could lose their home if a settlement. He told of three pedestrian accidents for the year which involved students and all were fatal. He urged student to obey road traffic laws.

**Business Workshop Was Held**

A two-day workshop for students in grades 11 and 12 taking Office Procedures and Commerce from Abaco Central, S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town and Forest Heights Academy in Marsh Harbour was held on October 1 and 2 at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. Conducting the workshop was Mrs. Cheryl Bowe-Moss from the Business Education Testing and Evaluation Unit of the Ministry of Education. The topic of the workshop addressed writing the course work for the BGCSE Commerce Examination and the BGCSE Office Procedures Examination. Approximately 50 students attended the workshop, which was coordinated by Mrs. Beverly Rolle, Business Education Coordinator for Abaco Central High School.

**Grade 12 Students and Parents Attend Meeting**

Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High School and grade 12 teachers held a meeting for all grade 12 students and their parents or guardians on October 1 to explain the BGCSE requirements in each subject along with course work, requirements for graduation and the newly implemented policy of community service. Each grade 12 student must now do 24 hours of community service and have this service properly documented before graduation. Community service has been required in Nassau and Grand Bahama now for several years but this is the

first year it will be required at this school

**Sports**

Mrs. Elva Davis, a teacher at Abaco Central High School, has started a Junior Boys and Girls Softball Programme at the school. Mrs. Davis says she will have as many teams as she has students. Practice will be at lunch-time with a two-hour open practice being held every Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

In addition, Mrs., Davis is starting track and field practice for junior school students. Practice will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. until 4:30.

In other sport news Mr. Patrice Charles is getting Abaco Central students' volleyball teams ready for the National Championships to be held at the end of October. Practice is held Monday through Friday at the school.

**Still a Shortage**

There is still a severe shortage of chairs at Abaco Central. The large increase in enrollment this year with close to 150 new students has caused the problem. Many students are forced to stand or sit on counters in classes.

**My Apology**

I apologize to Mrs. Sophia Miller, whom I inadvertently did not mention was a new teacher at Abaco Central High school this school year. Mrs. Miller is a mathematics teacher and comes from St. Georges High School in Freeport. She is a welcome addition to the high school as is her husband and children to the Abaco community. Welcome!

**Another Electrical Problem**

Once again Abaco Central has an electrical problem. It seems there is not adequate wiring for the demand in the administration building, the library and compute building

and the original classroom block. Chief Councillor Mr. Mike Malone graciously came on the scene posthaste and called an electrician in to see what the problem was. The problem will require that the buildings will need to have the wiring upgraded. Until the work is done, not even a microwave can be turned on in the staff area of the administration building.

**Chicken Project Receives Funding**

The cost of the new chicken coop and processing facility at Abaco Central is being funded in part by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. According to Mrs. Nadene Beneby, Senior Mistress, Ms. Brickell Pinder of Agriculture and Fisheries brought Ms. Hannah Carrington of the Organization to Abaco on an inspection trip last year. While waiting for their flight, Mrs. Beneby drove them to see Abaco Central's chicken coop. Ms. Carrington suggested that a proposal be submitted for possible funding to extend the chicken production. Mrs. Pinder submitted a proposal and the organization approved a grant to build a larger chicken raising facility.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries paid to have the land cleared adjacent to the existing chicken coop. The Agricultural League of Nassau is paying for the labour to construct the new facility.

Abaco Big Bird is donating baby chicks. The first batch will be housed in the present chicken coop. According to Ms. Ingrid Gray, Agricultural Science teacher, the first batch will be 500 chickens and in eight weeks' time they will be ready to be slaughtered and sold.

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Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



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

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Anglers	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2158
C&G Restaurant	\$ ..... 367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	\$\$\$ ..... 367-4444
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	367-5932
Mangoes	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	\$ ..... 367-2002
Pop's Place	\$ ..... + ..... 367-3796
Sapodilly	\$\$\$ ..... 367-3498
Sea Shells	\$ ..... 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ ..... + ..... 367-4005
Snappas	\$ ..... 367-3278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2074
<b>Dundas Town</b>	
Ambassador Inn	\$ ..... 367-2022
<b>Murphy Town</b>	
Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy	367-5331
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ ..... 366-0133
Boat House	\$ ..... 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	\$ ..... 366-0247
Club Soleil	\$\$\$ ..... 366-0003
Harbour's Edge	\$ ..... 366-0087
Hollywood Temptations	
H T Harbour Lodge	\$ ..... 366-0095
Munchies	\$ ..... + ..... 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ..... ‡ ..... 366-0062
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Pavilion	\$ ..... 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Coco Paradise	365-5197
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5137
Orchard Bay	
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Florence's Cafe	\$ ..... 365-8635
Harbour Cafe	\$ ..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ ..... 365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	\$\$ ..... 365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ ..... 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ ..... 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$ ..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ ..... 365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	\$ ..... 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ ..... 365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ ..... 365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$ ..... 365-4066
Wrecking Tree Rest.	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ ..... + ..... 365-8635
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Big J's	\$ ..... 366-4020
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ ..... 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ ..... 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477



**Dundas Town Committee 24 Sept 02**

Committee members were concerned that \$14,000 had been spent on Ocean View Park and asked for an accounting of monies spent. A sub-committee was appointed to visit the park with the island engineer, Mr. Schaeffer, to see if the work conforms to that requested.

Tenders were reviewed and awarded for town maintenance of verges on the town streets,

Crossing guards had been discussed by Council for the Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town and the Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town with requests for tenders. A paper was presented to the Dundas Town Committee members affirming that this was Dundas Town's responsibility and not Council's. The Dundas Town members to Council will present their case at the next Council meeting. A request will also be made to Council to transfer the money for the crossing guard to Dundas Town for their disbursement.

The abandoned clinic was discussed with necessary repairs to make the building serviceable, windows, air conditioner, a railing and a better pathway for elderly. Members want it staffed one day each week with a doctor and one day with a nurse.

Chairman Cay Mills stated the need for a truck to better serve the diverse needs of the

# Local Government at Work

community. Administrator Williams verified that many districts do have a vehicle at their disposal.

**Central Abaco District Council 30 Sept 02**

The government clinic in Marsh Harbour is in need of repairs and a comprehensive list will be prepared for a walk-through on October 8 with those interested in bidding on the work. This will ensure all tenders relate to the same work, allowing comparisons and will assist in awarding the contract.

A summary of the malfunctioning street lights gives approximately 60 in Murphy

Town and 80 in Marsh Harbour. Dundas Town has not yet compiled a list of malfunctioning street lights. Requests to BEC for repairs have been made regularly for approximately five years.

A request by the Business License and Real Property Tax Office for help in paying a temporary staff member was denied. It was felt that the budget was too tight and other departments with budget problems would seek similar help.

Chief Councillor Mike Malone disclosed that the \$267,000 landscaping contract for Central Abaco Primary School grounds makes

no provision for maintenance after the job is finished. There is a one-year warranty on workmanship which would include fixing any faults with drainage or in the extensive sprinkler system. Mowing the grass and trimming the shrubs are not provided for. The contractor will maintain the grounds for \$1200 per month. Council's budget did not provide for this expense. No decision was made and no provision is in the budget for this expense.

Central Liquor Store appealed to Council to allow a liquor license to be transferred to

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# A Dining Experience

## The Jerk Man

By Linda Henson

My first experience with "Jerk" was in Canada, of all places! Winnipeg has a large Jamaican population and some of the finest Jamaican eating places. After my first "Roti," I was hooked on Jamaican cuisine.

Recently, my husband and I went into one of our many Abaconian restaurants and ordered a meal. Since I had experienced fine Jerk chicken at the establishment previously, I asked the cook, "When are you going to prepare Jerk chicken again?" To my surprise she immediately referred me to a young man standing beside her. "He's the 'Jerk Man.'"

Seeing my bewilderment, Henry, the "Jerk Man," began sharing that he has a restaurant south of Abaco Hardware that serves "Jerk" daily. He was just visiting his friends when I began my inquiry.

Even though we had food to take home, my Jamaican taste buds got the best of me. After my husband paid for our order, I talked him into stopping by Henry's Jamaican Food restaurant; I had to taste the "Jerk Man's" wares at the newly opened cafe. Since it was on our way home, there was no barrier to the temptation.

Located in the same building as the Veterinary Clinic made it easily accessible. When we had trouble finding room to park our car, we knew that we had found a place with good food. What a pleasant atmosphere we encountered. Round tables were covered with brightly colored cloths printed in an island motif. Vases of bright flowers were on each table. Henry, the owner and cook, came out of the kitchen to greet us in a freshly laundered starched white apron saying that cleanliness was extremely important to him. My eye-appeal had been satisfied.

The young man who greeted us was exceptionally pleasant and highly recommended all their dishes. He was a wonderful greeter since he thought the food was exceptional: "You know how we all eat peas and rice, peas and rice; this is a new twist, Jamaican peas and rice." On the wall was a sign naming Jerk chicken, Jerk pork, brown stew chicken, curry dishes, Jamaican rice and various sides including vegetables and something new to me: Jamaican dumplings. I ordered the Jerk chicken and inquired about the dumplings. Henry looked out through his small kitchen window and said that if I weren't in a hurry, he'd make me some dumplings to add to my dinner.

The dumplings were well worth the wait. I found them to be similar to American hush puppies but not made with corn meal. The Jerk was what I was looking for, melt-in-your-mouth chicken with all the Jerk flavor, but not too spicy. My husband particularly enjoyed the curry chicken.

If the kitchen smells were any indication of the other entrees, I had made a "find." The price was right for a dinner that was more than most of us should eat at one meal. If you're interested in a wonderful island experience, Henry's is an island delight.

## Students Hear About Hurricanes



Fourth graders of St. Francis de Sales School were elated to welcome Mr. Silbert Mills into their classroom as he spoke to them about hurricanes. The class sat attentively as Mr. Mills explained some of the key attributes of hurricanes, how the storms develop, hurricane categories and wind speeds. The highly motivated group also received a crash course in tracking a hurricane. The lecture assisted the students as they are working on individual class projects on the topic Hurricanes.

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- Palm Ridge** - Private, quiet home on beach front acreage. Charming 2 bed, 1 bath, very spacious patio and endless views, ample room for expansion on this property, short drive to Cherokee Sound. \$455,000
- Hope Town** - interior lot 10,000+ sq. ft. \$65,000
- Marsh Harbour** - 3/2 home in Cove Estates, landscaped, furnished, ready to move in. \$233,000
- Hope Town** - Lucayos, 10,000 sq. ft. lot with sea views. Private and quiet area. \$99,000
- Guana Cay** - 18,000 sq. ft. elevated lot with deeded dock slip on protected Boat Harbour. Sea views. \$90,000
- Marsh Harbour** - Two, 2/1 apartments for sale, 1/1 efficiency in the rear also, fairly new appliances, furnished, fenced yard. \$228,000
- Lubbers Quarters** - two interior lots starting at \$44,500
- Bahama Palm Shores** - various lots available. Call for more information.
- Guana Cay** - 1/2 acre ocean front parcel, cleared, electricity, deeded bay access. \$168,000
- Great Abaco Club** - deep water lots in gated community, great views and great investment.
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- Marsh Harbour** - 3/2.5 home in Cove Estates, garage, self-contained apartment on first level, furnished. BRING OFFERS. Listed at \$355,000
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- 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!



# Local Government at Work

## Local Govt. *From Page 28*

Simmons Place near the entrance to Royal Harbour in Marsh Harbour. The Licensing Authority had earlier refused to allow this transfer. The license was granted several years ago for a liquor store in a building at Boat Harbour but their lease was not renewed and the license has not been active. The appeal was denied as it was felt there were enough liquor outlets in the general area.

A primary school janitress quit without notice and a replacement was quickly hired on a temporary 90-day basis. Dundas Town Council members were upset that they were not notified since the school is in their town. They felt they should have chosen the replacement.

Administrator Williams asked for authorization for routine contract payment by Council or Town Committees as appropriate when checks are to be issued. Contractors on a monthly basis are frequently routinely paid although minimal or no work may have been done. He reminded Councillors that

contract payments are not a gift but compensation for work performed.

Chief Councillor Mike Malone stated that serious problems exist in the wiring at Abaco Central High School. Over the years wiring and appliances have been added without attention to keeping the load balanced. One of the three supply wires was discovered heavily overloaded and the other two wires were under-utilized.

Four contractors have been asked to review the situation and submit tenders to rewire the school circuits as necessary.

The High School needs quite a bit of upgrading. Four contractors have requested a work schedule so tenders can be submitted.

A check was issued for \$760 for labour to install a donated air conditioner to the Customs and Immigration section of the airport. Council members ratified this payment. The air conditioner unit was donated so Council only pays for the installation. The air conditioning ducts in the main terminal attic was found to be undersize and had to be replaced with larger ducting.

Chief Councillor Malone announced that a Local Government seminar will be held November 14 and 15 for all Council mem-

bers, Town Committee members and all statutory board members.

Mr. Malone is working to have an area wide clean-up day on November 16. He is hoping to get donated trucks and labour to have each town get rid of cars, appliances and other bulky trash. Each town would be responsible for its individual area.

Providing grant money to Junkanoo groups was discussed. Only two groups have registered with the Administrator and would be eligible.

Councillor George Cornish felt if public money were provided, then the groups should perform publicly on Christmas and New Year's Day, the two traditional Junkanoo days. The groups do perform throughout the year as paid performers at clubs and resorts.

Permission was given to the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club to put outdoor benches at the airport.

Council members George Cornish and Cay Mills asked that the money Council had available for a school crossing warden at the Central Abaco Primary School be transferred to Dundas Town so they could hire a Dundas Town person. They presented their case that the Local Government Act made this a town-

ship responsibility. An eight-page letter prepared by one of their members was submitted documenting their case. It was decided to discuss this at the next Council meeting after members had time to consider the points raised in the letter.

Deputy Chief Councillor Cubel Davis Jr. advised that Murphy Town was prepared to overlook the removal of bleachers and concession stand from the Central Abaco Park but would like financial assistance from Council for replacements.

Individual Council members were assigned specific of Council responsibility in the community as follow:

- Airport - Cubel Davis, Jr. and Eugene Dawkins
- Clinic - George Cornish
- Freight dock - Yvonne Albury
- Road safety - Cay Mills and Chad Sawyer
- Schools - Faron Newbold and Nicholas Albury

### Marsh Harb. Town Committee 1 Oct 2002

The status of the squatter's houses off the Spring City road was discussed. The issue

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**PELICAN SHORES** - Large waterfront lot on the harbour 200 ft. x 255 ft., great views, ideal place to build a dock, partially landscaped with coconut palms, ready to be built upon. Call for information.

**PELICAN SHORES** - Elevated waterfront lot in very desirable residential area minutes from downtown Marsh Harbour, all utilities available, and 100 ft. on the sea. Asking \$110,000.

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES** - Two residential lots 150 ft. from the beach, great sea views. Asking price \$42,500.

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

**EASTERN SHORES** - Waterfront sea to sea 34,902 sq. ft. There is a 85 ft. beach, good elevation, buildable on both sides. Last one available in area. Price \$350,000 gross.

**THE CROSSING** - Seaside lot, 22,972 sq. ft. Great views. Call for information.

**DON MACKAY BOULEVARD** - Hilltop, 3 bed 2 bath furnished, central air, closed in patio, separate laundry room. \$165,000.

**HIGH ROCK AREA** - Charming and well-kept 3 bed 2 bath 1,700 sq. ft. home on 124 ft. x 125 ft. enclosed lot. With all the modern conveniences this house features a family room,

tiled floors, new kitchen, large master bedroom, heated swimming pool and sundecks, central air, tropical landscaping and standby generator. Call for information.

**MARSH HARBOUR** - Triplex - comprising (2) 1 bed x 1 bath apartments and (1) 2 bed x 2 bath apartment, furnished, central air, good income. Call for information.

**FAST FOOD RESTAURANT** - situated in down town Marsh Harbour. Excellent location, reasonable business hours, great return on investment. Call for further information.

**GREAT ABACO CLUB** - 3 bedrooms, master spa bath and family bath. Concrete construction, fully furnished and equipped. Features vaulted ceiling, full-length covered terrace with secure deepwater dockage, finger and lie-along. On-site maintenance, gated and private. Beach Club privileges, good rental record. Call for information.

#### ELBOW CAY & HOPE TOWN



**HOPE TOWN POINT** - "Bellfree" - North End turnkey 1 bed, 1 bath cottage on 2/3 acres. Beautiful views of the Sea of Abaco. Plans for main house to be built on the point. Aluminum sea wall, private deep water dock with 50 amp. service. New 20 ft. Albury Bros. boat, 13 ft. Whaler and golf cart. \$1,180,000.

**HOPE TOWN** - "Oceanview" - 2,500 sq. ft. 4 bed, 3 bath beachfront home with 3/4 acres of land. Very private and fully landscaped. Fully furnished. \$1,425,000.



**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 Spout - "Sand Dollar" - 3/3 cubic feet sea to sea oceanfront with pool. Turnkey. \$1,450,000.

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# Local Government at Work



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was first brought to the Committee's attention on June 24. An eviction notice was given the squatters on August 16 by Administrator Hart with no noticeable response.

Administrator Alexander Williams will contact Lands and Surveys for an official government response which can be taken to Court for a formal eviction notice. If this is not respected, then police action can be requested. Government land is being occupied without permission and structures have been erected without a building permit.

A sub-committee will be formed to seek solutions to the Pigeon Peas and the Mud communities. A broad-based group is to be formed comprised of central and local government individuals, the Christian Council and a representative of the two affected areas. Recommendations would be sent to local and central government for further action.

Committee members were disappointed to find that the empty teacher's residence on Front Street in Marsh Harbour is now occupied by a staff member of the Superintendent's office. The house has been empty for several years although Hurricane Floyd reconstruction people were temporarily housed there. Several community uses for the building were recently discussed including use by the police for additional policemen.

The Committee Chairman had earlier asked for appropriate names for the new freight dock and only one name was suggested, Jenkins Roberts, a prominent Abaco boat builder.

The Union Jack Dock was suggested as an appropriate ferry depot for the workmen commuting to Man-O-War and Hope Town. This was in response to seeking solutions for relieving congestion at the Crossing Beach ferry site. It was noted there is even less parking space at the Union Jack location.

### Cent. Abaco Licensing Board 3 Oct. 02

The meeting opened with senior members of the Police, Works and Environmental Health in attendance. Administrator Williams advised Board members that it is a statutory requirement that a representative of the Police, Works and Environmental Health attend each meeting to give advice and comment as appropriate on the license applications.

Foreign persons applying for licenses must have permission from the Foreign Investment Board in Nassau. This is often referred to as the National Economic Council.

Complaints are constantly received by various authorities about public drinking on and around the properties of Burns House and Central Liquor Store in Marsh Harbour.

Investigation by the police disclosed that both establishments have a general liquor license which permits this conduct. However, patrons must not drink within 20 feet of the road.

Board members were surprised as it was believed that both establishments had only wholesale licenses which does not permit opened bottles to be sold.

A license transfer request by Henry's Jerk Center Restaurant in Marsh Harbour appeared to require permission from the Foreign Investment Board. The holder of the present license was asked to provide more information.

Abaco Pizza was approved for the Kool

Scoops building in Marsh Harbour pending a satisfactory health inspection when the facilities are completed.

It was decided to defer a request for "Approval in Principal" for a five-star restaurant on an empty waterfront lot adjacent to the parking lot at Crossing Beach pending comments from residents in this residential area.

### Cent. Abaco Dist. Town Planning 7 Oct 02

Nine applications with an estimated value of \$1,009,450 had been publicly posted for

approval. This included seven of a residential nature, a real estate office and a warehouse in Spring City.

Several applications lacked proof of either land ownership or lease arrangements or had not paid the required 10 percent of the total permit fee. The balance of 90 per cent is paid when picking up the permit.

A two-story office on the waterfront was deferred pending an on-site inspection as

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there were questions about sufficient space for the building when parking and set-backs were considered.

Three residential applications with proper documents were approved.

It was disclosed that a permit is not required for renovating an existing building if the scope of work is less than 75 per cent of the building and the exterior walls are not changed.

## Cent. Abaco District Council 8 Oct 02

A grant of \$1,000 was approved for each of the two Junkanoo groups provided they agree to perform publicly on the two year-end holidays. These two groups are the Spring City Rockers and the Supreme Dancers.

The list of the needed street signs for Dundas Town has still not been provided. Marsh Harbour and Murphy Town have submitted their lists. A comprehensive list is needed so a quotation can be obtained and compared to available funds.

Councillor Cay Mills felt the signs should be painted by school students to provide employment and circulate the money in the community.

Administrator Williams advised that government is attempting to standardize all street and traffic signs. Locally painted signs would not meet this criteria.

The two pedestrian portals to the Abaco Central High School grounds still lack gates to secure the grounds. Quotations are being requested for aluminum and steel gates. It was felt that wooden gates would not last long.

Councillors were given copies of the Nassau fee schedule for using public parks or other public facilities. The normal fee structure in Nassau is:

- \$ 500 - \$1000 / day for charity events
- \$1000 - \$1500 / day for fund raising
- \$3000 - \$5000 / day for business events

Government does not intend that its facilities be used for commercial purposes without some compensation for the maintenance and upkeep of the facilities, electricity, water, rest rooms, etc. It is intended that commercial ventures on public grounds make a substantial contribution to government for using the facilities.

A Council member from each town was appointed to study their own parks and other public facilities and make recommendations to Council as to an appropriate fee schedule and use criteria. It was universally felt that the Nassau fee structure would not be appropriate here.

A \$50 - \$100 deposit is normally held by the Administrator's office for use of public grounds to ensure the grounds are cleaned after the event. It is refunded once the grounds are found to be acceptable.

Questions about paying for electricity for floodlights at various parks was discussed without an answer. Apparently Spring City has an outstanding electric bill of \$6000 which increases annually for the basketball court. Similar situations exist around the country for lighting at public grounds. Government is aware of this problem and is looking into it.

A vote by Council members to impose a moratorium on new liquor licenses was defeated. It was felt that each application should be judged on its individual merits.

Tenders were opened with a bid rejected of \$1400 per month to maintain the Marsh Harbour government clinic. The existing man will be asked to continue at his present rate of \$800 per month.

Extensive discussion centered around the garbage dump contract. Bids included one at \$67,500, two at \$62,000 and three at \$60,000 per year.

The job entails keeping a man at the dump to manage the site, keeping the facility open 11 hours a day in the summer and 10 hours a day during the winter, including Sundays. They must also manage the main section

where most trash is deposited and the east section where construction debris, appliances and heavy metal and industrial items are placed.

The Dundas Town and Murphy Town Councillors met in the hall prior to the vote which was awarded to Mr. Alexander Archer for \$60,000 per year. He presently holds the garbage collection contract for Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

The crossing guard for Central Abaco Primary School was discussed extensively with Councillor Mills insisting that this selection is the sole right of the Dundas Town Committee and the available Council funds for this must be transferred to Dundas Town.

Council members were asked individually for their opinion. The Chief Councillor then asked the Deputy Chief Councillor, Cubel Davis, Jr., to take the Chair so he could give his opinion.

Mr. Mike Malone pointed out that six years ago, the first Council decided that responsibility for maintaining the larger governmental facilities properly remain with Council since they serve the entire area including the off-shore cays. This includes the two public schools, the clinic, the public freight dock, and the airport.

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# Agriculture Minister Met with Wholesalers

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, the Hon. Alfred Gray, is promoting farming with a goal of this country becoming self-sufficient. Recently, he urged wholesalers and retailers to assist farmers by buying locally grown produce. Min. Gray met on October 7 with wholesalers, retailers and purchasing managers from major hotels in New Providence to plead the case of the Bahamian farmer. He told them that government's policy is quite clear and it would not allow buyers to import what is produced in the country at a reasonable price, of reasonable quality and on a sustainable

basis. At the same time he said his ministry will not stand by idly if farmers hold buyers hostage by overpricing produce that is on the restricted list.

### Local Govt. *From Page 32*

This arrangement was not contested during the first or second terms of Local Government. The Local Government Act further empowers Councils to act as a School Board in the Family Islands.

He reminded Councillors that the secu-

rity guards hired for a short time at the Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town by the previous Council were accepted without incident.

Mr. Mills expressed a desire to see his town benefit from these decisions and he was elected to see that Dundas Town receives these benefits. He wants younger persons hired as crossing guards as they are more agile to avoid traffic and will be more aggressive with errant drivers. He objects to outside influences attempting to force decisions on Dundas Town.

Administrator Williams suggested that the matter be deferred as government has a hiring freeze in place. He will seek advice on guidelines from central government that may be in effect.

### Students *From Page 21*

Chadwell is the son of Boynell and Melvise Williams of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School. He works during the summer at an offshore bank, Unibanco, in Nassau.

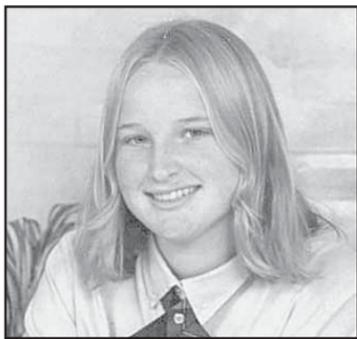
We regret that we did not have accurate information in our October 1 issue about **Terrinique Pennerman**. She is from Murphy Town. She maintained a GPA of 3.89 while at Abaco Central High School.

There are more young people which we have not included because we do not have sufficient information. Please contact us at 367-3202 or 367-2677 with information about additional students.

## Donald Sawyer

June 1966 - August 2002

The family of the late Donald Sawyer wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy during the time of our bereavement.



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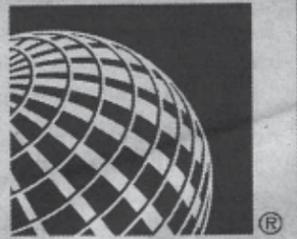
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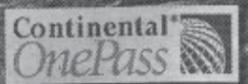


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**Letters**

From Page 9

our staff for their dedication and hard work.

Michael J. Meeson, Principal  
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**Letter to the  
Rt. Hon. Perry Christie**

Dear Sir:

Based on the Bible, it is said that Solomon requested wisdom, knowledge and understanding from God so that he could judge and serve God's people. As a result of his desire for assisting, God granted him wealth and riches.

It can be seen that, as I am sharing wisdom and knowledge, I am convinced that this PLP government is indeed the gateway to prosperity for the poor and needy. Hon. Prime Minister, I have observed the economic growth in the Marsh Harbour area. Sir, if I

am permitted to say, I see that there is an urgent need for bus services in the areas of Murphy Town, Dundas Town and Marsh Harbour. I think the bus route should be from Murphy Town to Solomon's Abaco in Marsh Harbour, from Solomon's Abaco to Forest Heights Academy and back to Murphy Town. I also think that in order for the buses not to take away bread and butter from the taxi drivers, they should not be allowed in resort areas, Marsh Harbour International Airport and the ferry docks. Considering our statistics with a population in the south of over 5000 people, I think we only need a maximum of five buses.

My reasons for this idea are the following:

1. So that students can catch the buses to school
2. Parents can get to work on time
3. Families can do their weekly shopping and

not have to worry about how they would get home

4. Local people can get around to the various businesses

5. Senior citizens can get to the clinics and to National Insurance to collect their pension

6. Sometimes people's vehicles break down and the bus system would provide a way for them to get home.

Mr. Prime Minister, not everyone is fortunate enough to have vehicles. Therefore, this is where the government comes in. I have seen people all over the communities walking the sun, rain, cold weather, carrying groceries, dry goods, etc., simply because they cannot afford to catch a taxi.

Hon. Prime Minister, my heart goes out to those needy. I beseech you and your government to consider this proposal for the benefit of the people. Sir, I can assure you and

your government that the people would applaud you for being so kind and concerned, for looking out for their welfare. That would be tremendous.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration, may God continuously bless you, the government and your reign.

Awaiting your response, sincerely,  
Errily Russell

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