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Min. Gray Opens Local Govt. Seminar

Seminar Instructs Committees, Councils and Boards

The Hon. V. Afred Gray, Min. of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, right, is shown at the Local Government Seminar held in Marsh Harbour on November 13-15. The seminar was to acquaint the newly elected local government officials of their duties and responsibilities. Mr. Gray officially opened the program. Shown with him on the left is Whitney McIntosh, representative from Abaco Central High School who introduced the minister, and Mr. Michael Malone, Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District.

A Local Government Seminar was held at Abaco Beach Resort on November 13 - 15 to review the duties and responsibilities of all members of local government. The two-day event studied the various aspects of local government with presenters specialized in the various departments. It was intended to acquaint local officials with central agency persons and develop working relationships. General sessions gave much background material such as the importance of being fiscally prudent and interpretation of the Local Government Act. Specific areas were presented such as port matters, town planning, licencing and road traffic. Several of the sessions discussed challenges and problems facing the area such as crime prevention, waste disposal and the basic concepts of FTAA. BAIC (Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation) made a presentation outlining the assistance that it can provide for small businesses.

Min. Gray Opened Seminar

The opening session held on November 13 had as key note speaker the Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government. He emphasized the importance of local government to the future of the Bahamas and to Abaco. He quoted the theme when the first election

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First College Fair Is Successful

The first College Fair ever to be held on Abaco attracted 12 colleges and technical schools from The Bahamas, Florida and several other States. The fair was organized by Abaco Central High School. High school students from government and private high schools took advantage of the opportunity to talk with the counselors and ask questions about furthering their education. Shown above is the counselor from St. Benedict/St. Johns College in Minnesota talking with students from S.C. Bootle High School.

By Isobel Sherman

The first ever Abaco College Fair was termed a great success by college representatives attending the fair, by participating schools, and by the public of Abaco. Held at New Vision Ministries

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Open Houses Promote Christmas

Christmas is anticipated as businesses host open houses to show off their newly arrived Christmas stock. Shown above is Arielle Cash admiring the ornaments on a Christmas tree at Gardener's Eden.

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was held for local government in 1996, *Government closest to the people is best for the people*. Local government is living democracy. "Many challenges are ahead for the country such as globalization, the world wide web, WTO, FTAA, the shrinking economy, dwindling resources, abuses of environmental crime and terrorism," he mentioned. These are all real issues, inescapable. But we do not stand alone, we stand together with everyone throughout the Bahamas.

Min. Gray gave the delegates several concepts to keep in mind as they go about carrying out their duties. He spoke about leadership. Leaders have a greater burden than followers. They want followers to follow willingly. Someone can be elected to office but they need the support of people after they are elected. He told them, "Success is shown by the leadership which has to be earned." He reminded the group that everything they do is on behalf of the people. They need to work as a team. That way they will get more done than when they go alone.

"Training and being prepared are necessary if someone is going to do a good job," he said. Their decisions must be based on the law. Maybe some decision may be unpopular but they will get the support of everyone who knows the law.

Local government leaders must be accountable, must take full responsibility for their actions. He told them not to spend before they get approval, not to go beyond their authority.

Mr. Gray emphasized that all they do must be transparent. There should never be an occasion that they can't tell the people what they did and why. If they make a mistake, they should be honest about it.

Always consult with the people to get their opinions before making decisions. Let the people know what they are doing before they do it. The people will not always agree but get the majority opinion.

Mr. Gray felt that there needs to be strong partnership between councillors and administrators, between councillors and committee members. The administrators are responsible to the central government and must be kept informed of all business of local government. It is the administrators who are responsible to the treasury, not the councillors. He stressed that there must be good communications between local government officials with their Member of Parliament who represents all the people in his constituency.

Min. Gray encouraged the elected local government officials to develop a vision for the total development of Abaco. He stressed that they stay focused and keep the interest of the people at heart. God will bless their efforts. God in on the side of those who serve the poor. He ended by telling them to serve with pride and dignity.

The leaders of the recent Local Government Seminar are shown above enjoying good conversation. They are, left to right, Mr. Gary Knowles, Administrator for North Abaco; Mr. Alexander Williams, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco; and Mr. Harrison Thompson, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Attorney-General's Office. Mr. Williams organized the seminar.

Licensing Issues Were Addresssed

Mr. Conrad Knowles, Chairman of the Licencing Authority in Nassau, addressed the seminar on licensing matters. He has been Chairman of that board for many years and has had much influence in the development of the laws regulating licencing in the country today. All licences were issued by his Licencing Authority until the Local Government Act went into effect in 1996 when local government licencing boards were given authority to issue licences for their districts.

Mr. Knowles gave an overview of the licencing procedure, in particular, the types of liquor licences. He reminded members of the district licencing boards that they must publish applications which so the public can know before a licence is passed. Anyone objecting to a licence must put their objections in writing. The boards are required to hear both sides, the applicant and the objector, before making a decision. Their decision is then made having regard for both sides and the interest of the community. Licences must be on display in every premise and must be accessible to the public.

There are several categories of liquor licenses.

- General liquor license, wholesale and retail - can be taken out or consumes on the premises
- Wholesale only - to be taken out in a sealed container, not consumed on the premises
- Proprietary - for clubs with a membership, not open to the general public
- Hotel - must have a hotel licence
- Restaurant bar - for alcohol to be served with meals only
- Occasional licence - a temporary licence, not to be used for persons to set up stalls every day.

Mr. Knowles pointed out that a vendor's licence is issued by the Police Department and applies only to those to sell their own manufactured goods. This does not include food. Anyone selling food needs other licences including a health certificate.

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Port Matters Were Clarified

One session of the Local Government Seminar discussed port matters led by Capt. Anthony Allens, Admiralty Marshall and Controller of the Port Department in Nassau. He reviewed several Acts which regulate registration of boats, water skiing, dock registrations and licencing.

Capt. Allens discussed the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour. It is a $11+ million facility and government wants it to be well maintained. A dock manager will be hired whose prime task will be to collect revenue. Several types of fees will be collected besides dockage. There will be a usage fee as well as fees for all the containers and other freight that passes through the dock area.

During the question and answer period many problems were discussed. These need to be addressed but for some of the problems there is no immediate or easy solution. A few of topics included the following:

Air boats are zooming through shallow waters disturbing the bonefish flats.

Foreign-owned boats are being rented in competition with Bahamians.

Moorings should be for specific sized boats and all moorings need to be registered with a registration number.

Dock fees are applicable for any boat using a government dock.

Local persons have asked to keep harbour lights maintained.

Dredging of any kind must have prior permission, even maintenance dredging.

Lights are needed on the markers left from when the cruise boat came into the northeast end of Guana Cay.

Applications for building which will be built over water must get permissions from the Port Authority and Town Planning.

All new marinas must have a sewerage pump-out facility.

Local port boards can approve boat lifts for an existing dock if it is not close to a neighboring property.

It was discovered that the piling that American Bridge are installing to mark the channel to the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour were scheduled only with reflectors. Lights will now be installed.

Capt. Allens mentioned that legislation is under consideration which will clarify some of these concerns. He will also see if qualified local persons can maintain the two navigational lights at the harbour entrance to Marsh Harbour.

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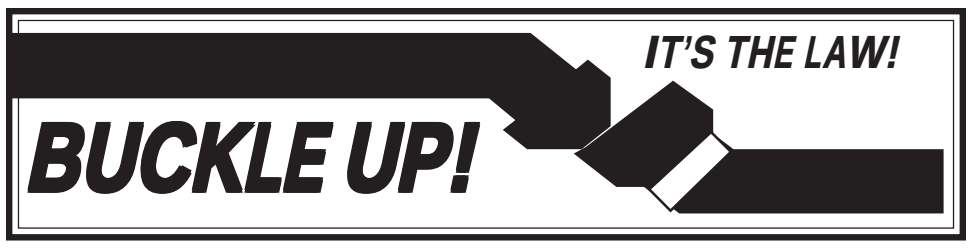

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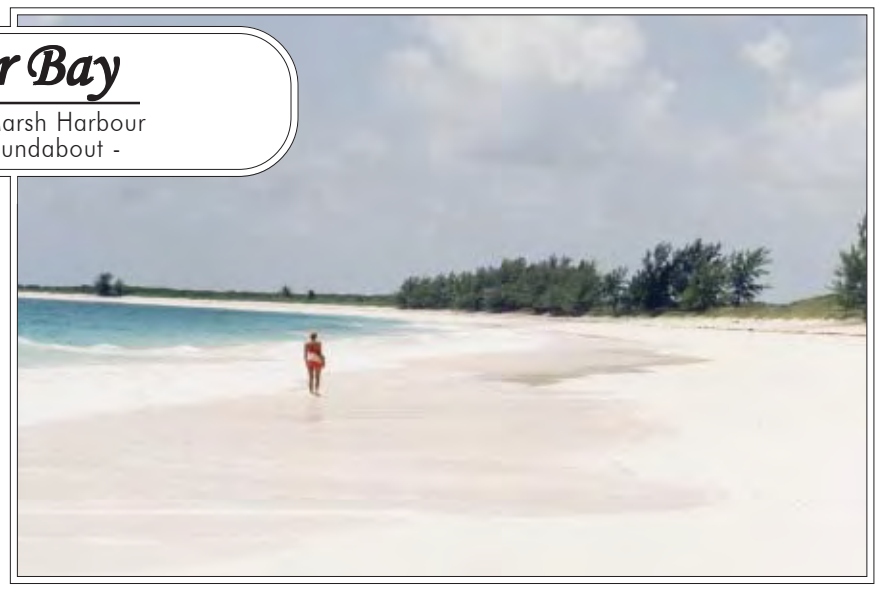

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Ornaments Needed

Over the years our annual community Christmas Tree ornaments have been lost, broken or just disappeared. This year we are badly in need of some new ornaments and we are asking persons of Cherokee Sound, those with talent and even those who think they are without talent, to make us an ornament for The Tree. The ornament should be weatherproof, if possible, and big enough to correspond with the size of the large tree which is usually around 15 to 20 feet tall.

This Christmas Tree has been an annual tradition in our community every year since 1948. It is something we all look forward to each year with great anticipation and the only tree many of us have, so we want to make it the best it can be. Your donation of an ornament for the tree will be appreciated by all who come to be at the tree on Christmas Eve.

School News

Our students put on a talent show on the evening of November 15th with a main theme of storybook characters. They included Daniel Boone and Davie Crockett, Snow White and The Little Mermaid, Paul Bunyon and Jackie Chan, James Bond and Joseph and His Coat of Many Colours, Little Bo Peep, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, Tom Sawyer and Pippi Longstockings, Jack Be Nimble and two very famous pirates, Bluebeard and Blackbeard.

The evening consisted of a fashion show, depiction of their chosen character and lastly a performance of talent. There were poems and recitations, songs and musical instruments as well as an extremely gifted exhibition of making a fishermen's fly by one of the boys while another gave his rendition of cleaning a real fish (which needless to say spread more than just a few fish scales around the room), but still completed to perfection.

The ages of the children range from 5 to 11 years. During their personal introduction each student gave a brief description of themselves, their hobbies and pastimes as well a stating what they would like to be when they grown up. Many were painfully shy and some a little more than upset to be up in front of so many people speaking, but with perseverance, the principal, Ms. Michelle Lowe, and more than a little encouragement from some proud mothers and fathers, the evening was a huge success.

Two of the students were chosen for their

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Shown are just three of the very talented ladies from Cherokee who still carry on a long tradition of making quilts by hand. From left to right are Geraldine Albury, Mable Sawyer and Corella Sands. Other quilters who assisted with this quilt are Una Albury and Lee Pinder. This particular quilt is to be presented to Epworth Methodist Chapel for use in their manse and the many guests who visit Cherokee and stay there.

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News of the Cays

Hope Town

By Candace Key

School News

The Hope Town School family is very pleased to announce that Mrs. Deanne Albury is now teaching Grade 1 with us. She brings much talent, many skills and lots of enthusiasm to her job to say nothing about the sunny personality and love for children that is her trademark. The PTA joins Ms. Nancy Burnett and Mrs. Candace Key in heartily welcoming her.

PTA Elections

Recently new PTA officers were elected to lead the Hope Town School's support team. Mrs. Jane Patterson was again unanimously voted in as President. Mrs. Adrien Roberts was elected as our new secretary. Mr. Allan Louis was chosen as our Haitian Information Officer. This is a very important position. Allan acts as liaison between Haitian parents and the PTA. He translates all notes home into Creole and explains activities and policies to Haitian parents. Thanks Lenora Sweeting for agreeing to continue another year as PTA Chaplain. Our new treasurer is Mrs. Anna Albury. Schools are actually businesses and the treasurer is kept very busy handling finances. We appreciate all these parents giving their time and we thank each one.

Land for parking is very scarce on Great Guana Cay. There are two government docks but no public land nearby for parking. Mr. Glenn Laing, Councillor for Great Guana Cay, has been resourceful by having a retaining wall built along the rocky shoreline adjacent to one of the docks and filling in behind to create parking for golf carts. Shown above is the parking area in use.

Mom's Lunch Duty

Our school is fortunate to have parents involved in so many aspects of their child's school - including acting as Lunch Monitors to give the teachers a break to reorganize for the afternoon classes. It's an ideal way for parents to watch interactions by their child and it gives them a more valuable insight into what makes schools tick. They microwave lunches, monitor tables, allow children to be excused when done, organize games and keep a practiced eye on playtime. Lunch duty moms, we really appreciate and love you! Thanks Michelle for acting as coordinator and calendar organizer. Some moms are even using their lunch hour off from work to volunteer! Children are thrilled when their mommies are at school for lunch duty with them. Research has long ago proved that children do much better in school when parents have a high degree of involvement.

New Students and New Computers

Our enrollment is steadily growing! The incoming Grade 1 students numbered thirteen this year. A record number. We were fortunate to be able to provide these students and our older students with state-of-the-art computer technology through a generous grant provided by the Harris Daniels Foun-

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More News of the Cays

Cays

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dation in New York. We were aided by foundation family member, Amy Key, who formerly lived in Hope Town. We are appreciative of their generosity which allowed us to purchase 11 computers, printers, scanners and a digital camera. Abacom's team has spent many patient hours installing and instructing us on these wireless, networked units. We received a further gift when Mr. Eric Russell of Cable Bahamas provided our school with free cable television and Coral Wave Internet service. We've all been on cloud nine with excitement about these wonderful gifts that will keep on giving. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

New Look

Our 108-year-old school is sporting a fresh look compliments of the PTA. A white picket fence now runs along the school property in front and back. It provides attractiveness and a definite safety feature as more vehicles arrive daily. Thanks to Scott Patterson for providing the landscape plants.

Turtle Conservation Program

Mrs. Eleanor Phillips from the Ministry of Fisheries in Nassau recently spent some time in Hope Town with WIDECAST's Turtle Conservation Program's Coordinator, Ms. Karen Eckert. They spent a morning at Hope Town School providing our students with a wonderfully educational program about conservation of the endangered sea turtle species found in The Bahamas and throughout the Caribbean. They were pleased and pleasantly surprised that our students were so knowledgeable about turtles. Our school has taken part in several programs related to sea turtles in the past. If we all do our jobs right, this next generation will treat our environment much more gently, having learned from our mistakes.

Fall Frolic Party and Costume Contest

Over Halloween the school spent a day engaging in fun fall activities. We set up "stations" manned by teachers, parents and community volunteers and students revolved around the stations in groups. Pumpkin carving, caramel apple making, pumpkin milkshakes, decorating cookies, arts and craft section, costume contest and pin the nose on the pumpkin were activities that preceded other team games and some great food. A wonderful time was had by all.

Fall Swimming Lessons

Mrs. Carrie Cash, swim instructor for our school for the past 17 years, gave all students swimming lessons in the Hope

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A second-home owner from Hope Town has been honored with a Commemorative Medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her accession to the Throne in 1952. Dr. Raymond Heimbecker was presented with the gold medal a month ago for his significant contributions in heart research and public volunteer service in Canada and The Bahamas. He is shown here receiving the medal from Parliamentarian of Ottawa, Mr. Paul Bonwick.

Mr. Eric Russell, on the left, from Cable Bahamas poses with the Hope Town School principal and staff in front of a truck full of new computers and the latest technological equipment given to the school through the generosity of the Harris Daniels foundation in New York. Mr. Russell was on hand to give the school the wonderful news that as part of Cable Bahamas edcuational plan, he donated free cable television and Coral Wave Internet Service to the very excited school students.

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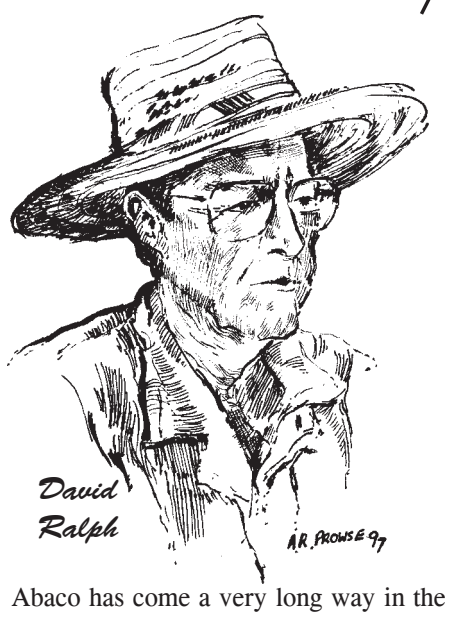

Abaco has come a very long way in the past 40 to 50 years. The Abaco Lumber company closed the third and last Cornwall lumber camp in the early 40s and moved the operation to Pine Ridge on Grand Bahama. ln the late 1940s and 50s Abaco was a sleepy island with very limited opportunities or promise of any great future. Since then Abaco has raced to catch up with the rest of the developed world. The people of Abaco have crammed into the last 40 years what other countries accomplished in 100 or more years.

In the 1960s the Owens Illinois timber project made a major impact on the island in several ways A road system opened the island up allowing people to move between communities rather than being limited to their small remote settlements. The timber operation impacted the economy in other ways by providing employment opportunities with a weekly paycheck. Very quickly the towns in central part of Abaco changed with better standards of living, cars, trucks, painted houses instead of bare wood and many other amenities. Tourism started very slowly but gradually became very important.

Each settlement had a school, usually a multi-grade school with one head master or head mistress. Although the school teacher was revered as a symbol of authority, schooling was not considered a vitally important factor in the development of children. The law required children stay in school until they were 14 years old but their academic achievements were frequently very poor.

Government opened Abaco's first high school in 1971 in an abandoned Spring City dormitory leftover from the Owens Illinois operation. Some young people in the central part of Abaco attended but children in the rest of Abaco still left school with only a minimum education. A few fortunate children went to Nassau and stayed with relatives for a high school education. Finally in 1984 government built the first eight-classroom building at the present site of Abaco Central High School. Since then the school has been expanded twice. A second government high school opened in North Abaco and several private high schools have been established.

Now most young people on Abaco attend classes through the twelfth grade although many still receive only a leaving certificate, indicating that they have not achieved satisfactory academics to qualify for a diploma.

Buses transport students from outlying areas to central towns for education. Ferries from the cays bring over 100 students to various school.

This last week Abaco achieved another educational milestone - a college fair with representatives from 12 colleges from as far away as Minnesota. Our young people now realize that if they want to get ahead, they must have more than a high school education. It was refreshing to see so many young people at the fair. They were inquisitive and eager to venture out into the new and unseen. The students were enthusiastic as they talked with the college counselors.

We expect that most parents did not know what a college fair was until last week. And unfortunately many parents did not attend to ask questions and talk directly with college representatives.

It is exciting to see Abaco develop in the educational area. But it is more than exciting - it is vital in these days that we educate our young people. The world is changing rapidly and they need to be prepared for whatever the future holds. Technology is proliferating so rapidly that fathers can no longer teach their children their profession. In fact, in many areas children can now teach parents since they adapt and learn more quickly the technology sweeping over us.

A second informal but important component of their education is exposure to many new concepts, lifestyles, races, cultures, business methods and job opportunities. Some of this can be absorbed by contact with other communities and to a limited degree through television. Our diverse visitors also provide some exposure to outside influences, mostly beneficial.

However, there is no substitute for the experience gained in leaving home and going to a school in Nassau or another country. It is a big move to leave the security of home and maintain contact only by letter, phone or the Internet. But the educational value of this move is invaluable. The lessons in the classroom are now at a higher level and the lessons of life learned in the new environment are equally as valuable.

Although we think of the move as tough on the student, it is just as hard for parents to accept this transition. Sending children away to high school on another island was a recent hurdle for many families. And now another hurdle is conceding that leaving home for several years to get additional education is beneficial.

Our tourism base is not thought of as a high tech industry. It is often thought that a pleasant attitude and warm smile will go miles in the tourism market place. This may be true in a few instances. But when our visitors' computer controlled-outboard becomes uncooperative, a knowledgeable frown is worth much more than the friendly smile.

Our current lifestyles, jobs, appliances and even our health all demand far more knowledge for maximum benefits than required even a few years ago. Added to the technology changes are the harder concepts to grasp. These include World Trade, Free Trade, Globalization and other arcane issues. We must have mature adults who understand these concepts and can discuss and negotiate on the world stage to our advantage. Life's current decisions are not as simple as yesterdays.

One of the first students to leave Abaco on a scholarship to Louisiana State University came home at a school break wide-eyed and said, "It's a big world out there." How true - and that big world is coming our way. We need people with education and experience to cope with the changes coming down on us.

Reading the book and passing the exam is not sufficient. Experience must be added to the book knowledge. Leaving home for a distant school is the first step in broadening the exposure to a variety of experiences.

We congratulate those students and their parents who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

Generally Speaking . . .

Crossing the Digital Divide

By S. Timothy Roberts

Once again the yuletide season approaches and children begin dreaming of, and demanding, toys and goodies of countless descriptions. Adults scramble about, hustling and bustling doing last minute shopping, looking to satisfy the needs and wants of all family members on Christmas Day.

As we consider the advancing times that we live, and understand and weigh all the pros and cons, it is easy to see that a computer is probably one of the best gifts to give or receive at Christmas.

Here in the 21st century there is very little that is done in the world that doesn't involve a computer somehow, somewhere, and tomorrow the computer will be even more essential to our daily lives, to our businesses and to so many more opportunities and uses that haven't even been tried yet.

As we look toward the very near future we are faced with new and bigger challenges that will make communications and technological experience and knowledge critical to our continued success and stability economically. I am, of course, referring to the WTO and FTAA and their impending impact on The Bahamas.

According to the Joint Government-Private Sector Committee of Government Representatives on Electronic Commerce for the FTAA, "There is a digital divide that is directly related to the socio-economic differences within and between the FTAA member countries."

"The delegations understand that the FTAA will yield greater benefits for the parties if the current differences in technological development between the member countries, where information and communication technologies should be seen as tools that are indispensable for development and not as ends in and of themselves, are minimized."

They discussed ways in which countries such as The Bahamas could span the divide.

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Letters to the Editor

Why Are We Considering FTAA?

Dear Sir/Madame,

I read with interest how strong and popular the Chamber of Commerce is becoming, and I salute them for their efforts on our behalf.

I was surprised that the subject of the FTAA (WTO) is still on the table with our government. Wherever they (WTO) even have their name spoken or met in the world, people rise up in the streets and riot and protest. The last time they met, they had to go almost up into the arctic and the protesters still found them. Why are we still even considering this?

We are, for the most part, not an exporting country. Our main export, I believe fish, will be bought, treaty or no treaty, anytime, anywhere. What do we have to gain from this treaty? Can someone answer that question?

And as Mr. Keith Clinton so astutely asked when he addressed the Chamber last year, what well happen when we lose our most important source of income, duty? I imagine we will all have to pay tax. Right. Are we going to collect tax from 300,000 Bahamians (over the hill, under the hill and behind the hill), who have never paid tax? And then, if that experiment doesn't work and our income falls and falls and falls (when I say income, read income for hospitals, schools, infrastructure), our life as we know it will change for a very long time. And then what would we do? Well, we would fall right into the waiting hands of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Under the guise of do-gooders it is being argued that they are a major reason for the situation in Argentina right now, for example. The Argentine government is so strapped in debt to them that there is no money for schools, hospitals or infrastructure. Everything goes to pay back the debt and heaven help you if you don't pay the debt. Talk about the blacklist! Not a very conducive situation for the Bahamas to be following, watching a country as big as Argentina that has huge resources fall prey to this. And we mainly only have our duty.

While you're at it, ask the Canadians how they like NAFTA? Their wheat, timber and steel industries are going down the tube, thanks to their not-so-free trade agreements!

In any event, anyone who wishes more information on this subject can order the book *The No Nonsense Guide to Globalization*, a thin collection of the real facts on this subject. Order online at newint.org. They are a think-tank of a major university in Canada that follows corporations and government statistics around the world. And

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if you have continued interest, they have a periodical that they send out monthly to keep you current. What to do? Just say no, Bahamas! Ask for a referendum, get the facts!

Kathleen Frederick

Need for Landscaping

Dear Editor,

I passed the new port recently. Is there a landscape plan for all that concrete, like shade trees maybe? Do you think someone could convince Solomon's Abaco to sink a few holes and drop some shade trees into their asphalt parking lot as well?

A Hot Customer

Praise for Scurvy Few

Dear Sir/Madame,

I would like to take a moment to recognize the good work of The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club. They have made donations to such causes as Sybil's Home for Seniors and our wonderful Mr. Drexel Major, who was so badly hurt in a car accident. They are responsible for the two new big tourist maps as well as the park benches. A Freeport Chapter has now been started. They are selling T-shirts and bottle "coozies" throughout Marsh Harbour to help raise funds. Future projects include garbage containers.

However, their main project is "Toys for Tots" every Christmas. I have just made a donation and thought maybe you would lend a helping hand to the needy and at the same time support the work of this group. I think checks are made to The Scurvy Few, P.O. Box AB 20 437, Marsh Harbour. Help make this Christmas a special one for tots who would otherwise go without.

Thanks

A Community Member

Immigration Should Change Policy

Dear Editor,

Compared to the rest of the Caribbean, the Bahamas have relatively easy, but above average expense entry procedures ($100). However, we do not understand why a visitor from the US who wants to stay for six months can't get a six-month visa at most ports of entry. Most ports now limit the initial visa to 90 days, renewable five or less days prior to expiration. So if we are cruising the Bahamas on our yacht, we have to schedule our cruise around the renewal date, because many out-islands (i.e. the Ragged Islands) do not have an immigration officer who can renew the visa. If the visa is renewable up to eight months, why not issue an eight-month visa to those who specifically request it to show some hospitality? If on the other hand, immigration does not really want us to stay more than 90 days, say so. We can always go to the Turks and Caicos and beyond.

Will O

S/Y *Magic*

A Warm Thank You to the Wonderful People of Sandy Point

I believe the people of Sandy Point are some of the most beautiful people in the world. They are also a most gentle, gracious people. On November 18 I discovered how very much all of this is true.

Water is a natural place for me to be. I've been a SCUBA diver for over 30 years and a SCUBA instructor for more than seven years. After hearing about the beauty of the reefs near Sandy Point, I was anxious to see them for myself. I drove south from our home in Bahama Palm Shores to Sandy Point hoping to find someone with a boat so I could see the reefs and do some underwater photography. Although most of the fishermen were out in their boats that morning, Donald Pinder had just returned from fishing. He agreed to take me.

We went about five miles west of Sandy Point where we could see coral heads below in about 30 feet of water. I descended with my camera while Donald remained on board carefully watching my bubbles as he followed my trail. Within a few minutes the seas picked up. My bubbles and the edge of the reef became impossible to see. Unaware of what was going on above, I continued in a westerly direction along the edge of the reef for about 20 minutes and then turned back retracing my original path. Donald became concerned when he no longer could see my bubbles or the outline of the reef. He supposed I was continuing in the same direction and strained to see my bubbles as he slowly moved his boat along what seemed to be the direction I was traveling.

After 29 minutes I ascended hoping to go to another reef to take more pictures. On the surface the waves were rolling higher than my line of vision. I looked in all directions. At first I could not see his boat. Finally, a wave lifted me higher, and I could see the tiny outline of Donald and his boat far in the distance. I waved and waved the strobe of my bright orange camera. However, the glint of the sun reflecting on the waves made it impossible for him to see me.

Unsure of what direction to go, I began to kick toward Sandy Point about five miles east. I was hoping that perhaps Donald would see me or that he would come close enough to see me if he moved toward shore.

My progress was slow. The faint outline of Donald searching back and forth looking for me could still be seen in the distance. I kept trying to wave my camera high enough for him to see but no luck. After an hour of kicking toward Sandy Point, a boat went speeding toward shore, some distance to the north of where I was swimming. Again, hoping to be seen, I waved my camera high in the air. Again, no luck. Later, I learned that Donald had alerted other fishermen who went to shore to get help while Donald continued to search.

After almost two hours kicking toward shore, I reached the emerald green water that surrounds Sandy Point. But, still far from shore, I was feeling incredibly tired. Several minutes later I heard a motor and saw a boat with three men coming toward me. Overjoyed at the prospect of not having to kick any longer, I waved my camera high in the air. This time I was found! The three men pulled me into their boat and directed my attention to a search plane circling overhead.

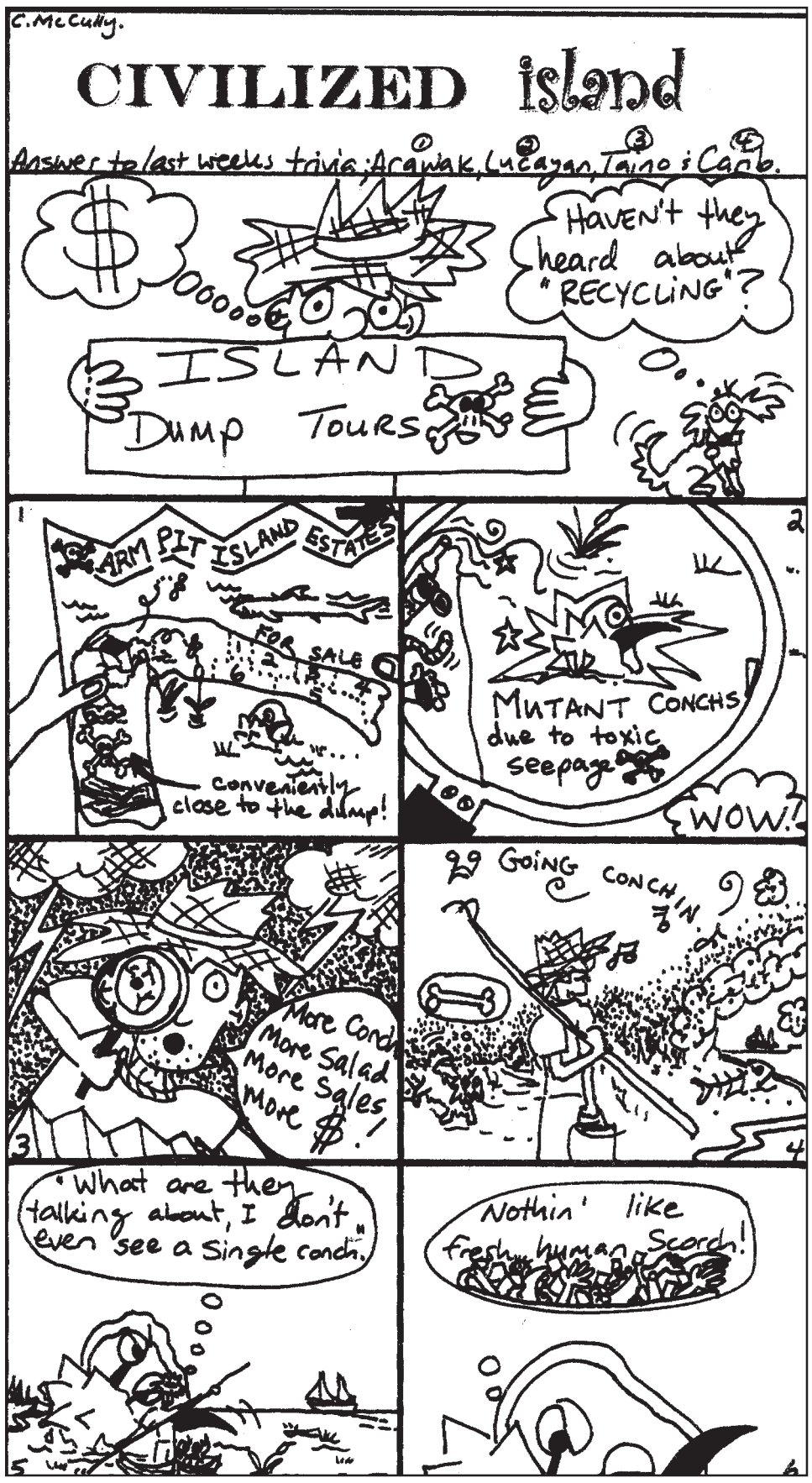
We then raced out to meet Donald, who had been diligently searching for me for over two hours. I jumped into his boat, and we headed back to Sandy Point. He was quite relieved to see me. As we neared shore, we were met by many fishing boats coming out to help with the search. Several women on one boat were carrying blankets. I silently wondered if the blankets were to warm the lost diver or wrap the dead body. The women smiled and looked happy to see me alive.

By the time we arrived back at the docking area, many people had gathered. Everyone was exceedingly kind and wanted to know what happened. I recognized Benjamin Pinder and Jason Roberts. Nurse Pinder was there and offered to take me to her home for a warm shower and a hot cup of tea. It was the most wonderful shower and best cup of tea ever!

It's hard to know how to thank a community of people who showed so much generosity and caring. Words don't seem to be adequate. I just want everyone to know the people of Sandy Point are the most wonderful, gentle, gracious people in the world!

Kay Politano, Mystical Shores

Bahama Palm Shores



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Central Abaco News

Rotary District Governor Visits Abaco

By Anita Rolle

Rotary International's District Governor, Mr. Amos Durosier, visited Abaco on November 18 when he addressed The Rotary Club of Abaco on the progress and future of Rotary. Mr. Durosier said that Rotary Club International has a new attitude of helping the poor, bringing dignity to all. Under his portfolio there are sixty clubs encompassing ten countries and fourteen islands.

Rotary is an international, worldwide service organization with 530 District Governors in 164 countries with more than a million members. The object of the organization is to encourage the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

Mr. Durosier encourages the participation of women in Rotary, as he believes that women are the future of Rotary. Mr. Durosier said, "At one point Rotary was restricted to men. However, Rotary is taking on a new look as women are becoming more involved."

As for his vision for the Caribbean District, Mr. Durosier anticipates that the service organization will continue to be built with love as there is good motivation throughout the district. Much emphasis is being placed on increasing membership. By the year 2005 when Rotary will celebrate its Centennial, it is expected that over 30,000 Rotary projects will have been realized around the world.

Accompanying Mr. Durosier was Assistant District Governor, Mr. Robin Brownrigg, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. He stated that there are over 400 members throughout the Bahamas, which includes six clubs in Nassau.

Scurvy Few Requests Toys

The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club will hold its fifth annual Toys for Tots Run on December 8. This year it will be at the AID parking lot. The purpose of this annual event it to collect toys for distribution to the less fortunate children of Abaco. We ask that all people who attend to bring a new, unwrapped toy as their admittance fee.

The event is open to all but motorcyclists will be especially welcome. In addition to music, there will be face-painting available for children as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy and refreshments available at nominal prices to help defray expenses. The event will start at 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m. all motorcyclists will participate in a ride through the local communities, ending back at the park.

Last year members of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department joined in the ride with Santa happily aboard their truck. The parade was led by a police motorcycle escort. The Club was able to distribute over 500 toys to less fortunate children on the island.

Please assist the club again this year and hopefully it will be a huge success for five years running.

The Abaco Cultural Society will present its annual Christmas concert on December 7 and 8. This year's concert is entitled *An Abaco Jazz Christmas*, and will be a concert featuring the well known music of Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. as well as traditional religious and secular Christmas music.

The evening will feature music by leg-

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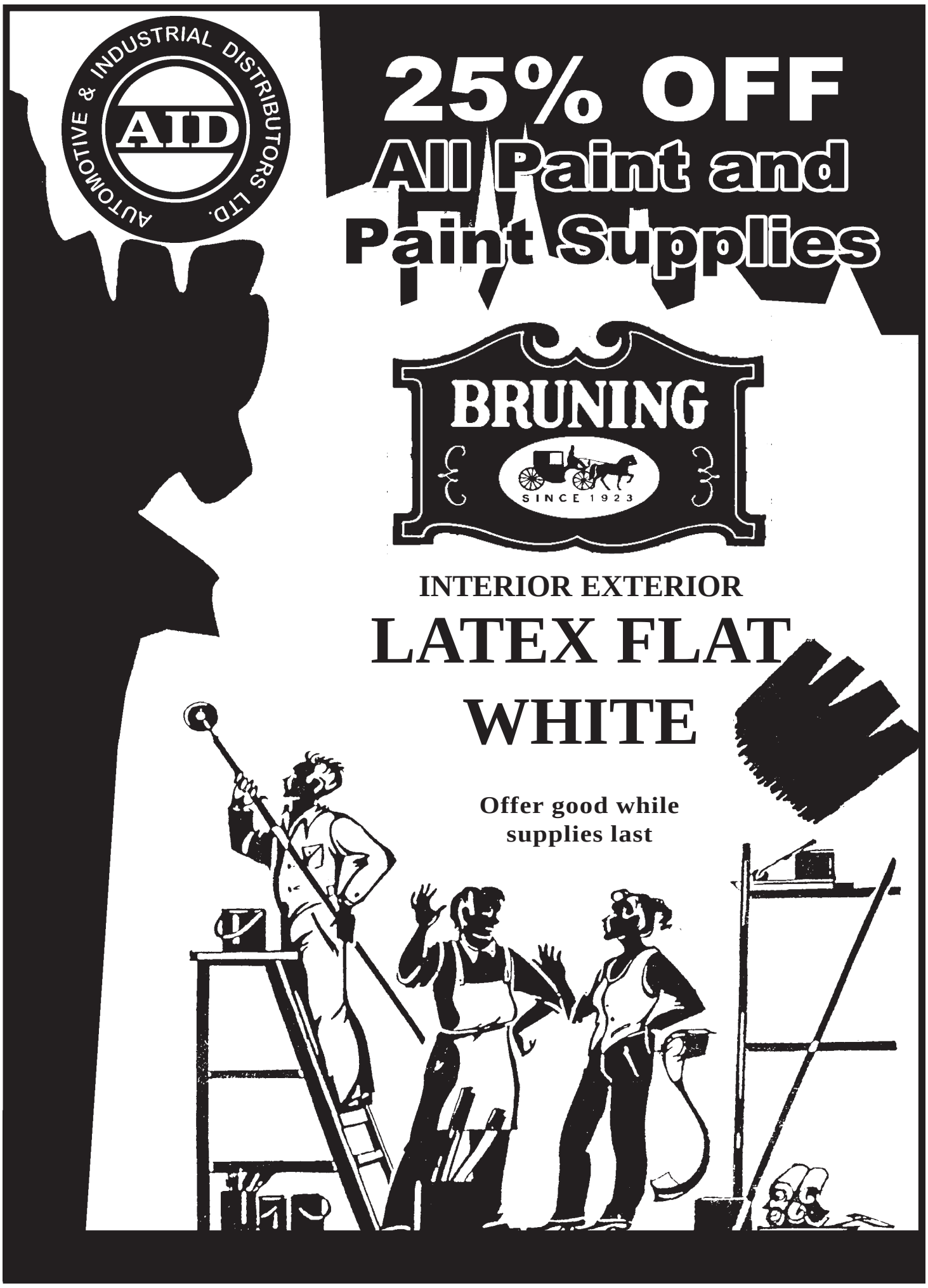
The District Governor of the Rotary Club addressed the Rotary Club of Abaco on November 18. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Barry Whiting, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco; Mrs. Durosier; Mr. Amos Durosier, District Governor; Mr. Robin Brownrigg, Assistant District Governor from Nassau.



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endary jazz musicians in the first half. Patrons will enjoy performances of popular songs presented by Highgrove Productions. Featured artists will include Bryan Thompson, Valerie G. Pyfrom and Clifford Terry, accompanist. Special guests will include Jennifer Hudson and the local group JES' US, a men's ensemble comprised of talented Abaconian voices Basil Been, Gentry Morris, Anderson Alcime and Kevin Sterling.

Both concerts on December 7 and 8 will be held at the Parish Hall of the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Brass & Leather in Marsh Harbour and at the door and will cost $15 for adults and $5 for children under 12 years.

The Cancer Society Abaco Branch held a book fair on November 23 outside the Java Coffee Shop in Marsh Harbour. Shown above Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cottis looking over the books which offered the public great reading at reasonable cost while helping the Cancer Society raise funds benefitting Abaco families suffering from cancer.

Bahamasair Resumes Service to W. Palm Beach

By Isobel Sherman

On November 15 Bahamasair had a familiarization trip to West Palm Beach to reintroduce their flight to West Palm Beach. The purpose of the trip was to let key travel and media people on Abaco tour several hotels in the Palm Beach area. The Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted the group. Our guide and hostess was Judy Turner, Tourism Marketing Manager of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The group toured various hotels.

On Friday evening the group traveled to Jupiter Beach Resort for a reception hosted by that resort. Mr. Charles Layman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau talked of the close ties of Palm Beach County residents and Abaco. The Bahamasair flight was sorely missed by Palm Beach County residents as many have their boats in Abaco and like to go over on weekends to sail and spend time there because of the wonderful hospitality and atmosphere. In turn, many Abaconians prefer going to West Palm Beach to shop and relax rather than Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

On Saturday the group toured other hotels and were hosted for breakfast and lunch. The tour included downtown West Palm Beach and City Place as well as Palm Beach Atlantic University. City Place is an upscale shopping area in downtown West Palm Beach which offers many specialty shops.

Bahamasair now has daily flights to West

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on November 19, the college fair was opened in a ceremony which featured as guest speaker Mr. Clarence Carroll, former Deputy Director of the Grand Bahama District for Ministry of Education.

The fair began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 4 p.m. High school students from both public high schools and several private schools attended, asking questions, getting brochures and finding out about a variety of schools. Some parents also attended and found the experience very helpful in getting information about colleges and technical schools.

The representatives enjoyed their Abaco experience and many could not believe how many students they talked with that day, All are looking forward to attending the fair again next year, The fair was the brainchild of Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High School.

Colleges represented included the University of Tampa, Florida Institute of Technology and Culinary Arts, Florida Memorial College, Florida Southern College, Jacksonville University, St Benedict/ St Johns College, Ramapo College, Bahamas Baptist College, College of The Bahamas, Success Training College, Messiah College and Terreve College.

Eighth Grade Spelling Bee

By Anita Rolle

At the Eighth Grade Abaco District Spelling Bee held on November 8th students proved to the judges that they were well prepared as contestants exhausted the seen spelling list and went a few rounds on the unseen list.

Participants included students from St. Francis de Sales School, S.C. Bootle High School, Moore's Island All Age School, Long Bay School, Abaco Central High School and Forest Heights Academy.

Competition was keen. However, emerging victorious was Christie Schaefer of Forest Heights Academy. Placing second was Raine Sands also from Forest Heights Academy and finishing in third place was Chanika Simms of Abaco Central High School.

The Spelling Bees can serve a great opportunity for students and coaches alike to measure the development and level of phonetic skills among students, particularly when it comes to the unseen lists in the competitions. This year the Ministry of Education will be hosting District Mathematics competitions and General Knowledge competitions for grades 5 and 6. Avid participation from the various schools is expected.

Moore's Island

Guy Fawkes Is Celebrated

By Anita Rolle

Staff and students at the Moore's Island All Age School celebrated Guy Fawkes Day in grand style as they displayed their creative talent. Teachers organized the event with each class being responsible for creating a Guy. The students went all out, using grass, old clothes, wigs, some of the guys even came equipped with cellular phones!

A judging was held with three categories. Category A winner (grades 1-3) was Ms. Davis's 2nd grade class; Category B winner (grades 4 - 6) was Ms. Prasaud's 4th grade and Category C winner (grades 7 - 9) was Ms. Green's 9th grade. At the end of the day of celebration Principal Mr.

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The Public Service Week 2002 activities included a Primary School Essay Competition open to all primary schools on Abaco. The winners were announced on November 20 with the presentation of the top three winners on Radio Abaco. In first place was Jason Evans, sixth grade at St. Francis de Sales School Second place was Ryan Sands, sixth grade of Great Guana Cay School and in third place was Kristy Evans, fourth grade of Central Abaco Primary School. Jason was asked to read his essay over the radio.

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Christopher Rahming torched the guys in a blaze of flame.

Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

Harvest Service

The annual harvest service at Abaco Central was held on November 21 in the quadrangle of the school. The service focused on the talents of Abaco Central students in music. The hand bell choir, the recorder choir and the high school choir performed. Guest speaker was Father E. Hepburn of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour who spoke on *Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude*. He told the students the story from the Bible about the 10 lepers and how only one thanked Jesus for his healing. The leper showed by his actions he was grateful and he thanked Jesus willingly without being forced to do so. That is real gratitude.

In ending his remarks Father Hepburn told the students that there are three things that students should be grateful for. Be thankful for life and the world, be thankful for the education they are receiving and be thankful to their parents or guardians for raising them.

Students donated canned items which were given to Social Services and the Rotary Club of Abaco for disbursement to needy persons in the community.

Agricultural News

Many good things are happening for the Agricultural Science Department. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations has donated money for the construc-

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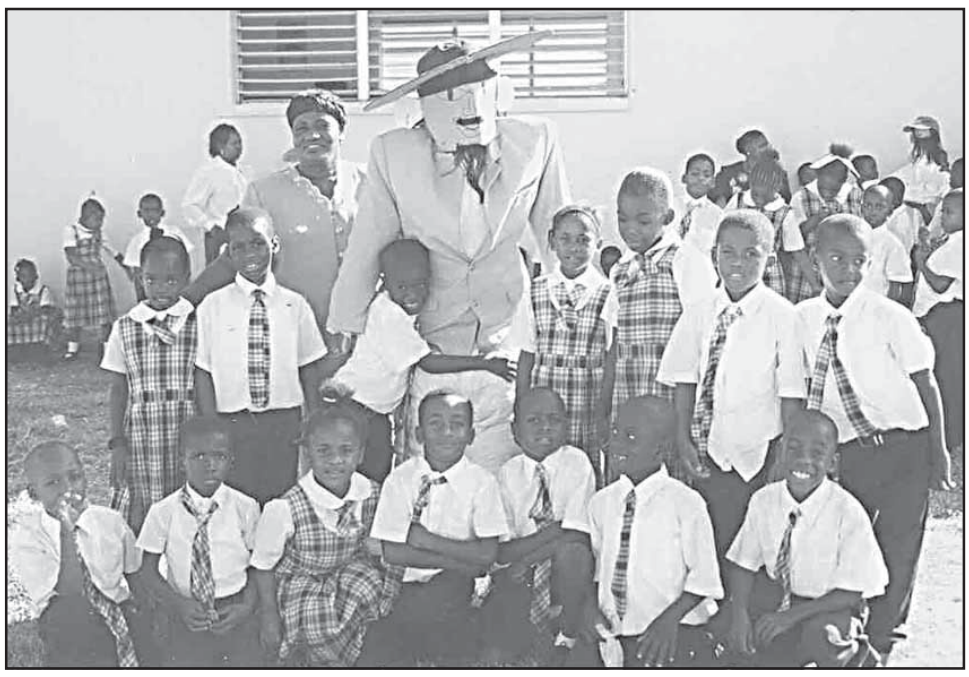
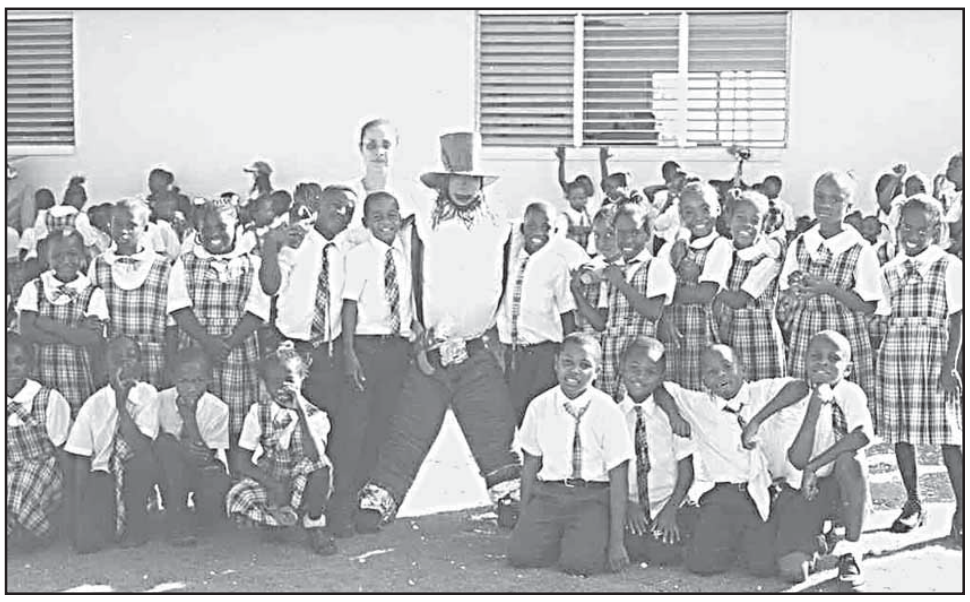
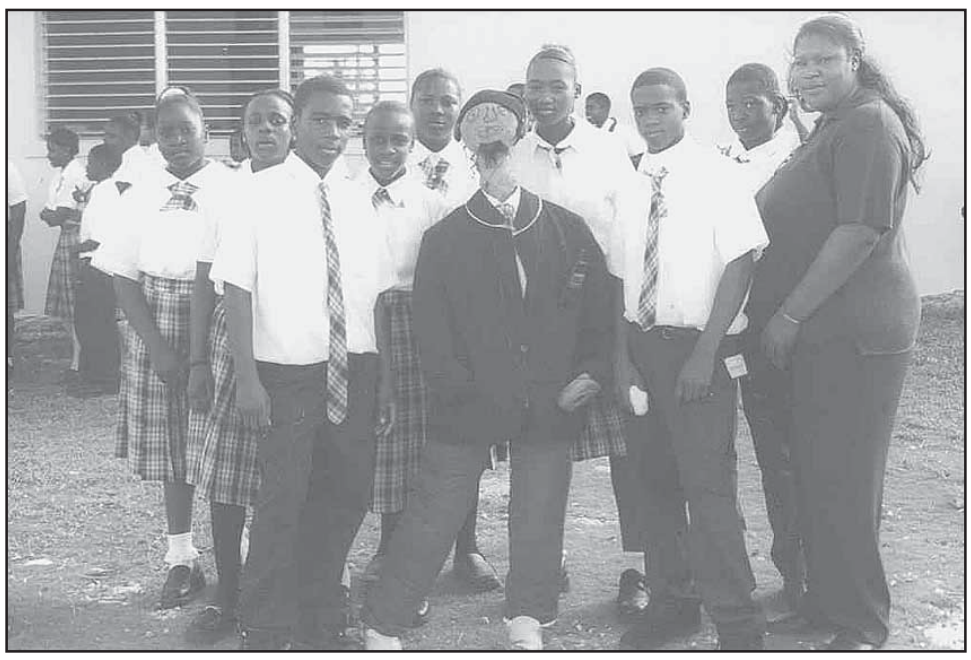


Moore's Island celebrated Guy Fawkes day by holding a competition among the school students. Grade 2 was the winner of the Category A competition for grades 1 to 3 in making a Guy Fawkes. They are shown here with their teacher, Ms. Davis.



Moore's Island students enjoyed making Guy Fawkes effigies. Grade 4 with teacher Ms. Presand is shown here with their winning Guy Fawkes in Category B for grades 4 to 6.



Students of grade 9 won the Category C competition in making Guy Fawkes effigies in the Moore's Island All Age School. They are in Ms. Green's class and were competing against grades 7 and 8.

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Ferries to Sandy Point Will Begin Early 2003

A new deep water ocean-going ferry expects to begin service to Sandy Point from Nassau early next year. The Chamber of Commerce invited Capt. Harvey Sweeting from Bahamas Fast Ferry Ltd. as their speaker for a meeting on November 14. Capt. Sweeting, General Manager for the company, gave details of the proposed service.

The *Sea Wind* is now under construction in Australia and will be launched in January 2003. It will then come to The Bahamas and service to Abaco will commence immediately. The 260-foot boat will be a combined passenger, car and freight boat and will be scheduled to arrive in Sandy Point several times weekly. The company expects that it will stimulate the growth and development of Abaco particularly in the Sandy Point area. The boat will dock at Sandy Point as that is the closest point on Abaco to Nassau and will eliminate several hours of ocean passage which can become rough for passengers in winter months. They anticipate that the service will not be interrupted by weather except during a severe storm such as a hurricane.

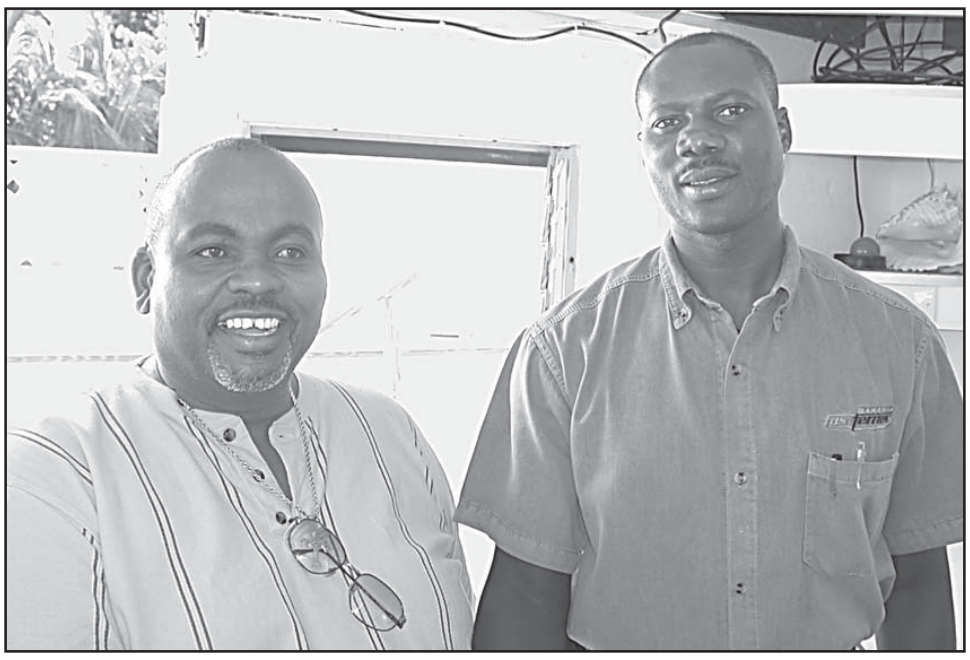
The *Sea Wind* will be able to carry 300 passengers on regular runs. This number increases to 600 passengers when the boat is chartered taking passengers to a special event and not carrying freight or vehicles. It is a modern boat with a food service and comfortable seating. Two passenger decks will provide a variety of seating with the upper deck roofed over but open. The middle deck, completely air conditioned will provide movies and music. The passage between Nassau and Sandy Point will take four hours. The boat cruises at 18 knots with a maximum of 22 knots. It has four engines so if there are mechanical problems the boat can still run and maintain its schedule. It will have a crew of seven and draws seven feet.

The boat that Bahamas Fast Ferry now has in service travels between Nassau and Harbour Island. Harbour Island has seen a definite increase in business as a result, estimated to be 15 percent overall but with some businesses benefitting by 50 percent. They anticipate that South Abaco will see an economic increase of 25 percent overall. There will be opportunity for several businesses to work in conjunction with the shipping company such as a trucking service, a freight agent, persons to sell tickets, car rentals and bus service.

The boat will carry 20-foot and 40-foot containers as well as palletized freight. It can carry up to 40 vehicles depending on the number of containers aboard. It will provide fast freight service in that deliveries to Abaco can be much quicker than by any other shipping company. This new service anticipates that many businesses will use it because of the convenience of receiving freight from Nassau promptly as the company plans to have four trips per week to Sandy Point.

The company hopes this will increase the visitor count to Abaco. They are teaming with a travel agency in Nassau to provide package deals to encourage visitors. However, they expect that 80 percent of the passengers will be Bahamian. Fare costs are not definite yet but will probably be $80 to $90 for a round trip per passenger. The cost for vehicles will vary depending on the size of the vehicle but they estimate that a large pick up truck with two people will cost about $250.

Residents of Sandy Point questioned where the dock and staging area would be located. Sandy Point is a small community with narrow roads and mostly pedestrian traffic. Town people are looking forward to the economic boost this will give their town but would like to see it based out of town. One of the locations would be at the government dock which is now a very congested area. Capt. Sweeting will plan a meeting in Sandy Point to hear their suggestions and complaints and to find satisfactory solutions to the problems. The company is one to give back to the communities in development assistance and Capt Sweeting feels that the entire community will benefit.



Capt. Harvey Sweeting, General Manager of Bahamas Fast Ferry Ltd., was guest speaker of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 14. He announced plans for a ferry service between Sandy Point and Nassau which is expected to commence early next year. The new boat is expected to be launched in January 2003. It will carry passengers, vehicles and freight and will make several trips weekly. Capt. Sweeting on the right is pictured with Mr. Stanley White, a Councillor in the South Abaco District. Capt. Sweeting will be holding a meeting in Sandy Point soon to acquaint the residents there of the company's plans.

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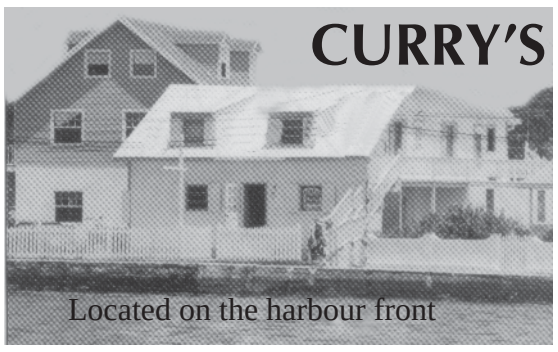

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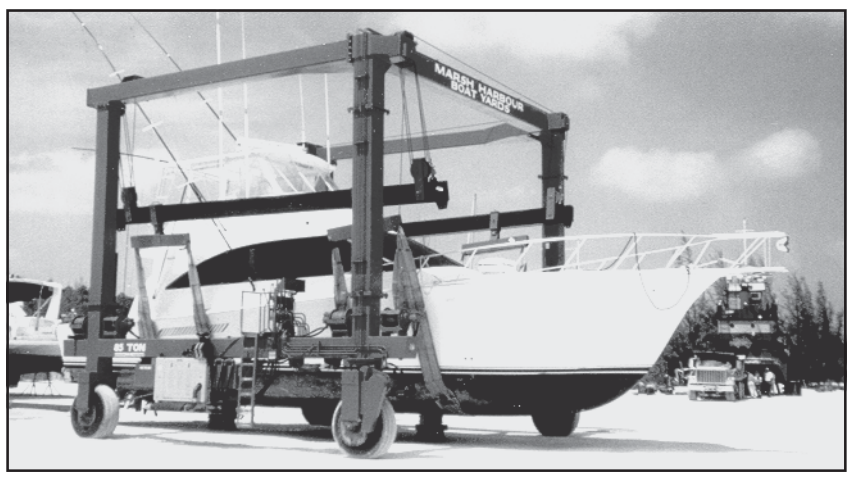

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Abaco Bonefisherman Places Second Nationally

Justin Sands of Marsh Harbour, named the Abaco Champion in Abaco, placed second in a national competition and fifth in an international competition held on Grand Bahama. He is shown with the trophies he won. His cash prize for the second place win was $3000. Mr Sands is bonefish guide, certified by the Ministry of Tourism.

Abaco Bonefish Champion Justin Sands represented Abaco at the Bahamas National Bonefish Tournament held in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on October 31. He competed against nine other island winners where he placed second overall behind Omeko Glinton representing Grand Bahama. He received a wood bonefish carving and a cash prize of $3000.

Mr. Sands then competed in the World Bonefish Championship held on November 1 where he came in fifth overall. He was competing against the other island champions as well as nine of the world's best bonefishermen. Both events held on Grand Bahama were very competitive. However, The Bahamas dominated the international tournament by winning the top five spots.

These tournaments are all sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism in their effort to encourage sport fishing. The international bonefishermen who held several international records and a flycasting instructor from ESPN Outdoor Life. Other competitors included sports writers and representatives of fishing magazines.

Justin won the annual Abaco Bonefish Tournament earlier on April 4.

Correction: The caption under the photograph in *The Abaconian* of November 1, 2002, showing the *Election 2002 Comedy Show* held on October 25 and 26 in Marsh Harbour was inaccurate. The organizers donated $500 to the Cancer Society Abaco Branch from the proceeds of the show. It was not sponsored by the Cancer Society but they were just a beneficiary of a donation.

BAIC Holds Three Day Seminar

By Anita Rolle

The Bahamas Agriculture and Industrial Corporation hosted a Certified Small Business Management Course in Marsh Harbour on November 11-13. They covered many topics which are important for small business owners which included the legal aspects, record keeping, insurance, financial statements, marketing, funding, and the business plan. Over twenty-five person participated in the workshop held at the Anglican Parish Hall. Facilitators included key personnel involved with the BAIC including Mr. Don L. Major, Manager of Business Advisory Services for the past five years.

At the conclusion of the seminar, participants were awarded certificates. On hand to make presentations was Mr. Sidney Stubbs, Chairman of the BAIC.

BAIC, Bahamas Agriculture and Industrial Corporation, assists Bahamians in starting and operating small businesses. They held a three-day seminar in Marsh Harbour on November 11-13. Shown above are the presenters with local persons. They are, left to right, Mr. Fritz Bootle, a manufacturer in Nassau; Mr. Loren Coleby, Manager of Bahamas Development Bank on Abaco; Mr. Don Major, Manager of the Business Advisory Services of BAIC; Ms. Shelia Cartwright with BAIC; Mr. Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Sidney Stubbs, MP and Chairman of BAIC; and Donna Lee Bowe, Manager of the Handicraft Development Department of BAIC.

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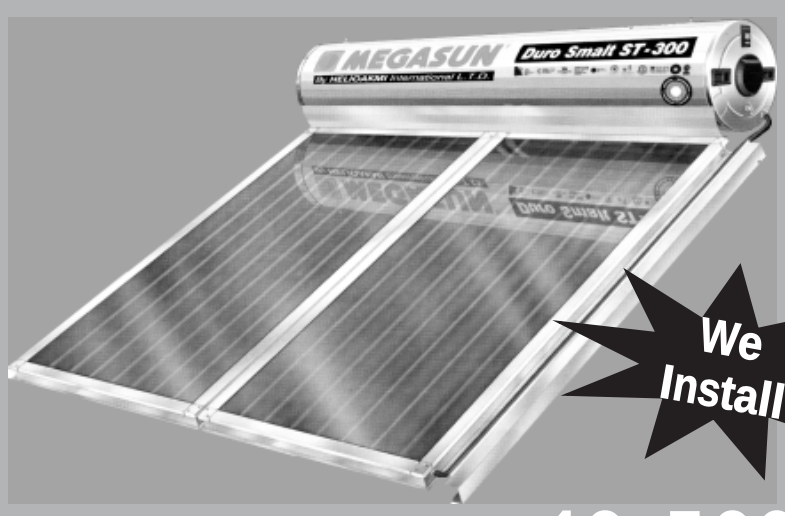

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Rescue at Sea

By Leslie Kennedy

This season's first cold front ushered in more than warm sweaters and sweet fruit as the Bahamas 500 Rally made landfall on Abaco. Organized by Jim and Margie Favor of Annapolis, Maryland, the original group of 17 cruising sailboats left Beaufort, North Carolina, on November 12

The Favors on the sailing vessel *Mahina Aka* have been organizing seasonal rallies for the past four years but have never "encountered such terrible weather" before. Constrained by time, the fleet, already delayed by the previous front, left in less than optimum conditions. But the professional weather casters, Commander Weather, ensured them that by the time they reached the Gulf Stream the weather would be greatly improved.

However, as any seasoned sailor must admit, weather can only be predicted and not controlled and in the end you deal with what you get. This became the case when the fleet ran straight into the teeth of a deepening gale center. With winds over 50 knots and heavy seas, they were force to "hove to," heading into the wind and seas to stabilize their vessels until conditions abated.

The well organized Rally had scheduled check-ins via single side band radios and on Sunday John Pratt, first to reach Abaco on his sailboat *Dame Alisha*, became the support. He calmly yet dishearteninged received the reports of ripped sails, damaged equipment and dwindling fuel. At this point John felt it prudent to alert BASRA Hope Town of potential problems.

Suddenly a report came in that one of the boats *Summer Heat* was dismasted 100 miles off Man-O-War Cay channel and was no longer making way. As the seas worsened, the crew felt threatened and put out a Mayday as they activated their EPIRB rescue signal.

Within two hours and 47 minutes of the report, the U.S. Coast Guard, notified by BASRA, diverted a container ship to rescue the crew of *Summer Heat*. Four adults and a 45-pound dog climbed a 15-foot pilot's ladder to safety. They have been safely returned to Florida as *Summer Heat* continues its un-piloted journey to an unknown destination.

As for the rest of the now strongly bonded group, they toughed it out relying on their skills and "hope." As one of the vessels waited for a more localized updated weather report being supplied by Bob Toler, better known as "Barometer Bob," the captain asked how much longer they had to hold out. John replied, "We have left the 'light' on for you." The last boat safely arrived on November 19.

The boats are presently at Abaco Beach Resort, a bit beat up but defiantly flying the Rally's "colours" and glad to be on Abaco. Each has different plans but all include more sailing and most assuredly-new adventures.

Several of the sailors who had a harrowing experience sailing from North Carolina to Abaco are now relaxing at Boat Harbour Marina. They got caught in the Gulf Stream during a recent storm enduring 50 knot seas and heavy seas. One boat of the fleet of 17 was dismasted, and the crew had to be rescued by a passing container ship, abandoning their sailboat. Thankfully, no one was injured.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Rowena Ninky Williams,** 59, was held on November 9 at the Zion Baptist Church in Moore's Island. Pastor Nixon Simms officiated assisted by Rev. Linward Knowles and Mr. Preston Knowles. Interment was in the Moore's Island Public Cemetery. Mrs. Williams was originally from Moore's Island but had been living on Grand Bahama.

She is survived by her husband Calvin Leroy Williams; children Jefford Ishmael Simms and Inez Brenda Davis; adopted daughter Janet Green; grandchildren Oprah Simms, Calvanna, Rolanda and Samantha Davis; son-in-law Henry Davis Jr; sister Beulah Stuart; brother Hanford Simms; nieces Gloria Burrows, Shirley Newton, Emily Dames, Sybline Davis, Yvonne and Machantie Stuart, Caroline Gaitor, Beulamae George, Evelyn Williams, Patsy Swain, Lucinda Knowles, Meltina Hield, Eulease Davis, Sylvia and Loratta Simms, Daisymae Stuart, Clarise Decosta, Monique Johnson, Stacy Rodgers, Maria Gardiner, Roxianne Rolle, Michelle Lockhart, Marilyn and Margaret Beneby, Christine Heastie, Barbara Mackey, Kalperina Mackey and Justina; nephews, Leeland Davis, Alfred, Bradlie, Etmore and Pastor Nixon Simms, Simeon and Roland Stuart, Arlington Rolle, Byron Kennedy, Julian Richard, Jr. Rolle, Roscoe Jason Petty, Fredrick, Marvin, Shawn and Dwayne Mackey, Sammy and Gordan Mackey, Steven and Keith Mackey; sisters-in-law Firstina, Menerva and Martha Simms, Carmen Rolle, Dollymae Petty, Joycelyn Colebrooke and Anna Williams; brothers-in-law Rolance Stuart, Curlin, Ivan and Fred Williams, Brent Petty and Richard Rolle and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jenetta Lona Lowe, 53, passed away on November 7 after a very long illness. Her funeral was on November 17 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Bro. David Caskey, Bro. Bob Cornea, Bro. David Cartwright and Bro. Frank Perry officiated. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Fearnley; daughter Lynn; son-in-law Angus; father-in-law Floyd; mother-in-law Zeddith; brother Tommy; sister Phillis; brothers-in-law Jeffery, Gene, Junior, Larry and Nigel; sisters-in-law Shirlene, Debbie, Judy, Una, Ann and Sandra; Nephews Jason P, Jenson, Joel, Troy, Jason, Adrian, Matthew, Joshua and Cordell; nieces Valarie, Tanya, Sacha, Julie, Lise, Jenny, Breanna, Mitchell, Kelly and Diana; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Dellis Godfrey Arthur**, 43, formerly of Sandy Point, was held in Nassau. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Arthur; mother Sylvia Stubbs; sons Lamark, Jamal and Tamicko; daughters Denise, Dellisa and Deandra; step-son Sean Roker; brothers Patrick, Antony and Kevin Arthur; sisters Patrice Armbrister, Ernestine Queenie Arthur and Denise Adderley; sisters-in-law Erma Thompson McPhee, Willimae Thompson, Beverley Thompson Greene, Linda Thompson Paul, Paula Thompson, Sherise Wilson, Vandrea Arthur and Bulah Arthur; brothers-in-law Kenneth Thompson, Ednail Thompson, Percival Paul, Harold Wilson, Kenneth Davis and many other relatives and friends.

Air Ambulance Service Is Available

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By Anita Rolle

Emergency medical air transportation is now available to residents of Abaco. The air ambulance service which provides critical care services in flight operates under the name Lifeflight. It has been in operation about three years ago under the directorship of Dr. Franklin W. Walkine, offering services first in New Providence, progressing to Freeport and now offering service to Abaco.

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Transport Minister Inspects Abaco Facilities

The Hon. Glenys Hannah-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, made an inspection tour in Central and North Abaco on November 15. She spent time at the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour, discussing construction with Mr. Mark Bell, manager of American Bridge, the company which has the contract, and Mr. John Schaeffer, resident engineer on Abaco. She toured the Marsh Harbour International Airport and heard from Mr. Bobby Jones, airport manager, and Michael Albury, Chamber President, about problems at the airport. She continued to the Treasure Cay International Airport and a proposed harbour site just north of Cooper's Town. Her trip was basically an inspection trip. She was accompanied by Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary of that Ministry. Mrs. Hannah-Martin is shown above at the freight dock with American Bridge men on the far left.

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Local Government at Work

Licensing Authority Cent Abaco 18 Nov

The main item was the annual review of music and dancing, bar and liquor licences. All of these expire December 31 and must be renewed annually after an inspection by Environmental Health, Police and Works. Community values and conduct of the business over the past year are also taken into consideration.

Exceptions noted by Environmental Health and the Police included:

- Inadequate or improper restrooms
- Lack of fire extinguishing equipment
- lack of smoke detectors and fire alarms
- Missing automatic fire extinguishers over stoves and grills
- Licences not publically posted
- Liquor stores with an illegal entrance into an adjacent restaurant, hotel or bar

Many of these violations have been perpetuated and overlooked in previous years but Board members felt upgrades must be undertaken, particularly in areas concerning fire and public safety.

It was brought out that a simple smoke detector as used in homes, is not acceptable in public buildings or structures divided and used by multiple businesses. A fire triggering an alarm in one unit does not alert occupants in other units of the building. Commercial alarms will alert occupants throughout the building and sound an exterior alarm which is important at night.

Most licences were renewed pending a further inspection to see that problem areas are upgraded. Some liquor stores which now have a general liquor licence were renewed as a wholesale outlet. This does not permit alcoholic consumption on the premises including the parking area.

An outside bar licence for Mackerals restaurant in Dundas Town was denied as they now have a restaurant bar licence which allows alcoholic beverages to be sold with food. It was felt that an outside bar was not in keeping with a neighboring church and waterfront park.

An application was made for a liquor licence-in-principle for a restaurant and bar near Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour. The applicant has received approval-in-principle from Town Planning and is seeking a similar approval-in-principle for a liquor licence before purchasing the land. However, a written petition from residents and others objects to this commercial land use.

Board member Frankie Russell, who chaired Licencing for many years said the area was considered residential from McDonald's corner through Pelican Shore and to the end of Eastern Shore and in general business's in this area were not considered.

Administrator Williams said in any event a public hearing must be held in the Court House with the objectors and applicant present. After hearing both sides make their presentation, the Board will retire and make a decision. It was said that an approval-in-principle may give a measure of comfort to the applicant but is not binding. It reflects the Board's thinking at a given moment but may not reflect the Board's or community values at a later date.

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Chairman Cay Mills announced that he had contacted several persons for the job of Town Committee secretary but only Kayla Lockhart responded and was now taking notes for the minutes.

Committee member Maggie Cornish was disappointed as she had an applicant for the job. Committee member Silbert Mills was concerned that the entire committee was not consulted and should have voted on the replacement.

A report on the expenditures to Ocean View Basketball Court was read by Committee member Jimmy Williams who headed a three-member team investigating the park expenses.

At a May 16 meeting this year under the previous Town Committee it was agreed to spend $10,000 on Ocean View Park from accumulated surplus budget funds.

Figures in the report indicated that about $32,000 has been spent on the basketball court to date from the Dundas Town budget. Additional funds had been solicited from the business community and applied to this project, possibly $10,000 to $15,000. Furthermore, paving of the court was donated by Bahamas Hot Mix.

The investigating sub-committee felt the work should not have exceeded the originally authorized $10,000 and variances to the original schedule should have been made with the Committee's consent. Much of the work was done without competitive bids. Improvements included a retaining wall with a fence on top, night lighting, bleachers, a paved surface and a refreshment stand

The sub-committee was further disturbed that the President of the Basketball Association, Mr. Cay Mills, appeared to be taking control of the park to the exclusion of the Town Committee.

Comments from committee members on the findings in the report were that:

- Even while the report was being compiled, the Chairman was reckless by continuing to spend on park improvements without consulting the Town Committee members.
- The chairman seemed to be in breach of the budget and not working with the Committee.
- They were surprised that the Chairman would act alone in making decisions after being on the Committee for the past three years and being familiar with the procedures.
- There appeared to be a conflict by the Chairman who was also the President of the Basketball Association and he used that influence to the exclusion of the Town Committee.
- There may not be enough money to fund town obligations for the balance of the year as monies were taken from other line items in the budget for Ocean View Park
- Money had been solicited and disbursed for the park without the Committee's knowledge.

Committee member Jimmy Williams was

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Camp Abaco Hosts Women's Retreat

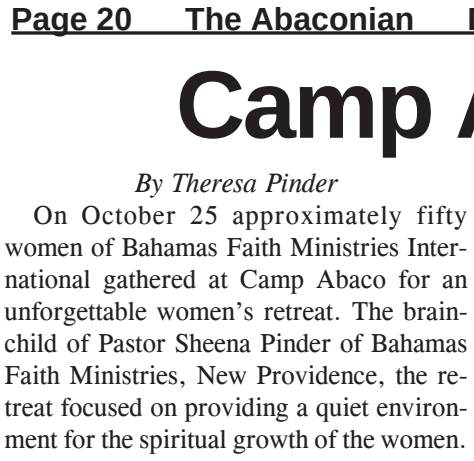
By Theresa Pinder

On October 25 approximately fifty women of Bahamas Faith Ministries International gathered at Camp Abaco for an unforgettable women's retreat. The brainchild of Pastor Sheena Pinder of Bahamas Faith Ministries, New Providence, the retreat focused on providing a quiet environment for the spiritual growth of the women. It offered a place for the women to leave the worries and challenges faced in the home and the workplace for a while, to focus on themselves and to learn how to more effectively deal with the situations and challenges that arise within their lives.

Over the next day and a half the women explored the theme of the retreat, In His Presence. Several speakers from Bahamas Faith Ministries attended including Pastors Sheena Pinder, Michelle Wildgoose, Ruth Munroe, Kayla Edwards and Cyprianna Bethel. The speakers covered several important issues including *Atonement, The Forgiving Woman, Walking in Holiness and Building an Effective Prayer Life*. The retreat, however, was not mainly geared toward teaching but rather toward providing quiet time for the individual women to devote themselves to fellowship with God and renewing themselves, as one of the topics shows: *Enter to Worship, Exit to Serve*.

It was an intense weekend where the women focused all their thought and energy into worshipping God, praying, singing and fellowshipping with each other; the experience was fulfilling for those that attended. Many burdens and worries that the women had before the experience were lifted, and they were able to come away having taken comfort and strength from the presence of God, rejuvenated and ready to meet whatever challenges that arise.

At the end of the Retreat each woman was presented with the gift of a new fragrance created by Pastor Ruth Munroe. They are considering holding another retreat next year.



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Mariner's Alert

Channel markers now extend approximately a half a mile north beyond Outer Point in Marsh Harbour. Six pairs of piling are on either side of the channel leading into the new port facility and are at 900-foot intervals. They extend 4500 feet from the turning basin. They are outside the channel by 15 feet on each side.

They are presently lit at night with small temporary orange blinking lights, the type used to mark highway construction. The lights are dim but visible if you are looking for them.

All boaters operating at night coming in or leaving Marsh Harbour should exercise caution at the harbour entrance where the new markers are located. Outboard powered boats generally do not carry search lights and with their relatively high speeds are prone to hit these markers. For small boats traveling at normal outboard speeds serious injuries could result.

One of the new pilings was hit and broken in half during the night of November 21. There are no known reports of injuries or damaged boats.

Permanent lighting for the piling was omitted from the original project in a cost-cutting move. It was then intended that the markers only have reflectors. When this information became known, local government officials got the attention of Nassau and proper lights are now being considered.

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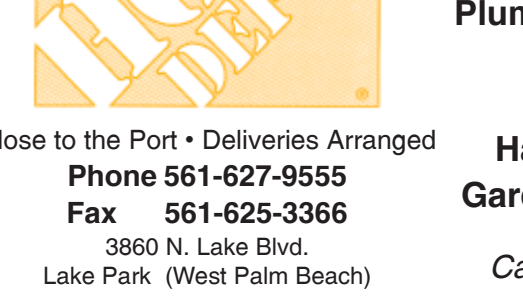

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More News of the Cays

Cays

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Town Harbour Lodge pool this fall. It's a wonderful sight to see our whole school know how to swim. Many thanks, Carrie.

Bird Watching Field Trip

Twelve students in grades 4, 5 and 6 and their teacher Mrs. Candace Key joined by chaperone Mr. Jeff Key took an early morning trip to South Abaco hoping to view the endangered Abaco Parrot. Sleepy children traveled to Marsh Harbour at 5:30 a.m. to meet Ron Pagliaro of Abaco Outback Tours, who was our guide. Although no parrots were sighted, we learned a lot about the Abaco pine forest and coppice area and saw many other species of birds, plants and unusual butterflies that inhabit the area. We recommend the tour and kayaking trip to all schools and visitors. We took our picture by the giant Bahama Parrot sculpture at the airport round-about and returned to school reporting we had seen a 30-foot parrot!

Fire Prevention Week Is Observed

Our students throughly enjoy every visit and life-lessons given by our Hope Town Fire and Rescue Team. Our well-trained members, accompanied by Police Officer Corporal Elroy Knowles, Fire Safely Officer, outdid themselves during the International Fire Prevention Week. They provided important lessons through poems, verses and song, then took grade 1 for a fire truck ride. Each child got a surprise bag containing a fire hat, comic about fire safely, stickers and a pencil that changes colour with heat. This well trained association conducts quarterly fire drills at school and critiques our performance for better protection. Thanks for all your efforts.

Many Activities Are Planned

The school is now very busily preparing for the Abaco Science Fair, our annual Thanksgiving canned goods drive for our elderly citizens and our Christmas play.

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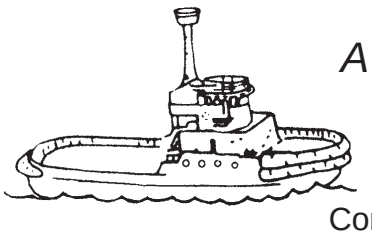
Everyone at the Hope Town School gets into the act of helping the Hope Town Fire and Rescue Team celebrate and educate during International Fire Prevention Week. The team conducts quarterly fire drills at the school. They are shown here in front the fire truck. All photos of Hope Town School students are courtesy of Mrs. Candace Key

Several costumed students at the Hope Town School dive right in the pumpkin carving station recently at the school's Fun Fall Frolic. They did caramel apples, cookie decorating, arts and crafts and made pumpkin milkshakes throughout the day at several stations.



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Commuter Traffic Is a Problem

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee held a special meeting last month with Ralph Albury of Albury's Ferry Service to discuss the traffic problem at Crossing Beach. Albury's Ferry moved to that site 12 years ago when traffic was much lighter than now.

Many people commute daily between the cays and Marsh Harbour for work, with people going in both directions. Tourism has increased greatly, requiring many more taxis.

Albury's Ferry Service has a lease from Crown Lands for a small piece of property where the building is. Parking at this time is massed in the entire Crossing Beach area, on an empty fenced lot converted into a paid reserved parking lot and along the road in front of houses near Crossing Beach. A limited number of commuters pay $40 per month for parking privileges in the fenced lot. But other park wherever there is a space. There are times when vehicles wanting to get to Eastern Shores are unable to get through the traffic.

Many school children commute from the cays to school on the mainland. Buses of various sizes pick the students up. Some felt that the situation with school children running around was very dangerous and could result in an accident in which a child could be hurt.

Many suggestions were discussed but any long term solution will require a large investment, would be difficult or would not be appropriate as alternate locations are scarce.

The meeting concluded with two concepts. First, the ferry will have to move eventually to an area where adequate parking is available. Until that time a group of Town Committee members will survey the Crossing Beach area to see how to use the area more efficiently. It was suggested that the taxis could be moved to the north side of the road and the area on the south side be cleared. Then a center traffic divider could be formed, actually a long narrow divider, which would allow angle parking on each side, thus increasing the present parking capacity. All traffic would flow around the divider. The group will study various plans and will report back to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee.

Bahamahost Course Is Offered

The Ministry of Tourism is offering the Bahamahost course in Central Abaco now and will give the course in Cooper's Town in January. This two-week course gives a great deal of informaion about The Bahamas and is geared to anyone in any facet of the tourism industry.

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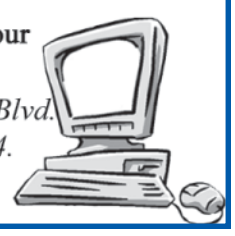

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Work Shop Discussed Many Topics

Dumps Concern Environmental Health

Environment Issues and Waste Disposal was a topic considered by the Local Government Seminar. Ms. Bertha McPhee, spoke about several local environment issues. Solid waste disposal is a major problem. In the Bahamas each person produces 6.5 pounds of waste per day and waste disposal is a very large expense for local government. For the cays an additional problem is the scarcity of appropriate land. Ms. McPhee brought out that recycling of waste be emphasized and she recommended that education about recycling must begin with school children.

Indiscriminate dumping is a chronic problem throughout Abaco. Sometimes identification is left on the trash, a licence plate or name that can be traced. There is a concern about vehicles and petroleum being dumped indiscriminately as they can contaminate the environment.

Another concern is the problem that mosquitoes can bring. The Bahamas has the mosquitoes that carry several diseases including malaria which is very prevalent in Haiti. Since we have many immigrants, the danger of an outbreak of malaria is possible. Environmental health continues with a spraying program to kill mosquito larva before they become adults. Ms. McPhee emphasized the need to keep the home environment clean, not allowing any standing water to remain. There is a problem of pollution in our water reserves caused by dumping and by farm chemicals.

Mr. Anthony Burrows of the Bahamas Solid Waste Management Project spoke to the group about the effect of pollution on marine life. Pollution clouds water restricting sunlight. That causes algae to develop which destroys other life.

Mr. Burrows discussed the disposal of solid waste which is a major problem on Abaco just as it is in the other Family Islands and the rest of the country. He felt that the government would be setting up transfer stations on the cays. The trash would then be transferred to the mainland for disposal at land fill sites. He specifically mentioned the situation on Great Guana Cay that government plans to set up a transfer station.

Participants Urged to Work Together

The Local Government seminar was well attended by elected and appointed persons from the entire length of Abaco. The event was organized by Mr. Alexander E. Williams, Senior Family Island Administrator for Central Abaco and covered many areas of responsibility of Local Government as set up under the Local Government Act. The sessions offered opportunities for local persons to ask questions and discuss general problems in their districts.

Mr. Harrison Thompson, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Attorney-General's Office, gave the closing remarks. He stressed that partnership in government is very important. The elected members must learn to work with others to make their communities better. They must help prepare their people to compete with people worldwide. Education very important and local government can take the lead in focusing on educating people.

The central government is considering changes in the local government system. Mr. Thompson wanted the local people to give ideas to the minister. This is a good opportunity to mold the future of local government. They must be proactive, not waiting for others to take the lead.

The elected officials have a great responsibility because they are responsible for the people's money. They must be extremely meticulous how they spend the money. It is important to work with the community, to keep open communication, to talk with one another and with the community. They must work together to make it all work. Everyone has different ideas but once a decision is reached, all of them must carry out the decision. They must be part of the system. Local government is only as good as they make it.

"Local government is only as good as they make it."

By Mr. Harrison Thompson

Zoning Was Emphasized

One of the topics discusses at the Local Government seminar was Town Planning. Mr. Craig Delancey addressed the group, covering many areas coming under the Town Planning jurisdiction.

Government is realizing that building and professional services must be under control. A proposed contractor's act would require contractors to qualify in order to remain in business. Many unscrupulous contractors are not conscientious in their work and legislation is needed to bring about quality. This need is even more apparent because of FTAA coming into effect soon.

Mr. Delancey outlined the requirements for a subdivision. If someone wants to subdivide a piece of property into 10 or more lots, they must provide roads and utilities. These are minimum standards which must be in place.

Zoning was another topic. Mr. Delancey stresses that local government officials should zone the island for the future, for more progressive development. He briefly described the recent legislation which controls mining sand, cutting down hills and excavating. He reviewed the laws which cover the drawing of plans and the limitations on draftsmen and individuals. He outlined the stages at which inspections of buildings need to be done.

After his talk the participants asked questions concerning illegal construction and the process of stopping construction when the law is not followed.

Road Traffic Regulates Road Use

Mr. Brensil Rolle from the Department of Road Traffic was the presenter at the Local Government Seminar. He outlined the work of Road Traffic Boards in Local Government. In board terms Road Traffic regulates road use, collects revenue, regulates public transportation and issues proper credentials for using roads. Some of the Department's powers were transferred to Local Government when it came into being. District Councils on the mainland of Abaco appoint the Road Traffic Boards while on the cays except for Green Turtle Cay the District Councils do the work of that Board.

All public transportation is reserved for Bahamians. There are two categories of public transportation businesses. Taxis and limousine are licensed. All other types of public transportation such as tour cars, buses and jitneys are franchised. Self drives, scooters and golf carts are licensed by the Boards and the Boards can determine what each can do and where they can go.

Mr. Rolle stressed that the Road Traffic Board is responsible for regulating traffic, traffic flow patterns, setting up school zones, pedestrian crossing and the placement of road signs.

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Free Trade Presents Many Problems

By John Hedden

Bahamians talk glibly about globalisation, international corporations, free trade, world class quality and productivity without really rationalising the fact that our economy has been globalised for the last 50 years. Both of our major revenue earners have developed as a result of huge foreign investment (the hospitality and the financial industries). These two have been earning some 85 percent of our national revenue. For every foreign dollar spent, approximately 15 cents is retained by the country. The Bahamas has actively erected legislative and policy frameworks to enhance and secure the infrastructure of these two revenue earners, both to protect the country and the investor.

More recently international economic development has set a precedent for globalisation and free trade to further enhance the benefits of easy movement of investment and capital. As a result the European Union, NAFTA, Caricom and Mercosur have become important for localised trading practices.

At the same time industrialised country governments have responded with the "pork barrel" programmes of agricultural subsidies and manufacturing protectionism. Politics dictates an increase in local protectionism through such institutions as protective tariffs, import quotas, embargoes and export subsidies for such products as steel, agricultural commodities, lumber, aircraft, wine and electronic devices. The result is that developing countries find it almost impossible to compete in the export market because importing countries maintain an artificially low price on their own production or hinder competitive product importation. Underdeveloped countries also find that their own national production is hindered because local commodities are unable to compete at the marketplace with the imported subsidised product. As a result GDP decreases and these countries become more dependent on international aid. Hence the claim that poor countries are becoming poorer while the industrialised nations amass more wealth.

For equitable international economic development to take place genuine free trade needs to occur on a world wide level, and marketing strategies need to move away from producer protection towards consumer demand. However, the economies of the biggest consumer markets in the world (the United States and Europe) are finding it difficult to remove their own protectionism while calling for the rest of the world to open their borders to free trade.

The just completed series of meetings held in Quito, Equador; which culminated in the latest Ministerial for the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) demonstrates the political ill feeling that surrounds negotiations towards a hemispheric agreement. Brazil (one of the America's economic giants) has now elected a president (Lula) who is very skeptical of the United States' intentions towards genuine free trade. He has termed the FTAA as the economic annexation of Latin America by the U.S. However, the biggest hold up comes as a result of discussions around agriculture. The U.S. will only discuss improved market access; and the issues of huge farm subsidies and anti-dumping measures will not be tabled. The result is that agricultural product marketing from both Argentina and Brazil are hurt by U.S. subsidies for home production. This is reflected in soya, sugar, cotton and orange juice amongst others. The citrus industry of Florida employs almost 100,000 people. (That amounts to very many votes for the political agenda.)

On a global basis Europe is probably the biggest hurdle to free market access of agricultural products. This is reflected in the union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) which allocates huge direct subsidies to French farmers over all others. France has just now negotiated the maintaining of this high level of support through 2006, which does not bode well for imports from the developing world. (The CAP acts as a barrier to exports from Africa where poverty is its largest problem). In fact, Europe now has very little to offer for the global trade talks initiated in the Doha round and due to end in 2005.

The Bahamas is just now becoming somewhat aware of the implications of free trade agreements, but the set date for the FTAA is December 2005 at the latest. We must therefore take heed of the squabbling that takes place between the powerhouses of the world economy and determine for ourselves whether the idealogy of Free Trade will ever become a practical reality. After all, we still retain only 15 percent of every dollar spent in our country.

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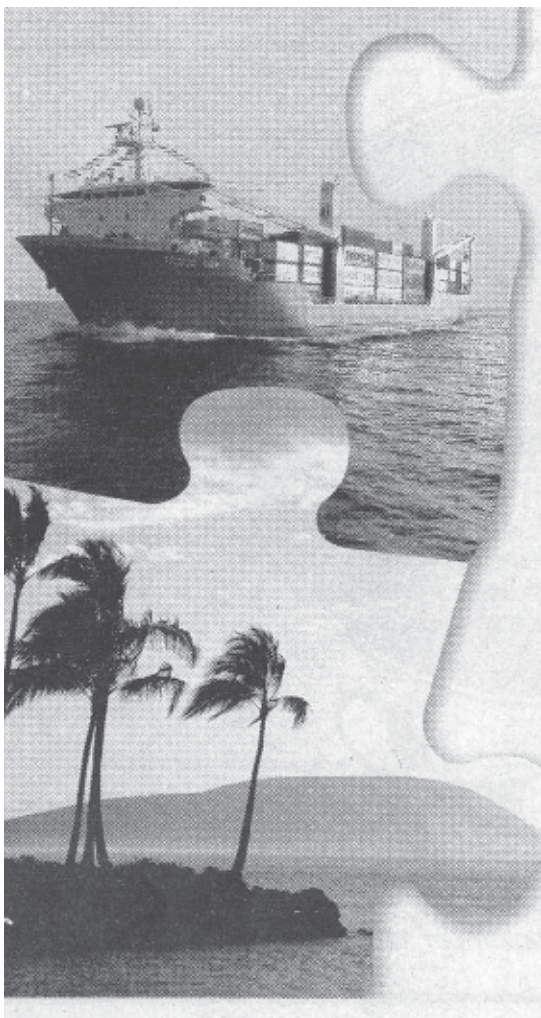
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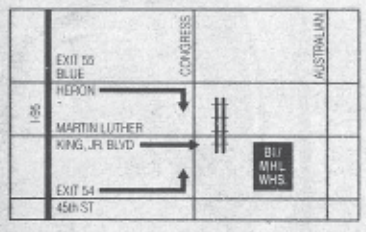

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This pile of debris is all that is left of the old Customs warehouse on the freight dock in Marsh Harbour. The building was demolished and the entire old dock area will be rebuilt as part of the new greatly enlarged dock. The new domestic warehouse is now in use by Customs in a temporary move so the old warehouse could be demolished. The new international warehouse is in the distance and is several times bigger than the old warehouse.

The main road past the new dock has to be moved. That construction is now underway. Shown above is the road area with the old road in the center of the photograph. The road in the distance will connect the front road with Forest Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway.

The inside of the new domestic warehouse is equipped with racks for storing pallets of freight. It is designed for easy access and is being used by Customs until the very large international warehouse is complete.

During the process of moving the main road which goes past the new freight dock, the area is quite messy during rainy periods. American Bridge is working hard to keep traffic moving, taking necessary measures to keep the road passable.

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More Central Abaco News

Central

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Palm Beach from Marsh Harbour except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A familiarization trip for representatives from the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau and hotel representatives and travel agents is slated for Friday December 6.

Representatives from Bahamasair including Patricia Johnson from Public Relations, Sabrina Wright of the frequent flyer programme and staff from the Nassau office joined Patricia Lightbourne and Charlie Cornish of Bahamasair on Abaco. Others who went were Don Cornish and Kendy Anderson of the Abaco Tourist Office, George Cornish of Radio Abaco, Isobel Sherman of *The Abaconian* and *Nassau Guardian*, Nadene Beneby of Education and Veronica Archer of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce. Staff from ZNS and from A and W Travel joined the group in Florida.

Anchor Club Keeps Active

By Theresa Pinder

The Anchor Club, a community service-oriented club dedicated to helping those with brain-related disorders, has begun its fifth year of service on Abaco. Under new leadership, the two Anchor clubs for Central Abaco, the Morning Club and the Evening Club, have started the year off with very busy schedules.

A Meals on Wheels project in August concluded their previous club year. They prepared and delivered lunch to elderly and those unable to leave their homes.

The first project for the year for 2002 - 2003 was a road safety campaign that took place in September which was designated as Road Safety Month. Members prepared fliers that promoted road safety for pedestrians and vehicle operators and distributed them at the traffic light.

On October 19 the Anchor Club held a membership drive. Traveling to various schools, the Anchor Club Director, Mrs. Neulessa Major, and the President-Elect of the Pilot Club, Mrs. Zallimoon Chu, explained the purpose of the Anchor Club and some of the opportunities that it offers. Thirty students have joined the Evening Club, which is comprised of students from private schools.

Members attended a Leadership Seminar on October 19 held at Central Abaco Primary School. During the course of the three-hour seminar, various advisors and

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Members of the two Anchor Clubs of Central Abaco are shown above. They are active in service oriented activities helping the communities.

The Anchor Club of Abaco held a car wash in Marsh Harbour on November 9. They are shown busily earning money for their many community service projects.

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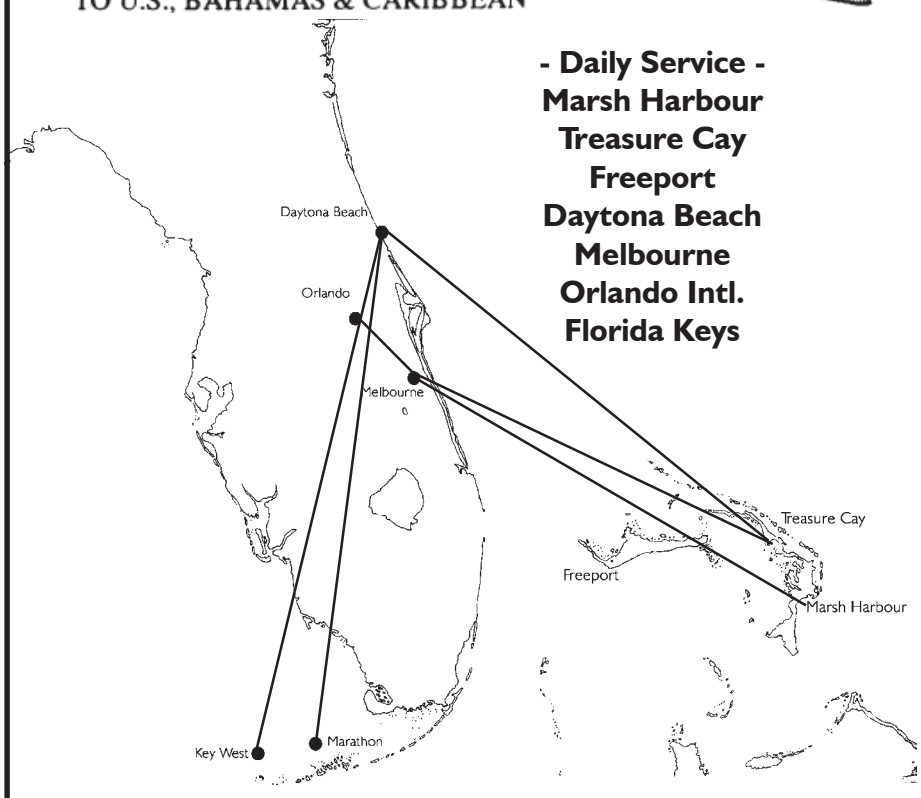

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Police Report

As reported to The Abaconian

A resident of Bahama Coral Island was arrested on November 8 for breaching an order from the Magistrate.

On November 8 someone entered Creation Florist & Gift Shop in Dundas Town and stole two packs of cigars valued at $10, two Seiko watches valued at $170, two diamond studded earrings valued at $130 and a number of men's colognes.

A Hope Town resident reported on November 9 that, while driving along Forest Drive, several young men he knew threw rocks and bottles at his vehicle damaging the driver's window, the front and rear windshields and passenger window.

A Murphy Town woman reported on November 9 that her brother was struck in the head after a fight which began after a concert at Murphy Town Park. It continued on Forest Drive, where a group of men began beating a young man. The young man was taken to the government clinic where he was treated and was sent to Nassau for further treatment. A resident of Marsh Harbour was arrested and charged for this offence.

Sometime between November 4 and 6 someone stole $4,120 from the office of Island Delight. A resident of Murphy Town was arrested and questioned in reference to this matter. When searched, jewelry valued at $825, clothes and tennis shoes valued at $1,500, fifteen checks in Island Delight's name valued at $4,093, and $915 in cash were found in the resident's possession. The resident was charged for the matter.

Two women of The Mud reported that they had a fight with their sister on November 9. Two sisters were arguing over asue money, and the argument escalated into a fight. When the third sister tried to intervene, she was bitten. One of the women broke away from the fight and retrieved a stick. She proceeded to hit her pregnant sister in the stomach, claiming that she would kill the baby. Persons from the nearby area separated them, and the pregnant woman was taken to the doctor where she was treated and discharged. The perpetrating sister was arrested and charged with causing harm.

On November 9 a Dundas Town man had his life threatened while at his residence by a man he knew.

K & S Auto Services Ltd was broken into sometime between November 9 and 10 and $30 in coins was stolen.

Sometime between November 9 and 10 someone broke into the Island Bakery and stole the empty cash register.

On November 11 someone broke into a Crown Haven residence and stole $700 in cash, a cellular phone valued at $300 and a bottle of cologne valued at $20.

Four residents of the Pigeon Peas and The Mud were arrested for possession of dangerous drugs and ammunition on November 13.

On November 13 a prisoner, wearing blue jeans and a yellow shirt, escaped from the Marsh Harbour Police Station while returning from the Magistrate's Court,. An island-wide search is underway.

The principal of Central Abaco Primary reported an attempted shop breaking on November 16. She observed three boys exiting the area of the Tuck Shop; however, they were unable to gain entry.

A Treasure Cay resident reported being assaulted in front of Kula's Food Store in Treasure Cay by a man he knew on November 16.

An employee of Albury's Ferry reported on November 17 that sometime between November 16th and 17th, someone entered their office stole $64 in cash and about $70 in coins.

A resident of Spring City reported on November 17 that someone stole a single axle trailer valued at $1,000 from the South Side Dock in Murphy Town.

A Marsh Harbour resident reported on November 17 being assaulted at his residence by a man he knew. The assailant was arrested and charged with causing harm, resisting arrest and disorderly behaviour; he is presently awaiting arraignment.

An employee of Standard Hardware reported on November 18 that sometime between November 16th and 18th someone entered the establishment and stole $300.

A resident of Dundas Town reported that on November 18 someone entered his vehicle which was parked at the Crown Haven ferry dock and stole a Sony CD player valued at $250, an Aiwa amplifier valued at $500 and a Champion battery valued at $110.

A resident of Murphy Town reported on November 18 that someone smashed the windshield of her Hyundai vehicle while it was parked in front of her residence.

On November 18 while on patrol in the area of Crockett Drive, several police officers found a small plastic bag containing four small rock-like substances suspected to be cocaine. Two residents of Marsh Harbour were arrested, cautioned and taken in for questioning.

Bahamian Potcake Will Train for Drug Detection

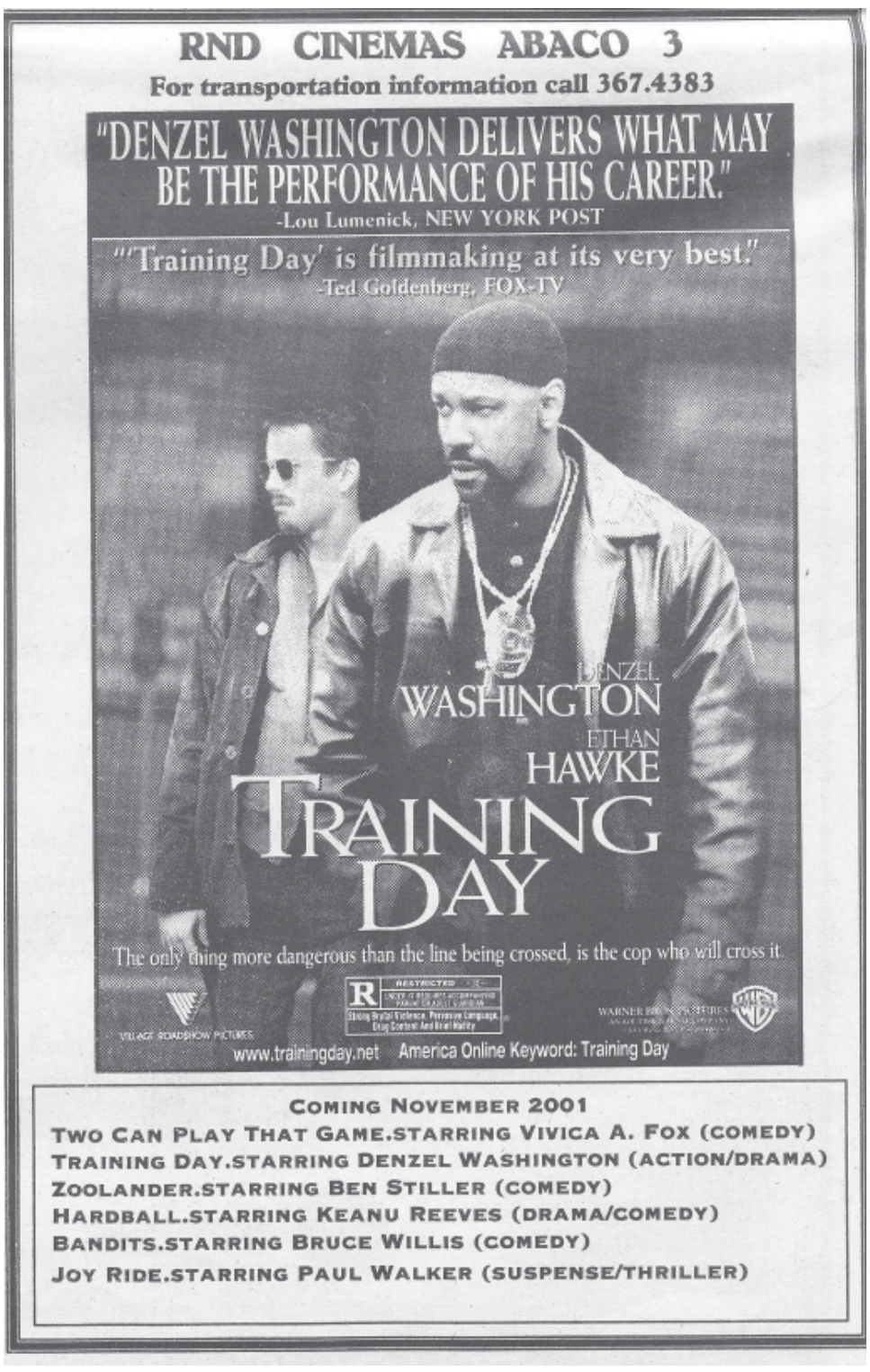
The Bahamas will soon have its first native candidate to train for the elite drug detection K9 Unit of the Royal Bahamas Police Force. A suitable native "potcake" dog will be chosen and trained in law enforcement at the next session in February, 2003.

The K9 Unit in the Bahamas started in April, 1964, with two police dogs. Then, one dog detected only one scent. Today one dog can detect up to five odors. The police has three types of dogs, the apprehension dog, the bomb dog and the drug dog. They are doing a fantastic job in the fight against drugs in this country.

Bahamian police regularly attend courses and seminars in the United States. They keep up with the latest information pertaining to these dogs. The US government sponsors most of the drug dog courses which is a big help to the Bahamian police.

The K9 Unit works on a daily basis with all the law enforcement agencies in the country, including The Bahamas and US Customs. Once the odor is available, the dog will detect the substance. They must have realistic training daily.

Police dogs have been a very valuable asset to the Police Force as some of them have detected hundreds of pounds of illegal drugs. They have been responsible for several seizures of drugs at the Nassau airport.



Court Report

As reported to The Abaconian

November 6th

A resident of Freeport was charged with raping a resident of Grand Cay. The matter has been adjourned to January 29th, 2003.

A resident of Dundas Town was charged with stealing gasoline from a parked vehicle. Since the complainant was not present, the matter was adjourned to December 2nd.

Three residents of Murphy Town were charged with stealing a boat from Man-O-War. They were acquitted as there was insufficient evidence.

A Dundas Town resident was charged with having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. The matter has been adjourned to November 13th.

Six residents of Cherokee Sound, Murphy Town and The Mudd were charged with assisting in the illegal landing of several immigrants. The matter has been adjourned to November 27th.

A woman has been charged with allegedly forging a company's letterhead. Two other persons charged with her have pleaded guilty. She has pleaded not guilty, and the matter has been adjourned to November 27th.

November 7th

A resident of Freeport, Grand Bahama, has been charged with the rape of a minor on Moore's Island. The matter has been adjourned to December 11th.

A resident of The Mud, was charged with possession of drugs.

November 8th

A Cooper's Town resident was charged with disorderly behavior. Evidence was heard and the matter adjourned to November 15th.

A resident of Cooper's Town was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The matter has been adjourned to November 15th.

November 11th

A Sandy Point resident was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The complainant relocated to another Bahama Island so the matter was discharged.

A resident of Marsh Harbour was charged with driving without due care and attention. The prosecution closed. The matter has been adjourned to November 18th for ruling.

A resident of Spring City was charged with driving in excess of the speed limit. The matter has been adjourned to November 18th for ruling.

A resident of Marsh Harbour pleaded guilty to failing to remain stationary at the scene of an accident. The matter was discharged.

A Marsh Harbour resident was charged with driving without due care and attention. The matter has been adjourned to January 30th, 2003.

A resident of Dundas Town was charged with driving without due care and attention. The matter has been adjourned to January 26th, 2003, for the testimony of the final witness.

Eulan McKinney, a Sandy Point resident, was charged with shop-breaking and stealing. He pleaded guilty to the charges. The matter has been adjourned to November 13th for sentencing.

Two residents of Murphy Town were charged with receiving stolen property. They pleaded not guilty. The matter was adjourned to January 26th, 2003.

A resident of Dundas Town was charged with housebreaking. The matter has been adjourned to January 30th, 2003.

November 13th

Anthony Jules, a resident of The Mud, was charged with stealing. When the prosecution closed, the Magistrate determined that there was sufficient evidence to commit the matter to the Supreme Court.

A resident of The Mud was charged with forgery. The matter has been adjourned to January 22nd, 2003.

A resident of Dundas Town was been charged with having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. Three witnesses testified. The matter has been adjourned to January 27th, 2003.

A resident of Murphy Town was charged with possession of drugs. The matter has been adjourned to November 28th.

Three residents of The Mud were charged with disorderly behaviour and obstruction of justice. They were acquitted of the charges as there was insufficient evidence presented.

Eulan McKinney, a resident of Sandy Point, was charged with shop breaking and stealing. He pleaded guilty to the matter and was sentenced to serve 21 months in Her Majesty's Prison, New Providence.

A resident of Marsh Harbour was charged with causing harm. The matter has been adjourned to February 3rd, 2003.

November 14th

A resident of Hope Town has been charged with incest. The prosecution has closed, and the defense has made a no case submission. The matter has been adjourned to February 2nd for the prosecution's response.

A young man from New Providence has been charged with four counts of stealing from a vessel. The matter has been adjourned to November 19th.

Two residents of Moore's Island, were charged with stealing; they were acquitted of the matter.

A resident of Murphy Town was charged with receiving stolen goods. The matter has been adjourned to January 24th, 2003.

November 18th

Two residents of Murphy Town were charged shop breaking. The matter has been adjourned to January 19th, 2003.

A resident of Moore's Island was charged with rape. The matter has been adjourned to January 15th, 2003.

A Cooper's Town resident was charged with having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. The matter has been adjourned to February 3rd.

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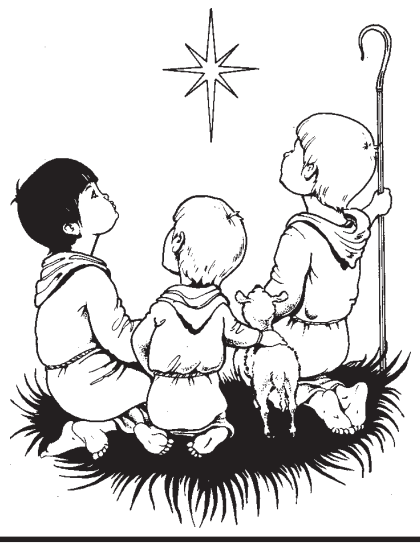

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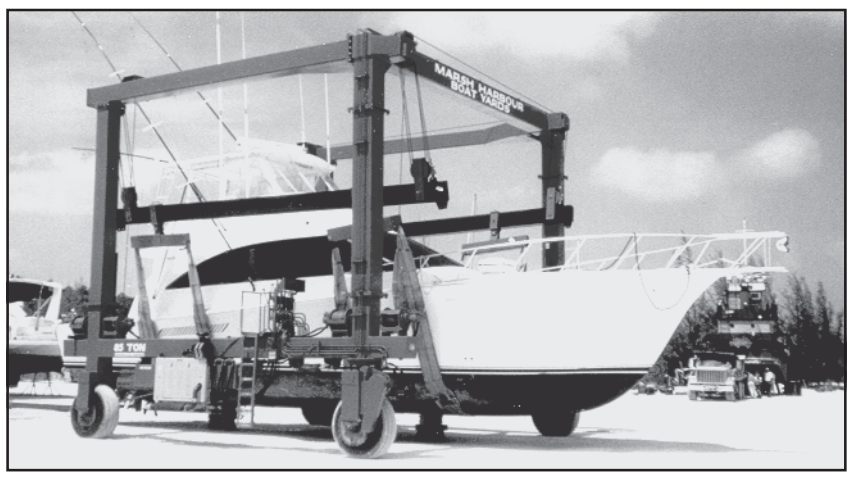

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Local Government at Work

Local Govt. *From Page 19*

disturbed that after spending all this money, the park still does not have restrooms.

Committee member Silbert Mills felt that a letter of thanks should be sent to Bahamas Hot Mix for donating the paving..

After hearing members comment on the report, the Chairman defended his actions. He was disappointed that the members had neither given him the courtesy of visiting the park during the renovations nor did they come out on opening night. They did not help with the work which he supervised single handedly. Mr. Mills said he received a $10,000 donation and a $5,000 donation for the Basketball Association which he used for improvements in addition to Town Committee funds.

The Chairman explained that the wall was necessary to protect the court and to keep the fill from being sucked out to sea during storm tides. The edge of the court is close to the water's edge

He is soliciting another $10,000 donation for restrooms which he badly wants. He said this may be donated as a package unit and only need a septic tank to be functional.

He was further upset with the Island Engineer who was supposed to supervise the work but seemed to be unavailable. Mr. Mills was additionally hampered since two months passed without a Town Committee meeting as administrators were in a state of transition

Chairman Mills was concerned that the Town Committee is attempting to discredit his work for the town and that if they would redirect that effort into supporting him, the town would get a lot accomplished.

Administrator Alexander Williams was disappointed that his office had been taken advantage of concerning payment requests. He will implement procedures to ensure that future expenditures match Committee authorization as recorded in the minutes. A letter will be required from the Chairman requesting the payment and documenting that work has been completed. This will help clarify responsibility in the event of improper requests.

Mr. Williams further stated that government requires all donations to be disclosed and the party making the donation must be made public to avoid any suggestion of favoritism. He said the Basketball Association should disclose to the Committee what funds are available and how they are being disbursed.

Mr. Williams reminded those present that whether acting as a Town Committee Chairman or a Basketball Association President, no money should be spent without due authority from the relevant committee. He felt the report disclosed irregularities even though they seemed to be for the town's benefit.

Since the report showed that over $20,000 beyond the budgeted amount had been spent on the park plus substantial donations, Administrator Williams asked how the Committee chose to resolve the problem.

First the committee accepted the report. Then on the basis that the Chairman acted extravagantly and without the Committee's knowledge, a motion for a vote of no-confidence was requested asking that the Chairman be removed.

At this point, the Chairman declared the meeting closed as his Deputy Chairman was absent. The no confidence motion was seconded and the Chairman declared the meeting closed a second time and left. A vote was taken supporting the no-confidence motion.

Administrator Williams said advice will be sought from Nassau as there is no specific regulation concerning this action. The meeting closed without further comment.

Port Authority Cent. Abaco 21 Nov 02

Administrator Williams reminded Port Authority members that the government dock rental licence expires at the end of the year and they are responsible to see that this is paid. The same applies to abutments, groynes and moorings.

Channel markers within the Marsh Harbour area were discussed again. It was felt there should be a designated open lane to traverse the length of the harbour. This will be investigated.

Member Henley Dawkins would like several lights on the south side landing for the benefit of fishermen and Moore's Island boats using this dock. He felt several marker lights should be established for those coming in after dark - possibly on Pelican Bush, Point of Land and at the dock itself. He will see BEC about the cost of extending power to the landing from S.C. Bootle Highway.

Red Cross Elects New Officers

By Theresa Pinder

On October 19 the Abaco Red Cross held its Annual General Meeting, ending its fiscal year for 2001-2002. The group elected the executive board officers for the year 2002-2003.

A delegation of Red Cross members from the Grand Bahama Division came to oversee the electoral process. One of them, Mr. Hilton Cash, encouraged the members to increase their membership here and to become more involved with the local community.

After Mr. Hilton's brief address, the Red Cross Officers from Grand Bahama conducted the election. The following are the new executive board officers. Mr. Sarone Kennedy is Group Leader, Ms. Michelle Lowe is Assistant Group Leader, Mrs. Regina Kennedy is Disaster Officer, Desmond Hepburn is Treasurer, Yvonne Sweeting is Secretary, Shaquera Newbold is assistant secretary, Mr. Enza Gibson is Welfare Officer, Ms. Lorelda Woodside is assistant welfare officer, Ms. Jacqueline Estevez is Youth Officer,. and Mr. Sarone Kennedy is Red Cross Training Officer.

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Police (Marsh Harbour)	367-2560
Marsh Harb. Volunteer Fire Dept.	367-2000
Hope Town Volunteer Fire Dept.	VHF Ch 16
Trauma One Ambulance Service	367-2911
Dundas Town Fire Dept.	367-2935 or 4935
Man-O-War Fire & Rescue	365-6911
Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc	VHF 16 or 366-0282

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers

Plus extra for each passengers above two

• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:

Ferry Dock	$12.00 + $3
Abaco Beach Hotel through Golden Harvest	$10.00 + $3
Dove Plaza to Stop Light	$10.00 + $2
Western Auto	$ 6.00 + $2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	$10.00 + $3
Murphy Town or Pelican Shores	$14.00 + $4
Eastern Shores or Spring City	$15.00 + $4
Gov. Clinic	$ 6.00 + $3
Snake Cay	$35.00 + $10
Treasure Cay B	$55.00 + $ 5
Casuarina Point	$60.00 + $10
Airport - Treas. Cay B	$65.00 + $ 5
Bahama Palm Shores	$70.00 + $10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	$80.00 + $10
Crossing Rocks	$100.00 + $10
Sandy Point	$135.00 + $10

• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:

Abaco Beach Hotel through Wally's	$ 2.00 + $2
Jib Room	$ 5.00 + $2
Stop Light or Dove Plaza	$ 6.00 + $3
Government Freight Dock	$ 7.00 + $3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	$ 9.00 + $3

Waiting time $20 per hour, $10 per half hour
No children under three years to be charged.
Uncaged pets will be charged as passengers
Luggage $.50 each over four, Surf Boards $3.00 ea.

• Between Northern Abaco Airport and:

• Treasure Cay, Bahamas Star, or Moxy	$14 + $6
• Bronks or Highway Liquors	$10 + $5
• Sand Banks	$20 + $5
• Joe's Creek	$35 + $5
• Black Wood	$14 + $5
• Fire Road	$25 + $5
• Cooper's Town	$30 + $5
• Cedar Harbour	$45 + $5
• Wood Cay	$50 + $5
• Mount Hope	$55 + $5
• Fox Town	$60 + $5
• Marsh Harbour or Crown Haven	$65 + $5
• Marsh Harbour Round Trip	$85 + $5
TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour	$55 + $5
TC Hotel to Joe's Creek	$25 + $5
TC Hotel to Sand Bank	$16 + $5
TC Hotel to Moxey	$10 + $5
TC Hotel to Bronks	$7 + $5

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

Air Lines Serving Abaco

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

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

Tours & Excursions

Marsh Harbour

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

Hope Town

Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431

Treasure Cay

Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

Medical Services

Marsh Harbour

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

Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

Albury's Ferry Service

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

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

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

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

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

Guana & Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour 30 minute trip
8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45pm 5:30 (min $40)

Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult $10 / $15 Children $5 / $8
Charters any time • Phone 367-3147 or 365-6010 VHF Ch. 16
Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries leave from Crossing Beach
Guana Cay and Scotland Cay ferries leave from Conch Inn
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock

Green Turtle Ferry

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

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

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

Abaco Adventures

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

Pinder's Ferry Service

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

Abaco Marinas

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

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

Dive Shops

Marsh Harbour

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

Hope Town

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

Treasure Cay

Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111

Green Turtle Cay

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

Rentals

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts

Marsh Harbour

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

Green Turtle Cay

Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4656
Donnie's Boat Rentalss	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay

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

Man-O-War

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

Hope Town

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

Treasure Cay

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

Bonefish Guides

Sandy Point

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

Marsh Harbour

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

Man-O-War

David Albury	365-6059

Cherokee

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

Hope Town

Maitland Lowe	366-0133

North Abaco

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

Green Turtle Cay

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

Everyone reads The Abaconian.

Restaurant Guide

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

Marsh Harbour

Anglers	$$$	367-2158
C&G Restaurant	$	367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	$$$	367-4444
Golden Grouper	$	367-2301
Henry's Jerk Center	$	367-5959
Jamie's Place	$	367-2880
Jib Room	$$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch)		367-2615
Mackerals		367-5932
Mangoes	$$$	367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	$	367-2002
Pop's Place	$ +	367-3796
Sapodilly's	$$$	367-3498
Sea Shells	$	367-4460
Snack Shack	$ +	367-4005
Snappas	$	367-3278
Subway		367-3498
Wallys	$$$	367-2074

Dundas Town

Ambassador Inn	$	367-2022

Murphy Town

Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy367-5331

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	$$$	366-0133
Boat House	$$	366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	$	366-0247
Carlton's Island Grill	$$$	366-0153
Harbour's Edge	$$	366-0087
Hollywood Temptations		
H T Harbour Lodge	$$	366-0095
Munchies	$ +	366-0423
Rudy's Place	$$$ ‡	366-0062

Man-O-War

Pavilion	$	365-6185
Hibiscus		365-6380

Guana Cay

Coco Paradise		365-5197
Guana Seaside	$$$	365-5106
Nippers	$$$	365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	$$$	365-5137
Orchard Bay		

Treasure Cay

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

Green Turtle Cay

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

Sandy Point

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

More School News

School

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tion of a chicken processing facility. That project is slated to begin by the end of November. In addition the Agricultural Cooperative on Abaco will be building a larger chicken coop at the school. This will allow the school to raise 500 chickens at a time.

Recently Mr. Hamlin Newbold, Education Officer responsible for agriculture, visited the school and announced that a greenhouse would be constructed for students to raise ornamental plants and house plants.

Six a Side Tournment

On November 12 Abaco Central hosted the first annual school Six-A-Side Soccer tournament. Teams competing included two teams from Abaco Central, a team from S.C. Bootle High School and a team from Forest Heights. After a full morning of competition two teams remained in the senior division, both from Abaco Central. In the senior final the Killers took on the All Stars and this time the All Stars led by Anderson Joseph won the championship.

In the junior division Forest Heights beat the Rators of Abaco Central in a surprise upset victory.

Mr. Jonathan Laverick, coach of Abaco Central, would like to thank Mr. Garth Thomas, carpentry teacher, for building the goalposts. This tournament will become an annual event.

The recorder choir of Abaco Central High School entertained the students and staff at the school during their annual Harvest service held on November 21. Guest speaker for the service was Father Hepburn of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour.

District Spelling Bees Are Held

The District Education Office holds spelling bees at each grade level from first grade through ninth grade.

The winners of the seventh grade district-wide spelling bee are as follows: Nekhira Saunders from St. Francis in first place, Vanessa McIntosh of S.C. Bootle High School in second place and Antonia Wright of Abaco Central in third place.

The winners of the sixth grade spelling bee are as follows: Edrico Armbrister of Fox Town Primary came in first place, Taj Anderson of Treasure Cay Primary came in second place and Sharlyn Johnson of Fox Town Priamry came in third.

Police Spelling Bee Held

By Theresa Pinder

On November 8 Central Abaco Primary hosted the Second Annual Royal Bahamas Police Force Spelling Bee for the Abaco District. Open to students in grades four, five and six, students from Agape Christian School, Central Abaco Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, St. Francis de Sales and Treasure Cay Primary participated in the competition.

Throughout the bee, competition remained fierce. The students were well-prepared, and the judges were forced to introduce the unseen list in the ninth round.

Wensil Laroda of Treasure Cay Primary was first place winner. Archaleck McDonald of Cooper's Town Primary was the second place winner and Taj Anderson of Treasure Cay Primary placed third.

The award ceremony for the presentation of the individual trophies for the competition and the Floating Trophy will be given at a later date.

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More School News

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Budding Talent

By Anita Rolle

Budding artists and performers are popping up in many places. At a recent workshop held at the Anglican Parish Hall, students of S.C. Bootle High School displayed their talent through art and poetry. Eleventh grader Devon Bootle presented his art work which he has been working on over a number of years. This talented young man used a sketch pad to create wonderful art through pencil, charcoal and pastel mediums.

Devon began sketching a few years ago

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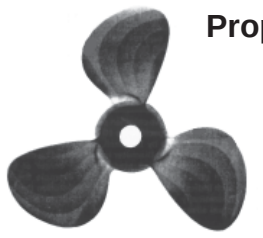
In a continuing effort to encourage parent and community participation within our schools, the PTA of Cooper's Town Primary has planned a grand fair and raffle fund raiser to be held during the spring of 2003. The plea to corporate Abaco has not gone unheard. Donations of prizes for the raffle from establishments such as Road Runners Bicycle Shop and Scotia Bank are making the organizers jobs just a little easier. More contributions and prizes are being asked for as well as greater participation of parents of the school. The PTA President is encouraging parents to become more involved in all that goes in their children's school life. Shown above are Jeffery Cooper on the left, President of the Cooper's Town Primary PTA, accepting the donation of a bicycle from Mr. Huel Moss on the right, owner of the Road Runner Bicycle Shop in Dundas Town.

Agape Christian School held a fund raising fair on November 16 on the school grounds. They offered a variety of games and fun activities including a bouncing castle, face painting, a frisbee toss, booths with Christmas decorations, pastries, sweets and steak dinners. Shown above is one of the food tents with one girl enjoying a snow cone.

ABACO MARINE PROPS



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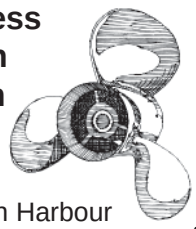

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Guana Cay-#0271-Finely crafted and designed 4/2 home on Boat Harbour. Offers a 2/1 800 sq. ft apartment downstairs, private dock, elevations of 40'+ and commanding views of the sea.
$799,000

Treasure Cay-#0268-50,000 sq. ft lot next to the 'Tree Houses', zoned for up to 16 units on the prettiest part of Treasure Cay's amazing beach. This is the only lot available on the entire beach.
$700,000

Guana Cay-#0220-Ocean front lot with small beach, dock access on Boat Harbour, cleared, electricity, great elevations, ready for building.
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Marsh Harbour - Two, 2/1 apartments for sale, 1/1 efficiency in the rear also, fairly new appliances, furnished, fenced yard. $228,000

Bahama Palm Shores - various lots available in this fast growing community. Call for more information.

Marsh Harbour - 3/2.5 home in Cove Estates, garage, self-contained apartment on first level, furnished. BRING OFFERS. Listed at $355,000

Sand Banks - vacant property available in the Sand Banks area, various sizes. Call today. Starting at $47,900

Cabbage Point - acreage available in 5-acre plots, with financing. 20% down, balance over 5 years. Call today for more details.

Man-O-War Cay - 1 bed, 1 bath with an upstairs loft, centrally located in the heart of town. Close to all conveniences. $159,000

Casuarina Point - several lots available inland as well as on the canal and beach front. Call for more details.

Yellowwood - large hill top lot with fantastic views in fast growing community. UNDER CONTRACT

Marsh Harbour - 4/2 house on prime commercial property in central location. Ideal place for a commercial venture. $245,000

Lubbers Quarters - beach front lot on the eastern side of Lubbers. SOLD

Bahama Palm Shore - various vacant lots available. Call for more information. Starting at $15,000

Casuarina Point - 3/1 canal front home on double lot. Many extras. REDUCED $289,000

Marsh Harbour - 2 acres of prime residentaal property. Runs 190' on the beautiful Sea of Abaco. Call for details.

Cherokee Sound - 3/1 well kept home in heart of town. Mostly furnished, features a private back patio. Close to conveniences. Phone today for an appointment to view.

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

December 1, 2002

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Man-O-War Cay #1354 3/2 home only one lot away from the beach. Ideal for a second/ vacation home. Well-kept and features an outside, upstairs deck which presents some views of the Atlantic. Great potential for a rental.
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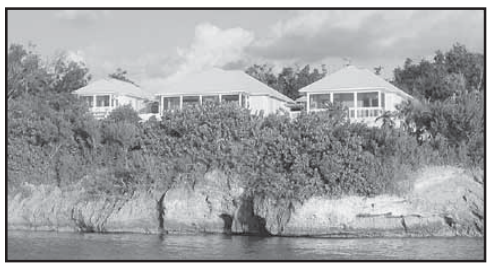

Green Turtle Cay #0272 Magnificent residence on White Sound Bluff. 6 concrete buildings connected with wooden walkways. 15' x 25' pool, 16" Italian ceramic tiles, unbelievably numerous features. Call today!

Roberts

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The report said, "Efforts to encourage IT training and provide greater end-user and teacher training were also identified as critical to convert the digital divide into digital opportunities."

One of the recommendations of the Joint Committee was that "domestic stimulus programs should be considered to encourage technological developments in each member country to enable the incorporation of technologies into local processes, spur innovation and to create new entrepreneurial ventures."

Also, "Several interdependent elements were also identified that, if addressed together, would help to increase digital opportunities. These elements included: advancing the development of information infrastructures and broadening access; enhancing training; increasing availability of relevant content; encouraging use of information technologies to address social needs such as education and health care; creating an appropriate legal environment for e-commerce; and promoting e-government."

This is just a limited look at all that the Joint Committee had to say, but the implications are quite serious. The Bahamas lags too far behind in the technological realm, and the power to "catch up" is just not there, at least not without serious commitment on the part of the government and the individual.

However, regardless of the implications of the FTAA, we should be encouraging more and more the use of technology (i.e. computers) at home and in our schools to ensure that our children are equipped for the future.

And not just for our children, but for ourselves to ensure we are up to date on, or at least not to far out of it, as technology advances. The more we use computers the more we can handle the changes in technology; the learning curve will not be as steep.

Computers provide countless opportunities for education and for enjoyment and assists in the creation of jobs, businesses. The learning curve at present is not so tremendously stratospheric so as to make it extremely difficult to understand and use a computer at the basic level.

Buying a computer is an investment that can pay dividends for you and your family. It is my hope that in the years to come that PC's will become such a common item in the home as a TV and VCR. I believe that day is coming soon.

With a computer you open unlimited opportunities for your children's future, and you help to prepare for the coming FTAA act that will change our lives. With the affordability of computers today, you cannot afford to not have one.

Nova Southeastern University Will Offer Classes

By Anita Rolle

Higher education is viewed by most as one of the most substantial keys to success. Abaco is gradually becoming more conscious of the need for higher education. As seen in a past few issues of *The Abaconian*, the numbers of persons deciding to further their education is definitely on the increase.

At this time the College of the Bahamas offers courses which give college credits. However, Nova Southeastern University is planning to offer courses on Abaco beginning in early 2003.

Nova Southeastern University is an academic institution that was established in 1964. It is the largest independent university in the State of Florida with more than 19,000 students currently enrolled.

Scheduled to be offered is the Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Professional Management with a choice of concentration in either Accounting or Finance and Banking. The program is designed specifically for persons who have already done some college courses. A prerequisite for admission is to have at least 30 credits or an Associate Degree.

For further information persons may contact Ms. Renee Knowles at telephone 367-3511.

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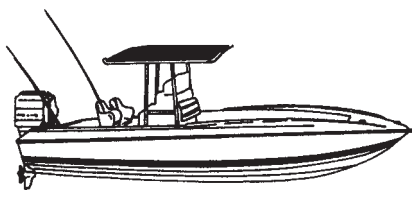

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Moore's Island Youth Travel

The young people of the Zion Baptist Church of Moore's Island travelled to participate in the 2002 Zion United Baptist Youth Convention held in Fox Town during the month of October. Here the group prepares to leave for their trip accompanied by Youth Leader Mrs. Karen Stuart (center seated).

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but never took his skill seriously until his father saw some of his work and encouraged him by purchasing materials to assist him. It was then that he took note of what he was doing, began enjoying it and taking his artistic skill more seriously.

"A lot of my work is from the mind, from my imagination," he said. Devon anticipates becoming an architect and a graphic artist upon completing high school. He has entered three of his drawings in the 2002 Central Bank of the Bahamas Art Competition, which is held annually.

Also showing off her talent, was Felicia Pritchard, a budding poet who uses this medium to express her true feelings. She applauds her English teacher, Ms. Joy McKenzie, for encouraging her to write. Felicia said, "I write from the heart, mostly when I'm in a quiet place and can focus." Felicia hopes to have her work published one day and thoroughly enjoyed delivering her very first performance at a writers' workshop held recently in Marsh Harbour.

Tahiti Beach Will Host Art Show

By Isobel Sherman

On December 14 and 15 a group of artists will be holding their first art show on Tahiti Beach in Hope Town. Participating artists include Jeep Byers, Bridgette Bower Carey and Lori Thompson. Other artists will also be displaying their works and Christmas ornaments made by various persons will be on sale. Part of the proceeds from the sales will be to purchase supplies for the art department at Abaco Central High School and the Humane Society of Hope Town.

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

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

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

• 2.1 acre inland tract

• 1.4 acre parcel with large trees and water view *$340,000*

• 1/4 acre on wat[SOLD]Coco Bay with dock. 190 ft. of water fr[SOLD]ctiy on site *$300,000*

On Munjack Cay:

10 acres. Dock. 320' on Sea of Abaco. Good elevation. *$300,000*

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★ **Great Guana Cay** - *"Oceanfrontier Hideaway"* - mini-resort Beach-front - 6 unique 2 bedroom, 1 bath, rental log cabins- 2,000 gal/day Watermaker - Central location # AB 0026 $1,275,000.

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★ **Green Turtle Cay** - Family Residence - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath -2,265 sq.ft. living space on two floors on 1 1/2 secluded acres. # AB 0035 $945,000

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

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News *From Page 0*

Local Government

Hope Town District Council 31 Oct

The lighthouse keeper's job is still open with no applicants. However, one individual is being contacted.

The employment conditions relating to Council clerk April Dawkins were detailed by Administrator Williams. The position is an extension of the Administrator's staff and Ms. Dawkins reports to him and the Chief Councillor. Records and files are open to all Councillors but must be accessed through the secretary. She resides in Marsh Harbour and leaves Hope Town on the 4 p.m. ferry. She then works until 5:30 in the Administrator's office working with his staff there. This gives her the opportunity to learn the various functions of his office in order to serve the Hope Town area more efficiently.

Mr. Williams is planning that various licenses, permits and other fees can be paid in Hope Town as well as the issuance of permits and other documents. He hopes to have this office serve as a satellite of his Marsh Harbour office.

Tenders for Man-O-War garbage collection and dump management, road and public area cleaning were discussed extensively. Based on the overall lower cost and past years satisfactory performance, the contract was awarded to Tony Albury to expire June 30, 2003, the end of the current fiscal year.

ASP Leland Russell attended and said there is no plan currently for a resident police officer to be stationed in Hope Town. Housing is the main obstacle although he does not have an available officer at this time.

He raised concerns over the traffic problem in the town and the law banning vehicular use in the town which is regularly violated.

It was disclosed by Administrator Williams that a Justice of the Peace can book violators in the presence of a witness and this avenue should be pursued. The Chief Councillor is a Justice of the Peace. It was noted that in the absence of the Chief Councillor, the Deputy Chief Councillor is empowered to act with all the authority of the Chief Councillor.

Sanitation concerns were raised over the many contractors on the cays and the lack of toilet facilities for workmen. Suggestions included rental portable toilets, a temporary outhouse on a pit and out-houses built temporarily on top of the septic tank. Contractors will be advised to provide toilet facilities of some type.

A letter from a lawyer was read representing the property owner building a hotel and golf course on the south end of Tilloo Cay. Council was chided for not issuing the requested hotel license.

Councillors then noted that the application for the building permit was submitted near the completion of the four hotel buildings and not prior to construction as required.. The Economic Council in Nassau did give permission for a ten room hotel and a nine hole golf course. However this permission is in addition to the local permit process which was not done at the beginning of the project..

The building inspector will be asked for a report on the projects status.

Correction - We regret that we made a mistake in naming the Administrator in a caption on page 2 of the Nov 15 paper. The man presenting an award is Mr. Gary Knowles, Administrator for North Abaco.

The Buds and Blooms shop in Mamrorial Plaza in Marsh Harbour held on Open House on November 15. Beautifully decorated trees and accessories were admired by many shoppers. Shown above are Ms. Maureen Gardiner, Scotia Bank Manager, and Mrs. Courtney Chandler, also from Scotia Bank, admiring the unusual elegant decorations. .

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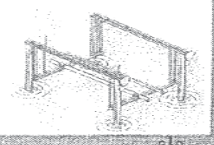

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Tilloo: Shore to shore parcel in the Bight of 'Loo. 120' wide with good elevation in the center. Just north of "Junk Beach." $165,000

Elbow Cay: Beach front lots on the Atlantic Ocean. 95-feet wide, coconut groves, $260,000

Marsh Harbour: lots on the Sweeting's Tract with road and all utilities, access to water front/beach. $20,000

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Also: Scotland Cay, Eastern Shores, Leisure Lee, Bahama Coral Island, Turtle Rocks, Green Turtle Cay

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South

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performances to reign as King and Queen for the upcoming year and were crowned by last year's monarchs. The new queen is Dominique Chea chosen for her character Ariel, The Little Mermaid and the new king is Terrance Albury for his rendition of Joseph And His Coat of Many Colours.

The entire evening was an experience not to be missed and the turnout by parents, family and friends was more than the schoolhouse could hold. It was obvious Ms. Lowe worked very hard with the children and, they also put a lot of effort into the evening. I feel certain there is not one among us who cannot go back and remember that time in our life when we first stood up to speak in front of a crowd and the raw fear it instilled in us back then.

All the children did a wonderful job and we want to commend them for their courage and bravado for one day they may look back on this night with the same nostalgia we have done ourselves.

A Doll Show

Cherokee will be putting on a Doll Show on December 14th at the schoolhouse from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. Sandwiches and cold drinks will be available for purchase and an entrance fee of $2 will be collected at the door. All proceeds will be given to the Cherokee All-Age School. We understand not everyone is into dolls, but they have been around for over five centuries; in play and decoration, in symbolizing religious beings and events, and in instruction, advertizing and commemoration. We fully intend to show as many of the various different dolls as we can find and already have quite an interesting collection of dolls lined up for display including many from Abaco's own past and expect to show a minimum of 150 items at the show including doll accessories, clothing and furniture.

If you have a particular doll, maybe one that belonged to your mother or grandmother or just a special doll that was given to you as a child and would like to share it with others for this one afternoon, please give Lee Pinder at 366-2053 or Peggy Albury at 366-2018 a call. We assure you that your doll will be lovingly cared for and returned to you when the show is over. We believe that this is another first for Cherokee and Abaco and we hope to make the show as interesting and diverse as possible. We can only achieve this with the cooperation of our community. With Christmas right around the corner, what better time for this event. We hope you will come out and support this project. If you do, we promise you will receive a pleasant surprise.

An Evening with Kid's Corner

The children of our community will have an evening of Bible recitations and songs on December 15th at Epworth Methodist Chapel at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend as it is always a festive occasion.

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Hope Town, Elbow Cay

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LUBBERS QUARTERS - NEW LISTING - Waterfront lot with dock access. $140,000.

LUBBERS QUARTERS - NEW LISTING - Interior lot with view. $46,000.

TILLOO CAY – Ocean front property in the Bight of Tilloo. Excellent elevation with sea to sea views. Access to dock and power to property. $89,000.

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Licencing

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The licencing boards are able to give approval in principle to give assurance to investors that their overall plan is acceptable. The business will still be required to apply for a licence before opening.

There are several areas of business that are reserved for Bahamians only. Mr. Conrad briefly reminded the group of those areas. Transportation and retail sales are two main areas reserved for Bahamians.

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Central

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invited speakers offered the Anchors essential hints on leadership as well as exploring the roles of the various committees and the Executive Board. An in-depth history of the Anchor Club was presented, and the members took time to plan the yearly calendar. Anchors were told of the scholarships that are offered; the Pilot Club International offers one to anyone wanting a career in a field related to brain-related disorders. The Anchor Club offers one as well. After the Leadership Seminar the Anchor Club attended a movie premiere of *Barbershop* at RND Cinemas.

Halloween was the next big event. During Halloween Day the members visited the Every Child Counts Learning Center and gave out Halloween bags filled with candy to the students. Later while others were out Trick-or-Treating, the Anchor Club members went "Trick-or-Canning" instead. They walked house to house requesting donations of canned goods to give out on Thanksgiving to the elderly and the shut-ins.

On November 2 the members held a Halloween Dance at Club Seashells, with Disco Jockeys Bones and Fines. The event was very successful. The Anchor Club would like thank the Royal Bahamas Police Force for ensuring that the function remained safe for all those that attended.

All monies gathered through the fund raisers will be used to fund future community service projects and to secure Camp Abaco as the venue for the 2003 Mini-Convention.

A date was set for the next mini-convention, *Anchors Making a Difference Through Love and Service* to take place in February 2003 at Camp Abaco. The mini-convention offers Anchors from different districts a chance to interact and to deepen their understanding of the value of community service. The Club has made provisions to have young adult presenters offer advice. These include poet Michael Pintard, Pastor Stephen Knowles, Ms. Sandy Walker and Kayla Burrows of the Drug and Youth Council in Nassau.

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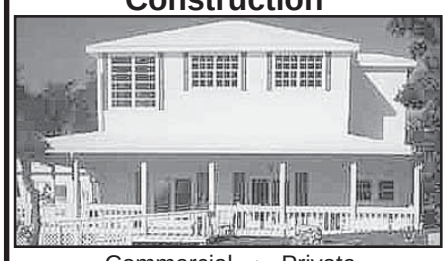

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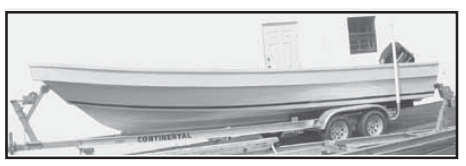

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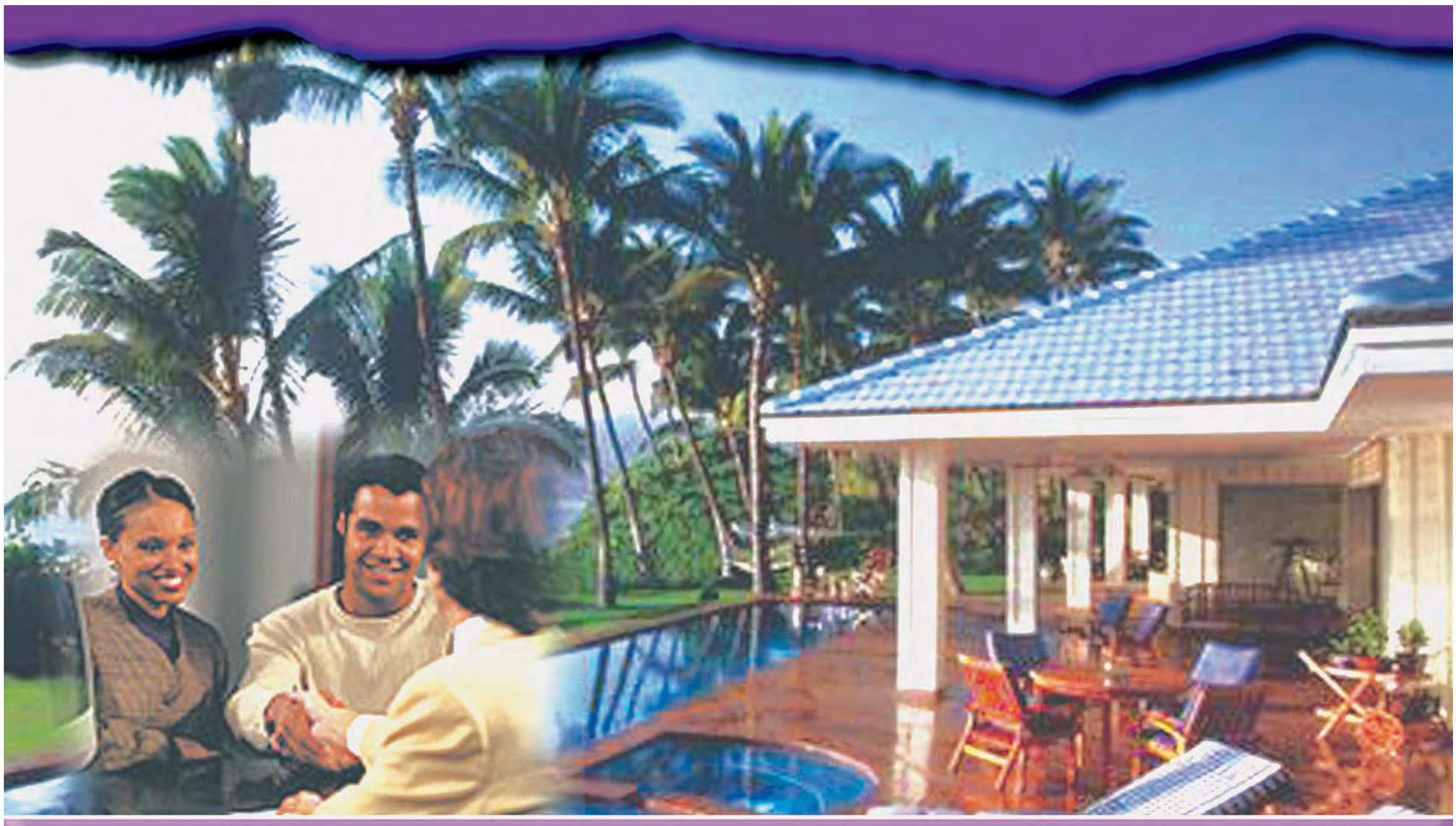

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