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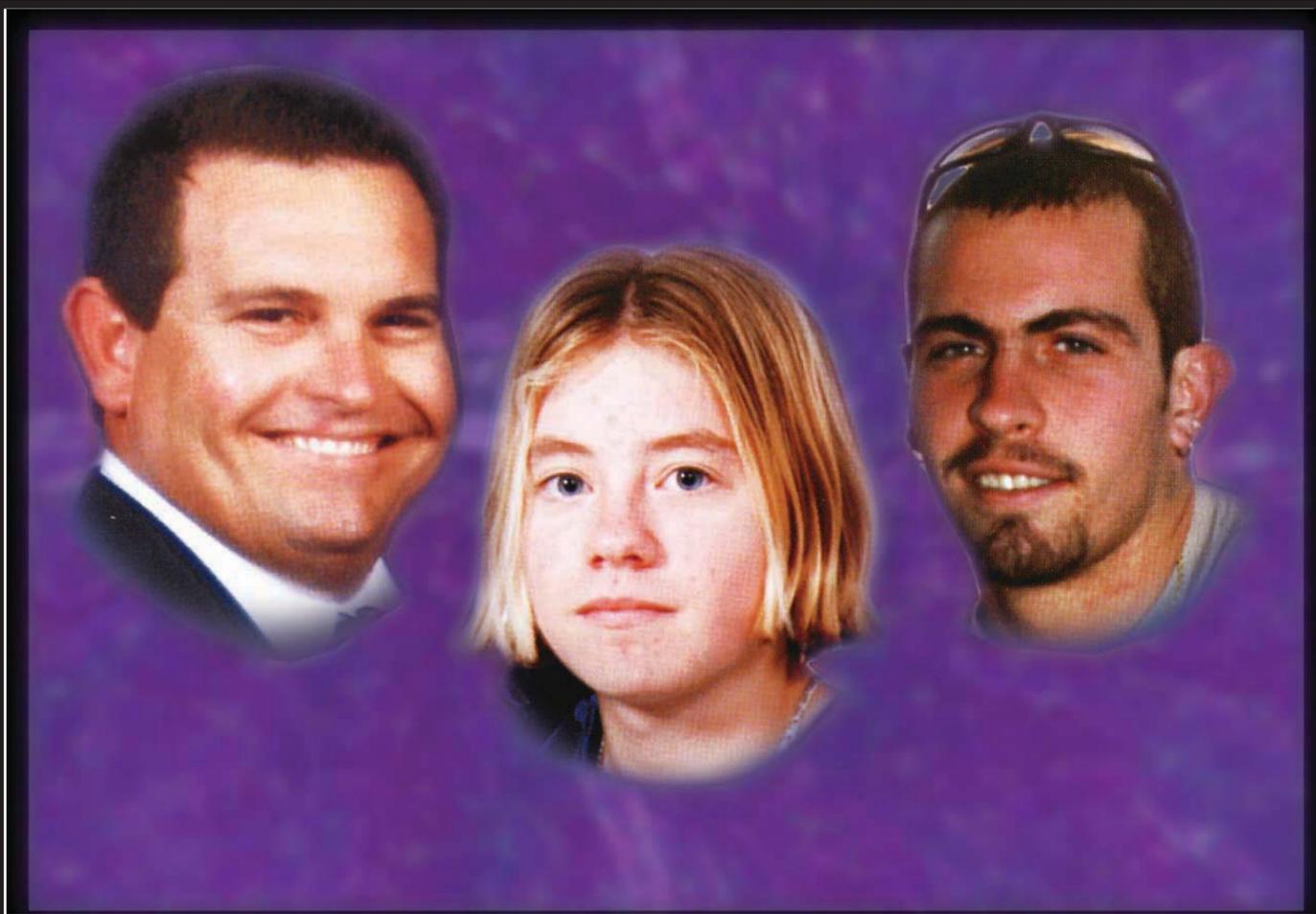
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Crash Claims Three Abaco Lives Abaco Pays Tribute to Three Outstanding Alburys



Robin Albury

Caitlin Albury

Nicholas Albury

Abaco suffered a great loss on January 8 when three of our citizens were killed in that fateful US Airways Express flight 5481 which crashed just after take off from the Charlotte, North Carolina airport. Robin Albury, his daughter Caitlin Albury and brother Nicholas Albury, all from Marsh Harbour, were among the 21 casualties. The flight took off but immediately had problems. A distress call came on take off but the crash happened within seconds. The plane hit a corner of a hanger as it crashed to the ground and immediately burst into flame.

The aircraft was a Beech 1900 D turbo-prop which carried a crew of two pilots and 19 passengers. The three Alburys were seated at the rear of the plane. The plane was scheduled to fly to Greenville, South Carolina, a flight of 45 minutes. Robin, aged 38, and his youngest brother Nicholas, aged 21, were going to a hardware trade show being held in Greenville and Caitlin, aged 12, was excited about going to the show with her father. Robin and Nicholas are owners of Abaco Hardware Store in Marsh Harbour along with their two other brothers.

The family learned about the crash of the commuter flight on television and knew that their family members were scheduled to be aboard that flight. Phone calls to US Air confirmed that they were aboard and that

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Lobosky Speaks to Chamber



Mr. Reginald Lobosky, past president of the Nassau Chamber of Commerce and very knowledgeable about the trade agreements The Bahamas has under consideration, spoke to the Abaco Chamber of Commerce on January 23. He detailed to the Chamber members on benefits and disadvantages of signing on to the agreements. Mr. Lobosky is shown on the left above being presented with a plaque of appreciation from Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber, in the center and Art Sands, Vice President of the Chamber, on the right. See story on page 16.

DPM Pratt Visits North Abaco



The Deputy Prime Minister, Mrs. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt visited Abaco on January 13 to visit Guana Cay and Scotland Cay in the Police boat. She then went to Little Abaco to look at the Crown Haven school building and teacher's residence which are no longer in use by the Ministry of Education. She will be opening a police station in part of the school and use the residence for the officers. See story on page 3.

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National News

Sir Gerald Passes

By Isobel Sherman

The second Governor General of the Bahamas since Independence, Sir Gerald Cash, age 85, passed away on January 6 after suffering a massive stroke on New Year's Day. Sir Gerald served as Governor General from 1979 until 1988 and he was our longest serving Governor General. Sir Gerald served as a member of the House of Assembly in 1949 and in 1956. His wife, Lady Cash, and two sons and a daughter survive Sir Gerald.

Prime Minister Is Honoured with Award

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. Perry G. Christie, was awarded the Global Award during the Turner Broadcasting Systems Trumpet Awards Ceremony. The Trumpet Awards were limited to African Americans who have attained excellence in various fields. Mr. Christie was the first recipient of the Global Award and went to Atlanta, Georgia, for the ceremony.

Another Bahamian First

By Isobel Sherman

Roger Smith, former professional tennis player and now in charge of tennis at Nassau Beach Hotel in Nassau, will be leaving The Bahamas in July to become the first Bahamian coach for the United States Tennis Association. He will also be the first black United States Tennis Association coach.

Mr. Smith became the Bahamas first touring pro and he played Davis Cup for The Bahamas. He served as coach for the Davis Cup. In all likelihood Smith will be coaching juniors in the USTA programme. When Mr. Smith and his family relocate, it will be to the new USTA tennis facility in Los Angeles.

Rise in Sex Offenses

By Isobel Sherman

There was a 24 percent rise in rape offenses in The Bahamas in 2002. Of the 138 cases reported 42 percent resulted in arrest and in 57 percent of the cases the victim knew the assailant. Statistics involving conviction were not available at this time.

Deputy Prime Minister Speaks out on Crime

By Isobel Sherman

There have been seven murders in The Bahamas since January 1. Deputy Prime Minister Cynthia "Mother" Pratt spoke out that she will do what it takes to stop these violent crimes. Mrs. Pratt was shocked at the murder of a 12-year-old boy while sitting in his living room. Mrs. Pratt said that her job was to guard and protect the people of The Bahamas against criminals. Mrs. Pratt said the Government will be acting but for security reasons she would not announce what plans the Government has to stop violent crime in the nation.

New Ambassador Is Named

By Isobel Sherman

The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, has announced the appointment of Dr. Paulette Bethel as Ambassador to the United Nations from The Bahamas. She replaces Mr. Anthony Rolle. Dr. Bethel said she will make sure that the Bahamas is heard in all areas especially human rights and the trafficking of drugs.

Forty-Hour Work Week Begins

By Isobel Sherman

As of February 1, 2003, the 40-hour work week will come into being. This is the final leg of the Employment Act 2001 which reduced the work week to 44 hours from 48

hours in the first stage in 2002 and then the final stage from 44 hours to 40 hours.

Minister of Labour and Immigration, Mr. Vincent Peet, stated that the pay of workers should not be reduced by this change in hours. He emphasized that workers must be more productive even with less hours. This law does not mean a reduction in productivity.

Nassau Guardian Has Major Changes

The Nassau Guardian, one of the two major daily newspapers in Nassau, has recently undergone major changes. The 60 percent ownership by an American, John Perry, has been sold to PanEd Investments which is owned by a group of Bahamians. The remaining 40 percent is owned by a many individual Bahamians.

The Guardian has had financial problems

recently and the new group is hoping to reverse the trend and make it a profitable paper once more. The Guardian, established in 1844, was the only paper for many years until 1903 when The Tribune began publishing. They are now both morning papers. It is expected that the new owners will reorganize to find ways of reducing costs.

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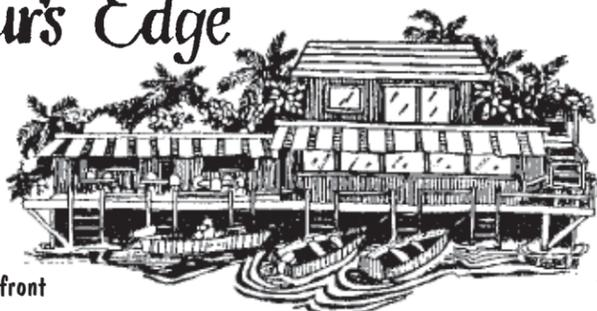


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DPM Pratt Will Open New Police Station

An increase in police presence on Guana Cay and Crown Haven were two items on Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia Pratt's agenda on her visit to Abaco on January 13. Her one-day trip took her to Guana Cay in the police go-fast boat for a quick visit to the town.

Accompanying Mrs. Pratt were Assistant Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade in charge of the Northern Bahamas, ASP Leland Russell in charge of Abaco and ASP Clarence Russell in charge of Freeport and subsequently in charge of Abaco.

Her visit began with a trip to Guana Cay and Scotland Cay in their three-outboard engine go-fast boat. Guana residents are requesting a police presence and she wanted to see the town.

On returning from Guana Cay, Mrs. Pratt gave condolences during a lengthy visit with Mrs. Mollie Albury, whose two sons and granddaughter were recently killed in a North Carolina plane crash. The Albury family figures prominently in national politics and local politics. Mrs. Albury's brother, Mr. Edison Key, is a Senator. Her deceased son, Nicholas, was entering the government scene and is believed to be the youngest elected member of local government.

Mrs. Pratt, whose portfolio includes National Security, spent time in Little Abaco viewing the old primary school in Crown Haven now being used as a community pre-

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While the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt was on Abaco, she visited Mrs. Mollie Albury, the grieving mother of Robin and Nicholas and grandmother of Caitlin Albury. With Mrs. Pratt was the Assistant Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade. Mrs. Pratt's portfolio includes National Security. Left to right are Mrs. Pratt, Commissioner Greenslade and Mrs. Albury.

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Abaco Paid Tribute to Three Young Leaders

Robin Albury, his daughter Caitlin and Nicholas Albury were all active and well loved members of the Abaco community. The entire community reached out in love and sympathy to embrace the bereaved family. Many congregated at the home of Mollie Albury, Robin and Nicholas' mother, to share their grief with the family.

The family has been prominent in Marsh Harbour for many years as enterprising and hardworking. Rae Albury, Robin and Nicholas' father, had a regularly scheduled freight boat between Abaco and the United States. He was the Esso distributor for many years and opened a lumber yard in August 1981 which Robin managed. When his younger brother, Darren, joined the family business, he expanded the business to include hardware items.

Robin was always there to offer advice and support. The hardware store, now a multi-million dollar business, has continued to expand and offers the residents of Abaco a wide variety of merchandise in construction goods and housewares. They recently expanded their buildings which allows much more choice of inventory and many new lines of products.

However, the family has known more than its share of tragedy. Rae and Mollie's second son, Adrian died in a freak accident while he was pumping gas when he was 13 in the 1970s. In 1991 Mollie suffered the loss of her sister Macy and her husband John Thorn, who died in an airplane crash at the Treasure Cay airport. Then seven years ago Mollie suffered the loss of her husband, Rae, due to a heart attack. This

latest tragedy has taken her oldest son, her youngest son and her oldest granddaughter.

Mourning along with Mollie are Robin's wife Janet, Robin's younger daughter Joanne, and Nicolas' wife Michelle. These deaths affect many of the leading families of Marsh Harbour through direct families ties or through marriage.

Robin, the oldest brother and manager of Abaco Hardware, began his business experience when he finished high school and his father put him in charge of the hardware store. He learned the ways of the business world through experience. He has become the leader in the family as well as the business. The father of two girls and a devoted loving husband, he was Christian who was dedicated to his church. His older

daughter, Caitlin, was very eager to accompany her father on the trip to the hardware show. She was a student at Agape Christian School where she was very popular.

Nicholas was the youngest of the four Albury brothers. He was assistant manager of Abaco Hardware even though he had been involved in the business only a few years. He was quite outgoing and had many interests. He was very dedicated to his church and was a leader there, starting a band and being involved with the sound system. In June 2002 he ran for local government and was elected to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. He was then elected to the Central Abaco District Council. He was heading a committee to study the Haitian problem in The Mud and Pigeon Pea.

Large Funeral Pays Tribute to Family

The funeral for Robin, Caitlin and Nicholas Albury killed in the recent US Airways flight was held at New Visions Ministries in Marsh Harbour on January 19. The service was primarily a tribute to the three and their contributions to their churches and the community. The building saw an overflow crowd even with 850 seats in the auditorium and 150 standing at the back of the building. Outside there were an estimated additional 250 people. The service was broadcast live on Radio Abaco.

Many people took part in the service including musical items, solos, duets, choirs, poetry written in their honor and comments by many describing their character and personality. Friends, pastors, classmates, buddies, cousins, co-workers all paid tribute,

each from a different perspective.

A large group of politicians came specially for the funeral. The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, and the Hon. Bradley Roberts spoke, bringing condolences from the country to the bereaved families.

David Price announced the formation of the Caitlin Grace Albury Memorial Fund which has been formed to honor the memory of these people. It will be for the benefit of Abaco people to assist with medical expenses, educational expenses or other needs as the directors determine. Mr. Price represented the organizers of the show which the Alburys were on their way to attend.

Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Garden of Memories.



The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, headed a large delegation of politicians who attended the funeral of Robin Albury, Nicholas Albury and Caitlin Albury on January 19. He is shown here on his arrival speaking with Mr. Mike Malone, Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District.

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Faulty Tail Control May Have Caused Crash

The Beech 1900 aircraft, US Airways Express flight 5481 which crashed on January 8, 2003, may have had mechanical problems which could have caused the crash that took the lives of the three Marsh Harbour Alburys. Investigators have found that the elevators on the tail which control the plane's pitch were moving up and down more than they should have. The elevators are flaps which swing up and down increasing or decreasing the plane's lift.

The Beech 1900 is a twin-engine turbo-prop plane carrying 19 passengers and two pilots. On that fateful flight in North Carolina the flight was full and the weight was within 100 pounds of the total capacity of the plane. All 21 persons aboard the flight were killed.

The plane had undergone routine maintenance two days previously and had made

eight flights after the maintenance. On all those flights the elevators were going up and down more than normal. However, none of the other flights had a full load so were not bothered by the excessive motion. The full load would have accentuated the problem.

The flight was in the air only 37 seconds. The take off was normal but after leaving the ground, it angled up steeply, then rolled to the right and headed toward the ground. It clipped a hangar before crashing in flames. Investigators were able to find the data recorder and the voice recorder. These devices gave investigators the information they needed to assist in determining the cause of the crash.

Investigators were able to remove all the bodies by the next day. Family members were allowed to visit the site of the crash on Friday.

The FAA has stated that the plane appeared to be within weight limits. However, they are now looking into the methods used for determining passenger and baggage weights. When computing loads of an airplane an average passenger weight and average bag weight is used rather than actual weights. The FAA is now examining whether these figures are still valid.

The loaded weight of an aircraft as well as the distribution of that weight is critical. Aircraft can frequently overload but the center of gravity of the aircraft is allowed only a small margin of change.

Crash From Page 1

there were no survivors. Abaco was in shock on learning of this tragedy with many hardly able to believe the news. They were all well known and well loved. The entire community immediately reached out to offer sympathy and support to the family. Crowds of friends visited the family home of their mother, Mollie Albury.

The bodies of the three were flown back to Abaco and a funeral service for all three was held at New Visions Ministries on January 19.

Cold Weather Brings Snow Flurries

Snow flurries were sighted by several people on January 24 in central Abaco and hail was experienced in areas of north Abaco. The temperatures dipped into the 40s on Abaco for two nights and the day time temperatures did not warm up much. The high winds on the 24th caused a wind chill which made it feel much colder. This

long severe cold spell was caused by two arctic fronts which came right behind one another.

Many people tried to buy space heaters to get comfortable but supplies were quite limited.

The last time that snow flurries were sighted on Abaco was in January 1977.

New US Mail Service Is Available

By Portia Jonsson

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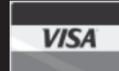
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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder
School News

In Ms. Lowe's class for the term ending in December, Kyle Sands made the Honor Roll while Lance Bethel and Angus Sawyer both made the Principal's List.

Teacher's Appreciation

Ms. Sutherland is back at work but still recuperating from her injuries after her accident in September. She wants to express her deep appreciation to all the ladies who filled in as substitute teachers during her convalescence.

In addition, Ms. Sutherland also wishes to thank both the churches for giving her a place to stay during this time of healing.

Warning Lights Out Again

Why is it that Batelco can't supply better quality "Light Bulbs." The top light and one of the lower lights on the Batelco tower is burnt out again. These warning lights are there for a purpose, to warn low flying aircraft of our tower. Almost all incoming

flights coming from the south pass right over Cherokee and sometimes very near the tower, not to mention the many small planes which just want one more look at our unique little settlement. If an aircraft ever hit that tower, it would have a devastating effect on everyone living in Cherokee. We worry and wait each time those lights burn out, wondering how long it will take to get these warning lights replaced.

Work Continues on Old School

Workman have been working on the roof of the Old School finishing up the hip sections. Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to help, please contact someone on the committee to find out when the next work day is planned. Members of the committee include Maria and Michael, Hartis, Vashti, Norma, Daniel and Peggy. I guarantee you that if you will volunteer your services, no matter how small, when the work is done, you will not only feel good for having done your part, but also have bragging rights to say that you were a part

of making it all happen.

Special Fund Raiser

There will be a Steak-Out held on February 1st on the school grounds in aid of Freeman Roberts' medical expenses. Dinner tickets are \$10 and will include barbequed steak, baked potato, corn and a roll. Many delicious desserts will also be available. In order to raise as much money as we can, there will be a small raffle with

some really fantastic prizes for the lucky winners. We hope everyone will come out and join family, friends and neighbours to make this a very successful event.

Another Accident

While returning home after a recent Sunday afternoon outing, Wendy Broyer was

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Work continues on the reconstruction of the Old School House in Cherokee Sound. They have kept the old rubble walls but have strengthened them and are making the building into a community center for the town. Fund raising efforts have been ongoing for several years. Those funds buy material while the labour is donated.



Volunteers are working on the floor on the Old School House in Cherokee Sound. Most of the work is completed and the residents are looking forward to enjoying the community center, the fruit of their labour.

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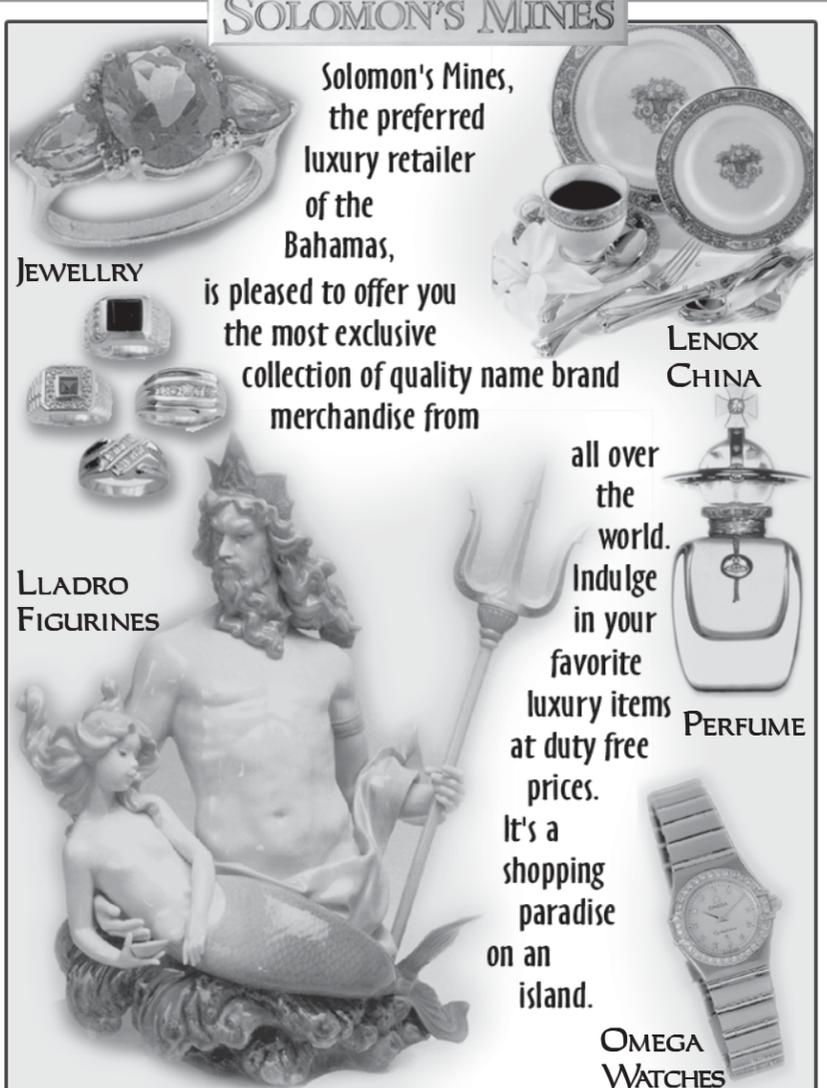
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News of the Cays

Man-O-War Woman Named to Constitutional Committee

Mrs. Brenda Sawyer of Man-O-War, was named to the Constitutional Reform Committee on December 23. The committee was formed to make recommendations to government about many suggested changes to the Constitution and to educate the public of the areas being considered. The committee will meet for the first time in February and will probably take about two years to complete their work.

Mrs. Sawyer is the only committee member from the Family Islands and is one of only two non-lawyers on the committee.

Barefoot Man Will Perform at Nippers

The Barefoot Man will be performing at Nippers On Great Guana Cay on March 2, 2003. The live performance will mark his third appearance on Guana Cay. The annual min-concert has proved to be a popular event with locals and visitors alike.

The Barefoot Man, George Nowak, who makes his home in the Cayman Islands, is a regular visitor to The Bahamas and considers Abaco his second home. He performs here only once a year. On other trips, "I'm strictly a tourist," says the barefoot minstrel. He has written and recorded many popular songs about the area such as *Hope Town Ferry*, *Layin' Low in Abaco*, *The Fig*

Tree, *Conched out at the Conch Inn* and his latest *On Guana Cay*.

Barefoot Man's CD's are popular throughout the Caribbean. His latest is entitled *Durty Belly Button*. On stage with him at Nippers will be Abaco's Stone McEwan and Sea n' B group from Grand Cayman.

Orchid Bay Continues Development

Orchid Bay is a development just to the east of the settlement of Guana Cay. The site goes sea-to-sea and is on one of the beautiful beaches of Guana Cay. The first phase of 23 lots are completely sold. However, about 45 lots are still available in the second phase. These range in price from \$200,000 to \$450,000. The restaurant specializing in island foods overlooks the water. The full service marina with 32 slips is complete with laundry and showers. They have two cottages completed and have begun construction on another. Plans include a total of ten units. The tennis court and pool are completed.



On January 18 Green Turtle Cay had a fund raising event for Mrs. Audrey Sattem's medical expenses. Mr. Michael Meeson and Adam Cash added over \$500 to the total by having fun with one of the cakes. Adam took great delight in giving Mr. Meeson his cake - in the face! Shown above is the result.



The Barefoot Man, a very popular entertainer who makes his home in the Cayman Islands, visits Abaco frequently. He has agreed to perform a concert at Nippers on Guana Cay on March 2. Mark your calendar now if you love his music.

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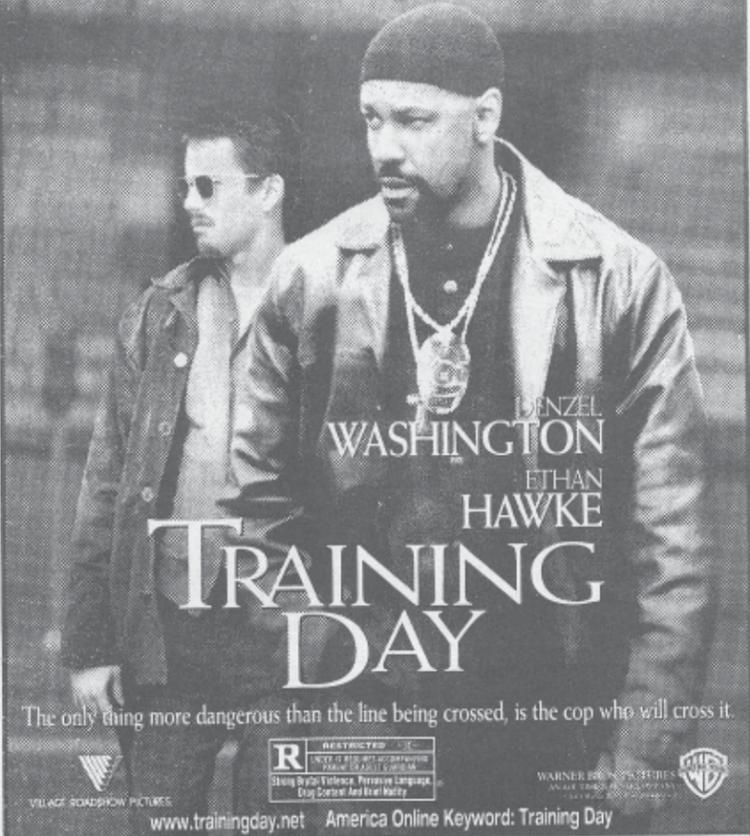
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The Editor Says . . . Change Is Inevitable



Change is inevitable but not always what we want

We all experience changes in our lives. Change is part of life. Some changes are planned and well thought out while at other times we are faced with changes which come to us suddenly. Some changes are for the better while others are devastating to us.

Nothing remains the same. Some changes occur slowly and quietly while other changes are instant and dramatic. We are constantly changing individually while our environment changes continuously around us.

Some changes we bring on ourselves and although we are not sure of the outcome we accept that things will be different. Marriage and starting a family are two examples.

Similarly, we encounter changes caused by circumstances beyond our control. These may turn out to be beneficial or not to our liking. Whether we want changes in our life or not they are part of all our lives.

Advancing age brings changes we may not want, but we know they are coming from watching our elders.

Many changes are due to external events over which we have no control. Cold weather and hurricanes each cause us to make adjustments to our comfort, lifestyle or shelter.

We go through school knowing that each new year will be different but not too remote from the previous year's experience. Going to college is a major event we can anticipate, yet we never quite realize how big the adjustment is really going to be. One immediate effect is that of leaving behind your comfortable circle of friends and starting anew.

We expect changes in government policies and laws although we don't always understand the reasoning or long term effect being imposed on us. World events such as September 11, FTAA trade negotiations or international treaties cause us to adjust to other unexpected changes.

We know that every three years we will be selecting new local government leaders and every five years new representatives to central government. We may not agree with the popular vote but we adapt to the change.

An inevitable change is that of losing our loved ones. We do not look forward to

losing our parents but we all know that day is ahead of us somewhere. We will face this at some point in time and then must come to grips with the situation.

Losing a loved mate from sickness is a difficult experience but the illness gives us time to consider the future consequences. Losing a mate suddenly is very different and difficult to accept.

Losing children is particularly difficult as we are not programmed to accept this loss. We expect to go first letting our children follow in our footsteps. We anticipate watching our children grow up and mature. We are eager to see how they will become productive adults.

The sudden deaths of three Alburys in one family was both unexpected and traumatic in the various aspects of their family and community life. The adults had active interests in church, business, politics and family. They were part of a strong family management team running their family-owned lumber yard and hardware store. This loss puts a heavy burden on the remaining store management. The business will survive the hardships, but it will take hard work and perhaps some restructuring.

But hardest of all to accept is the void left for close family members. Our natural inclinations are to resist change. But the tragedy has happened and we must accept

it. Mourning is part of the process of dealing with it. However, the void exists and will for many years to come.

The family needs our support and prayers. They need to know that we are all here to share in their grief.

A tragedy like this shocks all of us. We realize how fragile life really is. We realize that any one of us could suffer a devastating loss. We also realize that any of us could face eternity at any moment.

We all need to take lessons from this tragedy. We need to show love and concern, not just to our families but to our neighbors and friends. We need to reach out to others - extending a helping sympathetic hand.

Generally Speaking . . . Abaco's Finest

By S. Timothy Roberts

January 8th, 2003, is a day that we will not soon forget, and the tragedy will, with the memories of those we lost, live on in our hearts and minds.

Abaco has suffered a great loss at the hands of an ill fated flight from North Carolina. Aboard were three of Abaco's finest citizens, Robin Albury and his daughter Caitlin and his brother Nicholas Albury.

These three have left an indelible mark on the community here in Marsh Harbour and all the settlements of Abaco - they will be greatly missed.

In honor and respect to the memories of who they were, I suggest we look at their examples and emulate them. They have left examples for anyone of any age group, spanning from 12 to 21 to 38, their examples can be understood and appreciated by all.

Caitlin, the youngest, was a fine example of courage and fortitude, fighting to overcome scoliosis, a disease of the spinal cord, and unreservedly shared her faith in Christ with her peers. She befriended all she came into contact with.

Nicholas at 21 was the youngest person to be elected to local government in the country and received the third highest number of votes getting there. His life was one of striving to be the best at what he did.

From karate, where he earned a 3rd degree black belt, to his job at Abaco Hardware where he worked diligently on upgrading the computer systems and much more, to his faith in Christ where he served through New Vision Ministries, he threw himself wholeheartedly in whatever he took on. Whether it was sports activities, work or politics, he gave 110 percent.

He also established his character in the community. Everyone knew and liked him, and he showed respect and kindness to all he met. He was able to relate to young and old alike. He was a leader, and he lead by example. He had a promising life ahead of him and would undoubtedly have gone far, meeting and exceeding even his own dreams.

Robin was considered an industrious

man, building Abaco Hardware from a small store to what it is today with the help of his brothers. Cordial, fair and liked by all his staff and customers he was well appreciated all around.

He was a good family man, always spending time with his wife and children. They were a truly close and loving family, with Christ in the center of their hearts and home.

In just so few words, for there is much more that can be said, all of which would take many newspapers to fully cover, there is established a pattern of character that we can all look up to and admire.

Should we desire to honor their memories we can do so by emulating their very character, and in so doing make Abaco a nicer place to live.

From me to Mollie, thank you for giving to Abaco two of the finest sons it has ever known, and I share my sympathy and sorrow at this time in the face of this grievous

loss knowing how they will be greatly missed.

To Janet and Joanne, who have lost husband/father and a daughter/sister, I pray God will fill the void that is so greatly left by the passing of these two very special people in your lives.

To Michelle, I know words cannot be found to describe the emptiness left by this loss, having been married just over a year myself. May the God of all comfort engulf your sorrow and strengthen your spirit and sharpen your memory to remember the wonderful, though brief, time you had with Nicholas.

To the community, remember the examples these three favorite children of Abaco have left behind and know that Christ was the center of their lives. That made the difference in their lives and in their deaths. They have now passed on to something far better.

Manatee Finds Abaco



A manatee was spotted in Green Turtle Cay for several days in mid-January. Then a manatee was spotted in Marsh Harbour late in January. It is not known whether it is the same animal or not. The photo shown above is of the manatee in Marsh Harbour when it was near the dock at Harbour View Marina. Manatees are seldom seen in The Bahamas. They are an endangered species in every area where they are found. Many live in the waters off Florida. They can live in fresh or salt water but those in salt water frequently enjoy drinking fresh water. They are a very large mammal. This one is estimated to be about eight feet long. Since it is a mammal, it must breathe air. It was coming up for air every three to four minutes. Manatees, also called sea cows, require warm water. When water temperatures go below 70 degrees, these animals look for warmer water. This could be the reason he came in close to shore as our water temperature has been quite cold recently. This manatee has a distinctive notch in his tail which will be recorded for identification if he ever shows up later. These animals eat vegetation including grasses, mangrove leaves and algae. There is nothing in this photo to indicate size but his nose area was about the size of a large grapefruit. Manatees are very vulnerable to being injured by boats, both from collisions with boats and from propeller cuts. They are not fast swimmers, are very dark in the water and cannot get out of the way of an approaching boat. We urge boaters to be very careful.

Boaters, Be Careful of This Manatee

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Letters to the Editor

Batelco Needs to Improve

Dear Editor,

Could you publish the following letter. To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written on behalf of many concerned and frustrated residents of Hope Town. We have the great good pleasure of enjoying a beautiful island, created by God, nurtured by native Bahamians and supported by the valued presence of winter residents and tourists. Those who are writing this letter represent all of the above.

May we come straight to the point? For years Batelco and its imitation of a well run business has been the laughing stock of all observers. Your foibles and ongoing errors of judgment and performance are legendary. Well, it is no longer funny!

Your representations are as inconsistent as your service. Businesses on Elbow Cay must have reliable phone service if they are to survive. Things are very hard for our resorts in the current economy. Punishing them further by cutting off their communications by your disregard and apparent incompetence is unconscionable.

We have come to attract an upscale, free spending cadre of tourists. Their expectations are not for a Paris or Monte Carlo, but they do require the ability to be in touch with home. Failing that ability, many will likely go elsewhere.

Part and full time residents have invested great sums in the development of this island. They certainly have the right to expect reasonable and consistent service. You have seen fit in many cases to charge \$700 and more for the simple installation of a phone line which works sometimes.

Now you are trying to sell us on the concept of an added cost service - DSL. Great, most of us would love to have it. Please explain how it will work with intermittent phone service.

In the U.S. the Taft-Hartley Act long ago prevented monopolies. Monopolies, the law proclaimed, created a lack of competition which abused the rights of the common man. We are not suggesting that the Bahamas mimic the states where laws must frequently be enacted to cause the right thing to be done.

We are suggesting that you do the right thing because it is the right thing. Quit hiding behind bureaucratic incompetence and fix the system.

Sincerely,
Concerned Residents

Going to the Dogs!

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have had an enjoyable month on a boat in Marsh Harbour and would like to express our appreciation to the friendly and honest people we have encountered here. Such people have made it a memorable visit.

However, there is one feature of the area that has made the visit memorable for less-than-pleasant reasons: the numerous, loud and sometimes vicious dogs.

Have residents become so inured that they don't recognize such problems as (1) visitors to certain marinas must listen to dogs barking on and off all night, (2) walkers will find themselves barked at regularly and (3) some roads in and near Marsh Harbour are actually dangerous? (If you think I'm exaggerating, I suggest you walk around and see! For example, walk on the road from Solomon Brothers south and west to Don MacKay. Or walk by the Marsh Harbour Boat Yard in the evening. But carry a big stick and have rocks ready!)

When asked, I've felt forced to point this out to other cruisers. As a result, I know a number of people have avoided Marsh

Harbour, or limited their stays here.

Why do otherwise friendly and honest people allow such situation?

Sincerely,
Jeff Hale

A Letter To Sen. Edison Key

Dear Editor,

Could you please print the following letter addressed to Sen. Edison Key.

Dear Senator Key,

Over the past several months there has been a concerted effort among a small minority of individuals on Man-O-War Cay to discredit the efforts of their elected Local Government Council members. I have gone to great lengths to refrain from becoming involved in this foolishness. I know the vast majority of the citizens of Man-O-War elected me to do what is best for Man-O-War. That is what I have done and shall continue to do. When I don't perform for the community, the people will let me know by voting me out.

The problem with these dissenters is that they don't seem to understand the way Local Government works. They don't seem to want it to work and make every effort to undermine the institution. Rather than any attempt to work within the structure of Local Government, they take unwarranted accusations to central government departments and scream for investigation. Most of the unwarranted attacks might be avoided if the individuals would address their concerns at the local level; however, they seek to work from the top down.

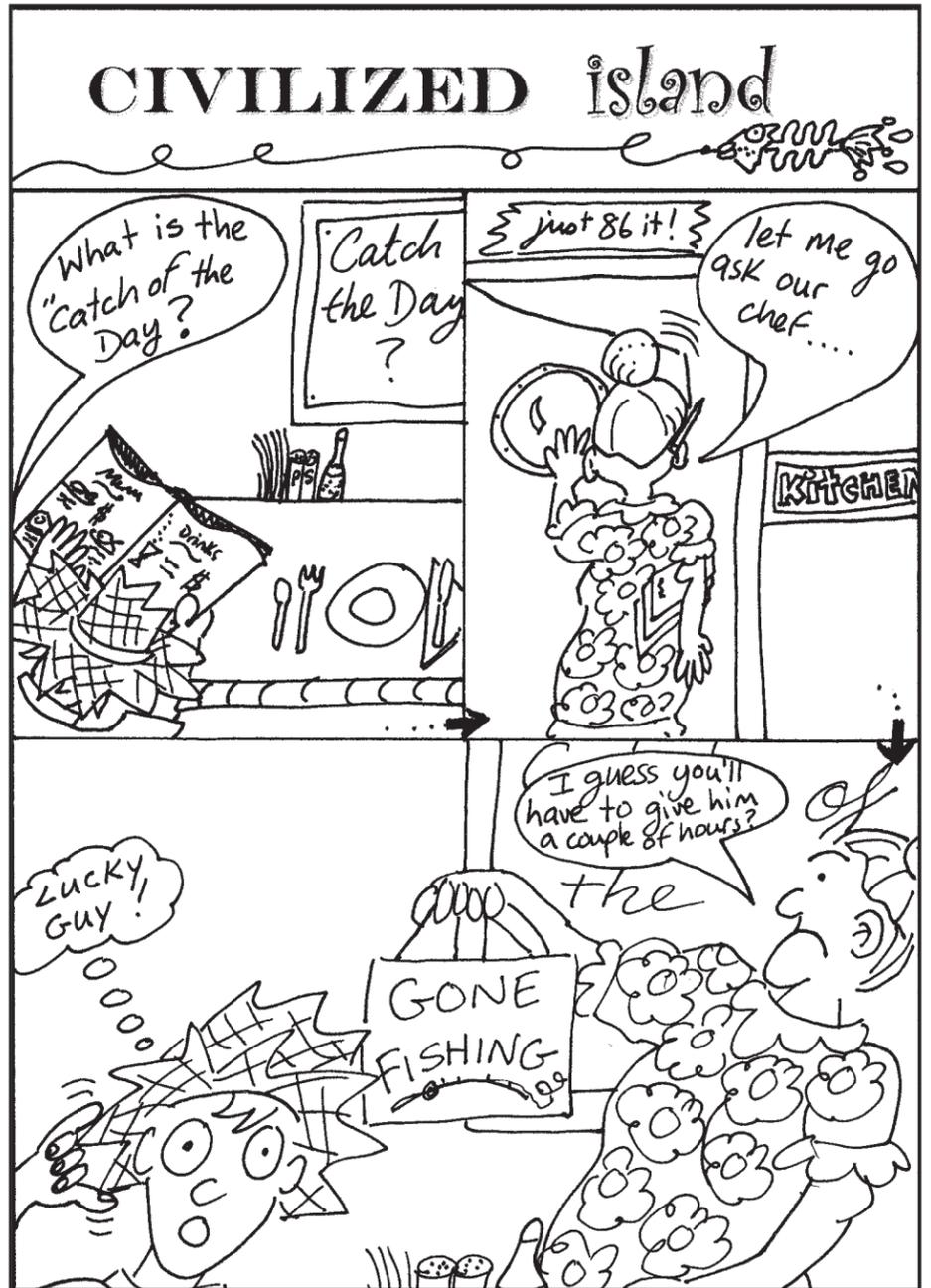
Now, I wish to address your recent contribution to the Senate as reported in the *Nassau Guardian* on December 19, 2002.

Mr. Key, I have no problem with your view on local government; however, I would expect you to be more truthful when you speak from the Senate.

Let us now examine the contents of your speech as it relates to Man-O-War Cay and the elected government officials.

First, you reportedly said, "With an island population of 300, it was appalling for the government to pay in excess of \$100,000 annually for road and park maintenance." Senator Key, what is really appalling here is that a respected member of the Senate can be so out of touch with the facts. These figures are a matter of public record, you really seem to have been carried away with this one. The actual amount for Man-O-War road and park maintenance is \$13,200 annually.

Second, you reportedly said, "The garbage collection contract for at least the past six years has been awarded automatically to an elected member of the local government board without consideration for anyone else who might have wanted to submit a bid." Sorry again, Senator. Until the summer of 2002 no one in the community, other



than our present contractor, ever expressed an interest in handling Man-O-War's garbage, and there was never a contract for garbage collection on Man-O-War prior to August 2001. Our present contractor was not a member of the District Council until the winter of 2000 and was appointed, not elected.

Third, you reportedly said, "A PLP supporter was the lowest bidder but the garbage collection contract was still awarded to an individual whose bid was several thousand dollars higher than that of the PLP supporter." You actually got this one right! However, I must explain that both individuals submitted bids on garbage plus roads and parks. The supporter you mentioned came in with combined bids of \$92,500. The other individual who was awarded the contract submitted combined bids of \$86,500, a difference of \$6,000. The low combined bidder was not economically able to perform the road and parks contract without the garbage contract since the same equipment is required for both functions.

Therefore, since our budget for these contracts was limited to \$90,000, we were compelled to combine the contracts and award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Fourth, you reportedly said, "The man to whom the contract was awarded is a staunch FNM supporter, who has since resigned from his position on the island's local government board, but still retains the contract." This could be true or otherwise, but the contract was not awarded for someone's political views, but rather on the basis of budgetary considerations.

Fifth, you reportedly said, "The situation could help to explain why all elected local government board members in Man-O-War are FNM supporters or are family members of the Member of Parliament for South Abaco." As I am the only family member of the South Abaco M P, it sounds as though you are not counting me as an FNM supporter! When it comes to doing

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Forest Heights Academy

Bianca Bethel Receives BGCSE Awards

Bianca Bethel of Forest Heights Academy received the award for the best BGCSE Mathematics results in all of The Bahamas at the annual Awards Ceremony held by the Ministry of Education on January 13 in

Nassau. Bianca, daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour, also achieved the award for best overall results on Abaco. With her 7 A's, 3 B's and 1 C she was among the top three students in all of The Bahamas with her overall results. Currently, Bianca is attending Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.

In addition to Bianca's excellent results were those of Theresa Pinder, daughter of Simeon and Theresa Pinder and Dexter

Russell, son of Rory and Shelly Russell. Theresa with 6 A's, 2 B's and 1 C and Dexter with 5 A's, 1 B and 2 C's both received Honourable Mentions in a group of 34 students from all of the Bahamas for their overall results. Theresa has been writing for *The Abaconian* since graduation and has just left

for Louisiana State University with the Prime Time Scholarship and Dexter is doing independent study preparing for his A Level BGCSE's.

With results like these and many other stu-

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Teachers and staff members of St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour spent time on January 18 and 19 walking through Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town including The Mud and Pigeon Peas, visiting students in their homes and meeting parents and other family members. They will be visiting other communities where their students come from to learn more about their backgrounds.



The fourth grade spelling bee sponsored by the Ministry of Education was held on January 17 in Marsh Harbour. Shown above are the winners. From the left, Mr. Barry Whiting of Burns House which sponsored the trophies, Ms. Beatrice Moxey, vice principal of Central Abaco Primary, Ms. Robertha Lundsday of Central Abaco Primary, and the winning students.

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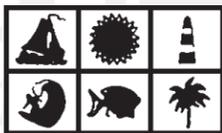
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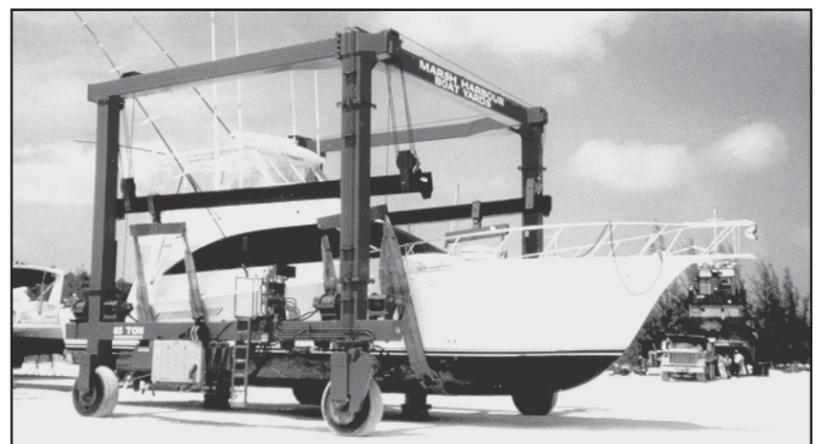
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dents from the graduating class of 2002, it was no surprise when Forest Heights Academy received the award for the best BGCSE results on Abaco. Parents, staff and students of Forest Heights Academy are proud of these students and congratulate them all.

St. Francis de Sales School Walkabout

By Miriam Fredericks

January 18 and 19 were two significant days in the life of St. Frances. They marked the beginning of the teacher's quest to better acquaint themselves with the areas in which their students live.

This experience was successful and enlightening. The principal and staff walked through parts of Marsh harbour including the Mud, Pigeon Peas, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. The administration and staff would like to thank the parents for their warm reception.

On February 9 the administration and staff will travel to Cooper's Town to meet with parents and guardians and discuss issues pertaining to the welfare of their children. Our plan is to cover the length and breath of the mainland and the cays of Abaco.

Male Development Day Planned

By Portia Jonsson

The Guidance Department of St. Francis de Sales School will be having a Male Development Day at the school on February 11th. This will be an interactive session for boys of grades 9-12 with men from the community. A presentation is planned followed by a rap session with the boys.

St. Francis will be holding a Career Day on March 13th at 1 p.m. for grades 9-12. Various persons of different professions will discuss their jobs with the students and inform them of the qualifications and requirements for each career.

Another College Set to Come to Abaco

By Isobel Sherman

Success Training College, which has campuses in Nassau and Freeport, will offer classes in Marsh Harbour if enough persons sign up for the courses. According to Lana Turnquest, Success will offer a computer course and a business administration course in Marsh Harbour if a minimum of seven persons registers for each course. Cost will be \$200 per credit, which according to Ms Turnquest is \$100 less than the College

of The Bahamas. Anyone interested should call Ms. Turnquest at 367-2489.

Scholarships

By Isobel Sherman

If you have not applied for a Pathfinders Scholarship for the coming school year, you have been given an extension until March 31. The deadline for academic scholarships offered by Lyford Cay is also March 31 while the deadline for technical scholarships from Lyford Cay is May 31. The deadline for the Bahamas Supermarket Scholarships is May 1.

Government Scholarship Loan

By Isobel Sherman

Many persons are asking me for applications for the Government Scholarship Loan Scheme. Although I have some application forms, I have no information on how the loan scheme will work in the upcoming exercise. I will tell you from personal experience that I am now paying \$90 a month interest on my daughter's loan and that will go up another \$30 a month in August. If the loan scheme will be doing another new disbursement, persons must realize that the

interest has to be paid every month. The interest is eight percent of the amount borrowed per year. As the amount borrowed increases, so does the interest payment. When I receive more information I will publish it.

Alternative School Opening Delayed

By Isobel Sherman

The opening of the alternative school at Cyber Learning Center has been delayed until September. The delay was caused by details which could not be completed in time for January.

Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

Physics Equipment Needed

In the past few years students sitting the BGCSE Physics examination at Abaco Central High School have been very successful with many receiving A's. Mr. Camaru Raheim, physics and math teacher at the school, is now attempting to keep his physics classes up to par with those in the United States. He and the students of his grade 12

physics class have recognized the need for additional equipment to improve the practical skills of the students in order to serve the technical sections of the economy on Abaco.

They are now working to upgrade their equipment and practical expertise. They are hoping to raise funds to purchase a number of CBL 2 physics starter packages. This is a second-generation calculator-based laboratory and provides an easy and accessible way for students to collect and analyze data. It will help students discover how physics and mathematics affect them through hypotheses, experiments and conclusions.

The school is asking for donations for this equipment. Contact Mr. Raheim or Mr. Stubbs, Principal at the school at 367-2334 for information.

Abaco Central is the only government school teaching physics on Abaco.

A Welcome Addition

In September a new teacher joined the staff at Abaco Central High School. Mrs. Elva Davis came primarily as an English Language teacher and as a PE teacher. Mrs.

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Art students from St. Francis de Sales and S.C. Bootle High School enjoyed a field trip to Little Harbour. They had a tour of Johnston's art gallery and the foundry which they found very interesting and educational. They were all art students of Mrs. Christine McCully from St. Francis de Sales School and Ms. Rebecca Valrejean of S. C. Bootle High School.



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Governor General Youth Award Will Expand

By Jim Richard

The Governor General's Youth Award Programme is set to expand on the island of Abaco. This is a challenging programme of leisure time activities which will help young people to learn new skills, help others, experience adventure and give them a great sense of achievement. This prestigious organization is recognized by the Ministry of Education and is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 25. There are three levels to the award - Bronze, Silver and Gold. For each level participants complete activities in four sections: Service, Expedition, Skill and Physical Recreation. The programme is very flexible. In each section

of the award, there is a wide range of options and participants chose activities that interest them.

The best thing about the programme is that it is not a competition, there is no exam and no one can fail. It is all about trying and - if at first they don't achieve what they set out to do, they can keep trying. All one needs to attain their award is a bit of enterprise, perseverance and a lot of commitment.

This programme is found throughout the Bahamas. There is currently an active unit at S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town with 26 participants. The National Council in Nassau is looking to expand the

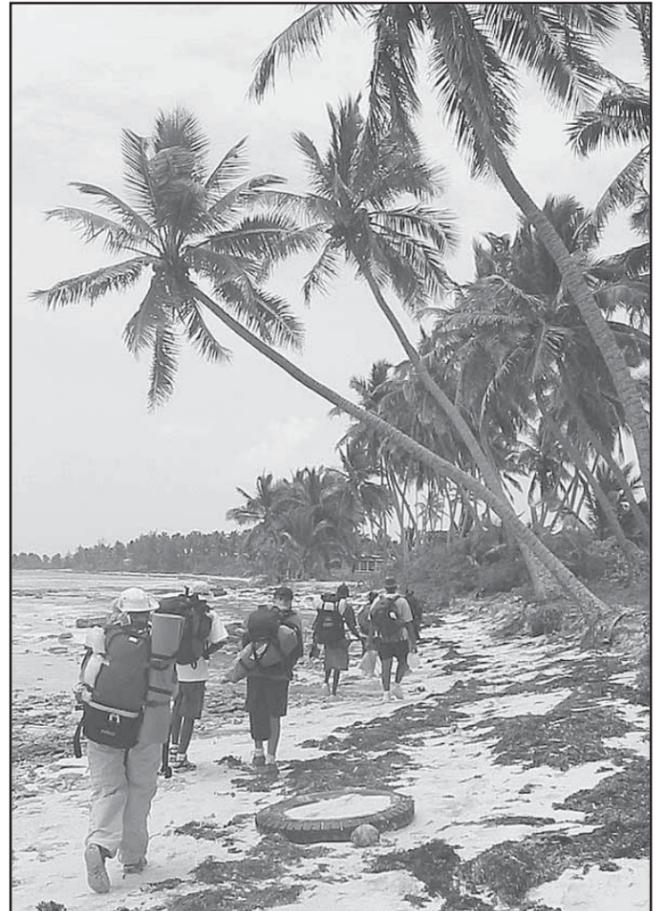
availability of this programme to more young people in the Family Islands. Island Coordinators have been designated on Abaco, Andros, Eleuthera and Grand Bahama. Our coordinator in Abaco is Jim Richard, a science teacher at S.C. Bootle who has been involved in the programme for six years. If any school or youth group is interested in establishing a unit, they may contact him at S.C. Bootle between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 365-0065. A unit may be big or small (four students can compromise a unit), and only one leader is needed to get things started. Resources including application forms, information packets, posters, etc. are now available on the island so your participants could begin quickly.

Several events have been scheduled for the upcoming months on Abaco. Silver participants will be heading to Grand Bahama for a three day expedition on January 31st. Bronze participants will have their expedition on Little Abaco on March 8th

and 9th. Abaco's first Awards Ceremony will recognize participants who have completed the programme on May 22nd. This summer we plan to participate in BASE 2003, a ten-day expedition and training session held annually with students from units throughout the Bahamas.



Students of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town who are part of the Governor General's Youth Award Programme are shown pitching their tent as part of an outdoor training exercise. The programme stresses independence and self reliance.



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The new road connecting the freight dock with Crockett Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway has been paved and the intersection of that road and Crockett Drive will complete the paving in that area of town. There are still many small details that have to be taken care of before the dock is completed but the work should be complete within a few weeks.



This photo shows two large barge being loaded with equipment ready to return to the United States when the weather breaks. The large crane which did most of the dredging is on a second barge along with much of the other equipment used. The main work remaining will be to move fill and finish the west side of the dock which will be a rip-rap wall using boulders dredged from the channel. There is still finish work to complete the lighting, fencing and tidying up.



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Central Abaco News

Annual Art Festival Planned

By Isobel Sherman

The Abaco Beach Resort's Annual Art Festival will be held on February 1 and 2 at the Pavilion. Twenty-five artists from Abaco, Nassau and other islands in the Bahamas will be exhibiting their work. The artists will include Chan Pratt, Malcolm Rae and Donald Russell from Nassau.

The festival kicks off on January 31 with an invitational wine and cheese opening. Bristol Cellars is sponsoring the wine and Abaco Wholesale is sponsoring the cheese and F&V is donating the fruit.

Change in Command

ASP Leland Russell, Officer in Charge of Abaco for the Royal Bahamas Police Force, has been transferred to Freeport. Assistant Superintendent Clarence Russell, previously posted in Freeport, has assumed charge of the Abaco District of the Royal Bahamas Police Force. Unconfirmed reports say that other police officers will be transferred to and from Abaco District.

New Arrivals at Christmas

By Portia Jonsson

While many of us were busy preparing for Christmas and celebrating the holiday

season, three couples were celebrating the birth of their first child.

Shawn and Rochelle Sawyer welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Mariah Caleigh Sawyer on December 20, 2002.

Sebastian Andrew Wayne Sawyer was born December 23 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. He is the son of Andy and Tiffany Sawyer.

A baby girl named Kadyn Avana Pinder was born to Angus and Lynn Pinder on December 30 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Pinders are from Marsh Harbour.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the families of Central Abaco.

New Shops Open

By Portia Jonsson

Marsh Harbour has two new businesses which offer the shopper a variety of merchandise.

Tucked away in the Barclays Bank building between Jewels, Gems & More and Michael Dean's office is a delightful little store, Interior Design and Gift Center. Since its opening in November last year, Ms. Linda Simms, owner and manager, says business has been slow but she expects it to pick up

for Valentine's Day. Specializing in gift baskets and silk floral arrangements, they also carry a wide selection of lingerie, computer games, gift and household items. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Audrey's Beauty Supplies opened for business December 20, just in time for Christmas. Located on Don MacKay Boulevard opposite Abaco Hardware, they specialize in beauty and skin care. They carry a wide selection of skin creams, weaves, braids, whole wigs, toiletries and much more. The store is owned and operated by Mrs. Audrey Alvarez. The store hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Weight Watchers Is Active on Abaco

By Portia Jonsson

Sessions for the Weight Watchers program are being held at the Parish Hall at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour every week day beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person every five weeks. For further information please contact Mrs. Carol Elaine Martinborough.



Jillian Bain's house in the Mud burned down in the morning of January 12. It was caused by a three-year-old grandchild playing with matches. Three fire engines and eight firemen responded from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. The first truck was able to get within 75 feet of the building which was totally engulfed in flames. Furniture and personal belongings had been removed into a neighbor's yard. Ms. Bain's son, Vincent Vilmer, said the house had been there for 13 years. It showed signs of being expanded into a much larger building.



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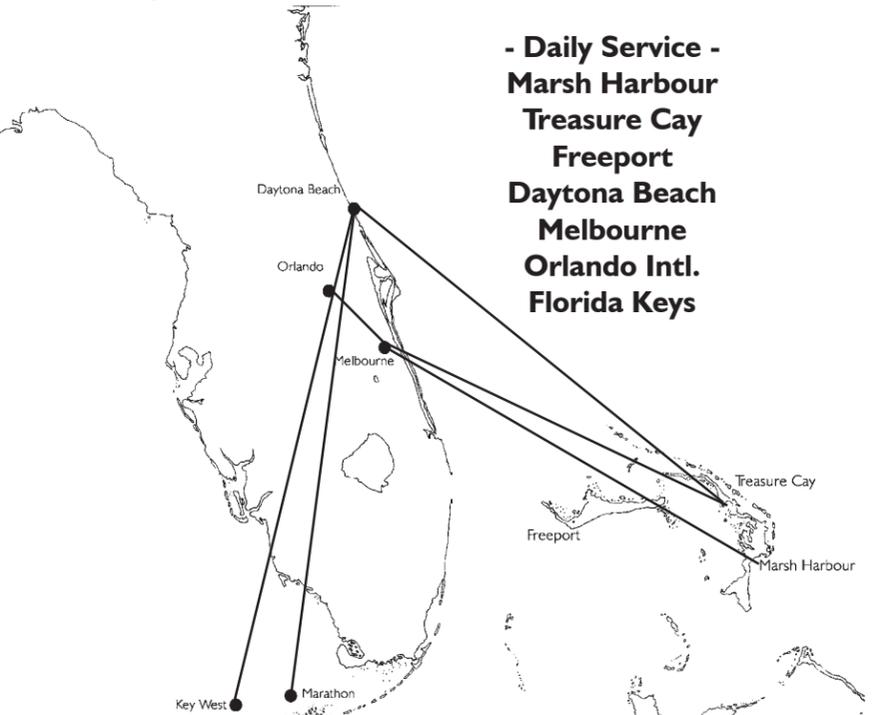
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Development Is Proposed for Winding Bay

A major development is proposed for Winding Bay located between Cherokee Sound and Little Harbour. The two-mile long beach is the site chosen by Mr. Peter de Savary to have a membership club which will include a links golf course and will appeal to a high class, monied group of people. It is estimated that this proposed project will cost \$140 million when completed in four to five years. It will be unpretentious, low key but in good style and will feature old-fashioned gracious living. He has several upscale projects in the United Kingdom and the United States which have been very successful. The people patronizing his other resorts will be the clientele to enjoy this new development.

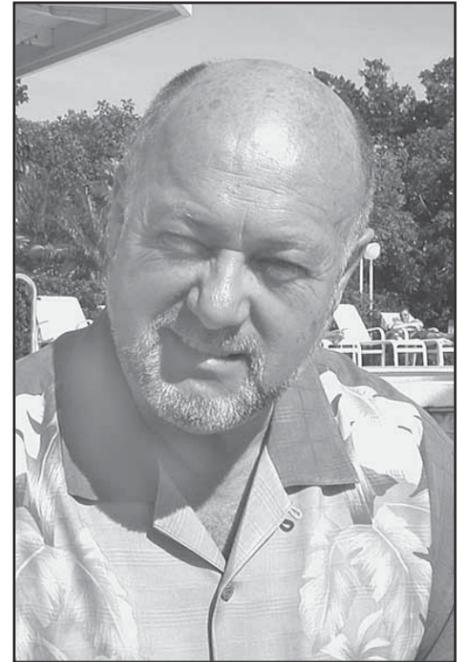
Although it will be a membership club, the resort will also accommodate others who will stay in the rooms and condos. The main attractions will be golfing, horseback riding, tennis, a spa, fishing, kayaking and other water sports. There will be a driving range and an academy with three greens. It will be a tropical paradise offering Bahamian food, fresh fish and locally grown produce.

Mr. de Savary was on Abaco in January and gave details of his proposal. He will be developing 500 acres along Winding Bay. He plans to have a links golf course which is more environmentally friendly than a normal golf course, requiring less disruption of the land and less irrigation water. It will be the first tropical links golf course in the world. He hopes to begin work on the golf course in March or April. This will be his seventh golf course to build. Later in the spring he will begin construction of a club house with 20 rooms. The project will also include 75 condominium units, indi-

vidual buildings with porches and sand paths joining them. This first phase will be ready for guests by the fall of 2004.

The next phase will be opening of 50 lots for large homes. Architecture will be controlled and Mr. de Savary will handle the construction. The entire project will be environmentally sensitive and have all natural landscaping. No cars will be allowed in the resort with only sand paths for bicycles and golf carts.

Mr. de Savary has been coming to The Bahamas for 25 years and is excited about doing a project in the Family Islands. He has approval-in-principle from the Cabinet and is working out the project details now. He plans to have a meeting in Cherokee at the end of February to discuss his plans. He may also schedule a meeting in Marsh Harbour. The staff will be trained at his other clubs in the States and the United Kingdom. Since this will be a winter resort, he may have staff members work at his other clubs during the summer season, giving the staff year round work.



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Chamber Hears Pros & Cons of Trade Agreements

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce held a meeting on January 16 with guest speaker Mr. Reginald Lobosky, a past president of the Nassau Chamber. About 40 people listened attentively as he discussed the benefits and disadvantages of The Bahamas belonging to the various trade agreements that are under consideration by government. He emphasized that these agreements are very broad in their scope and will affect the entire community.

The Bahamas has the third highest standard of living in the Western Hemisphere with our main industries of tourism and offshore banking. However, the Bahamian people are not prepared to succeed in the global market. Mr. Lobosky stressed the need for Bahamians to get the best education they possibly can and specifically to learn foreign languages.

The Central Bank of The Bahamas has held seminars on what businesses can expect in future competition. The Civil Society, a new organization started in Nassau, wants to mobilize citizens who are concerned and want to work with government to bring about the best deals for the country. This country needs to protect its people and its jobs.

What Is the WTO?

The Bahamas has applied for membership in the WTO. This country is the only one in the Western Hemisphere not a member, with the exception of Cuba which does not have a democratically elected government. The Bahamas will have to negotiate with a WTO committee but is at a disadvantage as so many other countries have already been through the process and are now in the organization. The Bahamas will have to accept much of what is already in place. In many areas The Bahamas does not have the people with the necessary knowledge and expertise. Government is hiring experts to help with the negotiating.

CARICOM Is Caribbean Agreement

CARICOM is an organization of Caribbean countries. At this time The Bahamas is a member. However, our goals are not the same as many of the other CARICOM countries. One of the CARICOM's goals is to have a single market economy which would allow migration. WTO and FTAA would limit movement of people across borders.

FTAA Is Now Being Negotiated

The Free Trade Area of the Americas, FTAA, is another trade agreement which will bring major changes to our country whether we join or not. The process began in 1994 and the goal is that the agreement will be final by 2005. Actually, it is hoped that actual negotiations will be completed this year with governments accepting it during 2004 so it can be implemented by 2005. It will affect the way business is conducted and will include all trade including services.

The Prime Minister has appointed a commission on trade which includes people from many areas of the economy including Mr. Lobosky. Its functions are to advise government and to educate the public. The commission will make video productions as part of the educational process. The public needs to be informed and respond.

The Bahamas has not agreed to any of these trade agreements yet. But it will happen. There is too much to protect to ignore the process.

The Bahamas is used to globalization in several areas, tourism and offshore banking to some degree. However, globalization is now becoming more formalized with rules. And a breach of these rules may bring dire circumstances to government or businesses. Multi-national corporations are driv-

ing the world economy and their goal is to maximize profits and they have little regard for the consequences on the people affected by these agreements.

At present only two classifications of countries are considered - large nations and smaller economies. This puts The Bahamas at a disadvantage as it puts us in with countries which have millions of people and much larger economies than ours. Mr. Lobosky is recommending that FTAA consider a Small Island Developing State status which would serve our needs better. Our country and others in the Caribbean are vulnerable and need special treatment. It is a category recognized by the United Nations.

Many of the provisions of NAFTA are incorporated into FTAA. NAFTA is the trade agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico. It seems that the provisions favor the investor which puts The Bahamas at a disadvantage as investors are frequently from richer industrialized countries. The Bahamas as a country which will be hosting businesses from elsewhere needs to be protected. At this time FTAA would

allow foreign investors or service providers to establish a business in The Bahamas on an equal basis with Bahamians. Also these trade agreements cover more than just goods, but include services. This is far reaching as it would cover professional services and almost all other areas of business such as computer services, real estate, transportation, communications, construction, wholesalers and retailers of all types. Services is almost all encompassing. This means that our two main industries, tourism and offshore banking, will both be regulated by these agreements.

Secrecy Is Major Concern

One of the major concerns that many people have with all of these trade agreements is the secrecy which is part of the process. Although the FTAA negotiations have been going on for eight years, the public has very little information about what has been agreed on. Mr. Lobosky feels that

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Lobosky Stresses Need for Citizen Involvement

Lobosky *From Page 16*

all citizens have a right to know what is taking place. He is hoping that government will call a referendum before any of the trade agreements are accepted. It is important that citizens first know the details of any agreement before it is accepted so changes can be made before it is too late.

On a Positive Note

On a positive note, The Bahamas has always been able to develop and compete in business and has been successful. We have survived many obstacles and are better materially for it. We now need to protect our services by negotiating successfully.

Mr. Lobosky discussed his opinion of our

system of collecting customs duties on incoming goods. He felt that customs duties are this country's main source of income and should not be changed. It is not a barrier to trade, it does not protect any Bahamian interests but is only a source of income.

Mr. Lobosky has been appointed by the Prime Minister to serve on the Trade Commission. Its goals are to advise government and to educate the public. He felt that Abaco is very important to the economy of The Bahamas as Abaco is a great contributor to the growth of tourism. He wants to see Abaco people educating themselves and then becoming involved, making recommendations and following the process as this country moves into unknown territory.

Abaco Man Is Appointed to Trade Commission

Mr. Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, was recently appointed to the Bahamas Trade Commission. This group will be advising government in many areas. One item will be to submit recommendations on alternative ways of raising taxes if the Bahamas joins the FTAA or WTO. They will advise government on trade liberalization and globalization. They will study the effect of these various trade initiatives on the economy of the Bahamas.

In addition to making recommendations to government, they will be responsible for educating the Bahamian public on conditions of these agreements.

The Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, has assured the public that this commissions will be consulted on all these trade agreements and will be informed of developments.

Mr. Christie appointed 26 persons representing many facets of our economy such

as agriculture, industry, education, churches, customs, tourism, finance and the Chambers of Commerce of Nassau, Freeport and Abaco.

Ms. Helen Ebong from the Ministry of Trade and Industry will coordinate and manage the secretariat providing technical support for the commission.

AA Meetings

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

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Every Child Counts Offers Helpful Workshops

The *Every Child Counts* Special Education and Literacy Project has begun the new year with workshops being held by Dr. Sharon Kossack of Florida International University. The workshops were held at St. Francis de Sales School, Forest Heights Academy and the ECC Learning Centre from January 24 to 26. There are presently 28 teachers from across Abaco involved in the Clinical Educator training done by Dr. Kossack and other visiting consultants. Dr. Kossack's training is an intensive course in diagnosing reading difficulties and targeting teaching to remedy those difficulties. On March 8 there will be a work shop on Autism and on March 22 on Mental Retardation by specialists in those areas. These will be held at the ECC Centre on those dates

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All persons are welcome in addition to those teachers studying for certification.

Prior to the new year ECC was given a donation of beautiful new reading books by the Richlands Rotary Club of Richlands, North Carolina. The books were brought to the centre by Mr. Jeer Fountain of the Richlands Rotary Club and have been greatly enjoyed by all the students involved in our full time program for Special Needs students.

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Love Is in the Air

By Portia Jonsson

It's that time of year again when the day set aside for romance is observed, February 14th, Valentine's Day. Florists are inundated with orders to fill, cards and candy are exchanged and red is the colour of the day.

Driving around town I could not help noticing all the shop windows draped in red and white and overflowing with gifts for Valentine's Day, so I decided to stop in and take a look.

One could easily tell that love is definitely in the air at Buds & Blooms. The store is filled with fresh and silk floral arrangements, gift baskets, teddy bears, candy, lingerie, candles and much more. Buds & Blooms did not forget the kids either, there is huge selec-

tion of gift ideas for them as well. Cupid's Charm, the Love Basket and the Hugs & Kisses Bouquet are the specials for Valentine's Day with free delivery before the 14th and a charge of \$2 on Valentine's Day.

At Pinewoods Nursery I found teddy bears, chocolates, candy, heart shaped gift boxes, silk floral arrangements, balloons and a whole lot more. Rose bushes and gift baskets are the specials this Valentine's Day with free delivery in Marsh Harbour.

Partytime and Corner Value are well stocked with greeting cards for everyone special this Valentine's Day. Balloons, teddy bears, coffee mugs and chocolates are just a few more of the gift items in store.

My next stop was Interior Design & Gift

Center. Silk floral arrangements, teddy bears and lingerie cover the store. Valentine specials are balloon and wine gift baskets. These include balloons, a bottle of wine, wine glasses, scented candles and bath salts. Interior Design offers free delivery even on Valentine's Day.

Gardener's Eden was my last stop and like all the other stores, overflowing with valentine gifts. Their walls are lined with red, white

and pink teddy bears. They have an assortment of heart shaped boxed chocolates, fresh and silk floral arrangements, candles, gift baskets and ceramics.

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These Students Study Abroad

Several Abaco students went away in January to continue their schooling at schools abroad. We are proud to know that more of our young people are realizing that they need further education to make their dreams a reality. We wish them success and commend their parents in encouraging them. Schooling abroad is a very big expense which is difficult for many families to cope with. It means a very big adjustment to the young person no matter what school they choose.



Elizabeth Eldon is beginning her college work at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida. She is taking general courses until she decides if she wants to study law.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Stephen and Jackie Eldon of Bahama Palm Shores. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Harriet Gomez is completing her studies to receive a Master's degree in forensic science at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Harriet is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the daughter of Venable Gomez of Murphy Town.



Shenika Catherine Hepburn is in her second year at Florida Hospital College studying Nursing.

Shenika is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepburn of Crossing Rocks.



Zyandric Jones is in his second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. He is studying art and design.

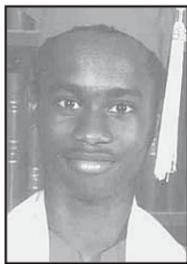
Zyandric Jones is the son of Patrice Rolle of Murphy Town and Zyandell Jones of Dundas Town. He is a graduate of Abaco central High School.

Nigel McBride is in his second year at New England Institute of Technology where he is studying computer networking technology. He is in a two year program and will receive an Associate degree in the spring.

Nigel is the son of Utlas and Linda McBride of Moore's Island. He is a graduate of Gibson High School in Nassau.

Denero McIntosh is attending the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. He is working toward an Associate degree in biochemistry.

Denero is the son of Jackson and Iva McIntosh of Dundas Town. He graduated from Government High in Nassau.



Wesley McIntosh is studying computer engineering at Derry Institute of Technology in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Success Training College in Nassau where he received an Associate degree. He is studying computer engineering at Derry.

Wesley is the son of Vernika McIntosh and Earlin McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay. He graduated from S.C. Bootle where he was the head boy.



Rashida Murray is working toward her Bachelors degree at Louisiana State Louisiana in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she is studying psychology. She received an Associate's degree in criminology from the College of the Bahamas in Nassau.

Rashida is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray of Treasure Cay. She was awarded a Prime Time Scholarship which is a full scholarship, paying all tuition, board and room and even transportation between the school and Abaco.



Keith Razul Nightingale is now attending the Honors College at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He is studying electrical engineering. He previously studied for three years at St. Petersburg Junior College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Razul is the son of Charles Nightingale of North Carolina and Alice Nightingale of Casuarina Point.

Sandra Pinder has started her college work at Florida Memorial College in Miami where she is studying accounting.

Sandra is the daughter of Lionel Pinder of Eleuthra and Fernander Pinder of Hope Town. She is a graduate of Long Bay School.



Theresa Pinder is beginning her college work at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is studying journalism.

Theresa is the daughter of Simeon Pinder of Nassau and Theresa Pinder of Casuarina Point. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Forest Heights Academy.



Sherise Latoya Rolle is in her first year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying nursing.

Sherise is the daughter of Freeland and Sharon Rolle of Cooper's Town. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Shakelah Thompson is beginning her college work at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. She is studying computer science and business.

Shakelah is the daughter of Lorraine and Leroy Thompson of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Michelle Thurston has begun her college work at the College of The Bahamas.

Michelle is the daughter of Errol Thurston of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Shemika White is attending Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida.

She is the daughter of Stanley White of Sandy Point.



Jason Wiltfang is attending Kirkwood Community College in Iowa.

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



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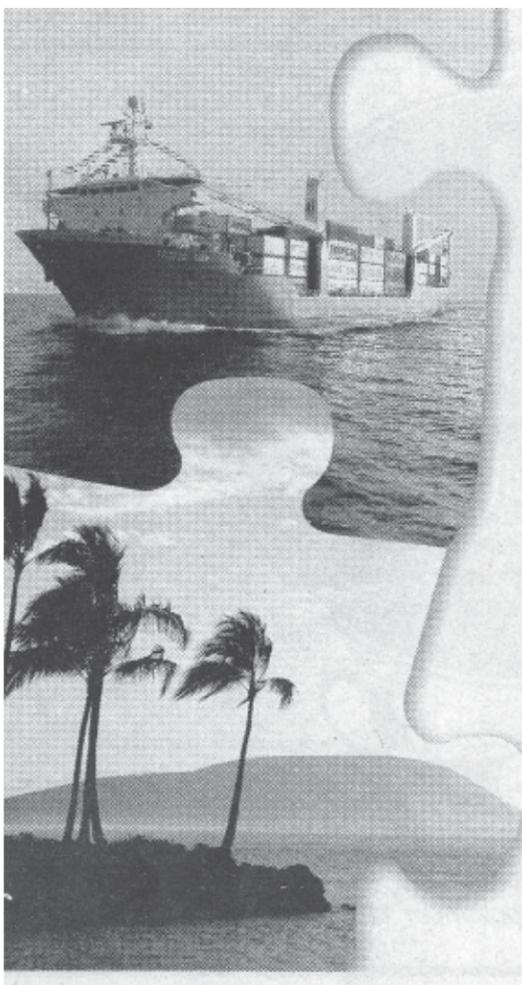
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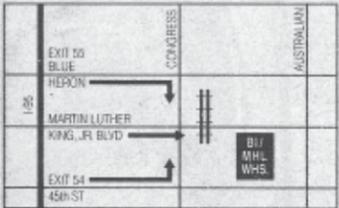
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Sports News

Surfing

By Christine McCully

On December 22 the Bahamas Amateur Surfing Association held their final event of the winter surf series. The surf was a minimal two feet with winds light and variable. Competitors turned out from Green Turtle Cay and our first competitor ever from Nassau flew in just for the event. A special thanks goes to our volunteer commodore Charlie Schoonmaker and Frankie Patrick for donating the use of their PA system. Artist Scott Patterson kindly handcrafted and donated all of the unique driftwood trophies.

The results are as follows:

Junior Men's

1. Andrew Wilhoyte
2. Christian Wilhoyte
3. Andrew Nottage
4. Chris from Green Turtle Cay

Long Board

1. Phil from Nonchalance
2. Jeff Gale
3. Robert Schoonmaker

Open Men's

1. Phil from Nonchalance
2. Ron Engle
3. Andrew Wilhoyte

Women's

1. Christine McCully
2. Jane Engle
3. Rhiannon Thomas

Oldest Competitor

Ron Engle

Youngest Competitor

S.J. Kemp

Road Race Set

By Isobel Sherman

A five-kilometer road race will be held on February 1 sponsored by the new Abaco Sports Association representing all schools in Abaco. The race will be between Central Abaco Primary in Dundas Town and Central Abaco High School in Murphy Town and is the first event of the association in the track and field area. All age groups from 8 and under to 20 can enter the race. This new sporting group headed by President Vogel Williams of Treasure Cay Primary and Vice-president Keith Greene of St Francis de Sales School has big plans for promoting sports among the children of Abaco.

COB Announces Appointment of Abaco Coordinator

The College of The Bahamas has announced that Mr. David J. Cote has been appointed as a new Family Island Centre Coordinator on Abaco. Mr. Cote has been involved in the field of education for a number of years in Canada, Nassau and Marsh Harbour.



David Cote

The College of The Bahamas Abaco office is located in the Roadrunners Bicycle Building on Forest Drive in Dundas Town. Office hours are 4

to 6 p.m on Wednesdays and Fridays. Courses and programs for Abaco are offered based on the demand and interest expressed in the community. As a general rule in an effort to ensure viability of offering, courses will be organized for 15 or more participants.

Classes for the Spring Semester 2003 began on January 10 for the Certificate in Business Administration and the Bachelor's degree in Education. Classes are held on weekends at Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town. A schedule of courses is posted at the College of The Bahamas Dundas Town office. Interested persons may call 367-2220 for further information.



The photo shows the group of surfers who competed in the Bahamas Amateur Surfing Association competition on December 22. They are, left to right, Ron Engle, Robert Schoonmaker, Christine McCully, Jeff Gale, Christian Wilhoyte, Andrew Nottage, Phil from Green Turtle Cay, S.J. Kemp, Andrew Wilhoyte, Rhiannon Thomas and Jane Engle. The surfing association is busy scheduling their spring surfing series. For more information check the web site www.basanstemp.com

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Obituaries of Relatives and Friends

Caitlin Grace Albury, 12, of Marsh Harbour passed away on January 8. Her funeral was held at New Vision Ministries on January 19. Interment was in the Garden of Memories, Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her mother Janet Albury; sister Joanne Albury; grandmothers Mollie Albury and Lily Stratton; grandfather Stewart Stratton; uncles Andy Stratton, Gurth Russell, Keith Stratton, Gil Stratton, Daren Albury and Mitchell Albury; aunts Darnelle Stratton, Clara Stratton, June Russell, Monica Albury and Michelle Albury; cousins Mike Bonnell, Gavin Russell, Chris Pinder, Sue Anne Pinder, Mandi Bonnell, Dane Stratton, Brock Stratton, Dimitri Albury, Brionna Russell, Damien Albury, Bronson Russell and Jewel Pinder; and many other relatives and friends including the students of Agape Christian School.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Agape Chrstian School.

Robin Rae Albury, 38, of Marsh Harbour passed away on January 8. His funeral was held at New Vision Ministries on January 19. Interment was in the Garden of Memories, Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Janet Albury; daughter Joanne Albury; mother Mollie Albury; brothers Daren and Mitchell Albury; mother-in-law Lily Stratton; father-in-law Stewart Stratton; sisters-in-law Darnelle Stratton, Clara Stratton, June Russell, Monica Albury and Michelle Albury; brothers-in-law Andy Stratton Gurth Russell, Keith Stratton and Gil Stratton; nieces Sue Anne Pinder, Mandi Bonnell, Brionna Russell and Jewel Pinder;

nephews Mike Bonnell, Gavin Russell, Chris Pinder, Dane Stratton, Brock Stratton, Dimitri Albury, Damien Albury and Bronson Russell; many aunts; uncles; and other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Agape Christian School.

Nicholas Eric Albury, 21, of Marsh Harbour passed away on January 8. His funeral was held at New Vision Ministries on January 19. Interment was in the Garden of Memories, Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Michelle Albury; mother Millie Albury; brothers Daren Albury and Mitchell Albury; mother-in-law Gaylene Bethel; father-in-law James Bethel; grandmother-in-law Luedean Thompson; nephews Dimitri Albury and Damien Albury; niece Joanne Albury; sisters-in-law Janet Albury, Monica Albury and Tara Sands; brother-in-law Marcus Sands; "adopted" parents Ted and Rhonda Pearce; "adopted" grandparents Freddie and Cecile Albury; many other relatives and friend.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee or New Vision Ministries.

Colonel John J. McAleer Jr., 79, retired from the US Army, died on January 10 at his home in Melbourne, Florida. He is to be buried in Hope Town next to his wife, Virginia. Services will be performed by Vernon Malone.

He retired in 1979, then spent his winters in Hope Town where he and his late wife wrote *The Genealogy of Wyannie Malone, American Loyalist and Early Settler of Hope Town* and published *The Genealogy of Nathan Key, Early Settler of Abaco,*

Bahamas. He also published several pamphlets on the burial grounds of Hope Town. During his retirement he was the Secretary and Curator of The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town.

Survivors include his sister Winifred Noyes; three children, Pamela Baines, John J. McAleer III and Linda O'Connor; and three grandchildren, Kelly Baines, Rebecca Baines and Shannon Cady.

Donations may be made to the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town.

Iris Mae Malone (nee Sands) passed away on January 22, 2003, in Nassau. She was the wife of Constable Theodore Malone



of Hope Town (deceased.) The funeral was held at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Nassau on January 28. Officiating was Rev.

Carla Culmer assisted by Rev. Ed Lacy, Bro. Sidney Pinder and Bro. Hartis Pinder.

She is survived by her children Thomas Malone, Mike Malone, Elsie Carroll, Pauline North and George Malone; daughters-in-law Sheila, Debbie and Deborah; sons-in-law William Carroll and Ronnie North; brother Bateman Sands; brother-in-law Samuel Malone; sisters-in-law Naomi Sands, Sara Cash, Lily Sands and Mavis Sands; grandchildren Laura, Brian, Kelli Ann, T.J., Kristal, Rayanne, Nicole, William Jr, Brock, Courtney, Joshua, Nathaniel, Candace and Faith; and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Simeon Leon Pinder** 80, of Sandy Point was held on January 11 at St. Martin's Anglican Church. Rev. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated and interment was in the Sandy Point Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Lottie Louise Pinder; sons Benjamin, Donald and Simeon Pinder; daughters Leanza, Beneby, Monica Adderley, Valerie Hardy, Deborah

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The funeral for **Annamae Williams**, 60, formerly of Cooper's Town was held in Nassau.

She is survived by her husband, Rupert A. Williams; sons Samuel, Audrick, Oral, Dennis and Dr. Drexel Williams; daughters Dyla Williams and Helen Thompson; brother Noel Bootle; sister Myrtle Bootle; son-in-law Pastor Daniel Thompson; daughters-in-law Beverly, Abigail, Adrienne, Rachel and Milinda; grandchildren Crystal, Audrick Jr., Sam, Audrey, Candice, Blaise, Soldier, Jeremy and Dennis Jr. Williams, Daniel and Hughon Thompson; aunts Hazel Forbes and Augusta Russell; sisters-in-law Carnetta and Anne Bootle, Vera Rigby and Hopeful Hanna; brothers-in-law Bishop Clarence Williams, James,

The funeral of **Beryl Turco**, 66, formerly of Moore's Island was held in Freeport.

She is survived by daughters Pandora Mitchell, Meldora Rodgers and Ann Burrows; son Clyde Feaster; grandchildren Margaret, Victoria and Ricardo Mitchell, Monique Jones, Clynton Adderley, Obediah Rolle, Anastacia Stuart, Renardo, Revardo, Rokeisha and Rodeisha Cooper, Kermit, Racquel and Andrea Feaster, Shanel and Stephon Rodgers, Steven and Kelly Burrows; great-grandchildren; sons-in-law Steve Rodgers and Steven Burrows; daughter-in-law Barbara Cooper and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Joyce Norene Malone**, 61, was on January 10 in Nassau. She is survived by her husband Bobby Malone; son Scott Malone; daughter-in-law Laureen Malone; grandson Richard Scott Malone, Jr.; granddaughter Richea Malone; mother Joyce Sands; sisters Betty Lobosky, Gaylene Gonzalez and Audrey Sattem; brother David Sands; brothers-in-law Paul Sattem and James Wendell Malone; sisters-in-law Yvonne Malone and Joan Higgs; and many other relatives and friends.

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Church News

Awana Club Meetings

By Portia Jonsson

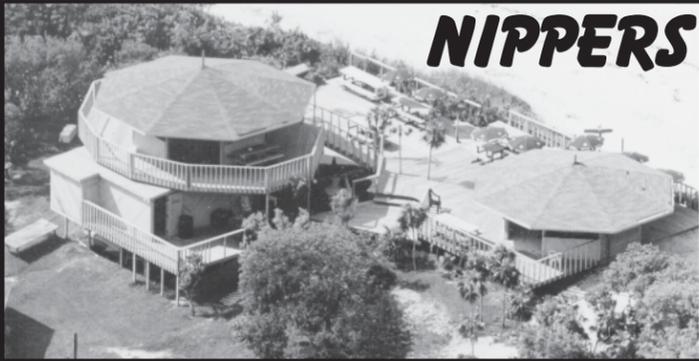
Weekly meetings for Awana resumed at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel on January 21st. AWANA (Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed) is held every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 5-12. Its main goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

There are three groups in Awana, namely the Sparks ages 5-7 (co-ed), T&T Girls ages 8-12 and T&T Boys ages 8-12. The evening is divided into three ses-

sions for each group which include games, handbook and counsel time.

A fund raiser in the form of a "hamburger and hotdog night" is scheduled for February 4th in order to defray expenses. Awana games between the Green Turtle Cay Awana group and the Marsh Harbour Awana group are planned for late March.

Commander of the Awana Club in Marsh Harbour is Troy Albury, Secretary is Cecile Albury, Director of Sparks is Farah Cartwright, Director of T&T Girls is Ruth Saunders and Director of T&T Boys is Andy Stratton. For further information contact Mrs. Cecile Albury at 367-4777.

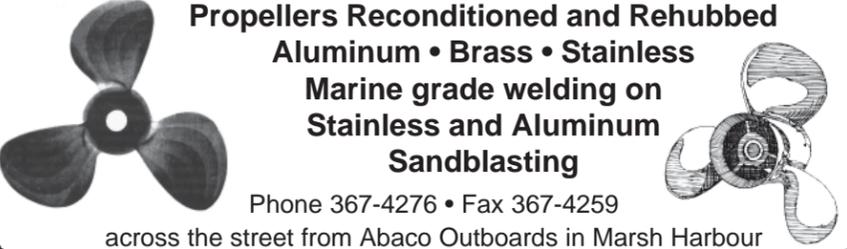


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Friends Makes Major Changes

The Hope Town based *Friends of the Environment* recently felt they needed to expand their mandate and enlarge their membership. To accomplish they chose to pass the leadership to a new team and move the organization from Hope Town to Marsh Harbour. The new board retains several past members for continuity. Neither the old or new board felt changes in the organization's outlook were needed but conceded that based in Marsh Harbour presented opportunities for expansion of members and goals not easily accomplished by being based in Hope Town.

Being located in Marsh Harbour gives the organization a larger presence which they hope translates to more accomplishments.

The board will meet monthly at the Chamber of Commerce office in Marsh Harbour. Arrangements are being made for a phone in FRIENDS name to be located in the Chamber office. Mrs. Anita Knowles, the Chamber secretary, will answer the phone and work part time for FRIENDS.

Friends Elects Board

Friends of the Environment met January 23, 2003, and elected new officers and board members for 2003-2005. They are: President Erin Lowe-Pagliaro; Vice-President Michael Albury; Secretary Anita Knowles; Treasurer Lory Kenyon; Recording Secretary Kitty Clarke; Education Nancy Burnett; Membership Nan Kenyon; Directors John Harold Bethell, Anthony Bostwick, Diane

Claridge, David Knowles, Skeet LaChance, Deb Patterson and Al Quigley.

Friends of the Environment is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education and awareness of the fragility of the environment on Abaco and the surrounding cays and waters. Their motto is "The greatest good for the greatest number of people for the longest period of time."

Friends welcomes all residents and visitors to the area. There are 178 active members whose donations have supported school and public education programs, local environmental field trips for students and the Abaco wide distribution of information regarding the invasive Hawaiian Sea Grape plant.

Friends raised money and arranged for the installation and ongoing maintenance of 34 moorings at the Fowl Cay and Sandy Cay Land and Sea Parks.

A well attended Friends workshop in April 2002 resulted in a waste oil collection program and an effort to increase awareness of styrofoam alternatives. Adopt-A-Dolphin and ongoing promotion of marine mammal research, protection of the wild

horses of Abaco as well as Bahama parrot research are promoted by Friends.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Friends or taking an active part in environmental work on Abaco, telephone 367-5358 or contact any board member. You may visit the Friends website: www.abacos.com/friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for March 15, 2003. Dance to the tunes of the Modern Vintage Band at the third annual Reef Ball to be held at the Abaco Beach Resort. It not only is a great way to support Abaco's environment, but it is one of the outstanding social events of the year. See you there!

Police Sponsored Competition



The Royal Bahamas Police Force of Abaco sponsored an essay and spelling bee competition for the students of Abaco schools. They held an award ceremony on January 18 in Dundas Town. The Commissioner of Police Paul Farquharson was the key note speaker who presented the awards. The winner of the essay competition was Rachel Smith, who won the essay competition last year also. COP Farquharson made her an officer for the night by placing an officer's cap on her head. Shown above are, left to right, ASP Leeland Russell, Officer in Charge of the Abaco District, Rachel Smith, Commissioner of Police Paul Farquharson, Brittany Sawyer, third place winner of the essay competition, and Mr. Alexander Dean, District Superintendent of Education. In the front are the three spelling bee winners, Archelette McDonald in second place, Taj Anderson in third place and Wenzel Laroda in first place..

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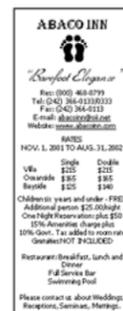
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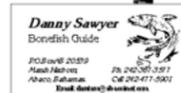
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Police Report

As Reported to The Abaconian

A Marsh Harbour resident was assaulted on January 6 near a food store in Marsh Harbour by a man who hit him with a piece of lumber, injuring his arm and chest. While trying to escape, another man fired a gun in his direction.

Two men from The Mud were arrested on January 7 for possession of suspected cocaine and marijuana with the intent to supply and possession of an unlicensed revolver as well as charges of housebreaking, stealing and receiving.

A man from The Mud was arrested on January 7 for stealing and receiving.

Classic Coin Laundry was broken into on January 10. Cleaning supplies and snack food were stolen valued at \$105.70.

The American Bridge office was broken into on January 10 and three cameras were stolen, a digital Samsung valued at \$150, a digital Kodak camera valued at \$300 and a digital Sony camera valued at \$500.

A Dundas Town man reported on January 10 that someone stole his Chevy Blazer. He later discovered it parked on a side street in Dundas Town.

A Crossing Rocks man reported that a man he knew broke into house on January 11 and stole \$2100.

A Crown Haven woman reported that someone broke into her house and stole clothing, a clothes hamper, groceries and tennis shoes.

A Marsh Harbour man reported on January 12 that a boy assaulted him while walking on Crockett Drive and pulled out a twin blade knife or clipper.

A resident of The Mud reported on January 13 that someone broke into his house and stole a jar containing \$100 worth of coins.

A resident of Pigeon Peas reported that sometime during the month of November she was struck with a rock while inquiring about a fight her son was in. The assault left her unconscious. The assailant left for Freeport but has since returned.

A woman from The Mud was assaulted on January 15 by a man she knew who threw a block through a window and began breaking other windows. He pulled out a knife and threatened to kill her. He slammed her to the ground and began beating her with his fist.

Abaco Distributors was broken into on January 16. A Panasonic CD Walkman valued at \$141 and a portable AM/FM CD player valued at \$180 were stolen.

A fish house in Crown Haven was broken into on January 15. A compressor valued at \$2000 and two 40-pound bags of crawfish valued at \$400 were stolen.

A man from The Bight, Moore's Island was charged on January 17 with possession of a marijuana cigarette which police found in the ashtray of his truck.

A Moore's Island woman was charged on January 17 with possession of suspected marijuana found in her house.

A Guana Cay resident reported on January 20 that during September and October someone made a number of phone calls on his home phone to Haiti and Nassau totaling \$298.80.

A Crown Haven man reported on January 20 that a man he knew from Fox Town went to his residence and knocked out two of his teeth. He threatened to return and kill him.

The government doctor in Marsh Harbour examined a 14-year-old girl whom he discovered was two months pregnant.

Boaters Urged to Use Waters with Care

The Department of Environmental Health Services appeals to all boaters to do so with care, refraining from discharging wastes or petroleum products into the water. "These," the department said, "cause lasting damage to marine life and make the water less than sanitary for bathers and hazardous for persons who rely on seawater for replenishing pools and aquaria."

The department asked all boaters in Bahamian waters to use land-based facilities for disposal of all waste and garbage.

The department requested boaters report

all incidences of marine contamination to the Environmental Health office at 367-4697 or the Port Department at 367- 2934.

This notice came to us through the Bahamas Information Services and would indicate that government is beginning to consider our surrounding waters as a valuable asset. Although the thrust of the material seemed to be directed to Nassau and Freeport, we presume that these considerations are intended to be observed for Abaco waters.

Cable Bahamas Continues to Expand

Fox Town and Crown Haven now enjoy cable television service from Cable Bahamas. The company continues to expand on Abaco as it is throughout the Bahamas. Last year several communities saw cable for the first time. These included Spring City, Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point, Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point. Earlier in the year Cedar Harbour received cable television.

Cable Bahamas introduced their Coral Wave Internet service in Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Man-O-War and Hope Town last year also. The internet service has been well received as Coral Wave offers fast and reliable service. The Internet service is accessed by submarine fibre optic cable

This year Cable Bahamas will continue expanding their services on Abaco.

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Salaried Workers' Coop Holds Financial Workshops

A Nassau team from the Teachers and Salaried Workers Cooperative Credit Union Limited came to Abaco to give a presentation in Cooper's Town and in Marsh Harbour. Dr. E.J. Bowe, Deputy General Manager, and Ms. Sophie Moss, Loans Manager, gave those attending the January 24 meetings reasons for joining the coop. Aiding in the presentation was Ms. Yvonne Sweeting, manager of the Abaco office.

Everyone can save money, but in reality few people do, they said. Joining the coop makes savings a regular part of a person's financial picture as savings are deducted each week by their employer and sent to the credit union. Systematic savings are enforced since the employer forwards a set amount to the Credit Union each payday. This money can then be used to secure loans for vacations, automobiles, education and mortgages. Fixed deposits are presently paying six percent for a one year CD which is much higher than current bank rates.

This national credit union now has over 10,000 members and over \$53 million in assets. The credit union offers many services of a commercial bank including savings accounts, loans and they issue credit cards as well as other services. They do not provide checking services. Individual savings are insured to \$7500 while individual loans are insured to \$30,000.

Mr. Bowe and Ms. Moss explained how applicants can use the facilities to purchase a lot in the new Central Pines Estates and have between five and 10 years to make the payments.

The Marsh Harbour office, managed by Ms. Yvonne Sweeting, is looking forward to working with local persons wanting to purchase land and obtain a mortgage for a house in the new Dundas Town subdivision. They are offering a three-month Abaco property purchase special to give prospective homeowner's an opportunity to get a mortgage for land and a house.



Two officials of the Teachers and Salaried Workers Cooperative Credit Union from Nassau held two meetings on Abaco on January 24 to encourage people to save toward purchasing land and building homes. The coop can help finance any major undertaking their members want. Shown above are, left to right, Ms. Yvonne Sweeting, manager of the Abaco Cooperative office, Ms. Sophie Moss, Loans Manager, and Mr. E.J. Lowe, Deputy General Manager.

Club News

Rotary News

By Portia Jonsson

Gala Valentine's Ball Is Scheduled

The Rotary Club of Abaco has planned a Gala Valentine's Ball for February 14th at the Abaco Beach Resort. This ball is one of the club's major fund raisers and a crowd of approximately 200 persons is expected. The night promises to be filled with fun and prizes. Dance the night away to the sounds of live band "Impact." There will be a buffet and free bar for one hour. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any Rotarian. For further information please contact Ms. Joyce Beneby at 367-2420, Ms. Vanria Lightbourn at 367-2010 or Mr. Barry Whiting at 367-3712. Proceeds from this ball will benefit Rotary charities.

Rotary Club's Benefit Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Abaco will be staging its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament called the "Texas Scramble" on January 25th at the Treasure Cay Golf course. It is anticipated that this event will draw 60 to 70 golfers of varying expertise. This expectation stems from the success of last year's tournament which provided both fun and challenge for all skill levels. Golfers from Freeport, Nassau and visiting tourists will

be taking part in this benefit tournament.

This year's prize for the first hole-in-one will be a brand new 2003 Honda FIT car. Closest to the pin on the front nine will win a Caribbean cruise for two and closest to the pin on the back nine will win a four day trip for two to Cuba. Other prizes for the longest drives on both front and back nines will be two cases of refreshments, compliments of Burns House. Dinner will follow at the Spinnaker Restaurant, Treasure Cay.

The Rotary wishes to acknowledge with thanks the generosity of those individuals and businesses that make this tournament possible. Particular thanks, however, must go to Robert Pinder, David Williams and the Treasure Cay staff who play such a pivotal role in the tournament's organization.

The proceeds from this tournament will benefit Rotary charities.

Helping to Eradicate Polio

The Rotary Club of Abaco has pledged to raise \$6,000 towards Rotary Internationals Polio Plus program. This mammoth project, having already achieved remarkable success, hopes to eliminate polio from the world by the year 2005. Throw-away bottles donated by Island Delight will be placed in banks, churches and various other places in an effort to raise funds. With our communities' generous support, the lives of thousands of children might be spared a devastating paralysis or even death.

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The Abaco Tourist Office hosted an unprecedented three Bahamahost Sessions in the past few months. The 17th Abaco session was held nightly in Marsh Harbour on November 18-30, 2002. The 18th and 19th Abaco sessions were held simultaneously on January 13-25, 2003. The 18th was held in day and evening sessions in Hope Town and the 19th was nightly sessions in Treasure Cay.

The graduation ceremony for all three sessions will be held on January 26th at Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour.

The Bahamahost program is designed to assist all those in contact with our visitors.

It brings an appreciation of Bahamian culture, gives a background of the history and geography of the country, stresses the importance of tourism and the relation of tourism to our economy, encourages courtesy, suggests how to present oneself well and how to interact with different visitors and suggests appropriate attitudes when dealing with visitors. It is designed for government staff such as customs and immigration as well as taxi drivers, hotel and resort personnel, shop keepers and anyone else interested. Taxi drivers are required to take the course every five years.

Pinder's Ferry Offers Service to Grand Bahama



This is one of four boats which the Pinder's Ferry Service uses in their service between Crown Haven and McLean's Town, Grand Bahama. The boats are all outboards because of the shallow water getting into McLean's Town. Many Abaconians enjoy the service which gets them to Grand Bahama and can connect with boat transportation to Florida.

Murray's Gas Station Burned



Murray's gas station and shop in Fire Road burned early in January. Only the walls remain. The North Abaco Volunteer Fire Department responded to the 11 p.m. fire with their tank truck. However, when they used up their water, they had to go all the way to Treasure Cay to refill the truck. They are hoping to get a water source in the Cooper's Town area soon.

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Panel Will Study Special Education at National Level

A national Special Education panel to be named soon by the Minister of Education, according to Ms. Veronica Owens, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education. The committee will be charged with finding ways to the improve special education in The Bahamas.

"One of the greatest accomplishments in The Bahamas has been to provide access by all Bahamians to quality primary and secondary education," said Ms Owens. "Admittedly, the access of children and adults to special education has not been addressed with the same degree of success as education for the general population. We in the government and the Ministry of Education recognize that The Bahamas is at the place in its development where it must utilize the talents of its citizens of all abilities."

Several key issues impact the provision and expansion of special education in the country, she said. First among these was the matter of inclusion. Should children with disabilities be placed in mainstream schools?

The inaccessibility of school and public facilities to the physically challenged is another practical concern, she said. The present compulsory ages of school enrollment may restrict the provision of education to special children, Ms. Owens said. The Minister of Education is obligated under the law to provide for the educational needs of all children between the ages of five and 16.

Ms. Owens said the National Special Education Committee will address these issues and others to see how the government can attain its goal to provide special education that enables the physically and mentally challenged child and adult to live and work with dignity in The Bahamas.

She said the Minister of Education will announce in short order the appointment of a National Education Committee to review the entire educational system, presenting a comprehensive national educational policy for consideration by the people and government of The Bahamas.

Fire Safety Tips for Brush Fires

The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

As the brush fire season approaches, it is important for members of the general public to be advised on the laws as it relates to fire safety.

It is against the laws of The Bahamas for a person to light a fire anywhere other than in the confines of their kitchen without the expressed written consent of the Commissioner of Police who is the fire authority for The Bahamas. Persons found guilty of committing will be prosecuted.

The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has compiled fire safety tips for the season.

1. Avoid open burning completely, especially during dry season.
2. Properly extinguish all smoking materials before discarding them.
3. Never discard bottles into the bushes as this can start a fire during dry season.
4. Regularly dispose of all dry leaves,

dead limbs and rubbish at an approved dump site.

5. Store all flammable liquids, solvents and materials in metal containers at least 30 feet from structures.

6. Trim all grass on a regular basis up to 100 feet surrounding your home.

7. Clear a 10 feet area around propane tanks and barbecue grills. Landscape your property with fire resistant plants and vegetation to reduce rapid spread of fire.

9. Remove all branches that extend over roof and chimney outlets.

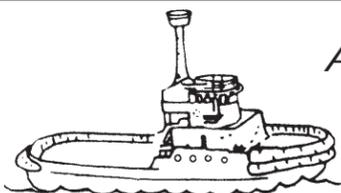
10. Ask the power company to clear all branches away from power lines.

11. Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home.

12. Never stand under a tree or play with water during a thunder storm.

13. Install a smoke detector on all levels of your home, especially in sleeping areas.

14. Have an escape plan in the event of an emergency.



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Hope T Villas 3 hse + 366-0030

Island Colours + 366-0290

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154

Sea Gull Cottages 3 hse + 366--266

Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065

Tanny Key 30 hse + 366-0053

Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hue 366-3121

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048

Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241

Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158

Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719

Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227

Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460

Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022

Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980

Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000

D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980

Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonfish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139

Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonfishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500

Banyan Beach Resort 21 rm 365-8111

Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Walker's Cay

Walker's Cay Resort 353-1252

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villas 365-2222

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Visitors' Guide



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Emergency Services	
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 passenger 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 Moxey	\$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
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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
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TC Hotel to Moxey	\$10 + \$5
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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, return 3:30 \$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	366-0431
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 Rentals	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
Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6241
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
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Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
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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

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	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Murphy Town	
Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy	367-5331
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Boat House	\$\$ 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Carlton's Island Grill	\$\$ 366-0253
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

Local Government at Work



Central Abaco Licensing Auth. 2 Jan 02

Restaurant and bar licenses requiring annual renewal were reviewed with many not in compliance with the regulations. Due to interrupted governmental services over the holidays, it was concluded that no action would be taken against those with expired licenses until the next scheduled meeting. All establishments will be admonished to bring their licenses to current requirements or face possible shut-down. This refers to any shortcomings noted by Environmental Health, Works or the Police during their annual inspection.

All establishments with deficiencies must correct these items, then request the relevant department to make an inspection and issue a letter of compliance so the license can be renewed.

Most new applications were deferred until the next meeting since many of the required inspections by Environmental Health, Works Department or the Police had not been made due to holiday interruptions.

It was noted that there is no public bulletin board in several communities making the public posting of applications difficult. Notices are to be posted publically at the Local Government office on the second floor of Dove Plaza. The installation of public bulletin boards are on Central Abaco District Council's agenda but no action has been taken yet.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm. 7 Jan 03

Discussion on the Mud and Pigeon Peas immigrant slum areas did not reach any

conclusion.

Two companies have been identified dumping garbage on Power Line Road connecting the S.C. Bootle Highway with the airport roundabout. They have been asked to remove their trash and dispose of it legally.

When asked why the Christmas lights never materialized, Mrs. Yvonne Key said it would have required five electric meters and five deposits of \$250 which was not available. Administrator Williams asked to be included in this next year as government puts up Christmas lights in other places and he can assist with the electrical connections.

Parking at Crossing Beach was brought up with various ideas to reduce the congestion. One is to get the workmen to car-pool while another was to implement a parking fee. Effort will be made to get the commuters to car-pool.

A \$5000+ electric bill for Spring City basketball court will be left unpaid. This is a standing problem government must resolve about parks, playgrounds and ball courts around the country.

Marsh Harbour will have the use of a waterfront site comprised of several acres between the new port and the Abaco Outboard boat storage yard. Several people will be consulted about the optimum plan or use the town could expect from this site.

During a community clean-up before Christmas, four dump truck loads of trash were taken to the dump plus several junked cars and a derelict boat. Many businesses cooperated in the clean-up by cleaning their buildings around the sides and behind which frequently gets overlooked.

A discussion followed on asking businesses in town to pave their parking lots.

Dundas Town Meeting 8 Jan. 03

Administrator Williams and Chairman Cay Mills waited more than an hour for a quorum which did not materialize so there was no meeting.

Hotel Licensing 15 Jan 03

A main topic was the number of hotels delinquent in remitting the hotel tax to government. This revenue is collected when guests settle their account on departure and is not money the hotel is entitled to keep. This money is to be submitted to the Administrator's office by the middle of each month.

However, some hotels are as much as a year in arrears in submitting this to government. One hotel recently sent a check for \$30,000 on request by a visit from the Licensing chairman.

A letter will go to all delinquent hotels. Then if the accounts are not brought up to date, the Attorney General's office will be notified for further action.

The floating hotel, often seen docked at Port O-Call Marina in Marsh Harbour, sub-

mitted a license application which was deferred. The owners/operators were present and were advised that permission was needed from the Prime Minister's office since the operation was foreign owned. They need to resolve the duty status on the boat before a license can be considered locally. The owners are hoping to receive an exemption based on the exemption granted hotels.

The vessel is laid out with eight private rooms, each with a private bath, a common lounge with a TV theater, kitchen to prepare breakfast and dinner and extensive water sports equipment.

The concept is to take guests through Abaco Sound stopping at water front restaurants for lunch or dinner when appropriate. The boat is waterjet powered and can travel in very shallow water.

Marsh Harbour 21 Jan 03

This meeting was called to lay the groundwork for the 2003 - 2004 budget submission.

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Marsh Harbour-#0167- 3/2 house in Cove Estates, well kept and can be sold furnished or unfurnished. Great Price-Call today.



Guana Cay- #1386- 18,590 sq.ft vacant lot with deeded dock slip on Boat Harbour. \$90,000

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

Man-O-War Cay- 1/1 charming cottage with extra upstairs sleeping loft. Newly renovated, well kept and conveniently located.-\$140,500

Hope Town- Lucayos-10,000 sq. ft lot with sea views. Private and quiet area \$99,000

Guana Cay- Several parcels of magnificent beachfront property available. Call for prices.

Marsh Harbour- Two, 2/1 apartments for sale, 1/1 efficiency in the rear also, fairly new appliances, furnished, fenced yard.-\$228,000

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

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

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.

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

Bahama Palm Shores-various vacant lots available, call for more information. Starting at \$5,500

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

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



Palm Ridge-#0170- 2/1 home that offers total privacy and seclusion and offers 100' of beach frontage. Sits on 3+/- acres of lovely property. Close to Little Harbour and Cherokee Sound. \$455,000



Marsh Harbour- 4/2 house centrally located in prime commercial area. This building would be ideal for a commercial venture such as office building, retail store, medical building etc. \$245,000



Guana Cay-#0195-vacant beach front lot available, running 70' on the magnificent beach by 250' deep. \$240,000

Guana Cay- 4/2 home perched high on a bluff in Boat Harbour, the living area features an open floor plan and presents fantastic views of the Sea of Abaco. Also has a 1/1 apartment on the lower level.-\$699,000

Local Government at Work



Local Govt. *From Page 30*

sion for Marsh Harbour. It will predominately follow last year's figures. Marsh Harbour has operated with a very tight budget for the past several years with little room to maneuver.

Several areas of responsibility have grown significantly and figures will be revised to allow for these. Two these are the Sweeting Tract with approximately 30 houses and Mud and Pigeon Peas with hundreds of houses. Local government is mandated to provide garbage collection to residences.

The 2000 census gave these two Haitian immigrant communities approximately 1500 legal residents which could translate to over 300 households generating trash.

One other area to be provided for is the upkeep of the new freight dock area. There is currently no provision for the maintenance of this facility. It is expected to be turned over to government within the next month or two. Traditionally local government would be asked to provide janitorial services and supplies, arrange for trash collection and provide other services.

Since this is a new facility, it is not known exactly what to provide for financially. The Committee will submit figures to provide for services as they understand the need.

The Committee will also acquire several acres on the water front adjacent to the new dock for a park which must be maintained and restrooms cleaned.

Central Abaco Town Planning 27 Jan 03

Nine applications valued at \$1.7 million had been posted for the December 16 meeting which was not held. Thirteen additional applications valued at \$2.5 million had been recently posted and were before the board for approval.

Most of the applications were of a routine residential nature. Abaco Markets submitted plans for renovating the store front of the Solomon's Abaco building, estimated to cost \$180,000. It appeared that the building will be renamed Golden Harvest Supermarket. A new entranceway will be added to give the building a softer look. A food court will be incorporated in the entrance area and the parking will be redesigned with landscaping. This was approved.

A residence scheduled for Central Pines Estates was deferred as the construction method was new to this area and not clearly

stated. It was not clear that it conformed to the Bahamas Building code with reference to wind loads. More information will be sought.

The meeting stopped at 9 p.m. as pre-terminated by the members. All remaining applications not reviewed will be considered at a continuation meeting February 4.

AA Meetings

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

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

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On Green Turtle Cay:
The beach: • 1.46 acres on Atlantic Ocean. 135' on beach. *\$480,000*
 • Two one-third acre lots on Bight O Bay beach. 90' frontage. Close to town and public dock.
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Authorities Cracking Down on Garbage Dumping

Beginning last month the Department of Environmental Health Services and the Royal Bahamas Police Force initiated a new surveillance program in New Providence to discourage indiscriminate dumping of garbage that results in pollution and the degra-

ation of the environment, Mr. Ron Pinder, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Environmental Services, has announced.

"This new initiative of the ministry along with the Royal Bahamas Police Force will offer greater environmental protection," said Mr. Pinder. "We are purposefully making members of the public aware of this new initiative because we seek the full co-operation of the general public in preserving the health of the environment in the best interests of public safety."

"The public," he added, "is reminded that it is a punishable offence to deposit or dispose of garbage and any other refuse material at any time other than at an appropriate, approved waste disposal facility."

"The indiscriminate dumping of garbage and solid waste material carries with it the penalty of up to \$1,000 on conviction of a first offence or a nine-month prison term or both and up to \$5,000 or one-year imprisonment for a second conviction."

"The government of The Bahamas has provided facilities for disposing of garbage and other solid wastes, as well as liquid wastes, in a safe and sanitary manner."

"Members of the public and in particular those persons who have demonstrated a propensity to dump liquid or solid waste indiscriminately are hereby warned to take notice that steps are now being taken to intensify enforcement of the law in this re-

gard. Any person found engaging in illegal dumping activity will be prosecuted according to the law.

"We would prefer not to bring prosecution proceedings against anyone. But this new PLP administration remains committed to our responsibility to the Bahamian people. We are determined to carry out our mandate of improved environmental protection and quality enhancement."

"I am hopeful that we will get overwhelming public co-operation and support to environmental restoration, environmental maintenance and environmental protection," he added.

Mr. Carlton Smith, Chief Health Inspector in the Department of Environmental Health Services, said the department and the Police Department are aware that during Christmastime there would be purchases of new furniture and appliances for the homes, and though they are intensifying the programme in January, they would be on the lookout for persons illegally dumping old refrigerators and other appliances.

"The position is that we will put this new initiative into effect by carrying out night-time surveillance in a more formal sense," Mr. Smith said.

"The police and ourselves will be monitoring particular areas on a consistent basis on a more sustained basis. So we will be on the lookout for those persons who might be tempted at this yuletide season to get rid of

solid waste. But we encourage them not to do so. One of the things we would have done in the past, and we can stress it at this stage, is to encourage those persons who are purchasing furniture, appliances to consult with persons from whom they are purchasing to take the old ones at the same time and have them properly disposed of."

Pratt *From Page 3*

school facility. The principal's office is vacant and will be converted into a new police office in Crown Haven.

During renovations to the office, the restroom will be restored for police and pre-school use.

Additionally, the vacant teacher's duplex will be renovated for use by a Sargent and two constables who will be stationed in there. Renovations are expected to be complete for a formal opening in early February.

Crown Haven is becoming an important access point for Abaco with the ferry service between there and McLean's Town on Grand Bahama, and it is felt that a police presence is needed. Besides the human traffic, there is an increase in vehicles on the roads in town. Residents frequently complain these vehicles zoom through town trying to meet the ferry schedule.

While on Abaco Mrs. Pratt was taken on a quick drive into the Mud and Pigeon Peas to get a view of these two communities in the center of Marsh Harbour.

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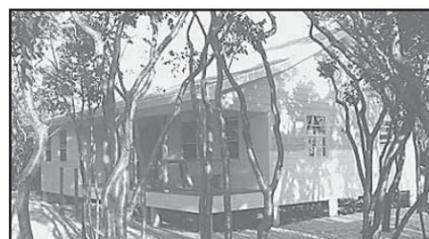


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The Bahamas Cooperative League Limited held a training program in Nassau during January. Ms. Shirley Swain from the Abaco Agricultural Cooperative attended the workshop with a theme of *Train the Trainer*. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Kenneth Harvey from Barbados from the Caribbean Development Bank.

The program was for persons from the Public Treasure, the Bahamas Development Bank and ZNS.

Abaco Musician New Releases CD

Don't Touch It! If You Can't Handle It! is the title of the newest CD that Stone McEwan has released. It is also the name of his second

solo album, the first being *Throw It Out*. The new album features a variety of musical styles including reggae and calypso. Some of the song titles are *Shake It UP, Do Me, Stay with Me*. The CD was already released in England.

Mr. McEwan now makes his home in Central Abaco and is a regular entertainer at some of the restaurants and clubs in the area. He is encouraging Bahamians to support local entertainers. He would like to see more of the music on local radio station be of Bahamian artists. He lived in Nassau and Freeport before moving to Abaco.

School

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Davis is well known in the national sporting circles in the Bahamas and especially in Freeport. Prior to coming to Abaco, Mrs. Davis taught at Freeport Primary School for 12 years. She has a love of sports and a love for children, especially the younger junior school children. Mrs. Davis quickly formed a junior baseball team and track and field teams for both boys and girls. She spends her lunch hours practicing with the

teams. No one is cut from the teams. Already the baseball team traveled to Freeport for some games and for exposure as Mrs. Davis puts it.

She took some students to Treasure Cay to compete in the three-kilometer road race held there in October where her junior girls literally ran away with the prizes. The boys got some prizes, too.

Mrs. Davis has brought greater dimension to sports at Abaco Central High School. Her husband, Lynden, helps to coach the Abaco Central High School Mighty Marlins basketball team.

Report Card Day a Great Success

Close to 98 percent of the parents of students at Abaco Central High School picked up their children's report cards on National Report Card Day on January 10. The response by parents was fantastic.

Off to Hugh Campbell Tour.

The Abaco Central High School Mighty Marlins basketball team is headed for the Hugh Campbell Basketball Tournament in New Providence on February 25. The team is soliciting donations to defray the cost of the trip. Any person interested in making a donation can contact Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of the school.

South

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involved in an automobile accident on the Cherokee road with an American Bridge Company vehicle.

Her vehicle being the smaller truck nearly turned over from the impact and when it finally stopped spinning, Wendy was thankful to have escaped any serious injury. But her truck received extensive damages and is a complete write-off. The accident occurred at the place in the road referred to as the "S" curves. The three passengers in the other truck were unhurt. However, their larger vehicle came away with hardly a scratch.

We were told that when "the police" were summoned to report the accident, the caller was informed that the police Jeep was unavailable at that time. Do they only have one Jeep?



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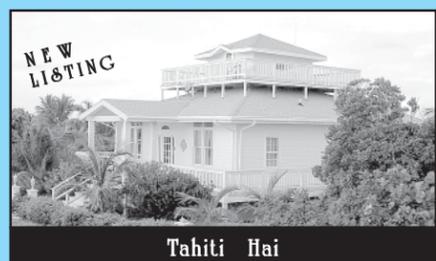
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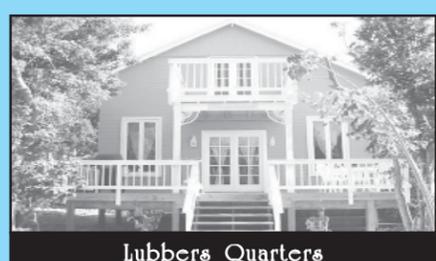
MARSH HARBOUR - Great investment opportunity. 7 apartments comprising 6 units with 2 bed 1 bath, approx. 675 sq. ft. each and 1 bed 1 bath, approx. 575 sq. ft. All apartments are furnished and air-conditioned. Good monthly income. Nicely landscaped lot with mature trees. Well situated in a great location. \$795,000. □1669



ELBOW CAY - NEW LISTING - "Tahiti Hai" - Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Dorros Cove, 1530 sq. ft., central A/C, wrap around deck, steps away from Tahiti Beach, dock access, separate gardener's accommodations. Panoramic view of Atlantic Ocean, Tilloo Cut and Sea of Abaco. Priced to sell: \$960,000. □1640



ELBOW CAY - Dorros Cove - "Summer Winds" - Newly renovated, spacious 3/2 oceanfront house. Excellent for entertaining - awesome view of the Atlantic, heated pool, large deck, water maker, generator, central a/c, 2-car garage, close proximity to Tahiti Beach, tastefully decorated, fully furnished, private dock slip \$1,290,000. #1427.



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

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ELBOW CAY - North End - Large building site with ocean view near sandy beach. \$114,000.

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

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News

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what is best for our community, I have learned how to separate myself from any partisan political views when it comes to performing local government duties.

Sixth, you reportedly said, "Take for example the Chief Councillor on Man-O-War Cay who happens to be the brother of the Member of Parliament for South Abaco and owns twelve or more docks on the only piece of available Crown Land on Man-O-War Cay with an extended approval to build additional docks as needed." On this one, you managed to get part of it right. I am Chief Councillor and I am the brother of the M P for South Abaco. Regarding my ownership of twelve or more docks with extended approval to build more. Well, Senator Key, I invite you to please come show me where I can find just one of these, much less twelve. I suspect that you are referring to our community docks on Crown Land bordering the creek. These have been built for the benefit of the Man-O-War community through private financing and fund raising. They are duly registered and licensed in the name of Man-O-War Local Government. They are assigned based upon

the need of community residents on a first come, first serve basis. With regard to dock use, we are an equal opportunity community without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or political affiliation.

Senator Key, it is unfortunate that you seem to have an agenda to discredit all that is good for a community if it does not support your political views. But, please Sir, before expounding upon volatile and controversial matters from that honorable place again, have a little dignity and get your facts straight. This behavior is a grave embarrassment, not to us for we know the facts, but to you and to your political party. You see, we expect better of you than to use that honorable place to falsely accuse members of the public.

In conclusion, I would hope that you would be more guarded in what you would utter from that place and seek a more reliable source of information when it relates to the good people of Man-O-War and the persons they chose to represent them. I take the liberty of enclosing a written history of the Man-O-War garbage situation for your edification.

I would be delighted to meet with you and discuss some of these issues so that you may have a better understanding of what

are the actual facts relating to Local Government on Man-O-War.

I await your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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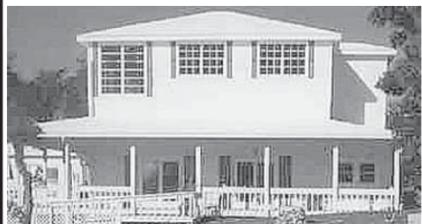
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