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## Winding Bay Project Is Approved \$140 Million Resort Near Cherokee Sound Breaks Ground



The developer of Winding Bay, Mr. Peter de Savary, second from left, is explaining details of his project near Cherokee Sound. Discussing the project with him are, left to right, the Hon. Allison Maynard-Gibson, Minister of Financial Services and Investments, Mr. Neville Adderly, who is Mr. de Savary's lawyer, and Mr. Robert Sweeting, Member of Parliament for South Abaco. The Heads of Agreement papers were signed on May 16 and work commenced on May 19 at the site. The first phase is due to be completed by November 2004. See story about Cherokee Sound meeting on page 4

The Winding Bay project got underway May 19 when several small parcels of land were cleared. This followed the signing of Heads of Agreement papers on May 16 between Mr. Peter de Savary and the Bahamas government. Mr. de Savary lost no time in getting started as he promised. Phase I of the project is expected to be completed by November 2004 which will include an 18-hole "tropical links" golf course, a club house and several other features.

The project will eventually include 55 beach-front and ocean-ridge houses and 75 Bahamian style ocean ridge cottages which will be part of a rental pool to accommodate visitors. The club house will offer food and beverage services as well as an executive retreat facility. There will be 20 additional rooms for guests near the clubhouse. The resort will offer many features including equestrian activities, a European-style spa, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a boat dock, a golf teaching and practice academy, a sporting clays course and several shops. Other activities to be offered will include fishing, bonefishing, badminton, croquet, water sports, sailing and boating.

Mr. de Savary assured the town meeting that the resort will be environmentally sensitive and will have only sand roads for foot,

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## Two Towns Will Get New Clinics

The Minister of Health, the Hon. Marcus Bethel, has announced in the House of Assembly that a clinic will be built in Sandy Point and Grand Cay. These will be financed by the National Insurance Board. Other Family Islands will also benefit from new clinics.

The Ministry has a severe shortage of nurses and is promoting their trained clinical nurse program which trains auxiliaries, attendants and health aides. That program

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## Minister Visits Hope Town



The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, held a town meeting in Hope Town on May 16 to listen to the people express their views about their town, mainly the closing the town roads to all but essential traffic. She is shown here with Mr. Jeff Key, Deputy Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council.

## Rebels Win National Title



The Dundas Town Rebels are the Division B National Basketball Champions. The Bahamas National Basketball Federation Championships were played on May 8-10 at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town. Island champion teams were here from New Providence, Grand Bahama and Family Islands to play in Division A and B as well as Ladies Championship. Photo supplied by Cay Mills

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# Minister Hears Hope Town Road Concerns

The law passed in the 60s prohibiting motorized traffic within the settlement of Hope Town was enforced May 2 of this year when a lock was put on a gate across the road. This action was sanctioned by the Hope Town District Council but is not universally supported by the residents and business community. This drastic action was taken in response to the excessive traffic driving through town.

On May 16 the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin visited Abaco and hosted a town meeting in the Methodist Church in Hope Town to hear resident's views on the traffic situation. Included in her delegation were Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Transport; Capt Anthony Allens, Controller/Port Director; Mr. Brensil Rolle, Controller/Road Traffic Department; Mr. Colin Marshall, Director of Public Works; Mr. Brenville Hanna, consultant.

At the beginning of the Hope Town meeting it was pointed out by Mr. Archie Nairn that over time the needs and requirements of communities change and the people must be involved and accept change. The government officials were not there to lecture or present a solution but wanted to hear the concerns and ideas of the residents.

Mr. Vernon Malone noted that he breaks the law each time he drives to the dock to get his freight shipment. He wanted the law changed so he was not morally at odds with the law.

Mr. Brensil Rolle felt that under the circumstances of allowing those with a need to drive through town showed good judgement on the part of the Hope Town District Council. He mentioned that three years ago Hope Town and other island communities were asked to formulate road and traffic regulations. Harbour Island did this and now has its own traffic rules suited to conditions there.

Mr. Tony Bennett, who lives in the restricted zone, felt the gate was a good move as traffic was unwieldily and becoming more than a nuisance. It was pointed out that the roads are only ten feet wide with no wide places for vehicles to pass, even golf carts

cannot pass each other. In some areas the roads are less than eight feet wide with fences and walls delineating private property. Some vehicles take up so much of the width that pedestrians must step into peoples yards or front steps as there is no extra space. He also felt that property values are a reflection of the town atmosphere which must be preserved.

North-end resident Dr. Paul Gooding echoed that less traffic had been a blessing but noted the poor condition of the roads.

The quaintness of Hope Town must be preserved according to Mr. Michael Myers, a 12-year resident. He supported the traffic restrictions as a way to achieve this. Blind corners exist at nearly every side street due to buildings and fences.

Mr. Norris Smith, who has a take-out food service in town, noted that there has been no accidents for over 20 years and local people have rights to use the roads through town. He felt that the rights of visitors must not supercede the rights of local residents.

The owner of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, Mr. Ray Ketay, noted that visitors rarely complain about traffic in town but do object to the garbage and trash on the island's roads and the public docks. He said the 89 rental golf carts used by visitors must dodge the huge potholes on the roads out of town.

According to Pastor Ricky Sweeting, freight and garbage should be assigned to a landing somewhere else. On freight days the road by the post office may be blocked by as many as 10 - 14 trucks waiting to accept their freight at the upper public dock. He wanted the freight and garbage area relocated so the ferry passengers were not endangered or offended on their arrival.

Mr. Francis Knowles echoed the need for garbage containers for boaters and residents living across the harbour. The pile of garbage on the public dock on Monday morning is overwhelming — just a huge heap of loose garbage bags. A suggestion was made that the boating trash could be moved to Sunshine Park which would get it away from the ferry landing and arriving

visitors.

Mr. Knowles and others voiced a strong need for a uniformed policeman in town to enforce traffic and other and other com-

mon and flagrant violations. He and others felt a policeman would help with the traffic

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*The Hope Town meeting allowed concerned persons to express their views of the closing of Hope Town to vehicular traffic. Gates were installed as traffic was disrupting the tranquility of the community and compromised the safety of pedestrians.*

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*While the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, was on Abaco, she toured the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour. She was accompanied by Capt. Cyril Roker, Assistant Port Controller who will be transferring to Abaco to be in charge of the Abaco port office and manage the new dock. The building in the background is the new administration building which is expected to be in use this summer.*



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# Traffic Problems Dominated Town Meeting

## Town Meeting

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on the road in question and other island roads.

Mr. Vernon Malone suggested that moving the gate further south would eliminate traffic congestion all together at the upper dock.

The 40 - 50 persons in attendance were told that a site to hold and ship garbage is

close to being identified according to Administrator Alexander Williams. The Council had earlier suggested bay side freight staging areas to reduce the freight passing through the settlement. However, residents in those areas objected to freight and garbage being stored in their neighborhood.

Speed bumps and school zone signs were wanted by Mrs. Candace Key on the road by the school to control speeding drivers. Mr. Rolle confirmed that speed bumps are

allowed when constructed properly and the school area might be a good place for one.

Council member Mr. Jeff Key said the gate was a slight inconvenience but that all persons with a legitimate need for vehicle access have been given a key.

Mr. Gerald Sweeting wanted the option to choose whether to drive through town or not. He felt that more self restraint should be encouraged as was seen prior to Hurricane Floyd. The road was open prior to the

hurricane but drivers showed respect and self restraint about driving through town. It was the reconstruction effort after the hurricane which turned the town roads into a freeway which continued until the gate was recently installed.

Mrs. Wanda Sweeting felt the gate was a drastic attempt to curtail a few flagrant

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# Winding Bay Meeting Explains Project

## Cherokee Town Meeting

By Lee Pinder

After May 13 there were many newspapers, radio and television stations which reported on the famous "Cherokee Town Meeting." When one of our residents said that it sounded funny to hear the term "town" when referring to Cherokee, I had to agree. If you have been reading the Cherokee section of *The Abaconian* over the past ten years, you know that I hardly ever refer to us as a "town" but usually choose the term "settlement," because that's how it was always told to me when I married a Cherokee man and first learned about this beautiful and unique part of Abaco. The old timers call it "the place," but maybe we are about to graduate into being "a town" very soon. Most of the residents like it here just the way it is, yet it seems some well-intentioned persons are always trying to change us, prod us and push us into the twenty-first century. This just may be the pebble that starts the rock slide.

A group of about 100 persons from Marsh Harbour, Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point, Little Harbour, Yellow Wood and Cherokee, including some with Cherokee roots, some family some close friends and our much valued second-home residents, gathered on the schoolhouse grounds on May 13 to hear about future plans for Winding Bay.

Various visiting governmental officials who spoke at the meeting were very upbeat and told us about the renewed developmental interest in the Out Islands, and Abaco and Exuma in particular. They acknowledged the dire need for a new airport facility in Marsh Harbour when it was pointed out that not even those persons there that

evening could fit into the existing terminal and reminded them of its deplorable condition and chaos whenever it rains. However, you couldn't help but be lulled into a feeling of euphoria over "all the good" this project was going to do for Cherokee (and what's good for Cherokee is, in turn, good for The Bahamas, right?)

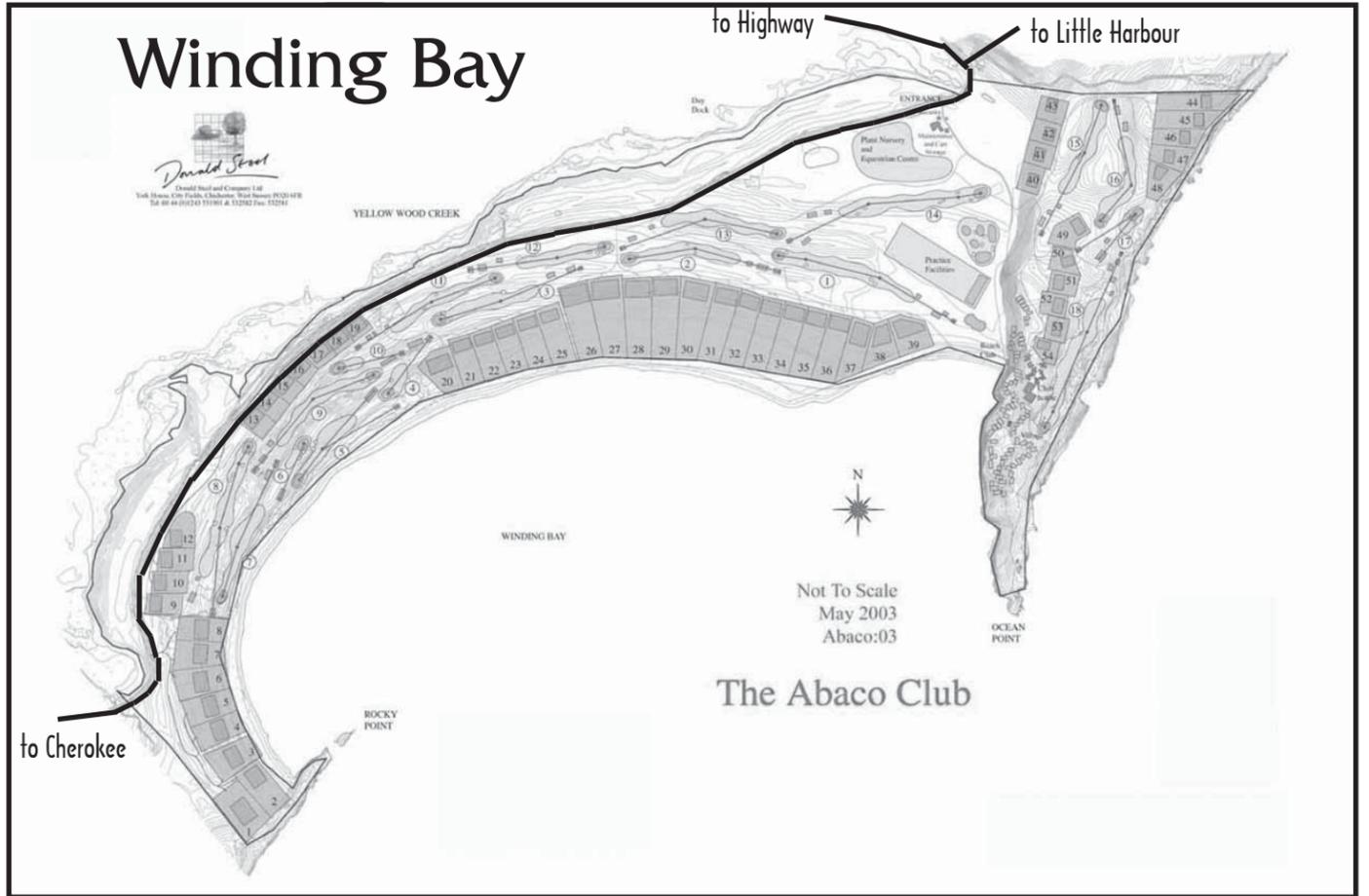
I was a little astounded when it was mentioned that BEC would be carrying electricity to Little Harbour and Winding Bay.

There was little reaction from those present, even though this has been a much sought after service by the residents of Little Harbour ever since Cherokee was hooked up in 1994. Maybe they were taking a "wait and see" attitude since no actual timetable was set out.

The developer, Mr. Peter De Savary, has been a permanent resident of The Bahamas and of Lyford Cay for almost 30 years. Besides being a businessman, he is a well

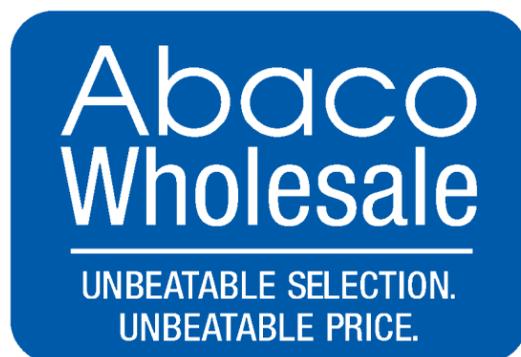
known sailor who competed in the America's Cup Tournament for Britain in 1988. There are rumors that he hopes to enter the race again in 2006. In this local project he promises 300 new jobs and firmly stated that he intended to make use of the local labour force and buy from local suppliers when construction starts. This is definitely good news. It was announced that it

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# Resort Will Feature Native Style

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would be a \$140 million investment on a development that would be architecturally subtle and unobtrusive.

They are not planning to have paved roads or any modern block buildings, but it will be completely environmentally friendly. They plan to bring in water from the pine forest where there is more than a sufficient supply. The sewage will be recycled through a purification system for re-use with solid wastes to be compacted and taken away to a designated dumping site. They are looking to attract a few discriminating second-home owners and pointed out that there would be entrepreneurial opportunities for those who might want to take advantage of them.

Mr. de Savary's whole persona implied "less is more," not only with regard to the natural links golf course, but the overall project would mirror an unspoiled and very low key atmosphere, which we have learned has led to the success of his many other resorts situated in various other parts of the world.

Concerns were voiced over the eco-system and the project's impact on the surrounding area. Here again, the developer promised all precautions would be taken to protect our environment, the mangroves and nearby tide-pools from any sewage system or fertilizing runoffs. At this point, Mr. John Hedden, a well known local concerned citizen, was asked and agreed to oversee that this potential problem be handled according to accepted environmental guidelines.

Someone in the audience asked about the many Casuarinas that now line the beach in the area. The Developer stated that eventu-

ally they would all be replaced with more environmentally friendly trees that would sustain the sand dunes and prevent erosion, but that this transition would take time. It was announced that the first phase of the project would be to set up a nursery to collect and nurture valuable local plants and trees that would later be re-incorporated back into the landscaping around the tropical Scottish-style links golf course (which would be drawn up to follow the natural lay of the land) as well as around the island-style wooden buildings of the club house, horse stables and health spa. There will be a swimming pool, boat dock and facilities for snorkeling or skin diving. It was brought out that they would not be building a marina, but stressed only a dock. Mr. de Savary's aim is to give the guests a "special and unique total Bahamian experience." One of the government representatives pointed out that according to all reports that this project would actually be graded more than a "five star" resort.

It was further implied that this natural links golf course would undoubtedly lure many famous golfers to Abaco. Mr. de Savary felt the presence of these professionals would bring about greater interest in the sport by young Bahamians. He mentioned setting up a scholarship fund for this purpose. He talked about the opportunities for other persons who might apply for specific jobs needed at the facility, and said they could be sent abroad for specialized training. He continued to emphasize his determination to hire locally. Mr. de Savary expressed his personal concern for the Abaco wild horses and our local native parrots and pledged to do whatever he could to help save them.

Few questions were asked after the speeches were over, but one of the main points of interest discussed locally has been whether our people would still have the use of Winding Bay beach. We understand our representative, Mr. Robert Sweeting, has been championing our concern over this question in Nassau with the Prime Minister recently. However, the developer pointed out that the present road runs right through the middle of his planned golf course, but promised that a new road would be pushed through at the south end of the beach for use by local swimmers and picnickers and assured us they would still be welcome. This proposal seemed to answer their questions and at the same time met with approval by

all those present.

The overall impression of the meeting was that Mr. de Savary's group is willing to risk a lot of money to develop an exclusive 500-acre private golf club resort and spa in our little untouched corner of the world. It will be fashioned around the indigenous flora and fauna already present within the Winding Bay area. Their aim is not to attract the usual tourist, but only the discerning wealthy traveler who is looking for a truly Bahamian holiday experience. It seems they want to capture and maintain the praises we have been hearing from our visitors for years: "We love it here and we

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# News of the Cays

## Guana Cay Fishing Challenge

Guana Cay celebrated its first annual Guana Cay Fishing Challenge and Cook-out on May 24. The community came together supporting their Guana Cay Community Association to raise money for community projects. Music, food and games continued for the day which proved to be

perfect. The Guana Cay ladies outdid themselves with great food and extraordinary desserts.

The fishing challenge was won by *Contender I* with Guana Cay second homeowner John Dudley winning \$300 and a magnificent carved trophy. The perpetual trophy and the keeper trophy were carved by Mendy Berkson, also a Guana Cay second homeowner. Mr. Dudley kindly gave the



*Winner of the Guana Cay Fishing Challenge was Mr. John Dudley on the Contender I. He is a long time second homeowner who enjoys getting away to the leisure of Guana Cay. He is shown with the hand carved trophy he won. Additionally, he won \$300 which he gave back to the Community Association. The money raised from the event will go toward improvements on Guana Cay.*

money back to the association.

A raffle produced great interest. Top prize was a \$120 gift certificate for a watch which was won by Donna Sands. Other prizes included lunches at several area restaurants.

The Guana Cay Community Association publishes a newsletter which can be obtained by e-mailing [gcca@hotmail.com](mailto:gcca@hotmail.com)

## Man-O-War

By Pat Elkins

### Fire Department Fund Raiser

The annual Man-O-War Fire/Rescue fund raising was held on April 5. The sale of dinners plus donations totaled approximately \$9,000. The water slide is always popular and the sunny weather made it even more so this year. On display was the new quick-response vehicle equipped with hose and pump. It will be used for most fire related emergencies. The door to the fire sta-

tion had just been painted and made an excellent back drop for the fire department logo. The logo was designed by Tito Baldwin and Derek Lee. The sign was constructed by Fire Chief Roy Russell and painted by Nancy K. Albury. Thanks to all who worked so hard providing food and thanks to those who helped in other ways. Thank you also to the volunteers of Man-O-War Fire/Rescue for your continued service to our community.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Monday Egg Hunt was a big success again this year. The beautiful spring day drew a crowd of children, some with baskets, some with bags and some with pails to gather the treats hidden by a crew of bunny helpers. Miss Edie led the children in song while the final arrangements were being made. And then the big event was

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# More News of the Cay

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underway. Some of the eggs contained candy and some contained a small amount of money. The children were off to the hunt, prowling through the bushes and looking

under and in the buttonwoods for hidden goodies. As the day is meant to be a continuance of the joyful celebration of our Savior's resurrection, no prizes were awarded. All the children felt like winners and a hot dog lunch was served in the Gospel Chapel social hall. Thank you to all

who made the day possible.

**School News**

The lower grades of the Man-O-War school boarded the ferry on May 23, proudly bearing their science project. They returned that afternoon with the third place

finish in their age group. The children chose the manatee as their project and displayed photographs of the manatee seen in our

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The Man-O-War community has recently acquired the quick response vehicle shown above. It is equipped with a pump and hoses which will be easily available. It will be adequate to respond to most fires on the island. It was on display at the annual fund raising event held for the Man-O-War Fire/Rescue. They sold dinners and received funds from donations.

*Photos of Man-O-War by Pat Elkins*



The children of Man-O-War enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on Easter Monday. Shown above is young Katelyn Russell in the foreground with her mother Rosena looking on.

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# The Editor Says **The Courtship of Winding Bay and Cherokee**



A 500-acre \$140 million development has just been announced for Winding Bay located between Cherokee and Little Harbour. The developer, Mr. Peter de Savary, came on May 13 with his team and government officials to publicly announce the project at a town meeting in Cherokee.

By the time the various speakers had made their presentation, there were few unanswered questions from the audience.

Accepting that development of some nature is necessary and inevitable, this project is probably as good as one could hope for. We and the rest of the Bahamas needs a steady supply of foreign investment to maintain our high standard of living. There are different goals for different folks, and it would be impossible for any development to please everyone. It appears that, as presented, this development drew minimal negative responses.

Abaco has grown tremendously since the 1960s when the pulpwood operation opened the island with a road system. Cherokee was left out of this road system until 1985 when Batelco pushed a crude road to the town to facilitate the phone system expansion.

The central part of Abaco has developed steadily in the 25-mile section between Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town. However, very few developments over the ensuing years could be called large. Treasure Cay and Abaco Beach Resort are our biggest complexes and by most standards they are not large.

The growth of Abaco has been one of constant expansion with no one particular business tycoon or development holding us hostage. Like the continual need for larger children's clothing, so Abaco businesses have taken deeper breaths and expanded to accommodate the growth.

The Winding Bay project appears to fit this pattern. Certainly some aspects must be in place, such as water and electricity, in order to open but the project does not appear to require a massive start-up. The buildings will not be huge. Although we have not seen the plans, it would appear that the buildings will be compatible with any in Cherokee, Green Turtle Cay or Hope Town.

The developer's appeal is to an upper segment of society with the physical lay-

out spread out over nearly a mile of beach front. Private residences will spring up on the beach front lots. This process could easily take five or more years so development will be on-going.

Initial effort will go into creating the golf course and constructing a restaurant, bar and club house. Horse stables, a health spa and other up-scale amenities will be a unique resort experience to the area but are relatively low-key additions.

Mr. de Savary announced that this phase will be operational by November, 2004—eighteen months from now. Following the normal course of events, private residential construction would follow this first phase.

From our perspective, the project will be replicating the up-scale residential sections of Hope Town or Green Turtle Cay with the addition of a premium golf course and other five-star amenities. The bulk of their routine commercial requirements will be provided by existing or new businesses in Cherokee or Marsh Harbour. As we look at this project and compare it to other developments, it appears to have more pluses than negatives.

Some of the projects in other Family Islands have been disruptive and damaging to the environment, controversial or not successful. The Bimini Bay project seems to be very controversial and has caused severe problems to the Bimini environment even though several years after starting the project it is not very advanced. It seems that the developer removed a lot of the mangroves without much else being done.

Emerald Bay in the Exumas will open this fall with a mix of several hundred rooms and condominiums. The project has presented problems due to the massive construction being undertaken and the required civil works government is providing to support the project.

Winding Bay will be starting small and even when 100 per cent complete will not be a massive concentrated resort.

We do not want to paint a picture that is too rosy as there are sure to be problems and local disappointments.

The shallow Cherokee Sound west of the project is home to one of the largest mangrove flats and fish nurseries on the Atlantic side of Abaco. How the development will impact on this system will bear watching.

A Cherokee concern is maintaining a Crown Land access to the public beach. The neighboring residents were assured by Mr. de Savary that beach access would be provided. The present road is in the middle of the golf course and will be relocated, giving public access to the southwest corner of the beach. There will have to be mutual agreement between government, the developer and the Cherokee residents on this access but that should not be a serious impediment for anyone.

Some in Cherokee are concerned that this development will threaten their present way of life. However, without realizing it, the residents are now moving from a mid-twentieth century lifestyle to an accelerated twenty-first century mode in short order. As Wind-

ing Bay grows, so will the settlement.

This is the time for Cherokee residents to take stock of their town and lay plans for the future. They should work to retain elements of their heritage and culture which will pay them dividends in the future. Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay are Abaco's best examples where communities have reaped benefits from preserving their past. Cherokee has the potential to grow as these other two towns have.

In a similar manner, Little Harbour will see increased growth as Winding Bay matures and electricity comes.

In all of this the traditionalists will throw up their hands and cry for yesterday or at least a halt to progress. Unfortunately, progress is coming whether it is Mr. de Savary, the FTAA or a hundred more second homeowners scattered throughout Abaco.

Finally, compare what we know about this \$140 million Winding Bay project with the \$250 million Barrier Reef development slated for Abaco. That project will contain two hotels and a marina. That development was mentioned by the Minister of Financial Services and Investment, Ms. Allyson Maynard-Gibson, in her presentation but no other details were given. We wonder what size footprint that project will make on Abaco.

On the surface Abaco appears to have come out reasonably well with the Winding Bay project. The courtship with Cherokee is over and the marriage ceremony is now underway. It remains to be seen how the new master of Winding Bay treats his new bride — Cherokee.

## Generally Speaking . . . *Developing Interests*

By S. Timothy Roberts

The future of Abaco is being shaped through various powerful and substantial investments, and the way of life for many Bahamians will never again be the same.

Just days ago the project at Winding Bay was signed and work commenced while at the same time the government announced yet another project promising \$250 million in investments for Abaco that should be signed later this year. All together the projects total approximately \$400 million worth of investment revenue for Abaco, no small chunk of change.

These investments will bolster an already resilient economy that Abaco enjoys. Abaco's economy, as far as the piece of the pie that tourism accounts for is concerned, is strong due to the high percentage of second home owners and frequent return visitors.

Visitors have often invested much time and money in Abaco and have chosen Abaco to be their "home away from home," often sharing their love of Abaco with their friends and relatives, passing on their good feelings by word of mouth.

These new investments in Abaco will bring the need for, as well as be the cause of, much change. Among the first changes that must be considered is not so much a change, but

rather an upgrade of the existing Marsh Harbour airport which is presently in dire condition to something more accommodating and scalable in order to meet the demands of the present traffic as well as future growth, which indeed will be coming.

This means more growth in other sectors, specifically Cherokee Sound. For instance, with the Winding Bay project there will be a need for a larger food store, the need for a gas station, a restaurant or two and any number of other products or services. We, therefore, need people, whether locally or nationally, with initiative to venture into these businesses.

This has more benefits still. Because you will have people capitalizing off the increased tourism, this will, in turn, financially benefit the communities across Abaco. There will be increased fluidity in the economy of Abaco and a higher standard of life.

As a correlative of this local increase in businesses, it will stimulate the need for more workers, substantially lowering any unemployment Abaco may have. However,

due to the increased demand for employees, local businesses may find themselves needing to hire from other islands. This, in turn, will bring about a population increase to Abaco.

This population increase will need to be dealt with primarily through construction. This will result in the building of new homes as well as the construction of more rental homes or apartments.

This has the potential to increase the burden on private and public schools due to families moving here with their children. This is puts more burden on food stores and other stores that sell essential or everyday use items. They will need to ensure they are carrying enough stock to supply the demands of more people.

Abaco already enjoys a stable economy and a steady and sure population growth rate. These investments will allow those trends to continue, possibly at faster rates.

Are we prepared for the demands of

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## All About Town

By Isobel Sherman  
**Can You Help?**

Each day there are a few stalwart volunteers who feed and water the stray dogs in Murphy Town, Dundas Town and Marsh Harbour. Most of the dogs have been spayed and neutered. Litters of puppies are found at times and these are cared for and put up for adoption. What these dedicated animal lovers and care givers need is donations of either cash or pet food.

An appeal to the wife of the United States Ambassador to the Bahamas, Richard Blankenship, has been made. She is a veterinarian who practices in the Jacksonville, Florida, area. Anyone who would like to donate is asked to contact Molly Roberts at Bahamas Realty, Mimi Rehor at Buck a Book, Marianne Albury at Joe's Studio

Man-O-War or Linda Giovani, who can be contacted through Mimi Rehor.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks to Kind Airport Personnel

Dear Editor

I'm been reading your "Letters to the Editor" in *The Abaconian*, and I thought you might want to print this.

While traveling with my son from Marsh Harbour to the States last April 8, I carelessly left a small canvas carry-on at the Marsh Harbour airport. We each thought the other was carrying it and it wasn't until we arrived at West Palm Beach that we discovered it missing. We reported it to the agent for Continental Airlines who promised to do what he could. As the bag was not locked, with just a zipper closing and with a small luggage tag with my name and address, I really didn't have much hope of ever seeing it again.

But lo and behold! Three days later I got a call from Continental saying they had the bag and were shipping it home to me.

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Francis S. Stout

## An Update from The Department of Public Works

Dear Editor,

This is to inform the public of various

projects and activities this department is currently involved with.

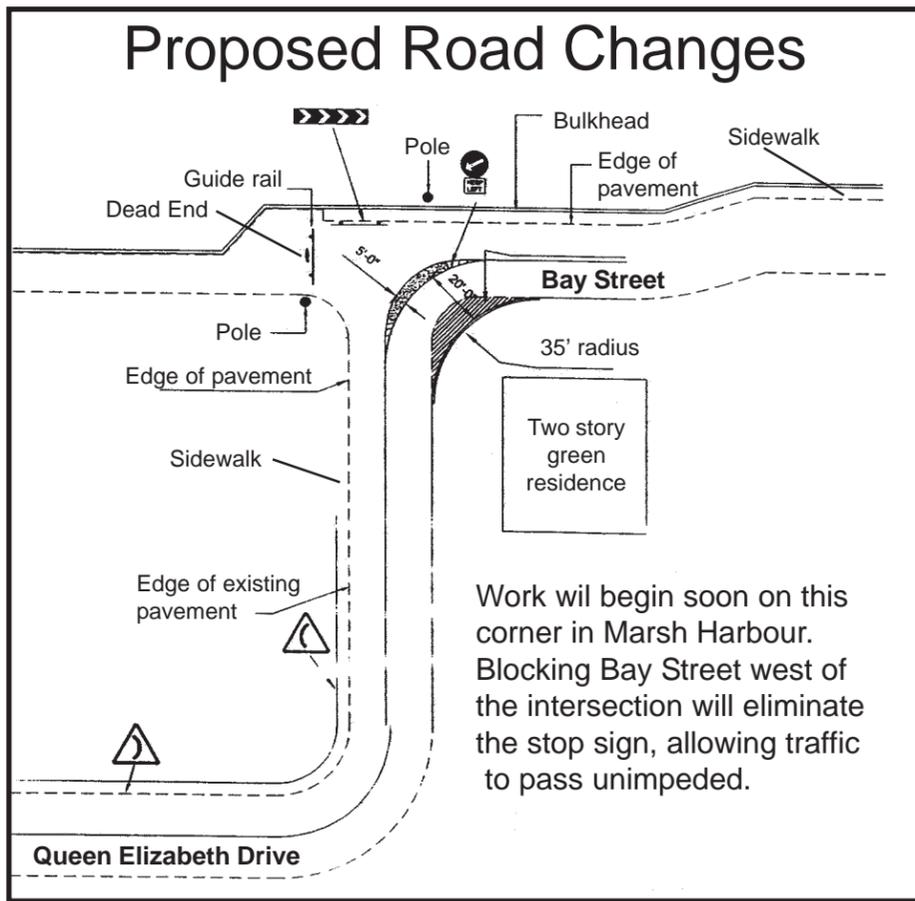
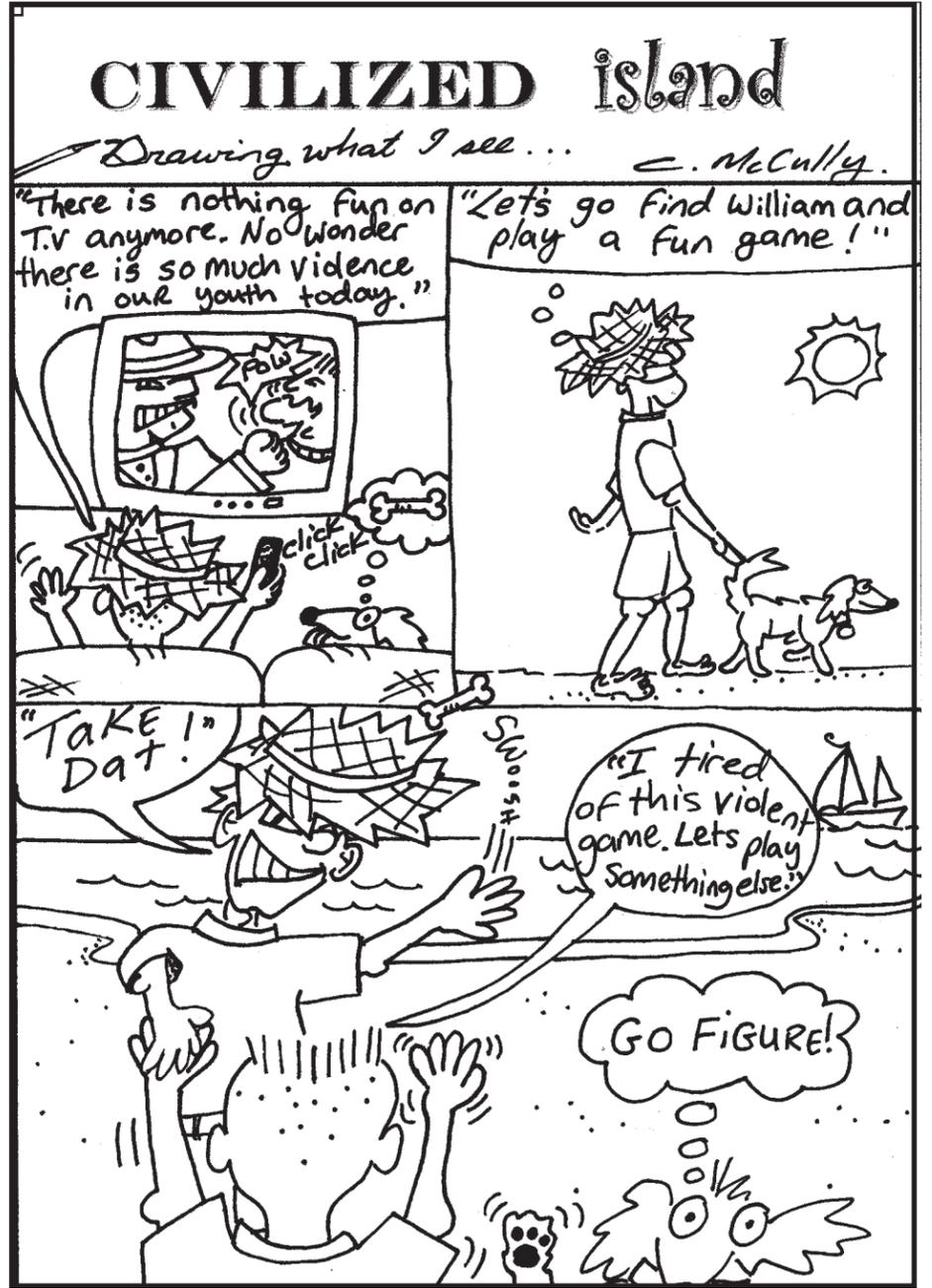
We recently received a new tractor and bush-hog. This has been long awaited as our old tractor was frequently breaking down. We should now be able to keep the verges groomed all the way to Sandy Point. This will take some time to get into shape as many trees need to be cut. Please be patient.

We are currently preparing plans to repair the Great Guana Cay dock, which is in poor condition. Anyone interested in bidding on this project, please contact the undersigned.

Repair of the Hurricane Floyd damaged road into Sandy Point and the road in the White Sound area of Elbow Cay will soon be underway. The project has been awarded to Bahamas Hot Mix and work in Sandy Point is expected to commence within the next three weeks. After Sandy Point the contractor will move to Elbow Cay.

Two projects, rehabilitation of the government marina at Fire Road and installation of a bridge at the Little Abaco causeway, have been tendered some time ago. It is expected that construction on these projects will commence before the end of this year.

The intersection at Bay and Queen streets will be changed in the very near future. The changes should vastly improve traffic safety



at this location. A diagram illustrates the proposed changes.

Finally, thanks to the kind private citizen who marked numerous potholes in Marsh Harbour; it makes it so much easier to see them when the men are out patching. Also in this regard many people have come to me to tell me about their most irksome pothole locations, and I appreciate the information, I would, however, like to point out that many of the worst road problems are not our department's responsibility. An example of this are the Batelco manholes at the newly paved intersections; it is Batelco's responsibility to raise these manholes to meet the road elevation. Another example is when Water and Sewerage does repairs to their water lines, they are responsible for restoring any damage they do to the road.

John Schaefer, P.Eng.  
Abaco Area Engineer  
The Department of Public Works

## Be Happy with Your Status

Dear Editor,

I was reading the letter in the recent edition, "Children Born Here Want Citizenship". Once again, I found myself shaking my head in amused disgust.

The question was asked by a young lady born here to foreign parents, "Am I not entitled to Bahamian citizenship, having been born in this country?" The answer is no. Your parents having you in the Bahamas doesn't make you any more of a Bahamian than a cat having kittens in an oven make them biscuits. This is the law, and realistically, it needs to be a lot stricter. For years, foreigners, particularly Haitians, have come to the Bahamas illegally and had children here, thinking that this would grant them a free pass to reside. For the most part it has worked. The child is granted a right to reside, and the parents are usually

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# School News

## First ECC Fair a Success

By Portia Jonsson

Every Child Counts Learning Center held its first school fair on May 10 at the school grounds. Not even a few power outages during the fair dampened the spirits of the teachers, students or fair goers, everyone was there to have a good time. There was lots to eat and drink and many games to play like hoop-la, clown toss, peg board and guess the beans. The bouncy castle and face-painting booth were a "hit" with the kids. Roast pork and chicken dinners were on sale as well as tickets for four prize draw-

ings. Ms. Caroline Sawyer was the winner of a beautiful gift basket. Winning the chocolate truffle cheesecake was Ms. Joyce Coleby. Mr. Steve Pedican was the proud winner of an earring and necklace set. The last prize drawing, a nail trimming set, was won by Kenva Knowles.

Mrs. Lyn Major, School Director, said the fair was a big success and wishes to thank all the businesses and individuals for their donations. Funds raised from the fair will help to keep the school running and build a workshop/classroom area.

## Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

### Student Project Destroyed

Last year a clean up campaign of Snake Cay took place involving several schools and youth groups. The campaign was sponsored by the U.S. television channel Nickelodeon through the Ministry of Tourism. Several businesses were involved as well as Environmental Health. The object was to highlight the importance of why the mangrove ecosystem should be preserved and kept clean. To this end several Marine Biology Students from Abaco Central High made and erected a large public sign at Snake Cay depicting the mangrove ecosystem and why it needs to be preserved.

Several weeks ago someone knocked the sign down which upset the students. If it was an accident, the students do not understand why someone could not have called the school to say that the sign was down. If it was wanton vandalism, the students cannot understand that either, as the message was positive.

A group from the Governor General's

Youth Award Scheme will be repairing and re-erecting the sign soon. Road Runners Bicycle Store in Dundas Town will provide the supplies for this venture.

### Back on Track

The Governor General's Youth Award Scheme is back on track at Abaco Central High School after an absence of two years. Recently six grade 10 boys joined a group from S.C. Bootle High School for a 15-mile hike and camp out. This allowed the boys to participate in the Bahamas Governor General's Youth Awards Scheme Annual Summer Camp-out which will be held on Abaco this year with Abaco Central High School being the home base.

Presently, Mrs. Michelle Bailey, head of the science department at Abaco Central, will be advising the group until a permanent advisor can be found.

## Central Abaco Primary School

### Teacher Appreciation Week

By Portia Jonsson

The week of May 19th-23rd was designed

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Shown above is the group of students of Abaco Central High School who are taking SCUBA lessons. With them is Kay Politano of Abaco Dive Adventures who with her husband sponsors the program. This is the fourth group that the Politanos have taught. This group has completed their academics and has almost completed their water training which will earn them NAUI certification. Mrs. Politano has been teaching a marine biology class weekly with Mr. Huel Moss at the high school which gave these students their academic training. The group includes, left to right, Latario Moss, Mrs. Kay Politano, Tanique Pratt, Civian Newbold, Dwayne Jones, Collie Swain and Calvin Sawyer. Tanique is the only girl in this group of divers. They are all 14 or 15 years old. Past students have gone on to get good jobs diving.

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# More School News

**School** *From Page 10*

nated Teachers Appreciation Week, a time for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives. It is also a time to strengthen support and respect for them and the teaching profession.

Central Abaco Primary celebrated in grand style with a week of activities. The teachers began their week by giving thanks to God in a church service at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Various other activities were held at the school including a special breakfast, talent and fashion show,

teachers' sports day and a special assembly. The morning of the talent and fashion show, teachers were dressed like students in the school uniform while prefects dressed like teachers. The teachers were very convincing, even their hairstyles. Some had ponytails with ribbons while others had plaits with bows and barrettes. It was difficult to tell the real students. During the afternoon the teachers staged a fashion and talent show modeling casual and sports wear. Students participated in song and dance. Mrs. Hall, the school's librarian, entertained the school by telling jokes and stories. The week concluded with a special

assembly at the school with performances by the school choir and the Lindsay Praise Dancers. Teachers also enjoyed a special luncheon at Mackerel's Restaurant where they exchanged secret pal gifts.

**Bahamas Primary Student of the Year Award**

On May 17 Jason Evans of St. Francis de Sales Primary School attended a ceremony at Government House in Nassau. The Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Ivy

Dumont, presented him with a medal commemorating his involvement in the Bahamas Primary Student of the Year Award program. This competition is held yearly and acknowledges the best and the brightest of the Bahamas primary school system. It is open to students of both public and private schools and acknowledges outstanding students in grades 5 and 6. This year 79 students were honored for their scholastic, athletic, community service and extracurricular achievements. There

were attendees from New Providence, Bimini, Grand Bahama, Eleuthera, Spanish Wells, San Salvador,

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Jason Evans was honoured by the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Ivy Dumont, at Government House in Nassau. He was selected for his high academics, community service and outstanding extracurricular activities. He was the only student from Abaco among the 79 who were honoured.



Can you identify these ladies? Look carefully and you might think you recognize some of their faces. But in school uniforms? These are teachers at the Central Abaco Primary School who celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by dressing like students while the prefects dressed as teachers.





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# Sports News

## Abaco Youth in Action

By Lyndon Davis

The Abaco Youth in Action is a program for young people of Central Abaco to teach them the basics of several team sports. The young people are grouped into teams which compete against each other. They have been competing in basketball for the past several months.

On May 14 they held their Abaco Youth In Action Basketball Championship at the Ocean View Park in Dundas Town. A packed capacity crowd was on hand as the Abaco Youth in Action Basketball Cham-

pionship game got the Bahamas Basketball Federation Championship on the way. The Lakers defeated the Rockets in a great game with a final score of 24 to 18. Robin Lefrance scored 13, fouled out in the third quarter but was still named the Most Valuable Player. The Lakers team was carried in the final quarter by Lyndon Davis Jr. and Stanley McIntosh. Lyndon Davis Jr. had eight steals and was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

In their first year Abaco Youth in Action had a very successful and very popular basketball season for young people aged

8-14 and is now into soccer. Soccer action takes place every Saturday morning at the park in Murphy Town. The volunteers who organize this program include Mr. Lyndon Davis, Mr. Anthony Davis, Mrs. Elva Davis, Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Mr. Jude Hart and Ms. Darlene Gibson.

### All Star Team

Abaco Youth in Action has announced their all star basketball teams which will travel to Freeport on June 5-7 to compete in the HOYTES Basketball Tournament. The under 12 all stars are Rolando Stuart, Laron Hield, Liyah Davis, Sheldon Martin, Chaz Darville, Tatianna Rolle, Loucusi Innocent, Chiante McIntosh and Arlington Wells. The under 14 all stars are Stanley McIntosh, Tamiko Williams, Livingston Cornish, Samuel Cornish, Lyndon Davis Jr., Sidney Archer, Robin Lafrance, Jafus Blanc, Donald Simms, Julian Gibson,

Henry Williams, Nikeli Williams, Lorenzo Davis, Astier Dean, and George Martin. Coaches are Jude Hart and Elva Davis. Team Manager is Gerrard Simms.

Sponsors of this program include Myers Rum, Alexiou, Knowles & Co., Royal Bank and Commonwealth Bank Ltd. Additionally, Burns House donated two cases of Vita Malt weekly. Mr. Terry Goldsmith of the YMCA of Freeport, Grand Bahama, is also very supportive.



The Abaco Youth in Action held its final competition on May 14 at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town. Shown above are the youth who played that night. From this group an all star team has been chosen who will travel to Freeport in early June to compete in the HOYTES Basketball Tournament there. The Abaco Youth in Action is organized by Mr. Lynden Davis and other volunteers.

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# Invitational Shoot-Out Brings 60 Boats

By Isobel Sherman

The 24th Shoot Out fishing tournament was held on May 13-18 at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour. It is a competition between Bertram and Hatteras fishing boats and is by invitation only. This year 60 boats participated, 24 Bertrams and 36 Hatterases. This year's competition was very keen but a Hatteras, the *Ruckus*, was finally named the winner.

For the last 23 years this prestigious tournament was called the Bertram Hatteras Invitational Shoot Out and it was well known for its high level of entertainment as well as top quality angling. Under new management this year the tournament was named the Shoot Out. Hutch Hutchengs, who has been one of the organizers of every Shoot Out tournament, was joined this year by Kaye Pearson, owner of Show Management, a Fort Lauderdale based com-

pany which runs numerous boat shows and events in Florida. John Neophytou, Manager of Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour, worked along with Hutchengs and Pearson.

Registration was held on May 13 and May 14 featured various land competitions for the entrants. Fishing began on May 15 and continued on May 16 and 17.

This tournament has always had many social events for the participants and their families and guests. This year a huge floating bar was put alongside the dock near the beach. Taylor Kundoff, who came from Colorado to perform on the piano, provided entertainment nightly. In addition to this another tent for dining was erected alongside the Pavilion tent and it was possible to reserve tables for the sumptuous dinners which was served each evening.

On May 15, the first day of fishing, four

blue marlin were boated weighing 370 pounds, 419 pounds, 439 pounds and 551 pounds. In addition, there were eight blue marlin released and four white marlin released.

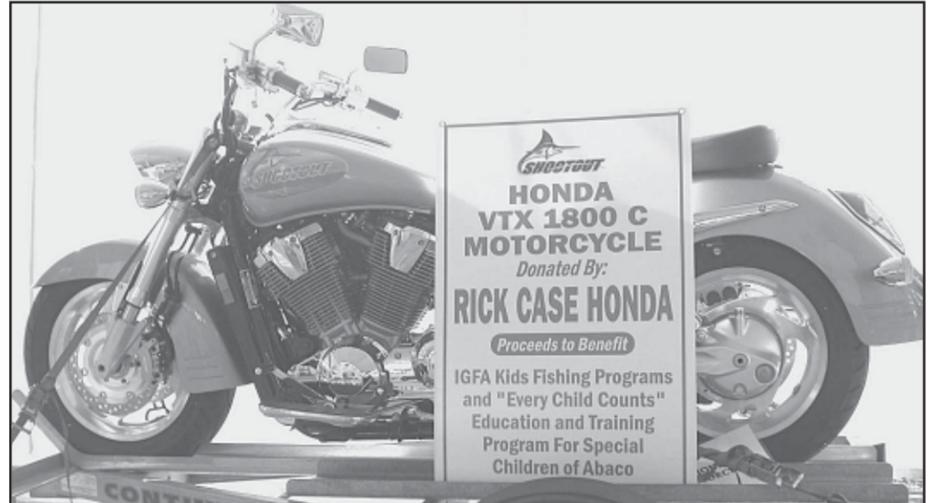
May 16 saw five blue marlin released and two white marlin released. A 313-pound blue marlin was brought to the dock. One

of the few lady anglers caught a 730-pound blue marlin, which impressed the crowd at the weigh-in dock. However, the fish was disqualified as a mutilated fish. Apparently the props of the engine of the boat had dam-

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One of the blue marlin that was brought to the Boat Harbour dock is worthy of congratulations. This is a 432-pounder caught by Bob Rowe on the *Autobuilders*. This was the 24th year for the Shoot-Out which is a competition between Bertram and Hatteras fishing yachts and is by invitation only. This year the competition was won by the Hatteras yachts.



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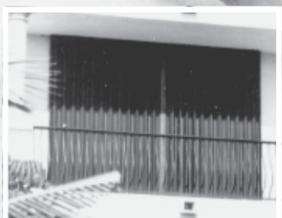
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# Youth Program Draws Hundreds

Abaco Youth Quake Live held their second rally on May 23 at New Vision Ministries. The rally was organized to provide alternate entertainment for young people and to help them deal with problems they are faced with in their everyday lives, giving them support to always do what is right. The theme for the night was Accelerating with the Lord.

The program was varied and was greatly enjoyed by about 400 young people. It was

created and performed entirely by young people and included film, skits, interviews, music and other entertainment. It dealt with peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, anger, and other topics of concern to the youth.

The idea of Youth Quake originated in Jacksonville, Florida, with a group of youth pastors developing an entertainment program which would give a message to youth to help them deal with their problems. It now involves thousands of youth. Mr. Keith

Gibbs, a second homeowner on Scotland Cay, discussed the idea with pastors on Abaco and encouraged a group to begin a branch here. They held their first Abaco Youth Quake last November.

The youth come from many churches and several pastors were very helpful in organizing it. For this event interns worked with the Abaco youth for a few days, helping them develop the program. Friendship Tabernacle opened their guest house for the group, New Vision Ministries opened their church for the concert, Radio Abaco interviewed the group, giving them publicity, and many pastors helped promote the event.

A rap group, the Dunamus Soundz, came from Nassau to perform. Their CD's proved to be very popular and their music brought the audience to life. The speaker for the night was Saul Altimirano from the United States. The program is not affiliated with any specific church.

The council on Abaco has Bertlyn Cornish as Coordinator and Ted Pearce as Treasurer. They are assisted by Pastor Earlyn Baillou, Jeff Key and many others. They are all volunteers wanting to help Abaco youth. Their next event if planned for October 2003.



*Abaco Youth Quake held a concert and program on May 23 at New Vision Ministries. About 400 attended and were thrilled with the Dunamus Soundz group who came from Nassau to perform. Shown here is one of their singers. Abaco Youth Quake is created and performed by young people and takes on problems that young people face in their everyday lives such as peer pressure, domestic violence, drugs, alcohol and sex. Skits, special music, interviews and a devotional were all included in the program. On the screen behind the singer is the projected image of him so the entire audience could share in the view.*

## Publisher Is Promoting Abaco

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce had Mr. Danny Pacella from *Latitudes* magazine as guest speaker for their May meeting held at Mangoes on May 19. *Latitudes* is the in-flight magazine for American Eagle Airline which is published every two months. Mr. Pacella informed the group that the magazine will have an article promoting Abaco in each issue. Opposite the Abaco article will be a page of Abaco advertising.

The Chamber drawing at the conclusion of the meeting gave Molly Roberts a two-night stay at a hotel at a choice of locations. Also with a winning ticket was Stafford Patterson, who received a \$100 gift certificate.

The June meeting of the Chamber will have feature Mr. Peter de Salvary as guest speaker. He is the developer of the Winding Bay Resort to discuss their project.

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# Business Updates

## Solomon Mines Closes in Marsh Harbour

By Isobel Sherman

Solomon Mines in Marsh Harbour closed their doors the beginning of May. The shop employed seven people. The reason for the closure is that the building had been sold. The beautiful, upscale store opened in the mid 1980s. Solomon Mines in Treasure Cay will remain open.

## Bristol Cellars' Ownership Has Changed

Bristol Cellars has recently been bought out from its former owner a senior management employee. The parent company is now JAB Holdings mainly owned by Mr. Juan Bacardi, who wants to increase that company's share of the market. The new company will be known as the Bristol Group of Companies.

Bristol Cellars now has 12 retail stores and is the exclusive distributor of many brands including a large wine portfolio. It distrib-

utes to hotels, restaurants and independent liquor retailers in addition to the retail stores. The Bristol Cellars store on Abaco is located on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Jim Malone has retired from the company in Nassau after 40 years in the business. He is well known on Abaco as he has Hope Town roots.

## A Beautiful Sculpture

By Isobel Sherman

Don Wood, a sculptor with a workshop in Marsh Harbour, has recently completed sculpture of Mother Theresa and child which took him almost three years to complete. Carved from Madeira, he first made a small clay model of what he wanted to accomplish. He then enlarged his model as he lovingly sculpted Mother Theresa from the Madeira wood. She is holding the hand of a small boy. Behind the boy sits a dog. Don says the boy represents humanity and the dog represents all of God's creatures.

The sculpture is for sale. When it is sold, Don will donate the money to Mother

Theresa charities. Eventually Don wants to cast a bronze piece of the same sculpture. Since the piece is so large, he will have to take it to a foundry to cast it. Until there is a buyer, Mother Theresa has a special place of honour in the corner of his studio by Memorial Plaza in Marsh Harbour.

## Vyrona's Deli and Take Away

By Portia Jonsson

Vyrona's Health and Variety, located in the Garnet Archer Plaza in Marsh Harbour, has now been transformed to a Deli and Takeaway specializing in soups, salads, sandwiches and Bahamian dishes. Health products, herbal teas, vegetarian food items and energy bars are also available. Vyrona's Deli and Takeaway has added the all natural passion fruit, carrot and papaya juices, made fresh daily, to their menu. On Mondays a Chinese cook will be in house preparing all your favorite Chinese dishes. For a healthy choice, try the veggie burgers or rotisserie chicken. Deli hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Friday through Saturday. Their phone/fax number is 367-3002.

## Mini Market Opens

By Portia Jonsson

Marsh Harbour Mini Market, located opposite Abaco Hardware, is now open for business. The Mini Market carries groceries, household items, produce and dairy items. There is also a selection of snack foods, gift items, toiletries, toys and stationery. Store hours are 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. Mr. George Martin, Sr., owner of Marsh Harbour Mini Market, is pleased to be able to provide jobs for three persons.

## Red Cross Month

By Isobel Sherman

The month of May is Red Cross Month throughout the entire world. The Abaco Branch of the Red Cross planned many activities to celebrate and to help in fund raising. The final event will be a fair being planned for the first weekend in June. Persons interested in helping are asked to contact Barbara Johnson at 367-4599.

## Coop's Tropical Drinks

By Portia Jonsson

Mr. Silbert Cooper, a local Abaco businessman, has undertaken another business venture - Coop's Daiquiri and Tropical Drinks. The colorful building is strategically located in front of the Island Breezes Hotel in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Cooper said the idea to open a tropical drinks stand came about simply because of the need to create more island attractions for tourists offering a taste of the islands. He added that the Twin Brothers Daiquiri stand in Nassau has proved extremely popular with tourists and locals alike and therefore decided to give it a try on Abaco.

Coop's Daiquiri and Tropical Drinks specializes in strawberry, peach, banana, mango and margarita daiquiris in addition to other drinks referred to as "Coop's Special Creations." "The Abaco Lighthouse" is a mixture of four layers of strawberry daiquiri and pina colada, with or without alcohol so even the kids can enjoy. Tropical Rum Punch and Fruit Punch are also available and prices range from \$4 to \$6. Coop's Daiquiri and Tropical Drinks is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Coop's Bar has recently opened outside Island Breezes. Hoping to appeal to visitors walking on Queen Elizabeth Drive, they have a deck and benches for the comfort of their clientele. They serve a variety of mixed drinks.



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Fri. 16th	5:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	12:30am
Sun. 18th	6:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	2:00am
Wed. 21st	9:30am	1:00pm	1:30pm	5:00pm
Fri. 23rd	Sat. 12:00am	3:30am	4:00am	7:30am
Sun. 25th	Mon. 2:00am	5:30am	6:00am	9:30am
Wed. 28th	3:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	11:00pm
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# People in the News

## Student Excels

Ms. Shaqueria Adderly, daughter of Patricia Kemp of Dundas Town, has been selected to participate in a nine week summer research program at Louisiana State University. The program is for undergraduate biological research. Shaqueria will work with her professor and nine other students to demonstrate that a specific plant has enzymatic activity. The plants, called anhydrides, are toxic when expressed in Ecoli. If this is successful, the work will be published and Shaqueria will be a co-author.

Shaqueria is a recipient of the Prime Time Foundation scholarship. She is completing her degree in biochemistry at Louisiana State University and will graduate in 2004. The Prime Time Foundation provides a full four-year scholarship for one Abaco student each year. Shaqueria plans to become a pediatrician.

## Real Estate Salesman Is Honored

Brent Cartwright of Marsh Harbour, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker

Lightbourn Realty, has been selected to join the company's International President's Circle. The prestigious membership is limited to only the top twelve percent of the more than 90,000 Coldwell Banker Sales Associates worldwide.

At a time when the real estate industry was in a global tailspin, Mr. Cartwright beat the odds to emerge a winner in his field.

Mr. Cartwright is no stranger to hard work. One month after Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty opened in Marsh Harbour in 1999, Hurricane Floyd trashed the office. The market took a dive and Mr. Cartwright was forced to take on odd jobs to support his family. But a few months later, he was back in business, clinching sale after sale.

"Successful real estate agents never sit in the office and wait for the phone to ring. They're proactive. Brent is where he is today because of his drive and work ethic," Mr. Mike Lightbourn, president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty, said.

As a member of the company's International President's Circle, Mr. Cartwright

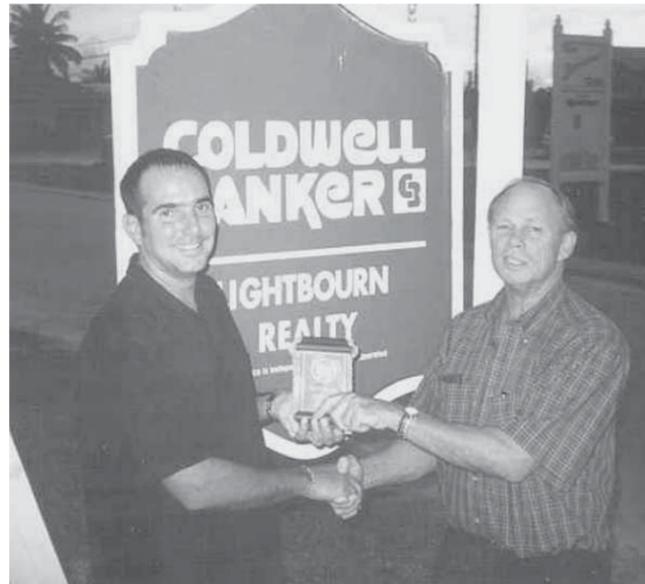
will be invited to attend the "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference exclusively for the company's top sales associates. His distinguished award was presented at Coldwell Banker's International Business Conference

held recently in San Diego, California. The annual event brought nearly 7,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates, brokers, managers and employees together for an intensive programme of professional development

and recognition of achievement.

For Mr. Cartwright, job satisfaction means 'helping someone find that special dream property. They're so happy to find it!'

*Brent Cartwright (left) shows off his President's Circle award to Mike Lightbourn, president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty. Mr. Cartwright is a sales associate of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty in Marsh Harbour*



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**Town Meeting** *From Page 3*

violators. She asked if more effort could be brought to bear on those who continue to create problems and not punish or burden the entire island for the actions of those few.

The meeting concluded with no firm answers but officials and residents had a better understanding of traffic and other town problems.

Indications were left that the garbage situation on the cays and in the Marsh Harbour

area is due for major changes with a central and proper land fill being established.

While in Hope Town, Mrs. Hanna-Martin and her group climbed the lighthouse taking in the view from the top balcony.

During her visit, Ms. Hanna-Martin toured the new port facility and the airport in Marsh Harbour asking questions and getting first hand information from Mr. Bobby Jones, Airport Manager and Capt. Cyril Roker, Asst. Port Controller, who will be moving to Marsh Harbour to manage the new port facility.

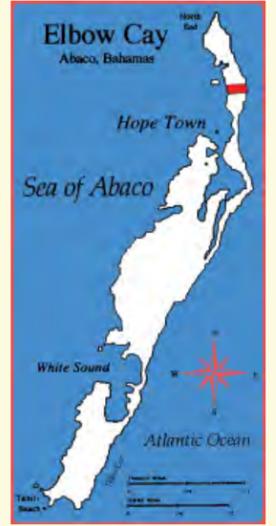
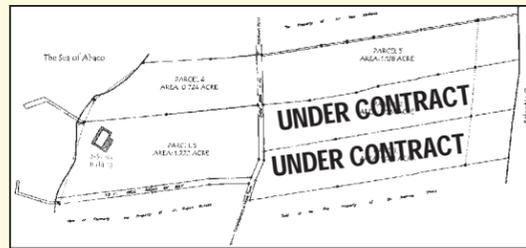


This in the gate on the Hope Town road which restricts vehicular traffic from the settlement. Keys have been given to persons who have a legitimate reason to drive in the town. This includes business people, the garbage truck and the utility companies. Most people feel that the gate is necessary and support the idea.

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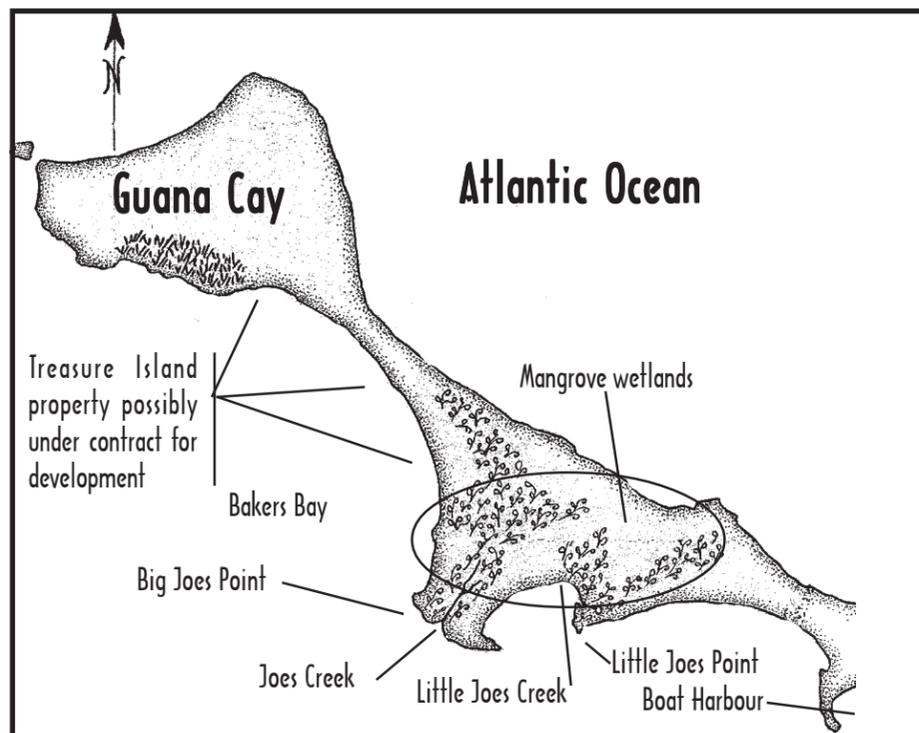
Mr. Robert Sweeting, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, recently talked with *The Abaconian* about the new Winding Bay Development. He felt the project will be beneficial to the area. He would like to see several acres set aside for Bahamians. He suggested that a few acres of Crown Land be switched with privately owned land at the

southwestern end of the beach. At this time the developer has agreed to have an access to that area and set aside a parking area for vehicles just off the main road. Mr. Sweeting mentioned that New Providence residents have problems accessing beaches. He would like to see government require that land be set aside for Bahamians for picnicking and

other shore activities.

Mr. Sweeting voiced his concern that we protect our environment. He mentioned that a proposed development on North Guana Cay is asking for Crown Land containing a wetlands shown on the accompanying map. These wetlands have a great variety of fish including bonefish and bountiful bird life.

Many residents of Guana Cay would like to see that area set aside as a protected park to preserve it for the future. It is one of the few wetland areas on the cays between Whale Cay and Little Harbour and it is a crucial nursery for the replenishment of fish and other marine life.



This map shows the wetland area at the northern end of Great Guana Cay. The wetlands extend far into the interior of the island. Several groups have asked that the government protect this area by making it a preserve.



The wetlands in the Joe's Creek area of Great Guana Cay are beautiful with abundant fish and bird life. The area extends into the island almost to the ocean side of the cay. Wetlands are a very important part of the ecological system as they act as the nursery for many species of fish and marine life.

## Window Decorating Contest for Independence

The Bahamas will celebrate its 30th Independence anniversary on July 10. An Abaco Independence Committee has been named and is planning a variety of events to commemorate the occasion.

One of their activities is to sponsor a window decorating contest. They are encouraging businesses to be original and to utilize the colors of the Bahamian flag.

If your business is interested in participating, they ask that you contact Kedy Anderson at the Ministry of Tourism office by June 10. The phone number is 367-3067 or 367-4512. Winners will be announced live on Radio Abaco.

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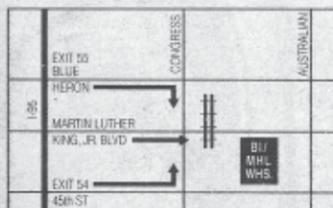
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## U.S. Issued New Requirements

By Isobel Sherman

The United States Government has issued new stipulations for foreign persons travelling to the United States. On January 1 a finger print and photo scan will begin at ports of entry into the United States. This is suppose to take only an additional few minutes and it is intended to make sure no

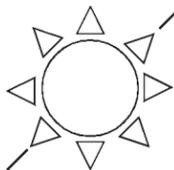
known terrorists or suspected terrorists are trying to enter the United States. This new measure stems from 9/11. Remember many of the pilots had overstayed their student visas or visas.

In addition there are changes to the drop off visa system at the United States Embassy in Nassau. The only people who can use the drop off system will be those persons over the age of 60 years or under the age of 16. All others will have to go through the interview process at the Visa Section of the United States Embassy in Nassau.

Roberts

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tomorrow's growth? While there is considerable growth, there are still challenges ahead to be faced, such as the Caribbean Single Market Economy and FTAA. Are we ready to develop as the island develops and improve with all improvements? Tomorrow will tell. However, we should be ready today for what tomorrow can bring.



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## Wild Horse Will Benefit from Raffle

By Mimi Rehor

On May 10 the newly formed Wild Horses of Abaco Preservation Society (WHOA, ps) held its first annual fund raiser at the Conch Inn. The event was to raise money for a fence for the reserve that central government recently designated for the Abaco Barbary horses. These horses are their own breed, and there are only 16 left in the world, right here on Abaco.

As guests arrived they registered and bought raffle tickets. A wine bar and tasty hors d'oeuvres tempted guests as they viewed exhibits about the horses, watched a looping video about the horses and wandered around tables filled with delightful

items for a silent auction.

Jammin' Jan entertained with her wonderful rendition of island songs. The first big event of the evening was a fire limbo dancing troupe from Nassau, capped by an incredible demonstration of glass eating.

The Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, addressed the crowd of about 75 people, emphasizing the great potential of the horses as an eco tourism attraction.

Then the raffle tickets were drawn, the silent auction was closed and the winners accepted their prizes. MC for the evening, Michael Albury, presented the gifts and thanked everyone for their ongoing support. The final tally isn't in, but it's certain that

the horses will now get their fence. All the Board Members of WHOA thank everyone on Abaco for their help, from those who provided the terrific prizes to the folks who will now get to do things like go for a sail on the *William H. Albury*, have dinners at restaurants here and in Treasure Cay, use \$200 worth of fuel, enjoy a savings account. Thanks to everyone!

*A fire dancer entertained the guests at the recent fund raising event to benefit the wild horses of North Abaco. Shown above is a visitor walking over fire between his feet with the fire dancer giving encouragement.*





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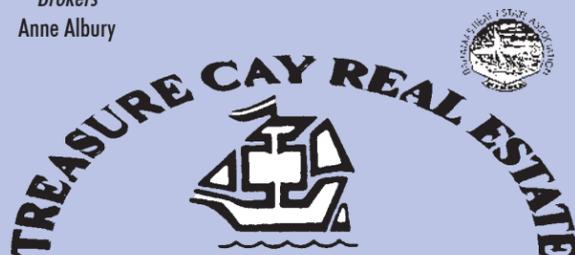
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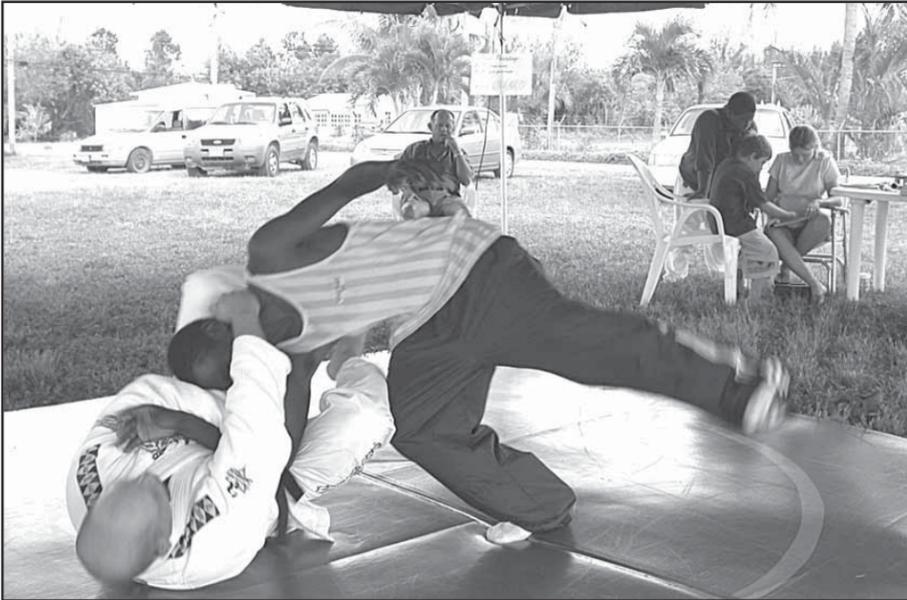
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## Hurricane Season Starts

The hurricane season for 2003 begins on June 1 and ends on November 30. The latest forecast for the coming hurricane season predicts that the Atlantic area will be "highly active" with 11 to 15 named storms. Of these six to nine will develop to become hurricanes of which two to four will grow to be major hurricanes. These predictions are based on a number of factors including the fact that the Pacific Ocean is warmer than normal this year.

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# S.C. Bootle Youth Receive Awards

By Jennifer Hudson

In a ceremony held on May 22 at the Church of God in Cooper's Town eleven ambitious young people from the S.C. Bootle High School were presented with Bronze Awards from the Governor General's Youth Awards Scheme. His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, and husband of Her Majesty the Queen began this award in 1956. Today, the Award is found throughout the Commonwealth and other countries under various names. These name changes have been encouraged by the international body in order to make the scheme personal to each particular island or area.

This scheme aims to develop the qualities of self-reliance, confidence, initiative and social awareness by participation in four areas of activity - service, expedition, skill and physical recreation- at three levels: bronze, silver and gold. Each level demands greater perseverance and commitment and encourages all young people regardless of their background or personal circumstances. The patron of the Award in The Bahamas is Her Excellency Dame Ivy Dumont, Governor General of the Bahamas, the personal representative of Her Majesty the Queen.

The programme opened with a welcome by Mr. James Richard, the M.C. for the evening, the Island Coordinator for the Governor General's Youth Award on Abaco. He then gave an insight into some of the activities and hours required to complete the Bronze stage. "The young people," stated Mr. Richard, "are usually drawn into this scheme by the excitement of the expeditions. Each hike is fifteen miles with one night spent in the bush. Cooking is done over an open fire, the hikers are required to carry everything on their backs and they learn to work as a team. Before embarking on a hike, the young people receive instruction in the practical skills they are likely to need e.g. first aid and compass use. However, in addition to the hikes, the youngsters must do a physical activity (any sport) one hour a week for three months and a community service for the same amount of time. Some clean the church or the schoolyard or they may choose to help an elderly person with shopping. Finally, a skill must be learned for six months. In this area the young person will work along with an adult learning a skill such as boat building, sewing or cookery." Before the young people embark on an expedition, which will

teach them teamwork and survival skills, they receive counseling from Mr. Richard. So far seven of the Bahamian Islands have been explored as part of the scheme. Mr. Richard ended by saying how very proud he is of all the participants.

Dr. Davidson Hepburn, former Ambassador to the United Nations and present Chairman of the National Council, Governor General's Youth Award, took the stage to make the presentations. Dr. Hepburn stated that it would be of great concern to him if there were no one to carry on the scheme and encouraged parents to get their children to continue in the scheme so that they can eventually obtain their gold awards and become the leaders of the future. He commented on the fact that it is very pleasing to see so many young men in the programme.

The Awards, consisting of a pin and a certificate, were then presented to Krystal Armbrister, Arnelle Augustin, Marco Cooper, Gordon Dean, Stephanio Edgecombe, Evonne Josue, Delvano McIntosh, Lashanti McIntosh, Michael McIntosh, Joan Pinder and Delvin Pritchard.

Before giving a final vote of thanks, Ms. Denise Mortimer, National Director, Governor General's Youth Award, gave some

informative details about the scheme, which involves five million young people in one hundred countries throughout the world. She said how much she hopes to eventually expand the programme to include the whole of Abaco. Presently, there is only the one unit at S.C. Bootle High School as the unit at Abaco Central High School, which was led by Mr. Hugh Cottis, sadly terminated upon his retirement. A plea was made for adults to come forward to assist in this programme. A donation of time can be made to help the young people learn skills, or monetary donations may be made to help purchase tents and other equipment.

There is a great need for programmes such as this to encourage young people to be their best and the organizers are to be highly commended for their dedication to this extremely worthy cause.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the church hall but not before the students received a final word of encouragement from Ms. Mortimer to now strive for the next level. This year the silver award expedition for the whole of the Bahamas will be held on Abaco and will consist of a two-day trek along the coastline from Crossing Rocks to the lighthouse at Hole-in-the-Wall.



Eleven students of the S.C. Bootle High School earned a Bronze Award with the Governor General's Youth Award Scheme. They received their certificates on May 22 given by Dr. Davidson Hepburn, Chairman of the National Council for the Scheme. Shown above are students along with the staff who worked with them while they qualified for the awards.

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# The Importance of Mangroves

By Alice Bain

The most visible species of mangrove growing Abaco's lee shores and in the marls of the south side is Rhizophora mangle, the Red Mangrove. R mangle is a unique and fascinating type of plant in its own right, and mangrove estuaries are one of the most important aspects of the Abaco marine ecosystem.

Red mangroves grow in any sheltered shallow spot along the coastline of Abaco and farther afield all over the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific up to 28 degrees north and south latitudes. Florida used to be acre upon acre of mangrove swamp before developers moved in and built condominiums. Red mangroves are distinctive for their system of reddish prop-roots which arc into the water, anchoring the plant against uprooting by wind or storm surge. These roots create an underwater thicket, providing refuge for the juvenile forms of many fish and other marine species such as lobster.

The roots also break up tidal currents and absorb wave action, allowing silt and sediments to settle around them and eventually creating new land. The value of mangroves in providing a marine nursery cannot be overstated. Without mangroves, fish stocks decrease dramatically.

Mangrove wood has also had many historical uses including pilings, wharves, shipbuilding and cabinetry. It has been burned for charcoal and pulped for paper. Mangrove leaves, when processed with calcium carbonate, have provided fodder for cows. In folk medicine the red mangrove has been used to cure asthma, diarrhea, ciguatera poisoning, sore throats, a number of cancers, bleeding wounds, backache, angina and even leprosy. The bark has a high content of tannins and has been used for tanning

leather.

Although the trees have been known to reach heights of up to 90 feet, the mangroves that grow on Abaco are much smaller.

Unlike black and white mangroves which take in salt water and excrete the excess salt as crystals from glands on their leaves, the red mangrove excludes salt from its system altogether via a complex cellular mechanism in the roots. Essentially, the plant has an impressive natural reverse-osmosis apparatus. The red mangrove is also unique in that it is viviparous - that is, the flowers go to fruit, and the fruits germinate while still attached to the tree. Each round brown fruit produces a cigar-shaped seedling which is green on one end and brown on the other. Seedlings drop into the water, and the brown end (the root end) naturally points down, aiding the plant in gaining a root hold wherever it should wash in with the tide.

These seedlings are extremely hardy and can survive up to a year immersed in salt water and still prove viable.

Red mangroves, because their roots act like shock absorbers, are extremely durable and resistant to heavy weather. Any native Abaconian can tell you that one of the best ways to tie up a boat when a hurricane threatens is to sail her into a mangrove creek and "spiderweb" her to the network of prop-roots.

Florida is only now beginning to learn the consequences of paving over mangrove swamps - in erosion, depleted fish stocks and damage to other wildlife populations.

Abaco's mangrove swamps are a treasure and should be carefully managed and conserved.

# Minister Tours M.H. Airport



The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, is shown here at the Marsh Harbour International Airport on her arrival for a visit to Abaco. She is discussing the severe problems facing Abaco because of the lack of adequate airport facilities. Shown above, left to right, are Mr. Bobby Jones, Airport Superintendent, Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, and Mr. Gary Sawyer, Texaco distributor, and Mrs. Hanna-Martin.

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# Seminar Topics Were Men and Money

By Portia Jonsson

"What every woman should know about men and money" was just one of the topics discussed at a seminar held at the Sea Shells Restaurant in Marsh Harbour on May 23rd. Mr. Gregory Bethel, President of Fidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd., Ms. Spencer Dean and Mr. Tony Kikivarakis were the evening's presenters.



Mr. Gregory Bethel

apply to money decisions made by women and men. However, women have some special situations that make it important that they get involved in their finances. Studies conducted in the United States reveal some sobering statistics that translate to The Bahamas as well.

- Women live on average between five to six years longer than men.
- A 65 year old woman has a further life

expectancy of 19 years.

- Women earn on average 76 cents for every dollar that men earn, resulting in lower National Insurance and pension benefits.
- Women outnumber men in part-time jobs which often provide no retirement benefits.
- Half of the women over 65 are divorced or widowed.
- Women make up three-quarters of the elderly poor.
- Eighty percent of women living in poverty were not poor before their husbands died.
- An average woman's standard of living drops 45 percent in the year following a divorce, while a man's rises by 15 percent.

It is imperative that women make a commitment to control their money. Women start out single and since they live longer than men, it is likely that they end up single as well. Make sure that you are on top of your financial affairs and are comfortable with money matters.

Addressing the group on financial planning before, during and after marriage was Ms. Dean of Consolidated Management & Consulting Ltd. She said that once you have set your goals and have set up your spending plan and budget, commit to it, implement it and monitor the plan. A plan is not

a static thing. It is a tool to help you reach your goals.

The final presenter, Mr. Tony Kikivarakis, spoke about estate planning. If you do not create a will or a trust, the politicians decide how your wealth is shared through The Inheritance Act, 2002 and The Status of Children Act, 2002.

## The Inheritance Act, 2002, Explained

- A) Spouse dies without a will leaving spouse and children  
Surviving spouse entitled to one half of all property  
ALL children share the other half of the property equally
- B) Spouse dies without a will, leaving a spouse but no children  
Surviving spouse inherits all absolutely
- C) Spouse dies without a will leaving a spouse and one child  
Surviving spouse gets one half of land and money absolutely  
Child gets one half of land and money absolutely
- D) Person dies without a will with no spouse or children surviving them  
All land and personal property is divided equally among all grandchildren, if any

If none, to parents and then to brothers and sisters or remote relatives. Nothing goes to the government.

## Children Have Equal Status

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any distinction at common law or in any written law between the status of children born within or outside of marriage is abolished; and a person is the child of his or her natural parents and his or her status as their child is independent of whether the child is born within or outside of marriage.

This Act applies to all children whether born before or after the commencement of this Act and to all dispositions and instruments made after that date.

Most people pay little attention to estate planning which is important for everyone. You need to plan now on how and when to share your wealth and provide for those you love and those you wish to assist financially. In addition, Mr. Kikivarakis listed the differences and similarities between a will and a trust.

Other topics discussed during the evening were *Globalization, The FTAA and Women, How a marriage or divorce affects a will and An absolutely guaranteed outline on how to advance your career.*

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This is the back road connecting the Marsh Harbour airport with S.C. Bootle Highway. It was originally the road north but was abandoned years ago when the S.C. Bootle Highway was improved. It used to be a lovely road through the pine trees. This is what it looks like today. What kind of person would just dump their garbage when the town dump is convenient? Where is their pride in their community? It seems a shame to have to spend tax dollars to clean up this mess when those dollars could be spent on other projects which the community could enjoy.

## Outstanding Student Is Named President's Scholar

Bianca Bethel earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a full time student at Florida Southern College. For that accomplishment she was named to the President's Scholar list for the 2003 spring semester.

Bianca is the daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour.

Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, is a private school affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

## OAS Offers Graduate Fellowships

The Organization of American States is offering residents of The Bahamas graduate fellowships to begin in the fall of 2004. Candidates are required to have citizenship or permanent residency in any OAS member-state and a university degree with "excellent academic performance." They must pursue their studies in an OAS member-state other than their country of permanent residency or citizenship and have clear academic goals, a focused program of study and career objectives contributing to the development of the country.

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Persons wishing additional information about the graduate scholarships may write to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at P.O. Box N-3746 or phone 242-322-7624/25. The academic program begins in the fall of 2004.

It is probably too late for most Abaco students to apply by the dead line this year. But if you are interested, keep up with the information for next year which would be for the school year 2005-2006.

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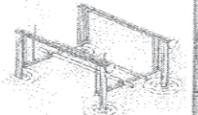
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# Church News

## Anglicans Have New Leader

By Jennifer Hudson

On July 1st, 2001, Father Andrew Earl Hepburn succeeded Father Hugh Chapman as Rector of St. John the Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour and St Martin's Anglican Church in Sandy Point. Born in Nassau, Father Hepburn received his early education there. He received his college and theological training in Barbados. Upon graduation he was ordained and ministered for a year and a half in Nassau. Before Father Hepburn accepted this posting in Abaco, he was told that it would be quite a challenge and he admits that it has been.

"Abaco," says Father Hepburn, "is a unique place for ministry. Firstly of all, there are the hurdles of distance to be overcome in addition to the diverse personalities within the communities." But these are challenges he enjoys, "because they keep me on my toes." His two churches present contrasting situations and needs. Whilst there is a larger number of people in the Marsh Harbour congregation, in Sandy Point the situation is different as most of his members are over the age of forty. Father Hepburn spends the entire Wednesday at the Sandy Point church as he travels these fifty miles to administer spiritual care to members of his congregation. On Sundays he alternates service times between the two churches at 8.00 a. m and 11.00 a.m. weekly. Father Hepburn states that he senses enthusiasm and cooperation from both parishes; members are working hard and he is proud of them for their faithfulness and cooperation.

Father Hepburn's vision for this church is for it to grow, not only physically but most importantly in the displaying of the fruits of the Spirit, which produces love, joy and peace. His deep desire is for everyone to feel a part of the life of the church

and to show God's love to all in the world. "If everything is centered on love," he says, "I believe all the other good things will follow."

In Nassau Father was a keen sportsman, active in basketball and volleyball. However, since coming to Abaco, he confesses to falling down in this area of physical exercise and he substitutes this by playing the piano. He is married to Zoe and the couple has an infant daughter named Gabrielle Francis Hepburn.

Father Hepburn is well loved by his parishioners and is very approachable and down to earth. The two things he abhors are foolishness and unpunctuality. Otherwise, he is a man with a big heart who loves to reach out to others to offer his assistance. This is what makes life fulfilling for him.



Fr. Earl Hepburn



Rebecca Davis proudly shows off the very large sweet potato she grew in Moore's Island. We thank her for sharing it with us.

## New U.S. Requirements

By Isobel Sherman

The United States Government has issued new stipulations for foreign persons travelling to the United States. On January 1 a finger print and photo scan will begin at ports of entry into the United States. This is suppose to take only an additional few minutes and it is intended to make sure no known terrorists or suspected terrorists are trying to enter the United States. This new measure stems from 9/11. Remember many of the pilots had overstayed their student visas or visas.

In addition there are changes to the drop off visa system at the United States Embassy in Nassau. The only people who can use the drop off system will be those persons over the age of 60 years or under the age of 16. All others will have to go through the interview process at the Visa Section of the United States Embassy in Nassau.

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 Ft. Laud and W Palm Bch ..... 367-3415  
 Golden Airlines - Ft. Lauderdale ..... 954-359-8020  
 Island Express - Ft. Lauderdale ..... 367-3597  
 Lynx Air International - Ft. Lauderdale ..... 954-772-9808  
 Major Air Service - Freeport ..... 367-4826  
 Twin Air - Fort Lauderdale ..... 365-8677  
 USAir - Ft. Laud and W. Palm Bch ..... 367-2231  
 Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B. .... 367-4852

Local charter companies serving Bahamas & S. Florida  
 Abaco Air Charters 367-2266  
 Cherokee Air Charters ..... 367-2089

#### Tours & Excursions

Kayak • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour. . 367-5358  
 Birding • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour . 367-5358  
 Reef • Abaco Beach Dive Center • M.H. .... 367-4646  
 Reef • Dive Abaco • Marsh Harbour ..... 367-2787  
 Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town ..... 366-0024  
 Kayak • Abaco Adventures • Treasure C .....  
 Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town ..... 366-0431

#### Medical Services

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

#### 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 1:30 pm 3:30 5:30 (min \$40)  
**Guana & Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour** 30 minute trip  
 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45pm  
*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 7:00 am & 2:30 pm**  
**McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm**  
 Fare \$40 one way • \$80 round trip • Children \$20 one way • \$40 round trip  
 For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356  
 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**  
 Abaco Beach Dive Center ..... 367-4646  
 Abaco Dive Adventres ..... 367-2963  
 Dive Abaco ..... 367-2787  
**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

#### Bonefish Guides

<b>Sandy Point</b>	<b>Cherokee</b>
Patrick Roberts .... 366-4286	Theodore Sawyer .... 366-2111
Nicholas Roberts	Will Sawyer ..... 366-2177
Derrick Gaitor	Marty Sawyer ..... 366-2115
Ferdinand Burrows 366-4133	Noel Lowe ..... 366-2107
Vernal Burrows	Junior Albury ..... 366-3058
Kendall White	<b>Hope Town</b>
Anthony Bain ..... 366-4107	Maitland Lowe ..... 366-0133
Floyd Burrows ..... 366-4175	<b>North Abaco</b>
Links Adderly ..... 366-4335	O'Donald McIntosh
Valentino Lightbourne	Pope McKenzie ..... 477-5894
Ricky Burrows .... 366-4233	Orthnell Russell ..... 365-0125
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	Alexander Rolle ..... 365-0120
Buddy Pinder ..... 366-2163	Edward Rolle ..... 365-0024
Jay Sawyer ..... 367-3941	<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>
Justin Sands ..... 367-3526	Ronnie Sawyer ..... 365-4070
Terrance Davis .... 367-4464	Jeff Survance ..... 365-4040
Danny Sawyer ..... 367-3577	Ricky Sawyer ..... 365-4261
<b>Man-O-War</b>	<b>Treasure Cay</b>
David Albury ..... 365-6059	Joe Pritchard ..... 365-8111
	Darren Russell ..... 365-8111
	Pedro Thurston ..... 365-8111

#### Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
 (Based on dinner entree range)

‡ Provides ride from town  
 + Picnic tables & restroom only

##### Marsh Harbour

Anglers ..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2158  
 Backstreet Cafe ..... 367-2782  
 C&G Restaurant ..... \$ ..... 367-3227  
 Conch Crawl ..... \$ ..... 367-4444  
 Golden Grouper ..... \$ ..... 367-2301  
 Henry's Jerk Center ..... \$ ..... 367-5959  
 Hummingbird ..... \$\$ ..... 367-2922  
 Jamie's Place ..... \$ ..... 367-2880  
 Jib Room ..... \$ ..... 367-2700  
 Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch) ..... 367-2615  
 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 ..... \$ ..... 367-2278  
 Subway ..... 367-2798  
 Wallys ..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2074

##### Dundas Town

Ambassador Inn ..... \$ ..... 367-2022  
 Mackerals ..... 367-5932

##### 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  
 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  
 Orchid Bay ..... 365-6175

##### Treasure Cay

Florence's Cafe ..... \$ .....  
 Harbour Cafe ..... \$ ..... 365-8635  
 Hudson's Delight ..... \$ ..... 365-8648  
 Island Boil & Sports Bar . \$\$ ..... 365-8849  
 Sand Bar ..... lunch ..... 365-8111  
 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  
 Sundowners ..... 365-4060  
 Wrecking Tree Rest.  
 Harbour Café (ferry dock) . \$ ..... + ..... 365-8635

##### Sandy Point

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



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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**George Michael Mikula-Knowles**, 50, of Treasure Cay passed away in Nassau after an illness. His funeral was on May 24 at the Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay with Rev. Stafford Symonette officiating assisted by Pastor Cecil Forbes and Rev. Kay Albury. Interment was in the Cooper's Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Mikula-Knowles; sons Mikus Mikula-Knowles, Ricardo Knowles, Willis and Dedric Russell; daughters Shanda Campbell, Michelle and Cutelle Mikula-Knowles, Katherine and Romana Russell; step-son Clark Jones; parents Bernice and Dolly Nicholson; sisters Edith Nicholson and Sadie Williams; brother Bernice Nicholson Jr.; mother-in-law Annie McIntosh; son-in-law Raymond Campbell; brothers-in-law Roosevelt, Sam and Deoily McIntosh; sisters-in-law Belinda McIntosh and Freeda McIntosh; grandchildren Rayshann and Rayvonne Campbell, Mikarah Mikula-Knowles, Michelle and Miguel Nicholson and Chrishantie Edgecombe and Brianna Russell; aunts Edna Sands, Idamae Albury, Yvonne Thompson, Miriam and Iris Knowles and Alva Rose Whitfield; uncles Austin Sr., Albert and Clinton Knowles; nephews Rodney, Jamal, Devon, Dennis and Deioily McIntosh, Malcolm and B.J. Williams; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Ruby Mills**, 67, of Fox Town was held on May 24 at the End Time Harvest Church in Crown Haven. Bishop Tyrone Mills officiated. Interment was in the Anglican Church Cemetery in Fox Town.

She is survived by her husband Elijah; sons Tyrone, Lionel, Elijah Jr., Stephen and Earlyn; adopted son Deon Williams; daughters Valderine Mills, Vernetta Curry and Junnie McIntosh; grandchildren Tiffany Lewis, Marvin, Jermaine, Travonne, Tyronia, Ticoya and Tedrone Mills, Lashunda Aranha, Marlena Pinder, Gregory, Shantell, Kendrick, Lionica, Matalia, Tera, Amina, Giovanni and Kadeijah Mills, Neil Williams, Deon, Davinci, Elijah and Devron Mills, Keith, Stephen, Kareem, Zenovia, Sharadon and Akeem Mills, Anishka McPhee, Tiara and David Curry, Earlyn and Nela Mills, Alexis and Alexander McIntosh; great grandchildren including Racha and Malik Lewis, Ashley Aranha and Cetabia Pinder; daughters-in-law Doreen, Zenovia, Maria, Naomi and Navidis Mills; sons-in-law David Curry and Reuben McIntosh; sisters Evelyn Russell and Millie McIntosh; adopted sister Naomi McIntosh; brothers-in-law William Saunders, Merlin McIntosh, Ralph Russell and Charlie Mills; sisters-in-law Lovely, Idella and Dorcas Mills, Priscilla Saunders and Doris Thompson; aunts Olga and Leona Russell and Ruth Wells; uncle Erskine Wills

and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Bruce Alexander Lightbourne**, 54, of Sandy Point will be held on May 24 at St. Martin's Anglican Church. Archdeacon Cornell Moss and Fr. Earle Hepburn officiated assisted by Rev. Franklyn Colebrooke. Interment was in the Sandy Point Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Valeria; son Brandon; adopted son Christin; daughter Jodie; mother Carnetta Lightbourne; mother-in-law Louise Archer; sisters Beverley Culmer, Frances Henfield, Edith Edgecombe and Denise Strachan; brothers Remorn and Leonard Lightbourne; granddaughter Alicia Greene; nieces Latanya Kemp, Remona Lightbourne, Nikia Edgecombe, Sophia Lightbourne, Siddina and Alexdia Henfield and Danae Demeritte, Willesia Francis, Crystal, Jade and Lesa; nephews, Nashon, Lamont, Charles Jr. and Leon Lightbourne, Renaldo Hudson and Giovannie Strachan and Charles Gilcud; aunts Eunice Russell, Lelila Thomas, Veronica Gibbs and Christine Fountain; uncles Rev. Olsworth Russell, Nola Thomas, Obed Pinder, Oswald and Howard Anchor; sisters-in-law Linda and Leanice Lightbourne, Karen Moxey and Lynette Sands; brothers-in-law Angelo Strachan, Dr. Leslie Culmer, Sidney Henfield, James and John Moxey, Clifton, Keith, Wayne and Brian Miller and many other relatives and friends.

**Sherlock Duncan Young Russell**, 77, passed away at his home in Hope Town on May 22. His funeral was at the St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town. Officiating were Mr. Vernon Malone and Mr. Patrick Bethel. Interment was in the Upper Cemetery in Hope Town.

He is survived by his wife Susan Russell, sons Duncan, Peter and Glen; daughters Olga, Linda, Karen and Ruth; sons-in-law Willie and Howard; daughters-in-law Helen and Danielle; grandsons Justin, Andrew, William and Dean; granddaughters Nancy, Yvette, Sharmon, Maryann and Carmella; grandsons-in-law Kevin, Mark and Randy; great grandsons Eric, Stephen, Christopher, Tristan, Drew, Tracey and Kyle; great granddaughters Angelia, Kaylyn, Paige, Aisha, Dana and Justine; brothers Quentin and Earl; sister-in-law Eileen; nephews Bobby, Richard, Steve, Collin, Craig and Randy; nieces Kay, Marsha, Sherry and Lynn; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Clifford McIntosh, Sr.**, 77, of Cooper's Town was held on May 25 at the Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town. Bishop Henry Wright officiated assisted by Rev. Burnell Parker. Interment was in the Southside Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his wife Delphine Reckley-McIntosh; sons Dwight, Hiram,

Clifford Jr., Daron and Hansel McIntosh; daughters Shirley Jackson, Margaret McDonald, Lynn Edgecombe, Carolee Lightbourne, Myrtle, Learlean, Inez and Annica McIntosh; grandchildren Charlotte Bethel, Tamara, Kayla, Wendell Jr. and Jermaine Miller, Nekos Cooper, Castio and Archreleck McDonald, Deniro, Miranda, Hiram Jr., Habriyah, Ramond, Octoavia and Lazaria McIntosh, Ava and Avaad Edgecombe, Courdero, Darian and Branee Lightbourne; great grandchildren Darcell, Malik and Devin Jackson Charlon Fynes, Ricardo Jr. and Ralecia Bethel; daughters-in-law Cinder and Stephanie McIntosh; sons-in-law Archie McDonald Daron Lightbourne and Dwight Edgecombe; sisters Miriam Roker, Princess Cox and Betty McIntosh; brothers Wilson, Hezekiah, Calvin, Edwin and Pastor Ronald McIntosh; uncle Roland McIntosh; aunt Marie McIntosh; sisters-in-law Pearl, Florence, Estelle, Kathleen, Annie and Ruth McIntosh; brother-in-law Rev. Jeffery Cox; nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Thomas Eldredge Russell**, 73, of Hope Town was held on May 15 at St. James Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Cornea and Mr. Vernon Malone officiating. Interment was in the Hope Town Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lucille Russell; son Gregory Russell; daughter Debbie Baldwin; grandson T.J. Baldwin; granddaughters Candice Pritchard and Heather Russell; sister Fannie Sweeting; son-in-law Thomas Baldwin; daughter-in-law Valerie Russell; grandson-in-law Troy Pritchard; brothers-in-law Roy Cash, Don

Cash and Rupert Russell; sisters-in-law Millie and Una Russell, Eleanor Russell, Carrie and Katie Cash; great-grandchildren Brandon Russell and Savannah Pritchard and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Deacon Cubell Harold Davis**, 68, of Murphy Town was held on May 25 at Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town. Rev. Alphonso Lewis, Sr., assisted by Rev. Christ Dean officiated. Interment was in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Vernell Davis; children Brenda Roberts, Billy Davis, Dudley Davis, Cubell Star Davis, Jr. and Tamara McIntosh; adopted children Fred Johnson, William Johnson, Barbara Dawkins, Marjorie Martin, Sandra White, Peter Stuart and Vernita McBride; sons-in-law Howard Roberts and Elvis McIntosh; daughters-in-law Alonza Dawkins and Rufus Martin; adopted daughters-in-law Edith Johnson, Carolee Johnson and Peggy Stuart; grandchildren Adrian, Felica, Jovon, Jovoncia, Britnae, Brandon, Brenton, Dudley Jr., Renaldo Davis and Tamashia McIntosh; great-grandchildren Adrian Jr., Javon Jr., and Javona Davis; adopted grandchildren Jermain, Quintin, Shandera, Shacara, Shaearia Johnson, Raquel Knowles, Sheneka Larissa, Barbrianna, Joshua Dawkins, Roshanna, Rufus Martin Jr., William Jr., and Jasmin Johnson, Vetera, VJ Jr., Lionese McBride and Sherek Mills; sisters-in-law Marjorie Johnson, Christine Vernice and Aramena Simms; nieces and nephews; nephews-in-law, nieces-in-law; grandnieces; grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends.



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**On Green Turtle Cay:**

- **The beach:** • 1.46 acres on Atlantic Ocean. 135' on beach. \$183,000
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| UNDER CONTRACT |
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- **Green Turtle** 3 acre inland lot within five minutes walk of beach. \$53,000 gross
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| UNDER CONTRACT |
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- **Two one-third acre lots** on Bight O Bay beach. 90' frontage. Close to town and public dock.
- **Fourteen lots** across from Bight O Bay Beach. Water front on Inner White Sound. 1/2 acre and up. Starting at \$78,650
- **Quiet waterfront:** 1.35 acres on Black Sound, with dock, close to beach. \$650,000
- **A jewel of a home** with pool set high on a bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco. One acre of property stunningly landscaped with wooden walkways and decks. Six buildings set out in "pod" arrangement. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath. Wicker and rattan furniture throughout including pieces by Tommy Bahama. \$2.8 million
- **Ocean Beach:** 1/2 acre lot on high ridge with gorgeous ocean view. Many fruit trees. Five minute walk to beach. Reef close enough to swim to. \$102,000
- **White Sound: NEW:** one-year-old furnished 3 bedroom 2 bath home within short walk of public dock, major resort, bay beach and ocean beach. Tile floors. A/C throughout. Satellite T.V. Sleeps ten. Good rental history. Screened in porch. Private secluded 1/2 acre of property. \$680,000.
- **Four inland lots** within 5 minute walk of waterfront and public dock. \$47,200 each
- **1/2 acre** 1 minute walk of public dock, \$60,000-
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| UNDER CONTRACT |
|----------------|
- **Green Turtle** 1 acre only 125 feet from ocean beach. Firm
- **1/2 acre lot in Coco Bay** within five minutes walk of Ocean BEach and Coco Bay beach. \$81,600 gross
- **2.68 acres** with dock rights on Coco Bay. \$650,000
- **1/3 acre inland lot** near Ocean Beach \$76,800 gross
- **Bluff Harbour:** Furnished private home. Three bedrooms, three baths plus caretaker cottage. 2000' water front. Secluded. One acre. Boat ramp and dock site. Needs repair.
- **North End: NEW!** Stunning furnished hilltop, 3 bedroom, 2 bath hom with fireplace, perched 35 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Vaulted ceilings. 125' on ocean. Panoramic views of ocean through French doors, 3000 sq. ft. under roof plus 1,000 sq. ft. of screened-in porch. W/D, A/C in master bedroom. \$1.42 million gross
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| UNDER CONTRACT |
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- **NEW!** Secluded two-acre parcel with house stretching from Bluff Harbour to the Sea of Abaco. Over 1000 feet of water front. Stunning views. Two bedrooms / 2 baths. New protected dock on Bluff Harbour. Gazebo on Sea of Abaco. 30,000 gallon cistern. Stand-by generator. Many mature trees. Garage. \$3,000,000
- **Inner White Sound:** Two bedroom suites; 3 bath: Kit/liv/dining fully furnished villa on water. In pristine condition. Good rental income. \$275,000
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# Winding Bay Will Offer Five-Star Facilities

## Development *From Page 1*

bicycle and golf cart use. All buildings will be constructed in a traditional Bahamian style of the Family Out Islands, all wooden buildings with porches. He will require the quality of service and ambience required for appealing to a very high class of visitors.

The entire project will develop 500 acres, part of it purchased privately and part of it on Crown Land. It will have the first tropical links in the world, modeled after links golf courses common in Scotland. The links

## Winding Bay *From Page 5*

hope it never changes."

The audience was told that the meeting was to get our input and that it was "our" project, (meaning, I presume, that the success or failure of the whole project ultimately pivoted on local cooperation and acceptance.) but it was obvious that everything had already been agreed upon long before this meeting ever started, as we have heard about it for over a year now, and as the other news media have already reported. In the past our many visitors have begged us "not to let Cherokee become just another tourist trap," but, if we must accept progress - then this project certainly sounds like the least intrusive and would certainly be a boon to local businesses and hopefully to many unemployed workers. If promises are kept, it will be good for Cherokee. So, we welcome this new neighbour and wish him lots of success.

## Clinics *From Page 1*

is now part of the College of The Bahamas. In the first class to graduate under the new system was a nurse from Moore's Island. There are now three additional students from Abaco training on Grand Bahama.

Mr. Bethel also announced that during 2003-2004 a sanitary landfill will be constructed on Abaco. This will allow for environmentally sound management of waste.

Within the next fiscal year his ministry plans to initiate a program to remove derelict vehicles and machinery in the Family Islands. The program was started in Nassau where vehicles were crushed and exported. Abaco was named as one of islands.

The Ministry of Health will put in place a national cleanliness program with the idea of changing the behavior and attitudes of the children and youth of the country. It expects to heighten the awareness that cleanliness in our environment is our collective responsibility.

course fits the natural land features, leaves the natural vegetation as much as possible and requires only 60 percent of the water that a normal course uses.

He assured the group that Abaconians will have access to the beach. Within three to four months an opportunity center will open for receiving employees and for those who want to train either locally or overseas for specific positions. The resort will operate year round.

Additional facilities will include a sewage treatment plant, a compactor for solid waste, maintenance buildings and a parking security building. The sewage treatment plant will purify the water sufficiently for irrigation purposes. There will be no septic systems in the area. The compactor will prepare the solid waste for transporting to a solid waste disposal site to be developed soon in Central Abaco. The Bahamas Electricity Corporation will install a land line to serve the project, extending it all the way to Cherokee Sound. It will then connect with the present underwater line from Casuarina Point. That will give the area a back up system. The power lines will also extend to Little Harbour, giving them power for the first time.

The Hon. Allison Maynard Gibson, Minister of Financial Services and Investments, spoke at the meeting naming Abaco as the Pearl of the Bahamas. She spoke enthusiastically of the project, feeling that the \$140 million development would benefit Abaco greatly. The top 12 golfers in the world all belong to his clubs and will be making yearly visits to Abaco for tournaments.

The Winding Bay project met all her

Ministry's requirements for benefitting The Bahamas. Those include

- Employment
- Entrepreneurial opportunities
- Education — employee training and a golf scholarship.

She added a fourth requirement.

- Environmentally sensitive — Winding Bay qualifies in that respect also.

Mrs. Maynard-Gibson quickly listed several other projects under consideration for Abaco. These included the Barrier Reef proposal, a \$250 million project to include two hotels and residences, a boat restora-

tion project to employ many Abaconians, a \$10 million project with cottages and a \$1.2 project of condominiums. She commented on the significant financial effect that second homeowners have had on Abaco and the great potential for investments in tourism and in agriculture

The Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism, mentioned that there will be an announcement soon concerning the Marsh Harbour airport. Government recognizes that the terminal is too small, the runway needs surfacing and control and radio facilities are needed.

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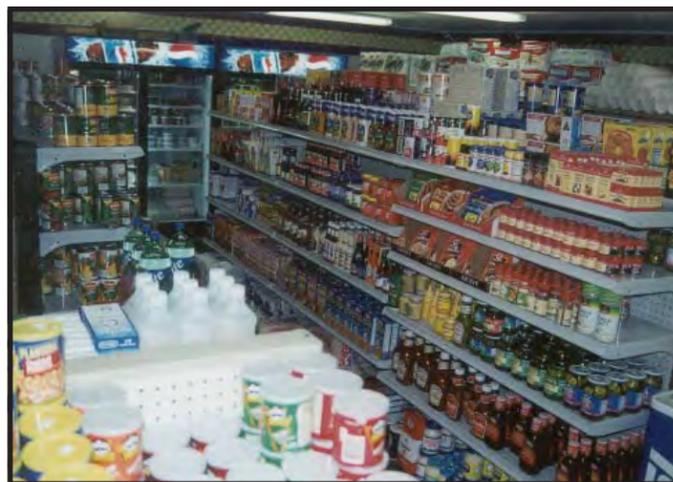
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# Art Adds Variety for Locals and Visitors

By Portia Jonsson

Colette T. Rolle-Bootle, a native of Nassau, is a self taught artist. She is a 1980 graduate of R.M. Bailey Senior High School and the College of the Bahamas. Whilst in high school, Ms. Bootle began drawing and painting and sat the "O" and "A" level examinations in art. Since 1985 she has been employed with the Bahamas Customs Department as a Customs Officer. Ms. Bootle loves being a Customs Officer and loves

her job. She will not quit it to engage in art full time despite her sister and friends telling her otherwise.

For the past 25 years she has been expressing herself in mediums such as pen and ink, charcoal, acrylic, pastels, oils and ceramics. She is known for her vibrant landscapes and beach scenes. In addition to canvases, her work can be seen on floor cloths, light switches, greeting cards, bags and hand painted eggs. Over the years she has participated in several exhibitions at the Central Bank of the Bahamas, Finco Bank, the Nocturne Art Gallery and Abaco Beach Resort art shows.

For three years Ms. Bootle did not paint until 1999 when she relocated to Abaco. She was encouraged to start painting again by her sister Harriet Thompson and friend Karen McIn-

tosh and has been going "full force" ever since. Within the last three years she has tried several new items, leaning more on the craft side, but realized that it was taking her away from what she really enjoyed and using too much of her time.

Ms. Bootle says painting and drawing takes her to another level. She started painting to occupy her spare time and now it is more than a hobby, it's more like an investment. She says being a Customs Officer is not an easy job so when she wants to unwind, she picks up a paintbrush and starts painting.

Her paintings are on sale at Java Coffee



*Colette Rolle-Bootle is a talented artist as demonstrated by this painting of a path to the beach. She has impressed many people by her talent. They look forward to seeing her newest work at the art shows where she displays her work.*

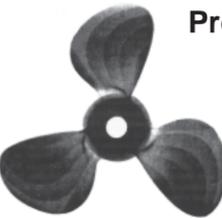
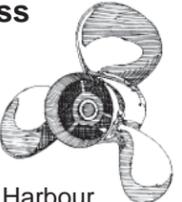


Mrs. Bootle is shown here with another of her paintings.

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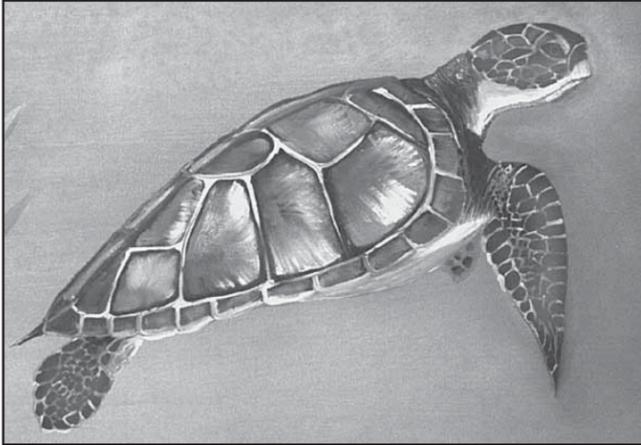
# Customs Officer Finds Satisfaction in Art

## Artist

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House and Abaco Glass on Abaco, Island Tings in Nassau, Gateway Gallery in Bimini and Dilly Dally in Harbour Island. Prices range from \$100-\$700.

Ms. Bootle makes her home in Marsh Harbour with her seven-year-old daughter, Jade.



Two additional paintings show the versatility of Mrs. Bootle. She is an artist Abaco can be proud of.



# ZNS Is Sponsoring Dollars for Scholars Program

By Portia Jonsson

The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of The Bahamas Independence is staging a *Dollars for Scholars* promotion. This country-wide promotion allows the corporation to give back to the community. The ZNS Abaco office invites all businesses throughout Abaco to *come on board* and be a part of this promotion by donating a computer system to one of the government schools. In the event a business is not solely able to donate a complete computer system but still wishes to be a part of this promotion, that business can team up with another business to make a contribution. Businesses that take part in this promotion will be eligible for a discounted advertising rate with ZNS.

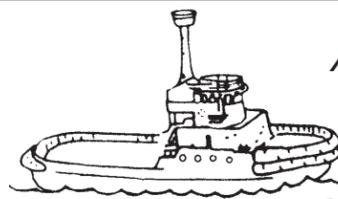
This promotion is not limited to businesses only but the general public can also

assist by purchasing raffle tickets on sale for \$30 at the office. The grand prize is a 2003 Mercedes-Benz. The drawing will take place on the eve of Independence, July 9th, in Nassau. The *Dollars for Scholars* promotion will run until Independence Day, July 10th. In addition, an outstanding student from each school will be selected to receive a \$300 cash prize. For more information please contact Ms. McDonald at the ZNS Abaco Office, telephone 367-4044.

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## The Island Pharmacy, a Bahamas Development Bank Assisted Business

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Ricardo R. Miller, R.Ph. is the proud owner of the recently opened Island Pharmacy situated on the south side of the Post Office building. His business was financed by the Bahamas Development Bank for which he has high praise for the efficient way in which they assisted him.

Mr. Miller, who is originally from Long Island, obtained a B.Sc in Chemistry from the University of Virginia and an Honours degree in pharmacy from University in Trinidad. Upon graduation he worked as head pharmacist at Sunrise Medical Centre in Freeport for one year. During that time he decided that he would like to open his own business. Being "an island boy," he wanted to contribute to a Family Island. Abaco was his island of choice for he felt that there was a need here as the island is well developed with the potential to serve both Bahamians and tourists. According to Mr. Miller pharmacists are in very great demand these days, especially in England, the United States and Canada and he was offered many positions but preferred to remain in the Bahamas. Mr. Miller is happy to be in his own business as it provides a greater opportunity for him to use his pharmaceutical skills to help people on a more personal level.

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Although the store has only been open since October 2002, Mr. Miller is pleased with the way business is building. But he derives his greatest reward from the satisfaction he gains from being able to assist people with their problems.

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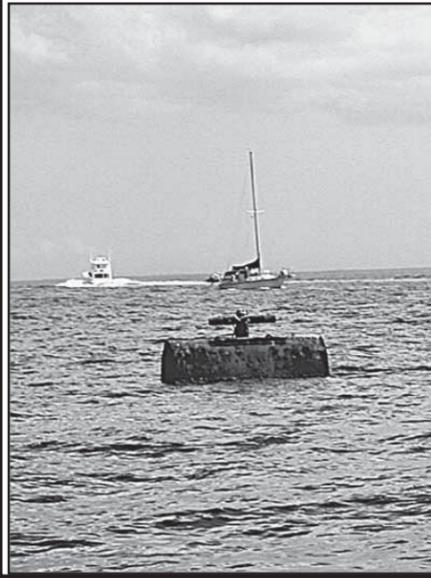
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## Baker's Bay Leftover Debris



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**Letters**

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allowed to remain for the child's sake. This practice is a blatant attempt to get around the immigration laws and has lead to an influx of illegal immigrants trying to sneak in and have kids here. This same practice has lead the USA to recently change its laws, saying that a child born in the US must have at least one US parent to be considered American. If the Bahamas had implemented that law back when you were born, you wouldn't be here to write letters to our local paper.

You claim that it's a hardship to wait until you are 18 to get a Bahamian passport. Be thankful that you get one then. The Bahamas lets you live here, educates you, and provides you with every opportunity to succeed. Some foreigners even get free, indefinite land for housing, which is something I never got as a citizen of the Baha-

mas. So, if having to use a travel document for a few years is your biggest problem, you're doing pretty well.

In short, stop complaining. The Bahamas' government is very lenient with foreigners who have little regard for their laws. It is not their problem that your parents' native country won't accept you. The burden of that decision falls on your parents, who chose to have you here instead of in their homeland. Next time, try writing a letter of thanks for all that you have as a resident of the Bahamas.

A concerned, and now amused, citizen

**Scouting Builds Character**

Dear Editor;

Thank you for the opportunity to address the issue of solicitation of funds by youth groups. As the acting District Commissioner of Scouts Abaco, I would like to say that we have been the recipients of many gener-

ous donations from the community and from other service groups. However, Scouting stands for self-reliance and citizenship and we believe in working for what we receive. Some traditional avenues of fund raising, such as bottle drives for refunds and the selling of Christmas trees, are not feasible in The Bahamas. We do what we can. Our Scout-made Candy Cane Reindeers are always profitable and we just held a successful car wash and bake sale.

We would like to thank all those who supported us in that endeavour, especially AID, Sawyer's Soft Drinks and Island Delight. Scouts Abaco has re-activated an old fashioned program called "Bob a Job." Pairs of Scouts are available to do odd jobs, help clean a yard or paint a fence in return for whatever the sponsor wishes to pay. We are also in the preliminary stages of publishing a cookbook called "Cookin' with Scouts Abaco." We still need lots of good recipes so please contribute to our efforts

in this way. Our goals are to help develop responsible and civic minded young people. Funds we raise are used to aid those, who, for financial reasons, would not be able to participate in camping, sailing and other outdoor skill-learning adventures. In turn, Scouts have donated money that they earned to Abaco Animals Require Friends, the Rotary Club, Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and Trauma One. The Cubs and Scouts have also cleaned tables and the grounds at the last two Toys for Tots functions and even picked up litter from the roadsides. Scouting represents all the "old fashioned" values of decency, deportment and self-respect and we thank everyone who is so kind to us.

Yours truly;  
Sandra Evans  
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**Returned Research Tag Brings Reply**

The Siewruk Family of Guana Cay was on the beach on April 27th when Zachary, a 4th grade student at St. Francis de Sales School, found a little black tube with an antennae sticking out. They rushed in the house and with the bits of information found on the tube located the owner which was the Department of Fisheries Science at the College of William and Mary. It turned out to be a tag which had been embedded near the dorsal fin of a white marlin. They returned the tube to the school and later received a reply from the student who was conducting the research.

Dear Mike and Zachary,

Thank you so much for your patience, diligence and detective work in reuniting the tag with its research program. Of the 48 tags deployed by the VIMS Billfish Research Program since 1999, this is only the third instance of a tag washing up on shore and being recovered. This model of tag takes the temperature, pressure (i.e. depth), and light level readings every two to four minutes and stores them on a memory chip. The battery then causes the tag to float to the surface where it transmits the archived data to satellites. We get roughly 80 percent of all archived data.

These devices run about \$4000 if made from scratch - a recovered tag can be retrofitted with new electronics for \$800. For my masters research on habitat preferences of white marlin, I've deployed 22 tags in 2002 and am hoping to deploy 19 more in 2003.

Since 1999 our lab has been involved in a number of pop-up satellite tag studies, applying tags to blue and white marlin. It is exciting, cutting edge research with immediate management implications.

We sincerely appreciate your dogged determination in reuniting us with the tag. It has taken a long and storied path floating to the beach where Zachary found it and in a way is a different sort of "message in a bottle." Thanks again for your efforts!

Sincerely,  
Andrij Zenon Horodysky  
Department of Fisheries Science  
College of William and Mary

**Shoot Out** From Page 13

aged it while it was hooked up.

On the final day of fishing eight blue marlin were released and two white marlin released. Two blue marlin were brought in, a 402-pounder and a 432-pound fish.

Already plans are being made for the 25th Shoot-out next year. The goal is to have 100 boats and the committee members were taking advanced registrations.

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**Cays** *From Page 7*

waters. They also colored pictures of manatees and described their habitats and diet. It was an outstanding project, beautifully displayed. Congratulations, students on a job well done!



The logo for the Man-O-War Fire and Rescue is colorful and appropriate. It has been freshly painted on the door of the fire station in preparation of their annual fund raising..

**School** *From Page 11*

Inagua and Long Island but only one student from Abaco.

The competition is sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Society of the Bahamas. This organization is comprised of Bahamians who, during their university years, belonged to sororities and fraternities. Returning to the Bahamas to take up posts as professionals, executives and senior government officials, they continue to support each other and sponsor several competitions designed to encourage achievement and contribution in Bahamian society. Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, president of the Pan-Hellenic Society, says that despite the Society's considerable efforts, Abaco schools have never before responded to this challenge. He hopes Jason's participation is the beginning of more involvement in the scheme by Abaco schools.

Jason achieved distinction in the competition which he entered with only one day's notice to prepare. He won second place in the Family Island Male Essay Competition and placed as the 16th winner overall. Cash prizes are awarded to the top nine finalists. The trophies and scholarships were awarded at Holy Family Parish Hall on the night of May 17. The overall winner was Janielle

Curtis, a student from Nassau who received a \$1500 scholarship. Jason's selection by his school was based on his high academic standing, his role as Prefect, his involvement in sports, his membership in the 1st

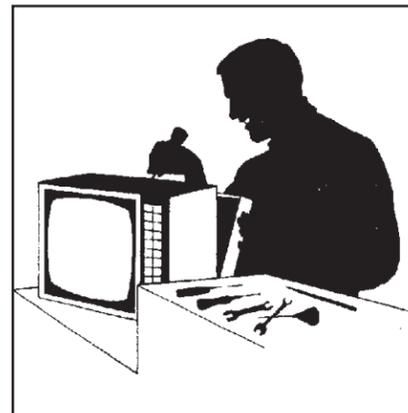
Abaco Scout Troop and the violin lessons he takes from Mrs. Jennifer Hudson. Jason's family in the Bahamas and Canada are extremely proud that he was chosen for this honor.

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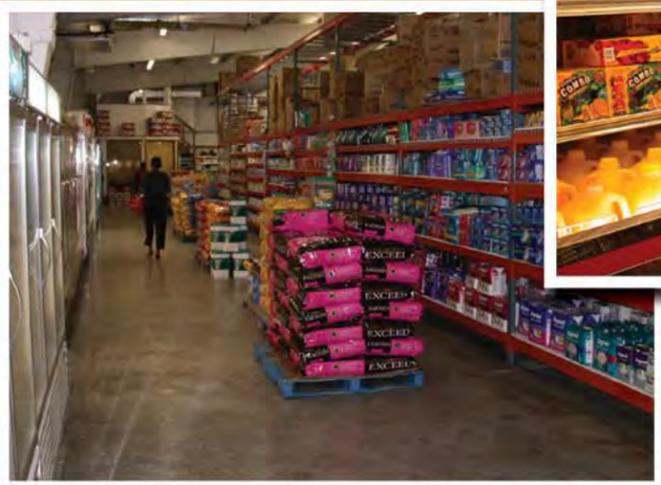
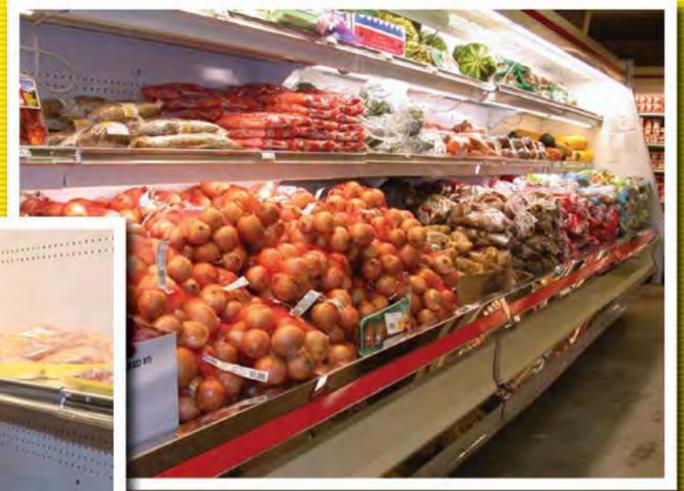
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