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DPM Pratt Opens Treasure Cay Police Sta.

North Abaco's Second New Police Station This Year

By Portia Jonsson

Dignitaries, government officials, senior and junior police officers, clergymen, local residents, second homeowners and visitors were all present to witness the re-commissioning of the Treasure Cay Police Station on June 13th. The Administrator for North Abaco, Mr. Gary Knowles, welcomed everyone to Treasure Cay.

Officially opening the station and conducting the unveiling of the monumental site was the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt. Mrs. Pratt, who arrived on the island via ferry after a brief visit to Grand Bahama, spoke about the three missing boys there and her meeting with each of the families. She stressed the importance and need of the community to work hand in hand with the police to protect our children, citizens and visitors.

Mrs. Pratt said human security is most important to her. We must be our brother's keepers. It is all about neighbor helping neighbor because we care about each other. She commended Mr. Clarence Russell, O/C Abaco District, saying he is a "giant of a man" in every respect. Minister Pratt promised to do her best to ensure safety in homes, schools, churches and communities.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson, congratulated the Treasure Cay community for a job well done. "We

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Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, Minister of National Security, came to Treasure Cay for the official re-opening of a police sub station. She is shown here on the right unveiling the plaque assisted by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson. Mrs. Pratt spoke to the crowd emphasizing the need for residents and police to work together to improve the security of the community. The new location for the station is at the end of the Treasure Cay Shopping Center.

814-Pound Marlin Brought In



The Bahamas Billfish Tournament ended dramatically on June 20 when Trey Thofner on the Huzzy brought in this 814-pound blue marlin. It was caught on the last day of the fifth and final leg of the series. This is the biggest billfish caught yet in all the Abaco tournaments this season. The BBC and several other events of this caliber make Abaco the tournament capital of The Bahamas. A combination of excellent fishing and great accommodations bring the anglers back year after year. Please see story on page 11

Health PS Inspects Dump



Mr. Ron Pinder, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Health, inspected the Marsh Harbour dump on June 20. He is shown here with Ms. Shevinette P. Bodie, Health Systems Officer, on the left and Mrs. Bertha McPhee, District Health Officer, on the right. Please see story on page 29.

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Haitian Ambassador Visits Burned Out Community

The Haitian Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. Louis Harold Joseph, has visited Abaco twice since the devastating fire in Pigeon Peas on May 28. He accompanied the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Hon. Perry Christie, on May 31 when they viewed the burned out area and again the following weekend when he met with the residents of that community. On his second trip he brought with him Mr. Gremy Antoine, Counsellor at the Embassy. Mr. Joseph's responsibility is to represent his government in dealing with the Bahamian government. Mr. Antoine takes care of the needs of the Haitians who are living in The Bahamas.

Mr. Joseph wants to convey to the Bahamian people his gratitude and the gratitude of his country for all the support and assistance the Haitians have received since the fire. He thanked central government and local government for their immediate response.

In Mr. Joseph's talk in Pigeon Pea he emphasized the need for them to cooperate with Bahamians and the Bahamian government. He emphasized that the Bahamas is hospitable to them in allowing them to stay in the country. They must not abuse that hospitality. He explained that the countries are having talks and are coming to an agreement on several issues which will affect the Haitian population in The Bahamas. The talking is to the stage that a draft has been drawn up which both countries need to ratify. A joint committee is working out the details and will continue working together after the agreement is signed. This will assure that it will be carried out in a proper manner. Their next scheduled meeting is to be in November 2003 in Nassau. If both countries sign, they will be agreeing to several conditions including the repatriation of illegal Haitians. The Haitians must be patient to allow time for the countries to work things out properly.

The main points which the agreement will

detail are far reaching. Foremost among these is that Haiti will agree to accept repatriated Haitians and they will increase their security of their borders to reduce the numbers of others leaving. The Bahamas would agree to have a broader exchange of information and would assist in getting businesses interested in opening in the Northwest part of Haiti which is particularly depressed. That is the area where most of our Haitian immigrants come from. The annual income in Haiti is estimated to be \$250 a year. A Haitian unskilled labourer in the Bahamas can expect to make \$10,00 or more a year. Labour costs there are very low. Mr. Jo-

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The Haitian Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. Louis Harold Joseph on the right met with the Haitians in the Pigeon Pea community on May 28. He was accompanied by Mr. Gremy Antoine, Counsellor at the Embassy, shown on the left.



A spectacular aerial view of Central Marsh Harbour shows part of the Pigeon Pea community and the burned out area. The density of destroyed houses was similar to the area at the right. It is obvious how close several businesses were that were also threatened. The photo is courtesy of Clay Wilhoite.



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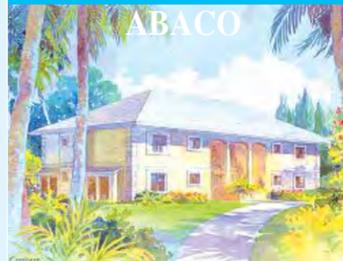
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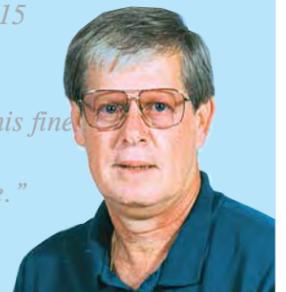
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Police Band Performs At Station Opening

Police

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are here today for people to lend a helping hand against crime." he said during his address. He voiced his appreciation of Mr. Ellison Greenslade, Assistant Commissioner of Police - Northern Bahamas for his leadership in the Northern Bahamas. Mr. Farquharson added his assurance that crime on Abaco is at a manageable level.

Speaking on behalf of the Treasure Cay

Owners Property Association was its President, Mr. Edward Whitcraft, who commented that this day was a wonderful one for Treasure Cay. He regretted that many homeowners were not there to witness the re-commissioning of the Police Station but assured everyone present that they will continue to build a wonderful community and work together with the police for the betterment of Treasure Cay.

General Manager of the Treasure Cay

Hotel Resort and Marina, Mr. Konstanz said that this Police Station could be successful only if we all work together to make it work. Mr. Konstanz said he aims to make Treasure Cay crime free.

Mr. Steve Pedican, Chief Councillor for the North Abaco District, brought remarks on behalf of the Treasure Cay community. He noted that within the ten weeks of the officers' presence they were able to act quickly in the apprehension of a burglar. Mr. Pedican added that the police station could not be effective unless people do their part to support the Police and report crimes. He thanked Mr. Clarence Russell II, Officer in Charge of the Abaco District and

Insp. Gregory Barr, officer in charge of Northern Abaco, for all their efforts and tireless work.

Following the Minister's address a special presentation of certificates was made to Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Paul Farquharson, Mr. Greenslade and Mr. Clarence Russell.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band marched in formation to raise of the flag at which time the national anthem was sung. A closing prayer and vote of thanks were given to end the re-commissioning ceremony. The Police Force Band then "livened things up" for the remainder of the afternoon.



Part of the Royal Bahamas Police Band was present at the re-opening of the Treasure Cay Police Station on June 13. The formal unveiling of the plaque along with the ceremonial raising of the flag created quite a show. This was followed by a concert entertaining the many guests present.

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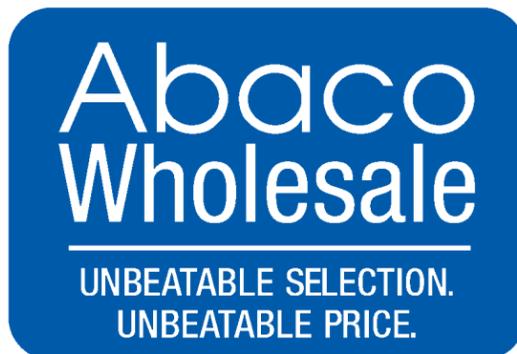
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National News

30th Independence

By Isobel Sherman

On July 10 the Bahamas will celebrate thirty years as an independent nation. Driving in downtown Marsh Harbour one can already see some businesses decorated in aqua, gold and black and proudly displaying the Bahamian flag. Bellevue Business Depot had flags that could be attached to car windows to fly as you drive and they sold out. ZNS had flag pins that lighted up and again they sold out. Independence T shirts are now for sale.

Many events are planned to celebrate Independence including a Heritage Festival slated for July 5 and 6. On the eve of July 10 beginning at 9 p.m. there will be an island wide celebration as the flag will be raised at midnight. This will follow a church service and special music. Following the flag raising fireworks will be set off.

Many persons may not know what the colours of the Bahamian flag mean. Gold is for the sunny isles, aqua for our beautiful sea and the black triangle is to represent the equality of our people.

United States Ambassador Resigns

By Isobel Sherman

United States Ambassador to the Bahamas, Mr. Richard Blankenship, has resigned effective July 15. He took office in December 2001. No reason was given for his resignation although a reference was made to his assisting with the re-election campaign of George W. Bush next year.

\$1 Billion in Foreign Investments Expected

The government of The Bahamas has signed a Heads of Agreement with several developers during the past few weeks which are valued at over \$1 billion. The first project to be approved was the \$140 million development at Winding Bay. Work is underway on preparations for putting in a golf course.

Another project will be a \$240 million investment on Crab Cay, Exuma. That project will develop a privately owned cay and a cay leased from the government and include the construction of a bridge to join Crab Cay to the mainland of Exuma. It will have water-

front residences, a marina, restaurant, club house and shops.

The major investment will be for Atlantis for their Phase III. This will be a \$600 million infusion of capital and will provide jobs for 3500 Bahamians. A \$70 million investment in the film industry was announced for Gold Rock Creek, Grand Bahama.

Planning Firm to Study Family Islands

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the environment that is so appealing to many of our visitors. People come to the Family Island because of the pristine beaches, the unspoiled land and beautiful reefs. The company will begin with a study of Exuma.

Child Abuse

By Isobel Sherman

The number of reported child abuse cases in The Bahamas for 2002 was the highest in the past ten years. This was stated by Minister of Social Development and Social Services, the Hon. Melanie Griffin. According to Mrs. Griffin 612 cases of child abuse were reported.



Hummingbird

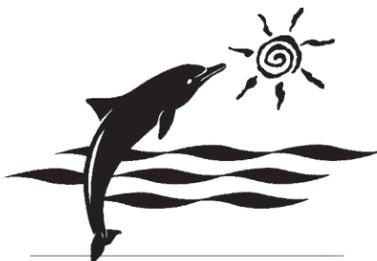
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Central Abaco News

Goombay Is Cancelled

By Isobel Sherman

The Abaco office of the Ministry of Tourism has announced that the annual Goombay Summer Festival has been cancelled for this year. This was necessary because of budgetary restraints.

Goombay Festival is a program of entertainment showcasing Bahamian culture, dance and food held on several nights during the early summer months and is popular with visitors and Bahamians alike.

Honoured

By Isobel Sherman

Mrs. Ann Parotti is being honoured as one of 30 women from major political parties by the Eta Psi Omega Chapter of the

Alpha Kappa Sorority in Nassau as part of the Independence celebrations. The event will be held in Nassau on July 2. These women are being honoured for their uncompromising dedication and stellar contributions made to political life of the Independent Bahamas.

Abaco Celebrations Is Now Open

By Portia Jonsson

Abaco Celebrations is now open for business. The store, located downstairs in the Colina Insurance Building, provides goods, decorations, co-ordination and catering services for all occasions including weddings, anniversaries, proms, graduations, birthday parties, baby showers, receptions and more.

Abaco Celebrations also specializes in plus size clothing, hats, shoes, handbags, hosiery, cosmetics, and accessories. Beauty products and hair weaves are available. Mrs. Starlene Nairn-Prenelus, owner and manager, can provide you with unique silk floral arrangements. Store hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Telephone number is 554-8547.

Police Holds Softball Jamboree

By Portia Jonsson

The Murphy Town Park was the place to be on June 14th for the Abaco Police Welfare Fund Softball Jamboree and Steak-out. The Police Welfare is a charitable, non-

profit organization under the Commissioner of Police to cater to the medical needs of officers, civilian support staff and immediate family members. It gives back to the community by assisting persons identified by its committee who might be under privileged and in need. It also serves to promote camaraderie and interaction between the community and the police in their crime fighting efforts.

The day's events were blessed with the presence of the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson, Reserve Assistant Supt. Fred Cooper from Grand Bahama and

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Commonwealth Bank presented the Abaco Branch of the Bahamas Red Cross Society a donation to aid the fire victims in the Pigeon Peas. Accepting the donation was Gina Kennedy of the local Red Cross. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Sarone Kennedy, Chairman of the local Red Cross, Mr. Lynden Davis, Commonwealth Bank Manager, Mrs. Kennedy and Jacquelyn Estevez.



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More Central Abaco News

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various senior and junior officers alike. The community turned out in full force and responded in support of the Abaco Police by purchasing 1200 dinner tickets. Various donations came from businesses in the com-

munity. Teams taking part in the softball jamboree were BEC, the Abaco Police, Commonwealth Bank and a community team headed by Papa Nasty.

Medical Alert

Abaco is experiencing an outbreak of conjunctivitis (the pink eye) in considerable

numbers. Please note the following steps to be taken and which you must teach your

children.

1. Always wash your hands and avoid touching the eyes and hands of infants and small children
2. Do not share eye makeup, pillows, wash cloths, tissues, hankies, shades, glasses or eye drops.
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4. If your eyes feel gritty or sandy, if they redden, swell, burn, itch or hurt, see a doctor.
5. If your doctor advises you to stay away from school, work or other social contacts, take the advice seriously.



Mr. Patrick Thomas, center, gave a generous donation to Abaco Crash and Rescue this past spring. Mr. Colin Albury, left, presented him with a plaque making him a lifetime platinum member of the organization. Shown with them is Mrs. Kevie Thomas from Abaco Beach Resort. The presentation was made at the banquet of the Bahamas Billfish Championship as Mr. Thomas is an avid angler, who comes here from Texas to fish.



Mrs. Betty Albury proudly shows off the pineapple which she grew in her garden. It weighed 8 pounds five and a half ounces. Many of us know her as a helpful travel agent. But her love really is gardening.

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The Editor Says Our Continuing Immigrant Problem



Another fire could take even more houses

Social Services has listed 265 homeless persons from the fire a month ago which spread through a section of the Pigeon Peas. Approximately 60 buildings were destroyed. Persons not familiar with the area may wonder how so many houses could go up in flames so quickly.

The photo on page 2 shows the burned section and the remaining tightly packed houses across the road. The photo shows most of the nearly 150 buildings clustered in one group. The total number of buildings left on both sides of the road is probably between 175 and 200. Their congestion makes it difficult to count individual buildings.

The Bahamas Building Code requires residences to be ten feet from lot lines giving a 20-foot separation between houses. These Haitian immigrants build without regard to yards, lots or land ownership. Some buildings in this settlement are so close together that you cannot walk between them. Even buildings with walking space between are not protected against a neighboring fire. A fire in the middle of these houses could easily destroy 100 or more buildings.

The only protection these people have is their own diligence with stoves, kerosene lamps, candles and other fire sources. Another disaster could happen at any time.

All agree change must come Let's get on with it

However, the problem of the immigrants and their shanty housing is not an easy one to solve. The more one delves into it the more complex it becomes. Many differing organizations must be involved bringing together a variety of agendas to produce a meaningful plan. This in itself will be difficult. Many factors must be considered and many organizations have to agree on a final plan to ensure success.

The crisis exists and continues to get worse. It must be addressed before the situation gets completely out of hand. In time the basic problems here today could escalate into something with far greater consequences.

Government must assemble local and central fact-finding teams on the Haitian immigrant problems. Solutions must be

found at the local and national level. There will be no quick and easy answers. However, small and easy steps must be found and implemented to start solving the problem. The immigrant settlements of Pigeon Peas, the Mud, Sand Banks at Treasure Cay and the settlement forming on the Norman Castle farm road must not be allowed to expand. Expanding settlements only create a larger problem to be dealt with.

Several local committees have come and gone over the years. They had no power. They had no mandate from Nassau. After the immediate crisis passed that caused their creation, the committees faded away. Ten years ago a local exercise was carried out during which vacant houses were destroyed in the Mud. No one was displaced and nothing further happened. The Marsh Harbour community cheered but there was no follow-up. New houses took their place.

The problem is going to require a solution with both national and local input. Laws, regulations, directives must come from central government sources. Ideas and implementation must be both national and local in nature.

A local committee should be convened again including central government persons stationed locally, local government persons, local non-governmental persons, church leaders, people from the affected communities and others to come up with ideas and to work with Nassau. Local input is needed by Nassau and their authority is needed by us. Although we see this as an Abaco prob-

lem, it is a national problem and solutions must be found that apply throughout The Bahamas.

Whatever plans are taken, they must be enforceable. Authorities must be consistent and constant in carrying them out. Laws and programs may look good in print but are worthless if the will or ability to enforce them does not exist. Programs that require serious funding are also poor choices in these times of financial austerity. Many solutions may be available now to reduce the problem by adhering to existing laws if we had the ability and will power to enforce them.

A low-cost subdivision somewhere on the outskirts of greater Marsh Harbour has been suggested and many persons in and out of government support this concept. Several variations on this theme have been discussed. The previous government went so far as to present a plan for such a community midway between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Our feeling is that a low cost subdivision is needed but it should be close to existing facilities, social services, schools, clinics, churches, utilities and the other amenities residents enjoy and need.

Establishing a new community off in a corner somewhere will only allow the problem to repeat itself. We have not been able to control the immigrant growth either in illegal persons or their illegal housing in the midst of Marsh Harbour. There is even less reason to believe it can be controlled if it is out of sight.

Ultimately the goal must be to repatriate illegal immigrants while at the same time integrating legal immigrants into Bahamian society. If they want to live The Bahamas, they must become part of our society. This cannot be accomplished if they are living in a closed slum community by themselves.

Central Pines Estates subdivision has reasonably priced lots which could be made available to those who qualify and intend to remain in this country.

One of the major problems is how to provide funding for the legal Haitians to buy property and build houses. Banks do not give mortgages to those without permanent status. The government cannot get in the business of loaning money to immigrants when it does not provide this service to its own citizens. Giving land and replacement housing sounds good but is politically unworkable. This would set the precedence that those who lose their house to a fire are entitled to a replacement house.

Government has said and the Haitian community has acknowledged that the situation cannot continue to expand. Change must come. The immigrants themselves must assist in the process of curtailing further growth. They presently have little incentive to do this. Publicly they agree to help and comply with Bahamian laws. Privately they continue harbouring their friends and relatives.

There is no penalty or unfavorable consequence for building another house on vacant land. This alone must change.

Generally Speaking . . . Service Culture

By S. Timothy Roberts

In today's economy there is a need, probably more than ever before, to foster a first-class service culture and there's no time like the present to begin.

What is this "service culture?" As John Tschohl of Service Quality Institute (SQI) says, "It is employees who are committed to doing whatever it takes to satisfy the customer. It is the belief that no transaction is complete unless the service customers receive is sufficient enough to motivate them to return. It is providing customers with service that is so exceptional that they wouldn't even think of doing business with anyone else."

On Abaco we have a product like no other. It is unique and beautiful, as attested to by the many second home owners, and regulars that fly, boat or sail to our shores. These people are enamored by the gorgeous surroundings and the charming people of the island and care deeply about this "home away from home."

Yet, as beautiful and wonderful as it is here, there is an all important message that needs to not only be heard but heeded. The call to quality customer service is loud and clear, not just here on Abaco but across The Bahamas and the world.

As beautiful and wonderful as it is here,

our product is not SO peerless that visitors, if not satisfied, could not find somewhere else as uniquely attractive as Abaco. We have no exclusive market here.

What will set us apart from the rest? What will keep the customer coming back again and again? It all comes down to our service culture. Excellence of service will justify to the customer what it cost them to travel and visit us here. If they don't receive value for their money, don't expect them to return.

This applies not only to those directly in tourist-oriented jobs, but to everyone in every business across the island and the cays. For tourists, one bad experience anywhere can sour their feelings of Abaco forever. What we are looking for, as in any business, is return customers.

We need to offer good service because, quite simply, we ought to; it is the right way to deal with our customers, clients, or in the case of tourism, visitors. Beyond that we ought to be doing it to secure our economy and our jobs. Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric, said in his book *Jack: Straight From the Gut*, "Companies can't protect jobs. Only satisfied customers can do that."

We need to create a service culture in order to maintain our economic status which affects everyone living in The Bahamas and to keep our standard of living. We cannot

afford to lose our good standing in the tourism industry. Everyone is needed in order to ensure this economy remains stable.

Here are some suggestions of Mr. Tschohl that we can do now to grow and nurture a service culture:

Hire the Right People. Hire people-oriented employees and teach them how to meet your service standards. Hire people who are naturally endowed with positive service attitudes and values, and don't hesitate to terminate those who are unable to deliver superior service.

Solicit Complaints. Make it convenient for customers to complain and treat them kindly when they do. Surveys show that you can win back between 54 and 70 percent of those customers simply by resolving their complaints.

Train Your Employees. You must train every member of your workforce every six months in the art of customer service. The key is to change their attitudes emotionally and get them to focus constantly on customer retention through exceptional service.

Empower Your Employees. Empowerment means giving your employees the authority to do whatever it takes to immediately take care of the customer to the customer's satisfaction. Empowerment will

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

A Special Thank You

The youth of Central Abaco say a special thank you to Lynden and Elva Davis, who have brought youth sports to the forefront on Abaco. Abaco Youth in Action was founded by the Davises and in its first year has drawn over 70 youngsters every Saturday to play basketball and soccer. Even though I do not have a child participating in the programme, I would like to say thank you to Lynden and Elva. It is something

that has been needed for a long time in Abaco.

Summer Is Here

Summer is here and now is the challenge of keeping youngsters busy. There are summer schools being held and there is camp also. Might I suggest a visit to Marsh Harbour Community Library on Mondays to pick up a few books to read over the summer? Reading under a tree is a nice way to spend a few hours on a summer day.

Letters to the Editor

Cyclists Need to Keep Left

The Editor,

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of cyclists who now ride facing oncoming traffic. The Bahamas Highway Code in Hints to Cyclists clearly states, "Always keep well to the left of the road." Those who ignore this rule invalidate any claim they may otherwise have in the event of an accident.

Our children, and our visitors, should be reminded of the "ride on the left" rule and efforts made to enforce it.

Respectfully,
Hugh Cottis

A Message from the Union Chief Steward

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform the members of the Bahamas Public Services Union that the President, Mr. John Pinder, told me that civil servants were not supposed to be paid the sum of \$1200 from his records with the Government at the end of July 2003. He didn't know where that figure came from but what should happen is the sum of \$100 should be added to the base of each employee's salary.

He went on to say that they are constantly in meetings with the government to bring this matter to close. The government has asked the union to please wait until December of this year to make any payment with contract. But he is trying to get \$900 for December 2003. And extra \$300 for waiting. He asks members to keep up the good work and ensured me that the entire executive board is looking for the best solution for all issues in the public service.

I take this time to say thanks to all of you who attended the church service at Friendship Tabernacle during the Labour Day holiday weekend. I say thanks to Ms. Ronnie Ferguson for frying those fish at the fish fry and Mr. Cleveland Dawkins for making sure that the drinks were available on time. And thanks to all of you who came out and made the domino tournament a great success.

PS. All members, we will be visiting St. John the Baptist Anglican Church next. The date for that will be July 20th, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Bastian
Ministry of Public Works
Chief Shop Steward of the BPSU
Abaco Branch

Wants Bahamian Status

To Whom It May Concern:

A pleasant good morning to everyone on Abaco, to everyone in The Bahamas, especially to the Prime Minister of our country, the Hon. Perry Christie. It gives me great

pleasure today to be able to speak to the high leaders in The Bahamas.

My concern today is about all the Haitian children who are born in The Bahamas. It is very important to us that you show us concern because we are suffering. I see that the Prime Minister is doing a great job in our Bahama country. I feel very happy about that.

Haitians, Cubans and Jamaicans are coming into our country illegally. I know that you are trying to stop Haitians but they keep coming. To me you are doing a good job even though the effort is in vain. But those of us born here are not illegal immigrants because we were born in The Bahamas, not in Haiti. As long as we are born in The Bahamas, we are Bahamians. That's why they should treat us like them because we want to get our real nationality. And we want to carry the flag of our country on our body and in our hearts because we respect our Bahamian country.

If something were to go wrong in the country, it's not only the real Bahamians who will go and fight for their rights. It's all of us who would put our heads together to defend our country. Why? Because it's our country and we are part of The Bahamas. That's why they should not try to separate us from the Bahamians because we are brothers and sisters.

We have to apply for citizenship first in order for us to become a citizen of our country. I know that because our parents are not Bahamians, The system badly needs to be upgraded. When you apply for citizenship, it takes sometimes six to seven years or longer. I have applied for my citizenship. I don't know how long that will take. I would like for you to think about all that I am telling you, to put yourself in our shoes. Ask yourself would you want to be treated unfairly and to unkind to? We are suffering. There are others who are living in The Bahamas, whether illegally or not, but of a different nation. We don't hear you all complaining about them.

I have a question for the leaders of The Bahamas. If someone from another country asked me what's my nationality, what should I tell them, Bahamian or Haitian? To me I can't say that I am a Haitian because I am not! I would like to say that I am a Bahamian because I was born in The Bahamas. I cannot go to Haiti legally; they will arrest me and send me back to The Bahamas. In order for us to go to Haiti, we must have a Travel Document and a visa because we are not like the Haitians.

I speak these words today because these are things that we go through every day and no one speaks up. We want you to look after us because we are brothers and sisters and it's you who can help us from this situation, to get away from that suffering problem because we can't get out of it ourselves.

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Another Community Effort to Keep Our Children Safe

By Jennifer Hudson

New road signs have been placed by the Rotary Club in school zones in Central Abaco requesting drivers to *Drive Carefully and Protect Our Children*. They have been placed at Forest Heights Academy, St. Francis de Sales School, Long Bay School, Abaco Central Primary School, and Abaco Central High School. Signs will eventually be placed at the Treasure Cay Primary and Cooper's Town schools. The signs, which were purchased from Rotary International, are painted with reflective paint so that they can be clearly seen in dark weather conditions when lights are necessary. The Ministry of Works dug the holes and Rotary members donated their energies to erect the signs.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Awards Night

Epworth Methodist Chapel held an Awards Night for its youth group, Kid's Korner, that meets every Tuesday afternoon throughout the school year. Memory verses were recited and songs sung with the eventual presentation of prizes and awards. The children, some as young as three years, all gave excellent performances and made their parents and grandparents very proud.

After the awards ceremony the church put on an ice cream social on the back steps of the manse, which proved to be extremely satisfying on a warm summer night and a good time was had by all.

Baby Shower

On June 14 family, friends and neighbours got together and gave Krystal Weatherford a baby shower. They met in the schoolhouse and provided lots of refreshments for the guests. The mother-to-be was surrounded by many well-wishers and received lots of gifts, clothing and ac-

cessories necessary for that brand new little bundle that is expected to arrive sometime around the beginning of August.

Moving On

Amanda Sawyer, Valedictorian of her graduating class at Forest Heights Academy, was on the Principal's List with the highest marks and received seven trophies for her various accomplishments. She will be going on to college in the fall to Lakeland Southern College situated in middle Florida. We commend Amanda for maintaining her high standards and for graduating first in her class with a grade point average of 4.0.

Kimberly Lowe, another Cherokee gal, also made us proud by being on the Principal's List with honors as well as coming in third in her graduating class 22 with a 3.67 average. Kimberly hopefully plans to attend college the following fall. We are very proud of both these students from Cherokee for making such a fine showing and for their many accomplishments.

School Held a Cookout

There was a barbeque held on the school grounds on June 21 to start a fund to replace the flooring within the school. Afternoon thundershowers which are always around this time of year kept offshore and there was a good turnout. So the mission was accomplished and the event raised \$1,200 towards this planned project for next year. Isn't it amazing how we always get more done when we work together.

Summer Bible School

There will be a vacation bible school held on the school grounds for the youth in Cherokee during the week of July 28

through August 4. There will be games, crafts and Bible story telling as well as refreshments. So be sure to come out and join in the fun.

A Popular Meeting Place

The Sand Bar lost a couple of their signs to some vandals during the first week they were open, which were quickly replaced. But it has proved to be a popular meeting place for locals and tourists alike. Without a doubt, and as long as the weather cooperates, you could not choose a more magnificent setting on the water to enjoy a leisurely

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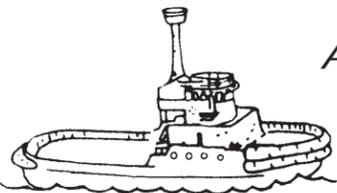
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BBC Concludes Its Five Leg Tournament

By Isobel Sherman

With a record number of 70 blue marlin, five white marlin and one sailfish caught and released during the final leg of the 30th Annual Bahamas Billfish Championship certainly was an exciting one. This was the fifth and last leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship. From day one of fishing

when three blue marlin were boated weighing 358 pounds, 381 pounds and 501 pounds, good fishing was the name of the game. Day 2 saw two big blues come in, a 511-pound and a 410-pound marlin to the weigh-in dock. The third day of fishing one 533-pound blue marlin was brought in. However, the fourth day of fishing brought

the most excitement as one angler brought in a 605-pound blue marlin and the biggest of all, a 814-pound blue marlin. That is the biggest marlin caught in any tournament this season and a fitting end to the Bahamas Billfish Championship.

Winning the Boat Harbour leg was *Black Gold* followed by *Lost Texan* and *Huzzy*.

A Different Kind of Lay Day

The lay day for the Boat Harbour Championship took on a different meaning this year. Anglers and their guests were treated to an art and craft display by Bahamian artisans held in a tent adjacent to Abaco Gold. Refreshments were served and Estin Sawyer provided music. Todd Drakes of Jewels, Gems and More had a display of jewelry as well as prints from Ba-

hamian artists Chan Pratt. Maureen Koepp, fabric artist, had a display of her wall quilted hangings. All had a sea theme and her designs are called Tropical Fantaseas. Kim Roberts had her watercolours on silk pillows as well as some prints on display. Sherry Roberts had a huge selection of items made from seashells. Tubby Weatherford had her photographs of Abaco places.

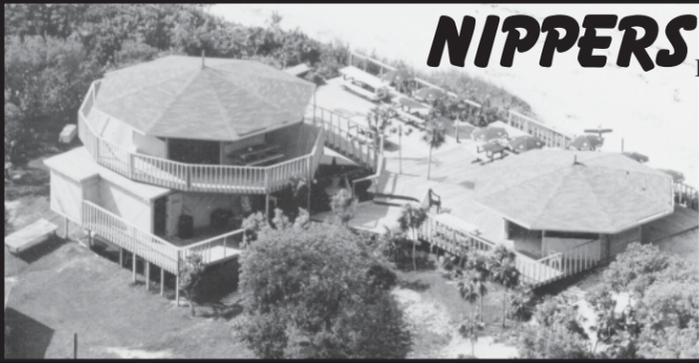
Harriet Thompson had an array of items woven from Casuarina pine needles. Colette Bootle Rolle had some of her paintings and her new item of paintings that have been adhered to china plates. Steven Knowles had a display of his beautiful wood turned bowls, candle holders and other items, all

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The Bahamas Billfish Championship entertained its anglers with an art show on the June 18, the lay day. The show was held next to Abaco Gold and included a bar and snacks. Bristol Wines and Spirits provided the bar. Afterwards, all proceeds from the bar will be presented to Mr. Al Behrendt, coordinator of the BBC, to go toward their scholarship fund. The scholarship provides funding for Bahamian students to study marine biology abroad. At present four students are benefitting from their scholarships. Representing Bristol Wines and Spirits is Gwen Baillou.



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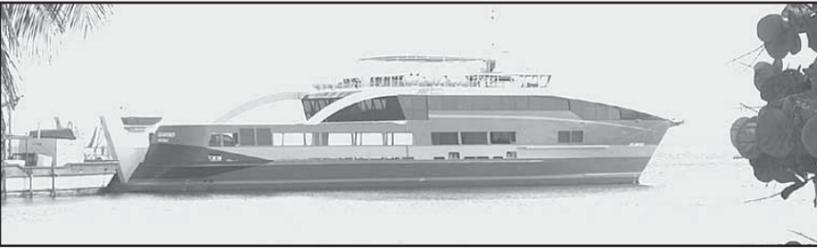


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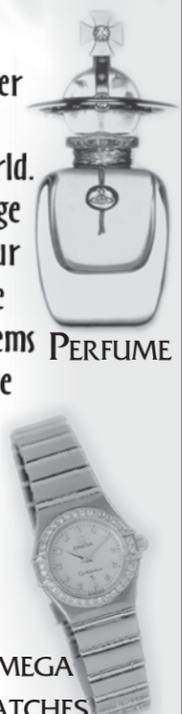
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School News

Forest Heights Academy New Principal Is Announced

Provided by the School

Forest Heights Academy is proud to announce the new administration team for the school year 2003-2004. Michael and Gaenor Meeson, who have been with the school since its beginning in 1991, are retiring this year to return to Australia but are being replaced by a team of effective and well known educators here on Abaco.

Filling the shoes of Michael Meeson will be Paul Vernall, who has been teaching Office Procedures and Information Technology for the past six years. Mr. Vernall has been Assistant Principal for the past three years. With a strong background in business administration, he is sure to keep the school in a sound financial state, and his amiable temperament should ensure a pleasurable and successful year.

Joy Chaplin, who has been teaching at

Forest Heights since 1992, has been named Assistant Principal. With a master's in science and teaching experience ranging from Africa and Scotland to the College of The Bahamas, she is invaluable in the classroom but will now extend her intuitive knowledge and diploma of educational psychology to administration as well.

Finally, Laura Davies, a teacher of 18 years and former Principal of St. Francis de Sales, will be Administrative Assistant as well as lower school teacher in various subjects this next year. Mrs. Davies joined Forest Height's staff this past year and with a master's of arts degree in leadership, she will round off this dynamic group.

Forest Heights looks forward to continuing quality education with the family environment it has offered in the past and congratulates its new administrative team.

Farewell to Graduates and Administration

On June 17 Forest Heights Academy's

graduating class of 2003 received their diplomas and said their last goodbyes to Mr. and Mrs. Meeson, who are retiring and moving to Australia. The ceremony took place at New Vision Ministries with an emotional gathering of family, friends and teachers. Mr. Paul Vernall, newly announced principal for next year, acted as master of Ceremonies as he introduced Brittany Taylor, Salutatorian and the first recipient of the Michael J. Meeson Perpetual Award for Most Improved Student of the Year. Brittany welcomed the crowd of nearly 500 thanking her parents, teachers and the Meesons for her quality education and remarked that "Time truly does fly."

Mr. Meeson, for the last time, addressed the 22 graduates. His message discussed with the students that their past is the beginning of their future. He left them with the statement, "You have learnt to walk tall

now, so run with your wisdom and run wisely. Remember, you will always have choices. Make them wisely, too."

Ms. Viki Hart performed on her violin as the students thanked their parents with roses and tearful hugs. This was followed by Mr. Meeson's introduction of the keynote speaker, Mr. Jackson McIntosh. Mr. McIntosh, former District Superintendent of Education on Abaco is hinting at retirement so the choice was quite apropos. It was at this point in the evening when nautical metaphors became a common factor. Mr. McIntosh, who will be organizing the 2003 All Abaco Regatta, referred to St. Augustine as his inspiration. He urged the students to make their way stating, "God gives us the wind; it is up to us to hoist the sail."

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Forest Heights Academy held their graduation ceremony on June 17 at New Visions Ministries. Twenty-two students received their diplomas while saying goodbye to their school and to the two people who made the school possible, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meeson, who are retiring. The Meesons will be moving to Australia. On the left is Mrs. Leslie Kennedy, the 12th grade home room teacher.



Forest Heights' graduation was on June 17. Their valedictorian, Amanda Sawyer on the right, and their salutatorian, Brittany Taylor on the left, are pictured with their home room teacher, Mrs. Leslie Kennedy, center.



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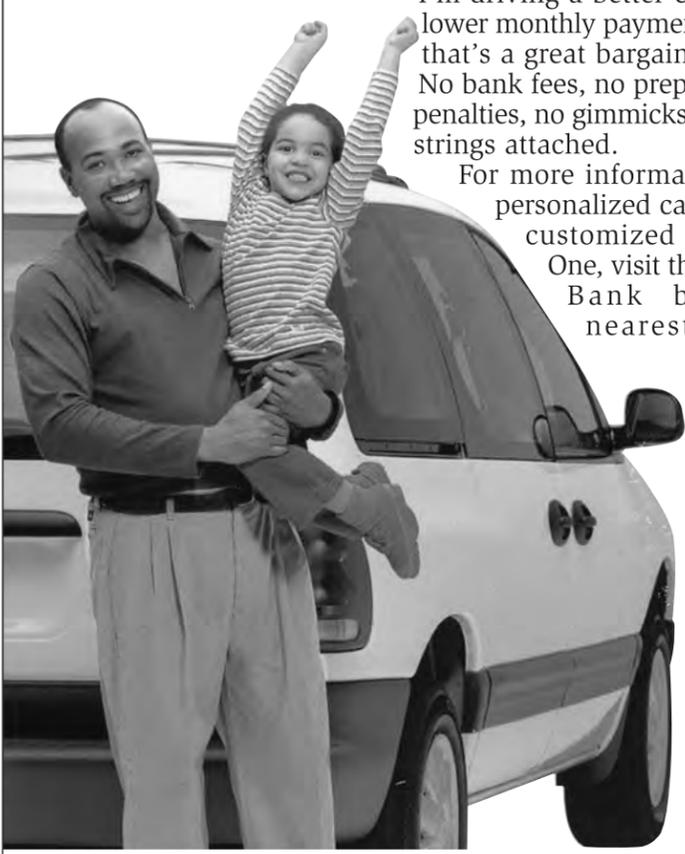
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Of course, the evening would not be complete without a parting message from the

graduates' home room teacher, Mrs. Leslie Kennedy, who had been with the group since the seventh grade. She urged them to "steer by the compass course . . . of their

passions and to cling to them like a life ring in a tempest." The metaphor was complete when Joshua Malone, head prefect, presented her with a class gift, referring to her as their "lighthouse."

Before the awards and diplomas were distributed, Valedictorian Amanda Sawyer of Cherokee completed the motivational portion with her message to her peers. She referred to the Langston Hughes poem, "Hold fast to your dreams/ for if dreams die/ life is a broken-winged bird who cannot fly." And indeed, the young men and women she spoke to that evening as well as Mr. McIntosh and Mr. and Mrs. Meeson are ready to "fly" and take on the world with their new dreams. We wish them all the very best.

St. Francis de Sales School

Pre-K Class Advances

The Pre-K class of St. Francis de Sales held a Certificate Presentation/Coffee Morning at the school on June 16. Under the theme *My Help Cometh from the Lord*, the children entertained parents, family and friends in song led by their teachers, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kemp. Presentation of certificates was done by Mrs. J. Kumar, principal, and Father Ramon offered a prayer of blessing for the children.

Grade 6 Graduates

By Portia Jonsson
Going The Distance was the theme for the Grade 6 graduation ceremony of St. Francis de Sales held June 12th at the Catho-

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St. Francis de Sales School held their first graduation ceremony on June 18 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour. Twenty graduates were attentive as they listened to the guest speaker, Pastor Derek Benjamin of New Visions Ministries, as he spoke on the theme of the graduation Keep the Dream Alive. On Abaco for this special occasion was Mr. Hubert Chipman, Chairman of the Catholic Board of Education, Mrs. Claudette Rolle also on the Board and Sr. Mary Benedict Pratt, former Superintendent of Catholic Education.



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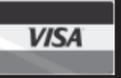
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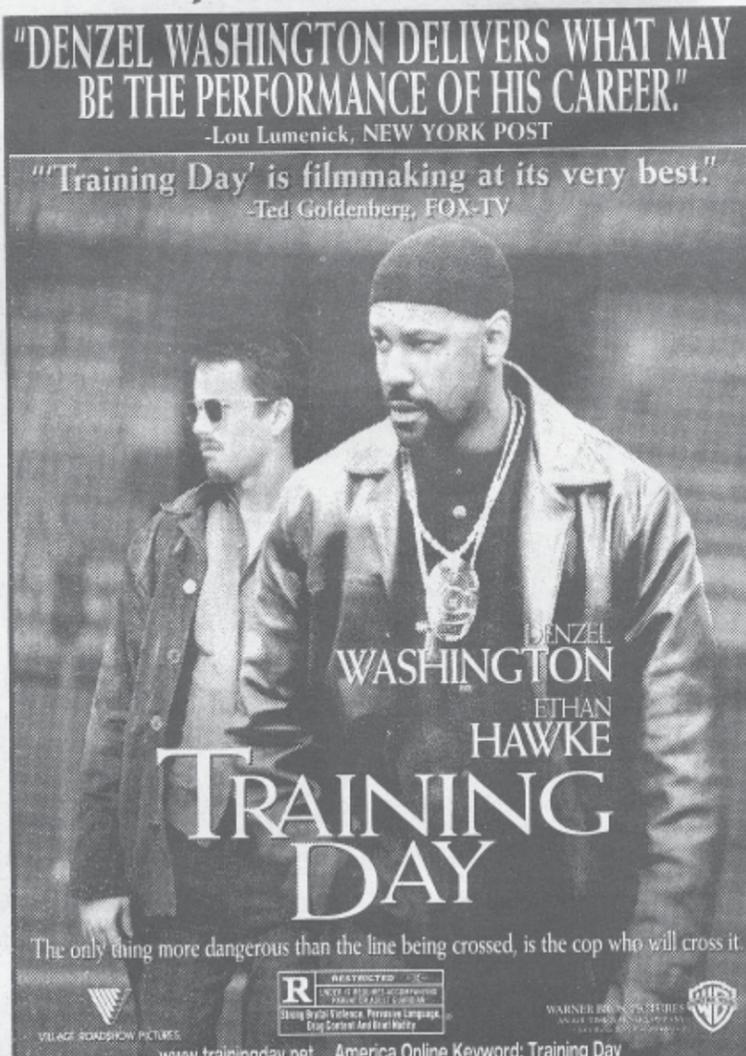
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lic Church. Twenty-four students made up the Graduating Class of 2003.

Mrs. Josephine Kumar, in her principal's address to the students congratulated them on reaching this stage in their educational development. She said the years had rolled by quickly and in a twinkling of an eye another six years will pass and they will be on the threshold of new beginnings and new experiences. She told them, "I want you to know that I am very proud of you and your many achievements over the past year." She added, "Continue to seek excellence in all that you do and when the journey gets rough, remember never to give up." She thanked their teacher, Mrs. Simon, and the parents for playing a significant role in help-

ing the students get this far. Mrs. Kumar wished the students God's continuous blessings and guidance in the right direction.

Students were awarded diplomas and special awards during the graduation ceremony: Highest Average Boy - Jason Evans; Highest Average Girl - Alexis Williams; Male Prefect - Saurez Henriquez; and Female Prefect - Amanda Long

Summer School

By Isobel Sherman

The Cyber Learning Center will be offering a summer camp over the summer vacation. The camp will involve reading, mathematics, English, computers, arts and crafts and games. Children can come for a half day or a full day on Monday through Friday. Cost is \$40 for half day and \$75 for a full day.

A First

By Isobel Sherman

On June 12 and 13 the District Education office of Abaco held the first ever grade level assessment tests in English language and mathematics. The tests were given to grades 1-7 in all schools, both government and private, on Abaco. It is a tool to measure whether the student is at grade level in these subjects.

Wesley College School Holds Valedictory Service

By Portia Jonsson

Wesley College presented the Class of 2003 at their Annual Valedictory Service held on June 14th at Aldersgate Methodist Church. Three students, Roberto Ashton

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St. Francis de Sales School held a Coffee Morning on June 16 for the Pre-K students to entertain their family and friends. They are shown here with their teacher, Mrs. Kemp, just before they received certificates which allow them to begin kindergarten grade in September.



Valedictorian of the graduating class of St. Francis de Sales School was Jaime Lowe. She is shown holding one of the trophies she received for her academic achievement. She is shown here with her mother, Mrs. Donna Lowe, whom many of us know as the very helpful person at Batelco.

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Murray of Grade 12 and Brittany Jones and Pareece Moss of Grade 6 made up the graduating class of 2003. The school consists of 15 primary school students and six high school students and is under the administration of Rev. Charles A. Carey, Principal and Mrs. Vernelle Carey, Vice-Principal and Head of the Lower School, Special Education. Guest speaker for the afternoon ceremony was the Rev. Dr. Colin Archer, the school's Dean.

Graduate Roberto Murray was one of the recipients of an award presented to outstanding students during a special ceremony held at New Vision Ministries last month. He also received an award for his contributions to Boys Brigade and the School Band. Roberto is the band's Captain.

Pareece Moss was named Outstanding Student and made the Dean's List and Honor Roll.

Central Abaco Primary School Commencement Ceremony Is Held
By Portia Jonsson

Under the theme *Aiming for Perfection through Perseverance and Persistence*, the 2003 Commencement Exercise Ceremony for 74 Grade 6 students took place at Central Abaco Primary School on June 16. Mr. Henry Knowles, Vice-Principal at Queen's College in Nassau, was the evening's guest speaker. Valedictorian Lavardo Maycock and Principal Eunice Mills also gave re-

marks during the ceremony. Ms. Mills reminded the students that they are their own greatest asset and there is nothing they cannot do. She instructed them to keep dreaming their dreams because only they can prevent them from coming true. She encouraged them to let the theme for the evening be their goal in the future, always aim to do better, never give up and be determined to always be the best they can be. Charging them to trust God and

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Students of Agape Christian School held a car wash to earn money for a trip to Eleuthera. Eight students toured the island for five days over the Labour Day - Whit Monday holiday and attended the Pineapple Festival.

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Youth News

Youth in Action News

By Isobel Sherman

Two All Star Teams from the Abaco Youth in Action Basketball League traveled to Freeport recently to compete in the HOYTES Basketball Tournament with Freeport teams. Coached by Elva Davis and Jude Hart, the teams did very well. According to Mrs. Davis, the main problem was getting used to playing in a gymnasium on

a real wood floor. Once they adjusted, the under-14 team went to the Championship where they lost by only one point.

The team of under 12-year olds played three games on Friday, winning one game but lost the playoff game on Saturday. They did not make it to the championship game. That team was lead by Arlington Wells, Orlando Stuart and Sheldon Martin.

The team of under 14 year olds did very

well. Although they lost two games on Friday, on Saturday the All Star team defeated the HOYTES team and was able to advance to the championship game. They lost that game by just one point, 22 to 21. The top scoring boys were George Martin, Lyndon Davis, Donald Simms, Sidney Archer and Stanley McIntosh. They appreciated all the support they received from the community.

Recently the young people have been playing soccer. They held their final soccer games on June 14 at Murphy Town park. There were four junior soccer teams and two pee wee teams. Each Saturday from 10-12 the youth would meet to learn the game of soccer and to compete among themselves. Many Saturdays they brought lawn mowers to mow the field so they could play. The program was funded by the kind donations of community-minded businesses

along with Terry Goldsmith of the Grand Bahama YMCA and their Outreach Program. They provided T-shirts and equipment for the teams. Some of the other business sponsors were A&K Liquors, Commonwealth Bank and Myers Rum. Spearheading the program was Lynden Davis, Ismael "Stretch" Morley, Jude Hart, Elva Davis and Jonathan Laverick. Interest was keen. The youth were treated to a barbeque after the games on the last day.

Abaco Youth In Action will now take the summer off but will reorganize when school resumes in September.

Brownies Enrolled

By Portia Jonsson

The first enrolment ceremony for the Brownies was held at Central Abaco Pri-



These girls are part of the first group of Brownies on Abaco and are students at Central Abaco Primary. The Brownie organization is part of Girl Guides and stresses service to the family and community.

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More Youth News



The young people of the three churches on Man-O-War are raising money to attend a Gospel Concert in Orlando in September. Here they are selling hamburgers and sweets as one of their fundraising efforts. The girls in the foreground are Gabrielle Mannie, center, and Heather Weatherford, right.

Youth

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mary on June 2nd. Although students have been a part of the Brownies for four years, they were never officially enrolled. During the ceremony 23 Brownies were initiated out of a total of 40. This is the time they are pinned with the Promise Pin and pledge to do a good turn everyday.

Brownie leaders are Ms. Carolyn Wright and Ms. Chervon Mackey, teachers at the Central Abaco Primary School. Bringing remarks was the school's principal, Mrs. Eunice Mills, who was a Brownie leader for more than 15 years.

This is the first Brownie group in Central Abaco and meetings are held every Monday at Central Abaco Primary from 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Next year Ms. Wright and Ms. Mackey, hope to have another group enrolled.

The Brownie organization is a part of Girl Guides and is for girls ages 7 to 10 years. The Brownies is a service organization and the young girls are encouraged to get involved in community activities and help around their homes with household chores. They also learn how to care for the environment. They go camping and take field trips.

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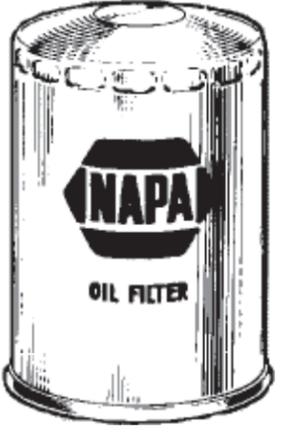
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News of the Cays

Man-O-War

By Pat Elkins

Speed Limit Posted

A speed limit sign has been posted on the Queen's Highway advising that by order of the Commissioner the speed of vehicular traffic on Man-O-War streets is not to exceed 10 M.P.H. per Sec. 8, Subsection 3, Subsection B, Road Traffic Act, Chapter 204 1987, By Order of the Commissioner. Please help to keep our streets safe.

Community Loses Two

Louis Joseph Des Parois III was born on December 1, 1915 in Kansas City, Missouri, and passed away on May 30, 2003. Louis married his wife Jeanne on June 4, 1942. They had two sons, Mark and Joseph (deceased).

Louis was active in the Boy Scouts as a young man and attained the rank of Golden Eagle Scout. He was also a member of the Sea Scouts and started the Sea Scout Ship in Kirkwood, Missouri. He was a machine tools engineer and was a manufacturing representative for companies that manufactured precision gauges and machine tools.

Louis always loved the water and sailing. In 1967 he took Jeanne to Nassau for their 25th wedding anniversary trip. A friend, Ray Swank, told them that when they had finished the sights of Nassau they should come to Man-O-War and see the real Bahamas. And of course, when they did, they knew this was the place for them. In

1970 they purchased their home and named it Sugar Apple after a tree which had been given to them as a gift from Uncle Norman. They felt it was the perfect name because sugar apples were the sweetest fruit on the island and Man-O-War was the sweetest place.

Louis and Jeanne spent their vacations on Man-O-War and after Louis' early retirement, they made it their permanent home in 1978. Louis was very creative and made several furniture items for their new home. He planned and designed the additions to their house.

A funeral mass was held on June 8th at his beloved Sugar Apple. He was a fine man and a good friend, and he will be missed. Jeanne and her family wish to thank everyone for all their assistance and expressions of sympathy during this time.

Joseph Floyd "Uncle Joe" Shirley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on January 28th, 1932. He passed away on June 13, 2003 in Boynton Beach, Florida, following a brief illness.

Joe earned his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Arizona. He was subsequently awarded his

Doctorate in Metallurgical Engineering from the same institution. He was self employed as well as working for Mountain State Research and Development for a number of years. He developed new and innovative processes in the field of copper and zinc mining and traveled the world sharing his ideas.

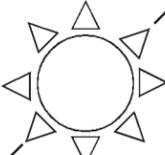
Joe and Bea came to Man-O-War from Tucson, Arizona, eight years ago. Their large beachfront house is always open to the children and is always full of the sounds of their voices. Uncle Joe took particular delight in entertaining the children when special days rolled around. Halloween would find him in his wicker rocking chair waiting for the kids to emerge from Aunt Bea's Hall of Terror. He always had special treats for them. One year it was American Sacagawea golden dollar coins. But it was Christmas that was closest to Uncle Joe's heart. His yard was turned into a winter wonderland of elves and lollipops, Santas of all shapes and sizes and of course, the nativity scenes. After all the lights were set to his specifications he was ready. His golf cart was transformed into a red and white sleigh, and Uncle Joe played Santa for all the island children.

Uncle Joe was a giving man who enjoyed sharing his time with others, helping a friend who needed a hand, giving advice as a good uncle should and gracing us all with his incredibly dry sense of humour. He was always ready with a story or two for those who had a moment to sit and visit. It is often said that a man's worth can be measured by the love of children and his dog. Joe was never seen driving the streets of Man-O-War without his Mowcay.

Joe is survived by his wife of 17 years, Bernadine; two sons, Joseph Theodore and William Floyd; stepson, Curtis Wayne (Terry) Miller; brother Edward (Trish); grandchildren Courtney, Ashley and Matt Miller.

Notice

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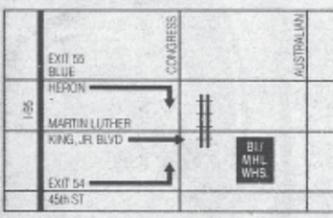
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Church News

Ground Breaking

By Isobel Sherman

On June 8 New Rehoboth Ministries International broke ground for their church building on a three-acre site on S.C. Bootle Highway west of the BEC generating plant. Crown Land was granted to New Rehoboth Ministries International which was incorporated in January 2003. The goal of New Rehoboth Ministries International is to equip all persons to discover their kingdom assignment.

New Rehoboth Ministries International began in a storefront in the B & B Plaza in Marsh Harbour in August 2001 as New Birth Ministries and held its first service in August 2001. In October 2001 the church moved to the old Western Auto building on Don MacKay Boulevard.

A brief serviced was held at the groundbreaking site. Pastor A. Louis, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town, and Bertram Mills, Jr., took part in the service.

Different shaped shovels were used to turn the soil, symbolizing the individuality of each person. Pastor Earlyn Baillou, Sister Joan Baillou and all of the founding members of New Birth Ministries, now New Rehoboth, turned the soil.

Several persons present gave remarks including Pastor Stephen Knowles of Strong Tower Ministry and Pastor Keith Russell of Faith Chapel. The ceremony concluded with the bulldozer being revved up for clearing the land for the new building, which will be able to be expanded.

Church Holds Cook Out

By Portia Jonsson

Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay held its annual church cook-out at the Treasure Cay Primary School grounds on June 14th. Three nights of revival service were held at the church during the week. Bishop Washington William from the New Caanan Church in Freeport, Grand Bahama, was the guest speaker for the first two nights. The last night "wrapped up" with a rap session lead by Pastor Earlyn Baillou from New Rehoboth International Ministries. The night of the cook-out ended with a pre-Father's Day gospel concert at the Treasure Cay Primary School featuring the Cooling Waters from Freeport.

Archbishop Lawrence Burke Visits

By Jennifer Hudson

On June 13th the Most Rev. Lawrence Burke, Archbishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nassau and the Bahamas, spent the day on Abaco to get a first hand view of

the situation of the Haitian residents since the devastating fire, to assess their needs and to see how the Roman Catholic Church community can help. Firstly, he inspected the site of the fire, then spent time in meetings with Ms. Charlamae Fernander and her assistant, Ms. Zenovia Mills, and was most

impressed with the professional way in which they are handling the situation. Bishop Burke wanted to find out from Social Services how the church can help so that he can coordinate the church's efforts

Please see **Church** Page 33



Ground breaking for a building for the New Rehoboth Ministries International took place on June 8. The site is on the S.C. Bootle Highway. The church, organized by Rev. Earlyn Baillou, has been meeting in the old Western Auto building.

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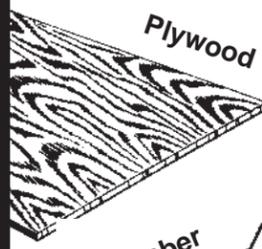
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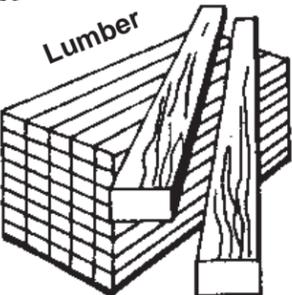

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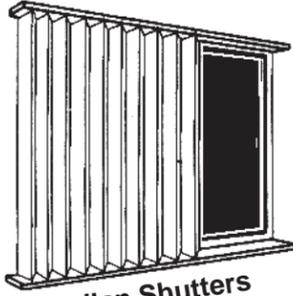
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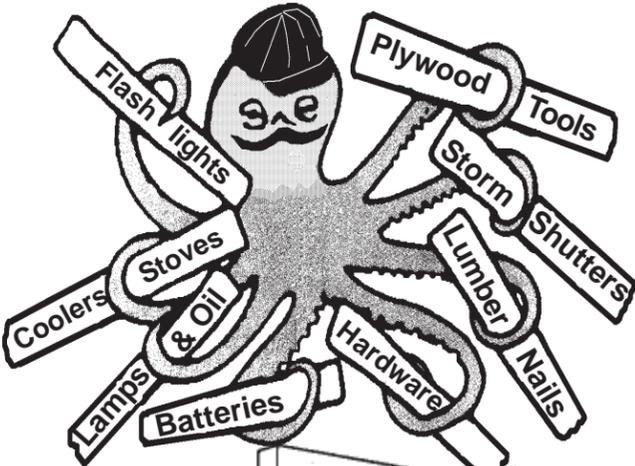


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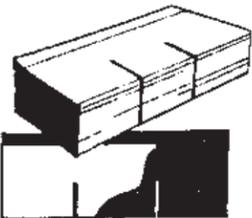


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Police Report

A woman from the Mud reported on June 1 that someone she knew damaged her bedroom window. He was arrested but was later released when the accused family agreed to pay for damages.

A second home owner reported on June 1 that a bicycle was stolen from the back of a pick-up truck while he was at a local club.

A resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested on June 2 for attempting to steal a dinghy boat with a small engine from the Conch Inn and Marina.

The Coco Bar in Treasure Cay was bro-

ken into on June 1. Three American young men admitted to the offence but were released because the complainant requested no police action.

A woman from Hope Town reported that she was beaten up by her boyfriend on June 2. He was arrested and charged.

A woman in the Mud was beaten by her husband on June 2. When a bystander tried to intervene, the man started fighting with him. He was arrested and charged with causing harm.

A man was charged on June 3 with dis-

orderly behavior in the Police Station and with stealing gas.

A Moore's Island man was arrested on June 3 of unlawful sexual intercourse. He was released pending a decision from the Attorney General's office.

A Snake Cay woman accused her husband on June 4 of threatening to kill her and burn her house down.

Charles Roberts, 43, was arraigned in Magistrate's Court on June 4. He was charged with breaking and entering the residence of an elderly woman in Marsh Harbour on April 27 with intent to commit a felony. His second charge was that he intentionally and unlawfully caused grievous harm to the woman. He was taken to Nassau and remanded at Fox Hill.

On June 6 several fights broke out at Sandy Point. One Crossing Rocks man was injured by a group of Haitians and had to be air lifted to Nassau for treatment. Later Constable Forbes was stabbed while trying to stop another fight. He was also flown to Nassau for treatment. A third fight resulted when a police officer tried to break up a fight. He attempted to arrest one man when a group of men pulled the young man away from the officer and began throwing rocks and bottles at him. The officer drew his revolver and fired a shot in the air that dispersed the group. The men had said that there was a bounty on the officer's head. Two man from Crossing Rocks, three men from the Mud and two men from Dundas Town were arrested.



Seen above are Police Officers Woman Const. Charlton and Cpl. Dorsett patrolling on the streets of Marsh Harbour. This is part of a community policing effort to make the police officer more accessible to the public. An officer is frequently seen on a motorcycle on the streets in Central Abaco.



The police arrested Mr. Charles Roberts at his home in Marsh Harbour on June 4. He is shown on the left being escorted to a police vehicle. He is being charged with intentionally and unlawfully causing grievous harm to a Marsh Harbour resident.




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This support will provide a great boost to the Friends organization on Abaco which is dedicated to conservation. According to Ms. Eleanor Phillips, the Conservancy's new Bahamas' Director, "The Nature Conservancy recognizes that the activities of grassroots groups such as Friends are essential to conserving bio-diversity throughout The Bahamas. The Nature Conservancy is interested in strengthening the technical and administrative capabilities of such groups."

The Conservancy chooses groups very carefully and has several criteria which the group must meet. The first criteria is leadership. This past March Mr. Paul Hardy, Director for Conservation Training, met with the Board of Directors of Friends. He said, "It is obvious that Friends has strong

leadership - committed, skilled diverse and active." The Conservancy looks for groups which are community based. Friends has recently moved their office to Marsh Harbour which allows it to interact with a larger constituency than it could while based on Elbow Cay. The third criteria is a record of achievement. Friends qualified in that area with their installation of mooring buoys, the facilitating parrot research, their assisting the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey and their educational efforts.

The Conservancy will assist Friends in many ways. They will help them develop with core management functions such as setting conservation strategy, running a Board and raising funds. The agenda is focus and direct the strengths of Friends.

Mr. Hardy and Ms. Phillips will be back on Abaco this summer to undertake the next phase of strengthening Friends which will

include plans for key priorities and review strategies for resource generation. The Conservancy has committed to giving a generous organization grant which will give Friends funding to expand some of their programs now underway.

The Conservancy will encourage Friends to exchange information with other groups in The Bahamas and in this region. The Andros Conservancy and Trust is a similar organization as Friends and the two groups can benefit from the other.

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Service to Sandy Point had to be on a tidal schedule until they were able to complete a ramp and scrap the bottom to give enough depth for the boat to come in. The boat is now on a regular schedule bringing passengers, vehicles and freight. The company's goal is to be competitive in terms of time and value. Mr. Khaalis explained that the company partners with the local communities, encouraging them to put in the necessary services to complement the boats. These include rental cars, taxis, bus

service, trucking service and many extra businesses such as restaurants and gift shops. A bussing service is already being planned. They feel this new service will contribute greatly to the economy of Abaco. In the communities where they have been offering service with their other boats, they have seen property values increase greatly. Eventually they hope to link the entire Bahamas with ferries.

At present they offer packages with the ferry, a car and a hotel on New Providence and Paradise Island. They have a variety of packages to accommodate the needs of everyone. They also market the trips to special interest groups such as eco-tourism,

educational, religious or corporate groups.

One area which has proved very popular is transporting people to special events such as regattas or home comings. Over the Labour Day / Whit Monday holiday they offered an excursion to Sandy Point. They brought in 270 passengers and 25 vehicles, leaving behind many passengers and vehicles that they could not accommodate. Over that week end they carried over 3000 passengers to various island destinations. They plan to make special trips on September 25 - 27 bringing people to the All Abaco Regatta.

For more information you can call Mr. White at 366-4119 or Mrs. Malone at 367-5250.



Representatives of Bahamas Fast Ferries held a meeting in Marsh Harbour on June 16 to explain the new service they are offering on Abaco. The *SeaWind* makes three trips weekly from Nassau to Sandy Point bringing passengers, vehicles and freight. Shown above, left to right, Mr. Stanley White, their agent in Sandy Point, Mr. Paul Clare, Sales and Marketing Account Manager, Mrs. Debbie Malone, their agent in Marsh Harbour, and Mr. Khaalis Rolle, Chief Marketing Officer.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Rasher Henry "Ace Man" McIntosh**, 39, of Fox Town was held on June 14 at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven. Rev. Fr. Dwight Rolle officiated with Rev. Dr. Allan J. Mills. Interment was in St. Chad's Anglican Church Cemetery in Fox Town.

He is survived by his mother Naomi McIntosh; brothers Leslie and McNeil McIntosh and Ellis Gibson; sisters Delores Rigby, Angela McIntosh, Earlis Sawyer and Bernadette Colebroke; grandmothers Olga Russell and Loraine Smith; uncles Arthur Roberts, Merlin, Junior and Leanette McIntosh, Alonzo Lowe, Edgar Bowleg, Percy Ferguson and Wilmore Russell; aunts Elva Roberts, Millie, Mayellen, Icelyn, Lillian, Leanncer, Princess, Deborah, Marianne, Jackie, Linda and Emma McIntosh, Eloise Russell, Lynda Pinder, Donna

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The funeral for **Sylvia St. Louis**, known as Mama Liza, 77, of Marsh Harbour was held on June 22 at the Marsh Harbour Seventh Day Adventist Church. Pastor Roger Moncur officiated and interment was in the Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her children Salnave Timothee, Yoland, Ester, Jan, Yolette, Yolaine and Rosevelt; brothers Sanou, Moleon, Vainquer and Odcaine St. Louis; sisters Louisanne and Ermantide Collette; grandchildren; great-grandchildren;

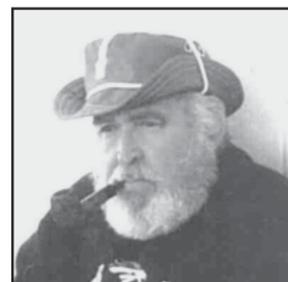
great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; sisters-in-law Yvanie, Madam Vainquer, Saintimise and Ismaela; brother-in-law Rogobert Petit-fert; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Joseph Floyd Shirley** were held on June 21 at the Man-O-War Gospel Chapel. Mr. George Phillpot and Mr. Glenn Albury officiated. Interment was in the Man-O-War Cemetery.

Mr. Shirley, or "Uncle Joe" as he was affectionately called, was well loved by everyone. He and his wife Bea were residents of Man-O-War for eight years during which time he was always helping

others, giving advice, telling stories, entertaining guests.

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- Sun 6th Race 2 "Round-the-Islands" off Guana Cay; Evening party at Nipper's, Live Music
- Mon 7th Lay Day - Party at Conch Crawl, Marsh Harbour
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- Weds 9th Lay Day - Party at Snappas in Marsh Harbour
- Thurs 10th Race 4 "Round-the-Islands" to Hope Town, Party at Harbour's Edge in Hope Town
- Fri 11th Race 5 off Marsh Harbour; Party, Awards for races 4 & 5 and Overall Final Awards at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour



Local Government at Work



Licensing Board Cent. Abaco 3 Jun 03

The Licensing Board met June 3 chaired by Mr. Rex Davis, Deputy Chairman. This was the first meeting since December 20 of last year.

In the absence of a functioning Licensing Board, many temporary licenses have been issued to facilitate applicants. The original applications were now before the Board for consideration.

Most of the 39 applications to be considered were of a routine nature and appeared on the January, February, March, April, May and June agendas.

An application for a bar at Island Breezes in Marsh Harbour for serving frozen dai-

quiris and tropical alcoholic drinks was deferred pending legal advice. Bar licenses were not known to be restricted to a particular type of drink and issuing a license allows unrestricted alcoholic beverage sales. Some members were concerned that a similar license request across the street was rejected months earlier, and they felt it was not appropriate to issue this license.

A proprietary bar license was granted for a sports bar to operate in the ground floor of Seashells Restaurant building on Don MacKay Boulevard even though a licensed bar is operating upstairs in a restaurant setting and a wholesale liquor store operates separately on the ground floor adjacent to the applicant's location.

A proprietary bar license was granted for the 333 and R Sports Bar on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. It is a sports

bar catering primarily to darts' enthusiasts. This was controversial as it was within 100 yards of the Detour Bar. Regulations prohibit liquor outlets from being within 100 yards of a similar type of liquor operation. An attempt was made to defer the decision but a motion was made and accepted that a decision must be made during the meeting. After much debate the license was granted.

A license was granted for the Flamingo Restaurant to open in the building previously operated as Mavis's Restaurant beside Island Bakery in Marsh Harbour.

A license to Aqua Spring Pure Water was deferred pending a report from Environ-

mental Health on the building and the proposed operation.

A few of the applicants withdrew their application as they were no longer interested in pursuing the business originally proposed.

Approvals were given for restaurants, auto parts, export and import parts, sale of craft items, car sales, flower sales, clothing, convenience store, art, jewelry and linens.

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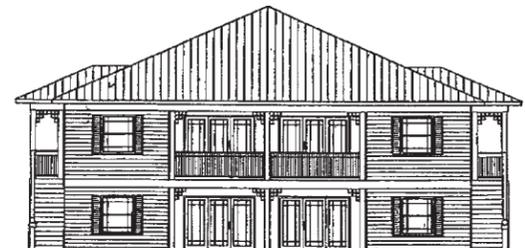
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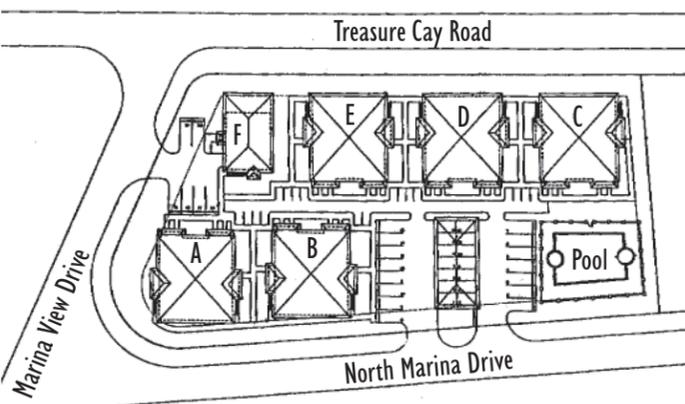
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Ron Pinder Visits Central Abaco

The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Health, the Hon. Ron Pinder, visited several dump sites in Central Abaco with Ms. Bertha McPhee, Deputy Health Officer for Abaco. Accompanying Mr. Pinder from Nassau were Mr. Leonard Miller, Assistant Director of Public Health, and Ms. Shevinette P. Bodie, Health Systems Officer with the Ministry of Health.

The dump proved interesting as a load of sewerage had just been pumped in a designated site and a truckload of surplus citrus had just been dumped with several persons scavenging fruit.

Mr. Pinder felt that dumping sewerage there was inappropriate but was unable to offer a better solution at this time. It is pumped

into a shallow area in an out-of-the-way location and left for the liquids to evaporate and the solids to dry and decompose.

Equally disturbing to Mr. Pinder was finding that the dump only about 1000 feet from the BEC power station where employees complain of the fumes when the wind is in their direction. Across the street and closer than BEC is the new upscale government subdivision although there are no houses in the area near the dump yet.

Ms. McPhee said the dump was scheduled to be closed and relocated to a new site with refuse buried in a properly engineered sanitary land fill with no burning. It was originally thought that this might be in the triangle leading to Snake Cay.

The location may be changed as current thinking leans toward a location accessible to North and South Abaco so one properly managed site serves the entire island.

A move is underway to discontinue the use of 55-gallon drums for garbage and require smaller 32 gallon plastic containers. Several reasons were given for this change. The drums can be exceedingly heavy, requiring two or three men to lift and empty them. If holes are not provided in the bottom, they will collect rain water. Some with holes in the bottom are dangerous as refuse collectors can cut their hands on the raw edges. Older drums have rotten bottoms, letting garbage spill out when the drum is lifted.

Legislation is being introduced which will require the use of lighter plastic receptacles.

The Department of Health is working to eliminate the burning of garbage which generates toxic fumes.

Another concern of Mr. Pinder is the growing bottled water business, particularly in Nassau where some bottled water has been found to be ordinary untreated tap water.

Many bottlers rely on public health testing to ensure their quality is satisfactory. The burden is being shifted to the bottlers for testing and record keeping. Bottlers must perform their own testing and keep records of the test results for random verification

Please see **Pinder**

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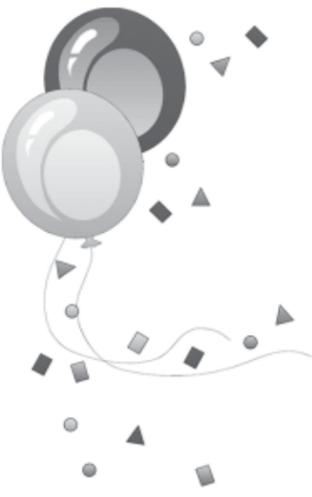
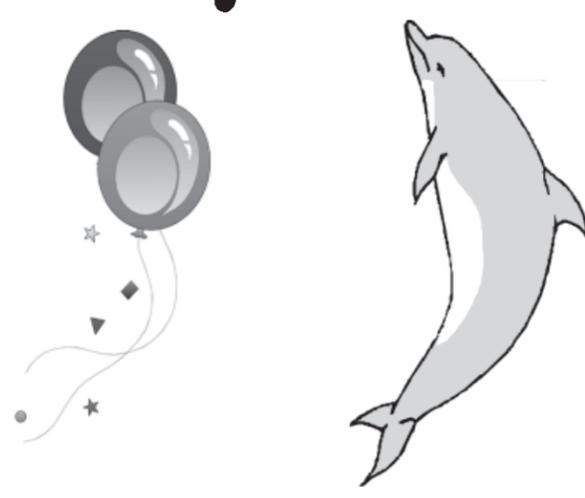
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Angelo holds a commercial pilot license and Instrument Rating and has 270 hours of flight time. He plans to pursue computer technology as well as finish the process of acquiring a Certified Flight Instructor's Certificate.



Angelo Hardeen

New Executive Chef

By Jennifer Hudson

Congratulations to Terrell Russell, who has been promoted to the position of Executive Chef at the Abaco Beach Hotel effective June 2nd, 2003. Terrell joined the staff of the Abaco Beach Hotel in April 2002

as Head Sous Chef and as part of his responsibilities he filled in for the Executive Chef when necessary. Now as full time Executive Chef, Terrell is responsible for planning menus, monitoring food costs and supervising the entire kitchen to make sure that everything that leaves the kitchen is up to hotel standards. In addition, he is in charge of training and makes sure that his staff is fully aware of how to work safely and has a complete knowledge of food sanitation and storage.

Terrell owes his skills as a chef to the family of good cooks in which he grew up. He developed a love of cooking at a very early age from watching his mother was a great cook. Whilst in his early teens Terrell was baking cakes to order in his spare time. After graduating from high school in Freeport, he went to work at the Bahamas Princess Hotel as an apprentice chef.

On moving to Abaco in 1991 Terrell worked at the Abaco Beach Hotel for one year before starting his own business, The Flour House Bakery, where he specialized in eleven different types of specialty breads. Unfortunately, circumstances necessitated a move to the United States to take care of the medical needs of his infant son.

After two years in West Palm Beach, he was able to return to Abaco. When a position at the Abaco Beach Hotel became available, he accepted the post and proved his skills and capabilities which moved him up to his recent appointment as Executive Chef.

Terrell is delighted to have been promoted to this position of responsibility and says, "I am going to do my best to prove to the country and the rest of the culinary world

that you can do anything you want if you really try. I thank God for this opportunity to improve myself."

He is pleased to work with an excellent staff which makes life easier for him as it takes a good team to make a good chef. The two qualities which he says are vital to being successful in this position are patience and the ability to remain calm in all situations.

His aim is to continue to upgrade the property by giving guests the finest meals in this part of the Bahamas.

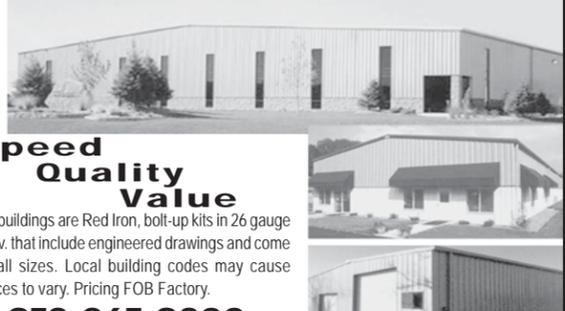


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Treasure Cay, Bahamas Star, or Moxy	\$14 + \$6
Bronks or Highway Liquors	\$10 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$20 + \$5
Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
Black Wood	\$14 + \$5
Fire Road	\$25 + \$5
Cooper's Town	\$30 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$45 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$50 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$55 + \$5
Fox Town	\$60 + \$5
Marsh Harbour or Crown Haven	\$65 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Round Trip	\$85 + \$5
TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$55 + \$5
TC Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$25 + \$5
TC Hotel to Sand Bank	\$16 + \$5
TC Hotel to Moxey	\$10 + \$5
TC Hotel to Bronks	\$7 + \$5
From TC Hotel to All Areas N. of T.C. Airport Add \$10	
Waiting Time \$12 Per Hour	

Air Lines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau & Moores Island	367-2266
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Kayak • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
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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	

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 • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town	20 minute trip from Crossing Beach
7:15 (M-F) 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm	2 4 5:30
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War	20 minute trip from Crossing Beach
10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat)	4 5:30
Return	8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana	40 min. from Conch Inn
‡ 6:45 am 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:30 (min \$40)	
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8	
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock	
Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16	
Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	
8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30	
Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay	
8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5	
One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$11 Extra to some destinations	

Abaco Adventures	
Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
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
Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
Crown Haven Abaco 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 half fare	
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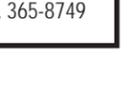
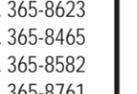
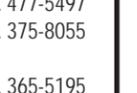
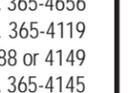
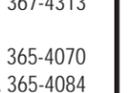
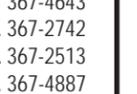
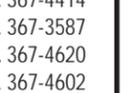
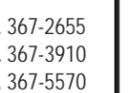
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	Slips Fuel Phone
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 F 353-1252
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45 F 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32 F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12 F 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10 F 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
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
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Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways 366-0224
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Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 F 365-0083
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Guana Beach Resort	22 F 365-5133
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Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Dive Shops	
Marsh Harbour	
Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646
Hope Town	
Dave's Dive Shop	366-0029
Froggies	366-0431
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
Green Turtle Cay	
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Green Turtle Divers	365-4271
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Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Wilmac Car Rentals	367-4970 or 367-4313
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Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
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Guana Cay	
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Guana Cay Cart Rentals	365-5016
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6241
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Dave's Dive Shop Boat Rentals	366-0029
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
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Man-O-War	
David Albury	365-6059
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0133
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O'Donald McIntosh	
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
Ricky Sawyer	365-4261

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
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
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
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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 Cafe (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

\$300 Cruising Permit Increase Lasted Seven Hours

In a move to improve the revenue collected by Customs, the Treasury used their discretionary authority and raised the Cruising Permit fee from \$100 to \$300 effective 9:45 a.m. on June 18. This applied to all visiting boats entering and cruising through the islands.

Various government bodies were sent messages by businesses and individuals complaining that this increase would greatly reduce the number of boating visitors to Abaco. Abaco leads the Bahamas in boat-

ing visitors. Abaco has more marinas than any other island in the Bahamas and there are more private and commercial docks here than any other island in the country

The message of the harm that the additional \$200 charge would do to our economy was taken seriously and by 5 p.m. on the same day, the fee reverted to the previous \$100 with the comment that it was still under consideration.

Pinder

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by Public Health Authorities.

The Department wants uniform regulations throughout the islands concerning waste collection and disposal. They are also looking into waste oil disposal and programs for recycling some trash. Transportation logistics present problems due to the diverse nature of the Bahamas archipelago.

Mr. Pinder was hosted on Radio Abaco and discussed environmental concerns related to garbage, trash and other public health issues.

The group had a working lunch with Mrs. Erin Pagliano, President of the local Friends of the Environment. Ideas were exchanged for recycling and other issues were discussed.

Mr. Pinder returned to Nassau with first-hand knowledge of some Abaco problems.

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- **Quiet waterfront:** 1.35 acres on Black Sound, with dock, close to beach. \$650,000
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- **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
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- **Four inland lots** within 5 minute walk of waterfront and public dock. \$47,200 each
- **1/2 acre lots** within 5 minute walk of public dock, water front and Green Turtle Club. \$60,000-\$70,000 each
- **Green Turtle Estates:** 1/2 acre only 125 feet from ocean beach. Firm \$183,000
- **Green Turtle:** 1/2 acre inland lot within five minutes walk of beach. \$53,000 gross
- **1/2 acre lot:** within five minutes walk of beach and Coco Bay beach. \$81,600 gross

- **2.68 acres** with 2 lots on Coco Bay. **SOLD** \$650,000
- **1/3 acre** in **UNDER CONTRACT** on 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. \$1.42 million gross
- **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 bathrooms. **UNDER CONTRACT** fully furnished villa on water. In pristine condition. Good rental income. \$275,000
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- **Munjack Cay:**
• **One-quarter acre on beach,** 125' frontage. \$183,000
- **Little Ambrigris Cay:**
• **10 acres.** Dock material on site. Beautiful beach. High hill. \$515,000 gross

Church *From Page 22*

with those of Social Services. It is necessary to make sure that contributions are going to the actual victims of the fire as, sadly, there are always those who try to use the system unlawfully to get help. He then also met with the Parish Council of St. Francis de Sales Church.

Bishop Burke stated that they are looking at both short term and long term goals. The immediate need that the church and Social Services are endeavoring to fulfill is for food, clothing, household goods, bed linen, blankets, cleaning supplies, toiletries, pampers and school supplies. The church will purchase gift certificates from the food stores which will be given out according to the number of dependents in the family. Since the government budget year is at its end, money is not available for Social Services to work with at this point so they have to depend upon the private sector for the necessary assistance. Bishop Burke is appealing for funds not only from St Francis de Sales Church but also from the Roman Catholic Churches in Nassau and the United States.

The long term goal is to donate materials to assist in the rebuilding but this stage cannot be met until the church sees what plans the government has for relocating these persons. "Land in a new location must be provided before assistance can be given

towards a rebuilding effort and then only the people who are here with legal status will be eligible for help," stated the Archbishop.

This man of God consistently shows his fatherly concern for his flock and frequently visits the various Family Islands to keep in touch with the people, to learn their problems and to encourage them in their faith. During his previous pastoral visit to Abaco in February, he spent a week visiting St. Francis de Sales Church and the Haitian community in Marsh Harbour, the new mission in Man-o-War Cay and the communities of Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town and Treasure Cay.

Vacation Bible School
By Isobel Sherman
St. Andrews Methodist Church in

Dundas Town will be holding three vacation Bible schools this summer for children ages 4-10. On July 8-12 the Beach United Methodist Conference team will be conducting the Bible School. On July 29-August 7 the Team Effort Group 1 will conduct the

school and from August 5-9 Team Effort Group 2 will conduct the school. The sessions will run from Tuesday through Saturday as the persons running the sessions will be arriving in Abaco on Monday.

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have a positive attitude about everything, she wished them all the best for a better and brighter tomorrow.

The graduating class was presented certificates and some received special awards. Lavardo Maycock received the Valedictorian Award.

Extended Learning Program

By Isobel Sherman

The Ministry of Education is introducing an Extended Learning Program to Grade 5 and Grade 8 students. The program is being offered to 25 students in each of these grade in government schools to help with reading and mathematics. The program will run the month of July from 9 a.m. until

noon Monday through Friday. The schools involved will decide which students should attend.

Baccalaureate Service

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Central High School held their Baccalaureate service on June 22. The service for the 70 graduates was held at Dundas Town Church of God. Various subject prizes, prefect awards and other awards were presented at this time. Bishop Anthony Campbell, Pastor of Dundas Town Church of God, brought the message.

Advance Learning and Day Care Center

By Portia Jonsson

As the population of Abaco continues to grow, so does the demand for more schools, learning centers and day care facilities. A

new establishment, Advance Learning and Day Care Center will be opening soon to help meet the need. Located in Murphy Town at Richard Cox's (aka karate) gym, the school will offer academic studies based on the Abeka Curriculum for all grades. Recreational activities will include swimming, tennis and computer education. Acceptance ages and the date of an open house will be announced at a later time. For further information you may contact the school at 367-2288 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., or call Millie Dawkins at 367-2692 or Al Kemp at 359-6015.

Summer Program

By Portia Jonsson

Friendship Christian Academy and Day Care Center located in Dundas Town will be hosting a Summer Care Program. Boys

and girls ages 3-10 (grades K3-6) will enjoy arts and crafts and lots of fun filled games. The program will run from July 7th - August 15th from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information please call 367-4238.

Award Presentation Held

By Portia Jonsson

Igniting the Passion for Life-Long Learning was the theme of the Ministry of Education's Awards Presentation for 2002/2003 Academic competitions held on June 3rd at the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour. Trophies were awarded to the overall winners in the Abaco School District Spelling Bee, Mathematics and Gen-

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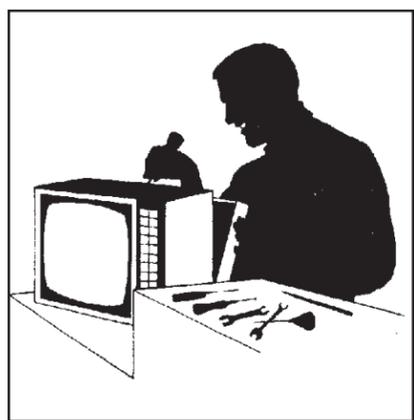
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eral Knowledge Competitions as well as the Rotary Club Speech Competition and Abaco Texaco Semi-Finalists.

Addressing those in attendance was District Superintendent, Mr. Hezekiah Dean, who said being on Abaco has given him a new look on education. During his tenure on Grand Bahama he wished the School District there had competitions like the ones held here, saying he could not think of a better way to ignite the passion for life-long learning. He challenged the winners to pay special attention to the theme, saying it can ignite a fire in them causing a special light to shine and encouraged them to continue

to strive for excellence.

The Central Abaco Primary School Dancers along with Ms. Carolyn Wright, Special Education Teacher, and Sherrell Roker, a student at Abaco Central High, entertained the audience in song and interpretive dance. Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP for South Abaco, gave brief remarks to the competition winners.

The winners in the Spelling Bee Competitions were Dylan Thompson Grade 1 - Agape Christian School, Jawara Newbold Grade 2 - St. Francis de Sales, Octavia Dean McIntosh Grade 3 - St. Francis de Sales, Sherlycia McKenzie Grade 4 - Central Abaco Primary, Alexstan Russell Grade 5 - Cooper's Town Primary, Edrico Armbrister Grade

6 - Fox Town Primary, Nekhira Saunders Grade 7 - St. Francis de Sales, Christy Schaeffer Grade 8 - Forest Heights Academy and Jotario Pierre Grade 9 - S.C. Bootle High School.

The Abaco District National Spelling Bee winner was Christy Schaeffer Grade 8-Forest Heights Academy.

The Rotary Club Speech Competition Overall winner was Junata Anee Grade 6-Long Bay School.

The Abaco Texaco Semi-Finalists were

Ashlea Archer Grade 10 - St. Francis de Sales, Rebecca Risberg Grade 11 - Forest Heights Academy and Clarence Albury Grade 12 - S.C. Bootle High School.

The Mathematics competition winners were Ernst Pierre, Jason Evans, Alexis Williams and RayJay Sands of St. Francis de Sales.

The General Knowledge competition winners were Taj Anderson, Wensil Laroda, Odles Petitphar and Emmenuel Fleuridor of Treasure Cay Primary School.



The Abaco District of the Ministry of Education holds many competitions during the school year covering a variety of academic subjects. On June 3 they hosted an awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding students. Pictured are Ms. Jacquelyn Estevez representing Commonwealth Bank with Alexis Williams, Jason Evans, Ray Jay Sands and Ernst Pierre, winners in the mathematics competition from St. Francis de Sales School.

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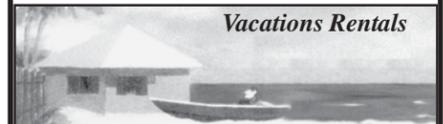
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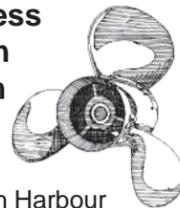
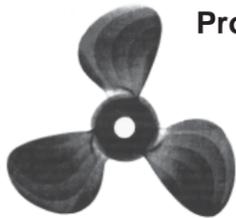
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South *From Page 10*

lunch or afternoon. Of course, we expected some growing pains in the beginning, but they are being ironed out and they seem to be attracting quite a loyal clientele as you often see many of the same faces week after week.

Work At The Dump

Some much appreciated and much needed clean up work has been done at the dump. Our newest second-home owner, Simon Rohden, was kind enough to take his bobcat and volunteered his time and equipment working for over four hours this past weekend trying to bring some organization to the area. During high tides this last month much of the dump was underwater and the haphazard dumping by private individuals in unauthorized areas always seems to present additional problems.

The persons in charge of the dump cannot be on duty all the time to make sure that trash is kept in a contained and designated area. So, if you are dumping trash, make sure you put it where it can be burned with the other trash already there since at

the present time we have no way of moving it. This task requires a bulldozer to come into Cherokee to do the job and costs the community lots of money which could be spent on more worthy projects.

As Cherokee grows, so does the amount of trash we produce. The community and local government need to address this problem now before it gets too far out of hand or becomes an environmental catastrophe, which we could all suffer for.

Roberts *From Page 8*

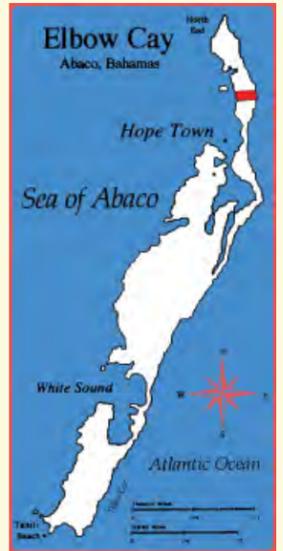
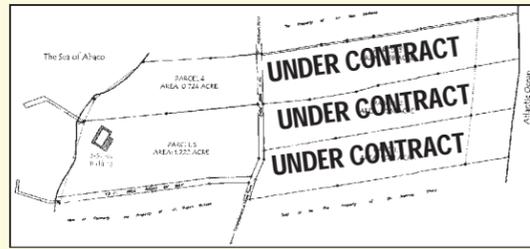
be the most difficult thing you will attempt in your organization but, if you really want to focus on keeping your customers - rather than going to the substantial expense of replacing those you lose with new employees - you must empower your employees.

Measure the Results. In order to identify the impact of your commitment to service, you must measure the results.

Mr. Tschohl also said, "It's important to realize that 65 percent of most compa-

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nies' business comes from current customers. That means, if you want to stay in business, you had better focus on winning the satisfaction of your customers."

Whether it is a retail business, hotel or restaurant, whether you are directly or indirectly serving the tourism industry, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that quality service is given, and customers, whether foreign or local, leave satisfied.

No incident is so isolated that it won't leave a mark in the economy, which, since the infamous 9/11 disaster, has remained extremely fragile. Everyone, individually and collectively, has a part to play in keeping the economy stable. We need to do our part.

Ambassador *From Page 2*

seph thought that businesses which might take advantage of Haitian labour could include banking, agriculture and textiles. Perhaps there could be joint business ventures.

The Bahamian government realizes that the Haitians are coming here because of the bad economic situation in Haiti, not the political situation. One of the goals of both countries is to stop Haitians from trying to escape from their country in crowded boats which capsize or come to other disastrous endings. Many people lose their lives in these aborted attempts to get to away from Haiti. If they can get here, their standard of living is immediately better than what they left. There are jobs available here which pay very well. They are able to send money back to family in Haiti which benefits them greatly. Slowly

they work to bring other members of their family here where the living conditions are vastly better than in Haiti.

Mr. Joseph wanted to clarify some of the concepts as to how many people and

families were affected by the fire. He has surveyed the people living there and has concluded that 70 to 71 houses were destroyed leaving just over 200 people without homes.

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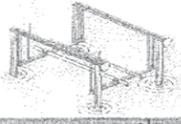
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