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Minister Honored for 41 Years of Service

Rev. Dr. Allan Mills Has Faithfully Served the North Abaco Community



Rev. Dr. Alan J. Mills was honored for his long years of service in the Zion Baptist Churches of Abaco. A banquet was held at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay on September 7 and a special church service was held at Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay on September 8. Rev. Mills was Moderator for 41 years, the longest serving moderator in The Bahamas. Shown above are, left to right, Rev. Dr. Mills, Mrs. Mavena Mills, Rev. John McIntosh, current Moderator of the Zion Baptist Churches, and Mrs. McIntosh.

Over 200 persons attended a banquet honoring Rev. Dr. Alan J. Mills for his dedicated 41 years as the Moderator of the Zion Baptist Churches on Abaco. The Spinnaker Restaurant was filled with Baptist supporters and community leaders at the September 7 event. Rev. Mills' wife of 55 years, Mavena, affectionately called Mother Mills, and 11 of their 13 children were in attendance.

The Zion Baptist Convention has nine churches on Abaco with seven being on Abaco proper, one on Grand Cay and one on Moore's Island. Mr. Mills holds the record in The Bahamas for his 41 years as Moderator.

During the evening, the announcement of the formation of the Alan Mills Scholarship was announced. A plea for funds brought \$387 to initiate this educational outreach of the Zion Baptist churches of Abaco.

Rev. Mills is a highly respected person who has been active in his community for many years, serving in many capacities. He was a local Constable for 35 years. He served on local Board of Works and Town Planning. He was a member of the Social Service Advisory Committee and has been a Justice of the Peace since 1972. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in 1976. He was honored with a Queen's Certificate in 1992 and awarded with

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Goombay Attracts Hundreds

By Jennifer Hudson

On August 22nd a large crowd gathered once again for another evening of Goombay Summer fun. This was the grand finale of Goombay for this summer as, unfortunately, budgetary restraints only allowed for two such events this year. Ms. Agatha Marcel, Parliamentary Secretary with the Ministry of Tourism, hopes very much that next year the

Goombay Summer season will begin much earlier on Abaco while a good number of tourists are still on the island so that they can enjoy the Bahamian culture. This year since the celebrations were held so late in August the tourist season was just about at an end but the local residents certainly enjoyed and

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Ferries Carry Students to School



Ferries carry about 140 students daily to the mainland for schooling. Albury's Ferry carries students from Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town into Marsh Harbour while the Green Turtle Ferry carries them from Green Turtle Cay. These students must then ride a bus to either Cooper's Town or Marsh Harbour. The students go to a variety of schools both private and government. Each of the ferry companies operate special "school ferries."

Campers Seek Whales, Dolphins



A dozen young people attending a camp sponsored by the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey team learned much about their environment. The campers did classroom work and made field trips both on land and on the sea. They are shown here heading out to sea to look for dolphins and whales. Captaining the boat is Pam Church, one of the researchers. The students realized how important it is to preserve our environment. Please see story on page 14.

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Goombay Summer Ends with Grand Finale

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appreciated the festivities.

Quite a transformation had taken place on the site since the previous week as all of the eleven wooden booths had been painted, each a different bright and attractive hue, adding gaiety to the atmosphere.

Although proceedings got off to a rather late start owing to some problems with the sound system, people were very patient in anticipation of the exciting entertainment to come. Special guest performances were by the Soulful Groovers and KB, while other features included Fire Dancer, Lady Natalie; Steel Drummer, Anthony Lowe, and Native

Dance by Cultural Dancers. Amazing feats were performed by Spider Man, who literally tied himself in knots, then stunned people by actually eating a drinking glass which had been authenticated by various audience members. People were warned several times by the M.C., as there were several children present, not to try these stunts at home.

A very entertaining act was a limbo demonstration by King Barry. Nowadays limbo dancers are looking for ways to add variety to their acts. King Barry came up with the innovative idea to perform the limbo on roller skates (Had he seen Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical show *Starlight Express*, I wonder, where the whole show is performed on roller

skates?) He exhibited great control and succeeded in getting under the bar six and a half inches from the ground whilst on skates. Another delightful addition to his act was getting three young children on stage to limbo under the bar with him. One youngster aged about eight or nine years showed great talent as a future performer as he not only did well at getting under the bar but wowed the

audience with his dance steps.

A very important part of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Yvonne Key by Don Cornish and Winsome Ferguson of the Ministry of Tourism in appreciation of her hard work and vision in making

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Mrs. Yvonne Key was presented with a plaque by the Ministry of Tourism for her effort in developing Marsh Harbour Goombay Park. The new site for the Goombay festivities as well as other community events is attractively designed with 11 colorful booths. Landscaping, paving and other improvements are planned. Mrs. Key is shown above on the left with Ministry of Tourism official, Ms. Angela Clare, Director of Out Island Heritage Tourism.



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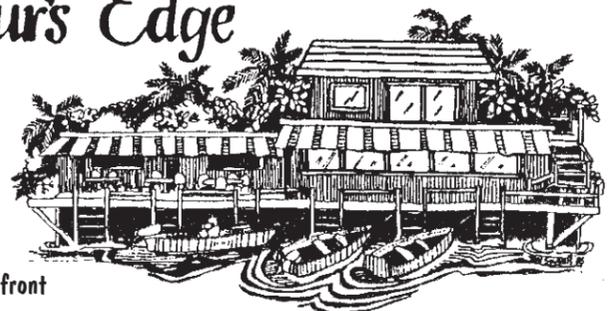
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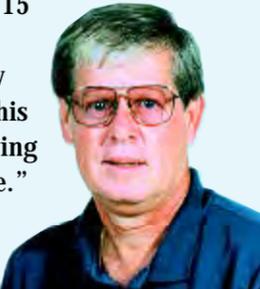
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South Abaco News

Sandy Point

J.A. Pinder Primary School New Principal Arrives

By Portia Jonsson

When school resumed on September 1st at the J A Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point, students were greeted with a new face, Ms. Brenell Clarke. Ms. Clarke is the new principal at the school and hails from the island of Exuma. She has been teaching for four years and was previously stationed at the Burnt Rock Primary School in Mangrove Cay, Andros. Arriving on the island less than a month ago, Ms. Clarke says she is happy to be here on Abaco and is excited about her new role. She added that the school is in need of teachers and a secretary. J A Pinder Primary School has a total of 58 students and four teachers including Principal Clarke.

The school's mission statement is to pro-

vide the students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge, understandings, attitudes and the skills that will enable them to make positive choices as literate, productive citizens in the 21st century setting locally and globally.

Teachers at the school have started three afternoon clubs: the choir club, computer club and needlecraft club.

Community News

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Alan Burrows of Sandy Point died suddenly during the night of August 24th. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and son, Cameron. A funeral service was held on August 30th at the Sandy Point Assemblies of God Church.

The J.A. Pinder School in Sandy Point has been given a new face lift in time for school opening. The paint job was carried out by

the local authority.

The upgrade of parks by local government continues throughout South Abaco. Casuarina now has a park and the Cherokee Park is in progress.

The entrance to the airstrip has received a further face lift by the planting of exotic and tropical plants by Local Government and District Council.

The community of Sandy Point received the gift of a satellite phone for Hurricane Disaster Preparedness from Disney Cruise Lines.

There has been concern among fishermen that some have not been abiding by the rules for the harvesting of crawfish; many have not waited for the season to open before going out. The concerned fishermen hope that the officials responsible for enforcing the rules will carry out more surveillance.

Student Bussing Will Continue

The Sandy Point PTA for the J.A. Pinder Primary School held a meeting August 26 to introduce the new school principal, Ms. Brenell Clarke.

Attending and answering general questions was District Superintendent, Mr. Hezekiah Dean from Marsh Harbour. He addressed parents on their concerns that government-subsidized bus service was to be discontinued taking children to private schools in Marsh Harbour. Earlier directives had declared that this practice was to cease along with subsidized ferry travel for students on the cays who attend private schools. Mr. Dean assured parents that on reflection, the Ministry of Education would continue with this subsidy which has been ongoing for years.

During his presentation, Mr. Dean an-

nounced that he is being transferred to Grand Bahama on September 15 after seeing schools on Abaco get underway. His replacement had not been announced at this time.

Mr. Dean assured parents that their desire for a high school was being considered but the small number of high school students now being bussed to Marsh Harbour could not justify a high school in South Abaco at this time. He was confident that as Sandy Point grows, a high school will be justified at some point.

Parents asked if the vacant, condemned building on the school grounds could be repaired and used for a computer room and library. The structure will be studied as to its potential.

Ms. Clarke was warmly received by the parents attending as she outlined some of her plans for the school. Three school clubs will be formed for interested students with parental consent. These will be held from 3 - 4 p.m. after the normal school hours. The first will be a choir on Tuesdays. Then a computer club will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Finally, a needlecraft club will be held on Fridays. The school now has two working computers and several others that are not operational.

Ms. Clarke is a native of Exuma and comes to Sandy Point from her last post on Mangrove Cay, Andros.

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Newest Arrival

Congratulations to Dean and Krystal Weatherford on the birth of their new son, Robbie. He was born in Freeport on August

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The first PTA of this school year for J. A. Pinder Primary School was held on August 26 to introduce a new principal, Ms. Brenell Clarke. She is shown here in the center with Mr. Paul Pinder, PTA President, on the left and Mr. Hezekiah Dean, District Superintendent, on the right. Ms. Clarke has come to Sandy Point with enthusiasm and new ideas for teaching the students. She will be organizing clubs for them after school and is eager to begin her new life on Abaco.

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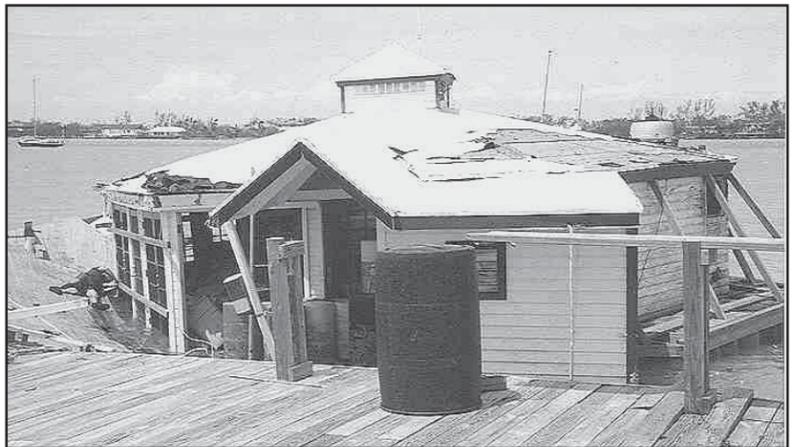
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The Editor Says . . . Our Invisible Growth



In a few days Abaco Markets will unveil its Solomon's SuperCenter store. The evolution of this store joins a long list of expanding local businesses, all of which indicate the excellent financial health of the area.

Abaco's impressive growth probably began with two key events in 1959: the Marsh Harbour airport opened and logging roads began connecting remote towns. It is hard to imagine Abaco without the roads we now take for granted.

Treasure Cay was non-existent and Marsh Harbour took a distant third place in importance after Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town. Commissioners and all essential government services were situated in these two off-shore cays covering north and south Abaco.

At that time there were no banks on Abaco and commerce was served by a weekly mail boat from Nassau. Essentially, there were no businesses offering permanent employment.

Barclays Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce opened in Marsh Harbour late in 1959. They were both chasing the lucrative banking business brought by the 500 - 600 employees of the Owens Illinois logging operation that moved to Abaco that year from Grand Bahama. Barclays got the company account but there was enough money pumped into the economy by those employees to satisfy CIBC.

The logging operation moved to Andros in 1966 but this did not greatly affect Abaco as their new sugar operation was getting underway and at that time appeared to offer a long-term permanent presence.

Treasure Cay and the Great Abaco Beach Hotel both came into operation during the 1960s as the area's two large resorts. In their shadow were perhaps five small inns or hotels on the cays whose owners understood the attraction the area held for visitors.

The sugar mill closed in 1970 due to a multitude of negative factors. This caused a slump in the economy as Bahamians trained to harvest and process sugar were laid off. Some of these workers were from other islands and returned home. Cherokee hit particularly hard as many of

the fishermen there welcomed the steady and convenient employment at the mill across Big Mangrove as opposed to the rigors of commercial fishing.

For Abaco as a whole, the closing of the mill caused an economic slump but was far from a death blow. The new and expanding tourism influx softened the loss of the sugar mill. However, the growing tourism activity was viewed as an interesting localized phenomenon and was not then recognized as an island-wide industry by either Nassau or Abaco.

As the small resorts expanded and second homes multiplied in the 70s and 80s, the small service businesses in each town grew also. At no particular instant was the growth evident. The economic health of the small communities was not dependent on a single employer but on a multitude of small players. A business failure - of which there were not very many - did not adversely affect a town or an area. For the most part our small businesses grew steadily as the tourism activity increased.

Many secondary businesses can be seen today living off the success of larger primary businesses. Examples are fuel sales to rental cars and boats, wholesale grocers supplying restaurants, tour companies and restaurants catering to the whims of hotel and house guests.

Today our three largest private employers are probably Abaco Markets, Abaco Beach Resort and Treasure Cay Resort. All of these may have begun on a larger scale than their smaller competitors but over the years they have grown in spurts in much the same way as smaller businesses grow.

Businesses that we now take for granted, boat and golf cart rentals for instance, began as small and obscure businesses but have grown into substantial enterprises. A fleet of ten rental boats can easily represent an investment of \$200,000 - \$300,000. This is not pocket change.

The area restaurants are another growth indicator. The ten restaurants in Hope Town or Green Turtle Cay collectively have a large staff of kitchen help, bartenders and waiters. These have grown incrementally with the overall area growth. Several restaurants have told us of taking in over \$15,000 in one day's sales during special events. Their suppliers smile at the hamburgers, beer, liquor and other items ordered to satisfy these customers.

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doing the right thing, that we have a high repeat rate and that our busy summer is the envy of many other areas. We are told to continue doing what we do best.

It is easy to apply this statement to the management of a successful resort but it is a harder concept to grasp when the effort is not orchestrated but is the sum of hundreds of small and medium businesses working for their own success. Viewed collectively, these separate businesses become an industry.

The grand opening of Abaco Market's renovated Solomon's SuperCenter is one of the more visible measures of our growth. The Winding Bay development underway outside Cherokee is making a substantial growth statement. Statements from government indicate something is scheduled for the north end of Guana Cay, however, nothing has been formally announced.

Several days before Solomons SuperCenter formally opens, Abaco is to be treated to a one-day business seminar sponsored by the Counsellors, a Nassau marketing firm. That promises to be an eye-opener with growth information on transportation, shipping, agriculture and fisheries, construction, investment strategies and other timely topics. We will report on this in our next issue.

Generally Speaking . . . National Issues

By S. Timothy Roberts

As we plod forward into the future, very little seems to be changing except the level of our need to change, which is constantly growing greater. The events of the past few years have changed the way the world works, and the global economics are continually redefining strategies and borders. Future agreements threaten monumental changes to our own economic structure and strategies with WTO, FTAA and CSME all vying for our attention.

Yet the one thing that somehow remains clear with all that looms in front of us is that we are not ready. Our lack of readiness is due to our inactivity in preparing ourselves for these changes. It is not because we are incapable; we are not adapting to this global market that we are a part of.

The privatization of Batelco (now called BTC) is moving sluggishly, if at all. Three companies are waiting anxiously for September 12th, 2003; then it remains to be seen who will hang on for yet another round of waiting.

The seeming reluctance of the government to move forward in privatization is quite plausibly founded on the fear of losing the millions of dollars of revenue that BTC brings in each year. However, more money and opportunities exist for the country with a privatized BTC. The government needs to be in the business of running the country, not corporations.

The courting of foreign investors and capital ventures needs to be tempered with a sound and focused direction that we want our country to grow in. Environmental and social impact assessments need to be made and such reports need to be available to public scrutiny. Foreign investment is welcome and, indeed, very necessary for our continued prosperity. The Bahamian workforce needs to be well educated and on its toes ready to take advantage of every employment opportunity that these investments bring.

Our educational system, for this very reason, needs a serious overhaul. It needs to adapt and focus on producing not just educated young men and women but well enlightened individuals who are proud of their country and their heritage. People who care not so much about the couple of dollars that go into their own pockets, but for what can be made for everyone in the country if we always give good service.

The Chamber of Commerce needs to be applauded for its many efforts to inform

and educate Bahamian enterprises of the need for good quality service. It is a shame that it seems that there has been little or no heed given to them.

There is now in circulation a booklet for possible changes to be made to our Constitution. One of the changes making headlines that religious leaders are taking exception to is the option to remove the "Christian values" statement from our constitution. Whilst it may be idealist and more than likely unrealistic to actually say that we are a "Christian nation," I believe to remove the statement would be to remove the last restraint on our country.

The issues are many, and to list them all would take more space than this paper has to give, but they are real and need our full attention. We need to be ready now, not when it is too late.

It may be far fetched at this point of our history to even hope for first world status, but we can make changes in ourselves and in our country that will help us live and operate as though we are.

All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Does Anyone Care?

The high school located on Forest Drive in Murphy Town is the largest high school on Abaco. It is a school that constantly has to struggle with many problems because it seems no one cares. Yet the school has managed to thrive.

This past week, as has been the rule the past four years, teachers were busy painting their classrooms. Some students came by to help. The truth of the matter is that if teachers did not paint their classrooms, they probably would not get painted.

Since Hurricane Floyd there have been no drinking fountains at the school. Hear me, Hurricane Floyd, September 1999, four years ago. Maybe the public thinks the school classrooms and grounds do not get

hot so students do not need water.

The lack of furniture was already stated in another article. The outside of the school badly needs a coat of paint. The gates at the entrance of the school need to be finished so they will lock and a pedestrian gate needs to be put up. The garbage dumpsters need to be brought back as they were taken away for the summer. The school needs security 24/7. The school was broken into at least three times this summer.

Abaco Central High School has a staff of dedicated teachers who work hard under these conditions. We have accomplished many firsts for Abaco. Yet it seems the more we try we are still, as one colleague says, the orphanage or the school that no one cares about.

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Central Abaco News

Students Keep Bellevue Open Overtime

By Jennifer Hudson

The new school year has begun and, traditionally the last weekend before school opening is a busy one for students as they get their new uniforms ready and make sure they have all the necessary school supplies. Bellevue Business Depots *Back to School Supplies Centre* was packed for three days with shoppers who had left their buying to the last minute.

Managers Tim Sands and Kathy O’Kelleher, knowing that customers like a bargain, had put out some very good specials on pencils, pens, sharpeners, rule paper and black and white books which completely sold out. Another enticement was the chance to enter the raffle for a mountain bike with each purchase of fifty dollars. The lucky winner will be announced in approximately two weeks at a drawing.

The store opened early at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings and stayed open an extra couple of hours on Saturday afternoon to accommodate the extra shoppers who, according to Ms. O’Kelleher, were “coming in droves!” She expressed how nice it was to see people shopping in the Bahamas instead of the U.S.

Extra staff were employed to keep pace with the rush and all staff worked through their lunch hours. Mrs. Annie Parotti, long time employee, expressed how much she enjoyed the buying frenzy “as she likes being busy.” She said how well behaved the children were and that they had heeded their mothers when they were told to “buy what they needed, not what they wanted.”

There was an air of excitement amongst the children selecting their supplies; they were obviously enjoying making their choices and they all said they were happy to be going back to school.



Bellevue Business Depot was very busy for the days prior to the opening of school. They accommodated the demand by lengthening their hours. Shown above are some of the students making their selections.

New Veterinary Clinic Opens

By Jennifer Hudson

Dr. Derek Bailey, the veterinary who took care of animals at the Community Animal Hospital, will be opening his own clinic beside Abaco Hardware in what was previously Henry’s Jerk Restaurant. The clinic, which will be named the Island Veterinary Clinic, will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment. Dr. Bailey will be available for emergencies. An office telephone number will soon be available but presently Dr. Bailey can be contacted by cell phone at 242-477-7335.

The premises have been completely renovated and include a reception area, large waiting room, examination room and surgery. A full line of companion animal services will be offered including surgery, physical examinations, vaccinations and dental work. The clinic will be offering same day diagnostic services.

Dr. Bailey also treats sheep and goats for farmers and is the FAO Small Ruminant (sheep and goat) consultant for the Bahamas. He is a member of the board for the wild horses of Abaco and does all their equine work. A full range of pet supplies will be carried including shampoos, vitamins, Heartgard and Frontline insecticides.

Dr. Bailey has been in veterinary practice in Marsh Harbour for the past three and a half years. Prior to this he worked with the Department of Agriculture in Nassau and in a mixed animal practice in Western Canada.

An Open House is planned for the end of September when Dr. Bailey will be inviting the public to view his new facility.

Business Is Changing Owner

By Isobel Sherman

Community Animal Hospital in Marsh Harbour is in the process of being sold to Dr Owen Hanna, DVM. Community Animal Hospital has two clinics, the main one in Freeport and one in Marsh Harbour.

New Texaco Station Under Construction

By Jennifer Hudson

A new Texaco Gas Station is presently under construction in Dundas Town on Forest Drive adjacent to the Central Pines subdivision. There was previously a small convenience store on the site but the gas station will incorporate an expanded store under the name Central Pines Star Mart. The store will include coffee, snacks and a deli so will offer breakfast and lunch “to go.”

The gas station will have three pumps, two regular gas and one diesel, each with a double nozzle so that two vehicles at a time can be served from each pump. Construction began four months ago and it is hoped that it will be completed within the next couple of months. Mr. Lealon Simms, one of the owners of the business, has previously operated a gas station in Moore’s Island.

Committee Chairman Speaks Out

By Portia Jonsson

Dundas Town Chairman Cay Mills is not happy with the construction of a new gas station in Dundas Town. A few months ago while in Toronto, Canada, he called Administrator

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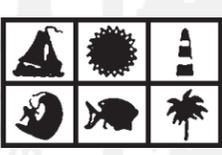
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Williams about the project because concerned citizens of Dundas Town were complaining. Mr. Williams was asked to put a halt to the project and send the decision about the gas station to the community for the people to have a say about what was going on. Mr. Williams declined to do so. Back in January of this year when the proposal for the gas station was posted, nothing came from Town Planning to the Town Committee so Chairman Mills thought the project was scratched.

Mr. Mills has spoken with the owners of project, Mr. Gary Sawyer of Man-O-War Cay and Mr. Leland Simms of Murphy Town. As Chairman of Dundas Town, he cited a few reasons why the project would not be appropriate in Dundas Town. Firstly, it is disrespectful to go ahead without notifying the Dundas Town Committee. A project of this magnitude should have been brought to the attention of Dundas Town residents. Secondly, the service station is in a residential area. The service station has concerns on both sides, the highway and the side street. It is

located in a school zone and adjacent to the biggest subdivision on Abaco, Central Pines Estates. Mr. Mills feels that with the addition of the service station this area would be congested. Additionally, the service station is located on the corner where there has been one traffic fatality for the year and continues to be accident prone. Mr. Mills stated that Dundas Town already has a service station and asked why not put it in Murphy Town as there is no service station in Murphy Town.

On August 18th Mr. Mills went to the Environmental Health Department. At that time no site plan had been brought in for Environmental Health to verify if Texaco was putting all the safety mechanisms in place. Mr. Mills wanted to find out how hazardous it would be to put a service station in a residential area with a sick baby born with a breathing problem living just feet away from this project. He then proceeded to the Ministry of Works to find out if they had a site plan of this proposed service station and what safety guidelines they were taking. Mr. Mills was informed that nothing was taken to the Ministry of Works.

At the time when Mr. Mills spoke with the owners, the tanks were not in the ground and he finds it peculiar that they would be digging until two o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Mills wanted to add one final note, "As Chairman of the Dundas Town township, I hope the owners are not using their political muscle to try to deceive the residents of Dundas Town for their own personal greed."

Disaster Committee Meets

With increased storm activity in the Atlantic Ocean, the Disaster Preparedness Committee for Central Abaco met on September 2 to ensure that local agencies were ready and aware of each other's overall needs and plans.

The meeting was co-chaired by Administrator Alexander Williams and Mr. Silbert Mills, who was appointed to the position by the Central Abaco Council. Administrator Jolton Johnson represented South Abaco.

Government agencies represented were Police, Batelco, BEC, Water and Sewerage, Social Services, the Government Clinic, Ministry of Works and the Port Department. Non-governmental volunteer agencies attending were the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Marsh Harbour Crash and Rescue, Trama One ambulance, the Red Cross and the Cruisers Net. News media Radio Abaco and *The Abaconian* were also present.

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A new Texaco gas station in Dundas Town is nearing completion. However, it is controversial as some residents are upset that it is being constructed without getting the town's approval although it was approved by Town Planning.



The Disaster Committee for Central Abaco met on September 2 to discuss plans in the event that a hurricane threatens Abaco. The committee is made up of government personnel and citizens who all have responsibilities in various areas of concern. They are shown here going over the National Disaster Preparation book provided by central government. The Committee is co-chaired by Mr. Silbert Mills and Senior Administrator Alexander Williams.

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School News

Students Get Low Fare

By Isobel Sherman

A reminder to all parents who have children attending colleges in the West Palm Beach area that Bahamasair now has a student fare from Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach. The fare includes taxes and departure taxes and is the same fare no matter what time of the year. The cost of a student round trip ticket to West Palm Beach is \$217. In order to purchase a ticket, you must present a photocopy of the student college ID at the time of purchase. The ticket must be purchased at Bahamasair. The dates of the ticket can be changed without penalty.

Parents whose children go to college in other parts of Florida should investigate using this ticket to West Palm Beach, then traveling on to the college by other means of transportation. For example, they could travel by TriRail or bus to colleges in Miami or Fort Lauderdale. There are times of the year when airfares are high, the Christmas season and the spring break but a Bahamasair college fare is the same price during those times. Check with Patricia at Bahamasair at the Marsh Harbour airport.

District Superintendent Departs

By Isobel Sherman

After just one year as District Superintendent for Abaco, Mr. Hezekiah Dean will be leaving on September 15 to assume the post of District Superintendent for Grand Bahama and to head the Northern Division of the Ministry of Education. Good luck, Mr. Dean, in your new post.

S.C. Boodle High School

By Portia Jonsson

S.C. Boodle Secondary School in Cooper's Town would like to welcome three new members of staff for this academic year. Mrs. Tina Roberts from Nassau, who heads the math department, will be teaching grades 7-12. Mrs. Opal Farquaharson is a home economics teacher from Nassau and Mrs. Laralee Davis, a "home town girl" from Cooper's Town is working in the social studies department.

Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

Year Begins with Prayer

For the past few years the teachers at Abaco Central High School have begun the new school year with a Prayer Breakfast asking God to bless the new school year. On August 27 the Prayer Breakfast for the administration and teachers was held at Mackerel's Restaurant in Dundas Town. Offering special prayers for the teachers was

Rev. Carla Culmer, minister of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Teachers and administrators took part in the service. Mrs. Nadene Beneby, Senior Mistress, organized it.

Abaco Central announced that its theme for the 2003/04 school year will be *Changing the World One Student at a Time*.

Shortages Abound

Once again Abaco Central High School begins the new school year with shortages. These shortages happen every year for the school. The school is short staffed. Needed are an additional English language teacher, a science teacher and two mathematics teachers. The science teacher is needed even though two teachers from other departments are teaching a science class each.

Once again the school is desperately short of chairs and desks which has been a problem for the past four years. Even though chairs were sent two years ago, there were not enough. It seems like organizations and persons who borrow the school chairs for events never return all of them. Yet the school does not turn down any request for chairs. Three long tables from the food and nutrition room were borrowed two years ago and have yet to be returned. When students go home and say they had to stand in several classes, remember it is not punishment. It is the fact that there are not enough chairs for every student to have one every period of the school day.

Grade 10 Will Choose Majors

This year will be the start of a new program for grade 10 students. Mr. Hezekiah Dean, District Superintendent, has implemented a careers major scheme. Students in the 10th grade will choose the subjects which they want to pursue for the next three years.

Every grade 10 students will take math, English language, family life, civics, physical education and biology. Additionally, the students will choose a major from the option subjects. The fields of study are business, science, liberal arts, technical, consumer

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School began the new year on September 1 with record numbers of students enrolled. Shown above is a class at Abaco Central High School which has its highest enrollment ever - approaching 550 students. Some schools are short staffed while others are looking for more equipment and furniture.

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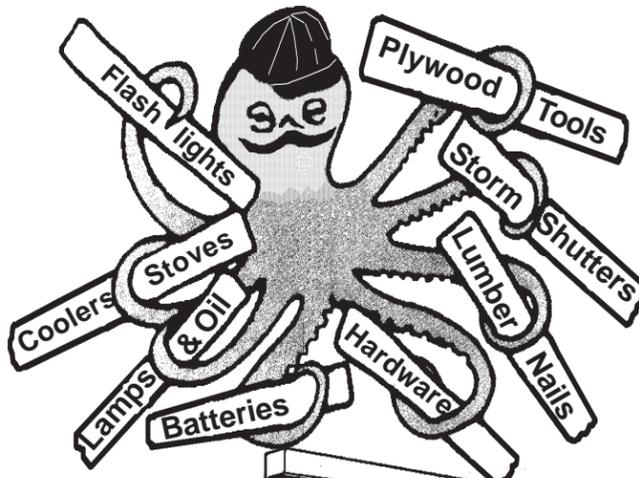
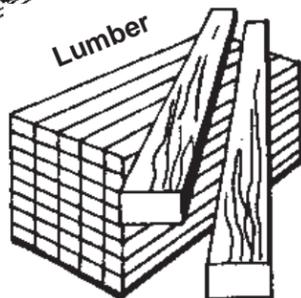
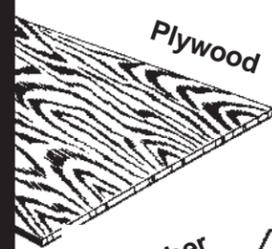
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science and environmental studies. A business major could chose typing, bookkeeping, commerce and office procedure. A science major could chose chemistry, physics and the choice of Spanish or French. A liberal arts major could chose history, music or art and literature or religious knowledge.

A technical major could chose from carpentry, auto mechanics and graphical communication. A consumer science major could chose clothing construction, food and nutrition and crafts. An environmental science major could chose marine biology, geography and agriculture. Once a student decides on a "major," it will be very difficult and impractical for them to switch.

Students Need Water

Hurricane Floyd hit Abaco in September 1999 and destroyed the water fountains at Abaco Central High School. Since then NO drinking fountains or water coolers have been at the high school for the students. They have been forced either to bring water from home or buy sodas and juice at the tuck shop. Everyone knows that the days are hot and these students need to be able to drink water. It is not fair to expect students to purchase water and it is not fair that drinking fountains are not available to them. I have written about this problem a few times to no avail. Since I can be very stubborn I write about this problems again hoping that someone or some government agency will do something about it. Dehydration is a serious matter.

Record Enrollment

When the new school year opened at Abaco Central High School, Mr. Huel Moss, Vice Principal, found that there were 535 students on the class lists which includes over 100

new students. In addition to the new seventh graders, over 45 new students in grades 8-12 have enrolled at the school. Needless to say

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Several schools have reported vandalism which occurred during the summer but was not discovered until the rooms were opened for this school year. Abaco Central High School had extensive damage to all their musical instruments as shown here.



Central Abaco Primary which serves Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town is the largest school on Abaco with an enrollment of over 600 students. This new school is nicely landscaped and very attractive.



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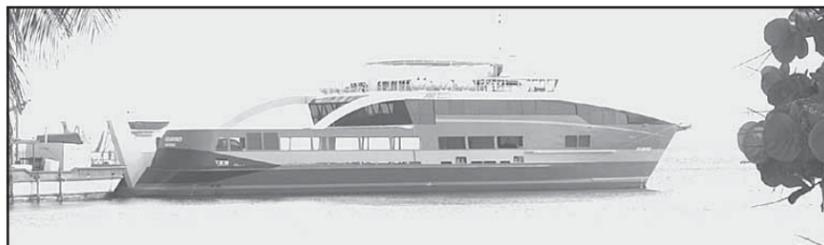


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Sandy Point Camp Holds Open House

By Jennifer Hudson

During July and August 12 lucky young children from Sandy Point aged from eight to twelve years participated in an eight-week environmental camp which culminated on September 2nd with an Open House at the Sandy Point School.

The camp was run by Pam Church, a volunteer from the United States, in conjunction with Diane Claridge of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey. The Mission State-

ment of the Camp was *To educate children about their local environment and conservation issues through fun, creativity, cooperative games and experimental education.* This was achieved through eight classroom sessions and five field trips.

The Open House was well attended by the very excited camp participants, their parents and friends, Ms. Brenell Clarke, Headmistress of the school, and Mr. Jason Roberts, Chief Councillor for the South Abaco District.

On display were dozens of interesting photographs taken during the various field trips which included beach camping and astronomy, birdwatching, kayaking amongst the mangroves, snorkeling and a ten-mile boat trip to look for dolphins. The children carried out a conservation and trash clean-up and a graph was compiled of the types and quantities of garbage found. The children made anti-litter posters which Pam Church hopes to have displayed at the Fast Ferry Dock and on the ferry itself. Artwork and models made during classroom sessions were on display showing how much the children had learned and experienced during the eight weeks.

Ms. Church said how pleased she was that on the field trips all the children were able to see what they were looking for e.g. parrots, dolphins etc. However, one little eight year old told me she had been looking for mermaids and was disappointed that she didn't see one but she did see yellowtails and angel fish. Twelve-year-old Telia had rather an unfortunate experience while enjoying looking at the red coral and bonefish in the mangroves she knocked off her glasses with her kayak paddle and sadly they could not be retrieved.

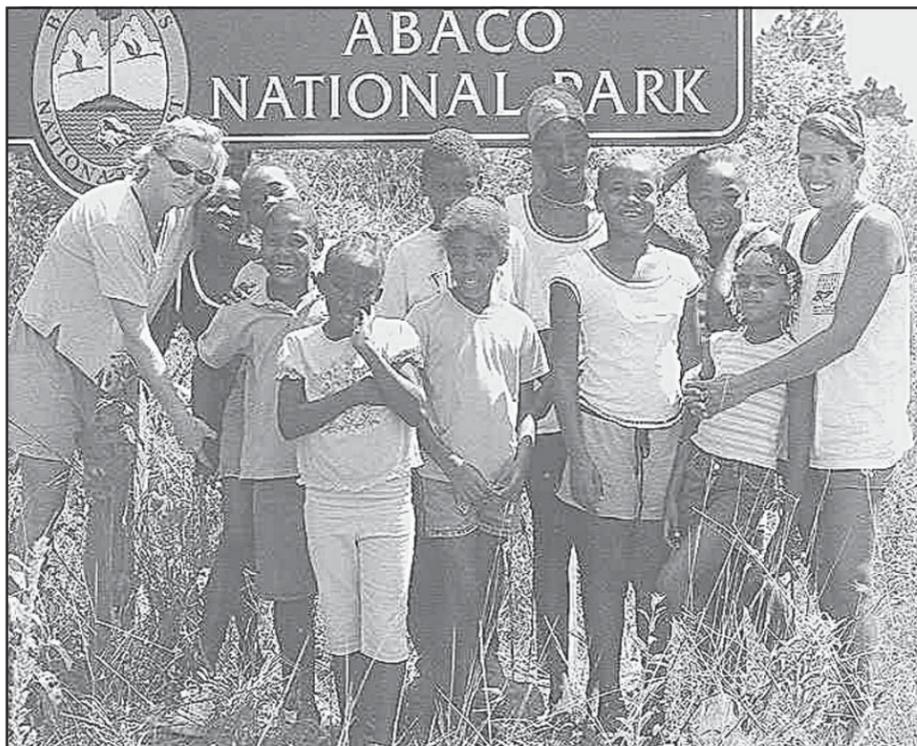
Ten-year-old Mario described his favourite experience as going in the boat to see his

adopted dolphin, Orion, for the first time and snorkeling with it.

An exciting part of the evening for the children was the presentation of certificates which each received, after which two of the children spoke of what they had learned and thanked the organizers of the camp.

Sponsors who helped make the camp possible in conjunction with the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey were South Abaco District Council, The Bahamas National Trust, Friends of the Environment and Disney Castaway Cay which donated the snorkeling gear and life vests. Several parents and friends including Caroline Stahala and Gina Mori of the Abaco Parrot Research Project assisted with classroom sessions and field trips.

The enthusiasm of the children and the amount of knowledge they had learned about their environment was obvious. The organizers of the camp are to be greatly commended for introducing these young people to the beauty which surrounds them and how to care for it. They have made an extremely valuable start this year which will be continued in next year's camp when more lucky youngsters will have the opportunity to discover the wonder around them.



These lucky children of Sandy Point who attended the environmental camp organized by the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey team are shown here on one of their field trips to study birds, specifically the Abaco parrot. The students learned a great deal through classroom sessions and field trips and are much more aware of their environment and the need to preserve it.



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Sailing Program Teaches US and Local Scouts

By Jennifer Hudson

Each week for the last thirteen years, between June and August, groups of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts from the United States arrive here for a week of sailing on the Sea of Abaco. They are met at the airport by Mr. Joe Brownley, a summer resident who has been the director of the program for the past six years. Each group, consisting of between eight and 20 Scouts, spends the week aboard one of eight privately owned boats including the *William H. Albury*. These are chartered by the Scouts with an experienced captain aboard. However, the final week of the program is dedicated to Bahamian Scouts who spend a week sailing under the guidance of Mr. Joe Brownley and Mrs. Sandra Evans, Scout Commissioner for Abaco. The Scouts try their hand at sailing the Sea of Abaco from Little Harbour to Green Turtle Cay, stopping at the various islands and cays on the way.

Mr. Brownley estimates that approximately one thousand scouts participate in this program each summer and this year there are groups from as far away as Alaska and as close as Jacksonville, Florida. These young people get to swim, sail, snorkel and fish and consider it a highly adventurous trip. "They are always thrilled with the combination of the gorgeous scenery and the friendly local people," says Mr. Brownley.

Each year the program includes sailing experiences for Abaco Scouts as well. Following is the first hand experiences of Rayallan Fredericks

Bahamian Scouts Sail

By Rayallan Fredericks

S.C. Bootle 10th Grade Student

On Arriving

When we first arrived on the sailboat *Le Pecheur D' Etoiles*, we got socialized with

everyone. Captain Del got us acquainted with the history of the boat. An interesting fact is that this particular boat was built in the 1950s.

Becoming The Crew

From the beginning we were told that we were the new crew. However, to be a crew we had to work together and be united as one team. The fact that we all didn't know each other was one of the main disadvantages we had. Quite luckily from my point of view, everyone was extremely well mannered and friendly. By the end of the day we were all friends. "The new crew," as we were called, included Captain Del, First Mate Emsey,

David Omotosho, Denrick Knowles, Burnaro Parker, Valdez Carey, Antorn Parker, Latario Moss, and myself, Rayallan Fredericks.

We, the crew, had to drop the anchor, clean the deck, clean windows and lots more. Unfortunately, we were very inexperienced when it came to boating. First Mate Emsey taught us a lot. She basically went step by step teaching us from the beginning about how to do all our duties aboard *Le Pecheur D' Etoiles*.

Work First, Then You Play

On the boat everyone had his own duty. A schedule was made every day so that we could

know what we had to do. The most fun was dropping the anchor and preparing food. However, the most disliked duty was night watch. Night watch is when someone stays awake for a period of time and makes sure that everything is fine with the boat, the anchor and the crew. My personal tip for night watch is the more crew, the less time.

Then Comes the Fun

Of course, it's not just work; we also had lots of fun. On the first day, we thought we would just be getting comfortable aboard the boat but the fun started right away. Of course, Captain Del had to know whether or not we could swim. We sailed to Matt Lowe's Cay and on arrival we had our swim test. Fortunately, it was fun to know that the whole crew could have swam. We were having a blast, and it did not stop.

Next, came snorkeling, and this was done at the amazing Mermaid Reef. The many fish at this reef were fabulous. It was completely amazing how the fish came directly at you; they were not even scared. We fed them rice and bread; they clustered around us and started nibbling at us. The day was almost over, but not the fun. We sailed across the sea all the way to Water Cay. There we went diving looking for our dinner. We caught two lobsters, three groupers and found two hawksbill turtles. However, we are Scouts and must protect our marine life, so without hesitating we let them back in the sea. They swam away vigorously.

Over the period of the next three days we were entertained with pirate music, learned the parts of the boat, learned to tie knots and how to navigate. On Monday we went to Bakers Bay where we got lots of coconuts and



The crew of *Le Pecheur D' Etoiles* is shown here at the close of their experience at sea. They had cleaned up the boat and were about to head back to being land lubbers. Captain Del and First Mate Emsey, owners of the boat, spent their summer taking Scouts from the United States out on weekly sailing cruises, teaching them navigational skills and sailing skills as they sailed the Sea of Abaco. The Scouts enjoyed swimming, snorkeling, fishing and exploring the towns that they visited. This was an entire crew of Bahamian Scouts who enjoyed the experience.

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New Port Will Generate Revenue

By Jennifer Hudson

The new port facility which was officially commissioned by the Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, on July 28th, is expected to be fully operational by mid-September. At that time staff in all departments should have moved in from their present buildings. The administration building will house another six departments in addition to the Port Department, these being: Customs, which will be the largest; Immigration, second largest; Environmental Health, the Police Marine Unit and Agriculture and Fisheries. The Port Department, which will occupy 20 percent of the building, will have a 20-member staff which is expected to be in place within the next two to three weeks.

The Port Department in Abaco will be mandated to include the following responsibilities:

- Inspection and licensing of boats and boat masters under the Boat Registration Act, 1961
- Maintenance and erection of aids to navigation in Abaco and the chain of islands
- Collection of revenue from vessels using public dock facilities in Abaco
- Salvaging of wrecks
- Control of shipping traffic in Abaco and the logging of shipping data through radio communications from the harbour control office
- Collection of all revenue from commercial and private docks, moorings, groins and causeways
- Collection of revenue for the use of port facilities for container storage, dockage and wharfage
- Patrol of the harbour and outlying cays
- Registration of boats under the Water Skiing and Motor Boat Control act, 1970

At present three freight companies are utilizing the new port facility in addition to several small Haitian trading vessels. The mail boat *Legacy* and Tropical Shipping's *Tropic Night* make once weekly visits while the *Duke of Topsail* visits twice weekly. Altogether these vessels bring 2500 tons of cargo into Abaco on a weekly basis. An additional freight company, Seaboard, will soon be making frequent trips to bring materials for the Winding Bay project.

Tropical Shipping, which presently plies only between Marsh Harbour and the United States, will use a local carrier, *United Spirit*, for trade between Marsh Harbour and Nassau beginning in October.

There is a tonnage tax of \$4 per ton on any cargo imported into Marsh Harbour which will mean a substantial increase for the government as up until now only customs duty has been collected.

The new Port Manager is Capt. Cyril Roker, who previously held the position of Assistant Port Controller in Nassau. He will

have responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Port Department with special responsibility for vessel inspections, surveys, foreign charter vessels and government vessels.

Capt. Roker possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in maritime transportation with a minor in transportation management. He is a nautical inspector, ship surveyor and second mate of unlimited tonnage. After com-

pleting his university degree, Capt. Roker spent two and a half years at sea as third officer on a crude oil carrier. He became a trainee executive officer before accepting the post of Assistant Port Controller in Nassau. He is no stranger to Abaco as part of his job in Nassau was responsibility for foreign yacht charters which necessitated him visiting Abaco six times a year to inspect the ves-

Capt. Roker anticipates many changes in the maritime area of Abaco, one of which will be a tightening up on the collection of revenue due to government as many foreign boats have been chartering in Abaco without paying the prescribed fees. A newly purchased patrol craft which is expected to arrive within a couple of weeks will assist in this. People will be advised of new dock and mooring fees and failure to pay will result in prosecution.

Another matter which will be addressed is harbour pollution from yachts. A new pump-out station situated at the new dock will be utilized for this.

Capt. Roker states that, apart from the cruise ship business in Nassau, there is more maritime-related business on Abaco than anywhere else in the Bahamas and the purpose of the new port is to regulate maritime matters here. Ships will have to call in for permission to enter and exit the port of Marsh Harbour.

Capt. Roker has held his new post here on Abaco for one month and says he is enjoying being here. He sees a huge potential for growth and foresees Marsh Harbour one day as a cruise ship terminal. "Obviously, much expansion will be necessary but," he states; "cruise ship companies have already expressed their desire to make Marsh Harbour one of their ports of call."



The official opening of the new freight dock was the end of July and a manager, Capt. Cyril Roker, was assigned to oversee all maritime affairs on Abaco. Shown above is the administration building which houses Customs, dock offices and several other government agencies. The yard is still empty as the freight boats are just now beginning to use the international area.

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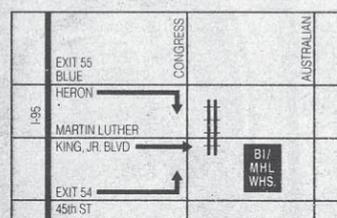


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A rear window was smashed at the College of the Bahamas office in Marsh Harbour and someone took \$50 on August 11, 2003.

Island Treasure Gallery in Man-O-War Cay was broken into during the weekend of August 9-11 and a cash register was stolen.

The Dive Shop at Man-O-War Marina was broken into during the weekend of August 9-11 and stolen were a dive knife, three dive flags and three Bahamian flags, all valued at \$191.

An apartment on Bougainville Street in Dundas Town was broken into and a satellite card, two blue jeans pants and one T-shirt was taken on August 11.

A police constable on mobile patrol August 15 near Stede Bonnet Drive in Marsh Harbour arrested and cautioned a resident of Pigeon Peas, Marsh Harbour, on Immigration matters.

A patron of the night club in Marsh Harbour was cut across the fingers with a cutlass by a Dundas Town man who was subsequently arrested on August 16.

Snappas Bar and Grill in Marsh Harbour was broken into on August 8 and an Apple iPod Stereo system was stolen valued at \$800.

Police officers arrested two Haitians on August 16 for illegal entry. They were found on Power Line Road near Carroll's place.

A Fox Town man was arrested on August 17 for carrying arms, obscene language and disorderly behavior. He was released on bail pending a court appearance.

A Fox Town man was arrested August 17 for causing harm.

A 13-foot Boston Whaler valued at \$1,000 was stolen from Jerry's Bay in Dundas Town over the weekend of August 15-17. The word "REPENT" is painted of the side.

A Dundas Town man was arrested on August

17 with reference to a Warrant of Arrest for a Warrant of Commitment upon conviction.

Two Haitian's living in Cooper's Town were arrested on August 18 for harboring a Grand Bahama fugitive wanted for rape.

A Marsh Harbour resident was arrested on August 19 for entering a residence without permission.

A man wanted on Grand Bahama for a rape investigation was arrested August 20 and charged locally for possession of a 9mm pistol and nine rounds of ammunition.

A Grand Cay resident was arrested on August 20 for possessing of six cocaine rocks and one bag of marijuana.

A Sandy Point resident was punched in the face by another resident there.

A Sandy Point woman reported on August 21 that she woke about 3 a.m. to find a black male standing in her bedroom who entered by removing a glass louver and unlocking the door.

A Moore's Island man was arrested on August 21 on a Warrant of Arrest.

A resident of the Mud in Marsh Harbour reported on August 21 that several other residents of the Mud stole his Suzuki outboard engine valued at \$200.

A Hope Town resident reported on August 21 that a juvenile scratched the exterior of her car.

A dive compressor was stolen from a boat on the Marsh Harbour waterfront on August 22. The compressor was valued at \$2500.

Two sisters in Murphy Town has an argument during which a brother produced a handgun and threatened them on August 23. The police investigated but found no handgun.

A resident of Joe's Creek reported on August 24 that someone stole several gold rings valued at \$20,000.

A Murphy Town resident reported that sometime between July 31 and August 24

someone entered his house and stole his bankbook, passport, voter's card, driver's license, coins and two watches.

A Marsh Harbour resident was arrested on August 25 for a breach of the Immigration Act.

A stolen jet ski was recovered in Casuarina Point on August 26.

A motorcyclist died on August 27 in Marsh Harbour at the intersection of Pelican Shore and Queen Elizabeth Drive. The driver and owner of the unregistered 650 Honda motorcycle was taken to the Abaco Family Medical Clinic where he was pronounced dead. He was a resident of the Mud. The passenger who lived in Pigeon Peas taken to the clinic and later flown to Nassau. A Chevrolet was also involved belonging to a resident of Pelican Shore.

A Dundas Town woman reported on August 29 that her car was missing from her residence.

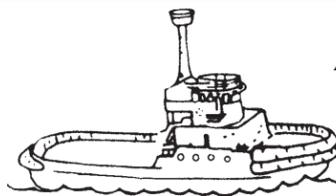
A Dundas Town resident reported that on August 28 a man he knew chopped his back with a 20-inch cutlass.

A Dundas Town reported on August 28 that a man living in the Mud made several attempts to run him over with a car. A man from the Mud was subsequently arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

A satellite receiver was stolen from a second homeowner's house in Green Turtle Cay on August 21.

The music room at the Abaco Central High School was discovered to have been vandalized sometime during the summer recess. All the musical instruments were damaged and a VCR and television set were stolen. This was discovered and reported on August 29 during preparations to reopen the school.

A Crown Haven resident reported someone broke into her house between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on August 31 and stole about \$200.



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Church News

Methodists Have New Youth Leader

By Jennifer Hudson

A chance meeting at a church conference in Chicago attended by two members of the Hope Town St. James Methodist Church brought 19-year-old Garrett Kemble to the shores of Abaco. The Methodist Church here was in need of a youth worker and Garrett, a young man who has felt a calling to the Christian ministry, seemed to be exactly who they were looking for. After being interviewed in February by the Board of St. James Methodist Church and Ms. Juliette Philpott, Conference Youth Director in Nassau, Garrett took up his post at the end of August as Youth Worker for the churches of St. James in Hope Town; St. Andrews in Dundas Town and

Epworth Methodist Church in Cherokee. He is employed by the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Church and will be here for 11 months working with children's groups and leading the youth groups at all three churches. In addition to youth work, he will lead the family service at St. James on a regular basis and on alternate months will take the service at St. Andrews and Cherokee. Garrett will also assist Mr. Vernon Malone at wedding ceremonies and will be accompanying him into Nassau for a Conference Retreat this month.

Garrett hails from Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was very active in youth work at the Huntersville United Methodist Church. His hobbies include playing a guitar, baseball, fishing, sailing and acting so the churches are already looking forward to using his dramatic talents in their Christmas pageants.

At the end of his post in Abaco, Garrett will enroll in a four-year bachelor's degree course at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, after which he plans to enter seminary where he will train for the Methodist ministry.

Garrett is looking forward with great anticipation to the experience he will gain with the young people here and says, "Everyone is so hospitable and welcoming." Besides the friendliness and generosity of the people, he is amazed at the beauty of the islands and says, "I have to pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming."



Garrett Kemble

Business Outlook Seminar Will Be Held

The First Annual Abaco Business Outlook will be held on September 17 at Abaco Beach Resort. The opening speaker for the one day conclave will be Mr. John Rolle, who will speak on *Perspectives of the Abaco Economy*. He is the Deputy Manager in the Research Department at the Central Bank of The Bahamas and a lecturer at the College of The Bahamas.

Sen. the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health, will speak on healthy living and the environment. Another speaker will be the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation who will speak on *Transportation Issues to Assist Abaco's Momentum*.

Other speakers will include Mr. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Director General of Tourism; Mr. Craig Symonette, Chairman

of Bahamas Fast Ferries; Dr. Pandora Johnson, Vice President of Planning and Development at the College of The Bahamas; and Ms. Agatha Marcelle, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism. Local speakers will include Mr. Roswell Sawyer, Mr. John Hedden and Mr. William Swain.

The seminar is patterned after annual seminars held in Nassau and Freeport. They are organized by The Counsellors Limited, a marketing firm in Nassau. The speakers were chosen to speak on issues and topics pertinent to the Abaco economy. The event will begin with a cocktail party on September 16, also at Abaco Beach Resort. Anyone interested can register with Anita Knowles at the Abaco Chamber of Commerce at 367-5822. A fee of \$60 is being charged.

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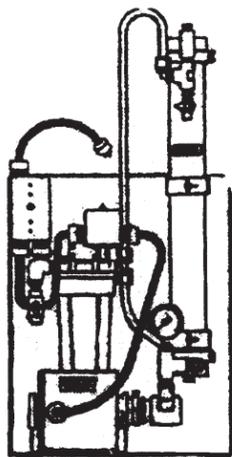
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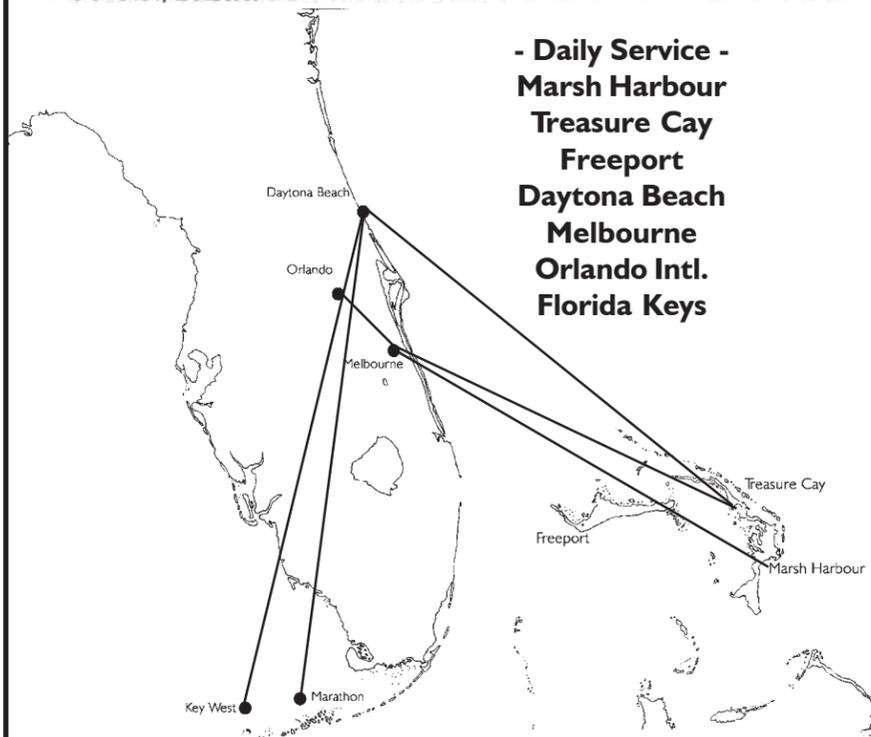


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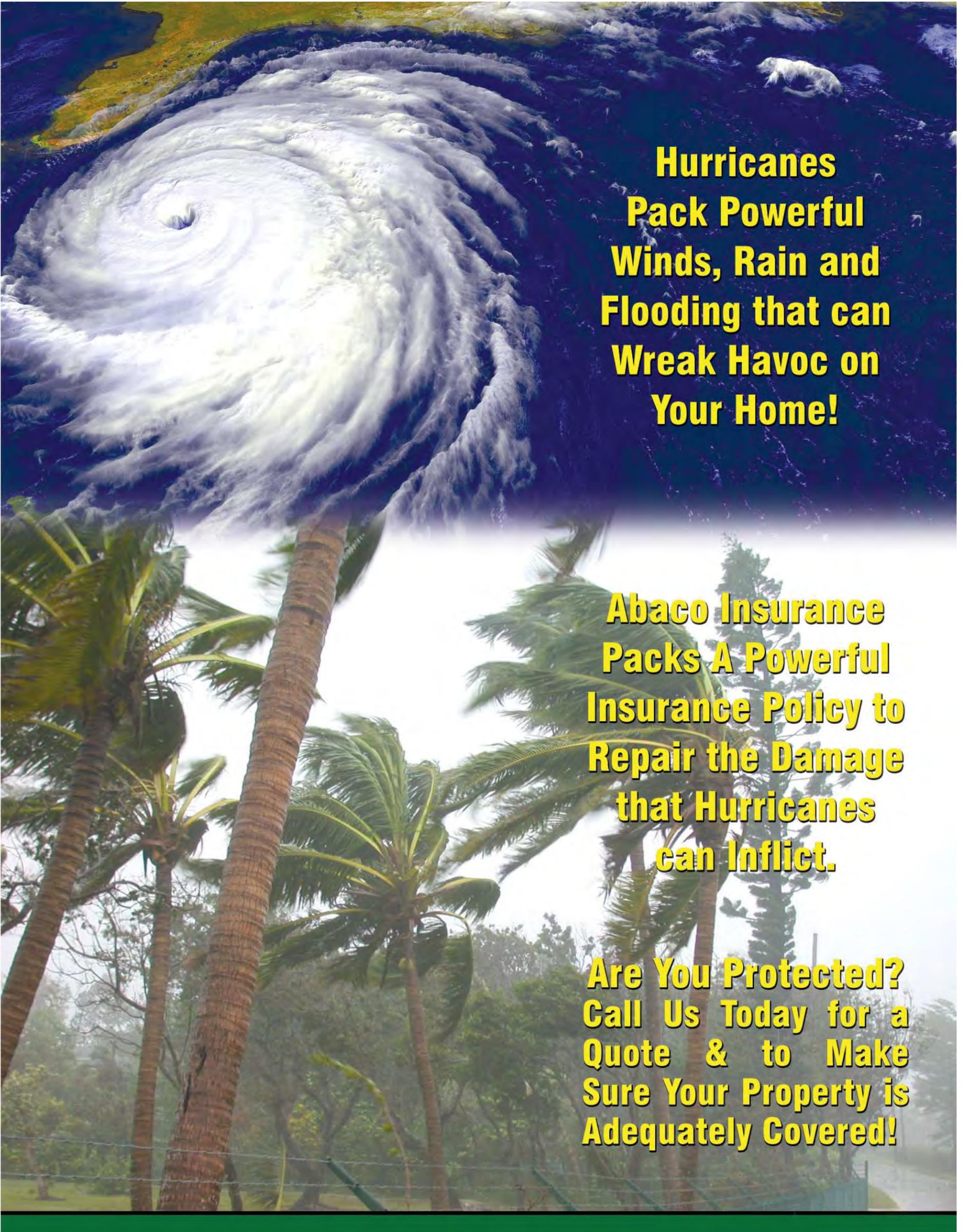
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Hope Town Girl Enjoys Australian Experience

By Jennifer Hudson

Olivia Patterson of Hope Town is now back at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne where she is studying marine biology, after a very exciting summer. Olivia spent six weeks of her summer break in Australia on an underwater reef training course which was offered to biology majors at her college. She was one of nineteen students (eighteen females and one male) making the trip accompanied by one teacher's aide and a professor. Two courses were undertaken and credits were awarded towards final graduation. Olivia achieved A grades in both courses.



Olivia Patterson

The group traveled the whole length of the eastern coast of Australia and participated in four dives each day on the Great Barrier Reef. Olivia and her friend were the only two students to complete ALL dives and were presented with "The Iron Diver Award." In addition to diving and exploring underwater life, the group enjoyed hiking in the national parks and rain forests and visiting Aboriginal villages where they were amazed at the caves and paintings.

During Olivia's early childhood years her parents, Stafford and Debbie Patterson, would never have dreamed that one day their daughter's desire would be to become a marine biologist. Olivia did not take to water like a fish but was, in fact, afraid of the water as a young child. According to her mother, "Olivia was found to be a very reluctant student in the water by swim coach, Carrie Cash, at Hope Town School who had trouble encouraging her to get in the water." However, once Olivia conquered her fear and mastered the art of swimming at the age of six years, she never looked back. She became a competitive swimmer who did well in inter-island competitions and developed a great interest in the ocean and sea life around her.

Once at college, Olivia, as a marine biology major, was required to learn to SCUBA dive; she has completed five courses and has now reached the level of Rescue Diver.

After completing eighth grade at the Hope Town School, Olivia attended Abaco Central High School. In her senior year she interned with the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey assisting in their work on dolphin and manatee sightings.

As an outstanding student wishing to pursue a career in the maritime industry,

Olivia was awarded a Bahamas Billfish Championship Scholarship. She is the third student to benefit from this scholarship programme which, since its inception, has provided funding for three Bahamian students interested in studying marine biology.

"After the completion of my degree," Olivia says, "I would like to return to Abaco to assist in the preservation of conch and grouper and would like to open my own educational centre in Hope Town as it is so important for both tourists and local people to learn of the necessity of preserving the nation's marine environment."



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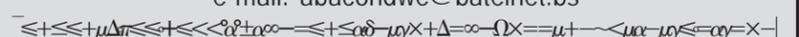
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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

All around are signs that summer is over. The days are shorter, streets are quiet, school has started, we are watching the tropics and the locusts are singing their gentle song. The temperature is the only reminder of summer!

School News

School started on September 1st. There are seven new students at Tiny Turtles Pre-school, making a total of 14. Five of these students will begin preparing for Amy Roberts Primary. The children all seem to have grown so much over the summer!

Nine new students started first grade at Amy Roberts Primary which now has a total of 68 students in the six grades. Mrs. Anne Bootle is the principal with Mrs. Maria Schrack, Mrs. Alexandria Sawyer and Mrs. Sara Roberts as assistant teachers. It was hoped that at least one more teacher would be posted at Amy Roberts Primary to begin the 2003 - 2004 school year. However, this did not happen.

It is very disappointing, because for the first time in more than 10 years, grades one and two will be taught in a combined class. Many parents are concerned because this is the foundation of their education and the young students deserve and need a lot of individual attention.

It has also brought much thought on the practice of combining classes, especially in Family Island schools. It is not fair to the students or the teachers. The teachers are doing the job of two (at times three or four) persons. Even though the classes maybe smaller, it is still easier to teach a large grade, than two small combined grades.

The number of teachers posted to a school varies, depending on the total student population, not the number of grades. Many parents feel that this is an outdated policy that needs to be addressed by the Ministry of Education. Students in combined classes are not receiving all the benefits as those taught in individual classes.

The bigger schools also have teachers for physical education, art and a second language. Our school does not enjoy any of these benefits. Our principal also has to be a classroom teacher. After completing Amy Roberts Primary the students then attend a bigger secondary school on Abaco. Are they at a disadvantage?

While our teachers are doing a great job considering the circumstances, we must still ask: If a grade two student from a combined class has to be transferred to a school with individual classes, can this child perform at a grade two level? Our children want to achieve high academic standards, so as parents we must demand more from the Ministry of Education.

Amy Roberts Primary is not the only school facing this challenge, and it is time that everyone unites and speaks out! Our children and teachers deserve every benefit offered in city schools!

Fund Raising Is Held

A fund raiser was held at the basketball court on August 30th for Colyn "Josey Wales" Russell. Colyn was diagnosed earlier this year with an aggressive form of brain cancer. He has had surgery and is now receiving followup treatment. His medical bills are escalating.

The community as well as many from other Abaco communities came out in support of Colyn. There was great food, fun games,

and Elliott and Darlene Sawyer, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

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Other Community News

A new business has opened in town. It is Shavon's Home and Garden Shop. It is located on Parliament Street, next to Abaco Seafood and as the name suggests they offer decorations for the home as well as beauty products and clothing.

Awana will start again on September 12th. The children are looking forward to their Friday night of fun. The Gospel Chapel hosts the local Awana Club. It is a lot of work and parents should be very grateful to the leaders for their dedication.

This is a quiet time of year when we see few visitors. Many businesses take this time to renovate and prepare for busier times. We are looking forward to the All Abaco Regatta at the end of the month. This regatta has become a homecoming of sorts for many Abaconians. Our culture is showcased and it is a fun time for all.

Colyn grew up on Green Turtle Cay but spent many years in Nassau. He was involved in softball and was a part of the national team representing the Bahamas at international competitions. Chris Saunders of ZNS sports was at the fair and interviewed Colyn. It was featured on The Bahamas Tonight. Colyn now lives in New York.

The fair was also a family reunion for the Russells. Five generations of the Russell family were at the fair. It was a huge success. We wish Colyn all the best as he fights this awful disease. He was in excellent spirits at the fair and looking well. The family thanks all who came out to help and support the cause.

Community Loses Two

A long time visitor to our island, Murray Sams, passed away on August 31st in a hospital in Florida. Murray lived here in the early 1980's and was involved with the Other Shore Club. He was a very friendly person and had many, many friends in the community. He was pre-deceased by his son, Ian. His daughter Sarah lives here and is the owner of Pineapples Restaurant. Murray and his wife, Mary, recently began spending a lot of time here. It was a shock to hear that he had passed away. He will be missed!

Mrs. Joyce Sawyer died at her daughter's home in Treasure Cay on September 2. Mrs. Joyce had been sick for a long time. Funeral services were held at the Gospel Chapel. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Patrick and Minerva Sawyer, Ella and Everette Pinder, Bobby and Adrella Sawyer

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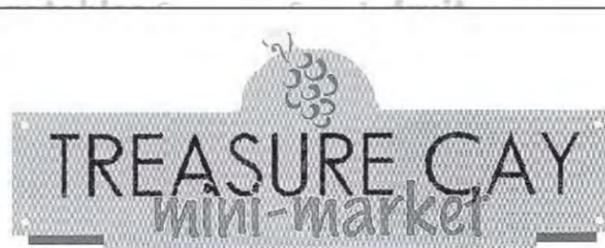
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Grand Opening Is Scheduled for Solomon's

Welcome to Solomon's SuperCenter where you can have it all. The new Solomon's will celebrate its Grand Opening on September 20, 2003, with an official ceremony at 9:30 a.m. followed by a day filled with big Grand Opening savings, special contributions to community projects, lots of give-aways, free balloons, face painting by Rainbow the Clown, free make-up sessions by Revlon make-up artists, tastings, free samplings and more.

When you walk through the doors, you may forget where you are. Everything has changed and this is certainly not the Solomon's you remember. This store introduces a whole new way for Abaconians to shop. "There's nothing like our new Solomon's SuperCenter anywhere in The Bahamas. It is a state-of-the-art retail shopping experience that combines an extensive selection, top quality products, everyday value and service in a beautiful and comfortable environment. That's what we mean when we say you can have it all," says Lowell Albury, Senior Vice President of Abaco Markets Limited responsible for the Abaco Operations.

Solomon's SuperCenter, with 22,500 square feet of new retail floor space, offers customers a full line of groceries and general merchandise under one roof. A wall lined with 35 cooler doors, over 35 feet of ice cream freezers, a full butcher's department and the freshest produce are just a few of the highlights. "Our produce and meat departments are special features for residents and visitors alike - offering unmatched quality and value. The extended general merchandise - including gift items, kitchenware, bed and bath, small appliances, microwaves, televisions, DVD players and stereos - means that there is something for everyone," assures Mr. Albury.

"We committed ourselves to our Abaco community to rebuild a top quality grocery store after the devastating Golden Harvest fire in June, 2001. This Grand Opening is very special to us because it is the realization of that commitment and more, with a SuperCenter giving customers more options, more products and more value. We believe it's time for our customers to get more from one store," said Lowell Albury.

For customers wanting quarter cases, half cases and full cases that were the hallmark of Solomon's Abaco, shoppers can now find these available at Sawyer's Markets while full cases and bales are available at Abaco Wholesale. No memberships are required for

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The US Coast Guard Cutter Chandeaur docked in Marsh Harbour on August 30 spending one night. The boat was captained by Lt. Adam Morrison. When his crew was offered an overnight stay in Nassau or Freeport or Abaco, they chose Marsh Harbour and enjoyed visiting the water front restaurants and bars. Abaco is part of their Northern Bahamas cruising area so they are likely to be regular visitors.

Batelco Is Offering New Services

Batelco is now offering more customer services which are all online. At this time customers can view their bills online as well as the white and yellow pages of the directory. The company expects to soon offer customers the ability to view their cellular phone bills online as well. These newest technical developments are available only after a customer registers for the service.

One benefit of having the directory on line is that customers who did not advertise in

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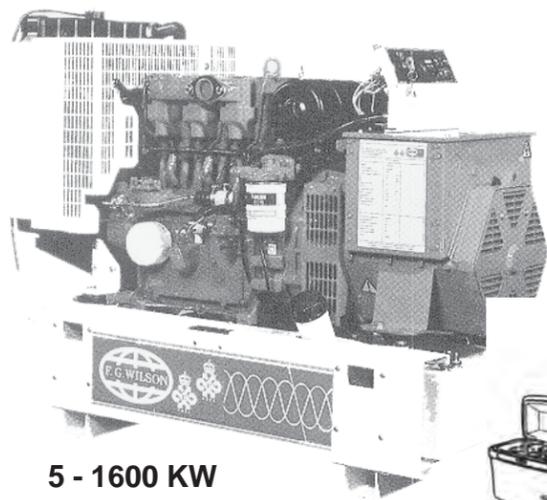
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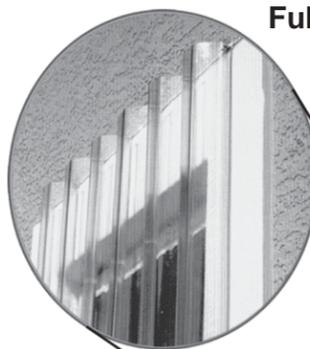
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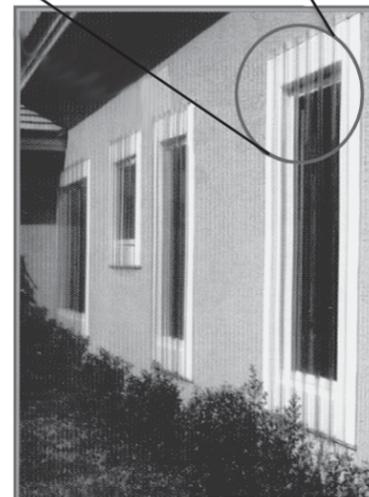
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Promotional System Is Launched at Price Right

By Jennifer Hudson

In celebration of its second anniversary in August, Price Right is launching a grand promotion as a "Thank You" to its loyal customers. Called "Preferred Perks," this hi-tech promotion is a fully computerized bonus programme which outdates the old-fashioned and time-consuming system of "licking and sticking" stamps.

This is the first store in the entire Bahamas to initiate this hi-tech "Preferred Perks" system which is already in use in many of the major food chains in the United States. Price Right began signing up customers in August and began issuing tags on September

4th. Customers can now sign up and receive their tags immediately and begin to accumulate points. The promotion will be an ongoing programme offering major drawings every few months.

First prize is a fully loaded SUV Terios with a retail value of \$22,000. Four additional prizes of gift certificates for a carload of groceries with a limit \$500 each. The drawing for the car and groceries will take place on December 24th so some lucky person will be the proud owner of a beautiful new SUV in time for Christmas.

The next promotion, a seven-day cruise for two, will be drawn in March. Then in

June a trip to Disney World for four will make a wonderful summer vacation for some lucky family.

Here is how the system works: The customer fills out an application which is entered into the computer. The customer is issued a card containing three tags for himself or other family members.

With each purchase the tag is swiped in the computer and for each dollar spent the customer receives one point. If fifty dollars is spent, the customer receives fifty points.

A running total of the customer's points is kept in the computer. When the points total 500, a ticket is awarded which goes into the raffle for the Grand Prize. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets which can be earned.

With this programme the customers will have benefits in addition to the raffle. There are other ways they can save money on their weekly shopping bill. The points, instead of being entered towards the raffle, may be redeemed towards items in the store. In the future, discounts will be offered on certain items. Double or triple points will be offered on certain days of the week. Customers will be notified of this through ads in *The Abaconian* or on Radio Abaco.

Mr. Chad Sawyer, owner of Price Right, is looking forward to his staff being able to build up a more personal relationship with customers through this new system. Special emphasis is placed on customer service and all staff are trained to be pleasant and polite to the customers. It also offers the opportunity of contacting the customers via email to inform them of any "specials" which are being offered as everyone loves a bargain and welcomes the opportunity to save money.

The store has recently added a butcher room, fresh vegetable room and expanded produce and frozen food sections. Fresh produce, bread and milk now arrive each Monday instead of Wednesday and the fresh produce is on the shelves by Tuesday morning.



Price Right is introducing its new Preferred Perks promotional system which will reward customers with points. These points can go toward raffle items or be applied to savings on products in the store. Chad Sawyer, owner of Price Right is shown here telling customers Mrs. Allison Albury about the system while Ms. Harriet Thompson looks on.

AA Meetings

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

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

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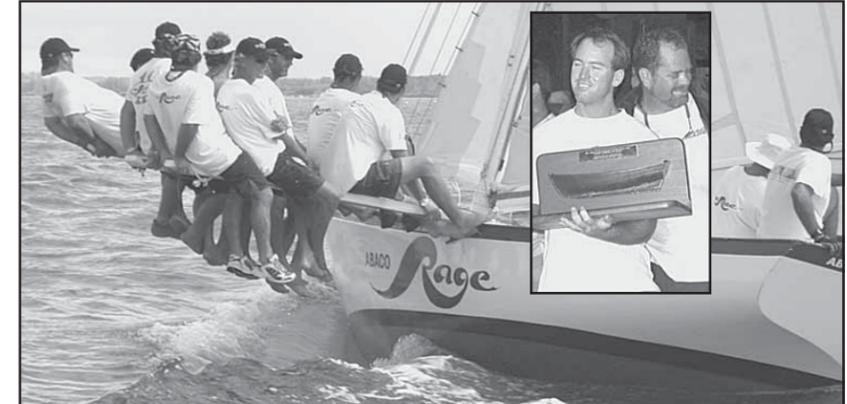


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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Allan Burrow**, 64, of Sandy Point was held at St. Martin's Anglican Church on August 30. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated. Interment was in the Sandy Point Public Cemetery.

Mr. Burrows is survived by his wife Evelyn Burrows; son Cameron Burrows; sisters Marion Rolle and Beatrice Burrows; brothers Claude, Roland, Vincent and Sinclair Burrows; sisters-in-law Lula, Jerona and Evelyn Burrows, Rebecca Saunders, Elizabeth Russell, Louise McCartney, Rose, Ruth, Charmaine, Kayla and Charlene Edgcombe; brothers-in-law Herklyn Rolle, Leonard, Matthew Edgcombe, Daniel, Samuel, Jonathon and Eric Edgcombe, Patrick Russell and Kermit McCartney; many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Guerry Jonssaint, 20, of Marsh Harbour died as a result of a motorcycle accident on August 27. His funeral was on September 6 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour with Fr. Roger Madrazo officiating. Interment was in the Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his father Vilfort Metelle; mother Clomene Jonassaint; brothers Daniel Metelle, Rony Thervil and Vilfrance Jonassaint; sister Foufoune; uncles Emmanul Jonassaint, Gerome, Andre and Normil Metelle, Paul Emil and Meriland; aunts Jeanne and Renette Metelle, Madam Jonassaint and Madam Anel; cousins Limon, Yorly John and Hellene Pierre; and many other relatives and friends.

Night Boating Can Be Dangerous

By Jennifer Hudson

In the early morning hours of August 30th two residents of Lubbers Quarters were returning home in their small boat from the Hope Town Harbour Lodge after a fund raising event for the *Abaco Rage* when they met with a very frightening experience. The couple were almost home when their boat hit some rocks off Lubbers. The male was ejected through the windshield into the water and received severe lacerations to his face and scalp. The female who was thrown into the bow but was able to get the man back

into the boat and get him home. When she realised how profusely he was bleeding from his scalp, she phoned Bonnie Hall of Hope Town Fire and Rescue. Within a few minutes of receiving the call at 1:30 a.m. Ms. Hall contacted Chris Thompson who immediately went in his boat to get the couple. They were taken to the Hope Town clinic where the male received 33 stitches from Nurse Romer, the government nurse, who then sent them into Marsh Harbour to Dr. Marc Binard for X-rays and further checks.

Police Attend Auto Theft Seminar

Two police officers from Abaco attended a seminar on Auto Crime held in Nassau on August 11-15. Constables Yvonne Hunter and Antoine Knowles are pictured with their certificates. The course focused on automobile theft and effective measures to counter this increasing crime. The main speakers were two instructors from the New York Police Department's Auto Crime School. The seminar was sponsored by Bahamas



Constables Yvonne Hunter and Antoine Knowles

General Insurance Association in conjunction with the Royal Bahamas Police Force. The course provided the police, customs, road traffic and the insurance industry with specialized instructions for improved detection and prevention of auto theft. One goal is to create public awareness program so these agencies will be assisted in preventing automobile theft.

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There is a new name in volume packages and deals for families and small business owners: Sawyer's Market. In order to meet the increased demand for a bigger selection of volume packs of groceries, meat, produce and supplies, Sawyer's Market has redeveloped its concept and promises that customers will "Get More. For Less."

Approximately 4,000 square feet of Sawyer's Market has been reallocated for what are known as "Club" packs, quarter cases and half cases. Also new to Sawyer's Market is its beverage depot of juice drinks and sodas at great savings. Sawyer's Market has retained approximately 4,000 square feet of its floor space for retail meat, produce, groceries and supplies, making it a unique one-stop of value for shoppers. "Our customers will be pleased to know that they can still get the quarter cases and half cases in Marsh Harbour that they used to get from Solomon's here at Sawyer's. It's about helping our customers make their dollars stretch further without compromising on quality. We will have an even bigger selection of those volume

packs than was available at prices you can't beat," said Mr. Malone, General Manager of Sawyer's Market.

Sawyer's Market sister company, Solomon's SuperCenter, formerly Solomon's Wholesale, was previously Marsh Harbour's stop for quick access to quarter cases, half cases and full cases but has since been renovated into a state-of-the-art retail SuperCenter. For those looking for even greater volume savings on bulk purchases, Abaco Wholesale offers cases and bales at their location on Don Mackay Boulevard. Shoppers are encouraged to call Sawyer's Markets, located just off Don Mackay Boulevard, with special requests and order information at 242-367-2044.

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Disaster Volunteers Are Recognized



The local Red Cross Chapter recognized volunteers who helped after the devastating fire in the Pigeon Pea community the end of June. The recognition ceremony was held at the Conch Crawl on August 26. The Red Cross opened an account for donations. Commonwealth Bank was among those donating, represented here by Ms. Jacquelyn Estevez, Assistant Manager. Shown above are, left to right, Ms. Estevez, Ms. Marion Frederick, Mr. Wayne Cornish, Ms. Barbara Johnson, Mr. Sarone Kennedy, Red Cross coordinator, Mrs. Kala Gates and her daughter, Megan.

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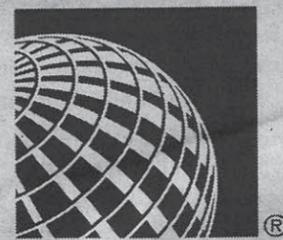
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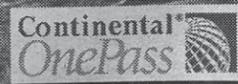


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Science Conference Is Planned

The first Abaco Science Alliance Conference is planned for Marsh Harbour for January 2004, according to Erin Pagliaro of Friends of the Environment, the Abaco environmental awareness group. The four-day conference of environmental researchers will include field trips, presentations and social events.

"The idea is to provide a networking forum to share scientific information around Abaco," Mrs. Pagliaro said. "We hope to encourage more research in the area and to stimulate the use of these findings in local environmental management decisions."

Friends of the Environment was organized in 1988 by a group of residents concerned about Abaco's natural environment. Its main focus is environmental education.

During the past year Friends held an island-wide environmental workshop which resulted in an oil waste collection program, ongoing environmental education for Abaco school children, a start on eliminating the use of Styrofoam food containers, submission of a proposal for the restriction of personal water craft use in Abaco and work on extending the underwater park system to include no-take marine zones.

Friends gives support to visiting researchers and sends delegates to international environmental conferences to gain valuable information and contacts. You can find out more about them on their web page www.friendsoftheenvironment.org.

No Threat to Bahamian Lobster

A herpes-like virus is infecting baby lobsters in the Florida Keys but officials at the Department of Fisheries are not concerned that this might affect lobsters in Bahamian waters. Mr. Michael Brennen, Director of the Department of Fisheries in Nassau, when asked whether local fishermen and lobster catchers would be put on alert said, "No." He said the Department will remain on alert but that the matter does not pose a threat on the Bahamas fishing industry.

According to reports, the virus has infected 10 percent of the baby lobsters in the Keys. In most cases, the virus seems to be infecting lobsters that are less than six months old, not yet at reproduction stage,

and smaller than three inches. Those lobsters infected lose the ability to eat, stop grooming and, as a result, grow a coat of algae. After 30 to 90 days, the disease kills them. Mr. Brennen said in the event a case is identified, the Department would then issue an alert to all fishermen in the detected area to look out for any other possible cases.

The United States' fisheries experts suspect that this virus may be a factor in the decline of lobster catches. Security measures are currently in place to guard Bahamian territorial waters to avoid an impact on the country's industry because of the decline in lobster catches in Florida.

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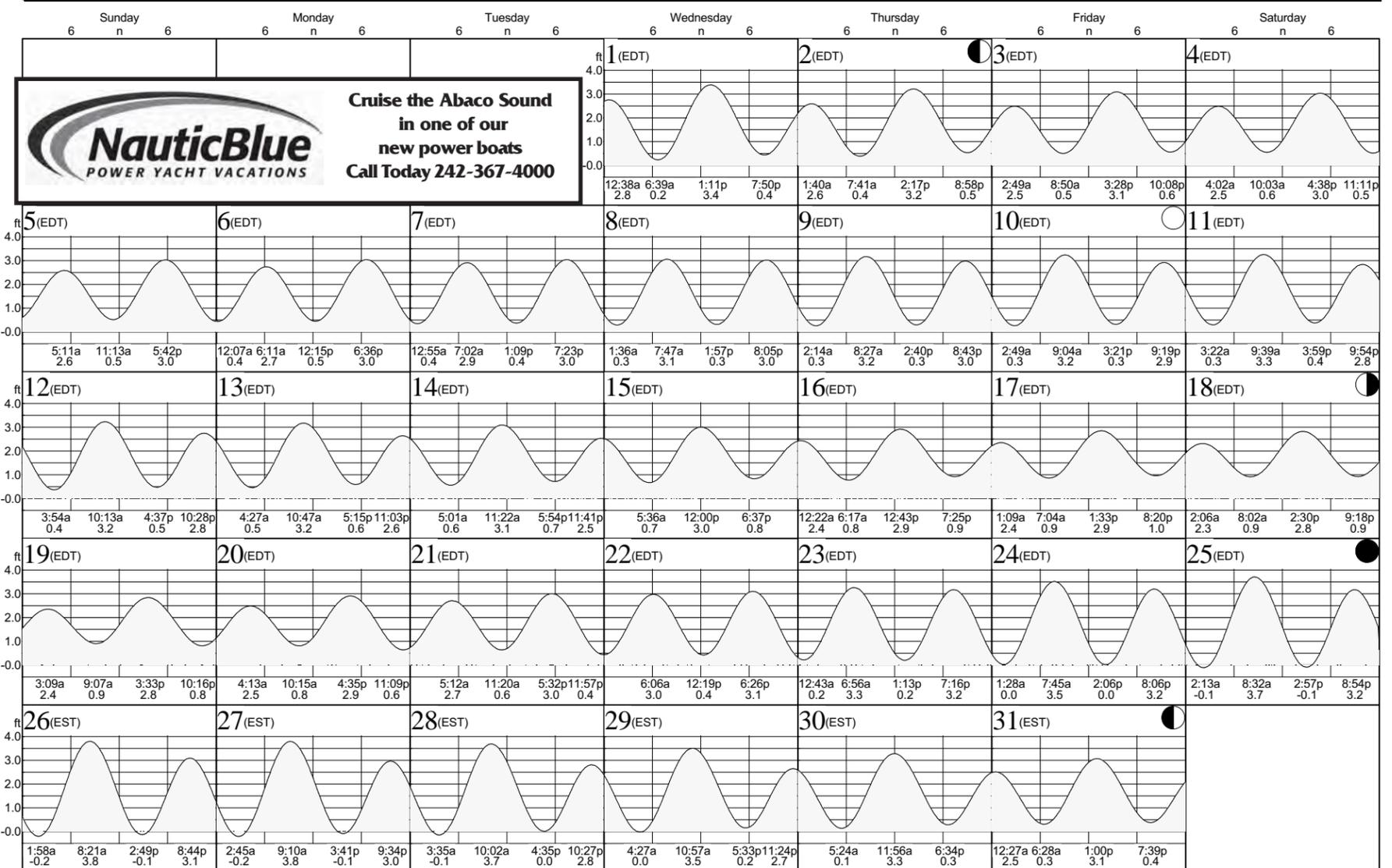
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Local Government at Work



Marsh Harbour Town Com. 27 Aug 03

Administrator Alexander Williams reported that an earlier inquiry to Nassau concerning the private operation of the parking at the airport was warmly received and it would be appropriate to pursue the issue further. Committee member Chad Sawyer will work on this concept.

The location for a cemetery at Spring City is still under study and a surveyor is to be contacted to assist in finding a location.

Deputy Town Chairman Yvonne Key was appointed to attend a local government seminar in Freeport on September 15 - 17.

Mr. Williams read a letter removing Chairman Mike Malone as Chief Councillor due to three absences at scheduled meetings as provided for in the Local Government Act. Mr. Malone replied that he would still be a member of Council since the Act mandated that the Town Committee Chairman automatically attends Council.

Town budget matters were discussed at length with tenders being opened and contracts awarded.

The largest item was \$54,000 awarded to Robert Marshall and crew for cleaning the Marsh Harbour road verges.

The second largest item was the residential garbage collection contract awarded again to E & D Waste for \$51,600 annually.

Belinda Archer was awarded the contract for maintaining the lower graveyard and Perry Sawyer was again given the contract for the upper cemetery.

Spring City street cleaning was given to Ken Delancey and garbage collection went to Tony Adderly.

Mrs. Key thanked those who assisted in the creation of the Marsh Harbour Goombay Park on the water front adjacent to the new freight dock. The site now has a restroom building, lights and water. Eleven colorful vendor stalls circle the back, allowing crafts and food to be sold at public functions.

Mrs. Key asked that a public town meeting be held soon as required by The Act and she asked that it be held in the new park during the first week in September.

Central Abaco Council 28 Aug 03

The Council meeting began with the swearing-in of a new Councillor, Carl Archer from Dundas Town. He replaced George Cornish, who was removed for non-attendance.

Administrator Alexander Williams read the letter of resignation submitted by Chief Councillor Mike Malone early in the year. Essentially Mr. Malone's reason was a lack of time to commit to the demands of the job. He was self employed when he accepted the position a year ago and now has a full time job.

Mr. Malone reassured Council members that he would continue as Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee and in that position would be attending Council as The Act mandates.

Mr. Williams acknowledged that the letter removing Mr. Malone from the Council for missing three meetings was proper as provided for in The Act. However, he also acknowledged that The Act requires every Town Chairman to be members of the Council. This situation is one of those grey areas of Local Government.

While preparing Councillors for electing a new Chief Councillor, Mr. Cubel Davis asked if he were nominated for the Chief

Councillor's position, would he be required to vacate the office of Deputy Chief Councillor. Mr. Davis is now acting Chief Councillor.

Mr. Williams stated that although The Act was silent on that issue, normal and accepted protocol would require that he vacate the seat as Deputy if nominated for the Chief position.

Three nominations were made for the Chief Councillor: Cay Mills, Cubel Davis and Mitchell Albury. Mr. Albury declined the nomination and after reflecting, Mr. Davis declined also. Being the sole nominee, Mr. Cay Mills became the Chief Councillor and was sworn in by Administrator Williams.

Chief Councillor Cay Mills took the chair and thanked everyone for their support, giving Mrs. Key particular praise for her work in Marsh Harbour although he disagreed with some of her views.

Returning to the agenda, vacant positions on various statutory boards were addressed.

Mr. Dale Hill was advanced to the post of Port Authority Chairman from Deputy Chairman.

Mr. Ishmael Morley replaces Derick Miller and Rev. Carlton Dorsett replaces Dave Darville on Town Planning.

Ms. Paula Morley replaces Mr. Jimmy Williams on Hotel Licensing.

Mr. Saluke Innocent replaces Churton Toote on Road Traffic.

Mr. Sonnith Lockheart was advanced to Chairman of Hotel Licensing with Mrs. Kim Roberts chosen as Deputy Chairman.

The Council budget of \$639,440 was reviewed. This amount is primarily used for

salaries, stipends, contracts affecting the Central Abaco area and maintenance of government buildings and area parks. Administrator Williams said budget constraints would not allow increases of salaries or stipends. Mr. Williams stated that throughout local government districts, salaries typically consume just under fifty percent of Council's budget.

Questions were asked about maintaining the new port. Mr. Williams stated that government will assign a separate budget and staff for this facility and at this time Council will not be concerned with this.

Chairman Mills was concerned that the two public schools would open in a week and no maintenance has been performed during the summer recess. He found teachers painting their own rooms with paint they purchased with their own money.

Councillor Faron Newbold had also discovered this and paid for the paint.

Mr. Mills was further concerned that there are no benches or tables around the school yard for students to use at lunch time, ceiling fans and lights do not work and softball is played in the paved parking lot. He contacted Mr. Herbert Key, who got many of the lights working.

Administrator Williams told Councillors that all work requests from the schools must come through his office and not be given direct to Council. This is because many requests are improperly directed to Council when they are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education or another department.

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BUSINESS Establishment SURVEY

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- 2 **Wages & Salaries**
- 3 **Annual hours worked**
- 4 **Revenues & Expenditures**
- 5 **Depreciation & Acquisitions**

The data generated from survey is used to measure each sector's contribution of national output, and provide information essential to the estimation of national income and the gross national product of The Bahamas.

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All survey questionnaires should be returned to the Department of Statistics.

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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers Plus extra for each passengers above two	
Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$ 6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$ 2 each
Jib Room	\$ 3 each
Golden Harvest	\$ 5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$ 6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$ 7 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$ 9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Uncaged pets - as people	
Luggage \$.50 each over four, Surf boards \$3.00 ea.	
Between Northern Abaco Airport and:	
Treasure Cay, Bahamas Star, or Moxey	\$14 + \$6
Bronks or Highway Liquors	\$10 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$20 + \$5
Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
Black Wood	\$14 + \$5
Fire Road	\$25 + \$5
Cooper's Town	\$30 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$45 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$50 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$55 + \$5
Fox Town	\$60 + \$5
Marsh Harbour or Crown Haven	\$65 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Round Trip	\$85 + \$5
TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$55 + \$5
TC Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$25 + \$5
TC Hotel to Sand Bank	\$16 + \$5
TC Hotel to Moxey	\$10 + \$5
TC Hotel to Bronks	\$7 + \$5
From TC Hotel to All Areas N. of T.C. Airport Add \$10	
Waiting Time \$12 Per Hour	

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

Tours & Excursions	
Kayak • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Birding • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Reef • Abaco Beach Dive Center • MH	367-4646
Reef • Dive Abaco • Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Reef • Abaco Dive Adventures • Marsh H	367-2963
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 5:45	
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 5:45	
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 5:45 (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 Man-O-War/Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$25 OW \$35 RT	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Sun 12 Noon, return 3 \$20 OW \$25 RT	

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	
For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356	
Bus serves Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Bahamas Ferries Between Nassau & Sandy Point under 4 Hr.	
Wednesday Lv Nassau 9 am Lv Sandy Point 1:30 pm	
Friday & Sunday Lv Nassau 3:30 pm Lv Sandy Point 8 pm	
Adult fare \$90 RT, \$50 OW • Call for rates on cars, trucks and cargo	
Call Sandy Point 366-4119 • Marsh Harbour 367-5250 • Nassau 323-2166	

Abaco Marinas	
	Slips Fuel Phone
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay Marina 75 ... F	353-1252
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House 45 ... F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club 32 ... F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina 15 ...	365-4531
Other Shore Club 12 ... F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service 10 ... F	365-4033

Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina 150 ... F	365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina 26 ... F	365-6008

Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina 183 ... F	367-2736
Conch Inn 75 ... F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina 36 ... F	367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina 52 ... F	367 2700
Mangoes 29 ... F	367-2366
Port of Call 24 ... F	367-2287
Abaco Yacht Haven 7 ...	367-3079

Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina 16 ...	366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina 6 ... F	366-0154
Sea Spray 24 ... F	366-0065

Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina 75 ... F	365-0083
Guana Cay	
Guana Beach Resort 22 ... F	365-5133
Orchid Bay 32 ... F	365-5175
Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Dive Shops - Marsh Harbour	
Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Center	367-4646
Abaco Dive Adventures	367-2963
Hope Town	
Froggies	366-0431
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
Green Turtle Cay	
Brendal's Dive Shop	365-4411
Green Turtle Divers	365-4271
Guana Cay Dive Shop	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

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

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

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

Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6241
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Dave's Dive Shop Boat Rentals	366-0029
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

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

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

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
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-5pm)	367-2615
Mangoes	Closed Sep 3 - Nov
Gino's	367-2002
Pop's Place	\$... + 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-3498
Sea Shells	Closed Until Jan 2004
Snack Shack	\$... + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	Closed Sep 6 - Nov 3
Dundas Town	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Mackerals	367-5932
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	Closed Aug 31 - Oct 15
Boat House	\$ 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	Closed Sep 1 - Oct 2
Carlton's Island Grill	\$ 366-0253
Harbour's Edge	Closed Aug 30 - Nov 1
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	Closed Sep 1- Nov
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062
Man-O-War	
Pavilion	Closed Aug 30 - Nov 1
Hibiscus	365-6380
Guana Cay	
Coco Paradise	365-5197
Guana Seaside	Closed Sep 13 - Oct 24
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Mermaid Cafe	\$\$\$ 365-5137
Orchid Bay	365-6175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	\$ 365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ 365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ 365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Rest.	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$... + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Nancy's	
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477



Everyone reads The

More Central Abaco News

Central *From Page 11*

Mr. Williams had several copies of the national disaster plan available which were given out. A suggestion was made that this be put on a computer disc which would allow all concerned to have a copy.

The cost and availability of two containers will be investigated for the storage of emergency supplies as well as an appropriate and secure location.

Mr. Sarone Kennedy of the Abaco Red Cross gave the current list of shelters. Storm shelters are inspected by an assessment team with a view to their storm resistance. Other shelters may be chosen as appropriate for use after a storm passes or for displaced persons due to fire or flood. This year government has required owners of privately owned shelters to sign a waiver which has hampered the availability of suitable buildings while landlords check the legal ramifications with their lawyers.

Mrs. Charlemae Fernander of Social Services stated that the local Disaster Relief Fund has slightly over \$700 in an account at Royal Bank. She appealed for donations to this account, No. 110.2110, so that timely assistance can be rendered when a disaster strikes. A supply of food, bedding and clothing is on hand but money is always needed to purchase unforeseen items.

The Disaster Committee Chairman asks that anyone residing in the area with a satellite phone please contact the Administrator. These phones are essential when a storm disrupts normal communication channels and early notice to outside agencies is essential.

Several of these phones are assigned to government agencies but knowledge of additional phones would be helpful.

Abaco's extensive marine VHF radio network was discussed and will be useful for local communications. Using relay points, the network effectively reaches from Bahama Palm Shore south of Cherokee to Spanish Cay beyond Cooper's Town.

Other topics concerned evacuation to shelters, the emergency command center at the Central Abaco Primary School and transportation of the elderly and infirm.

Abaco Red Cross

By Jennifer Hudson

The Central Abaco Red Cross Members Group consists of approximately fifty volunteers dedicated to assisting their fellow men and is a part of the Bahamas Red Cross Society with its headquarters in Nassau which, in turn, is an active member of the International Red Cross Society. The fundamental principles of the International Red Cross Society are: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality.

The Abaco group was founded in 2000 by Mr. Sarone Kennedy, who saw a need resulting from the devastation after Hurricane Floyd when, he says, "There was no organized system of volunteers to help with assistance and the distribution of supplies." He saw a need for management teams and a structured programme for the operation of emergency shelters. He contacted headquarters in Nassau and solicited volunteers.

Ms. Cathy Wells, Director of the Grand Bahama Red Cross Society, brought a del-

egation from Freeport to conduct elections of officers here. The executive staff consists of Youth, Welfare, Disaster, Logistics and Training officers and their assistants plus Mr. Kennedy, who is a certified First Aid Instructor.

Their ongoing concerns are disaster awareness and preparedness, shelter management training course and disaster response. Forty persons have already been trained in shelter management and assigned to shelters. A large amount of clothing and some toiletries are on hand and in the event of need, the group will work closely with the disaster preparation committee.

After the recent Pigeon Pea Fire the Red Cross immediately mobilized their officers and members who helped the victims save some of their belongings. Their translators assisted in the registration of the needy people. They worked with Abaco Wholesale to provide emergency food and the following day they opened a relief centre and established a Disaster Relief Fund at Commonwealth Bank

The group is facing two major challenges which are to raise money for humanitarian

needs and to purchase equipment and materials. They are renovating a room in the old Marsh Harbour Primary School as an office, until they have their own office building.

The group is greatly in need of donations and anyone wishing to help may donate to the Red Cross account at Commonwealth Bank either to the Disaster Relief Fund or the General Operational Expenses Fund.

The Abaco Red Cross Group is trying to reignite the flame of community service and is working to get groups started in Sandy Point, Treasure Cay and Fox Town.

Volunteers are needed and the public is invited to attend the meetings which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30 p.m. in the Magistrate's Court.

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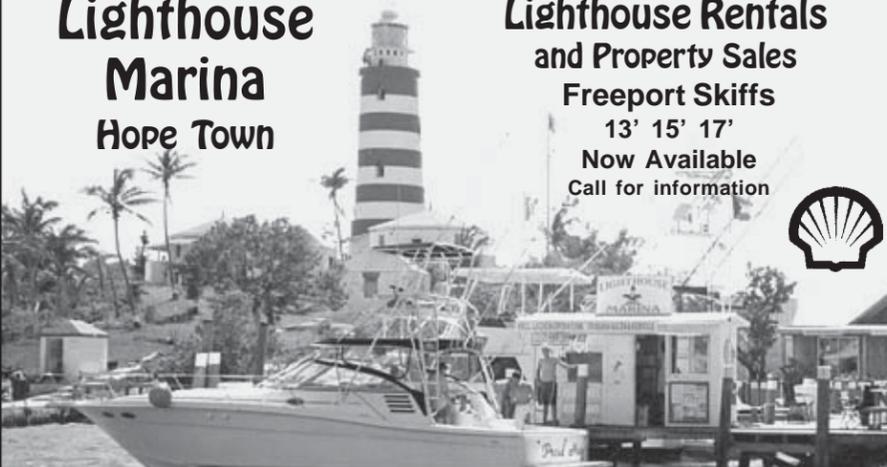
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More Local Government



Local Govt. *From Page 30*

Most items on the budget for salaries and recurring expenses concerned reaffirming this year's figure which was a repetition of last year.

Tenders were then examined. After several years by others attempting to maintain the dump, a \$62,000 contract was awarded to E and D Waste which held the contract several years ago. Councillors acknowledged that E and D Waste did an excellent job at dump maintenance.

Contracts were awarded for trash containers at the two public schools, the domestic freight dock and the airport, yard maintenance at the nurse's residence and the Administrator's residence.

Deputy Chief Councillor Cubel Davis asked that the Council staff be considered for a raise. This was deferred at Mr. Williams' request pending a staff salary review.

The budgeted salary for the Marsh Harbour library remained intact.

Mr. Mills mentioned recent experiences to the Councillors' attention about poor attitudes by airport staff members and some taxi drivers. He suggested that Council discuss proper work attitudes and work ethics with these persons in view of their working among the public. He was not satisfied that Council

always gets value for money spent.

Councillors defeated a request by Administrator Williams for a \$4,000 grant to the All Abaco Regatta. It was felt that too many areas were facing financial problems and the regatta was not a priority item with little to show for the huge sums previously spent on this.



The Dundas Town Committee Chairman, Cay Mills, was sworn in as Chief Councillor of the Central District Council on August 28. He is shown here on the right after taking his oath of office at the beginning of a Council meeting which he then chaired. Senior Administrator Alexander Williams, on the left, administered the oath.

Two outstanding bills were presented for payment: \$1700 to repair the Murphy Town park restrooms and \$1200 to clean the road sides leading the Central Abaco Primary School. Comments were made that bids should be obtained for jobs of this magnitude.

Mr. Williams told Councillors of a partnership between Environmental Health and Ceybain Terminals Ltd, which is in the auto salvage business. That com-

pany is expected to be on Abaco for six months collecting, compacting and exporting junked cars. Councillors recommended the dump as a collection point.

A request was made to Council by Willie Baptiste for financial assistance to maintain the Haitian cemetery on S.C. Bootle Highway. No specific amount was mentioned but reference was made to the requirement that towns maintain cemeteries. This falls to the Dundas Town Committee since it is within their township; however, they had no funds budgeted for this.

A letter was read requesting use of the Murphy Town Park by the carnival in February. This concerned Mr. Mills due to the damage to the field and track grounds from their last visit. On learning the carnival is a fund raising event by PLP organizers, Mr. Mills will consult with the carnival organizers.

The Treasure Cay Hotel asked for permission to put a sign on Don MacKay Boulevard at the S.C. Bootle Highway turn off in-

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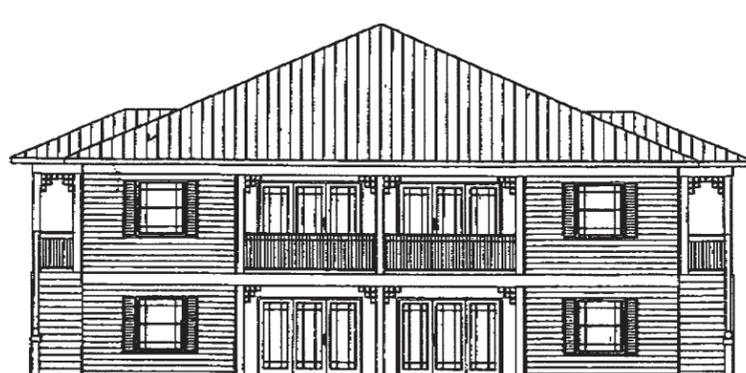
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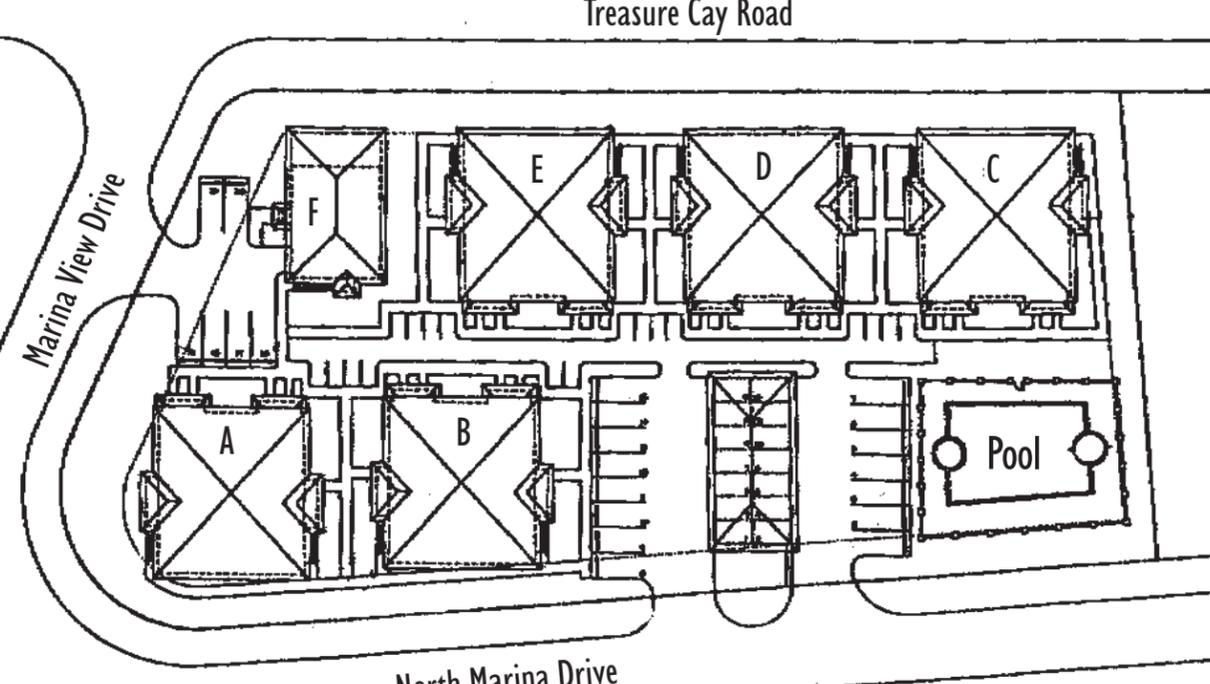
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Sailing Experience Teaches Appreciation of Area

Scouts From Page 15

learned what basic island life was like. Tuesday came following after and we were awakened by a sounding blow of the majestic Queen Conch horn by Denrick Knowles. We then noticed we were at Great Guana Cay and very close to a reef. With no hesitation we quickly jumped overboard and headed directly to the reef. The greatest part about this day was when we dived around some cays at Water Cay. There we met three stingrays, a couple barracudas and a moray. We caught four lobsters, some conchs and lots of fish. When returning to the main boat in the dinghy, I was trying to be nice to a queen triggerfish which we had caught. So I smacked it on the lip, but it told me that it wanted to French kiss. My answer was no, so it bit me on the lip.

The Pirate Competition

Later that evening we had the Pirate Competition. Everyone was hilarious; we all had fun and the winner of the competition was me, Rayallan Fredericks.

Master Cooks on Deck

The different types of food was prepared in the galley (kitchen). We had different types of food aboard the boat. The best cooking team included Denrick (the best), Antorn and David. They prepared delicious cuisines, Bahamian and non-Bahamian meals.

The Bowline Competition

On Wednesday morning, the last few hours of our trip aboard *Le Pecheur D' Etoiles*, we had our Bowline Competition. Everyone was preparing for it and everyone was ready. The

winner would get a bracelet or ring, it was your choice. Finally, the time had come and it started. After the last few minutes of the competition, we now had two finalists. They were Antorn Parker and Rayallan Fredericks. It was a very exciting Bowline Competition.

The first knot ended in a draw. Then by a hairs breath, Rayallan took the final to be the winner.

This Trip Is Concluded

This trip has come to an end sadly. It was a great adventure, learning different things.

I know that everything we learned during this boating trip will be useful in the future. We, The New Crew, would like to thank Captain Del and Emsey for making this trip worth going to. It was fun and we surely enjoyed ourselves.



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dicating the turn to Treasure Cay. Recent guests of theirs missed the turn and wandered through Marsh Harbour while trying to get to Treasure Cay. Councillors agreed with this. They would like directions to Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour as well as Treasure Cay to be shown at this intersection.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm. Sept 2, 03

The Committee discussed recurring problems. One was the repairs of Don MacKay Boulevard going toward the airport. The verge was trenched by Batelco but the corporation has not resurfaced the shoulder of the road. As a consequence the paving is being chipped away and is deteriorating. Batelco first contracted that the driveways to businesses be paved but now has a contract for the entire shoulder to be resurfaced. The Ministry of Works was not informed by Batelco prior to the original trenching being done.

Secretary Mrs. Jessica Pinder is resigning for personal reasons. She was highly complimented for her efficient thorough work and her excellent minutes.

The Committee received a price of \$4,000 from Bahama Hot Mix to surface the Marsh Harbour Goombay Park which was agreed to.

A public Marsh Harbour town meeting will be held at Goombay Park on October 4. The Committee will make it a fun day with food and drinks available and games for the children. The park will be officially opened at that time with an a government member from Nassau. Mrs. Yvonne Key

will cut the ribbon in recognition of her work in bringing this park to reality.

An effort is underway to restore the old Marsh Harbour jail and use it as a museum. Work will begin when written permission is received from Nassau.

Business people and residents along Front Street are still complaining about drunks who gather along Front Street and are a nuisance. Mr. Alexander Williams, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, reminded the Committee that October is the month for the renewal of liquor licences. The Licencing Board needs to examine what type of liquor licence has been issued to each business. A wholesale licence allows the store to be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. but does not allow customers to open a bottle or drink on the premises.

Several roads in Marsh Harbour are very dangerous with the road to Crossing Beach singled out. Fences and hedges obscure oncoming traffic making driving hazardous. The curve at the top of the hill to Pelican Shores is also very dangerous. Mr. Patrick Bethel has asked permission to install speed bumps in both those areas. He will accept responsibility for raising the necessary funding. This request will have to be forwarded to Road Traffic.

Herbert Key has expanded his parking area at Crossing Beach. He will be required to have a business licence since that is a commercial operation.

Town Planning 3 September 2003

A request for a sign on the airport roundabout was denied as it was felt this landscaped area should not be populated with

commercial signs.

Requests for other signs were allowed pending approval from the property owners where the signs were proposed.

Several routine building plans were reviewed and approved. Several plans did not have the required number of columns in the foundation or walls which members felt should have been noticed when the plans were reviewed by Works staff.

Questions arose over plans for an apartment in the Key Tract submitted by a foreigner with a home in Marsh Harbour. Additional houses by foreigners require approval by the Economic Council in Nassau and evidence of this approval was not submitted.

Plans for a two story four-unit commercial building on Queen Elizabeth Drive were deferred due to insufficient setback and inadequate parking.

Mills

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an MBE by the Queen in 2002.

Among the many dignitaries giving remarks in praise of Mr. Mills were Pastor John McIntosh, the present moderator, and Bishop Samuel Green, President of the Bahamas Christian Council in Nassau.

A special church service honoring Rev. Mills was held at the Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay on September 8. Special speaker for that service was Bishop Samuel Green, President of the Bahamas Christian Council. The former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, congratulated Rev. Mills on his exemplary life during that service, stating that he lived what he preached. Rev. Mills was given a monetary gift from each of the churches he served. Each church was asked to give generously for each year of service.

Bodybuilder Wins Again

On September 6 veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden scored a double victory at the Diamond Classic and Emerald Classic held in Riviera Beach, Florida. The Diamond Classic was a drug-tested competition and Arthur won the Masters over 60 division. The

Emerald Classic was a non tested competition and Arthur again won the Masters over 60 division.

Arthur would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wong for their financial assistance towards these competitions.

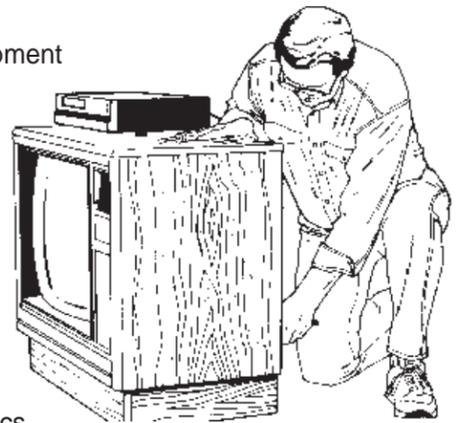
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3rd. Mother and baby are back home now and both are doing fine.

Recovering

Clarey Lowe suffered a mild stroke on August 28 and was sent to Nassau for treatment. However, we are pleased to report that he is no longer hospitalized and appears to be responding well to his medication. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back in Cherokee soon.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Elsie Clarice Pinder, who passed away on July 31st. She was born in Cherokee Sound on April 12, 1914, to Joseph and Nettie Albury. She married Leslie Pinder in 1934 and they were blessed with three children: Rannie, who resides in Nassau; Sylvia, who is in Freeport and Loree, who has recently built a new home and moved to Cherokee. Ms. Elsie left Cherokee to move to Nassau

in 1962 where she later lost her husband and where she remained until three years ago when she went to Freeport. Mostly bedridden the last five years of her life, she had always hoped that she would someday be able to move back to her beloved Cherokee where she still has many friends and family who will surely miss her. May she now and forevermore "rest in peace."

Gone But Not Forgotten

Cherokee lost another native son, Gordon Benjamin Lowe, who passed away on July 26, 2003. Just 53 years old, he was born the last of seven children to Deweese and Lillian Lowe in Cherokee Sound. He lived all his life on Abaco and worked as a carpenter. Our deepest sympathies to his surviving wife Flora as well as two sisters, Mavis and Carolyn, and three brothers, Bernard, Brady and Noel. Another brother, Earl predeceased him. Gordon died suddenly and leaves behind a host of relatives and friends who loved and knew him and he will be sadly missed by all.

Summer Vacations Over

We welcome everyone back from their summer vacations and say farewell to the many visitors who chose to spend their summertime with us in Cherokee. School is back in session and playtime is over. It's time to again hit the books, buckle down to homework and prepare for the future. Cherokee Primary School said good-bye to Kyle Sands and Angus Sawyer, who will be attending school in Marsh Harbour next term while at the same time they welcome newcomers Tyler Sawyer and Juliet Weatherford as new students.

Crawfishing Seasons Opens

Our community has a tradition of having a special Seaside Prayer Service each year just prior to the opening of crawfish season on the 1st of August to bless the fishermen and their boats, and this year was no different. The men head out to sea, like many of their fathers before them, with confidence and high expectations and take with them our best

wishes and private concerns for a safe return and a bountiful catch.

A Time Of Hurricanes

We are in the middle of hurricane season and know from past experiences not to let down our guard. They often develop quickly in our area and sometimes travel fast. Often the local grapevine spreads the news of a traveling storm, but we need to be ever vigilant and make it a point to listen to radio and television weather reports. After having experienced several close calls over the past few years, we know the drill. However, it wouldn't hurt to familiarize ourselves with evacuation routes or a safe place to stay during the storm. Check to see that you have a fresh supply of drinking water, extra fuel for generators, transportation and cooking stoves with plenty of tinned food, candles, matches and a working battery radio and flashlights on hand. Don't forget a well-stocked first-aid kit. It wouldn't hurt to remember the familiar Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared."

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Letters

From Page 9

only solution would be to grow some sort of vine over the thing which would cover the worst of it and provide some insulation, too.

Aesthetically, it's a disaster. On the trip to Treasure Cay, as one pulls out of Marsh Harbour and finally gets past the raw earth, wrecked cars, smashed tree patches that appear to be no more than heaps of junked vehicles, one goes past the Lazy Parrot and breathes a sigh of pleasure as that beautiful perfect bay appears. Surely, this was one of the loveliest stretches of the S.C. Bootle Highway. Never again. Had I been planning to buy a home site on the ridge overlooking the bay, I surely wouldn't now. And by the way, how many mangroves were destroyed?

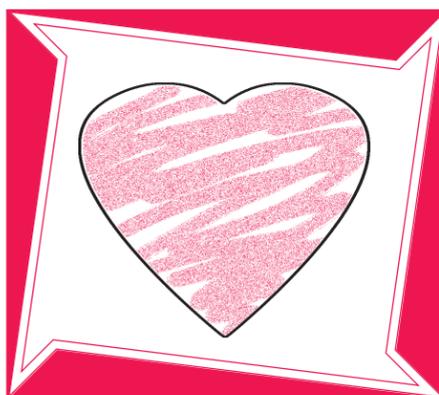
Visual insult aside, what sort of detritus will this business pour into what was a pristine bay? Here is a starting list: MEK, polyester resin globs, fiberglass grinding dust, bits and chunks of cloth and cloth with hardened resin, paint sanding dust, fumes (paint, polyester), gasoline, oil, grease, (is there a septic tank?) spent parts, cleaning fluid, etc.

No matter how tidy one tries to be with this stuff, (Does Mr. Lowe plan to use vacuum attachments on all his grinding and sanding machines?) quantities of these things are going to go right into that bay. Will bonefish and industrial waste coexist for long?

Sooner or later, folks, you're going to have to decide which way you really are going. Are you going to just stand by while the most beautiful parts of the island fall to blind developers who see only dollar signs or are you going to put into action your words and try to develop a sense of aesthetics, a sense of concern for the environment, some common sense about where to place ugly but needed industry and when to leave beauty alone? Surely, there is room on this island for both.

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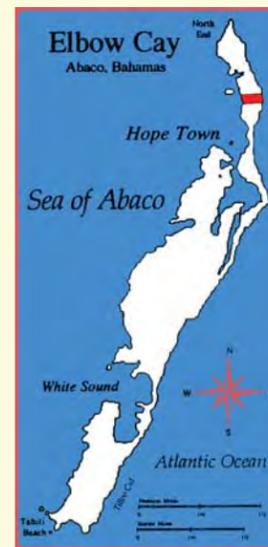
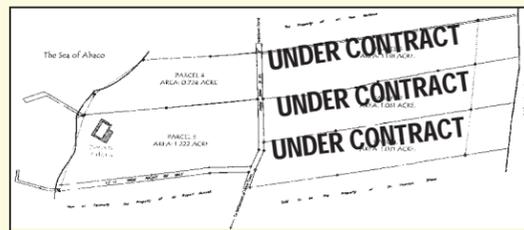
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School *From Page 13*

the school is bursting at the seam. Last year there were about 485 students of which 65 graduated. The average class size is 27. The administration remains the same with Principal Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Vice-Principal Mr. Huel Moss Jr. and Senior Mistress Mrs. Nadeen Beneby.

Chairs Are Needed

There is a severe shortage of chairs and desks at the school. The shortage has been made more severe by the new enrollment. Many students have to stand in their classes because there are simply not enough chairs in the school. Many students have to share a desk if they are lucky enough to get a chair. The students race to their different classes

so they can get a chair for the class.

New Teachers

Abaco Central was pleased to welcome four new teachers the first day of school, all male and all Bahamian. The new teachers are Mr. Marvin Duncombe, who came from Exuma to teach religious knowledge; Mr. Kenneth Roberts, who came from C.R. Walker in Nassau to teach social studies, Mr. Patrick Smith, no stranger to Abaco who has returned from the United States to teach science, and Mrs. Tina Roberts who will be in the math department. Welcome to all.

The high school is still in need of two additional math teachers, one English language teacher and one science teacher. The school lost three teachers from last year.

Motorcyclist Is Third Traffic Fatality

The third fatality for the year for Abaco occurred on August 27 in Marsh Harbour on East Bay Street at the turn to Pelican Shores. Guerry Jonssaint of Pigeon Pea died as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident while he was a passenger on a 650 cc Honda motorcycle driven by Serge Guerrier of the Mud. The accident happened about 7:30 p.m. and involved a car driven by Mr. Johnnie Pinder of Marsh Harbour. It is understood that both riders were thrown off before the motorcycle slammed into the automobile. Mr. Guerrier was flown to Nassau for medical treatment the next day. An attempt was made to airlift Mr. Guerrier that

night but the Nassau airport was closed due to severe weather. Recent information indicates that he remains in the hospital with a broken neck.

Goombay *From Page 2*

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