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BAIC Opens Abaco Office

Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation Assists Small Businesses

Swim Meet Raises Funds for Pool



The Abaco Swim Marathon was held on October 11, beginning at Abaco Beach Resort and ending outside White Sound on Elbow Cay. Seven swimmers swam the entire distance. Teams of three or four swimmers formed relays to compete. A total of 77 persons competed of which 32 were from Abaco. The others were from Nassau and Freeport. See story on page 2

By Jennifer Hudson

The Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation (BAIC) Domestic Investment Office situated in the Loyalist Plaza, Marsh Harbour, was officially opened in a ceremony on October 9th. Attending the ceremony was a large delegation from BAIC in Nassau along with business and local government representatives from Abaco. The Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Mr. Rudy Sawyer, Assistant General Manager of BAIC in charge of the Northern Region.

Keynote speaker for the occasion was scheduled to be the Hon. Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance but, unfortunately, pressing matters in Nassau prevented him from being present. Mr. Sidney Stubbs, Executive Chairman of BAIC, presented an address in his absence and was introduced as having a wide range of experience in international affairs having worked for the World Bank and represented the Bahamas in both England and Belgium.

In his address Mr. Stubbs stated that the BAIC is carrying out the government mandate to ensure that all Bahamians play a meaningful role in the development of the Bahamas. There is a need for domestic investments. At one time it was thought that only foreign investment was the way to go and Bahamians were involved in "Mom and

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Schools Receive Computers

By Portia Jonsson

Earlier this year the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of the Bahamas Independence staged a "Dollars For Scholars" promotion. This nationwide promotion called on businesses throughout the Bahamas to donate a computer system to one of the government schools. Raffle tickets with a grand prize

of a 2003 Mercedes Benz were also sold.

On October 9th 15 government schools throughout Abaco received two brand new Dell computer systems each. Mr. Paul Fernander, Deputy Director of Marketing and Sales at ZNS made the presentation to

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BAIC Officials Open Office



A large group of BAIC officials was on hand to officially open the new BAIC office in Marsh Harbour on October 9. Mr. Sidney Stubbs, Executive Chairman, was the keynote speaker. The new office is located in the building housing Barclays Bank. Mr. Ejnah Cornish has been named the Abaco manager.

Caravan Plane Begins Service



Cherokee Air is putting into service a new Caravan airplane with a passenger load of 10 plus two pilots. This highly acclaimed plane is very dependable and is used throughout the world in remote areas where reliability is necessary. Besides the passenger load, the plane can carry considerable cargo. Cherokee Air expects to offer scheduled charter service to Nassau and West Palm Beach several times weekly. See story on page 10



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Swim Marathon Was a Huge Success

By Jennifer Hudson

The Marsh Harbour - Hope Town Swim Marathon took place as scheduled on October 11th and was a wonderful example of community effort. Teams from Nassau, Freeport and Abaco plus two swimmers all the way from New Jersey came together in a very impressive effort to raise funds for the completion of the Hope Town swimming pool. It is estimated that between \$20,000 and \$30,000 was raised but the final figure will not be available until all sponsorship monies have been received.

It was a very exciting event with much nervous tension amongst the swimmers on the starting line at Abaco Beach Resort that morning. The participants were welcomed by Mr. Algernon Cargill, President of the Bahamas Swimming Federation, after which the Rev. Carla Culmer prayed for safety in the water for all swimmers. After the singing of the National Anthem on the beach, the twenty-three starting swimmers were off at the sound of the BASRA boat siren.

Altogether 78 swimmers took part. Six swam the whole distance individually and the

rest formed 18 relay teams. One of the younger swimmers said that it was the first swim-a-thon she had participated in and she was afraid of sharks. Fortunately, there were no mishaps or emergencies and the whole swim-a-thon went extremely smoothly according to Carrie Cash of Hope Town, one of the prime movers of the Hope Town pool project and one of the swim-a-thon organizers.

The event was very well planned with all contingencies covered. Each relay team had a boat following and in addition there were three mobile rescue boats and one base boat ready to render assistance if necessary. The base boat carried the government nurse from the Hope Town clinic along with equipment to deal with any major emergency plus treatments for stings and cramps. Dr. Binard was in attendance on another rescue boat. The only swimmer who indicated any problem was a young boy who, within a very short distance into the race, turned onto his back to

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Coming in first place for individuals over 30 swimming the entire distance was Dale Hill of Marsh Harbour on the right. He is being presented with his trophy by Clay Wilhoyte.



A women's relay team from Abaco won 2nd place in the over-30 category. They are, left to right, Mr. Percy Knowles, one of the organizers and a major sponsor, presenting the trophies, Cha Boyce, Brenda Claridge, Pam Church and Dianne Claridge.



The first place winner in the over-30 category was a team of Abaco men. They are, left to right, Mr. Percy Knowles, one of the organizers presenting the trophies, Philip Remery, Tito Baldwin and Steve Thompson. Team member Chris Thompson is not pictured.

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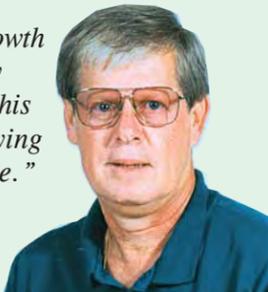


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Abaco's Economy Was Topic of Seminar

Mr. Archie Nairn Spoke on Transportation

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Transport, delivered an address at the First Annual Abaco Business Outlook Conference in place of the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, who was unable to attend.

Mr. Nairn opened by stating that Abaco is one of the most progressive islands in the archipelago and one of the most thriving economies in the Bahamas. Government will do all it possibly can to carry its momentum into the foreseeable future. He acknowledged that transportation is most important to the growth of the economy and stated that it is the goal of his ministry to work hand-in-hand to strengthen the transportation sector which has not kept pace with visitor satisfaction. To this end, key issues must be addressed to move the system forward.

Driver education courses to be implemented very soon in schools was met with applause from the audience.

Next Mr. Nairn focussed on maritime issues and stated that safety protocol will occupy first place. Safety must be addressed by all operators. Terrorists are planning constantly. Since no one knows where they will strike next, safety and security must be provided for all vessels. Substandard vessels will be detained and all people on vessels must be properly trained as most maritime accidents occur as a result of human error. The Maritime Safety Commission in Nassau is sponsored by the IMO.

Attention must be paid to pollution prevention which brings with it negative publicity. Ships must be equipped to deal with pollution and government is working to ensure

the preservation of our country's pristine shorelines.

The more than \$11 million recently spent on the new port facility in Marsh Harbour attests to government's commitment and its objective for the Abaco community to become the maritime capital of The Bahamas.

The airport was, of course, a subject everyone was waiting to hear about. Mr. Nairn confirmed that Abaco has the third busiest airport in the Bahamas in terms of passenger arrivals and sometimes even rivals Grand Bahama. Immediate attention must be accorded to the expansion of Marsh Harbour airport and plans are being formulated for short term relief to overcome the crowding problem. The long term plan is for state-of-

the-art buildings at the Marsh Harbour terminal which will come into being after the completion of the airport in Exuma. A company in Florida is already formulating plans which will be submitted to the minister for discussion.

The airport is presently being readied for night flying, with floodlighting and ramps already in place.

The sum of \$450,000 will be spent on equipment and labour for security measures at the airport. These will include an X-ray machine, walk through metal detector and hand held wands, all of which will be operated by specially trained Abaco employees.

Mr. Nairn stated that his ministry is aware of recent problems at the airport; the entire

facility is presently being looked at. An additional fire truck will be added as soon as one can be purchased from the United States.

When confronted by a member of the audience with the erroneous idea the Bahamasair flights to Treasure Cay having been terminated, Mr. Nairn stated categorically that flights are still operating from Treasure Cay several times per week.

Attitudes Are Important, Marcelle

Agatha Marcelle, Parliamentary Secretary with the Ministry of Tourism, took as her topic *What You'll Want To Be Doing Now* and presented a forthright opinion on what people need to be doing to help the growth of tourism.

"Reinvent your mind set and yourself," she admonished. "Have gratitude, not attitude!"

She reminded the audience that we are all in the service industry and asked how do we make people feel about what we are doing

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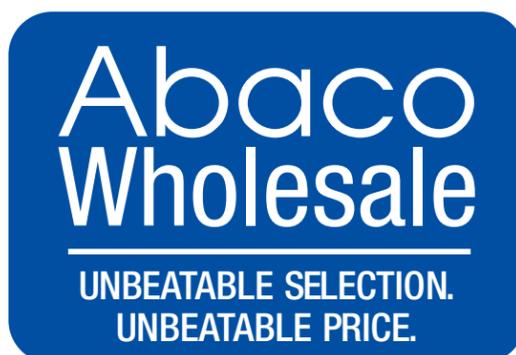


About 100 people attended the recent Abaco Business Outlook which studied Abaco's economy in depth. Speakers from Nassau and local panelists had facts and figures showing the status of business on Abaco. The attentive crowd shown above was at Abaco Beach Resort. Photo courtesy of The Councillors



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Future Looks Bright for Abaco

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for them. The final package is customer satisfaction and we need to concentrate on cultivating a new mind set right from preschool on up. What is needed is a tourism programme from the cradle to the grave. In order to promote tourism we must like what's Bahamian - our country, our people and our culture.

Education Is Vital Says Dr. Johnson

Dr. Pandora Johnson, Vice President Research, Planning and Development with the College of the Bahamas, said, "Continuing education is the way to go." Continuing education courses lead to high profession careers. The business division in the College of the

Bahamas is the largest with the bulk of persons enrolled in accounting. The Department of Teacher Education has the next highest enrollment but the Tourism and Hospitality sectors need an injection of numbers.

Dr. Johnson continued that an academic education is not a necessary requisite for everyone; people must prepare not only for the professions but for trades also. To this end, a major change is required in the mind set of parents and society. There is a need to get society to accept that there are opportunities for people to work with their hands as well as their heads. Service people are needed.

- There is a need to change the way people think about occupations in society.
- Technical and vocational education must be promoted.

Dr. Johnson sees a great need to cultivate interest in continuing education. She will be developing programmes in distance education and making sure that those programmes from the College of the Bahamas are available wherever Cable Bahamas reaches.

Abaco Must Be a Distinct Destination

Mr. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Director General of Tourism, speaking on *New Ideas and Concepts for Abaco Tourism*, opened by saying, "We want to become the example that people will cite and follow and we must maximize our abilities to perform." We must get the idea out of travel agents' minds that The Bahamas is Nassau and Paradise Island. People are "island collectors" and we want people to recommend all the islands. In order to compete we must make our country unique by showcasing our heritage and crafts.

The following figures were stated:

- 25 percent of the tourists to Abaco come from West Palm Beach, Miami and Fort Lauderdale with 45 percent coming from the entire state of Florida.
- 69 percent are repeat visitors having been four or more times to Abaco.
- 70 percent are likely to recommend Abaco.

These figures for tourist arrivals from Florida are greater than for any other island of the Bahamas.

Customers are far more inclined to come to a destination if they can get in and out easily and, unfortunately, customer satisfaction with the Marsh Harbour airport is presently low. Something needs to happen to rectify this speedily.

Mr. Vanderpool-Wallace informed the audience of the new booking engine



Mr. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Director General of Tourism, wants to see Abaco be a specific destination.

Bahamas.com which makes it possible to make air inclusive bookings to come to Abaco from anywhere in the world. Shorter, more frequent vacations are the trend nowadays.

He closed by stating that travel agents must be encouraged to name individual islands and not group them as Out Islands or Family Islands; Abaco must be firmly planted in customers' minds.

Abaco Panel Covered Main Industries

By Jennifer Hudson

Three residents of Abaco were allotted a ten-minute time each in which to give an overview of their area of expertise.

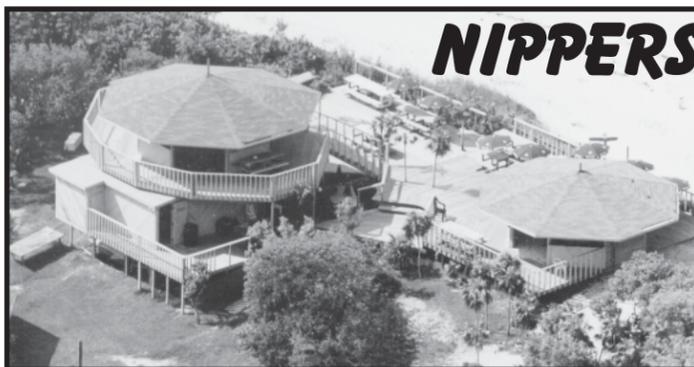
Mr. Roswell Sawyer, President of Bahamas Seas Ltd., spoke on the fisheries industry. He stressed the need for fishing rules to

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Many presenters, each speaking on a different topic, gave the audience a broad picture of Abaco and the promising future it has. Pictured at the head table are, left to right, Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Transport; Mr. Dashwell Flowers with Imperial Life Insurance Company; Mr. John Rolle, Deputy Manager - Research, Central Bank of The Bahamas; and at the podium, the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health and Environmental Services. Photo courtesy of The Councillors



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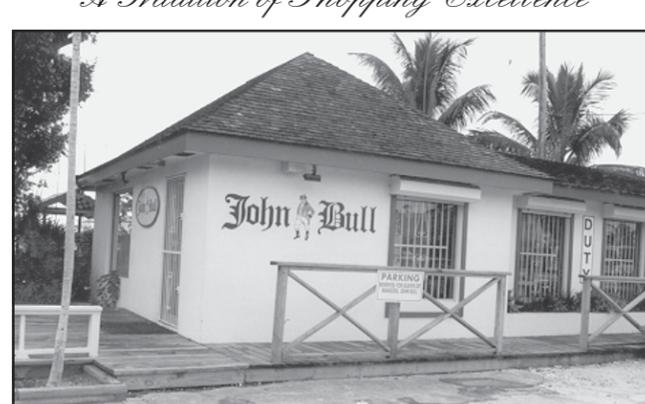


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South Abaco News

Sandy Point

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Mrs. Delores Pinder

Martin's from Nassau and the United States and for Bishop Michael Elden. Sharing this special day three of her nieces with her from Nassau were Mrs. Candace Russell and Mrs. Miriam Pratt and from Freeport Mrs. Sandra Pennerman

Casuarina Point

The daughter of Gordon Carey of Casuarina Point was officially appointed Registrar of the Bahamas Maritime Authority. She has been with the Authority since 1998 first as Secretary to the Bahamas Shipowners Association. In 2000 she joined the Technical Department. She was promoted to the Registration Office, then was named Acting Registrar. She was appointed as Registrar in August, 2003. Her father offers his congratulations.

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Birthday Wishes

A few men give their wives a bouquet of

flowers while some take them out to a nice restaurant to celebrate a birthday. But Lucy Davies' husband has brought her to Cherokee for her birthday. Mark has a surprise birthday party in the works, and unbeknownst to his wife, there will be old friends joining them from back home. Their other home is in Great Britain but they keep a second home in Abaco and could not resist an opportunity to visit one of their favourite places and take advantage our lovely warm weather and sandy beaches. We are always happy to see the Davies family return, but on this occasion we also want to wish Lucy a "Happy Birthday" from all her friends in Cherokee and to say what a lucky gal you are to have such a thoughtful and caring husband.

New Women's Ministry Group Formed

A group of women gathered at the Assemblies of God church on October 6th for the purpose of forming a new service group based on the international Women's Ministries which has more than 8,500 clubs within the United States alone. With regular meetings to be held once a month their goal will be to look for practical ways in which they can

minister to the needs of others within our community.

One of the first objectives agreed upon was that small groups would visit the often forgotten members of our settlement that may be infirm or housebound, seeking to bring Christian fellowship to a wider audience. The main purpose of the group is to nurture and strengthen each other while at the same time bring about and encourage a greater understanding of the spiritual motivation for service.

The facts of life are that there are always persons with a greater need than your own, and if you can help them, you should.

True Love

For quite a few months now Mrs. Viola Sawyer has been residing at Sybil's House in Dundas Town where she can receive the nursing care she requires. However, it seems Mr. Benny could not bear to be without her and, therefore, has also moved in to be closer to his beloved wife of over 60 years. Love is a wonderful thing and as some of us know true love conquers all.

Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for Nadine Saintvil, 27, was held on October 4 at the New International Gospel Mission Church in Marsh Harbour. Rev. Robin Weatherford officiated and interment was in the public cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Stanley Saintvil; son Famous Saintvil; mother Maria Charles; sisters Yvettina Dieujuste Gabriel, Anolie Dieujuste Sawyer, Adelrose Dieujuste Joseph and Siporte Dieujuste; brothers Chenet and Eden Dieujuste; nieces Anide, Rosette, Ermide,

Louise, Annie, Alexis, Blondine and Snika; nephews Ronbel, Rodten, Roberto, Evans, Nelson, Watson, Fredley, Waldino and Buchelson; aunts Nadilla and Silfise; uncle Sonson; cousins; father-in-law Carnilus Saintvil; sisters-in-law Etilde, Christine and Karen; brothers-in-law Nicholas, Jean-Claude, Marcel, Bradley, Francis and Michel; god children Shanna-lee, Resinette and Ranaldo; and many other relatives and friends.



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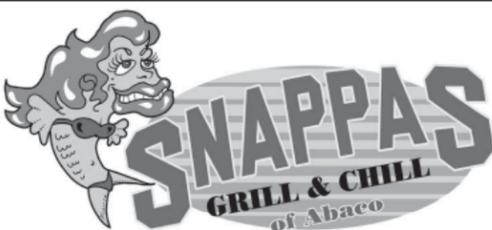
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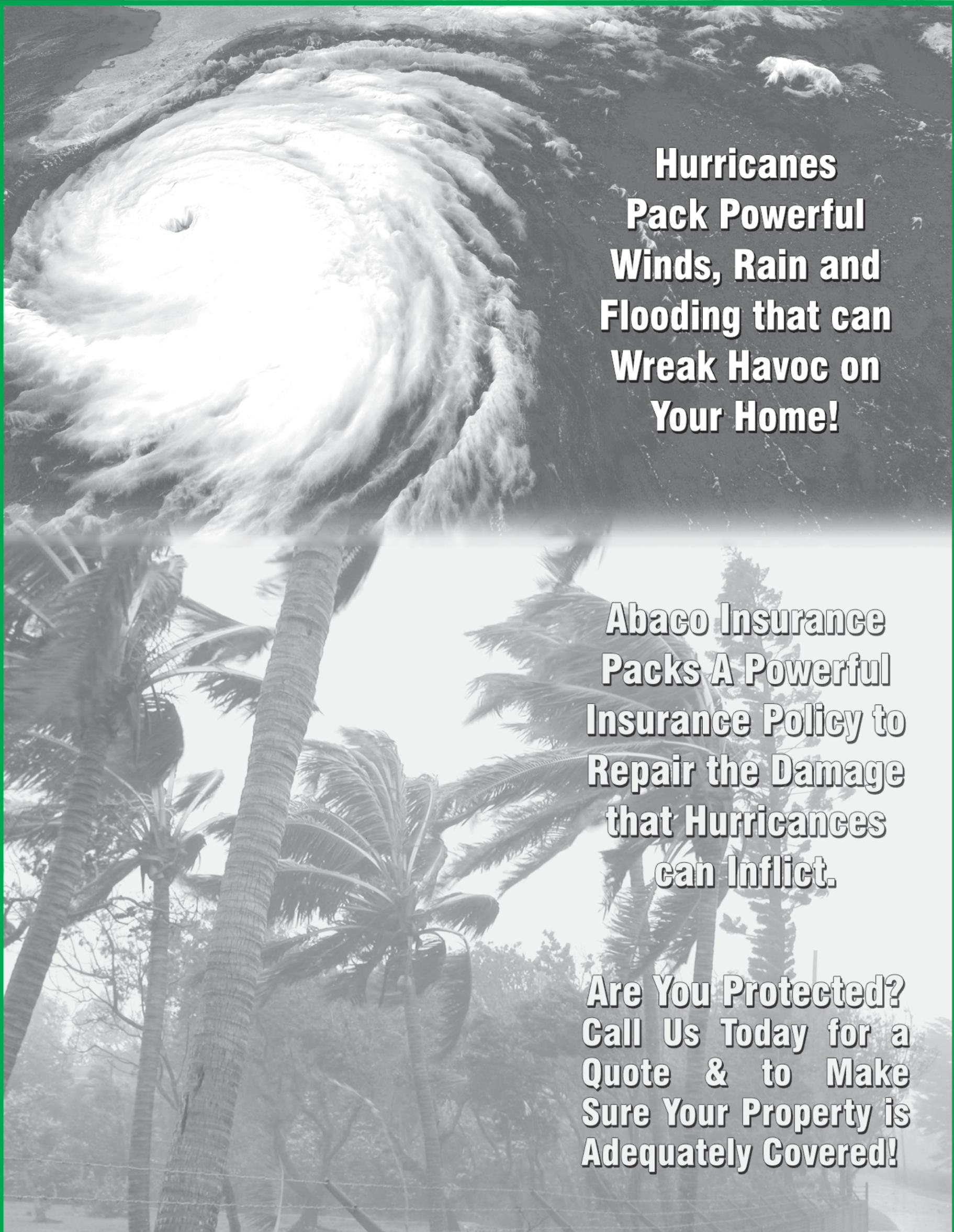
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The Editor Says . . . Reflections on Our Ten Years



This issue marks ten full years for *The Abaconian* and some reflecting is in order.

For several years I had felt that the area needed a newspaper. One reason was to spread news of the various and far-flung towns and assist in bringing them together. News is not secret but it is surprising how much information remains locked in each town with only bits and pieces getting as far as one or two towns away.

With the inception of Local Government, we feel that the paper has been helpful in letting the various towns see how others are solving their problems. The logistics of covering all local government meetings is more than we can handle. We try to cover the Central Abaco District which is where most of the action occurs. We cover other council business as issues warrant and time permits.

Another goal was to give businesses a method to advertise their merchandise and services. Flyers were used by some businesses, notices were stuck to power poles and sometimes those fortunate enough to have a Post Office box would get a notice by mass mailing. Business notices did not extend much beyond the borders of Marsh Harbour.

After trying to interest others in producing a paper, we concluded that we would undertake the challenge. In November 1993 we assembled a 12-page paper and took it to Miami to be printed. Since we had no previous experience, several of the initial advertisers gave us their support but mentioned they would pay only when they saw a paper.

We appreciate the support of our advertisers and in a future issue we will list those that have been with us from the beginning.

Initially, the paper was assembled by pasting ads and stories on layout sheets, then sending them to Miami for printing. Our first run of 3,000 copies took six minutes on the huge web press. A friend in the newspaper business in South Florida assisted initially and critiqued it subsequently. With no journalism background and no writing experience, we valued the criticisms and concepts that he and others have given us over the years.

Technology has enabled us to do more and more on the computer. Today the paper is assembled electronically within the computer. We have reached the stage where it now goes to the printer in Miami over the Internet.

During the first year we produced 11 monthly issues totaling 208 pages. This year we will produce 24 issues totaling more than 900 pages.

The paper began with 12 pages. It quickly jumped to 16 then 24 pages soon after. Full colour came in January 1996 on page one and in advertising. By 1998 the monthly paper was more than 40 pages which required it to be printed in two sections. In November of that year we began publishing it twice monthly.

During the past ten years the paper has grown. We have learned a lot, made many mistakes but have thoroughly enjoyed what we do. We have a small staff, all amateurs, including three part-time writers.

Our present run of 7000 copies weighs just under 2,000 pounds. A friend said in the early days that being a newspaper editor carried a lot of weight. We understand this concept better after we have unloaded a ton of papers from the aircraft, then moved them into the office to distribute them throughout the island.

We have tried to present stories in a neutral light but have discovered that this is impossible. Words are interpreted differently by each reader which convinces them we wrote a biased story. We occasionally get a

complaint that we gave one story more space than an opposing story, again proving we are biased. However, we get very little feedback from the community.

The paper has given readers a place to vent their feelings and views. We are told that the letters we print are very popular with readers. Even high school students read this section. We will publish letters and withhold the name of the writer on request. However, we must know who the writer is even though we will keep the name confidential on request.

The paper is growing along with Abaco, and we are once again bumping the 40-page limit for a one-section paper. The day will come when we may be a weekly. However, we feel that conditions will not support a weekly at this time.

The Abaconian is financed by advertising and this base is not sufficient to presently support a weekly paper. Neither is there sufficient news at this time to give content to a weekly.

We are often asked why the paper is not sold. Selling the paper would reduce the circulation dramatically from the present 7000 to perhaps 2000 or 3000. Under the present method of free circulation, advertisers know that at least 14,000 readers are exposed to

their advertising at a cost of approximately four cents per person for a full page ad. (This follows current accepted statistics that each newspaper is read by two or more persons.)

Abaco extends 50 miles to the south and 60 miles to the north from Marsh Harbour. Selling the paper would add another logistical exercise in keeping up with the quantity at each outlet, counting the returns and collecting the money. We prefer to follow the model used by many community papers and distribute them freely.

We welcome suggestions and will print appropriate stories by guest writers. We accept press releases but reserve the right to edit them and remove the huff and puff.

Churches and charitable organizations are given advertising discounts. Since advertising revenues are the foundation of the paper, we cannot give charitable organizations free ads - particularly in view of how much happens here which is charitable in one sense or another.

We want to express our appreciation to all our advertisers that have supported us through the years. We hope that your advertising has benefitted your business. Our readers are also appreciated. It is our hope that this paper has been beneficial to the growth of Abaco

All About Town

How to Talk with Your Children

By Isobel Sherman

The United States has developed many resources in the fight to keep their children safe. Some of these tips and resources can be adapted to the Bahamas. In the United States the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children divides abductions in their database into two categories. The first is family child abductions and the second is non-family child abductions. The center says that every child, no matter the age, sex or race, is vulnerable to being abducted.

In 1999 the database stated that in non-family abductions 59 percent of children abducted

were between the ages of 15-17, 22 percent between the ages of 12-14, 12 percent between the ages of 6-11 and 7 percent between the ages of 0-5 years. It is clear from these statistics that the older the child the more likely he/she is to be abducted. The United States also learned that 65 percent are females and 35 percent males that are abducted and in most cases the persons who is abducting the child or the family knows the child.

The United States says that the single factor that makes children at risk is that their parents and teachers do not talk to them about child safety. Parents must be aware of all of their children's activities and have open communication with them. Teach them the buddy

system which means children travel two or more together and tell them it is all right to say no if their instincts tell them to say no. Parents should know where their children are and even have them check in from time to time.

Parents in the Bahamas living on islands other than Grand Bahamas must be aware that what is happening on Grand Bahama with missing boys could happen on any island. Parents know where your children are at all times especially the older ones.

Even when the case of the missing five boys is solved, parents on all of the islands must keep vigilance over their children especially their junior high and high school aged children.

Children's Safety Issues

By Portia Jonsson

It Only Takes a Minute

During my recent visit to Nassau my sister and I took our children to the local playground to play. There were a couple of other girls there that were older between the ages of 6 and 8.

My daughter loves to play with other girls so when she went over and was talking to them, I kept a close eye on her. When the two girls had to leave to go home, my daughter followed and I was close behind them telling her that she had to stay with me. The 6-year-old offered to take my little girl home with her. I laughed and thanked her and thought "how nice" as I retrieved my girl.

After the girls left and my daughter had moved on to the slide, my sister said, "See how easy it would be?" I didn't understand, "Easy what?" My sister said, "Do you see how easy it would be to lure Nico away?" She was talking about the two girls and, of course, there was no evil intent on the 6 and 8 year old to lure my daughter away, but in an instant I realized that my sister was right. It would only take 60 seconds to lure my loving, trusting child away from me!

It was also in that moment that I realized how many dangers in our world there truly are and how many times it would have only taken a minute for my children to disappear. Minutes in the store when my back was turned grabbing for the milk, butter, eggs, or whatever, even that minute when I had turned around to see a man talking to my daughter.

Like most, I am a watchful parent. I have even been told I am actually over-protective, but I am among the many parents today who have a full load of responsibilities in addition to caring for my children. In between juggling work, monitoring school, play dates, handling doctor appointments, shopping and for most parents it does not end there.

Even at the safest moments things can happen; sometimes they are funny and sometimes they are downright scary. All parents know how long it takes for chaos to break loose, seconds!

With our lives being so busy, it is easy to forget that it only takes a minute to give a hug or kiss, to say "I love you," to play with

toys, to color, to say a word of encouragement, AND it only takes a minute for all of that to disappear.

Safe Road Rules Are for Students, Too

Since school has reopened and many school children are using the road as a means to getting back and forth to school, Forest Drive has become a nightmare again. Not only because of the traffic but because of students lack of respect for road rules and safety. Believe it or not, this is not only the behavior of the primary school students but the high school students as well. They have no regard for vehicles and feel that they have the right of the road. Groups of sometimes up to five students walk side by side in the road with their backs to oncoming traffic. Other times they choose to walk or run out in front of an approaching vehicle without looking.

During my recent talks with Mrs. Belinda McIntosh at the Department of Road Traffic, she informed me that the government is trying to implement a student driving course on the high school curriculum so students can learn the importance of road safety. But we cannot leave it all up to the government to educate our children about road safety we must do our part to teach them from an early age. Children under age 10 are not yet able to judge speed, distance, or direction. Their behavior is unpredictable and compulsive and they are easily distracted.

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Letters to the Editor

Deport Them All

Dear Editor:

They came here from a nearby foreign land, from a culture which exports violence. Once a few got in, they started to reproduce like rabbits. Now they even mix up their genes with ours, corrupting our peaceful Bahamian disposition. Some Bahamians argue that they need them to keep an eye on the yard. Now they are taking over. The streets are no longer safe. Children and tourists are attacked in broad daylight. Even the police seem unable to stop their violence. Just this month I have seen four brutal assault victims at my office.

Who can stop them? Is it too late? The community seems to be full of do-gooders who protect them, arguing that "It's just their nature" and insisting "They are people too." Oh really?

If this is the case, charge each one of these "people" with their crimes. If they can't understand the charges, let their defenders pay the penalties. Maybe their yard is more important than everybody else's right to walk the streets unmolested.

People of Abaco, let's get tough. Let's take back our island. I say, deport them all. Yes, let's clear the island of every vicious dog.

Marc Binard

Need to Develop Fall Tourist Season

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have been reading about the question of all (or most) tourism services closing for the months of September and October every year.

I think we are missing a very big target market. I have always said that September is my favorite time to travel anywhere in the world, everyone is back in their cages, the weather is still good and the crowds have gone. The yuppie market (the baby-boomers) is the largest and most prolific market of all times. Right now their kids are in college (so they don't have to be home for school in September), they have four to six weeks vacation every year and they have got lots of money. It's a simple market plan to attract the 48 to 65-year-old crowd to Abaco at that time of year. Tourism in Nassau could design a campaign for tourism in Abaco.

I agree that we all need a rest from the season, but some people think that two months is one month too much. This would be the answer. What do you think, Mr. Cornish, in Tourism?

Kind regards,

Kathleen Frederick

North Abaco Regresses

Dear Editor,

In the last 20 minutes I have received a phone call from clients that have come to our resort in October for the last four years. They were calling from a hotel in Fort Lauderdale where they were sent after being told by Gulfstream that their flight to Treasure Cay (booked months ago!) was not operating and that any effort to put them on another airline could not be met.

At the same time I got an e-mail from a nice honeymoon couple who are coming next Monday. They had been advised today that Continental was not operating from Miami to Treasure next Monday and that they could be flown to Nassau and then PAY for a one way on Bahamasair to Treasure Cay. Of course, I E-mailed back that Bahamasair has NOT been flying to Treasure Cay since August. My clients e-mailed back that they called again and were told that, indeed, they would be flown directly to Treasure Cay on October 13th.

What is the sense of spending millions on promoting the Family Islands if you cannot even get here! In the past year Treasure Cay airport went from being serviced by two US Air flights with a capacity of 76 seats to one plane with 19 seats. Bahamasair had two

flights a day, now we have none. Air Sunshine has its own problems and so do a lot of the commuters. Also most clients do not know about these and therefore cannot even use them.

We now have more inventory than we ever had. Every homeowner seems to be renting their properties and we have less "lift" than ever.

My question is: WHO DO WE HAVE AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO HELP US WITH THIS PROBLEM?

Ministry of Tourism is certainly not the answer and neither is the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board. Unless we do something about this quickly, our economy will suffer greatly.

We have a suggestion to make. What is the feasibility of having a ferry service from Freeport to the WEST side of Abaco? We need to bring hundreds of people, not just eight or nine at a time. A new ferry is starting from Palm Beach to Freeport on November 2nd. It would be ideal to have service on a smaller boat four times a week or more from Freeport to Abaco.

We now need to think "out of the box" and come up with a novel approach before we lose anymore clients. We have the Ministry trying to come up with scheme in the fall to bring in more clients. How about making sure that the ones that are already booked can get here!

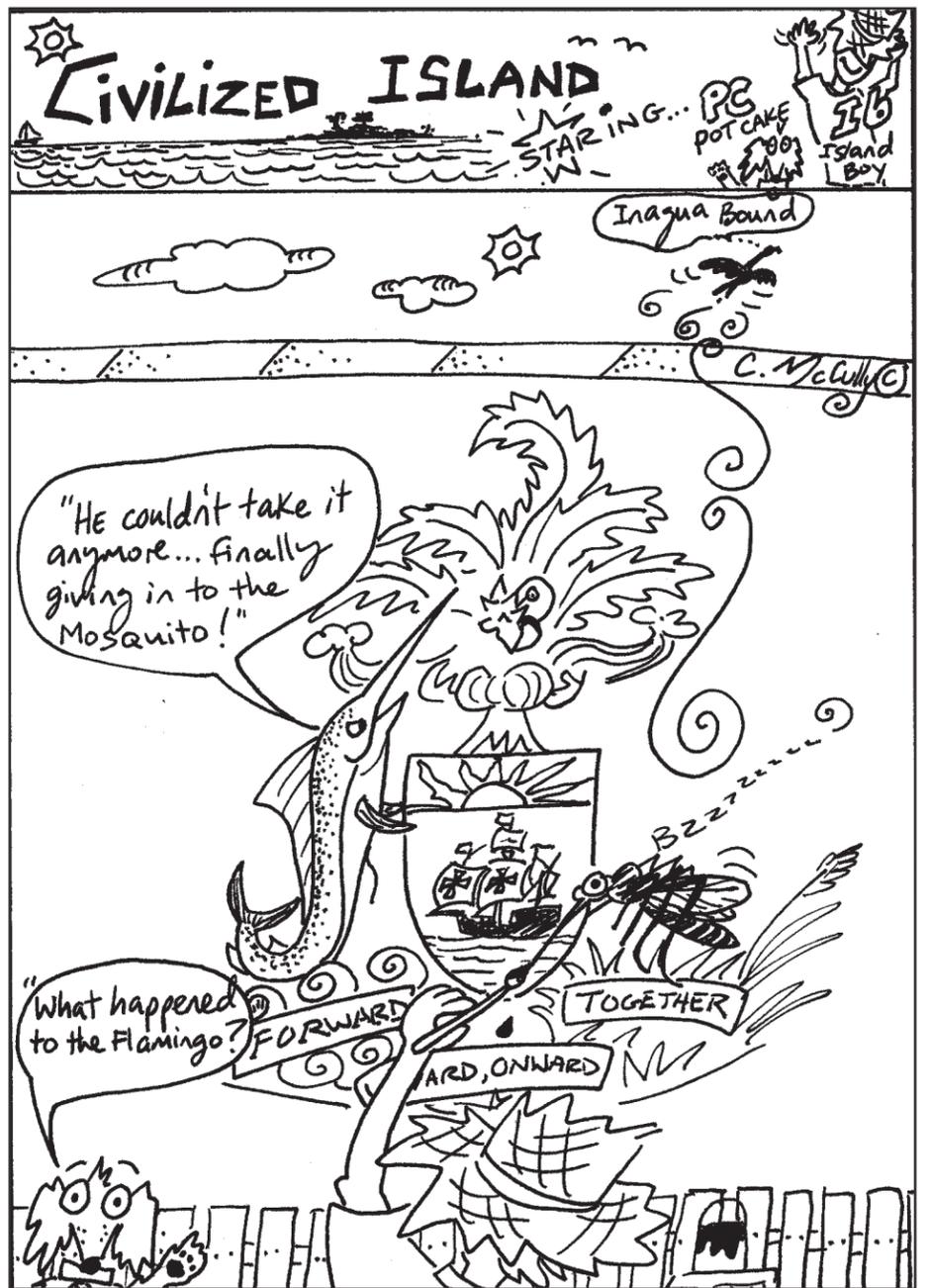
Nicole Fleming
Coco Bay Cottages

Editor's Note: Bahamasair discontinued service to Treasure Cay for only a few days in August. But Bahamasair resumed service to Treasure Cay from Nassau twice a day on four days a week and has continued this service. The national airline has no plans to eliminate or reduce their flights to Treasure Cay. Additionally, Treasure Cay has flights four times weekly from Miami, four times weekly from Fort Lauderdale and three times weekly from West Palm Beach by the major carriers. Commuter planes offer service in addition to these flights. Service to Marsh Harbour is also greatly reduced during September and October due to lack of business but both airports will see increased flights in November.

Wants Florida Network Television

Dear Mr. Ralph,

I find the change that the Bahamas Cable Co. has made from the Florida networks to California and other northern stations is quite incomprehensible. Many people who have the cable here have it only for the Florida stations for the weather information and because they own property in Florida. Most people have dishes and don't really need the cable except for the Florida stations. We were not even notified that a change was being made and have been told that the Florida stations will not be available again. I hope that you publish this or any other letter that you re-



ceive pertaining to this problem and possibly an explanation as to why this has happened.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tonia Van Mill, Pelican Shores
Misses Florida Network Television

Dear Dave:

We are very disappointed that Cable Bahamas has lost (or refused to comply) the ability to receive the south Florida cable networks. Our family, as well as I'm sure many Bahamians, are lost without the ability to view local news and mostly the weather. You being in the "know" may have the answer WHY????

Thanks for the help.
Grant Johnson, Eastern Shore

Editor's Note: We contacted Mr. Eric Russell, General Manager, Grand Bahama and Abaco, of Cable Bahamas, Ltd. who replied to our request for information about this. His reply follows:

"We are currently conducting some engi-

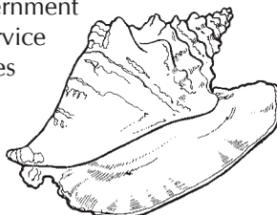
neering work in Abaco that requires us taking off the feeds from the Miami-based networks. To avoid a complete interruption in service, we temporarily replace the Miami-based network signals with signals from the Boston area. This is temporary and only on an occasional basis when work is actually being carried out. You can assure your readers that these temporary changes will be kept to a minimum and that there are no plans to permanently replace the Miami-based networks."



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Local Charter Acquires a Caravan

A \$1.6 million Cessna Caravan turbo-prop aircraft is now based in Marsh Harbour. Cherokee Air's chief pilot and owner, Faron Sawyer, accepted delivery of the new plane and brought it to Abaco on October 3. This aircraft has been accepted world-wide for its low maintenance and high performance standards.

The single engine plane is powered by a Pratt Whitney 650 horse power turbine engine. Since being introduced in 1986, there has not been an engine failure due to mechanical origins. This aircraft is used extensively in Alaska, Africa, Australia and the lower Caribbean with wheels, floats and skis. Federal Express and other commercial carriers make extensive use of this aircraft due to its high reliability and low operating costs. The engine is used extensively by the U.S. military

This is the first single engine aircraft licensed for passengers by the Bahamas government for use over water. Certification is expected in one or two weeks by the United

States FAA for commercial flights into Florida. Cherokee Air expects to put a minimum of 800 hours on the plane in the first year in service. Schedules are being made to service North Eleuthera, Nassau and West Palm Beach.

Although the aircraft is configured for two pilots plus twelve passengers, it has been certified for commercial use by Cherokee Air for a maximum of ten passengers by the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority. It is frequently flown commercially by one pilot when used solely for freight. It can be flown with nine passengers and one pilot, but Mr. Sawyer will schedule two pilots to keep the workload more manageable and eliminate pilot fatigue.

In full configuration, there are four rows of seats, two abreast on one side and a single seat on the other side. Two seats are being removed to comply with the ten seat license.

A stretcher kit is on order and the plane has a wide door allowing stretchers or wide cargo to be carried. Each pilot has a door

and there are two doors at the rear for passengers. A luggage pod is below the fuselage. The wheels are on fixed struts, eliminating the need for a hydraulic system and simplifying maintenance.

The plane has an enviable safety record and can glide nearly 50 miles from an altitude of 11,000 feet. It is equipped with radar and an aircraft avoidance system which gives the position of all aircraft within a six-mile or greater radius. It is equipped with de-icing equipment and terrain avoidance equipment.

Depending on the load being carried, the plane has an 800-mile or more range at a cruising speed of approximately 180 miles per hour.

Mr. Sawyer explained that three other pilots besides himself have been to the Cessna factory in Wichita, Kansas, for flight training. They are Robbie Nixon, Roland Marshall and Claude Sawyer. A fourth pilot may join the team.

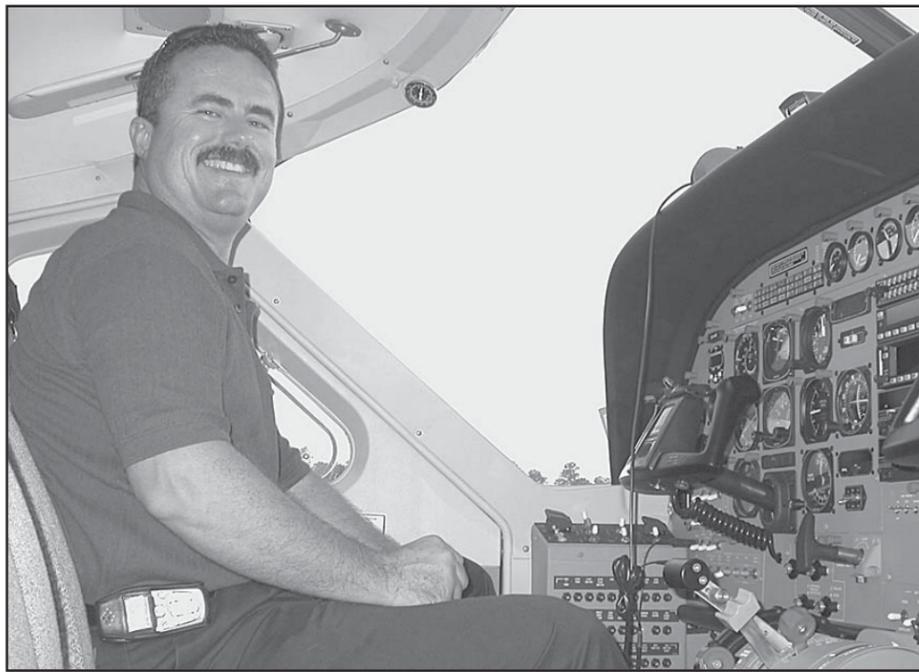
Mr. Marshall is currently certified to perform aircraft maintenance. He will be spending a week at the Cessna factory for specific training for maintenance to this aircraft. In preparation for the aircraft's arrival, Chero-

kee Air built a storm resistant hanger west of the present terminal.

Mr. Sawyer initially rejected Cessna representatives when first approached about two years ago due to the price tag. However, with the help of several local investors and concessions by Cessna, this turbine-powered aircraft is now the flagship of Cherokee's three-plane fleet. Mr. Sawyer appreciates Cessna officials "for making things happen." The Bahamas Development Bank was also very supportive.

With the licensing of this aircraft in the Bahamas, Cessna is looking forward to selling the turbo-prop Caravan to other Bahamian charter companies. They feel that with the initial hurdles overcome, the plane has a great future in the Bahamas.

The plane was accepted by Mr. Sawyer on October 2 and flown to South Florida. He was met in Miami by a representative of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority, who flew with Mr. Sawyer into Nassau for a final acceptance by authorities. The plane landed in Marsh Harbour late in the afternoon of October 3 and was greeted by family and friends.



Chief pilot Faron Sawyer prepares to take Cherokee Air's new Caravan to the hanger after arriving in Marsh Harbour on October 3 with the new plane. He was warmly welcomed by family and friends on his arrival with the new plane. The \$1.6 million aircraft is powered by a reliable Pratt Whitney turbine engine and cruises at 180 mph. Scheduled charter flights will soon be announced which will provide service to Eleuthera, Nassau and West Palm Beach several times weekly. The plane will be configured to carry 10 passengers and two pilots.

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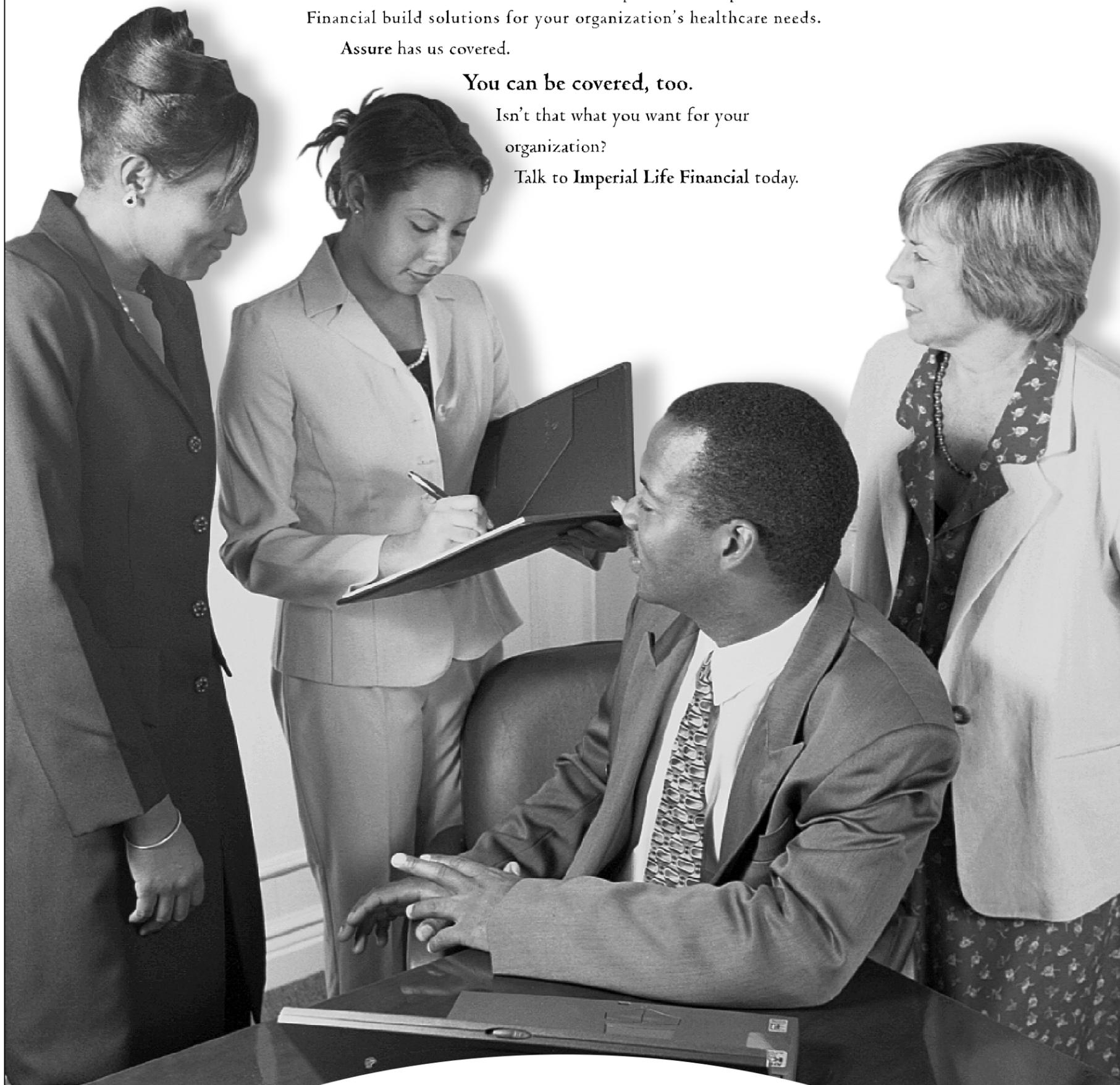
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School News

Computers

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the schools on behalf of the corporation. Also present was Mr. Gary Sawyer representing Abaco Petroleum Limited which donated six computer systems.

Thanking ZNS for their promotion, Mr. Gary Sawyer said Texaco is all about building their community.

Mr. Hezekiah Dean, District Superintendent for Abaco was present and said that every school should be proud and thankful to ZNS. He is sure that the computers would be put to good use. He added that Abaco is fortunate to have corporate citizens like Mr. Sawyer, who believe in the youth of today. This is a very good start and encourages others to do more, he concluded.

Student Enrollment

By Portia Jonsson

Great Guana Cay School

There are seven students attending Great Guana Cay School with one teacher, Mrs. Sherry Pinder,

who also serves as Principal. Mrs. Pinder has held this position since 1980. Classes range from K5-Grade 8. A Harvest Festival is planned for the end of October at the school.

Moore's Island Public School

One hundred forty-two students are currently enrolled at the Moore's Island Public School and a staff of eight teachers. Despite a shortage in teachers, the school continues to "press on." The Ministry of Education has promised to assist in allocating a few more teachers to the school in the near future. Classes range from Grades 1-9.

Every Child Counts Learning Centre

The number of students enrolled at Every Child Counts Learning Centre for the new school year is 36, an increase from 24 last year. Two new teachers have joined the school's staff. Vocational Teacher, Mr. Marsden Lawley, will be working with the older kids preparing them for job training. Ms. Melanie Mesada is trained a pre-school handicap teacher.

World Teachers' Day

By Isobel Sherman

October 5 was World Teacher's Day, a day celebrating the teaching profession worldwide. On October 3 Mr. Hezekiah Dean, out-going District Superintendent of Education on Abaco, held a meeting for all teachers on Abaco at the Abaco Beach Hotel. The meeting was to say goodbye to the teachers on Abaco as Mr. Dean moves on to become District Superintendent in Grand Bahama and to introduce the new District Superintendent for Abaco, Mr. Joel Lewis. Mr. Lewis is coming from North Andros where he was principal of North Andros High School and Acting District Superintendent for North Andros.

Abaco Central High School

By Isobel Sherman

Web Page Is Begun

Abaco Central High School now has a web site. Designed and developed by Mr. Mohammed Rahim, Head of Social Studies Department, you can access the ACH web site at www.coraltools.com/~achs/index.html

The web site has a home page and a page for each department in the school as well as a calendar of events and a PTA notice page. While many pages are still under construction, pay a visit to the site. Mr. Rahim will

Please see **School**

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Representative students, teachers and administrators were appreciative the presentation of 30 computers, two for each government school on Abaco. The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas raised the funding to provide computers to schools throughout the country and made their presentation to Abaco on October 9.



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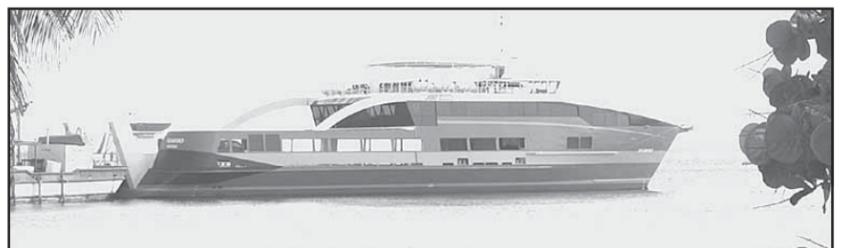


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More School News

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welcome comments. He began to think about a web site last school year and over the summer worked on it. On September 28 the web site was launched.

Community Service

As part of the requirements for graduation from Abaco Central High School, each student must complete 25 hours in community service. Five of those hours can be done at the school. Anyone wishing to have assistance, for instance, elderly persons who need their windows cleaned, can call the high school and ask for help. You will have to complete a form when the student finishes.

Special Assembly

On October 8 Radio Abaco aired a live assembly from Abaco Central High School.

The eleventh grade home room classes of Mr. Duncombe and Mr. Roberts put on a program dedicated to Bahamian heroes. Special guest speaker was Pastor Derek Benjamin of New Vision Ministries.

School Situation Explained

The president of the PTA of Abaco Central High School would like to explain the circumstances at Abaco Central High School.

A previous issue of *The Abaconian* stated that the students at that school have not had any drinking water fountains since Hurricane Floyd destroyed the fountains. The president explained that he has been in the position of president since 1999 and the topic of water fountains has not been brought up at any PTA meeting. At one time parents were concerned

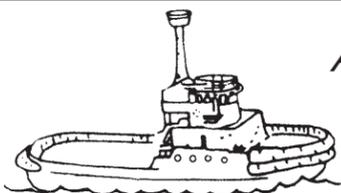
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A luncheon was held on October 3 at Abaco Beach Resort to commemorate Teacher Appreciation Day. Special speaker for the occasion was Pastor Cedric Beckles from Freeport, Grand Bahama. Mr. Hezekiah Dean, District Superintendent for Abaco will be leaving to return to Grand Bahamas to the post of District Superintendent for Grand Bahamas. He introduced the District Superintendent taking his place, Mr. Joel Lewis, who is presently on Andros. Shown above are, left to right, Pastor Beckles, Mr. Dean and Mr. Lewis.



St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour named their outstanding students for the month of September. They are, back row, left to right, Seon Simon (Grade 9), Theodore Sawyer (Grade 12), Stephen Malone (Grade 8), Billy Dee Robinson (Grade 6), Giovanni Bain (Grade 10) middle row, left to right, Amanda Long (Grade 7), Pamela Smith (Grade 5), James Boyce (Grade 2), Alysia Boyce (Grade 4), Ashlea Archer (Grade 11), front row, left to right, Kelsey Burrows (Grade 1), Monica Albury (Pre-Kindergarten), Dana Malone (Kindergarten) and Devin Winder (Grade 3).



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Road Traffic Month Is Observed

By Portia Jonsson

The Road Traffic Department of The Bahamas in conjunction with Texaco Bahamas Limited is celebrating Road Traffic Month during the entire month of October. This year's theme is *One Life Lost Is One Too Many*. Both government and private primary and high school students attended a presentation promoting Road Safety organized by the two groups on October 9 at New Vision Ministries where the students received valuable lifelong lessons in the rules of the road.

Delivering the keynote address to the school students was the Hon. Glenys Hanna-

Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, who said that road safety is not just a slogan or cliché; it is a reality in our country. It is a serious critical phenomenon in The Bahamas. Statistics show that young people are the most likely group to be involved in accidents which cause a high fatality rate. It is her hope that next year Abaco distinguishes itself with a zero figure in fatal car accidents.

Police Officer David Lockhart, Crash Reconstruction Specialist, delivered a very sobering message to the students. This was his fourth and happiest trip to Abaco for the

year because the first three trips were because of fatal car accidents. The country has recorded 29 car fatalities for the year and of that number, four have occurred on Abaco, three males and one female. Presently, this total doubles that of last year's record. Mr. Lockhart stated that all the victims of this year's car fatalities were under the age of 35 and as young as three years old. Traffic fatalities are the number one cause of accidental death worldwide and emphasized the importance of obeying the traffic laws and wearing seatbelts.

Chauncey Bethel, a 12th grade student from Nassau and National Youth Safety Spokesperson for Texaco, spoke to the students about road safety and peer pressure in teenage drinking and driving. Seventy percent of all teenagers drink alcohol. There is a 20 percent chance that in a family of five, one person would be involved in an alcohol-related car accident. Drunk driving is a deadly violent crime. He advised the students, "In the game of life, it's best to play it safe. Think twice, live once."

Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Transport, said road safety is everyone's business. It is important to understand the rules of the road. He stated that education is important when talking about road safety. He reminded students about finishing their goals and admonished them not to cut their lives short. "If you disobey the rules of the road," he said, "You will

pay the price."

Mr. Algernon Cargill, Marketing Manager with Texaco Bahamas Limited recognized students Rebecca Risberg, Ashlea Archer and Clarence Albury for their support and excellent participation in Texaco's speech competition.

Students enjoyed a Brainminders presentation put on by Ms. Major and members of the Anchor Club of Abaco Central High School. The brainminders program teaches kids how to be safe in and out of school. This program was presented to primary school children last year. The program uses pictures of animals wearing seatbelts, helmets, walking in single file and other road safety rules. The presentation was enjoyed by all present. The Anchor Club will visit churches and schools throughout the month of October educating others about road safety.



A group from the Road Traffic Department and Texaco Bahamas, Ltd. held two assemblies for school students in Marsh Harbour and in Cooper's Town. Their keynote speaker was the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, who emphasized the serious nature of road safety. Pictured above are, left to right, Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, a Texaco representative, Mrs. Hanna-Martin, and Mr. Gary Sawyer of Abaco Petroleum Company.

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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Sports News

Texaco Pirates Lose National Championship

The Texaco Pirates won the Abaco Softball Championship outscoring over the other four teams on Abaco. They then traveled to Nassau to compete for the National Championship sponsored by the Bahamas Softball Association. They won two out of their five games, beating Eleuthera and Grand Bahama. However, they were not able to win the championship.

The Texaco Pirates have had a very good year. The team

is made up mostly of Man-O-War players with a couple of players from Marsh Harbour and a couple from Black Wood. In addition to playing the other Abaco teams, they have played in international competitions in Orlando, Florida, and Alabama. They have had to play all their Abaco games in Cooper's Town because the Man-O-War field is not regulation size. This meant a trip there by boat and car twice per week for the season. The Man-O-War group is working to bring their field to the standards required. Some would like to see a good playing field in Marsh Harbour which would be a central location for all teams.

Andrew Albury proudly displays the trophy that he won for being the best right fielder at the recent National Softball Championship held in Nassau. This is the only trophy that the Texaco Pirates brought back from the competition.



Remote Controlled Sailboats Create Popular Pasttime



The Marsh Harbour Sailing Club has been pursuing their love of sailing in a less demanding mode than their normal Sunfish. Eight of their members frequently meet at high tide on Saturdays at the head of the harbour and race radio-controlled Laser model sailboats. The boats shown above racing to the downwind mark recently belong to Stewart Stratton, Andy Stratton, Randy Key, Astrid Stratton, Jim Kaighan, Liann Key Kaighan, Charlie Cook and Mathew Janes. A trip to Pelican Shores on a Saturday at high tide may find the fleet in full racing form where the road skirts the water's edge at the foot of the hill. Parking is ample and spectators are welcome.

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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

Guy Fawkes Night Celebration

By Jennifer Hudson

On November 5th the community of Green Turtle Cay will be holding an "Old Fashioned Guy Fawkes Night." The fun is scheduled to begin between 5 and 5:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 8:30 or 9 p.m. A ferry will be scheduled to take people back to the mainland at the end of the proceedings for a special round trip fare. It is hoped that many adults and children will attend this interesting and fun-filled event.

In recent years the tradition of burning a guy in commemoration of the unsuccessful plot in 1605 to blow up the British Houses of Parliament by Guy Fawkes has become forgotten but in years gone by it was a great celebration with the burning of guys on the bonfire and roasting of potatoes and sausages

in the ashes.

A major feature will be a guy contest and the committee would like to encourage as many people as possible to make a guy and enter it in the competition. The entry fee will be \$10 per guy and several prizes will be awarded. In addition to the guy contest there will also be dancing of the guys, burning of the guys, hay-rides and island music. A story teller will be on hand to tell the story of Guy Fawkes and there will also be "Old Time" and regular native foods on sale.

A special charter ferry will leave the Treasure Cay ferry dock at 6 p.m. for Green Turtle Cay and will return at 9 p.m. Cost will be \$10 round trip. If anyone wants to charter at a different time, call 365-4166.

Heritage Day Is Planned

By Jennifer Hudson

Twelve concerned community members on Green Turtle Cay have decided that it is time

to rediscover and celebrate their roots. Thus, the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee has been formed with Mr. Alton Lowe and Mrs. Karen McIntosh as co-chairs and Mrs. Kendi Anderson as co-ordinator. The aim is to promote the island's heritage, history, independence and their Key West, Florida, connection. Key West was declared sister city to Green Turtle Cay in 1977 at the first Island Roots Festival and they would like to renew their connections. They would especially like to introduce children to the history which most know very little about.

An Island Roots Heritage Festival is planned for May 7-9, 2004. On May 7th the 60-member Key West Chorale will perform at Mr. Alton Lowe's Art Gallery in White Sound. May 8th will be a day of celebration in the town centre with plenty of fun and attractions for young and old. Various activities will take place in different locations in the town. A historical video will be shown in the Court House, and ring plays, Maypole plaiting, old time kites, a Junkanoo rush and Bunce man will be featured on the basketball courts. Many booths will be set up and a major attraction will be the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and Pop Band. On May

9th the celebrations will come to a close with an Ecumenical Church service.

The committee would like to see the Island Roots Heritage Festival become an annual event with people eventually coming from far and wide to participate.

In order to raise funds for this endeavour the committee will be holding several fund raising events, the first of which will be an Old Fashioned Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th.

Man-O-War

Arthur Elden competed once again in two body building competitions in Florida. On September 20 he competed in the N.P.C. Hurricane Bay Body Building Championships in Tampa and placed second in the 60 and over division. A few days later he competed in the N.P.C. Southeastern US Championships, again placing second, losing first place by only one point.

Great Guana Cay

Town Meeting Is Held

The Guana Cay schoolhouse came to life on October 2 for a lively town meeting. The

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A town meeting was held on Great Guana Cay on October 2 to discuss the problems facing the community. Many topics were discussed including police issues, traffic, roads, the lack of adequate parking and the deteriorating state of the public dock. Similar meetings will be held in Man-O-War and Hope Town in the near future.



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More News of the Cays

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meeting was led by Administrator Alexander Williams and Walter Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District. The panel included Abaco Chief of Police, ASP Clarence Russell, Customs Officer Cleveland Dawkins, Environmental Health Officer Bertha McPhee, Port Director Captain Cyril Roker and Agricultural Officer David Knowles.

It was pointed out to the residents that security is a new issue for the Bahamas to contend with. We are used to an open society but other people are interested in using our openness and our extensive unpatrolled coastal areas to their advantage in conducting illicit activities.

Without giving details ASP Russell said several authorities were aware of incidents happening and passing through Guana Cay that even the residents might not be aware of. Funds, resources and manpower are scarce, and there is not enough money to do all that must be done. Mr. Williams told how rising expectations in most Bahamian settlements are demanding more than government can possible produce.

Once questions from the audience were taken, no one on the panel could give the status of the development slated for the north end of Guana Cay. Residents are concerned about the wetlands and creek on government land outside the 700 acres being discussed for development. Mr. Williams promised to inquire about it.

It was brought out that repairs to the public dock have been approved but details on the time schedule for these repairs were not known. During the discussion, it was suggested that the shore line beside the dock be

bulkheaded for freight boats, allowing a smaller dock for ferry passengers and small boats. Presently, on freight days passengers, school children, trucks and freight all compete for the use of the dock.

Dredging beside the bulkhead might be necessary to accommodate a boat at the shore. The fill generated would be used behind the bulkhead. This would allow the road to be widened enough for two golf carts to pass and provide parking and space for freight.

The dock was substantially rebuilt about ten years ago. However, the growth of Guana Cay and the increased freight demands are responsible for the dock's poor condition. It was suggested the bulkhead might be a better solution than rebuilding the dock as increased growth will mean even more severe demands to the dock.

The suggestions were well taken and will be passed on to central government.

A request was made for a resident police officer to curtail drug use and movement through town, children driving golf carts, and suppress other undesirable activities. ASP Russell replied that there are persons in Guana Cay who are quite happy with no police. He suggested that the town prepare a formal written request with suggestions on how government could effectively station an officer on Guana Cay.

Cherokee recently went through this exercise, finding a suitable residence and building for a police station. Government is studying the proposal and may station an officer there. Mr. Russell is interested in establishing a police presence on Guana Cay as undesirable persons are either passing through or becoming comfortable there.

Converting the traffic pattern in town to a one-way pattern was discussed. Widening the

waterfront road by several feet would allow two golf carts to pass and could be easily accomplished along most of the roadway. This was felt to be a better long term traffic solution than imposing a one-way design. A restriction at the liquor store could be overcome by moving the front door of the store to the side and using the space gained for a wider road. The owner would be compensated by allowing expansion on the harbour side.

Administrator Williams asked the Guana residents to study the various traffic options carefully. He spoke of the Hope Town experience where traffic bumps were unanimously wanted and installed. Once in place, the opposition to the bumps was quite vocal. Apparently, those wanting the bumps attended the meeting while those opposed stayed home. He did not want to repeat that exercise.

The widened road and expanded parking on the west side of the public dock recently completed was praised. A similar expansion on the other side and would be desirable. This could be tied in with the proposed freight dock bulkhead and extend the wall along the shore as funds permit. This would give more parking at the dock which the town needs badly.

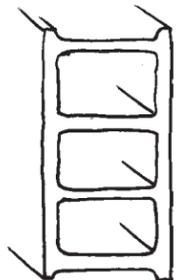
Mr. Knowles of Agriculture was questioned about pigeon hunters shooting close to town. He said it is illegal to shoot from a boat and the law is vague about other aspects of hunting. He said it is illegal to discharge firearms to the annoyance or endangerment of residents.

Questions about reopening the clinic were not answered. It was known that a clinic for Guana Cay is on government's mind, although nothing specific could be said.

The meeting concluded with Chairman Sweeting being puzzled that the garbage problem was not mentioned once and Ms. McPhee was not called to task. A voice in the back of the room said it was agreed to leave the garbage off the schedule so other topics could surface. Ms. McPhee did comment that garbage was accumulating in the swamp at the foot of Nippers and those responsible would be hearing from her.

The hour and a half meeting concluded with the announcement that a similar event would take place in Man-O-War in two weeks and one in Hope Town a week later.

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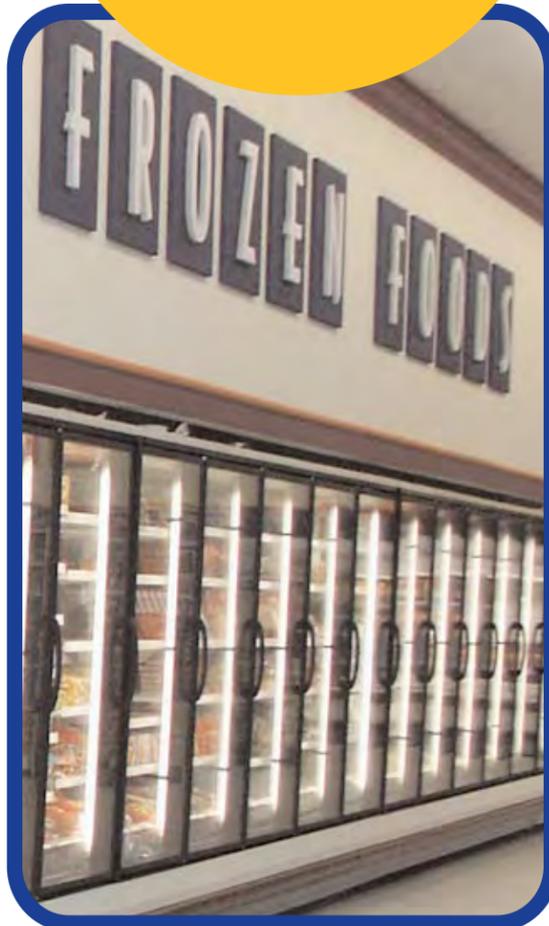
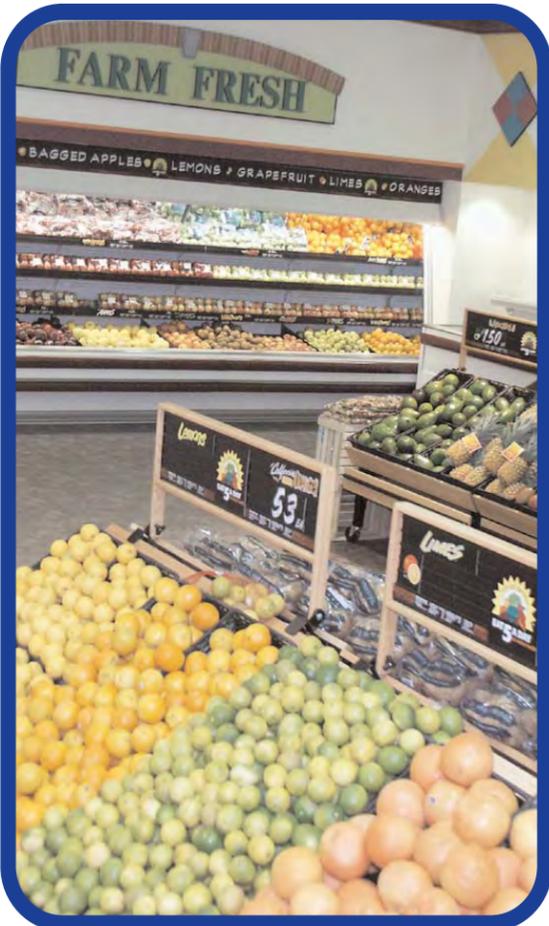
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Locals Artists Impress Nassau

By Jennifer Hudson

On September 19th seven artists from Abaco staged a very successful exhibition in the Art Gallery of the Central Bank of The Bahamas in Nassau under the theme *The Fantasy and Reality of Abaco*. Showing were Lori Higgs-Thompson, Vince McWeeney, Colette Rolle, Beth Sweeting, Marjolein Scott, Harriet Thompson and Jeep Byers. Altogether there were 81 pieces of art on display, the majority of which were in the form of paintings employing various mediums but in addition Harriet Thompson displayed her unique pine-needle baskets while Vince McWeeney added a humorous touch

with some bold ceramic pieces.

The exhibition, which was extremely colourful and reflective of the islands, was opened by the Hon. Neville Wisdom, Minister of Youth and Culture, who said how very impressed he was with the talents of the Abaco artists. He stated that they can hold their own with artists anywhere in the world.

A large crowd gathered for the opening night of the exhibition which ran for three weeks, and the artists were touched that so many Abaconians made the trip into Nassau to show their support. The works of art were very much admired and all the artists were happy with the sales they made. The com-

ment was made by an employee who is present at almost all the Central Bank art show openings that he had never before seen so many red dots (denoting sold) on pieces of work on an opening night.

The invited guests perused the works to a soothing background of light classical music provided by violinist Jennifer Hudson.

Well known artist Mr. Antonius Roberts, Curator of the Central Bank Art Gallery, expressed how happy he was to have hosted the exhibition. All works for display must first be approved by him and he said that he

was very impressed by the body of work which was not only bright and cheerful and very Caribbean but was one of the finest exhibitions of the year.

The artists would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Roberts for his assistance in staging the exhibition, to his assistant, Ms. Nicole Stacey Humes, for hanging all the pictures and to the Mr. Wisdom for opening the exhibition. They would like to thank Bristol Cellars and Montagu Gardens for their contributions of wine and food.

Good News for BEC Consumers

By Jennifer Hudson

Electricity consumers on Abaco along with the rest of the Bahamas can rejoice in the news that on October 1st, for the first time in history, the cost of electricity was reduced. According to Mr. Bradley Roberts, Minister responsible for Bahamas Electricity Corporation, a residential consumer using up to 800 kwh monthly will see a decrease of 17 percent in their monthly bills. The corporation has made the decision to affect the largest percent of reduction for the customer at the lowest end of the income scale. Residential customers who consume up to 1200 kwh per month will realize a 12 percent reduction.

The reduction rates will be slightly lower for commercial customers. On average, a small commercial customer consuming 1,200 units per month with the new tariff rate change and fuel surcharge adjustment will realise an 11 per cent reduction in monthly electricity bills. Large commercial customers will benefit from a five per cent reduction in the tariff rate, a two per cent reduction in the fuel surcharge adjustments and a

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Six Abaco artists were selected for a special art exhibition at the Art Gallery of the Central Bank of The Bahamas. Their show was very successful and made a great impression on the viewers. They are shown above, front row left to right, Beth Sweeting, Lori Higgs-Thompson, Harriet Thompson, Colette Rolle, Jeep Byers and in the back row Vince McWeeney and Marjolein Scott.

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Price:

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Custom Timber Peg ocean front home, views of Tilloo Cay and beyond. 3B/3B, spacious kitchen open to great room, large wrap around deck with pool, and private dock slip at Tahiti Beach.



Price:

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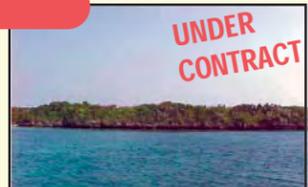
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- ★ **Bahama Palm Shores** - Elegant 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - 2,000 sq.ft. home. with 1 bedroom, 1 bath detached cottage/apartment on double lot over 2/3 acre Near beach - Auxillary Generator. # AB87 - **\$430,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour - "Pelican Point"** - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home - 1 bedroom, 1 bath garage apartment - 2 Acres -private dock - Fabulous Views. - Furnished # AB67 **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Cove Estates - "Laura's Hideaway" -Duplex - 2-2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments, plus efficiency, 3 separate living units - great location, excellent rental income, furnished. # AB44 - **\$187,500.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Eastern Shores - "Beach Point House" - 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,500 sq.ft. home. 1,200 sq.ft. of verandahs and decks. 3/4 acre on Sea of Abaco - Two complete living units, Beach Great views. # AB89 - **\$1,450,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - "Spinnaker Point" - 3 bedrooms - 3 baths - 1,320 sq.ft. Home, Private 50' Lay-along Boat Dock, Tastefully furnished and fully equipped # AB93 - **\$595,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Eastern Shores - "Lookout House" - 4 bedroom, 3 baths - 1,600 sq.ft. on sea-to-sea 3/4 acre. New addition and renovation. Natural foliage - Private dock - Fabulous views - Furnished. # AB91 - **\$1,120,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Lightbourn" - Commercial - Almost 2 Acres - Prime Queen Elizabeth Drive Location, near stoplight - 3,600 sq.ft. Store or warehouse. # AB - AB99 - **\$1,400,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Commercial - over 1/3 Fenced Acre - 2,160 sq.ft. Showroom/Office/Warehouse Building - Perfect for service business or wholesaler - AB110 - **\$290,000.**
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Villa Douglas" - Great Abaco Club - 3 bedrooms - 3 baths - 2,650 sq.ft. Home, Upper and Lower Covered Verandas, Garage - Private Dock, Boat Lift - Beautifully Furnished. #AB71- **\$1,320,000.**



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NEW LISTING

"Ceylon's Isle" - "Rosewood"

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"Lady Bug Loft"

Elbow Cay - Dorros Cove - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,600 sq.ft new home, on almost 1/2 Acre overlooking Tahiti Beach. Private boat slip. Superb views and great proximity to beach and docking facilities. Fully Furnished # AB83 - **\$840,000.**



NEW LISTING

"Sunset Point Resort"

Marsh Harbour - Busic Bay - 8 Unit Bonefishing resort, with fifty seat Lazy Parrot Restaurant and Bar. Central Air-conditioning. Fresh water swimming pool. Excellent investment opportunity. AB100 - **\$901,000.**



"Harbour View Villa"

Marsh Harbour - Pelican Shores - 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 5,500 sq.ft. centrally air-conditioned home on approx. 1 acre with 115' of harbour frontage. Swimming Pool. Private dock. Great Harbour Views - beautifully landscaped #AB106 **Price Upon Request.**



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Murphy Town - WHY RENT?
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Great Guana Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and North Abaco

- ★ **Great Guana Cay - "Plum Loco"** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath - 1,228 sq.ft. home - on almost 1/2 acre with 100' of beautiful beachfront. Tastefully Furnished and fully equipped - #AB97- **\$752,000.**
- ★ **Great Guana Cay - "Aquarium"** - Boat Harbour Area - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,100 sq.ft. Home. Great Elevation, Superb views - Fully Equipped. #AB98 - **\$345,000**
- ★ **Green Turtle Cay** - Family Residence - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath -2,265 sq.ft. living space on two floors on 1 1/2 secluded acres. # AB35 - **\$945,000.**
- ★ **Green Turtle Cay - "Surcouf"** - 2,130 sq.ft. home on 1/4 acre - 2nd floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath - separate 1st floor apartment, 1 bedroom, 1 bath Across road from beach. Good rental income potential Furnished - Ready for Occupancy - #AB86 - **NEW PRICE \$585,000.**
- ★ **Leisure Lee - "Leisure's Rest"** - 3 bedroom - 2 full baths, plus 2 -1/2 baths - 2,700 sq.ft. home beautifully landscaped. Fully Furnished. # AB84 - **\$350,000.**
- ★ **Treasure Cay - "Chameleon Bay"** - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,478 sq.ft. Home. 150' of Treasure Cay Beach-front - over 1 1/2 acres. # AB95 - **\$925,000.**
- ★ **Treasure Cay - "Honey's Home"** - 3 bedroom, 3 bath - 1,600 sq.ft. home - 2/3 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal Private Dock with Boat Lift - Great Canal and Sea of Abaco Views. # AB66 - **\$765,000.**
- ★ **Treasure Cay "Oceana"** - Elegant Beach-front home 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,690 sq.ft., 1 bedroom, 1 bath 400 sq.ft. guest house. Garage. Beautifully landscaped and furnished. #AB92 **\$1,590,000**
- ★ **Treasure Cay - "South View"** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath Home. - Canal-front Location - Great Sea of Abaco Views, Good family home - Fully furnished. # AB30 - **\$340,000.**
- ★ **Sand Banks Creek - "Dannie's Den"** - 2 bedroom, 2 bath new home + 80' Waterfront - Almost 1 1/2 wooded acres. - Private Dock - # AB73 - **\$395,000.**



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NEW PRICE

"North Star"

Great Guana Cay - Crossing Bay - 2 bedroom, 2 bath - 2,750 sq.ft. home with 1,100 sq.ft. of open deck - on 2.6 acres with 255' of beautiful Ocean beachfront. Fabulous Ocean and Sea of Abaco Views #AB94 - **NEW PRICE \$995,000**



NEW LISTING

"Plover's Nest"

Green Turtle Cay - Coco Bay - North End 1 bedroom, 1 bath - charming, compact home on 2 1/2 acres - Sea-to-sea - 130' Ocean Frontage and 130' Coco Bay frontage - Private Dock - Furnished #AB109 - **\$995,000**



NEW LISTING

"On De Sound"

Green Turtle Cay - Black Sound - 3 bedroom, 3 bath - 3,000 sq.ft. home on .83 acres. - 180' of waterfront. 1,200 sq.ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage - 320 sq.ft. studio. 195' of private dock - fully equipped.- Great Rental - #AB108 - **\$1,390,000.**



NEW PRICE

"Son Burns"

Treasure Cay - 4 bedroom - 3 bath - 2,160 sq.ft. home On two floors, 750 sq.ft. of open sundeck on upper level, 750 sq.ft. of porch on lower. - almost 3/4 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal - Private Dock - Fully Furnished. # AB72 - **\$575,000.**

☆ **VACANT LAND** ☆

- ☆ **PRIVATE ISLAND - "Carrington Cay"** - 1.4 Acres - Near Leisure Lee - #AB5147 - **\$375,000.**
- ☆ **Bahama Palm Shores** - Beachfront Parcel - 100' wide - over 450' deep - over 1 Acre. Land Cleared for Building. 34' x 26' Storage Building - Pump House - Stairs to Beach - # AB5150 - **\$211,000.**
- ☆ **Cabbage Cove** - 1/3 Acre - Sea of Abaco Beach-front Building Sites - Mid-way between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay - # AB5142 - **\$118,000.**
- ☆ **Elbow Cay** - "Marnie's Creek" - 1/2 acre hillside building sites, a private dock slip for each parcel Fabulous Sea of Abaco views - # AB5114 - from: **\$230,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madiera Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - **\$395,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Coco Sound" - 28 prime residential buildingsites - between Coco Bay and White Sound from 1/4 - 1/2 acre. # AB5090 - from: **\$59,000.**
- ☆ **Man-O-War Cay** - "L.U.A. Tract" - Over 1 Acre - Sea-to-Sea - Private Dock - AB5153 - **\$645,000.**
- ☆ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Lot # 48 & # 49 **SOLD**
- ☆ **Sand Banks Creek** - One Acre plus - Wooded lots with over 90' of water frontage on Bay - 3 miles south of Treasure Cay Limited Number Available. # AB5069 - from: **\$63,700.**
- ☆ **Tilloo Cay** - "Thompson Tract" - 7 acres. - sea-to-sea, good elevation - for great Sea of Abaco and Ocean views - can be divided into 2 - 3.5 acre parcels. # AB5113 - **\$965,000.**



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People in the News

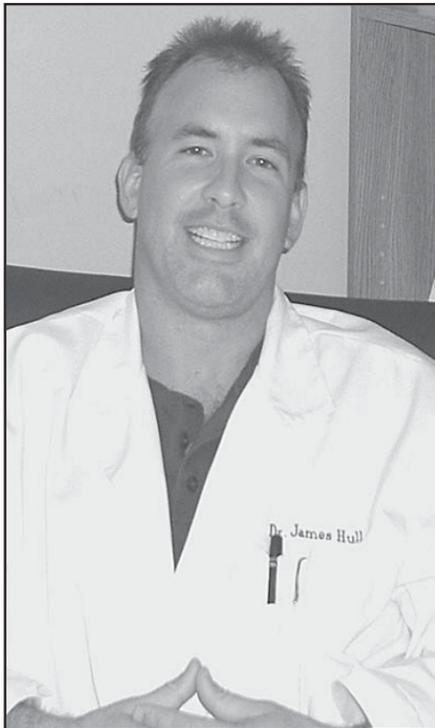
Doctor Relocates to Marsh Harbour

By Portia Jonsson

Even though Dr. James Hull is no stranger to Abaco, this is his first time practicing medicine in Marsh Harbour. Dr. Hull has opened his own private practice, Marsh Harbour Medical Centre, in Memorial Plaza on September 15th. Before this, he worked at Corbett Medical Center in Treasure Cay for three and a half years. Specializing in general medicine, Marsh Harbour Medical Centre is a full service facility with all the latest medical equipment and machines. The office is also set up for emergencies.

Born to a Canadian father and Bahamian mother, Dr. Hull grew up in Canada and did his undergraduate studies at McMasters University in Canada. After graduating from medical school in 1998, he worked at Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau until 2000. After visits to Abaco he fell in love with the island and looked into doing business here. In 2000 he moved to Abaco.

Dr. Hull shares emergency calls with Dr. Boyce and Dr. Binard and says he gets along very well with them. They share a good working relationship. Because of this, health care has increased in Marsh Harbour and everyone benefits. Marsh Harbour Medical Centre is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Appointments are



Dr. James Hull

recommended but walk-ins are welcomed. Phone numbers are 367-0049 and 367-0050.

Dr. Hull is married to Kristi Hull and the couple are expecting their first child on January 1st. Dr. Hull is also the proud father of three sons, James, Jeffrey and Jacob.

Local Government

Central Abaco Town Planning 6 Oct 03

Ten applications with an estimated construction value of \$1.3 million had been publicly posted and were on the agenda. Six were for duplexes, three were for single family residences and one was for a store and cabana. All were approved

A residence in the Royal Harbour Village had been deferred at the last meeting over setback questions. A letter from the subdivision's architectural review committee clarified the issue and the permit was granted.

A four unit commercial building on Front Street was approved after being deferred at the last meeting as the applicant made changes to the setback, changed the septic tank location and increased the parking.

A restaurant on Crockett Drive will be checked for parking and setback issues.

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Junkanoo Holds Rush-Out

By Portia Jonsson

The Abaco Junkanoo Committee, under the direction of Administrator Alexander Williams, staged a Junkanoo Rush-out at the Goombay Park on October 11th. This event was held by the committee to raise funds for the upcoming Junior and Senior Junkanoo parade scheduled for December 13th at Dove Plaza. This parade will be the first one ever held on Abaco.

Mr. Churton Toote, committee member, said he hopes to get all the schools involved in this event. To date 17 schools from Crown Haven in the north to Sandy Point in the south will be competing in the Junior Junkanoo parade. In order to make this a success, the government has "stepped in," assisting the committee in supplying "seed money" and materials needed to make the costumes such as crepe paper, contact cement, white paint and glue.

Recently, Mr. Toote, Colin Curry and Floyd Johnson attended a Junkanoo Conclave in Nassau and have held seminars in North and Central Abaco to teach persons how to make Junkanoo costumes. As a result of these seminars Mr. Toote found out that many people on Abaco are not able to do this. He hopes to keep the tradition of Junkanoo alive by teaching all those interested. Presently, all the schools involved in the upcoming parade are hard at work pasting costumes and practicing dance routines to the rhythm of goat-skinned drums and cowbells.

During the Junior Junkanoo parade prizes and awards will be given for best music, best costume and overall winner. Each participating school will receive a certificate. There is no limit on the group size and the competition is open to both government and private schools.

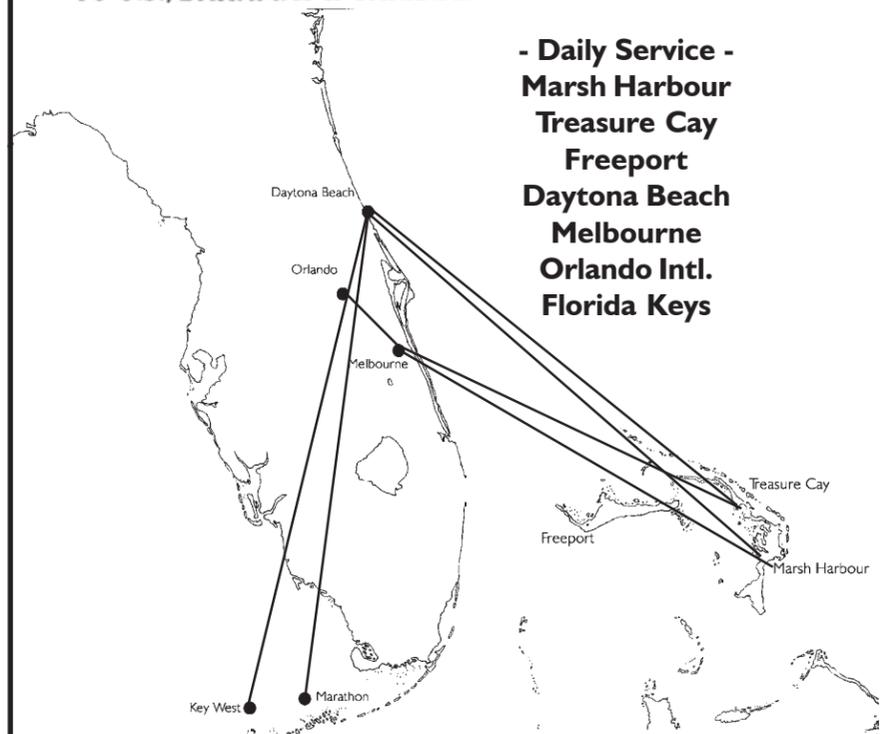


A Junkanoo parade is scheduled for December 13 for a Junior and Senior Junkanoo competition. A fund raising event was held on October 11 at Marsh Harbour Goombay Park to raise money for needed supplies. Shown above is one group of young musicians and dancers practicing.

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These Students Are Studying Abroad

This is our 10th annual listing of students furthering their education abroad. The list has grown remarkably. In this issue alone we are listing 88 students. And many more will be highlighted in our next issue. They are studying in Nassau, the United States, Canada and other countries, broadening their horizons while they are expanding their knowledge.

We are really proud of each one of these students and their families for realizing the importance of education. Some have partial scholarships while only a very few have a full scholarship. For most families their education represents sacrifices by the entire family to come up with the necessary funding. Loans which must be paid back are necessary in many cases. However, the families realize that in our world today an education is very important. Besides acquiring academic knowledge, the exposure and experiences they are experiencing cannot be duplicated in a home environment. It is obvious that these families want their children to have a better life.



T.J. Adderley will graduate in May 2004 from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is studying accounting. He is on a full basketball scholarship.

T.J. is the son of Thomas and Monica Adderley of Spring City and is a graduate of Lawton Christian High School in Oklahoma where he was on a basketball scholarship.

Clarence Albury is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. He is majoring in economics and finance.

Clarence Albury is the grandson of Thelma

Edgecombe of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School. His is receiving a private scholarship.



Clara Alcime is in her last year of college at Barry University in Miami, Florida. She is studying business management and marketing and has scholarships from the university and from a sponsor. She has a GPA of 3.94.

Clara is the daughter of Jane of Hope Town and the late Charlie Alcime. She was valedictorian at Abaco Central High School when she graduated in 2000.



Ivan Alcime is in his last year at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He is studying physical therapy and is on a scholarship there.

He is the son of the late Charlie Alcime of Hope Town.



Benita Altidor is in her second year at Dade Community College in Miami, Florida where she is studying nursing.

Benita is the daughter of Mercilia McPhee of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Renee Archer is continuing her studies toward a doctorate in psychology which she will complete in July 2004. She is attending the Professional School of Psychology in Los Angeles, California

Renee is the daughter of the late Capt. Garnet Archer and Mrs. Vyrona Archer of Marsh Harbour.



Louise Ashail is in her second year at Brevard Community College in Florida. She is studying to be a medical assistant.

Louise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Sawyer of Hope Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and was awarded a scholarship from the Abaco Pathfinders Foundation.

Seranno Baillou has begun a course learning welding at Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute in Nassau.

Seranno is the son of James and Gwendolyn Baillou of Back Wood and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School



Carol Basden is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas and is studying computer science.

Carol is the daughter of Keith and Debra Basden of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Christina Basden is in her third year at College of The Bahamas studying biochemistry. She has already earned her associate's degree.

Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Basden of Marsh Harbour. She graduated from Abaco Central High school where she was on the honor roll.



Cinquetta Basden is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in accounting.

Cinquetta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Basden of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Jamie Benjamin is in her second year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, and is majoring in elementary education.

Jamie is the daughter of Derek and Terry Benjamin of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

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ate of Forest Heights Academy. She received a scholarship from Florida Southern College and a private scholarship.



Bianca Bethel is in her second year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, where she is majoring in physical therapy. Her grades are exemplary and she is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

Bianca was salutatorian on her class when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She is the daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour. She is the recipient of scholarships from Bahamas Supermarkets, Abaco Pathfinders and Lyford Cay. She is a member of Beyond, a leadership team ministry.



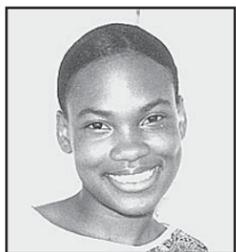
Roger Bethell is completing his second year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida. He made straight A's his first semester

Roger graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the son of David and Kathy Bethell of Green Turtle Cay. He works at the Echo Restaurant in the Breakers Hotel. He enjoys playing his guitar.



Angelo Bowe is in his third year at the Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute where he is studying air conditioning and refrigeration.

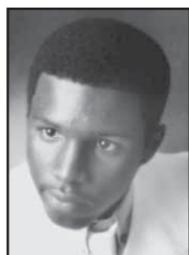
Angelo is the son of Yvonne Sanders and George Bowe of Wood Cay. He is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School



Keora Brown is in her third year at Louisiana State University. She is majoring in business along with pre-law.

Keora is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Augustine Williams of Dundas Town. She was Valedictorian of the Class of 2001 at Abaco Central High School where she maintained a 3.9 GPA. She received the

Prime Time Foundation full scholarship as well as an Abaco Pathfinder scholarship.



Addison Durrell Burrows is in his second year at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida, where he is majoring in music.

Addison is the son of Hudson and Claudine Burrows of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School where he was the Deputy Head Boy. He received a partial music scholarship from the college.



Patrelle Carey is in her second year at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. She is majoring in music and received a partial scholarship in music from the

school. Patrelle is the daughter of Gwendolyn and Leroy Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Sherelle Carey is in her second year of college and is now attending Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. She is majoring in forensic science.

She is on a tennis scholarship offered by the school.

Sherelle is the daughter of Gwendolyn and Leroy Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Valentino Carey is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas where he is studying electronic engineering technology.

Valentino is the son of Rex and Vety Carey of Fox Town. He is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School where he was a prefect and took 7 BGCSE exams.



Ashley Marie Cash is in her third year at Valdosta State University majoring in early childhood education.

Ashley is the daughter of Wade

and Martha Cash of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is a member of the school choir.



Tabitha Cash is a third year student at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, where she is on the Dean's list. She is studying business administration.

Tabitha graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Maureen Koep of Marsh Harbour and Clark Cash of Casuarina Point. She received a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Jeta Charles is in her fourth year at the Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida. She is studying accounting.

Jeta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine Joseph of Hope Town and graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Dionne Coleby is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in elementary education.

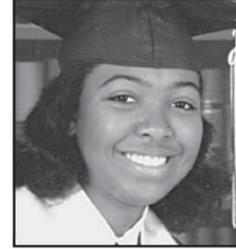
Dionne is the daughter of Ms. Joyce Coleby of Marsh

Harbour. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy.



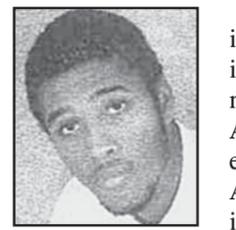
Greer Coleby is in her fourth year at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She is majoring in history.

Greer is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Ms. Joyce Coleby, manager of Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour.



Elizabeth Colie is in her second year at the University of Montemorales in Mexico. She is studying Spanish and taking a pre-med course.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Isaac and Jacqueline Collie of Long Bay, Crossing Rocks. She graduated from Long Bay School where she was on the honor roll.



Lawrence Collie is in his fourth year and is studying at the Canadian University in Alberta, Canada. He expects to graduate in April 2003. He is doing very well in his bi-

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ology courses.
He received his high school training in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Collie of Long Bay.

Devito Cooper is attending New England Tech in West Palm Beach, Florida, in their air conditioning program. It is a two-year course.

Devito is the son of Curtis and Audry Cooper of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



Tavia Cornish is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas studying primary education.

Tavia is the daughter of Maggie Cornish of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was top student in the BGCSE exam in Office Procedures in 2001.

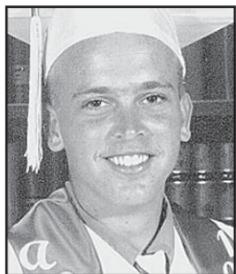


Darvin Curry is in his last year of college at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He is studying business and finance.

Darvin is the son of Terry Curry of Marsh Harbour. He is a member of the YMCA basketball team.

Jonell Curry is in her second year at New England Tech in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is studying computer networking technology and is on the honor roll.

Jonell is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the daughter of Birdie McIntosh and Jonathan Curry of Mount Hope. She was awarded a scholarship from Lyford Cay Foundation.



Johan Dam continues his college studies at the Warner Southern College in Brandon, Florida, majoring in finance and banking. He works full time while studying at

night school. He expects to graduate in December 2003.

Johan is son of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Dam of Marsh Harbour and is married to Joni Albury of Marsh Harbour.



Rory Duggan is in his third year at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. He is majoring in industrial design and is maintaining a 2.8 GPA..

Rory is the son of Mr. and Mr. Tim Duggan of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Vanguard School in Lake Wales, Florida. He is receiving a partial scholarship from Pathfinders.



Devaughan Edgecombe is in his second year at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he is majoring in accounting.

Devaughan is the son of Sara Dawkins of Murphy Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Valencia Edgecombe is in her third year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in elementary education. She is on the

Dean's List with a GPA of 3.05 for two semesters. She works on the school magazine and entered a college literature competition.

Valencia is the daughter of Leonard and Ruth Edgecombe of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Morgan Engle is in his second year at Remington College in Tampa, Florida. He is enrolled in a two-year program studying computer networking and is now a Microsoft Certified System Engineer.

Morgan is the son of Jane and Ron Engle of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Dumasse Etienne is in his fourth year at the University of Havana in Cuba. He is in a four year course in agronomy with emphasis on live-

stock and soil analysis.

Dumasse is the son of Lennie and Jerutha Etienne of Dundas Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School.



Nicole Evans is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau.

Nicole is the daughter of Andrew and Linda Evans of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Jessica Hall is in her third year at the University of California in Santa Cruz, California. She is studying psychology.

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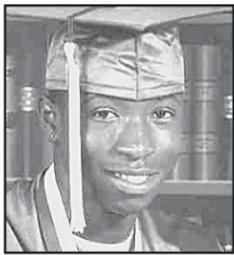
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Jessica is the daughter of Oswald Hall of Treasure Cay and Sue Bowers. She graduated from a high school in Fresno, California.



J a m a l Hepburn is in his fourth year at Southern Nazarine University in Oklahoma. He is in a five-year program studying business and mar-

keting..

Jamal is the son of Joel and Esther Hepburn of Dundas Town and is on a track and field scholarship given by the school.



Darlene Higgs is in her third year at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. She is majoring in biology.

Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowan

Higgs of Marsh Harbour and was Valedictorian when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Neil Hingle is in his second year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is studying aeronautical science.

Neil is the son of Stephanie Humblestone of Hope Town. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Madeline Joseph is in her third year at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. She is pursuing a career in medicine. She received her Bachelor's degree from Florida Memorial College in Miami.

Madeline is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is the daughter of Elvie Joseph and the late Charles Bain and is from Hope Town.



Chrystie Kawalram is in her second year at Berkeley College in New York. She is majoring in international businesses with an emphasis on adminis-

tration.

Chrystie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roodatram Kawalram of Treasure Cay. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy with honors in marine biology. She received a Pathfinders scholarship.



Robert Key is in his second year at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama.

Robert is the son of Randy and Emily Key of

Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Shivani Lachhman graduated in May 2003 and is now working toward a master's degree. She attends Hunter College in Manhattan, New York,

where she is majoring in biology and chemistry. She maintains good grades and is on the Dean's List.

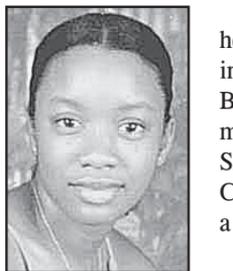
Shivani is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baldeo Lachhman of Fox Town.



V a s h t i Lachhman is completing her work studies for a bachelor's degree and will begin work toward a doctorate next year.

She is attending Hunter College in Manhattan, New York. She is studying psychology and maintains grades which keep her on the Dean's list.

Vashti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baldeo Lachhman of Fox Town. She graduated from S.C. Bootle High School. She was awarded an Abaco Pathfinder's scholarship and a Merk Program scholarship.



Calea Laroda is in her fourth year attending the College of The Bahamas where she is majoring in accounting. She is studying for a CPA. She is receiving a government grant.

Calea is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High

School and is the daughter of Wendy and Clint Laroda of Treasure Cay.



Erika Lowe is in her second year of college at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is studying psychology and education.

Erika is the daughter of Scott and Merdie Lowe of Green

Turtle Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She received scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and Bahamas Supermarkets Foundation.



Nicole Lundy is in her third year at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she is majoring in finance.

Nicole graduated from the Freeport Anglican

High School. She is the daughter of Elaine and Phillip Lundy.



Nadia Major received her associate degree this past May and is now studying at Savannah State University in Savannah Georgia. She is majoring in

computer science.

Nadia is the daughter of Ruth and Kenneth Major of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Tarvanti McDonald is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying business administration.

Tarvanti is the son of Yvonne Sanders and Matthew McDonald of Cooper's Town and he is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

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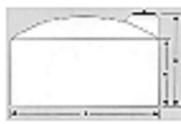
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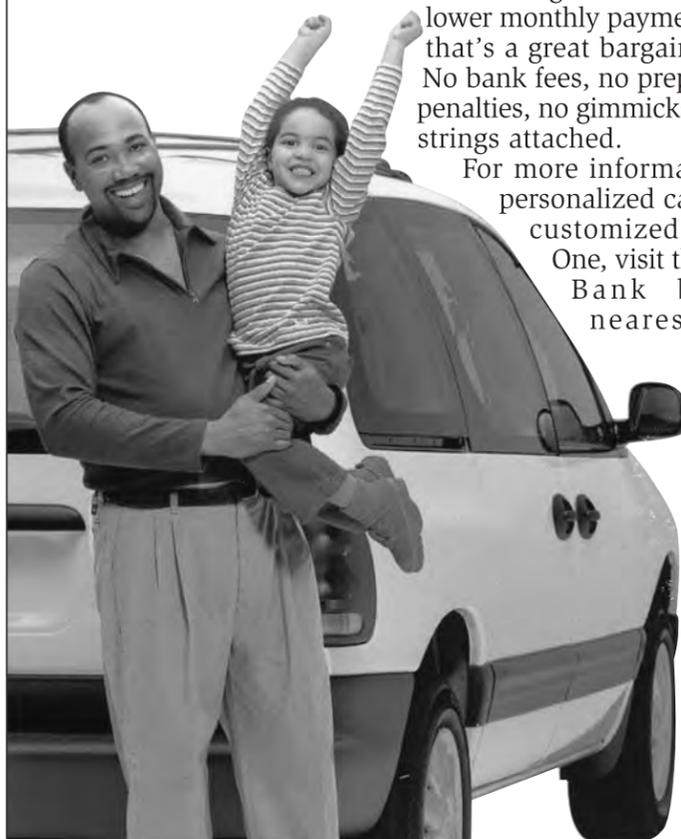
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Jamal McIntosh is in his second year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. He is studying music education.

Jamal graduated from Wesley College as valedictorian in 2002. He is the son of Roosevelt "Rusty" and Belinda McIntosh of Dundas Town.



Jillian McIntosh is in her fourth year of college at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. She is studying business administration and management.

Jillian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Karen McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay.



Ronnette McIntosh is in her second year at Success Training College in Nassau. She is studying early childhood education and is presently doing her student teaching while going to classes at night. She will graduate in June.

Ronnette is the daughter of Enid and Rev. John McIntosh of Wood Cay and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School where she was on the honor roll.



Shavonne McKenzie is in her fourth and last year at the Bahamas Baptist College in Nassau, studying accounting.

Shavonne is the daughter of Debbie and Bradley McKenzie of Wood Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Cutelle Mikula is in her second year at Campbell University in Beuies Creek, North Carolina. She is majoring in accounting.

Cutelle is the daughter of Gloria Mikula and the late Mike Mikula of Treasure Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy where she maintained a GPA of 3.4.



Teneil Mills is attending the University of the West Indies at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is in her fourth year toward a bachelor's degree.

She is studying law and criminal justice and plans to eventually earn a law degree. She received her Associate degree from the Bahamas Baptist College. She has enjoyed playing second base on the Kiwi Shoe Polishers softball team.

Teneil is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silbert Mills of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Veronica Nairn is begun her college work at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida. She is studying psychology. She received a scholarship from Bahamas Supermarkets.

Veronica is the daughter of Meronica Nairn of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Bernadette Jean Noel is in her second year at the Clarke State College in Springfield, Ohio. She is studying psychology. She is working as a certified nurse assistant while going to school.

Bernadette is from Hope Town. She received an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.

ceived an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.



Ava Parker is in her second year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying business administration.

Ava is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Burnell and Parker of Fox Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



Olivia Patterson is in her third year of studies at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. She is majoring in marine biology and environmental studies.

She received extra credit for a school trip she made this past summer to Australia where she dived on the Great Barrier Reef. She is active in extracurricular activities of dance, archery and drama.

Olivia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Patterson of Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders and one from the Bahamas Billfish Championship Scholarship fund which is specifically for students studying marine biology. The BBC scholarship is managed through the Lyford Cay Foundation.



Kristen Pearce is in her second year and has transferred to Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. She is majoring in business management.

Kristen is the daughter of Theodore and Rhonda Pearce of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Terrinque Pennerman is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is in a four-year program majoring in economics and finance.

Terrinque is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the daughter of the late Margaret Meares of Murphy Town.



Brock Pinder is in his second year at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida. He is majoring in primary education.

Brock is the son of Buddy Pinder of Marsh Harbour and Danette Pinder. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.

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Sandra Pinder is in her second year at Florida Memorial College in Miami where she is studying accounting.

Sandra is the daughter of Lionel Pinder of Eleuthra and Fernander Pinder of Hope Town. She is a graduate of Long Bay School. She was awarded an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.



Theresa Pinder is in her second year at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she is studying journalism.

Theresa is the daughter of Simeon Pinder and Theresa Pinder. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Forest Height Academy.



Waseela Rahim is in her third year at Humber College in Toronto, Ontario. She is majoring in computer graphic design and is doing

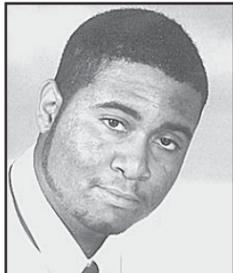
great in her studies..

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Rahim of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and was awarded a Pathfinder scholarship.



A.J. Reckley is in his second year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is studying music and minoring in business administration.

A.J. is the son of Gilbert and Donna Reckley of Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Wesley College.



Anwar Cornelius Reckley is in his fourth year of college studies at Pensacola Christian College. He is majoring in business and computer science.

Anwar is the son of Bradley and Lovely Reckley of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Long Bay School.



Nicholas Roberts is in his third year at the Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, where he is studying photo journalism.

Nicholas graduated from Forest Heights Academy and is the son of Scott and Susan Roberts of Green Turtle Cay.



Tiffany Roberts is in her fourth year at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, where she is studying a pre-med course. She was awarded a scholarship

from the Lyford Cay Foundation in Nassau. She is on the honor roll.

Tiffany is the daughter of Bert and Martha Roberts of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is working part time at a bio-chemical research lab and is active in the Caribbean group and UNICEF.



Charlyn Russell is in her second year of graduate school working toward a Master's degree in psychiatric nursing at the Dalhousie University School of Nursing in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she is maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

It is a four year course. She received her

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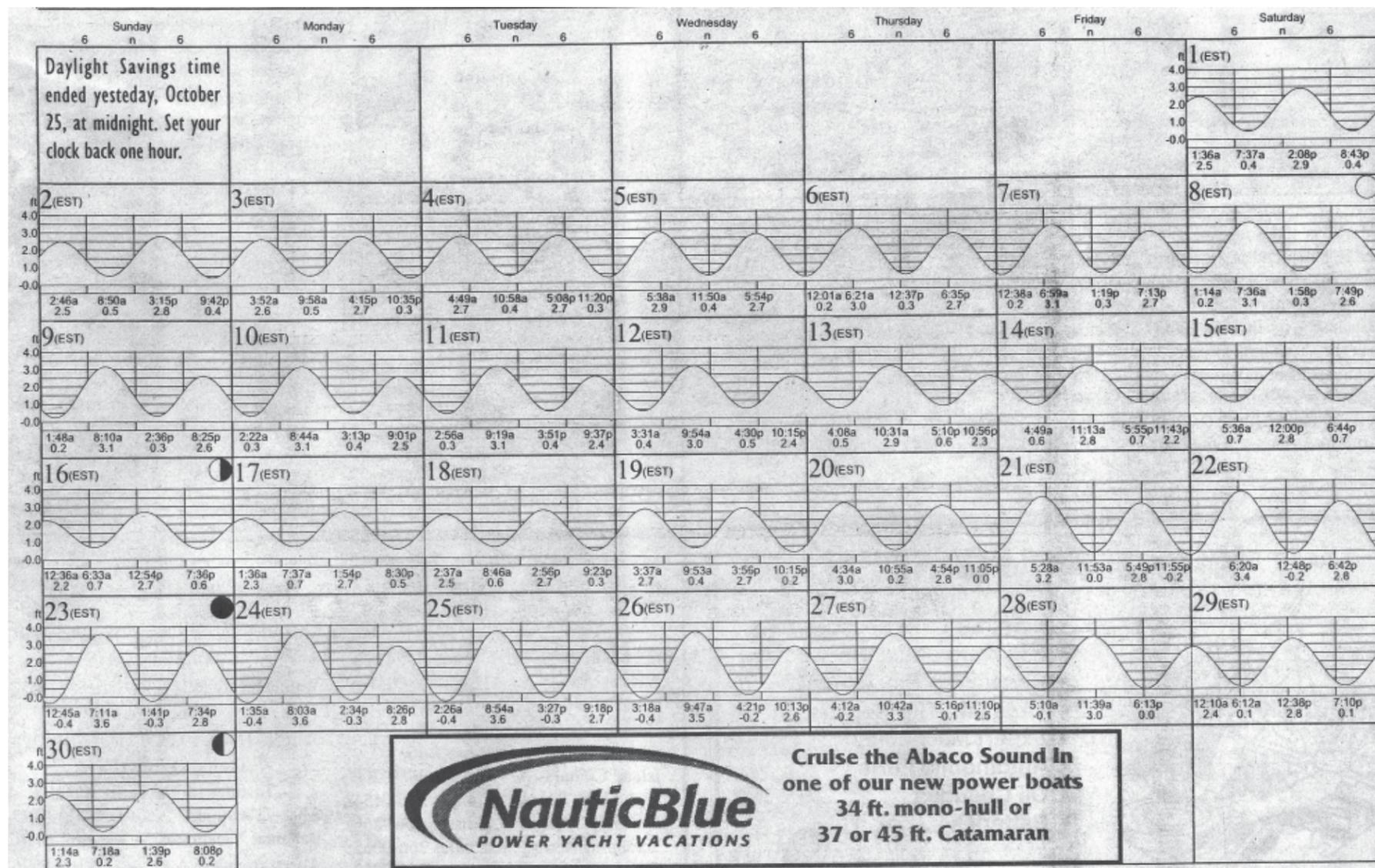
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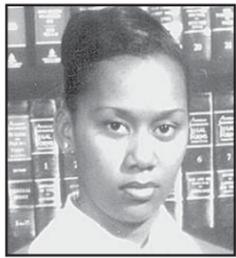
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bachelor's degree in psychology and graduated magna cum laude.

Charlyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell of Treasure Cay and was a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Dianna Russell is in her fourth year at the College of The Bahamas studying Spanish and communications.

Dianna is the daughter of George Russell of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



Marsha Sands is in her second year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in secondary education in biology.

Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Sands of Man-O-War. She is a graduate of Forest Heights. She was on the Principal's list. She is receiving a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders and from the Lorraine Sands-Lee Scholarship Foundation.



Amanda Sawyer is in her second year at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is in a two-year program studying computer information systems and music.

Amanda is the daughter of Elmore "Capt. Forty" and Florence Sawyer of Treasure Cay.



Mario Sawyer is in his first year at the Atlantic Vocational Technical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is learning drafting.

Mario is the son of Erma Sawyer of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School where he had a 3.0 GPA.

Megan Sawyer is attending the Academy of Healing Arts in Lake Worth, Florida, where she is studying massage therapy. She is the top student in her class.

Megan is the daughter of Keith and Dale Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Michelle Sawyer has transferred to the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. She is pursuing a degree in speech therapy.

Michelle is the daughter of Brian and Caroline Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Erica Latoya Seymour is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying secondary education.

Erica is the daughter of Ms. Val Cornish of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Tecuma Sherman is in her third year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is majoring in secondary education, specifically English language.

Tecuma is the daughter of Mrs. Isobel Sherman of Murphy Town and Mr. Eugene Sherman of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders. She received a Sailfish award and a Provost's scholarship from Palm Beach Atlantic University.



Shaker a Simms is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying primary education.

Shaker a is the daughter of Jackie and Theresa Simms of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.



Brock Stratton is in his second year of college at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Brock is the son of Andy and Clara Stratton of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Forest Heights Academy.



Dane Stratton is in his second year of college at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama.

Dane is the son of Andy and Clara Stratton of Marsh Harbour. He completed high school at Forest Heights Academy.



Michelle Thurston is attending the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in communication engineering.

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



Shemika White is in her second year at Florida Memorial College in West Palm Beach, Florida, where she is taking a pre-law course.

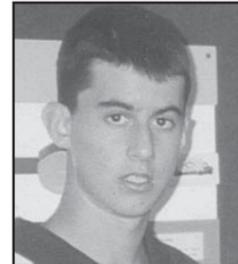
She is the daughter of Stanley White of Sandy Point and a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.



Andrew Whilhoite is part of the Class Afloat program which is sailing in the Pacific Ocean for a year aboard the M/S *Concordia*. He left Vancouver in

August and is now sailing in the South Pacific. He is enjoying his experience and learning much about sailing a Tall Ship as well as the various cultures that the students are exposed to as they stop in various island chains.

Andrew is the son of Clay and Lisa Whilhoite of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He was awarded a scholarship for the first semester of the program.



Jason Wiltfang is in his second year and is now attending the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. He is studying journalism and photography.

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

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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
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Reef • Dive Abaco • Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Reef • Abaco Dive Adventures • Marsh H	367-2963
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Government Clinic Fox Town	



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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)

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Return 8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)

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8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
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Hope Town

Froggies	366-0431
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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

Guana Cay Dive Shop	365-5178
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Man-O-War Dive Shop

Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013
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Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
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Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
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		Ortnell Russell	365-0125
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Buddy Pinder	366-2163	Edward Rolle	365-0024
Jay Sawyer	367-3941	Green Turtle Cay	
Justin Sands	367-3526	Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Terrance Davis	367-4464	Jeff Survanca	365-4040
Danny Sawyer	367-3577	Ricky Sawyer	365-4261
Man-O-War			
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Restaurant Guide

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Marsh Harbour

Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Conch Crawl	\$	367-4444
Golden Groper	\$	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
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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
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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

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Coconuts		
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New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$	365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe		365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$	365-4066
Sundowners		365-4060
Wrecking Tree Rest.		
Harbour Cafe (ferry dock)	\$... +	365-8635

Sandy Point

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Nancy's		
Oeishas		366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$	366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$	366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge		366-4477

Swimming

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float and raised his hand as the swimmers had been instructed to do if they needed assistance. He was suffering cramps but was able to swim for his team later in the race. The Hope Town BASRA boat was also very involved in safety for the meet.

Andy Knowles, the Bahamas Olympic Swim Coach, who was the visionary for this swim-a-thon, said, "I was extremely excited at the excellent turnout of swimmers and thanked God for the perfect weather for the event."

Andy swam in a team consisting of his son Jeremy, who traveled home from Auburn College in Alabama for the event, and his uncle, Percy, who, at the age of 74, was the oldest swimmer in the race. The oldest swimmer from Hope Town was 51-year-old Ron Engle while the youngest were ten-year-old Kayla Malone from Hope Town and eight-year-old Shaunte Moss from Nassau.

An award ceremony and trophy presentations took place at the Hope Town pool in the afternoon. As expected, Jeremy Knowles came in first in the open individual category with a time of 121.20 minutes. Jeremy is no newcomer to marathon swimming having been coached by his father since early childhood. His longest swim was a few years ago when

he swam from Exuma to Nassau, a distance of over thirty miles which he did as a personal challenge. It took him fifteen hours in which he had to contend with strong currents and jelly fish stings. He described the swim as "a long, boring day!"

Coming in first in the Over 30 category was experienced triathlete, Dale Hill from Marsh Harbour. Ronnie Thompson from Marsh Harbour, one of the original Hope Town swim club members, came in first in the 15-29 category.

In team results Abaco teams came in 4th, 5th and 7th in the Open category. Three teams of Over 30 were all Abaco persons. Tito Baldwin's team came in first, Char Boyce's team came in second and Carrie Cash's team came in third. In the Under 14 category the Abaco team came in 6th place.

The meet was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was a great time of fellowship for the swimmers as well as a very welcome financial boost for the pool. It was the consensus amongst the participants that they would like to make this swim-a-thon an annual event.

According to Abaco Swim Club coach, Carrie Cash, the Bahamas Swim Federation has sanctioned the Marsh Harbour - Hope Town Swim and it can now be used for qualifying times in international meets. It is now the longest swimming marathon in the Bahamas.

Farmers Discuss Problems

A small group of persons holding the Bahamas Farmers Association together met on September 30 in the Marco building to assess future plans. They concluded that their July agricultural presentation in the Anglican Parish Hall was successful and worth repeating, perhaps in early December.

Some thought was given by the association to resurrecting the Christmas Bazaar held in early December. Those present wondered if other civic oriented groups would

participate to make the event more interesting. They noted that a bazaar can feature agricultural aspects as well as other attractions to boost attendance. Past bazaars featured agriculture products, school booths, local arts and crafts, food stalls, a fashion show, a dog show and other attractions.

Civic groups or persons interested in bringing the Christmas Bazaar back to life may contact John Hedden evenings at 359-6954.

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Police Crime Report

A Murphy Town resident attending the All Abaco Regatta after midnight on September 28 attempted to run over a police officer with a motor vehicle. He was subdued, arrested and later appeared in court and given bail for a court appearance in October.

A fire destroyed a ten-room house in Cooper's Town on September 29.

The Treasure Cay warehouse was discovered broken into September 28.

The Texaco office was broken into between September 26 and 29.

A resident of Government Subdivision in Marsh Harbour reported a 17-foot boat and 100 h.p. engine was stolen on September 30 and gave police the name of the person believed to be responsible.

A \$400 tire was stolen from the generator

room at the Marsh Harbour airport on or prior to September 30. An airport employee was suspected and subsequently charged. He was given \$1500 bail for a court appearance on October 6.

A seven-year-old boy in Murphy Town was bitten on the leg by a pit-bull dog on October 1 while playing in his yard.

A schoolboy was struck by an automobile on Forest Drive while walking home from school.

A Pelican Shore resident reported that sometime between early May and late September someone stole diesel gasoline worth \$1200 from her generator's fuel tank.

A Dundas Town woman reported that her three-year-old son was slapped and knocked to the ground on October 4 while in Marsh Harbour.

Tall Ship Combines School & Travel



Andrew Wilhoyte is sailing aboard a Tall Ship, the M/S Concordia, which is circling the Pacific Ocean during the year he is aboard. The Class Afloat program combines schooling with sailing and travel which is designed to expose the students to a variety of experiences. They left Vancouver in August, have visited various island groups including Hawaii and Samoa. He is enjoying the experiences both ashore and at sea. He was initiated along with most of the others aboard when they crossed the Equator although it was not the normal overboard experience. Ashore they explore, see fish and bird life, visit museums, even toured the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbour. The college level classes are a challenge. He is shown here out on the bow sprit.

Volunteers Are Needed for Coastal CleanUp

By Nancy Burnett

Abaco will be organizing its first Coastal Cleanup campaign on Saturday, November 1. Volunteers are being asked to spend some time that day in helping with a coastal clean up program which is part of a worldwide plan to keep our shores clean. On Abaco the effort is being organized Friends of the Environment in conjunction with The Bahamas National Trust.

The International Coastal Cleanup is now in its 17th year. It is the world's largest one-day volunteer event aimed at stemming pollution of the marine environment. Last year more than 390,000 people in 100 countries

took part.

The Coastal Cleanup was held in Nassau last month and was a huge success that brought hundreds of student and adult volunteers from youth groups, churches, environmental organizations, the Ministry of Tourism and concerned citizens together to pick up debris.

This is the first year that Abaco will take part. The organizers are asking all local schools, volunteer groups, churches and citizens to participate. Please contact Nancy Burnett at 366-2721 or Anita Knowles at 367-5822 or info@friendsoftheenvironment.org if you wish to take part.



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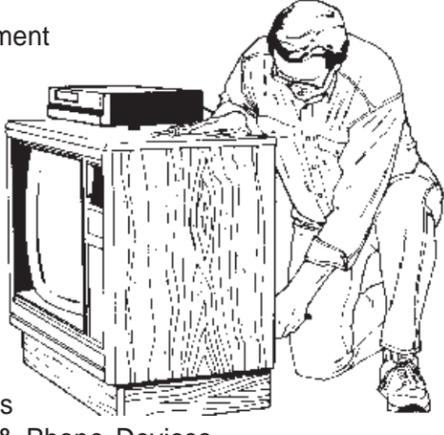
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Four Boys Charged with Manslaughter of Missing Boy

Police officials on Grand Bahama on October 10 formally charged four juveniles with manslaughter in connection with the disappearance of 12-year-old Jake Grant on May 9. Grant is the first of five boys who disappeared over the past six months.

The four boys, ranging in age from 11 to 13, were arraigned in the Juvenile Court. They will return to court on February 26, 2004. Because of their ages, no members of the public were allowed in the courtroom. However, members of the Juvenile Panel were present, as were the boys' parents and legal counsel. Police covered the faces of the boys as they were transported to and from the courthouse. They have been remanded at the Simpson C. Penn Centre for Boys in New Providence.

Mr. Ellison Greenslade, Assistant Commissioner of Police with responsibility for Grand Bahama and the Northern Bahamas, said, "We are treating each of the five missing boy cases as a distinct and separate mat-

ter. Therefore, our work is continuing with firm resolve, and we will be relentless in our pursuit to find these children and to determine the circumstances surrounding their disappearances." The Bahamas' police have had assistance from Scotland Yard and the FBI.

The police continue their search for 12-year-old Mackinson Colas, who was reported missing on May 16; 13-year-old DeAngelo McKenzie, who disappeared on May 27; 11-year-old Junior Reme, who disappeared July 29; and 14-year-old Desmond Rolle, who was last seen on September 28. Police officials

ask for the public's assistance in their investigation.

The five missing boys have caused The Bahamas to reexamine children's safety issues. Throughout the country parents, churches and other organizations are becoming more involved in children's welfare.

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Viewpoint

Landscaping Changes the Face of a Place

By Jennifer Jonsson

What a difference flowers make! Several business places in Marsh Harbour have for several years been placing attractive plantings around their properties and some of the newer establishments are now following suite. How uplifting this is! Appreciation is due to these community-minded business owners who have beautified their properties in this way, some of the most notable being the office of L.C. Hull & Co., Barclays Bank, CIBC, Abaco Wholesale, Abaco Treasures, Marco Appliance Centre and Royal Harbour Village.

The architecture on Don MacKay Boulevard on Marsh Harbour's main street leaves much to be desired. It is extremely bland, resembling, as someone said to me the other day, a western ranch town. What a pity that Town Planning did not insist that the buildings along the main street should follow the old Bahamian style of architecture. This would certainly have made it not only more attractive, but more interesting for tourists.

There are some eye-catching buildings around town such as the delightful gingerbread type office of Sea Star Car Rentals, the offices of Alexiou Knowles and Co., Abaco Insurance and Royal Harbour Village. Unfortunately, all these buildings happen to be on back roads and these are the types of buildings we should be seeing on the main street.

I have so often heard comments from both local people and tourists bemoaning the unattractiveness of Don MacKay Boulevard. It is too late to do much to alter the structure of the buildings but it is never too late to do something to enhance them. A few hanging baskets full of colourful flowers and some planters containing hibiscus or native flowering bushes placed next to the columns out front would do much to not only make the area more enticing for tourists but also lift the spirits of local shoppers. Flowers and beauty are good for the soul. Business owners, won't you help to make Marsh Harbour a place of beauty for us all?

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Cancer Screening Clinics Were Held

By Jennifer Hudson

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Early detection is crucial in the prevention of this dreaded disease which has already affected so many people in our communities. Free Pap smears were done for the

women and prostate checks for the men.

All three of the clinics ran very smoothly and the numbers of people availing themselves of this service was very encouraging.

Cooper's Town 61 women 15 men
Marsh Harbour 54 women 20 men
Moore's Island 33 women 6 men

The numbers at the Marsh Harbour Clinic were much lower this year than last which was due to the fact that none of the Haitian community was present as they were attending the funeral of the young lady who was killed last week in an automobile accident.

It is gratifying to note the increased awareness amongst men of the need for screening by the increase in the number of males examined. The medical personnel from Nassau were very pleased with the turnout and were especially surprised at the number of males who attended the clinics. Recently at the clinic they conducted in Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, only two men turned up for screening.



Volunteer doctors, nurses and Cancer Society members from Nassau assisted the staff on Abaco to carry out successful cancer screening clinics on October 4. Clinics were held in Marsh Harbour, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island. Shown above is the medical staff at the government clinic in Marsh Harbour. They are, left to right, Nurse Shadell Munnings, Nurse Barbara Reckley, Ms. Fredrica Blakely-Sands, Nurse Counsellor from the College of The Bahamas, Nurse Karen Gray and Dr. Rodney Clarke.

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Dundas Town
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Murphy Town
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Murphy Town
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Murphy Town
3 bed, 2 bath
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Lot #67

Bahama Coral Island
Vacant Crown Land
14,700 sq. ft.
Lot #2

School *From Page 13*

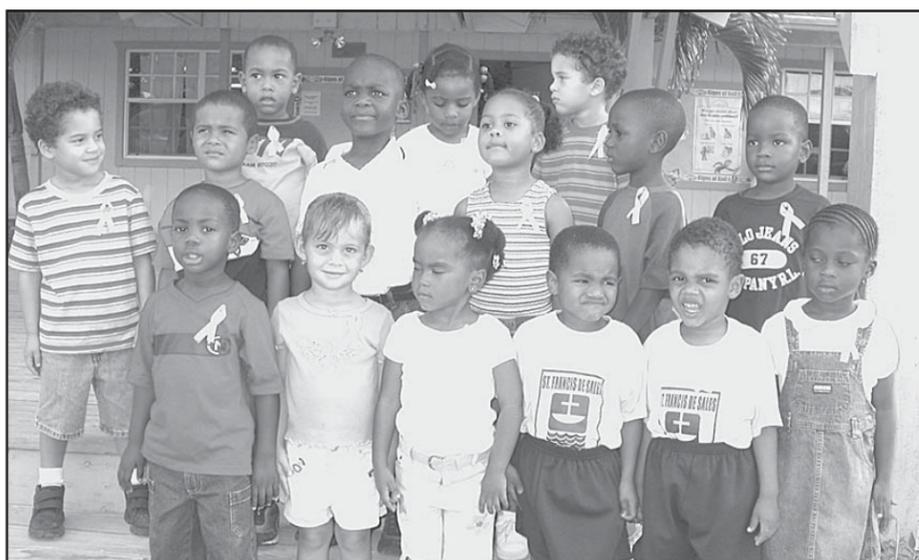
if the water was safe to drink. The PTA supplied bottled water until the water at the school could be tested. The tests came back that the water was, indeed, fine. The students can drink the water at the school but there are no coolers and only one poorly functioning fountain.

The PTA has benefitted the school in many ways including assisting in equipping the computer lab, assisting with erecting the fencing and in purchasing a copy machine for the school.

A second topic which the PTA President felt needed explaining was the statement in the newspaper that the school was short three teachers, in science, English language and

math. This shortage was announced in a well attended PTA meeting on September 23. The PTA met with the District Superintendent on September 25 and was informed that the school administration reported to him that there was only one vacancy, a math teacher. A math teacher was due to arrive in two weeks from that date. The superintendent was not aware of any other shortages. The PTA met with the school administrators who explained that the Master Teacher who has been doing administrative work was a science teacher and that the Senior Mistress who has also been doing administrative work was an English language teacher.

The PTA president felt that he did not want the public to be under any misconceptions and felt that the original article in *The Abaconian* was misleading.



St. Francis de Sales School had a "Jeans Day" to raise money for the Abaco Branch of the Cancer Society of The Bahamas. They were able to raise \$705 by students paying \$2 each and teachers paying \$5 each. Shown above is the Pre-K class in casual dress.

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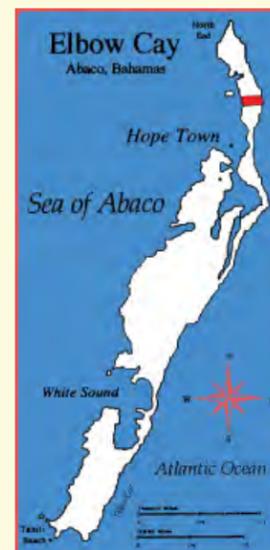
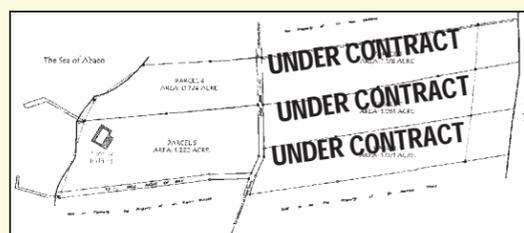
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Seminar *From Page 5*

be regulated as presently fishermen are doing what they like and something must be done by the Department of Fisheries in Nassau to address this problem. Fish get scarcer every year through over-fishing, says Mr. Sawyer, and conch has almost been depleted in Abaco waters. Crawfish have been harvested commercially for export over the past 70 years.

Mr John Hedden spoke on agriculture on Abaco. He addressed the serious problem of complacency amongst Bahamians which, he said, can be seen in all aspects of life. This has created a serious problem in the country and in order for things to improve people must buckle down.

Regarding agriculture on Abaco, Mr. Hedden stated that there are two distinct areas in the islands; the south which is arid and not well adapted to agriculture and the north which consists of pine barrens. Most crop production is done without irrigation (subsistence farming) and there is a need to intro-

duce technology. The resources are there but there is a need to mechanize. Mr. Hedden, in referring to the various government concessions in the area of agriculture such as import permits, import bans and duty free concessions, stated that the overall result has been to make agriculture very inefficient, counter productive and uncompetitive. This allows for complacency and lack of motivation. He sees the need to become productive and competitive, to begin processing foods and to remove artificial government supports.

He closed by saying that he feels the Bahamas government needs to put agriculture into the hands of private enterprise.

Mr. William Swain, President of Bill Swain & Son Construction Co Ltd., spoke about the construction industry on Abaco. Mr. Swain, who has been in the construction business for 44 years, commented that construction was at its highest peak after Hurricane Floyd.

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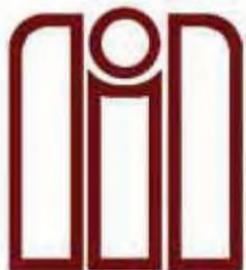
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