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## Ministers Review Abaco Club Progress Project at Winding Bay Shows Remarkable Development in Eight Months



The Abaco Club at Winding Bay held a progress review on February 23 inviting government officials and medial representatives. Shown here is the developer, Mr. Peter de Savary, speaking with the Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson, Minister of Financial Services and Investments. Also attending was the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism. The resort will include an 18-hole links golf course and will feature water activities.

The Abaco Club at Winding Bay hosted two government ministers for a progress review of the \$160 million project located just north of Cherokee. The Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson, Minister of Financial Services and Investments, and the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism, toured the 550-acre property on February 23 accompanied by resort developer, Mr. Peter de Savary. Although work began just this past November, many changes have already taken place and the golf course is well underway toward completion. It is expected that the golf course will be complete by June.

The resort is a members only club which will join Mr. de Savary's other clubs in Scotland, England, Rhode Island and South Carolina. The project centers around the 18-hole links type golf course with the last four holes high above the Atlantic Ocean. The other 14 holes will be along the 2.5 mile Winding Bay beach. The resort will also offer bonefishing, deep sea fishing, scuba diving and other water sports. A health spa, horseback riding, tennis and other activities are in the plans.

Sixty home sites are planned along the beach for members to build their own homes. These lots are choice beach front lots backing up to the golf course. Each of the one to

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## Sen. Key States Reasons for Resigning

The following is a copy of the letter that Mr. Edison M. Key wrote to the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Hon. Perry Christie, on January 10, 2004, which gave reasons why he resigned as Senator. Two marked areas were modified.

The Hon. Perry G. Christie  
Prime Minister of the  
Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Dear Prime Minister,  
It would be most appreciated if you would

spare a few minutes to read and inwardly digest the contents of this letter. Thank you.

It was thirty-four (34) years ago, just three years after the original Progressive Liberal Party Government had been in power, that I, Edison Key, a young white Bahamian from Abaco, made the conscious decision to align myself with this new political party.

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## Competition Was Keen at Walk-Run



About 70 participants enjoyed the First Annual Mega Malt Walk Run sponsored by Mr. Jerry Wisdom of Price Busters. The Walk Run drew competitors from many town on Abaco. This photo shows members of the Green Arrow Track Club organized by Mr. Vogel Williams, physical education teacher for several North Abaco primary schools. See story on page 16.

## Concert Features Barefoot Man

George Nowak, known as the Barefoot Man, entertained hundreds at his annual concert held at Nippers on Guana Cay on March 7. His popular songs and presentation are anticipated, the crowd especially appreciating the songs written about Abaco.



By Portia Jonsson

Hundreds of Bahamians and visitors alike flocked to Nippers Bar and Grill on Guana Cay on March 7th for the 4th Annual Nippers Barefoot Beach Concert featuring 'The Barefoot Man' and Sea N' B Band. Ferries leaving the dock in Marsh

Harbour were packed with anxious partygoers. Some arrived at Nippers as early as 8 a.m. in order to get a good seat close to the stage despite the concert start of 12 Noon.

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# Edison Key Gives Reasons for Resignation

Key

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Given the political and racial climate of the Bahamas at the time, one must appreciate that the decision that I made was a highly unpopular one, seeing that I lived in an all white town and the PLP was perceived as a "black party."

Needless to say, that decision has over the years cost me dearly and in doing so gave me an appreciation of the sorrow of banishment as a leper that Miriam must have felt in the book of Numbers. None-the-less, I stood by my decision because I believed then in the principles of justice and right as espoused by the PLP, which are the same principles that I believe in today.

The general election of 1972 catapulted me into an even greater role within the party as I campaigned door to door for the two PLP candidates, the late Sherlin Bootle in the North and the late Gordon Hudson in the Marsh Harbour Constituency.

I recall vividly the events that transpired at the first major rally of that election which was convened at the public dock in Marsh Harbour. As I sat beside the late Sir Lynden Pindling, the meeting came to an abrupt halt when an explosion, the magnitude of a case of dynamite, was discharged within a short distance of the dock, and it was only by the grace of God that we escaped with our lives.

When the results of the election were announced, Sherlin Bootle was victorious in the North and Gordon, had it not been for Moore's Island, would not even have claimed his deposit.

But the full impact of the hatred toward me, personally, was not manifested until the following morning when I learned that my single engine plane that was parked at the Marsh Harbour airport had been bullet ridden during the night.

Yes, like you and others, I know what it feels like to have threats made against my life and the lives of my family. I endured the election wars of 1972 and the war of secession that ensued in 1973, the year of our Independence. And yes, I am grateful and proud of the important role that I, together with other like-minded, proud Bahamians, played in our fight for one Bahamas for all Bahamians. And yes, this white boy from Abaco, sat side by side with Sir Lynden and our delegation in the House of Commons in London when the matter of our Independence was debated. And the rest, as they say, is history.

As the 1977 General Election drew near, the Leader asked if I would carry the banner for the PLP in the Marsh Harbour Constituency. I did and came within 13 votes of winning.

The record will show that I have carried the banner for the PLP for the past six elections, spanning 25 years, having won in 1982 and 1992 and receiving appointments to the senate three times.

Sometime later, following my defeat in the 1997 election, I made the decision to

hang up my gloves and step aside from active politics to make way for the party to identify another suitable individual to

run in the South Abaco Constituency. However, as the time of the 2002 election drew nearer and the party still had not come up with a candidate, you will recall how you used great persuasion to convince me to run one last time, and, I might add, against the wishes of my family.

Nevertheless, I decided, for the sake of the party, to take up the challenge yet again.

The 2002 Election proved a great victory for our party and for me personally, because even though I was unsuccessful in securing the South Abaco seat, I, nevertheless, came within 24 votes of winning, thereby gaining over 400 votes from the previous election of 1997.

Prime Minister, by now you're probably asking yourself, "Where is all of this leading?" But sir, I beg your indulgence for just a little while longer.

You see, I also supported you as the successor and leader of our party, because, like those thousands at the Clifford Park pre-election rallies, I, too, believed if anyone could make a difference and restore this country to some semblance of normalcy and stability, it would be you.

Just like the thousands of young people who, with raised arms, shouted "We ready now;" I, too, felt a kindling of faith and excitement as you spoke with such sincerity of a new Bahamas where all Bahamians could participate; where there would be no victimization but rather help and hope would be available to all and as an assurance of your honourable intentions, you would institute a strict code of ethics for all members of your government.

I believed sincerely then that you had the makings of a great leader and like so many thousands, I, too, allowed myself to get caught up in the excitement.

But wait!

Early in July of 2002, just two short months after winning the election, I came in possession of a "Confidential" document which, according to its contents indicated that a major contract of some 38 million dollars annually or \$190 million over a five-year period was about to be awarded by one of the key Government ministries, and there was a proposed scheme in place in the contract to defraud the Bahamian taxpayers by way of the Public Treasury of millions of dollars, obviously with the cooperation of [someone in the government and his friends].

Upon receiving this information, and as I felt duty bound to appraise you of what was about to transpire, I traveled to Nassau and placed the document in your hand, feel-

ing confident that I was doing the right thing and believing that with your code of ethics policy, you would institute the necessary action to prevent this and future infractions.

I know I did the right thing and I have no regrets.

But what I did not expect, Prime Minister, was that I would be ostracized, black-listed if you prefer, by this new PLP Government from the day I placed that document in your hands.

I have been made to feel like an outsider, a traitor, if you will, and have been subjected to more indignity and affront than I have had to endure in my entire life time. [The next part suggested that those mentioned in the confidential document should have been relieved of their duties but instead were promoted and given approvals and licenses for a myriad of projects.] And they say crime doesn't pay?

Just briefly, Prime Minister, place yourself in my position and try to feel what I have been feeling for the past 20 months since election 2002. While you are doing so, try to recall that I was very reluctant in accepting your offer to serve as a Senator in your new PLP Government.

In almost two years as a Senator in your Government, I have been invited to only one Parliamentary meeting.

From the day I delivered that revealing document to you, Edison Key has been aborted - across the board.

In most cases, when your ministers have visited Abaco, for whatever reason, I have no prior knowledge of their proposed visit, and if I am informed, it is by locals.

There have been scores of applications and requests by supporters here in Abaco to various ministries, including your own, that I have personally hand delivered, and not one single one has been acknowledged.

I have, on my own, brought at least four potential investors to your office, Prime Minister, and their only reason for coming initially was to request permission to do a feasibility study for possible future investment.

These four viable investment projects, totaling approximately \$105 million dollars in new capital, were presented to you personally and or your various cabinet ministers. Had they even been considered, there would have been created an additional 600 jobs for Bahamians, covering Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco.

Even now, I am totally embarrassed by the fact that not one single one of these well-meaning investors even receive an acknowledgment from your Government. No, not even a thank-you for their interest in trying to boost the economy of the Bahamas, despite being assured after the meetings that they would be informed of a decision within two weeks.

Could it be that they too were given the cold shoulder because Edison Key brought them?

I know nothing of the Government's plans for Abaco, or even if there are any

plans for Abaco, and for the past year and a half the only information I received is gleaned from word on the street.

As far as the much-publicized Winding Bay project goes, all I say is, "What Winding Bay project?"

Transfers and promotions have taken place within the departments of Immigration, Customs, the Police Force and I hear a Director of Tourism has been appointed for Abaco. In fact, I read that in the newspaper.

Throughout my life, Prime Minister, I have practiced the precepts contained in the Golden Rule. Honesty to others and myself has always been my watchword because for me integrity is what matters.

For at least the past 12 months I have felt increasingly uneasy and certainly concerned about the direction in which the new PLP is headed and after much agonizing I have finally come to the irrevocable conclusion that now is the time.

Sir, with effect from today's date, January 10th, 2004, I hereby resign my position as Senator in your Government.

Prior to the 2002 General Election, I had applied for and was receiving a paltry \$900 per month parliamentary pension. I would appreciate if same could be calculated to reflect my recent status and same be reinstated at the earliest opportunity.

During my many years of unblemished parliamentary service, including seven years as executive chairman of the Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation, I endeavored always to put service above self and to always conduct my affairs in a manner that would bring honor and upliftment to my party and the wonderful people of the Bahamas whom I have had the privilege to serve.

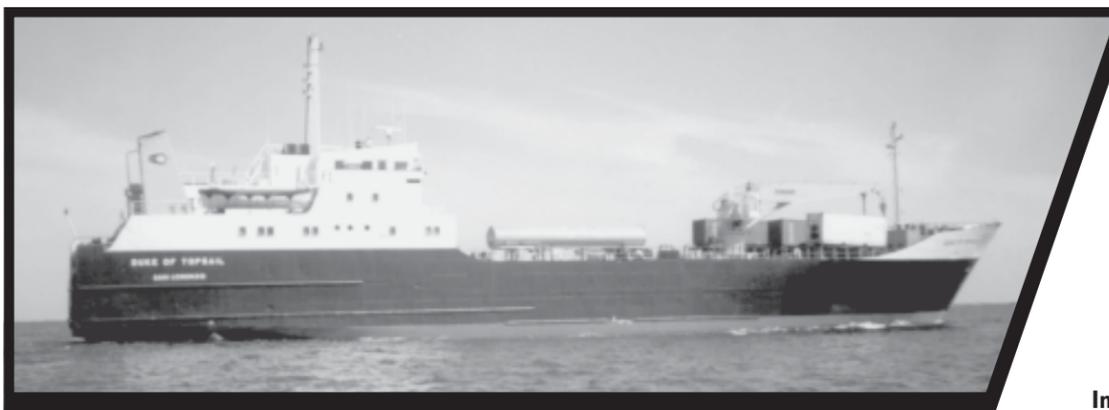
I believe that I have been a good Ambassador and I shall continue to uphold the principles and ideals of the Progressive Liberal Party because I believe in those ideals on which the party was founded.

My association with the PLP has been a richly rewarding experience for me and one that I will cherish always and like the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:7-8, I, too, can say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

I thank you for appointing me a Senator and wish you continued good health.

God Bless our Bahamaland.  
Yours respectfully,  
Edison Key

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<p><b>MARSH HARBOUR</b> <b>NEW LISTING</b></p> 	<p><b>GREAT ABACO CLUB</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #2102</li> <li>Beautiful building site in private community</li> <li>50 ft. canal frontage</li> <li>5588 sq. ft. property</li> <li>Sea of Abaco views</li> <li>Sea wall</li> <li>Deep water</li> <li>Utilities</li> </ul> <b>\$380,000</b></p>	<p><b>HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY</b></p> 	<p><b>"ARIEL VIEW"</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #1813</li> <li>3 bed 2 bath home</li> <li>2,048 sq. ft. living space</li> <li>Cathedral ceilings &amp; covered verandahs</li> <li>Central A/C</li> <li>Ocean views/dock access</li> <li>Landscaped</li> <li>Fully furnished</li> </ul> <b>\$600,000</b></p>	<p><b>TILLOO CAY</b></p> 	<p><b>ACREAGE &amp; LOTS</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #1884</li> <li>3 3/4 acre sea to sea acreage w/ocean protected boat basin</li> <li>1,700 ft. deep x 150 ft. on ocean &amp; 150 ft. on bayside</li> </ul> <b>\$650,000</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #1836</li> <li>Subdivision lots w/ seaviews</li> <li>Great elevation</li> </ul> <b>Starting at \$75,000</b></p>
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<p><b>CASUARINA POINT</b> <b>NEW LISTING</b></p> 	<p><b>15 MILES SOUTH OF MARSH HARBOUR</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #2122</li> <li>1,687 sq. ft. island home</li> <li>3 bedroom 2 bathrooms</li> <li>Carport</li> <li>Seaviews</li> <li>Opposite sandy beach</li> <li>Needs TLC to transform it into an ideal beach house</li> </ul> <b>\$145,000</b></p>	<p><b>HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY</b></p> 	<p><b>LUCAYOS SUBDIVISION</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #1971</li> <li>Two hilltop lots</li> <li>Each lot 100 ft. x 125 ft.</li> <li>Mature fruit trees</li> <li>Private community</li> <li>Shared community dock, just down the hill</li> <li>Property owners have private access to sandy beach nearby</li> </ul> <b>\$99,000 each</b></p>	<p><b>LUBBERS QUARTERS</b></p> 	<p><b>"FLIP FLOPS"</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Ref. #1851</li> <li>Beach bungalow</li> <li>White sandy beachfront</li> <li>1.19 acre property</li> <li>Improvements</li> <li>Lush landscaping</li> <li>Nature trails</li> <li>Dock</li> <li>Breathtaking sunsets</li> </ul> <b>US\$395,000</b></p>



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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Sand Bar Re-opens

Wherever you go and whoever you talk to, they want to know, "Is the Sand Bar open yet?" Because of unpredictable weather conditions it has not been possible for them to open to the public during some of our worst winter weather. However, they are going to chance it and have decided to open Saturdays and Sundays for the time being, weather permitting.

In the past whenever they were closed, it was posted at the Cherokee turn-off at the Great Abaco Highway. So, come by boat or come by car. As long as there is nice weather, management tells me they will be open. Remember that they serve lunch only from 11:30 a.m. till 3 p.m. and the bar, selling only beer and wine, stays open for the customers' convenience.

### Winding Bay Is out of Sight

Also people keep asking, "What's happening at Winding Bay?" The Abaco Club at Winding Bay now has a new uniformed gatekeeper and they are building a new thatch umbrella for his comfort when those hot summer days come along. It blends in nicely with the log gate at the main entrance. Obviously, work goes on behind the native growth along the roadway, but not much can be seen. You can hear the heavy equipment moving about and still smell the smoke from the debris fires as we pass back and forth from our homes in Cherokee, but you can't really see anything as the areas along the road remain virtually untouched and the native bush is still mostly in tact. Maybe this is good.

## Church News

### Epworth Methodist Chapel

Epworth Chapel will have its traditional Missionary Auction on March 20 on the porch of the manse. So get your mother's famous lemon pie recipe out and dust it off or grandma's delicious fudge fixin's and polish up your prize pumpkin from the field to put in the auction. And, as always, there is bound to be lots of that jelly-coconut ice cream for sale, too.

Mrs. Kendris Carey, President of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church headquartered in Nassau, will travel to Cherokee to preach at the Missions Meeting to be held on March 21.

We also wish a speedy recovery to Rev. Carla Culmer, who fractured her ankle during a recent trip to Freeport. The doctor has advised her to keep take it easy and give the ankle a chance to heal properly. Besides, we all know she could use a good rest. Get well soon.

### The Assemblies of God Church

After the Women's Ministry Group at The Assemblies of God Church had such a successful Valentine's dinner, the men decided they would show what they could do. So, they got together along with their wives and families on February 28 for a cookout on the school grounds. The menfolk weren't going to be outdone by the women and from what I hear it was a huge success.

### School News

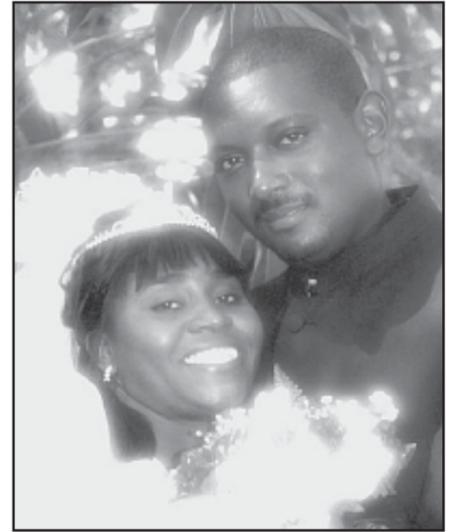
The Cake and Pie Raffle held on March 4th was able to raise a whopping \$282 towards their "new floor" fund. A big thank you to all those who participated and supported this fund raiser. Now a dinner is

planned for the end of March and we will be coming to you again for your help. Remember, the goal is to raise enough money by June so that a new tile floor can replace the old and broken tiles that have been in the school since 1985.

### Dedication of Our Old School

Preparations are moving right along for the big Easter weekend and the dedication of our newly restored Old Schoolhouse. People from all over are making plans to come back home to see this old and cherished building as it has been restored. It promises to be a weekend to remember.

## Sandy Point



In a beautiful Valentine's Day ceremony Elisha Pinder and Simone Pinder were joined in matrimony. The ceremony took place at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on February 14 in Sandy Point.

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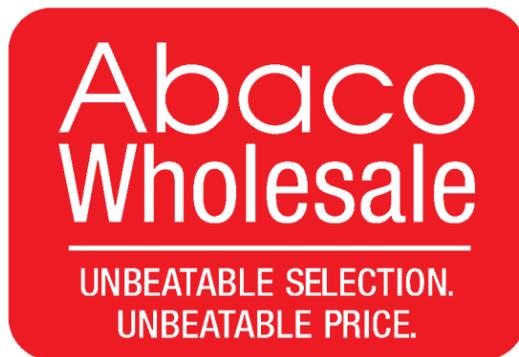
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# Three Abaconians Receive Cacique Awards

By Jennifer Hudson

Recently three Abaconians traveled to Nassau to be honoured with Cacique Awards during a ceremony. Erin and Ron Pagliaro received the award for excellence in Nature Tourism and Vertrum Lowe was honoured in the Handicraft category.

The purpose of the Cacique Awards is to recognize the roles played by those individuals and organizations whose performance or products have consistently made a positive impact on the quality and growth of tourism in the Bahamas. The annual Cacique Awards, initiated in 1995, therefore, rewards the most outstanding leaders in tourism each year.

The first Bahamians, the Lucayans, called their leader Cacique and the Lucayan chief's seat of power, the duho, sits atop each winner's trophy. These original inhabitants of the Bahamas greeted the first European visitors with great warmth and so the Ca-

cique Awards serve as a reminder that the tradition of hospitality continues to be strong in the Bahamas today.

## Nature Tourism

Ron and Erin are the owners of Abaco Outback, an eco-tourism company which takes people on kayaking trips and bird watching tours. Whilst other such companies have come and gone in the past, Abaco Outback is in its fourth year and flourishing. "The tourists who choose to visit Abaco," say Erin and Ron, "are in the more mature age range than those who visit Nassau and are more interested in eco-tourism."

Erin and Ron are striving to provide eco-tourism activities which will cover a wide variety of interests and their mission statement is *To share enchanted places that still exist in our corner of the world*. Their aim is to protect the natural beauty and not let it be robbed by irresponsible development. They have an investment in the future of Abaco and are actively involved in Friends of the Environment. They provide educational outreach programmes for schools and run nominal cost field trips for students. Through these school programmes the children are becoming very involved in their environment and especially interested in the Bahamian parrot.

The Pagliaros are proud to be recipients of this prestigious award and are most thankful to the Abaco Ministry of Tourism for recognizing the work they are doing to make sure that there is a quality eco-tourism product in Abaco.

## Handicraft

Mr. Vertrum Lowe of Green Turtle Cay received his Cacique Award in the Handicraft category in recognition of the hun-



Mr. Vertrum Lowe

dreds of beautifully handcrafted sailing boats he has made over the past 18 years. These models are not only on display in the Albert Lowe Museum in Green Turtle Cay but also in homes and institutions in China, Japan, France, England and the United Nations. Recently, Mr. Lowe received the honour of having one of his boats presented as a gift from our country to South African President Thabo Mbeki during his visit to The Bahamas.

Mr. Lowe crafts his boats with a meticulous eye for detail from red cedar wood which he imports from the United States as he says that the Bahamian yellow pine is far too hard for this type of work. All of his models, which include the old crawfish exporting boats and one- to four-masted sailing boats, are fully rigged. Recently, Mr. Lowe participated in the Nassau Heritage Festival and his sailing boats were the only fully rigged boats on display.

Mr. Lowe's father was a master boat builder. Although Mr. Vertrum as a child watched him building boats and models, he actually had no inclination to begin model making himself until taunted by a brother. He tells the story of how his younger brother who was a cabinet maker

in the U.S. came for a visit and was busy making cabinets in their father's old rig shop. Well known artist, Mr. Alton Lowe, who was present, said to his brother, Vertrum, that he wanted him to make a three-masted schooner for a show at the Nassau Beach Hotel. Mr. Vertrum replied that he had neither the time nor the patience to which his younger brother added, "nor the ability!" That gave Mr. Vertrum just the spur he needed to get him going so he immediately called Palm Beach, ordered some redwood and the rest is history.

As he progressed in his hobby, it gave him great enjoyment; in fact, he says that his late wife used to say, "He liked it so much it was his second wife." He continues to craft his masterpieces in his shop in Green Turtle Cay where tourists love to browse and take home a wonderful piece of Bahamian history. Mr. Lowe says, "I would hate to see this tradition lost."

Several other outstanding Abaco persons were nominated to receive Cacique Awards. These included Lynn Johnson of the Green Turtle Club in Human Resources, Peter Johnston of Pete's Pub and Gallery in Creative Arts, Brendal Stevens of Brendal's Dive Center and Ralph Albury of Albury's Ferry in Transportation.



Ron and Erin Pagliaro

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# News of the Cays

## Barefoot

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Stone McEwan and Thunder got the party started and the crowd moving with mixture of songs each with its own island beat and flavour.

"The Barefoot Man," aka George Nowak, said this is the only free concert he performs because he just loves Abaco. His only requirement is four days of fishing and one day for the concert. "Barefoot," as he is sometimes called, has been coming to Abaco since 1968. His first wife, he told me, was from Green Turtle Cay and he joked, "This is only place where you come to visit your in-laws and they still love you."

"The Barefoot Man" has composed about 2,000 songs and recorded 500. He has also written two books. His music is a mixture of calypso with a bit of reggae and soca, garnished with a little country and plenty of humour. He advised that he is now writ-



Walter Sweeting shows off his gold coin.

ing songs about Abaco; some of them he performed much to the delight of the crowd.

He credits Caribbean islanders for his stage name because in his early performances in bars he played barefoot and people called him, "Barefoot Man," "No Shoes Man" and "Barefoot Boy."

Partygoers were able to get up close and personal with the "Barefoot Man" as he mingled with the crowd, autographed T-shirts and took photographs with them.

When I left Guana Cay late in the afternoon, the party was still rockin'. More and more people were just arriving and it seemed like not anyone wanted to leave. Who knows, maybe the party is still going on?

## Man-O-War Exciting Discovery

By Jennifer Hudson

The finding of an old Spanish coin recently in Man-O-War Cay has caused quite a bit of excitement among some of the residents there and especially for Mr. Walter Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council.

Fifteen years ago a large amount of fill was dredged up from the harbour. This fill has been used over the past few months for the renovation of the ballfield. One day recently Mr. Walter Sweeting was walking beside the Man-O-War Hardware warehouse where the bulldozer had just ploughed through the fill and his sharp eye caught sight of a small golden speck glinting amongst the mud. On further inspection he found that it looked like a gold coin sitting on its edge in one of the tracks. He picked it up, dusted it off and realized he was looking at an old Spanish gold coin minted in 1792 and showing a bust of Charles IV and a denomination of eight Escudos. Very ex-



Alton Lowe is shown at his invitational art show in Green Turtle Cay. Photo by Dr. Jay Downs

cited at this find, he took the coin home and went to the Internet to see what he could discover further about the history of the coin. On the Website of New World Treasures, Spanish Colonial Coins and Artifacts, he was able to identify an almost exact replica of his coin which was minted in Madrid with a diameter of 1.2 inches and a weight of 13.5 grams. The only difference was that the coin shown was in a denomination of four Escudos whereas his is eight Escudos.

Mr. Sweeting's desire now is to have his treasure professionally appraised.

How interesting it would be if his coin could tell its story of just how it came to be on Man-O-War Cay. Sadly, we will never know its colourful history and can only let our imaginations conjure up pictures of galleons and perhaps a wealthy Spaniard who

carelessly dropped a coin or maybe a poor sailor who sadly lost the last of his pay.

## Other News

Man-O-War's Church of God, lead by Pastor David Hoard, held several fund raising events in the last two months to finance a youth trip to Winterfest 2004. Winterfest is sponsored by the Church of God where thousands of teenagers from around the Southeastern United States come together to fellowship and

share their faith. This year's turnout is expected to exceed 25,000 young people in worship. On behalf of the congregation of Man-O-War's Church of God Pastor David would like to extend their appreciation for the local community's support.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newton are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Serena Kathleen Newton, born in Freeport on February 28th. The beautiful new arrival is said to look just like her mother - sorry, Jerry. Mother and child are doing well and are expected home soon.

Man-O-War All age school celebrated Commonwealth Day on March 8th with a special assembly presentation by grades 2 and 3.

The Man-O-War Ballfield Association vigilantly continues their re-landscaping project. As previously mentioned, the ballfield serves a multi-purpose role in the community and efforts are underway to raise the balance of funds necessary to complete the work. Any assistance by local businesses and/or individuals would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. Fred Sweeting at 365 6128 or Mr. Haziell McDonald at

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365 6016.  
The writer would like to note the arrival of many boaters and second homeowners. Welcome back to all.

## Green Turtle Cay Alton Lowe's First Abaco Invitational Show

By Stephanie Humblestone

Art lovers and friends of Alton Lowe from all over Abaco braved high seas and cold weather to attend the renowned artist's first winter exhibition at his home on Green Turtle Cay on February 27th.

"Some people phoned to say they were unable to attend due to bad weather but would try to make it the following day" said Mr. Lowe, who accommodated invitees by extending the one-day event into a three-day event.

With characteristic warmth the 58-year-old artist welcomed guests with wine and hors d'oeuvres and then mingled among them as they enjoyed 38 selected paintings on display in his "by appointment or invitation only" art gallery.

Long time friend, sculptor James Mastin, whose work graces the Loyalist Sculpture Garden in the heart of the small cay, added another dimension to the event with both his early and most recent pieces.

"I love that," said Mr. Lowe, pointing to an impressive bronze centerpiece of a young woman poised on one leg while the other was bent back with the toe touching the head. "It seems impossible but a dancer

visited here one day, and she demonstrated it," grinned Mr. Lowe.

True to form Alton Lowe's selected paintings were a colourful and vibrant reflection of Bahamian life from traditional crawfishermen and children enjoying Junkanoo to finely executed flowers and native trees.

"More postage stamps will be out soon from a collection I have named *Flowers from a Bahamian Garden*," said the artist who has included among them an unnamed native orchid, a Mexican thistle and a exquisite yellow canna lily.

"This does not mean I will not be exhibiting in Nassau," emphasized Mr. Lowe, whose annual exhibitions have been high on the social calendar there for the past 34 years.

"I have rescheduled my annual March show at the Nassau Beach Hotel to November," he continued.

For Mr. Lowe the event on Green Turtle Cay was a dream materialized and something he had planned for the past five years. It was an unprecedented opportunity for him to stage a show not only in his birthplace but also in his beautiful house high on a hill overlooking Black Sound.

"It gives me so much joy doing this here in this intimate setting," said Mr Lowe, who extended his hospitality to some 500 invitees.

Mr. Lowe, who is legendary for promoting cultural events on Abaco, intends this to be an annual event, notwithstanding the elements.

His long term plans are to adapt his open

air garden theatre, home to numerous Christmas presentations, for forthcoming exhibitions.

"I am going to cover the stage and make a gazebo so this will take care of the weather aspect," enthused the artist.

## Hope Town

### New Lecture Series Begins

By Jennifer Hudson

"Cay Topics" is a newly formed lecture series which began on February 16th at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. This series is being organized by a group of Hope Town ladies for "Ladies who like to listen, learn and lunch."

The first speaker in the series was Ruth Harkin, wife of the well-known US Senator from Iowa, who gave an extremely interesting, non-political talk about her own fascinating career as a corporate lawyer and her experiences and travels worldwide.

Mrs. Harkin was born in the small town of Vesta, Minnesota, with a population of only 350. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1966, her first job for one year was with the Department of the Army in Korea. She then entered law school and upon graduation in 1972 returned to Iowa where she became the first woman elected to the position of County Attorney. She was later appointed to serve as Deputy General Counsel at the United States Department of Agriculture for a period of two years before joining a Dallas-based law firm where she remained as a partner for 10 years in their Washington D.C. office.

In 1993 Mrs. Harkin accepted a Presidential Appointment from President Clinton as President and CEO of OPIC. (Overseas

Private Investment Corporation). Currently, she holds two titles, that of Senior Vice-President of International Affairs and Government Relations and also President of United Technologies International Operations.

During her years working for the United States government, Mrs. Harkin has spent her time traveling the entire world and has offices in six countries including Dubai, Moscow and London. She spoke to the group of her many personal adventures around the world and of her meetings with many of the world's leaders.

The lecture series will continue on March 10th with a talk by our morning wake-up-call star, Patty Toler, on the Cruiser's Net as we know it today.

On March 24th Mimi Rehor, the mover and shaker behind the preservation of the Wild Horses of Abaco, will speak and show a video of the current herd.

The fourth and last of the series on April 7th will welcome men also when Dave Gale of Parrot Cay, author, business entrepreneur, ardent preservationist and founder of BASRA will speak and show a video.

All ladies are invited to these lectures and men, too, for the April lecture.

## First Meeting of the Singles Fellowship

By Bro. Bob Haswell

On April 1 the Hope Town Singles Fellowship will have their first meeting. All meetings will be held at the Hope Town Sailing Club which is situated on the harbor. The meetings will be from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. All ages are invited. Should

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# The Editor Says . . . The Garbage Dilemma



Restaurants have front doors and back doors and the two are as far apart as possible. Parade horses and circus elephants are a joy to watch but they both have a man nearby with a shovel.

Abaco has one of the highest hotel and guest house occupancy rates of any island in the Bahamas including Nassau and may have the highest visitor return rate of any Bahamian island. We don't often talk about the residue left behind by our hotel and house guests but it is substantial. As the visitor population increases, so does the garbage. Garbage is an acknowledged byproduct of civilization.

Hope Town has evolved into a prime destination for visitors and longer term winter residents. This transient population supports nine restaurants which generate volumes of trash going out the back door and off to the dump. Elbow Cay is further experiencing a building boom which sends truckloads of land clearing debris and construction debris to the dump. Estimates are that Elbow Cay generates 400 cubic yards of trash each week.

Hope Town is a proven destination with a multitude of accommodations. They may have the highest density of accommodations of any Family Island.

In the tourist business the emphasis is all up front with pretty faces, fresh flowers and pristine beaches. However, behind every town is a politely obscure garbage dump. That is, obscure if the town has the luxury of space. Like septic tanks, garbage and dumps are not part of polite conversation - necessary but out of sight and out of mind.

Marsh Harbour has the apparent luxury of space but government has had problems finding a suitable location for the proposed landfill site. Remarks from different government individuals indicate a location has been found although it has not been announced. Most studies have focused on areas south of Spring City.

For Elbow Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War and Guana Cay a dump takes valuable space and is a community burden. Although dumps cannot be ignored, creative solutions are often needed as the dump land may bring higher benefits if used for other purposes.

Shipping garbage to a distant site on the

Abaco mainland appears at first glance to be a costly exercise. However, this may be very cost effective. Without a dump, marginal property becomes desirable and approaches the value of other land in the area. Property taxes may be collected, development takes place, jobs are created and the economy moves forward. Transporting the collected trash by barge, then by truck to a managed landfill becomes an industry in itself.

Just as high quality steak costs more than ordinary hamburger, the cost of living on an offshore island may have to include the increased cost of trash handling. It is accepted that construction on the offshore cays is more expensive than on the Abaco mainland due to extra freight and handling of materials.

Harbour Island on Eleuthera had a problem similar to Elbow Cay's several years ago. Collectively, the island residents, businesses and local government managed to make so much noise that government began barging the town's garbage to a landfill site on mainland Eleuthera.

Man-O-War has shipped its garbage to the Abaco mainland for years. This was the first Abaco community to solve its trash problem with a plan incorporating a chipper to reduce the volumes of yard trash into mulch.

Guana Cay's dump problems erupted a couple of years ago causing much chaos in the settlement. The population there is smaller than Hope Town's and government provided relief by supplying bins and

freighting the garbage to Marsh Harbour.

The plight of Elbow Cay's garbage has brought the issue there to the surface. The fumes and smoke from the daily burning is becoming more than a casual nuisance. The island is so small but so developed that wind from any direction affects residents somewhere. The problem is sometimes so bad that residents must leave their homes and stay with friends until the wind direction changes.

Garbage dumps are like septic tanks — they should get the job done but stay out of sight and mind. Overflowing or malfunctioning septic tanks get immediate attention. Generally, dumps are situated where they can overflow and malfunction for years before they reach the point of demanding attention. An overflowing dump in the middle of a small island does not have this option.

Many health problems can result from a lack of proper garbage disposal. Hope Town has smoke and fumes to cope with along with their cancer causing chemicals. Respiratory problems are becoming more common there.

While solving garbage problems from upscale communities may be acceptable, the garbage situation in the immigrant communities in Marsh Harbour needs to be considered. Here the problem is not smoke but piles of fetid trash, cans and bottles, containers of stagnant water, rats, mice and other vermin. Junk cars and appliances are everywhere.

Marsh Harbour's two main immigrant

settlements of the Mud and Pigeon Peas are home to 1,500 legal persons as defined in the 2000 census. It is generally conceded that several times this number actually live there. Whether legal or not, they are there and generate garbage like the rest of us.

There is presently no effort to provide a collection and disposal service for these people. Local government must find a way to provide a basic garbage service for these people for the good of the greater community. Perhaps bins could be put at strategic entry points to these communities for residents to fill with garbage.

The residents of Sweetings Village in Marsh Harbour take their garbage to a central collection point where bins are emptied regularly. This same method would provide a measure of relief for the trash in the Mud and Pigeon Peas. The Town Committee should look into this and ask for funding to provide this service. A similar situation exists at the Sand Banks community outside Treasure Cay.

We have been fortunate with no public outbreak of cholera, dengue fever, malaria or other public health issues. Our economy would be devastated with an outbreak of some presently obscure disease. Ignoring the garbage in these communities exposes surrounding residents to a myriad of health risks which could develop into a scourge that could destroy our tourist based economy.

Practical garbage solutions for all communities must be found and implemented.

## Generally Speaking . . .

By S. Timothy Roberts

When you look at thriving economies across the globe, you will find free and healthy competition pushing the envelope to everyone's benefit.

It is with dismay that I have noted over the years an anti-competitive spirit in The Bahamas. In fact, there have been protests and petitions in opposition to any business that gives the slightest hint of competition against another.

This attitude puts us at a very distinct disadvantage in the economy of the world because if we can't compete nationally against our own people and businesses, how

## The Spirit of Competition

do we hope to have the right edge to compete against anyone else in the world?

It has been said the "competition is the whetstone that sharpens our talents." If there is not healthy competition, we lose something valuable as a country.

We as a people are innately talented and intelligent; however, if we refuse to freely compete here in The Bahamas and here on Abaco, we will continue to do a disservice to ourselves and to our country.

The Bahamas' tourist industry is facing recession because we are not competing. People are too concerned with the dollar

they make today and forget about securing their jobs for tomorrow.

We have examples before us of the problems of monopolies and the benefits of competition. Over the Christmas holidays we benefitted greatly from the spirited competition between Price Right and Solomon's. Radio Abaco, in fact, benefitted greatly from that competition.

We must also consider the fact of the soon coming FTAA and all the possible changes and challenges it will bring. If we don't have the right mindset to compete, we will ultimately fail.

# ALL ABOUT TOWN

By Isobel Sherman

## Sports and Youth

There is no question that the sports programme of Abaco Youth in Action has been a resounding success. Involving our youth ages 6-14 in meaningful sporting activities is great. Not only do they have a healthy extra curricular activity but hopefully as they get to be senior high school

age, their interest in participating in sporting activities will be just as strong. When the pool in Hope Town opens up, this will provide another sport to participate in.

I remember some years ago when the physical education curriculum at the senior high school level was written, it was to provide young people with the skills for sports that could carry them through their adult years. It was teaching them skills in such sports as swimming, tennis and softball that, hopefully, they would continue to participate in when they were adults.

A few weeks ago I watched teenagers participating in a Inter-House Track and Field Meet. It was amazing to me to see once again the junior school students eager to participate in the events. But it was a struggle in many cases to get enough senior students to participate. When the junior students participated, they fared well in each event. In other words, some were in great shape and others, though not in the best shape, were able to complete the events without much of a struggle. However, in many of the senior events most were out of shape. For many it was a real effort to participate. If they are so out of shape at such a young age, what hap-

pens when they reach their 30s and 40s, not to mention past those ages?

For some who do not like physical education, it is sad to say that this once-a-week class might be the only attempt at physical exercise they get in a week. Walking to school is a no-no for many. In fact, any physical exertion is a no-no for some of them. Not only does the attitude of these young people need to be changed for their own future physical well being but some form of sporting activities must be available to them.

As a coach pointed out to me, students are eager to participate in primary school and still eager in junior high. But once they hit senior high, their enthusiasm wanes big time. With so much concern about physical activity for all ages to improve health and to keep healthy life styles, programmes need to be developed to keep these youngsters in sports. Facilities need to be provided. And volunteers to be part of these programmes must be found. In many ways it is not the youngsters' fault if they become what is termed "couch potatoes." Some of the re-

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# Letters to the Editor

## Recycling Is a Great Start

Dear Editor:

As a yearly visitor to Abaco at Casuarina Point for 20 years now, I have seen many changes on the island. This year the addition of the recycling of aluminum cans is a most welcome one. We are eager to support this endeavor and found the bins well located in Marsh Harbour. Perhaps, this good start will grow to include glass and/or newspapers until all that is reusable is part of your recycling program. Each step we all take in this area is a gift to the future. Congratulations! You have begun it well.

Nancy S. Coyle

## Another Tourist Paper?

Dear Editor,

I was just handed the new Tourist Information paper. This is the second new tourist information journal I've seen in two months, filled with advertisements. It reminds me of the story that my husband told about a little town that had a gas station that had served the community well for many years. Then a second gas station opened and they both struggled. Then a third one opened, and all three went bankrupt. There are only so many advertising dollars available. What would happen if we lost *The Abaconian*?

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Frederick

## Appeal to BEC

Dear Editor:

For months several of the street lights here at Man-O-War Cay have not been working. I have made many calls to the BEC office in Marsh Harbour and voiced my complaint to employees and Mr. Knowles, the manager. So far, my complaints have been ignored. Thanks to a Good Samaritan for installing a kerosene lantern on a pole at the bottom of a very steep hill that has no lighting for several hundred feet. A few nights ago some of our second home owners were seen having to use flash lights to join their friends for dinner at one of our local restaurants. I am asking that BEC kindly donate a few lanterns and kerosene.



Concerned Citizen

## More Comments on Cruising Permit Increase

Dear Editor,

The recent letter from the Florida boater is an embarrassment to the many boaters who enjoy the hospitality of the Bahamas. Yes, the increase was a shock, but it hasn't really hindered the majority of the cruisers. He doesn't speak for the many boaters who are here. An incremental \$200 for a cruising permit and fishing license is a small price to pay for excellent sailing, plenty of beaches and clean water. My wife and I have covered over 10,000 miles in the last four years on our 40-foot sailboat and have been to The Bahamas four times during that period, twice while going to and from the Eastern Caribbean (Grenada). To set the proper perspective on that \$200 increase in relation to boat costs, consider that a properly equipped 40-foot sailboat will have \$700 to \$2000 of proper ground tackle not including the windless, several thousand dollars worth of electronics, radios included, a life raft (if properly equipped)

costing \$3000 or more, a dinghy and outboard engine costing from \$1500 (used) to much more depending on type and consider a head repair kit costs \$50+. The boat itself is at least \$65,000 if in good condition. If a family with a 40-foot sailboat can't afford an extra \$200 to bring a properly equipped sailboat to the Bahamas, can they really afford the Florida Keys?

Regards,  
Ian and Sue LeMair  
S/V Kokopelli

## Ferry Drivers Should Assist

To the Editor,

I would first like to say thank you to Randy, Brent, Paul and Kenny for all their help over the years on Albury's Ferry. You are doing an excellent job.

However, I would like to go on to say that I have been on the ferry and seen elderly people and women with small children try to get on and off the ferry and a tourist would get up and help them while certain other boat captains would stand and watch. I myself have got on and off the ferry with my hands full of bags with no help from certain boat captains

There is no excuse for this. The people using Albury's Ferry pay to use that service and should be treated with respect as a customer. Albury's Ferry needs to have a serious talk with certain boat captains. And I know that I'm not the only one who feels this way.

Annoyed Customer

## Abaco's Marine Industry

To the Editor:

As a foreign vessel owner I have been reading the articles about the new cruising permit and dock fees with obvious interest. I have been coming to Abaco for the past 18 years and view it as my second home, like many other boating visitors.

Among foreign boaters these tax increases directed at the visiting boaters have obviously been a frequent subject of conversation. After asking a lot of questions and soliciting comments from marina owners and business owners around Marsh Harbour, there seems a consensus that these decisions are not exactly totally supported.

Everyone seems to agree that Abaco's tourism relies on the boating tourist by 50 to 75 percent, based on the comments I have received.

I have also been reading with interest the articles about the upcoming FTAA and the changes it will probably bring to The Bahamas. The Bahamas appears to be looking for what I would call "Industries" to grow the GNP, employment and subsequently taxes in the country. Tourism is obviously The Bahamas primary industry, and the Bahamas should look at boating as an "Industry;" a separate industry from that of hotel-based tourism. Some places, such as the State of Florida, look at boating as an industry and try to attract boat builders and



other boat-related businesses to their state.

In fact, the State of Florida boasts that the boating "Industry" generates approximately \$3.5 billion (yes, billion) in business for the state per year. Locally, the Marsh Harbour Boat Yard is a perfect example of a successful new business that has grown and employs what appears to be a good number of local people solely supported by the boating industry.

Many times people get too wrapped up with the short-term objective of meeting this year's budget through tax collection (which is how budgets are met), and do not look at the long-term effects of a short-term tax increase. Potentially, a long-term (five to 10 year) business-type approach should be taken, looking at boating as an "Industry" and the tourism, service and support revenues and subsequent employment and taxes it can produce for the country and its people.

Again, I love The Bahamas and only want to see the country and its people grow and prosper.

Name withheld on request

## Paving Comparisons Not Fair

Dear Editor,

Please consider placing the following in your Letters to the Editor section

I would like to respond to some inaccurate statements made at a recent town meeting in Hope Town

Regarding a comment made that a contract had been signed with Caribbean Asphalt: As of Tuesday, February 24, there was no contract signed with Caribbean Asphalt to do any roads in Hope Town.

Regarding remarks on the quality of road work done by Bahamas Hot Mix: The suggestion that Bahamas Hot Mix did poor quality work on a recent Central Abaco contract is utterly false. These works were recently reviewed after the conclusion of the maintenance period, and aside from a few minor issues which were quickly cor-

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# Central Abaco News

## Art Gallery Opens

Conch Pearl Galleries, Abaco's newest gallery of fine locally made art and jewellery, officially opened on March 2nd. The principles of Feng Shui were evident in the design of the interior which was a blend of rough sawn cedar showcases, a beautiful oriental carpet and dynamic lighting. On the walls hung original paintings by leading artists including Eddie Minnis, Chan Pratt, Sonia Isaacs, Kathy Hura and Sean McNamara.

On display were the turned and inlaid

wood bowls of Stephen Knowles, the bronze sea life of Don Wood, model boats made by Cherokee Sound fishermen and the stunning jewellery of Peter Bradley. The owners of the gallery, Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer of Cherokee Sound, threw a party for residents and visitors on the evening of the grand opening that included the artists and a visit by Alton Lowe, arguably the most well known artist on Abaco. To have Minnis, Pratt and Lowe in one room was "an unforgettable experience," according to one partygoer.



The Conch Pearl Galleries officially opened on March 2 with an Open House. The art work displayed was by leading artists of The Bahamas. The guests attending were able to mingle with three nationally renown artists, Mr. Eddie Minnis, Mr. Alton Lowe and Mr. Chan Pratt. Shown above is Mr. Minnis talking with Mrs. Jennifer Sawyer, who with her husband, Trevor, own the business. Behind them is a spectacular portrait by Mr. Minnis' daughter.

Conch Pearl Galleries was founded by the Sawyers to offer the Abaco community beautiful art, unusual, custom made jewellery and repairs and one thing more. Ten percent of all profits from the gallery are to be set aside to provide scholarship funding for a deserving young person from Cherokee to go to college or to further his or her education after finishing high school.

Stop by Conch Pearl Galleries located in Royal Harbour Village on Bay Street in Marsh Harbour and meet Gallery Manager Sandra Albury. She will be glad to give you a tour.

## Additional Air Service

By Isobel Sherman

Yellow Air Taxi is now offering regular flights to West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Tickets for these flights can be

purchased at their counter at the airport and at A & W Travel Agency in Marsh Harbour. According to A & W, there is a special rate for the introduction of this service to Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. For the present five-seat and nine-seat planes are being used. If there is enough volume, Yellow Air Taxi is willing to put a 30-seat plane on the route.

## Marine Folders Available at the Post Office

By Isobel Sherman

On the side bulletin board of the Marsh Harbour Post Office there is a plaited straw pamphlet holder with a raffia fish and the word *Fish for our Future*. The pamphlets

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Well known artist, Mr. Chan Pratt, is shown here on the left chatting with Chad and Ginnie Sawyer at the Open House held to officially open the Conch Pearl Galleries. Mr. Pratt is known for his painting of poinciana trees in bloom.



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# More Central Abaco News

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are the education tools of various organizations, Department of Fisheries, Nature Conservancy and BREEF. The pamphlets are on *Nassau Grouper, Crawfish, Conch*, the *Fishing Regulations of The Bahamas* and *Marine Laws*. Stop in and pick up these educational pamphlets and join the fight to preserve our environment.

**Girl Guides Will Meet**

*By Isobel Sherman*

Mrs. Michelle Bailey has announced the return of Girl Guides to Abaco. Mrs. Bailey,

Head of the Science Department at Abaco Central High, will soon become the Girl Guide Commissioner for Abaco. A former Guider herself, Mrs. Bailey is looking for leaders of the troops she would like to establish. If interested in becoming a leader, contact Mrs. Bailey at Abaco Central High at 367-2334.

**Newstart Total Health Expo Held**

*By Portia Jonsson*

A team of physicians from California and students from Georgia staged a Health Expo at the Marsh Harbour Seventh Day

Adventist Church for five nights from March 2nd to March 6th.

The Health Expo is a new, scientific view of total health showing how disease is prevented or reversed through the Newstart health promotion plan. The Health Expo lifestyle programs emphasize that total health means a balance and optimum function of all dimensions of life: physical, mental, social and spiritual. Through eight illustrated exhibits, a practical program on "how to live healthfully" was beautifully portrayed in art and action. Health professionals explained and demonstrated simply and scientifically eight steps to better living through Health Expo health education exhibits.

Each of the eight illustrated Health Expo exhibits presented a dimension of health following the Newstart sequence: nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest and trust in a divine power. Physicians, ministers and other health workers led in the exhibit discussions, demonstrations and brief illustrated lectures. In addition, there were areas where blood pressure and health consultations were carried out. Included also was the computer HealthAge test. This test not only lets you know your birth age but also your physiological age according to your health habit. Food demonstrations, video films, free gift drawings and a health poster contest for children were staged as well.

The Health Expo was created for public evangelism, designed to be an avenue of direct soul-winning integrated into the presentation of the Seventh-day Adventist message.

**Supt. Gary Smith is Honoured by the DEA**

*By Jennifer Hudson*

On February 13th the United States Department of Justice presented Mr. Gary V. Smith, Superintendent of Customs, Abaco,

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The Kiwanis Club has begun a clean-up project which will benefit the entire island. The members are encouraging towns to clean up by donating garbage cans and industrial strength bags for the cans to be located in parks. The towns are responsible for securing the cans. Cooper's Town and Fire Road have already secured their cans with chains. Shown above is the presentation of a garbage can to representatives of the Murphy Town Committee. They are, left to right, Mr. Henley Dawkins, Mr. Sonneth Lockhart, Ms. Anita Rolle, Mr. Gilbert Davis, Mr. John Pintard, Ms. Annastacia Seymour, Mr. Cubel Davis, Jr. and Mr. David Knowles.



Mrs. Rhonda Hull competed in the Miami Tropical Marathon, running 13 miles. She ran to raise sponsorship money for Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Fund. She was able to raise \$3000 through her effort.

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# School News

## Every Child Counts Says Thank You

By Portia Jonsson

On March 5th the teachers and students of Every Child Counts Learning Centre said *Thank You* to their volunteers and sponsors in a special assembly.

School Director, Mrs. Lynn Major, told those present that Every Child Counts would not exist today without the support of the community. She said it takes the community to do what they are doing. On behalf of the students, she thanked the school's volunteers and sponsors for all their help and advised that their support has not gone unnoticed.

The students entertained all in dance I

*Need You To Survive* and beautiful bookmarks and gifts made by the students were given as a token of their appreciation.

Every Child Counts provides full time schooling to students who cannot succeed in a mainstream classroom because of physical, neurological or cognitive disabilities.

## Central Abaco Primary School Opens Bahamian Heritage Exhibit

By Portia Jonsson

In an effort to teach our children about things Bahamian and the way of life in years gone by, the teachers and staff of the Central Abaco Primary School have created a Bahamian Heritage Museum exhibit showcasing many items of the past. The museum

was opened on March 5th at a special assembly at the school and will remain open during the entire month of March.

Committee member and teacher, Ms. P. Campbell, said the focus this year is on Bahamian musicians and their instruments. A bulletin board features the pictures of many famous Bahamian musicians and right below, a goat skinned drum. Ms. Campbell advised that the students are conducting research on these musicians.

Other items of interest at the museum are native trees and plants used in "bush medicine," a tin tub, old Bahamian currency, homemade treats like coconut cake and bread pudding, Junkanoo costumes and handmade quilts. Also on display is beautiful Irish linen from England purchased by young girls in years past to put in their hope chests. These young girls saved their hard earned money to order this linen.

In addition to the Bahamian Heritage Museum the Central Abaco Primary School will be staging a month of Bahamian activities. The festivities will end with a special guest appearance by Geno D. at the school on March 29th. The Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Neville Wisdom, is expected to attend this special assembly.

Parents, teachers and students have worked hard to put together this museum and the community is asked to stop by, step back in time and revisit the past.

## Bahamian Heritage Month Is Celebrated

By Portia Jonsson

Under the theme *Dis We Culture Through Music and Dance*, the Central Abaco Primary School launched its Bahamian Heritage Program on March 5th during a spe-

cial morning assembly.

The students of Grade 2 gave their own interpretation of what it means to be a Bahamian in song, dance and recital. Some dressed in Bahamian costume complete with straw hats and straw handbags while others waved Bahamian flags.

Ms. Beatrice Moxey, vice principal, admonished the students to be proud of their Bahamian heritage and study their past. With

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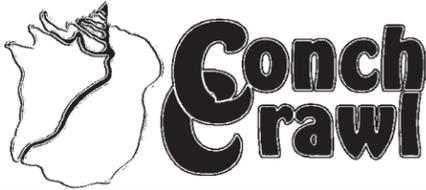


The students of Every Child Counts organized a special program as a thank you to the many people who support the program. The program provides schooling for children who otherwise could not attend a normal classroom.



The Central Abaco Primary School is celebrating Bahamian Heritage Month. This second grade student was in a program portraying Bahamian life in the past.

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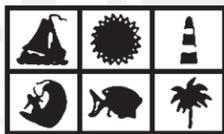
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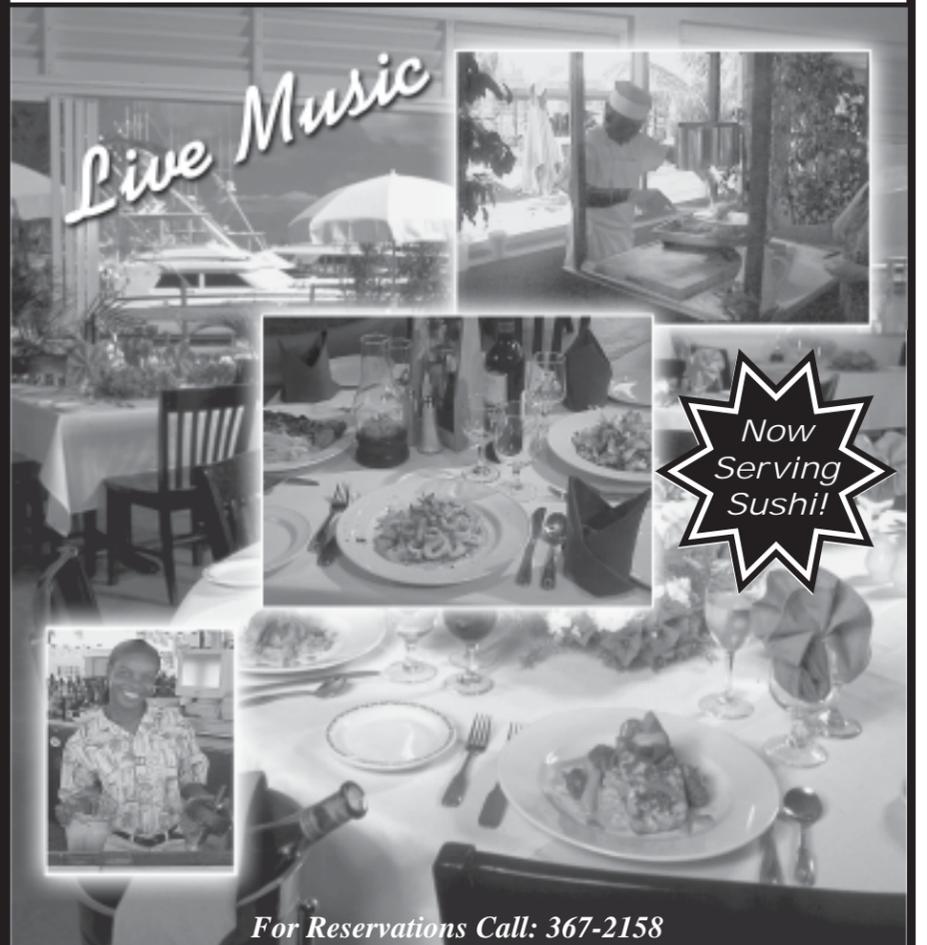
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the help of the Bahamian Heritage Museum opened at the school, they will be able to view things from years gone by. Ms. Moxey reminisced of her days growing up.

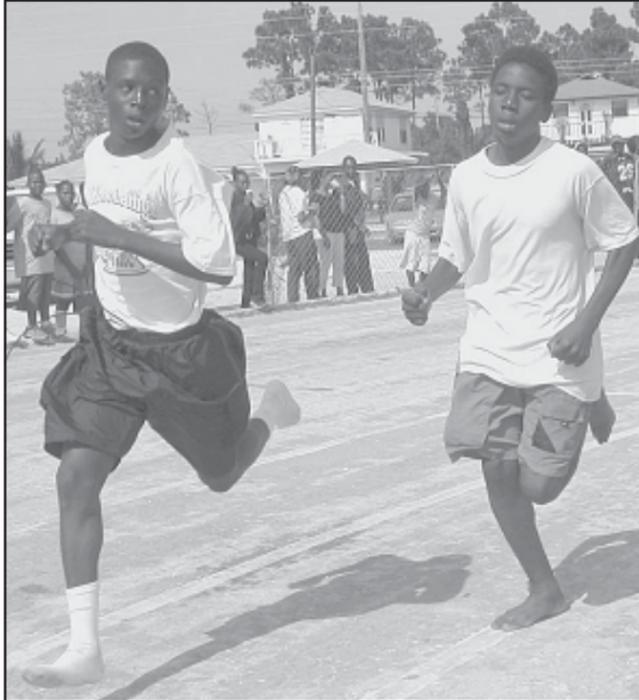
The month will end with a special guest appearance by Geno D. at the school on March 29th.

**Track Club**

*By Isobel Sherman*

Track and Field is the love of Coach Vogel Williams's life. After coaching for several years at S.C. Bootle High School, he went to Freeport for a few years. On his return to Abaco Mr. Williams assumed duties as a physical education teacher for Treasure Cay Primary, Fox Town and Cooper's Town Primary Schools.

He now has a track club in full uniform called the Green Arrow Track Club. The



Competition was strong between the five schools which competed in the Inter-School Track and Field event. It was held at the Murphy Town Park on March 4 and 5. The competition was organized into five groups depending on age. Approximately 200 students participated.

**Abaco Central High School**

*By Isobel Sherman*

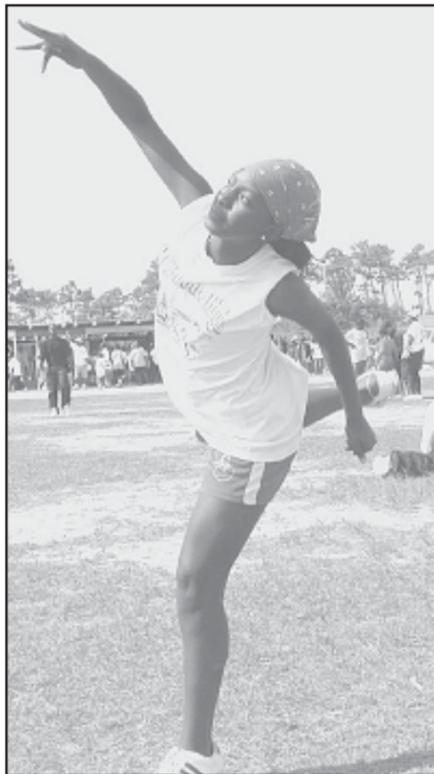
**Assembly Highlighted Blacks**

On February 24 a special assembly was held at Abaco Central High School with the theme was *Black History Live from Abaco*. February is Black History month and Grade 8 honored black Abaconians who are presently contributing to Abaco. Honorees came from the fields of business, sports, arts, music, religion, government and culture. A student read a biography of each honoree and each honoree was presented with a certificate for their contribution to Abaco over the years.

The honorees were Alexander Williams, Island Administrator, Jackson McIntosh, Roderick Strachan, Silbert Mills, Lynden Davis, Colette Rolle-Bootle, Estin Sawyer, Don Cornish and Rev. Carla Culmer.

The assembly included music and entertainment. The Junkanoo dancers and the

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The javelin throw was one of the field competitions held on March 4 and 5 between high schools on Abaco. This competition will determine who will compete nationally.

club is composed of primary school children who he is training to become the future track stars of Abaco and the Bahamas.

**Inter-School Sports**

*By Isobel Sherman*

Inter-School Sports for the Secondary Schools on Abaco was held on March 4 and 5 at the track in Murphy Town. Schools that participated in the track and field events were S.C. Bootle High School, Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy and Abaco Central High School. Each event had four age groups, under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 20. Medals were given to the top three finishers in each event.

Present at the Opening Ceremony was MP for South Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting. He welcomed the schools and wished all competitors the best. Officially opening the meet was Sen. Desmond Bannister, President of the Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association, who told the young people he was happy to be on Abaco to witness their talent and urged them to continue to strive for higher heights.

This event is used to see which students will be traveling to Nassau for the National Senior School Track and Field Champion-

ship to be held next month.

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# Fires Claim Home and Leave Five Homeless

By Portia Jonsson

Around 2 a.m. on the morning of March 8th, my husband and I were awakened by a neighbour telling us that the Evans' residence, a few corners away, was on fire.

Firemen were already on the scene when we arrived shortly thereafter but they arrived too late to save the house. It was engulfed in flames.

Mr. Andrew Evans said that he and his family continued to smell smoke in their house since the bush fire in Spring City the day before. His wife woke him to say that the smoke was thickening and the fumes were getting stronger. He walked around the house to inspect it and noticed flames

in one of the rooms. Everyone was immediately rushed out of the house and within minutes, their home was consumed by flames.

The Evans family was able to save only a few pictures and personal belongings they had previously packed a few days before when the bush fire threatened the Spring City community.

## Bush Fire Threatens Spring City

By Portia Jonsson

A bush fire, which had been burning for more than a week, reached the community of Spring City during the early hours March

6th. Around 5:30 p.m. the previous night the fire was spotted just south of the community and the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department was notified. The following morning the fire was at our doorsteps and volunteers from the Fire Department were called and arrived at 4 a.m. Volunteer firemen from Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shore arrived later that morning and assisted the Marsh Harbour crew.

This was the third fire in 12 hours that the fire department had responded to. The first fire occurred at an old abandoned house near the public dock around 6 p.m. followed by a bush fire at midnight between Dundas and Murphy Towns and lastly Spring City's bush fire at 4 a.m.

The fire at Spring City spread quickly through the small community jumping from one street to the other. In order to save homes and stores the process of "backfiring" was carried out. This standard procedure, conducted by the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department many times, controls burn. Flames are lit ahead of the fire which the firemen closely watch. The two fires meet and are then extinguished because nothing is left to burn.

Mr. Harlin Johnson of Bahamas Hot Mix kindly brought in a bulldozer at his own expense to clear the bush and trees away from homes and other buildings.

It was early evening when the Fire Department was finally able to leave Spring City but they were not headed home. They had been notified that the airport was under threat and informed me that they would probably be working there throughout the night.

The community of Spring City thanks the volunteers from the Marsh Harbour, Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores Fire and Rescue Departments for all their help, time and effort. Many persons seem to take for granted the important role these volunteers play in our lives. It is evident that without their assistance many homes and even lives may have been lost.

Other forest fires have been threatening residences. Bahama Coral Island and Little Abaco have had dangerous fires.



A disastrous fire threatened Spring City for several days over the first week end of March. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by firefighters from Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores. In the pre-dawn hours of March 8 Andrew Evans' home was completely destroyed, leaving five people homeless. All they were able to save were some photographs and their passports.



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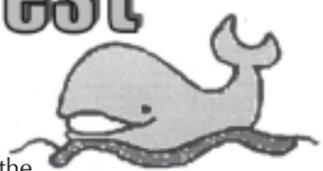
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# Meeting Explains Special Education Program

By Portia Jonsson

Only a very small number of parents, teachers and interested persons showed up to hear the government's plan to strengthen and expand the delivery of special education and support services in The Bahamas. Members of the National Commission on Special Education held a town meeting at the Central Abaco Primary School on the evening of March 3rd.

District Superintendent, Mr. Hezekiah Dean, was disappointed with the poor turnout and expected a much larger crowd due to the numerous requests from persons with children and family members who are challenged.

The National Commission on Special Education team included Mrs. Sheryl Wood, the principal at Beacon School in Freeport; Mr. Marvin Finlayson, who is hearing impaired; and Mrs. Ann Albury, an Educational Psychologist.

Mrs. Woods has been in the field of Special Education for a very long time and was instrumental in integrating challenged students in the Freeport school system. She said it is the goal of the National Commission on Special Education (NCOSE) to look at special education services throughout The Bahamas. The commission will travel to each island visiting schools, churches and communities to see first-hand what chal-

lenges and frustrations are faced by residents. They will not only look at special needs children but also gifted and talented children and those of different cultural backgrounds.

The National Commission on Special Education was appointed by the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister, and launched on July 17th, 2003. The National Commission promotes special education as a fundamental right. The Commission is committed to working with various groups to effect improvements in special education, by stimulating innovation and policy dialogue. Five Committees have been appointed to address requirements and prepare reports relative to the following specific areas:

- Legislative and Structural Review
- Public Education, Advocacy and International Linkages
- Program Evaluation and Development

- Human, Physical and Financial Resources
- Early Identification, Intervention and Family Support.

The Commission is comprised of talented persons from both the public and private sectors. In addition, there will be full consultation with public and private special education schools, and other agencies that provide services to disabled persons and to those with special requirements.

Mr. Finlayson said he is an example of "special" children. He lost his hearing at the age of six due to meningitis.

Commission member Mrs. Ann Albury, who specializes in learning disabilities, said each member of the commission is committed to this task and she is hopeful that this process is not just "talk and chalk." The Commission is serious about taking steps to improve the quality of life for these

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A team from the National Commission on Special Education held a meeting in Marsh Harbour on March 3 to explain that government is hoping to develop a program to teach students who need special education. Shown above, left to right, are District Superintendent for Abaco, Hezekiah Dean; Commission members Mrs. Sheryl Wood, Mrs. Ann Albury and Mr. Marvin Finlayson.

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# First Mega Malt Walk-Run Is Held



The first three runners cross the finish line of the First Annual Mega Malt Walk Run held in Central Abaco on March 6. The response to the event was very good and organizer, Mr. Jerry Wisdom, anticipates other sporting events to encourage athletic activities. First place winners of each category received watches and other participants received certificates.

By Isobel Sherman

The First Annual Mega Malt Walk Run was held on March 6. The starting point was the Central Abaco Primary School and the finish was at Price Busters store in Marsh Harbour. The organizer of the race was Jerry Wisdom of Price Busters and the sponsor was Frank Rutherford, the Bahamian 1992 Olympic Bronze Medallist at the Barcelona Games. Frank is the first Bahamian to medal in Track and Field at the Olympics.

About 70 persons participated in the event. Proceeds of the event will help make a playing field at Central Abaco Primary and resurface the track in Murphy Town.

Mr. Jerry Wisdom in his opening remarks said that the event was put together

in about 10 days and he was going to make this an annual event to help the track and field programme on Abaco. Frank Rutherford mentioned said that Vogel Williams, track coach for the Treasure Cay, Fox Town and Cooper's Town schools, started him off in track and field when he was a youngster. He went on to state that his company, Mega Malt, came from a dream of his to provide funding for young people. Mr. Rutherford said he is prepared to offer his services and his company to help the youngsters in Abaco. He stated that it takes a "whole Village" to raise young people and that he is dedicating his life to help young Bahamians achieve. Next year this event will be promoted with T-shirts, banners and plenty of publicity.

# Abaconian Is Employee of the Quarter

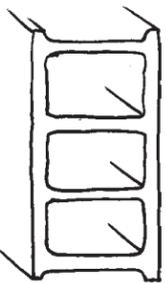


The Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development, second from left, is shown presenting Ms. Charlmae Fernander, Chief Welfare Officer, with a plaque on February 26 in Nassau. Ms. Fernander, who is responsible for the District of Abaco, was named Employee of the Quarter, October - December 2003. Her framed photograph will be displayed on the walls of the offices of the Ministry. In June Ms. Fernander will join other persons named Employee of the Quarter in vying for the award of Employee of the Year. Ms. Fernander joined the Public Service in 1981 and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a number of areas. Min. Griffin, in congratulating Ms. Fernander, said: "I believe that employees who go above and beyond the call of duty should be recognized." On the left is Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry and beside Ms. Fernander is her son, Glenn Fernander.

With runners in front and walkers in back, the race started. The first runner over the finish line was 12-year-old Jean Ronado of the Green Arrow Track Club who ran in 6 minutes and 37 seconds. The first walker to finish was winter resident Dennis Mauck. All participants enjoyed a cool Mega Malt after the race.

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## Auskell Clinic Plans Open House

Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic will hold an Open House on March 19 and 20 and will officially open its newly expanded clinic in the Garnet Archer Building in Marsh Harbour. The public ceremony to officially open the clinic will be at 3 p.m. on March 20. The clinic has expanded to include the entire ground floor of the building.

Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic opened in August of last year. Since then they have provided a range of medical specialists including heart, skin, bone and foot doctors to obstetrician-gynecologists, a pediatrician, allergist, audiologist and plastic surgeon right here in Marsh Harbour. The clinic also offers the services of nutritionists, a weight management and healthy lifestyle consultant, an ultrasound and echo-cardiogram technologist. A variety of vitamins and supplements are stocked at the clinic.

During the Open House the public can tour the facility which has five examination rooms, radiology and sonogram rooms, a laboratory and a pharmacy as well as a reception area and staff room. Visitors can get free glucose, blood and cholesterol tests, and take advantage of a special on echo-cardiograms as well as donate blood to the Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport. The clinic will offer a sampling of its Anodyne Therapy, which is designed to stimulate blood circulation in the foot. Dr. Daniel Johnson, a podiatrist, has installed this

equipment for the benefit of anyone with circulatory problems, especially diabetics. There are only two sets of this equipment in The Bahamas.

Door prizes and gift baskets will be given out as well as T-shirts. Several pharmaceutical representatives will have information tables with literature on their medicines.

Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic was opened by Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Angie Collie of Marsh Harbour, a medical lab technician with a mission to "provide state-of-the-art quality care right here on Abaco."

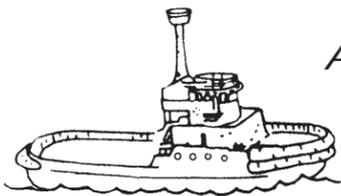
Dr. Johnson, the clinic's director, sees the services provided as a 21st Century version of the old Out Island Doctor or Flying Doctor Services of bringing medical care to the family islands, with the difference that Auskell offers the most up-to-date specialist medical care.

About 20 doctors and other healthcare professionals from Nassau, Freeport, Florida and Jamaica currently make up Auskell's visiting roster. The local staff includes Nurse Siren Davis and office manager Mrs. Linda Simmons.

The opening ceremony will include refreshments and live music Mr. Estin Sawyer.



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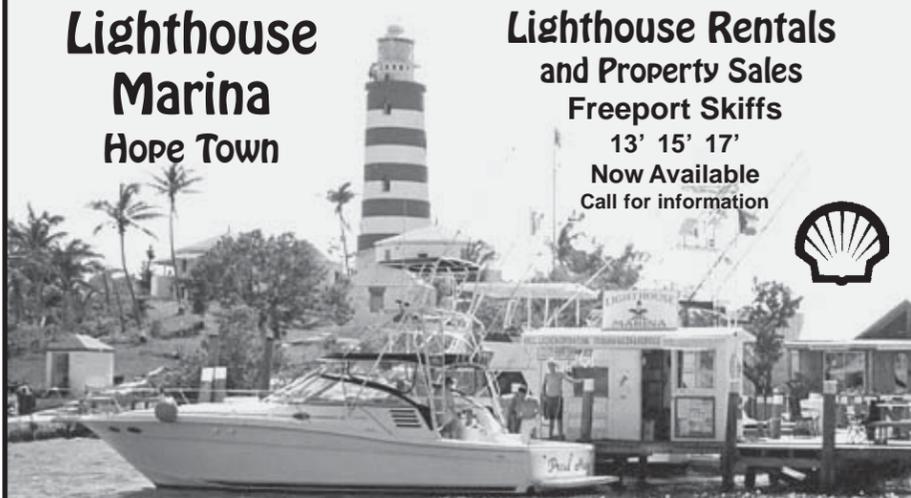
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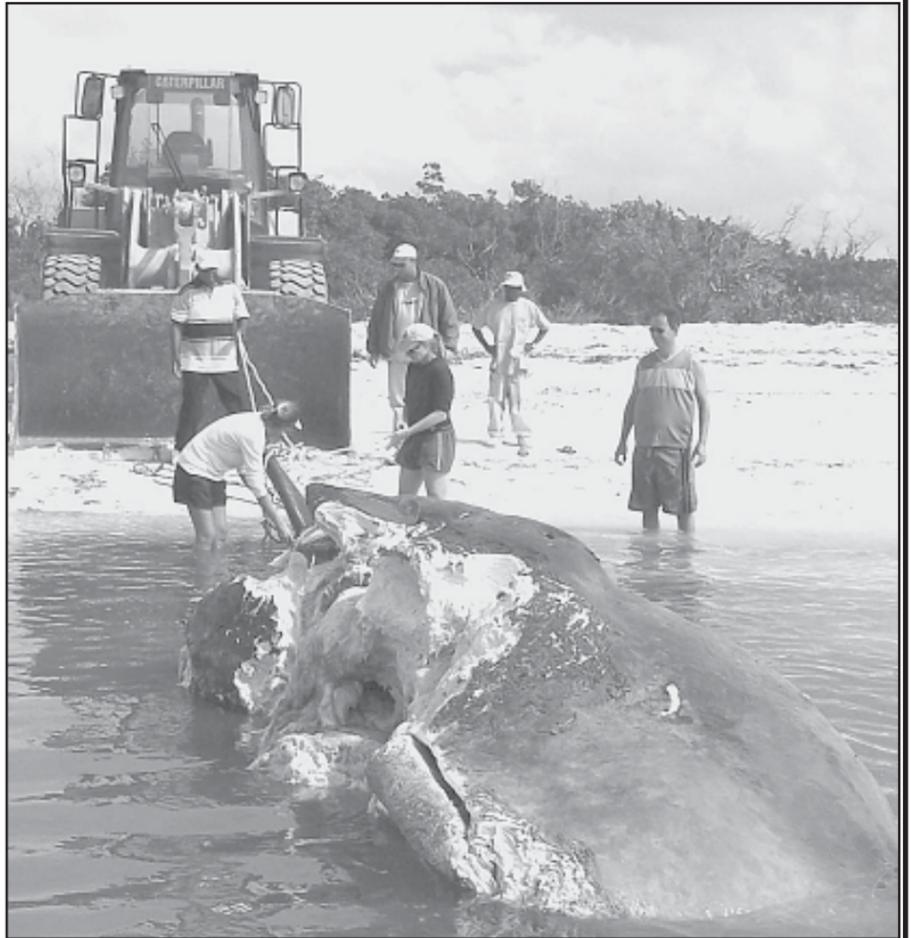
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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for Teadie Swain, 77, of Moore's Island was held on March 6 at the Zion Baptist Church. Pastor Nixon Simms officiated assisted by Pastor Preston Knowles, Pastor Anthony Williams and Pastor Paul Jones. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Hard Bargain, Moore's Island.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Swain; daughters Rosamae Davis, Sylvia Pinder, Ludeen McDonald, Shanell Gierweski, Eloise Wells and Tarsha Wallace; son Joshua Swain; grandchildren Sheryl, Pinky Princess, Jenson, Jerod, Darren, Sharmine and Jurnal Swain, Dianne Darlene, Driscoll and Roderick Davis, Rubilee, Shiann, and Derrick Stuart, Varlene Gaitor, Marvin Jr., Anthony and Antonia Wells, Elgar Pinder and Ginger Cooper; great-grandchildren Justin, Ozeke and Stephanique Swain, Tristian Knowles, Twanasha Lightbourne, Felix Munroe, Fabian Hunt and Luinesha Cooper, Sela and Jared Swain; nieces

Loretta Stuart, Idamae Jones, Roselda Swain and Veronica Cumberbatch, Cordell, Sabrina Parry, Tamika, Vannie, Sharmaine, Coleen, Collette, Edith and Vanda; nephews Elvin, Richard, Leon and Joseph Swain, Gayle, Zendell, Columbus, Junnie and Clay; son-in-law Edison Davis, Patrick McDonald, Tony Wells, Lavardo Wallace and Andrea Gierweski; daughter-in-law Violet Swain; brothers-in-law Ronald and George McKenzie and Samuel Johnson; sisters-in-law Millicent Johnson, Alma and Arametha; grandnieces Jennifer Simms, Lindamae Jones, Lauren Nesbitt and Doris Stuart; grandnephews Jonathan Osborne, Stanley, Rudolph, Bradley, Burcel, Edward Jr., Norvel, Ellis, Michael, Junuzes and Carrington Stuart and Elvin Swain Jr.; Niece-in-law Jocelyn Swain; nephews-in-law Neville Stuart, Simon Jones and Stephen Cumberbatch; grandson-in-law Steven Swain and Jarred Cooper; and many other relatives and friends.

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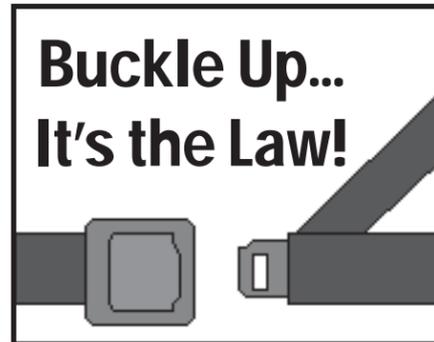


Mr. Gary Smith

with a certificate of appreciation in a ceremony at the United States Embassy in Nassau.

Supt. Smith was recognized for his outstanding contributions in the field of Drug Law Enforcement and praised for the valuable way in which he has willingly exchanged vital intelligence which has resulted in the successful culmination of numerous high level drug investigations. In commending Supt. Smith for his untiring efforts to counter the drug fight and for his devotion

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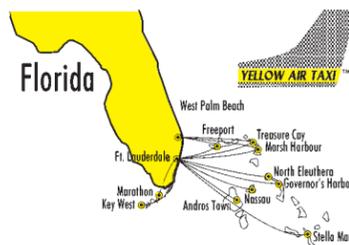
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# Abaconians Helped Create Key West

By Colin Lowe

Only the dark strong waters of the Gulf Stream separate the cays of the Bahamas from the keys of Florida. But, these islands share an interesting history that is reflected in the story of a man and his family.

A young man of 16 left his island home in the Bahamas in 1837 and crossed the Gulf seeking better opportunities in Key West. Young William Curry would go on to achieve considerable success in business in Key West and become Florida's first millionaire.

Originally from Scotland, the Curry family were Loyalists who moved to Abaco from the United States after the American War of Independence. These Loyalists found life in the islands quite different from what they had left in America. The soil and other conditions would not support the crops they were accustomed to growing.

The British government's abolition of slavery in 1832 ended any small hope they may have held to restore their plantations in the islands.

By the time William was born at Green Turtle Cay in 1821, the Loyalists were already turning to the sea more than the land for their sustenance. Although farming was still significant, boat building and seafaring skills had become preeminent. These skills were also used in Key West which was growing in importance as a seafaring center.

Mainland Florida still had a very small population at this time, and it would be many years before Henry Flagler's railroad would bring development to the southern part of the state. William's first job was as a clerk in a mercantile firm. He was paid one dollar a week, a room over the store and meals at the proprietor's home. He was quite frugal and began saving for the future. In 1845, he and a partner, G.L. Bowne, formed a ship's chandlery firm, Bowne and Curry.

This was the era of wrecking. The coral reefs throughout the islands of the Bahamas and the Florida keys had proved disastrous for many ships from the time of the early explorers to the nineteenth century. In addition to vessels running aground through navigational errors and bad weather, some wreckers used false beacons to lure ships to flounder on the reefs. They would then lay claim to the salvage.

Key West boomed in the nineteenth century as the principal port for the wrecking industry. After the United States acquired Florida from Spain, U.S. citizenship was required to get a wrecking license. Quite a few Bahamians engaged in wrecking moved to Key West as wrecks were plentiful in the

Florida Keys. The Bahamian immigrants became known as "Conchs," a name that still endures today.

This migration increased in the years after the Civil War as Key West continued to boom. At one point Key West reportedly had the highest per capita income of any city in the United States. This prosperity lasted until the economy collapsed in the Great Depression in 1929.

Bowne and Curry prospered as they supplied the wrecking fleet out of Key West and also owned a number of vessels. The company became the major ship builder in Key West. In 1856 they built the *Stephen R. Mallory*, the only clipper ship ever built in Florida, at a cost of \$80,000.

The *Mallory* was built for Bowne and Curry by another Bahamian who moved from Green Turtle Cay to Key West. John Bartlum was a mechanical genius who learned shipbuilding from reading and practical application. He built numerous other ships, but the *Mallory* was his greatest achievement. The *Mallory* was 959 tons, 164 feet in length with a 35-foot beam and built from native mahogany known as madeira.

Bartlum is best remembered today for his house which still stands in Key West. This house was originally built on Green

Turtle Cay, and in 1847 he dismantled it and reassembled it in Key West.

G.L. Bowne withdrew from the company in 1861, and the firm of William Curry and Sons continued to grow under William's management for the next thirty years. In addition to building and operating wrecking vessels, the company owned warehouses, piers, ships' railways, an electric plant, an ice plant, fish market, ships' chandlery, hardware store and a bonded warehouse for the Cuban tobacco for the growing cigar industry.

William married into another Bahamian immigrant family. His wife was Euphemia Lowe, who moved from Green Turtle Cay with her family. Her brother, John Lowe, Jr., worked in William Curry's business for many years while also developing his own sponge business. In 1878 he devoted his efforts full time to his own business and became the leading sponge dealer in Key West. He owned a fleet of sponge vessels as well as operating a large ships' chandlery and lumberyard, installing the first electric sawmill in Florida.

In addition to the success of his company, William Curry was very successful with his investments in stocks and bonds. Even during the Civil War he wisely avoided Confederate currency and con-

verted as much as he could into pounds sterling. He was not ostentatious with his wealth, with one notable exception.

A 24-place dinner service made of 18 karat gold was ordered from Tiffany's in New York in 1880. He even ordered 48 of some pieces. This dinner service was not for display but was put into daily use in the Curry borne. Euphemia Curry had the servants check the garbage to prevent pieces from being mistakenly thrown out.

When William Curry died in 1896, he was reputedly the wealthiest man who had made his fortune in Florida.

Many other Bahamians participated in the boom in Key West. Jefferson Browne wrote in *Key West: The Old and The New* that in the years after the Civil War "the second migration which has so changed the population of Key West, that 90 percent of the English speaking people are of Bahama ancestry."

Modern Key West is again experiencing a boom of tourists and celebrities from all over the world. But the island's Conchs remain, many with their roots deeply planted in the Bahamas.

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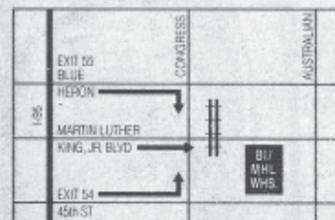
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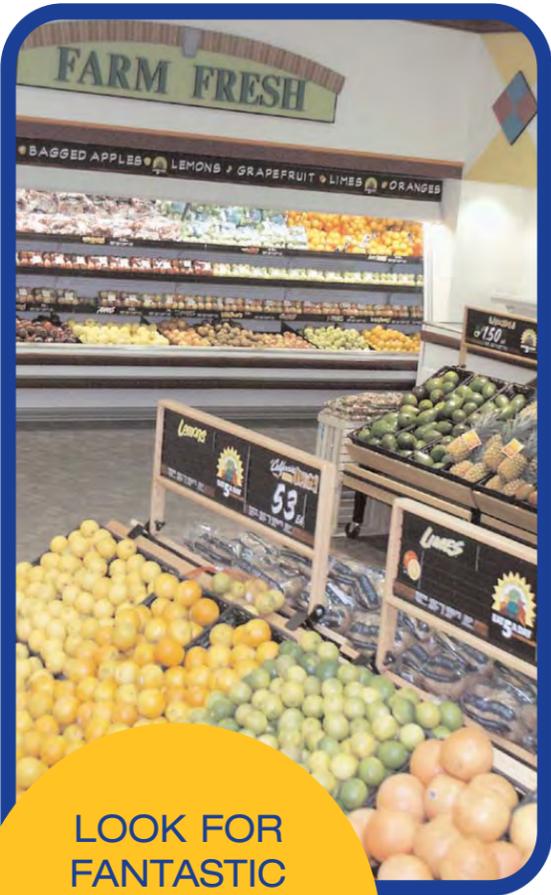


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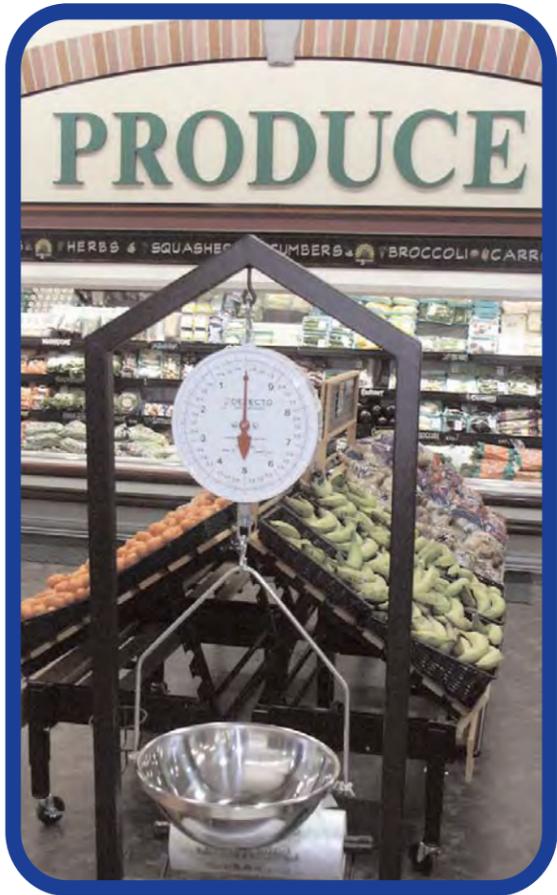
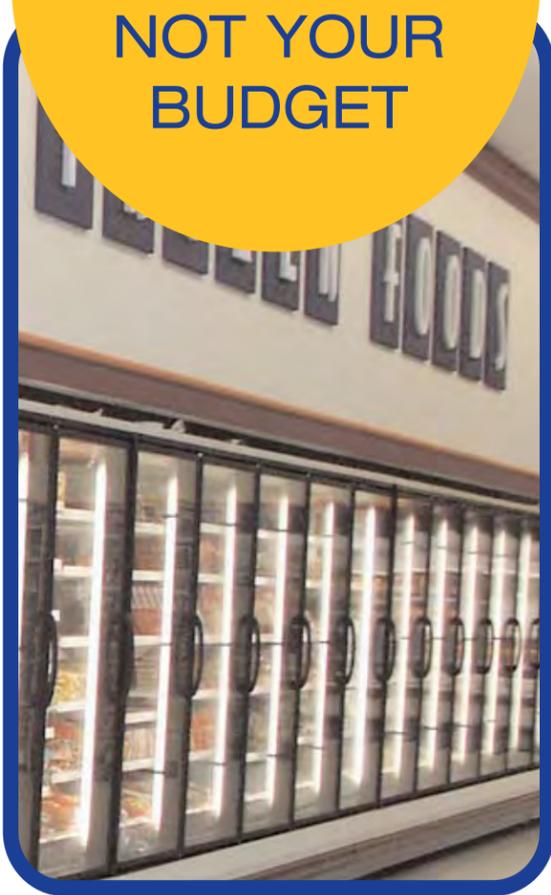
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# Rotary Club Sponsors Speech Competition



Winners in the Senior Category of the Abaco District Speech Competition proudly hold the trophies which they won. The Rotary Club of Abaco sponsored the competition held the Resource Center in Marsh Harbour on March 5th. The students are, left to right, 3rd Place Chantell McIntosh- S.C. Boodle High School, 2nd Place Ashlea Archer-St. Francis de Sales and 1st Place Miquell Miller-Forest Heights Academy. These three students will travel to Nassau to compete in the Bahamas National Speech Competition.



Winners in the Primary Category of the Abaco Speech Competition show off their trophies. They are, left to right, 1st Place Donell Pubien-Long Bay School, 2nd Place Ricasha Desinor-Central Abaco Primary and 3rd Place Oliceia Simon-St. Francis de Sales. All competitors received certificates of participation.



Winners in the Junior Category of the Abaco Speech Competition were proud of their trophies. The Rotary Club held the competition at the Learning Resource Center. They are, left to right, 3rd Place Kristen Hoard-Forest Heights Academy, 2nd Place Junata Anee-Long Bay School and 1st Place Brittany Archer-St. Francis de Sales.

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# North Abaco News

## Treasure Cay 21st Annual Yard Sale

Treasure Cay held its 21st annual Yard Sale on March 6 in the Coco Bar parking lot at the site of the old hotel. The Yard Sale is organized by the staff of the Rose Mary Roberts Library who manned the tables of items donated to the library. In addition to these library tables, property owners and businesses were invited to sell. Offerings ranged from beautiful paintings, furniture, household items marine, repair and building items too numerous to mention.

At the same time at the Community Center a block away, the Rose Mary Roberts Library was selling surplus books at bargain prices. The library culls its books to leave room for new additions.

This year's sale drew the largest crowd ever and turned into a great social event. It was so popular that the ice cream stand ran out of ice cream by mid-morning. Conch salad was readily available from one seller and other food vendors provided a variety of other snacks.

In 1983 Bill and Francine Durrell began the annual Yard Sale, based upon the premise that "One man's garbage is another man's treasure." Over the years it

became the province of the Treasure Cay Library to coordinate and organize the Yard Sale but additionally to dispose of superfluous volumes from the Library, both hard backs and pocket books. With the death of Chief Librarian Rosemary Roberts, the library became the Rose Mary Roberts Library directed by Jerry Roberts and the tradition continued.

Jerry Roberts, the coordinator of the Yard Sale, says that the 2004 net from the yard sale and library sale was an all-time record. Over the years these sales have netted the library some \$14 thousand in revenue. That has bought a lot of books, computers, internet access, photocopiers and the many other functions that the Rose Mary Roberts Library now offers to its members.

The Rose Mary Roberts Library offers the best and most comprehensive services of any library on Abaco which that community should be truly proud of.



The Treasure Cay Yard Sale was a great success once again. Bargain hunters from several communities came to see what was offered. This was the 21st year of the event and nets the library necessary funding for maintaining the Rose Mary Roberts Library. The money buys books, equipment and other supplies.

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# Residents Are Upset about Hope Town Roads

By Stephanie Humblestone

When it comes to describing the state of the Queen's Highway on Elbow Cay, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

If you asked Lorin Senn of Professional Services in Hope Town if "the road to Hell is paved with good intentions," he would agree.

Along with Wyannie Malone descendent Chester Thompson and second home owner Phil Philips, Mr. Senn has been gathering funds and, to his mind "criticism," to meet the \$582,000 contract with Caribbean Asphalt to repair the pot-holed ridden roads on Elbow Cay.

"We have a \$300,000 pledge from government and \$142,000 towards the bal-

ance," said Mr Senn, who has guaranteed with the other two men to "short fall" the funds, if necessary.

However, he does not see this as a probability as the 600-strong community has been generous up to this point in offering to assist financially in repairing the roads. The roads are what Mr. Don Cash, who is spearheading the "No Tar, No Tax" threat to government, calls "no more than trails through the bush."

The community is clearly divided into two camps while in full agreement on the end result - to make the roads safe for all vehicular transportation. On the one hand there is Mr. Senn, who is reassuring concerned residents that the barge is on its way

from Guana Cay, where it recently completed road repairs, while on the other Mr. Cash remains despondent.

"We have waited over ten years and nothing has happened yet," said Mr. Cash, whose bumper stickers "No Tar, No Tax" are displayed throughout the island and especially on vehicles as they negotiate deep craters along the Queen's Highway which links the centre of town with the southern areas of the island.

"We have had several accidents, the latest being a tourist who broke her ankle," said Mr. Cash.

Gerald Sweeting, owner of a golf cart rental business, has incurred damage to all

23 of his golf carts and fears that tourists will stop coming to the small resort cay.

As the pot holes grow deeper, so does the concern for not only life and limb but also for the vehicles themselves.

"I spent \$8000 last year on repairs to my two vehicles. This was for shocks, tires and brakes," said Richard Cooke, Manager of the Abaco Inn in White Sound.

Mr. Senn agreed that damage to his huge trucks had been substantial. "I spent \$30,000 last year on repairs also so I really want to see it done," he said.

Meanwhile, the community gazes out at the horizon waiting for what some despairingly call "The Phantom Barge."



One of the potholes in the Elbow Cay roads would qualify as a ditch by most definitions. Elbow Cay residents are very upset that they cannot get their roads repaired.

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# A Peep into the Past with Nellie Cash

By Jennifer Hudson

Mrs. Nellie Cash, a resident of Sybil's House, recently celebrated her 90th birthday and has a lifetime of memories at her fingertips. She was born on Green Turtle Cay in September of 1913, the eighth child of Jerome and Alice Lowe. She remembers her school as being very small with just two teachers, one of whom was Maitland Malone of Hope Town.

The Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay was named after her first cousin, Amy Lowe, whom she says was a very good teacher and married Mr. Albert Roberts. Unlike schools nowadays which have very long summer holidays, the school then gave only one month summer holiday and Mrs. Nellie would spend that time on Nunjack Cay with her family. There they grew citrus, sapodillies and soursop and gathered

birds' eggs to eat. As a child, Mrs. Nellie always carried her cat to the cay with her for the holiday. But one time when the family was ready to leave, the cat was nowhere to be found, so her father carried the family back home to Green Turtle Cay in their small boat and then had to return to Nunjack to find the cat.

Mrs. Nellie left school at the age of 14 and spent her time at home sewing and taking care of the other children in the family as was the custom for girls in those days as there was no other employment for women. There were no radios on Green Turtle Cay to help pass the time until Mrs. Nellie's sister obtained the first one. Her family also had the first record player, which was called a Talking Machine, and one of the first oil stoves, thanks to her sister who lived in the United States and was able to send these

"new inventions" over. Most cooking was done in the fireplace over a wood fire and salt was used to preserve food.

At the age of 14 Mrs. Nellie met a gentleman named Augustus "Gus" Cash from Wilson City, the first lumber camp in the Bahamas, and in October of 1930 when she was 17 years old they were married. The couple took up residence in the lumber camp at Milleville which was within walking distance of Sandy Point. The company built small wooden houses for its workers and had a store in the camp where most of the food staples and some clothes could be purchased. Gus Cash was store manager. They rode out the '32 hurricane there where fortunately the damage was not bad. Sadly, the news was not so good from Green Turtle Cay as that was the place worst hit and two of Mrs. Nellie's nephews lost their lives during the hurricane.

Mrs. Nellie tells this story. Her brother Basil and his family lived near the old decaying Methodist Church. When the storm started to get bad, he told his two sons to go to Dr. Kendrick's house where they would be safer. While the two young boys went one way, their father and mother a

little later went by another way thinking that their sons were safely at the doctor's house. However, whilst the youngsters were passing the old church, a piece had flown off and hit and killed them both. Their bodies were found after the hurricane.

Cars were unheard of in the lumber camps or even on Abaco. There was a railroad track through the camp and the workers and their families would go by train to the large dock where they would board the company boat for the journey to Nassau or the United States.

Mrs. Nellie bore three children; Vernon, Roberta (now deceased) and Carroll, all of whom attended school in the camp. The company also built a church building and Miss Nellie's son, Vernon, was the first to be married in that church. The church was available for any denomination and Mr. Gus Cash was preacher, marriage officer and registrar of births and deaths.

From Milleville the couple moved onto another lumber camp, Cornwall No. 1 which was north of Treasure Cay on the south side. When all the pine had been cut

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*Nellie Cash on the left is shown with two of her friends. She looks back fondly to her life as a young girl on Green Turtle Cay and later as a bride in the lumber camps on mainland Abaco. Although life was hard, the stories she tells are of happy times along with disastrous hurricanes.*

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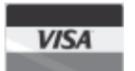


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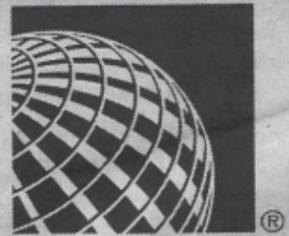
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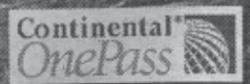


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# Lumber Camps Were Part of the History of Abaco

**Nellie Cash**

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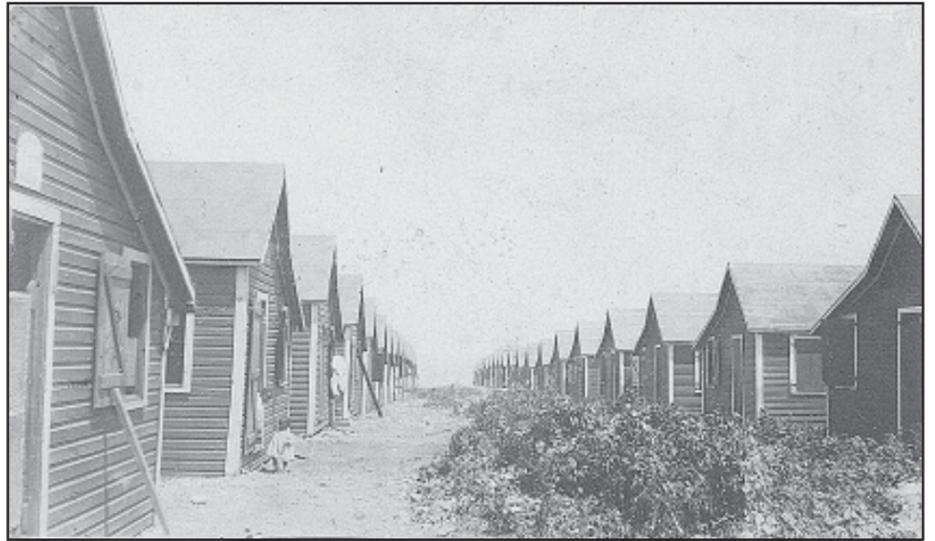
there, they then moved to Cornwall No. 2 also on the south side.

In 1938 Mr. Gus left his job in the lumber camps and moved back to Green Turtle Cay where he opened a small grocery store. At the start of World War II business was very poor so in 1942 the family moved into Nassau. However, they had not been there long when the owner of the lumber camp enticed Augustus back with an offer he couldn't refuse. So he happily returned to Abaco to Cornwall No.3. They later moved with the company to Pine Ridge on Grand Bahama and then on to Freeport.

After several years Augustus Cash left the lumber mills and returned with his wife, Nellie, to Marsh Harbour where he took up employment with the construction company, Sea Breezes Ltd., until his death in 1972. During that time he also opened a dry goods store on Don MacKay Boulevard from which Mrs. Nellie enjoyed selling shoes, hats and other clothing. Augustus Cash, in conjunction with Chris Roberts, started the Brethren Church in Marsh Harbour in 1962 where Mrs. Nellie has

remained a faithful member. Sadly, owing to physical limitations, she is no longer able to get out to church but she enjoys visits from her pastor and is thankful that she can watch many church services on her television. Mrs. Nellie now spends her golden years enjoying the visits of friends and family and reading her Bible. Although she declares that she feels her age, "Each day," she says, "I depend on the Lord for strength."

Mrs. Nellie loves to recall old times but, like all people as they grow older, she sometimes has difficulty remembering something that happened yesterday. She tells the story of how years ago she had to travel to the United States for major surgery. As she was ready to leave the hospital, the doctor suggested a medication for her to take for allergies which she was suffering from at the time. She told him that he would need to write the name down as she would not remember it. He told her, "Always remember that the brain is like a newspaper. When it is full, it cannot hold any more." It should never be surprising then if Mrs. Nellie cannot remember something from yesterday as her brain is definitely full to overflowing with the wonderful memories of years gone by.



This is a photograph show the Jericho are of Wilson City and was the housing area for labourers. Wilson City was the first lumber camp on Abaco and was in operation from about 1905 to about 1915. From Wilson City the operation moved to Millville 1, Millville 2, and Millville 3, all of which Mrs. Cash remembers in the early days of her marriage to Augustus Cash. Mr. Cash was a very well known person as he provided many services for the lumber camp personnel. He was the store manager, a justice of the peace, a minister, a marriage officer and one who took care of many needs of the people.



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# Police Crime Report

Three are arrested for stolen outboard engine found on a Haitian freight boat.

A dawn fire on February 2 caused extensive damage to a \$70,000 28-foot outboard boat stored ashore at Abaco Yacht Services in Green Turtle Cay.

A Fox Town man was arrested on February 3 for stealing.

A Murphy Town man was arrested on March 3 for an outstanding warrant or arrest. He paid a fine and was released.

A woman working at a bar in Dundas Town had a drink thrown on her. The police are looking for the man who assaulted her.

A 25 HP outboard engine was stolen off a boat in a yard in Marsh Harbour on February 5. The \$2500 engine was subsequently found on the Haitian freighter M/V *Trust in Jesus*. Three residents of the Pigeon Peas area of Marsh Harbour were subsequently arrested for stealing.

A Crown Haven woman and her sister were assaulted at midnight on February 6 by her boyfriend. He broke a door to get inside the house. After assaulting her, he stole her purse containing \$1,000 and two passports.

A child molestation investigation is underway against a Murphy Town man involving his 15-year-old daughter from an incident on February 6.

A Dundas Town woman was hit with a bottle by her boyfriend while at a local disco in Marsh Harbour.

Three Murphy Town men were arrested for assaulting a Fox Town man on February 7 at 3 a.m. while at a bar in Dundas Town.

An employee of Solomon SuperCenter was caught stealing a toaster oven on February 7.

A woman living in the Mud reported on February 7 that she was beaten by her boyfriend.

Six bottles of beer were stolen on February 6 from the Sir Café in Moore's Island during a weekend break-in.

A break-in on February 8 in Moore's Island netted burglars \$30.

A young man was arrested in Mount Hope on February 9 for trespassing.

Two speakers and an amplifier were stolen in a break-in to a pickup truck between February 5 and 7 parked at the Texaco station in Fox Town. The investigation continues as the missing items were later retrieved from behind the Texaco station near Treasure Cay.

Seventeen bottles of beer were stolen during a break-in during the night of February 8 from Sybil's Café in Hard Bargain on Moore's Island.

Information from a primary school student in Marsh Harbour suggested that she

was being molested by her father. Social Services is investigating.

A Moore's Island man reported on February 14 that his step daughter living in Murphy Town was badly beaten by her father, also of Murphy Town. She may have been sexually assaulted as well.

A seven-room house in Fox Town was totally destroyed by fire during the evening of February 15. It was unoccupied and there were no injuries.

A house in Fire Road was broken into on February 16 and the following items were stolen: a gold baby heart charm chain, gold diamond ring, Tommy T-shirt and pants set, State Street leather shoes. A Hyundai Excel car was damaged.

A Dundas Town juvenile was arrested on February 16 at his residence for causing harm and is now before the Juvenile Panel.

Two men from the Pigeon Peas and the Mud, aged 19 and 20 respectively, were arrested on February 21 and 22 for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Three men threw rocks through the window of a house in the Mud at 1:45 a.m. on February 23 causing \$1985 in damage to a television, china, the window and a door.

An 18-foot outboard boat valued at \$40,000 was stolen while moored in the Fox Town Creek sometime after February 23.

Two five-gallon gas tanks valued at \$30 were stolen from a yard in Fox Town on February 23.

A resident of the Mud in Marsh Harbour was threatened with his life on February 23 by another resident there who had what appeared to be a gun. Subsequently, the assailant was arrested, charged and released on bail.

A Grand Cay man threatened to knock a woman with a mop on February 22. The Grand Cay woman took the threat on her life and reported the matter.

A slim built black male broke into a Treasure Cay home slightly after midnight on February 23 and began cooking in the kitchen. The owner awoke and confronted the culprit. The man spoke with a Haitian accent and threatened to kill her before fleeing.

A residence on the Stede Bonnet Road in Marsh Harbour was broken into on February 25 although nothing appeared to be taken.

A Canadian boat at Port-O-Call Marina

in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of February 25 and \$375 was stolen.

A Florida boat at Harbour View Marina was broken into during the night of February 25 and \$160 was stolen.

A boater from Michigan had his boat broken into during the night of February 25 while at Harbour View Marina and had \$400 and a cell phone stolen.

Another boat at Harbour View Marina was broken into during the night of February 25 and \$250 was stolen.

A car parked at the Marsh Harbour airport was discovered at 7:30 a.m. on February 27 to have a window smashed.

A resident of Grand Cay was assaulted and wounded in the forehead with a Guinness bottle by another resident there on February 29.

Someone broke into a sailboat docked in the Treasure Cay harbour sometime between February 25 and 29 and stole a Winchester stainless-steel marine shotgun valued at \$395.

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**Education**

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individuals. She advised that all the recommendations, ideas, questions and concerns raised during the evening would be taken to the Commission.

The floor was then opened to questions and recommendations. Some of the concerns voiced by parents were the need for readily available information, facilities and specialists here on Abaco. Persons are fed up with having to travel to Nassau or Florida to have tests done. Other concerns were the lack of assistance with medical expenses for supplies and equipment such as hearing aids. A teacher said she would like to see a smaller number of children in one class or the addition of a teacher's aide. This will allow a struggling or challenged student to be easily identified.

It is recognized that more effort must be made to identify children who may have learning disabilities, cognitive and academic delays, other impairments or special requirements. The school census, which was launched in September 2003, will provide data on students who have already demonstrated weaknesses and learning difficulties.

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**Cays**

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we have a large response we will separate by age in the future. The only requirement is that you are single. No alcohol or drugs will be permitted. Ladies are requested to bring a covered dish while men can bring drinks, chips, dip, or if you cook, bring what you want. Casual, conservative attire will be acceptable. There will be no charge for attendance, but a small donation to help cover clean-up will be appreciated.

The first evening will consist of eating, fellowship and a joke telling contest. (Clean jokes only, thank you.) If time permits maybe a silly game or so. The meetings are sponsored by the Hope Town Assembly of God. If you want to attend but don't live on Elbow Cay or need more information, contact Pastor Bob at 366-0544. If necessary, we will charter a ferry to leave at 9:45 p.m.

**Magical Musical Moments'  
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By Jennifer Hudson

Due to popular demand the very successful *Evening of Magical Musical Moments* concert will be presented again on March 28th at 4.30 p.m. in St. Andrews Methodist Church in Hope Town. The concert features Joan Moss, Soprano; Bryan Thompson, Tenor; Jennifer Hudson, Violin; and

Gentry Morris, Kevin Sterling, Basil Been and Anderson Alcime of the Jes'us vocal group. A special feature of this concert is *The Young Musician's Showcase* in which two up and coming young music students, Celisha Russell on the violin and Rashad Reckley with his saxophone will display their talents.

Preceding the programme a short video will be shown depicting the work of the Every Child Counts School to which concert proceeds will be donated.

Tickets will not be on sale for this concert. Instead people are asked to make as generous a donation as they possibly can to this most worthy cause. The school does a wonderful job of providing education and life skills for its mentally challenged students and runs entirely on voluntary contributions.

Anyone who missed the concert on February 7th in Marsh Harbour (or anyone wishing to hear it again!) is invited to the performance in Hope Town. There will be a ferry back to Marsh Harbour in the evening.

**School**

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Abaco Central band escorted the honorees from the quadrangle at the close of the assembly.

**School Competes in Tournament**

Two senior basketball teams from Abaco traveled on February 25 to Nassau to compete in the Hugh Campbell Senior Boys Basketball Tournament. The team from Abaco Central, the Mighty Marlins, is coached by Patrick Smith assisted by Kevin Rolle, Mark Douglas and Charles Poitier. Paul Sattem coaches the S.C. Bootle Boys Basketball Team.

In the first game S.C. Bootle lost to Tabernacle from Freeport and Abaco Central lost to Freeport High. Both teams have one more game. If they win, they can continue in the tournament. No results of the second games were available as of this writing.

**Crisis in Haiti Hits  
Close to Home**

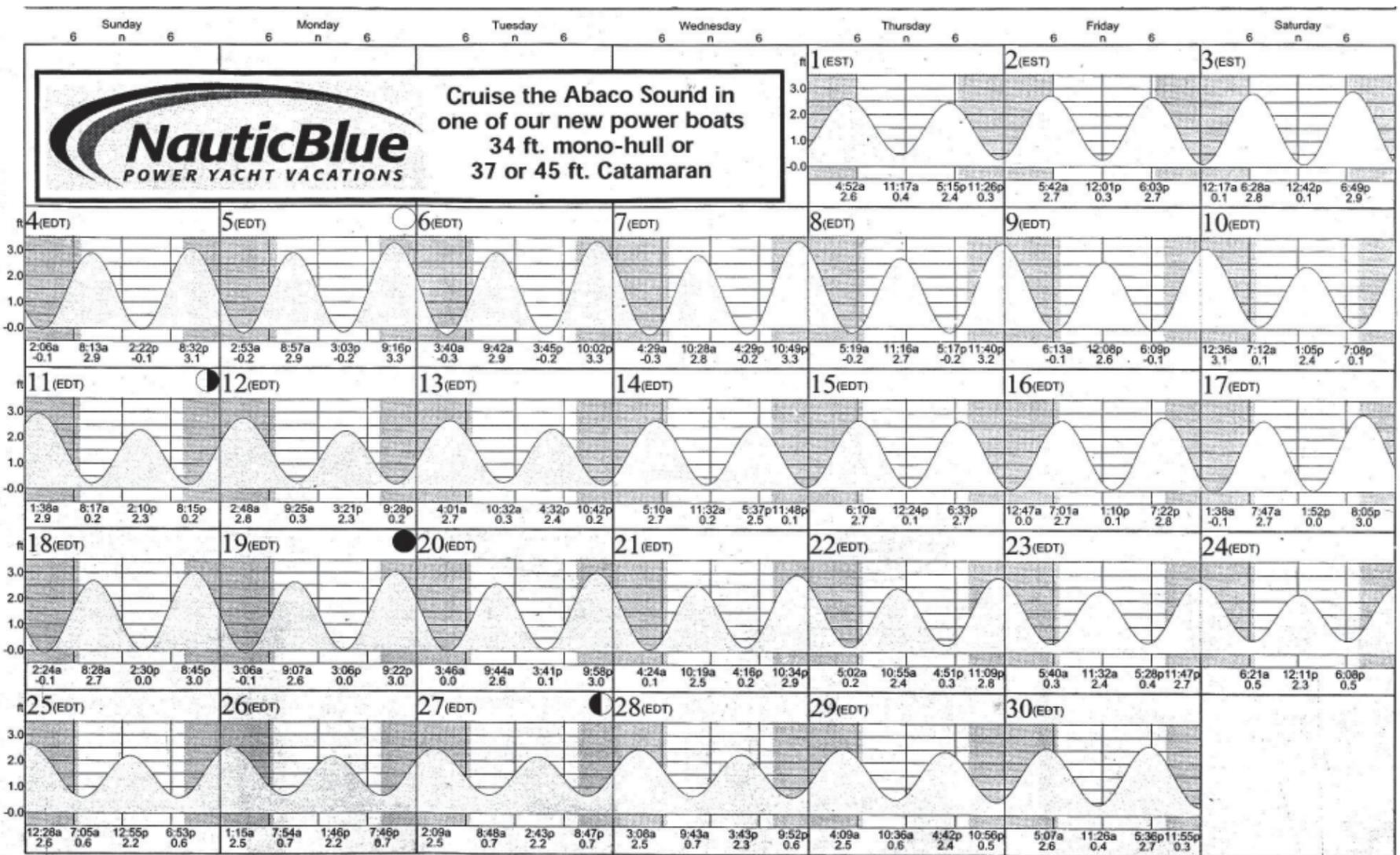
The ongoing crisis in Haiti has hit Abaco. Reports have reached Abaco that a seventh grader at Abaco Central High lost her mother as a result of the fighting in Haiti and another student lost an uncle.



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# Construction at the Abaco Club Is on Schedule

## Abaco Club

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two acre lots has 200 feet of beach front. Some of these are already sold and construction is expected to begin on several homes within the next few months. Construction is already underway on the first of 75 two and three bedroom cottages that will be offered to members. Club members who purchase will be able to put their homes and cottages into a rental pool which the Abaco Club will manage. The Club will maintain about 20 additional cottages for members' use. The clubhouse will be similar to a Great House where members can relax and dine. A beach club, an open pavilion with a bar and barbeque, will be a more casual center for water sports and casual dining.

Mr. de Savary is planning this to be a Bahamian experience for his guests. He wants them to enjoy Bahamian culture and cuisine. He is insisting on Bahamian architecture and landscaping. He has already begun by having the plans drawn by an Abaco architect, Tim Neil, by using all Bahamian contractors, about 20 of them, and using local businesses for his supplies. He has sent a Bahamian golfer, Keno Turnquest, away for training as a golf pro and is sponsoring an Abaco girl, Jillian Parotti, to four years of college to train as a chef. Abaco tennis player Bobbie Russell is now associated with the club.

Mr. de Savary expects to open the club in December 2004 and will be hosting golf tournaments which will bring top named golf players.



Mr. Obie Wilchcombe, shown at left, was escorted around The Abaco Club at Winding Bay by Mr. Peter de Savary, shown in the middle of the picture. The impressive development is well underway with an opening scheduled for December. At that time it is expected that the golf course, Club House, 13 of 75 cottages and other buildings will be completed. Mr. de Savary plans a championship golf tournament.



The natural beauty of the Winding Bay area is more than just sand and sea. A high rock ridge, 50 feet above the sea, looks down on the two and a half mile beach. This photo shows a ocean blow hole out on the point of the ridge.



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## Hotels and House Rental Agents

+ agents who have multiple cottages and houses

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise

### Casuarina Point

Different of Abaco 8 rm 20 cott 366-2150

### Cherokee

Lee Pinder 3 hse + 366-2053

### Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

### Green Turtle Cay

Bank Apartments 3 apts 365-4105

Bluff House 8 rm 20 cott 365-4200

Chris Plummer 3 hse 365-4648

Coco Bay Cottages 4 cott 365-5464

Green Turtle Club 34 rm 365-4271

Island Properties 34 hse + 365-4047

New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161

Ocean Blue Properties 30 + 365-4636

Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

### Guana Cay

Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137

Coco Paradise 8 cott 365-5197

Donna Sands 12 hse + 365-5195

Guana Seaside 8 rm 7 cott 365-5106

Harbour View Haven 365-5028

Ria-Mar Rentals 5 + 365-6241

Sea Shore Villas 365-5028

### Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133

Club Soleil 6 rm 1 cott 366-0003

Crystal Villas 7 villas 366-0522

Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse + 366-0035

Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095

Hope T Hideaways 63 hse + 366-0224

Hope T Villas 3 hse + 366-0030

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154

Sea Grass 10 hse + 366-0290

Sea Gull Cottages 3 hse + 366--0266

Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065

Tanny Key 43 hse + 366-0053

Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

### Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hue 366-3121

### Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048

Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241

Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

### Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158

Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719

Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227

Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460

Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022

Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980

Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000

D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980

Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

### Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonfish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

### Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139

Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonfishing 10 rm 366-4477

### Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

### Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500

Banyan Beach Resort 21 rm 365-8111

Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

### Walker's Cay

Walker's Cay Resort 353-1252

### Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villas 365-2222

### General for Abaco

Listings for the entire island

Abaco Vacations + 800-633-9197

Bahamas Vacations + 800-462-2426

Abaco Bound + 242-367-5576

### Web Sites

with general Abaco information

[www.abacoinet.com](http://www.abacoinet.com)

[www.abacoinfo.com](http://www.abacoinfo.com)

[www.abacos.com](http://www.abacos.com)

[www.go-abacos.com](http://www.go-abacos.com)

[www.oii.net](http://www.oii.net)

[www.bahamas.com](http://www.bahamas.com) - Min. of Tourism



# Visitors' Guide



Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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Emergency Services	
Police (Marsh Harbour)	367-2560
Fire - Marsh Harb. Volunteer Fire Dept.	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town Volunteer Fire Dept.	VHF Ch 16
Ambulance - Trauma One - Marsh Harbour	367-2911
Fire - Dundas Town Volunteer	367-2935 or 4935
Man-O-War Fire & Rescue	365-6911
Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc	VHF 16 or 366-0282
Fire - Green Turtle Cay Volunteer	365-4133

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	

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

Air Lines Serving Abaco	
Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale	367-5599
Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale	367-2800
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau & W. Palm Beach	367-2095
Bimini Island Air - Ft. Lauderdale	954-938-8991
Calypso Air - Ft. Laud & W. Palm Bch	954-3594191
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W. Palm Beach	367-3415
Island Express - Ft. Lauderdale	357-6684
Major's Air Service - Freeport	367-4826
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air - Fort Lauderdale	365-8677
USAir - Ft. Laud and W. Palm Bch	367-2231
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-0292
Local charter companies serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-2089

Tours & Excursions	
Kayak • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Birding • Abaco Outback • Marsh Harbour	367-5358
Evening dinner cruise • Dive Abaco • Marsh H.	367-2787
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town	366-0431

## Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

### Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town		20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
7:15 (M-F)	9 am	10:30	12:15 pm
		2	4
		5:45	
Return		8 am	
	9:45	11:30	1:30 pm
		3	4
		5 (M-F)	

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War		20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
10:30 am	12:15 pm (M-Sat)	2:30 (M-Sat)	4
		5:45	
Return		8 am	
	11:30 (M-Sat)	1:30 pm	3:15 (M-Sat)

Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana		40 min. from Conch Inn	
± 6:45 am	10:30	1:30 pm	3:30
		5:45 (min \$40)	
Return		8 am	
	11:30	2:30 pm	4:45 pm

Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8  
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### Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16

Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	
8 am	9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30

Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay	
8:30 am	10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$12 Extra to some destinations

### Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m.	\$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm	\$35 RT
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time	

### Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -

Crown Haven Abaco to McLean's Town -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm

McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

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### Bahamas Ferries Between Nassau & Sandy Point under 4 Hr.

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Call Sandy Point 366-4119 • Marsh Harbour 367-5250 • Nassau 323-2166

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### Abaco Marinas Slips Fuel Phone

#### Walker's Cay

Walker's Cay Marina 75 ..... F .... 353-1252

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House ..... 45 ..... F .... 365-4200

Green Turtle Club ..... 32 ..... F .... 365-4271

Black Sound Marina ..... 15 ..... 365-4531

Other Shore Club ..... 12 ..... F .... 365-4195

Abaco Yacht Service 10 ..... F .... 365-4033

#### Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina 150 ..... F .... 365-8250

#### Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina .. 26 ..... F .... 365-6008

#### Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina 183 ..... F .... 367-2736

Conch Inn ..... 75 ..... F .... 367-4000

Harbour View Marina 36 ..... F .... 367-2182

Marsh Harbour Marina 52 ..... F .... 367 2700

Mangoes ..... 29 ..... F .... 367-2366

Port of Call ..... 24 ..... F .... 367-2287

Abaco Yacht Haven .... 7 ..... 367-3079

#### Hope Town

Hope Town Marina ..... 16 ..... 366-0003

Hope Town Hideaways ..... 366-0224

Lighthouse Marina ..... 6 ..... F .... 366-0154

Sea Spray ..... 24 ..... F .... 366-0065

#### Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina . 75 ..... F .... 365-0083

#### Guana Cay

Orchid Bay ..... 32 ..... F .... 365-5175

Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at Walker's Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

### Dive Shops - Marsh Harbour

Dive Abaco ..... 367-2787

Abaco Beach Dive Center ..... 367-2963

#### Hope Town

Froggies ..... 366-0431

#### Treasure Cay

Treasure Divers ..... 365-8465

Treasure Cay Adventures ..... 365-8111

#### Green Turtle Cay

Brendal's Dive Center ..... 365-4411

Guana Cay Dive Guana ..... 365-5178

Man-O-War Dive Shop ..... 365-6013

### Rentals

#### Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts

#### Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals ..... 367-2655

Blue Wave Boat Rentals ..... 367-3910

Concept Boat Rentals ..... 367-5570

Laysue Boat Rentals ..... 367-4414

Pier One Boat Rentals ..... 367-3587

Power Cat Boat Rentals ..... 367-4620

Rainbow Boat Rentals ..... 367-4602

Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars 367-4643

Rich's Boat Rentals ..... 367-2742

Sea Horse Boat Rentals ..... 367-2513

Sea Star Car Rentals ..... 367-4887

Wilmac Car Rentals ..... 367-4970 or 367-4313

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bay Street Rentals ..... 477-5300 365-4070

C & D Cart Rental ..... 365-4084

D & P Cart Rental ..... 365-4656

Donnie's Boat Rentals ..... 365-4119

New Plymouth Cart Rentals . 365-4188 or 4149

Reef Boat Rentals ..... 365-4145

Sea Side Carts ..... 477-5497

T & A Cart Rentals ..... 375-8055

#### Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals ..... 365-5195

Dive Guana Boats & bikes ..... 365-5178

#### Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals ..... 365-6059

Island Treasures Cart Rentals ..... 365-6072

Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals ..... 365-6241

Water Ways Boat Rent .. 357-6540 & 365-6143

#### Hope Town

Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals ..... 366-0292

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals ..... 366-0380

Hope Town Cart Rentals ..... 366-0064

Island Cart Rentals ..... 366-0448

Island Marine Boat Rentals ..... 366-0282

Sea Horse Boat Rentals ..... 366-0023

Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals ..... 366-0065

T & N Cart Rentals ..... 366-0069

#### Treasure Cay

Alison Car Rent ..... 365-8193

Cas's Carts ..... 365-8771

Claridge's Cart Rentals ..... 365-8248

Cornish Car Rentals ..... 365-8623

JIC Boat Rentals ..... 365-8465

Rich's Boat Rentals ..... 365-8582

Triple J Car Rentals ..... 365-8761

Abaco Adventures - Kayaks ..... 365-8749

### Bonefish Guides

#### Sandy Point Cherokee

Patrick Roberts .... 366-4286 Theodore Sawyer .... 366-2111

Nicholas Roberts Will Sawyer ..... 366-2177

Derrick Gaitor Marty Sawyer ..... 366-2115

Ferdinand Burrows 366-4133 Noel Lowe ..... 366-2107

Vernal Burrows Junior Albury ..... 366-3058

Kendall White Randy Sawyer ..... 366-2284

Anthony Bain ..... 366-4107

Floyd Burrows ..... 366-4175 Maitland Lowe ..... 366-0133

Links Adderly ..... 366-4335

Valentino Lightbourne O'Donald McIntosh

Ricky Burrows ..... 366-4233 Pope McKenzie ..... 477-5894

**Marsh Harbour** Ortnell Russell ..... 365-0125

Buddy Pinder ..... 366-2163 Alexander Rolle ..... 365-0120

Jay Sawyer ..... 367-3941 Edward Rolle ..... 365-0024

Justin Sands ..... 367-3526

Terrance Davis .... 367-4464 Ronnie Sawyer ..... 365-4070

Danny Sawyer ..... 367-3577 Jeff Survance ..... 365-4040

**Man-O-War** Ricky Sawyer ..... 365-4261

David Albury ..... 365-6059

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Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper

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#### Marsh Harbour

Anglers ..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2158

Conch Crawl ..... \$ ..... 367-4444

Gino's ..... \$ ..... 367-200

# Airport Status Is Unchanged

By Stephanie Humblestone

Airports around the Bahamas, most recently the landing strip at Rum Cay, are being upgraded. Sadly, Marsh Harbour has been overlooked.

Today, six years after blue prints for a state-of-the-art terminal were displayed at the Magistrates Court in Marsh Harbour and the community was promised a jet runway and control tower, Abaco's main airport remains in the same sorry state of disrepair.

"Government went 'back to the drawing board' and we have not heard anything since," said one despondent Marsh Harbour resident.

Apart from a token splash of paint a couple of years ago, the terminal is the eyesore it was back when Minister Pierre Dupuch, then Minister of Civil Aviation, visited Marsh Harbour with his two architectural consultants and neatly laid out plans.

The Domestic/International "lounge" is shabby and congested and no bigger than a convenience store without the conveniences. Mounds of baggage dotted around the small area make it hazardous at times to access check-in points. Passengers and those awaiting arrivals spill out into the front of the airport where seating is inadequate and grubby. The Customs and Immigration building next door is smaller in size but equally as run down.

First time visitors must question the disparity between the colorfully alluring brochures of Abaco and this disappointing first impression.

"The facilities leave much to be desired," admitted Airport Manager, Mr. Bobby Jones. However, Mr. Jones is confident that help is coming soon. "The Permanent Secretary is aware of these concerns," he said.

Mr. Jones was referring specifically to the visit of Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, to Abaco and an address in which he advised of forthcoming improvements to the airport. These included modular units to absorb some of the passenger congestion and heightened safety and security measures.

"At some point Government is committed to construct an ultra modern airport," said a hopeful Mr. Jones, pointing out that Abaco has the third busiest airport in the Bahamas. In fact, figures show that there are times when its traffic flow is greater than Freeport. Twelve carriers, nine international and three domestic, operate out of it, transporting during peak season as many as 8-10,000 passengers a month. "On a busy day we can have 25-30 planes taking off and landing," added Mr. Jones.

Indisputably, the Marsh Harbour Airport is in dire need of a facelift. Security measures need to be more stringent. Mr. Nairn spoke at length about introducing x-ray screening of baggage and hand-held scanner wands.

"This is all very necessary but emphasis must be placed first on safety. We need a new runway and a control tower," said Abaco resident Captain Tommy Bethel, a Bahamasair pilot for 42 years. Capt. Bethel retired from the national flag carrier in May 2001. Since then he has remained active in the airline industry.

A critical concern of any airport is the surface condition of its runway. The Marsh Harbour air strip is riddled with uneven spots. Pilots have to negotiate potholes to secure a safe landing. "The runway is in a deplorable condition," said Denise Kelly, Director of Operations of Abaco Air, a charter company located west of the airport ter-

minal. "It makes for an uncomfortable landing and places a lot of wear and tear on our aircraft. In addition, it increases the frequency of changing parts and components which, with the skyrocketing prices in aviation, is very costly," continued Mrs. Kelly. She and her husband Andrew, a pilot, own and operate a busy service to Nassau, the Family Islands and the U.S. "We pay landing fees to the airport but the runway is not maintained," complained Mrs. Kelly.

Abaco-born Captain Leonard Thompson, an icon in the field of aviation in The Bahamas, was the first pilot to fly into Abaco. His concerns were not only for the state of the runway but also its lack of a paralleling taxi strip. "The first thing a pilot learns is to clear the runway as soon as possible," he said.

The runway is often congested. There is literally nowhere to go and therefore no room to avoid an unexpected hazard. It is like having a busy intersection without traffic lights," said a pilot who flies his small plane into Abaco regularly from Florida.

"At one point Bahamasair threatened to discontinue flying into Marsh Harbour because there is no perimeter fencing. Animals can run across the runway, particu-

larly at night" said Captain Bethel. He recounted the recent incident of a goat running across the runway at Acklins Island Airport just as a plane was landing. A fatal accident was averted only by the pilot's quick presence of mind. "My main concern is that the U.S. authorities will curtail or stop flights into Marsh Harbour," said Captain Bethel. The necessary infrastructure is not in place.

Captain Thompson pointed out, "We get away with it," meaning we maintain our safety record because we have ideal flying conditions, no mountains and excellent pilots. We get by, so to speak, by the seat of our pants.

Pilots on Abaco have been lobbying for years for a control tower. "Georgetown has one and the traffic is one quarter of here. It is essential," said Captain Bethel.

There is a satellite system in place here at the airport but this, as Mr. Jones confirmed, is just a "navigational aid."

Marsh Harbour is now a busy airport. When there was less traffic, it was safe for it to be uncontrolled. It no longer is but pilots

Please see **Airport**

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**Airport** *From Page 32*

have no choice but to continue flying under visual flying rules (VFR). They are encouraged but not required to use the radio CTAF (Common Traffic Advisory Frequencies) to directly advise other pilots in the area of their positions and intentions. "We have to do our own traffic control," continued Captain Bethel.

"Rows" and "squabbles" among pilots in the air as to who is to land first have been recorded over the Unicom 122.80 system which some airlines companies have to monitor and communicate with their own aircraft.

At a meeting of civil aviation directors from around the Caribbean last year, Minister of Transport and Aviation, Glenys Hanna-Martin pledged that the government has "under active consideration" the upgrading of certain Family Island airports. Marsh Harbour was mentioned first on the list.

Abaco's residents fear they may once more be last.

"Marsh Harbour used to be one of the best airports in the Bahamas," said Captain Bethel.

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# Juice Processing Plant Begins Operation

By Stephanie Humblestone

In the former Sugarland Farm warehouse four miles south of the Marsh Harbour airport roundabout two enterprising Abaconians, Mr. Michael Albury and Mr. Robert Malone, are currently forging agricultural history as they prepare to open the nation's first processed juice plant.

"Bahamas Select," an all Bahamian business, made its first run on March 9 with a sample 500 gallons of a Valencia orange blend, Deep Red Ruby grapefruit and lemonade followed by 5000 gallons which will initially be the daily output. With Abaco literally dripping with fine citrus, Bahamas Select is using only locally home grown fruit.

For the past month the plant has been exporting 4400 boxes a week of home grown Deep Red Ruby grapefruit to the Florida market. Depending on the size of the grapefruit the boxes contain from 23 to 40 of premier fruit. Only one in five is selected to be exported.

However, the juice will be for the domestic market only. "We have the capacity to produce 10,000 gallons in an eight-hour period, and we will build up to this," said Mr. Malone. No strangers to the world of business and exciting new ventures, Mr. Malone and Mr. Albury were motivated by the current trend in The Bahamas towards self sufficiency.

"Government has been encouraging value added products and the maximum profiting of raw materials in areas such as manufacturing and agriculture. We saw the opportunity and seized the moment," said Mr. Albury

"Seizing the moment" is not unusual for the two seventh generation Loyalist descendants whose joint ventures are myriad. "It

is important not to be limited or too overwhelmed by whatever you chose to invest in but partnership and team work are important. I want to stress that," Mr. Albury continued.

Initially, neither of them knew anything about the juicing industry but being industrious and curious by nature they threw themselves wholeheartedly into the project and have not only become conversant with the operation but knowledgeable. "However, the learning curve for this particular project was pretty steep," laughed Mr. Albury.

Mr. Malone agreed. "This was all new to me," he admitted now less than a year later speaking fluently on the processing machinery at the plant, specific degrees of pasteurization, comparative Brix and acidity levels of certain strains of grapefruit and peak periods of picking and processing.

The fruit used for juicing will have a high Brix level. The higher the Brix level the more sugar or carbohydrate and mineral content there is in the fruit which lessens the exposure to bacteria thus securing a superior product. "We gleaned from the expertise of those more informed than us, the BAIC, the Ministry of Agriculture and private sectors of the community," recognized Mr. Albury.

Initially, there will be two product lines, "Just Juiced" and "Fresh." Both are organic and FDA certified, additive and preservative free fruit, organically grown with USDA regulated fertilisers such as fish emulsion, potash and manure.

Just Juiced will largely be home grown grapefruit, oranges and limes gathered from Abaco's large citrus groves. It will be packaged in special PET plastic double layer containers which have the capacity to with-

stand flash pasteurization and the ensuing rapid cooling process.

Fresh will be distributed in containers of the same material but will come in a wider line range of apple, grape, pineapple, pineapple/orange, punch, orange and grapefruit. It will have an extended shelf life of 42 days. This is less than juices such as Tropicana which are submitted to more intensive and longer pasteurization methods."The advantage of the briefer pasteurization is that the fruit's valuable nutrients are not compromised or destroyed," said Mr. Malone. Bulk juice will be exported in 55 gallon drums to Europe.

"The packaging and boxing of fruit is well underway but the juice side is a little behind schedule," said Mr. Albury, who attributed this to their fastidious attention to safety and quality. "We had to get it right," added Mr. Malone.

Annual USDA certification will ensure that these same standards continue. A lab has been set up on the premises and there is already an on-site quality control inspector from Fort Pierce in Florida. She will train the 15 staff in the juicing area. "It will function like an operating theatre with staff masked and in white gowns," said Mr. Malone, as he pointed out a special bacteria resistant flooring surface in the bottling room.

The juicing process is streamline and efficient. The fruit arrives and is placed on a washer/roller table. It is then graded, rinsed and sanitized and passed on through jet steamed pipes to an extractor and from there to a juice trough. The seeds and pulp are removed by huge peel screws before going on to a finisher. The prime juice is then piped to a pasteurizer for flash pasteurization, following which it is immedi-

ately chilled at 20 gallons a minute. From there it is pumped into a 500-gallon sterile tank before being bottled and capped.

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"One of our goals with this venture is to encourage local farmers to bring us their produce for juicing. By this I mean products other than citrus like tomatoes, onions and beans. We want to encourage them and have a positive impact on the agricultural market as a whole," said Mr. Albury. "We have a fine product and major buyers eagerly awaiting the juice lines. We are looking for quick growth, and we have had a lot of encouragement from wholesalers," he concluded.

## AA Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anomymous) 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.

The AA group and the AlAnon group meet in the Treasure Cay Community Center on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

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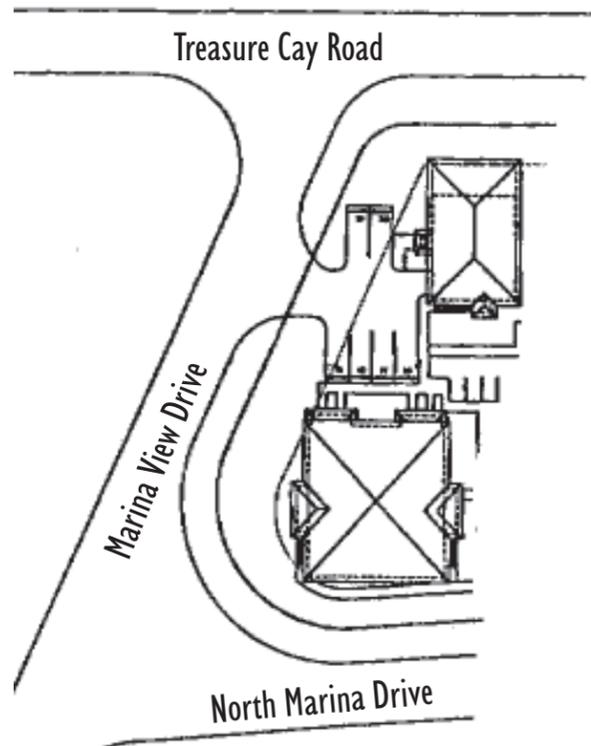
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# More Letters to the Editor

**Letters** *From Page 9*

rected by Bahamas Hot Mix, there were no defects.

Furthermore, it is unfair to compare the quality of roads constructed by Caribbean Asphalt on Great Guana Cay to the roads done by Bahamas Hot Mix in Central Abaco. The road surface treatments used on these two projects are completely different; asphalt was used in Great Guana Cay whereas chip and sand seal was used in Central Abaco. Comparing these two treatments is like comparing a Cadillac to a Volkswagen. Asphalt is much more costly than chip and sand seal, and therefore, even a poorly done asphalt road will look better than a well done chip and sand seal road.

The government normally uses chip and sand seal treatments in the Family Islands as this surface holds up well under light traffic and is more economical than asphalt. Bahamas Hot Mix has an excellent record of constructing this type of road in The Bahamas, and they also have the capability of constructing asphalt roads as they did at the major intersections in Marsh Harbour and at the new port. An example of a very poorly done chip and sand seal road can be seen in the new government subdivision just outside Sandy Point. One does not have to be an expert to see that these roads are very inferior to most other roads in Abaco. Incidentally, the Sandy Point subdivision was not done by Bahamas Hot Mix.

In closing, I think it is a sad day when a reputable company which provides work for Abaconians is bad mouthed in a public meeting by a local politician, who of all persons should represent the best interests

of those who voted for him.

Sincerely,  
John Schaefer

**Our Marine  
Tourism Economy**

To the Editor:

I recently read your editorial with great interest. I reside near Charlotte, North Carolina, am a frequent visitor to Abaco and subscribe to *The Abaconian*. Some months ago I posted on the Abaco Message Board my thoughts concerning the 300 percent increase of cruising permits to The Bahamas and the effect that I thought it would have on the economy. In my posts I often had to defend my position by stating that it was out of concern to the marinas and related businesses. It was my feeling that fewer "frequent" visitors would be visiting close-to-the-US harbours such as Bimini, Walkers and West End. After reading your article, I find that it has apparently affected Abaco marinas as well, much to my chagrin. This cruising permit does not affect me too much since I will be leaving my boat in Marsh Harbour for a long period of time.

Now I read where the Bahamian government is slapping a 646 percent tax increase on the marinas which will lead to higher slip rents and LESS utilization. How are the marinas to make a profit? It seems that every move that the government makes is hurting the marinas and associated restaurant, bar and grocery store businesses. Apparently, the government thinks that Americans have an unlimited supply of discretionary dollars. This couldn't be further from the truth, especially since the Florida Keys are so close, and we don't have to

hassle with customs and immigration after visiting the Keys.

Are the Florida Keys as beautiful and uncrowded as Abaco? No, but they are a viable alternative. There is a growing feeling among American boaters that the Bahamian government is engaging in "price gouging," so it is now more than simply a dollars and cents problem, it is a "principle" problem.

Please keep in mind that these feelings are NOT directed at the Bahamian people and business owners. We are acutely aware that they are not making these decisions. While considering these recent developments, I came up with a list of pros and cons regarding Abaco and its surrounding Cays.

- The ferry services are second to none, on time, efficient, clean, dependable and reasonable
- The lodging, both resorts and homes, is always clean, reasonable, and comfortable
- The Abaco residents are world-class friendly
- The marinas are plentiful, reasonable and professionally operated
- The food is world class

• The rental boat business provides everything that a visitor could want.

• The dive operators are knowledgeable, friendly and reasonable

In short, everything you need for a perfect vacation is provided by the citizens of Abaco - except -

- An airport terminal that resembles one which, in effect, discourages...
- Several dependable airlines from servicing Abaco
- A phone system and reasonable rates so the vacationers can call home or office easily

There is a pattern here. Everything that is excellent is provided by the Bahamian citizens. Everything that is sub-standard is provided by the government. I sincerely hope that the Abaconian citizenry will put enough pressure on the government to improve these substandard situations. Maybe then the Bahamian government can be considered a good business partner with its constituents.

Thank you,  
Ken Parrott




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# Marsh Harbour Holds Town Meeting

A public Town Meeting was held on February 11 in the Court Room to get the public's views on various items before the Marsh Harbour Committee and to assist in planning for next year's budget.

Those present voiced no objections to a proposed 30-unit condominium project on two acres in the High Rock area near the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour. The proposal included a tennis court and a pool. A question was asked about sewerage treatment but the available information did not address this aspect.

Various traffic calming methods were brought to the public's attention for an area near the ferry dock and for the tourist strip between the Conch Inn and Wally's Res-

taurant. Bumps, signs, random police presence and other traffic calming methods were discussed. It was decided to request the area engineer from Works make suggestions which would be legal and effective and start in the restaurant area. The road between the restaurants may have 2,000 persons pass on the sidewalks and 6,000 cars pass during the busy season.

The problem of walls built on road edges without any setback was brought up. The Committee members were reluctant to be too severe as the Haitian community builds rampantly without any interference. It was felt that Bahamians should be treated equally.

Road signs were wanted but these have

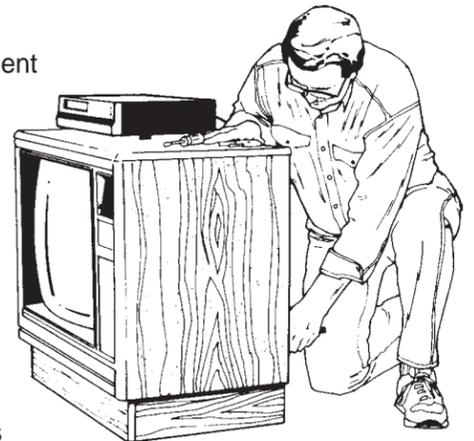
been requested from Nassau for six or seven years without success. Since approved Bahamian signs are not available, it was suggested that signs be purchased from the States. This will be investigated.

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# Local Government at Work



## Marsh Harbour Town Comm. 3 Feb

Committee members agreed that speed control measures were necessary on the curves approaching the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour. Several curves limit vision of oncoming traffic while fences, hedges and very narrow shoulders present hazards for pedestrians. Various methods to slow traffic were considered ranging from center dividers to speed bumps and traffic police.

Members also felt that traffic must be slowed on Marsh Harbour's Front Street between Wally's Restaurant and the Conch Inn.

It was decided to request appropriate methods from the Ministry of Works.

A prospective purchaser asked for approval in principle for a restaurant and 300 foot extension to the Port O' Call Marina. Town Planning will be advised that the Committee had no objections to a restaurant. The dock extension was referred to the Port Authority for their review.

A developer proposes to build 30 condominiums with a tennis court and pool on two acres near the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour. The developer asked Town Planning for an approval in principle. Town Planning first asked Marsh Harbour's views on the project. This will be presented for public comment at a Town Meeting on February 11.

## Licensing Board Feb 17

A quorum was not formed but the Chairman, Ms. Kayla Lockheart, announced that this would be her last meeting.

It was also mentioned that the liquor license application requested for a sidewalk stand serving tropical alcoholic drinks at Island Breezes in Marsh Harbour was withdrawn by the applicant. A vendor's license had been issued by the police and their authority to issue a liquor license to a vendor had been questioned by Board members.

## Town Planning Board 23 Feb

Sixteen plans were on the agenda for review totaling \$2.5 million. However, Environmental Health had not returned them to the Board so the meeting was dismissed.

## Hotel Licensing Board 24 Feb

Discussion centered on methods for ensuring that the hotel bed tax was submitted to government in a timely manner. Letters will be written to those properties which are delinquent.

## Marsh Harbour Town Committee 2 March

The meeting was held in the Court Room as the Chief Councillor had changed the lock on the Council's front door and neither the Administrator nor the Town Committee Chairman had a key. The Committee normally meets in the Council's conference room.

Port O'Call Marina is still requesting permission to extend their dock 300 feet into the harbour to accommodate boats with a deeper draft. Markers had been put at 150 and 300 feet for visual reference to the request. Members concluded that the dock could extend to an imaginary line drawn from the end of the Conch Inn dock to the new freight dock. This imaginary line was established years ago as the limiting factor for dock lengths in Marsh Harbour, leaving the area north of this line as an anchor-

age and approach channel.

A gas station is being considered for the vacant area behind the marina office, across from the Insurance Management building.

Committee Deputy Chairman Yvonne Key told of her plans to finish the sidewalk project connecting Abaco Beach Resort to downtown and asked members for their approval. In round numbers, she estimates that \$1,000 will build 340 feet of concrete sidewalk. Members agreed and will secure prices.

Chairman Mike Malone resigned as Town Committee Chairman while retaining his seat as an ordinary Committee member. Deputy Chairman Yvonne Key resigned as Deputy Chairman to allow members to choose new leaders.

The entire Committee was present and unopposed nominations gave Yvonne Key the Chairmanship and placed Kim Roberts as Deputy Chairman. One Committee member will resign his seat on Council in June allowing another member the opportunity to serve there.

## Central Abaco Council 3 March

This was the first Council meeting after a three month lapse from November 26 as a quorum could not be formed.

Chief Councillor Cay Mills gave a situation report on the poor cleaning done by the janitorial staff at the schools and airport. Restrooms and public areas are dirty, and he felt major changes were needed.

He was upset with trash in the water at Boat Harbour and at the ferry dock and felt Tourism should be more stringent on facilities of this type. As a result of his observations, he wrote Boat Harbour and the Minister of Tourism on the behalf of Coun-

cil members stating Council's displeasure for the conditions he described.

This brought a rebuke from Councillor Yvonne Key, who objected to her name appearing on a letter which suggested she and other Council members were in accord with his complaint. Mr. Mills was requested to write those previously addressed and state that the views expressed in the letter were his personally and not those of the Council. There had been no discussion on this in earlier meetings or reference in Council minutes.

Administrator Williams reiterated that all letters issued on Council stationery must relate to matters discussed by Council and appearing in Council minutes.

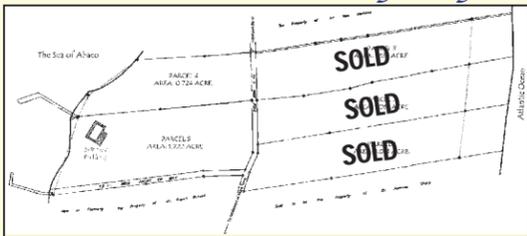
A liquor license had been earlier denied by the Licensing Authority for a liquor store at the new Texaco station in Dundas Town. The applicant submitted an appeal to Council to have the decision reversed. After much debate on whether the Dundas Town Committee should be consulted, it was decided that Council is the final authority in these matters and reversed Licensing's decision. The applicant will be issued the liquor license.

The Chief Councillor asked members to issue a cell phone to the Chief Councillor as his personal phone bill is excessive due to Council business. This was denied as phones had been issued during the previous Local Government term with some monthly bills approaching \$2000. In a move to control costs, the phone accounts had been cancelled.

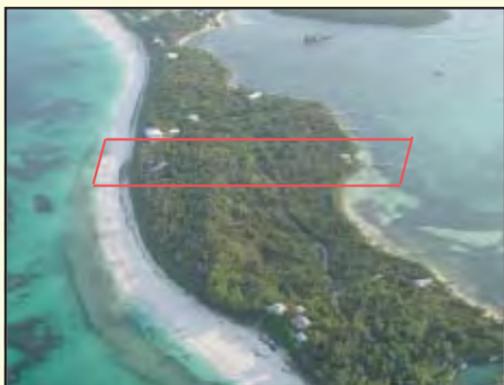
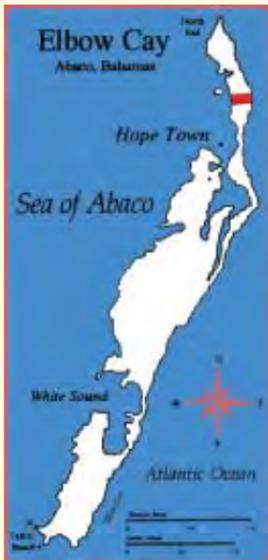
It was stated that a contract is under review for paving Marsh Harbour's front street from Molly Albury's house to the end near the Campbell residence.

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**Sherman**

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sponsibility does lie with the youngster but some responsibility lies with the family as well as the community.

Several months ago a group of persons

tried to get enough people interested in contributing money to build a bowling alley. For lack of participation it never really got off the ground. More than a year ago another group of people tried to find a way to get public tennis courts built. That also went

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