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Plane Crash Claims Three Lives

Single Engine Plane Crashes 1000 feet off Runway



The wreckage of a six-passenger Cessna Centurion was the site of a tragedy on May 27 resulting in the death of three visitors to Abaco. Two people survived and were airlifted to Nassau for medical attention. The two survivors were able to get out of the plane while in this position but the plane had to be turned before rescuers could remove the bodies which were in the front passenger seats. The five people were on their way to Man-O-War for the holiday weekend. See additional photos on page 20

By Jennifer Hudson

What was to have been a relaxing holiday in Abaco for two families at their homes on Man-O-War Cay ended in tragedy before it even began. At approximately 4 p.m. on May 27 a private Cessna Centurion plane carrying five people from Fort Pierce, Florida, crashed into the pine woods about fifteen hundred feet from the western end of the runway at Marsh Harbour International Airport.

Aboard the small plane were Ron Riefsteck and his wife Patricia from Virginia, who are long time second home owners on Man-O-War Cay and Shannon and Brian Kronemeyer from Michigan, who recently purchased a home on Man-O-War Cay. Mrs. Kronemeyer was reported to be pregnant and the couple have a young son who was not traveling with them. The fifth person was a friend, John.

The plane left Fort Pierce at 3 p.m. and would have been scheduled to arrive in Marsh Harbour shortly after 4 p.m. At about 4:45 p.m. Shannon Wong was bringing in an Abaco Air flight for landing when he spotted a man lying on the verge at the end of the runway. It was discovered that this was the brother of the pilot and he was able

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Anglican Women Meet Here



Anglican women marched in Marsh Harbour on May 16 bearing the banners from their respective churches. They meet annually in various locations. The last time they met on Abaco was 1992. They enjoyed their time on Abaco, visiting Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town along with attending meetings in Marsh Harbour.

By Jennifer Hudson

More than 400 Anglican churchwomen from all islands of The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands arrived in Marsh Harbour on May 15th for their annual Council meeting. They were hosted by approximately 100 Anglican churchwomen of Abaco for this important conference in the life of the Anglican Church. A different location is selected for this event each year and it was last held on Abaco in 1992.

This year marked the 40th year of the Anglican Church Women's Group and their 32nd annual conference for which the theme this year was *Go ye into all the world and teach the good news - Jesus saves*, Matthew 28:19-20.

The conference began with a Retreat at St. Simon's by the Sea Anglican Church in Treasure Cay on the Saturday morning

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Bins Will Carry Elbow Cay Garbage to Mainland



Large bins and a specially equipped truck arrived on Abaco to bring relief to the Hope Town garbage problem. The bins will be left at the current dump site to be filled. The truck will carry the bins to Marsh Harbour twice weekly to be emptied and returned to Elbow Cay. The new system is beginning with five bins which will carry residential and business garbage. The cay has been concerned for some time because of the toxic fumes caused by burning garbage.

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Church News

Anglicans

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followed by an afternoon for relaxation and socializing at the St. John's Church Bazaar in Marsh Harbour in the afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon May 16th the ladies marched in an impressive parade from the government freight dock along Don MacKay Boulevard., accompanied by a marching band from Grace Baptist Church. These ladies made a grand sight dressed smartly all in white and carrying a total of 42 colourful banners representing each of their churches. Their destination was the Church of St. John the Baptist where they held an outdoor Service of Thanksgiving presided over by Archbishop Drexel Gomez. Lessons were read by Sandra Collie, Council President, and Shelly Austin, President of the Anglican Churchwomen of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church,

Marsh Harbour. The visiting ladies expressed their great enjoyment of the outdoor service which was quite unique as normally the services are held in Nassau in the Cathedral. Following the service, a social was held on the grounds of the Parish Hall.

Business meetings began on Monday morning followed by a noon Mass and lunch. Business then continued for afternoon and evening sessions.

On Tuesday the entire contingent traveled to Green Turtle Cay to attend workshops conducted by Father Dwight Rolle and Father Earle Hepburn. These were followed by Mass and a picnic on the shores of Green Turtle Cay. The day was not yet over for these busy ladies for on their return to Marsh Harbour they met again at 8 p.m. for a relaxing evening of entertainment. They shared their talents in a variety



Archbishop Drexel Gomez was on Abaco for the Anglican Churchwomen's Council meetings. He is shown here with leaders of the seven Anglican churches on Abaco. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Benjamin Pinder, Catechist of St. Martin's Church in Sandy Point; Mr. Walter Lightbourne, Lay Reader; Fr. Dwight Rolle, Rector of all North Abaco Parishes residing in Treasure Cay; Archbishop Drexel Gomez, Archbishop and Metropolitian of the Province of the West Indies and Diocesan of The Bahamas; Mr. Euclid Baillou, Catechist of Holy Saviour Church in Blackwood; Fr. Marlo Conliffe, Assistant Priest of the Pro-Cathedral Christ the King Church in Freeport; Deacon Faquelle LaPlante; Mr. Melfred Martin, Sextant of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour; and Father Earle Hepburn, Rector of St. John the Baptist and St. Martin's churches.

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concert in which each branch presented either singing, skits, interpretive dance or whatever they could offer.

Their final day was spent in Hope Town where they had a brief meeting and then were allowed the remainder of the day to enjoy looking around the town before returning to Marsh Harbour for the start of their journey home.

The unanimous opinion of these ladies was that the meetings had all been very successful, and they had enjoyed reconnecting with old friends. They all loved Abaco and many wished they could have stayed longer.

The entire conference was hosted by all seven branches of the Anglican Church in Abaco and the organizers did a tremendous job in arranging this huge event. Organizers were Valaria Lightbourne from St. Martin's, Sandy Point; Euturpie McIntosh from St. Simon's by the Sea, Treasure Cay; Verona Newbold from St. Peter's, Green Turtle Cay; Mavis Russell from St. Anne's, Cedar Harbour; Louise Russell from Holy Saviour, Blackwood; Geneva Rusell from St. Chad's, Fox Town; and Shelly Austin from St. John the Baptist, Marsh Harbour, who was main co-ordinator.

Finding accommodation for all 400 ladies was quite an undertaking. While a few stayed with friends, the rest were housed at Regattas of Abaco, Friendship Tabernacle Church and in homes rented to them by second home owners.

The ladies of St. John the Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour are to be congratulated for winning two awards. One was for having the youngest member, aged 22 years, (the oldest was 97) and the other for the largest group of new members. They had increased their membership by 22 members since last year's conference.

Abaco Methodists Attend Conference in Atlanta

By Jennifer Hudson

Six ladies from St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town along with their minister, Rev. Carla Culmer, attended a conference on May 13-16 at the Israel Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. This church, which is pastored by Rev. William Smith, has a membership of thousands who fill

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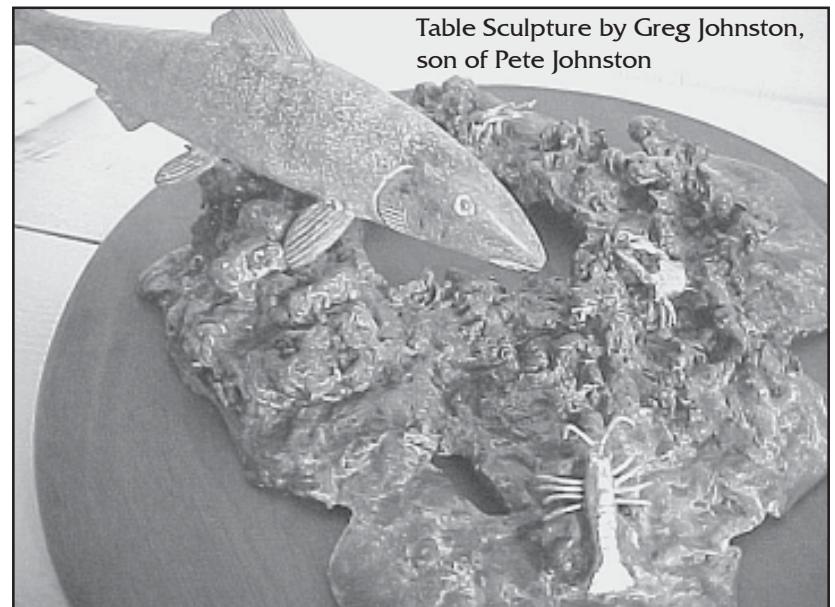


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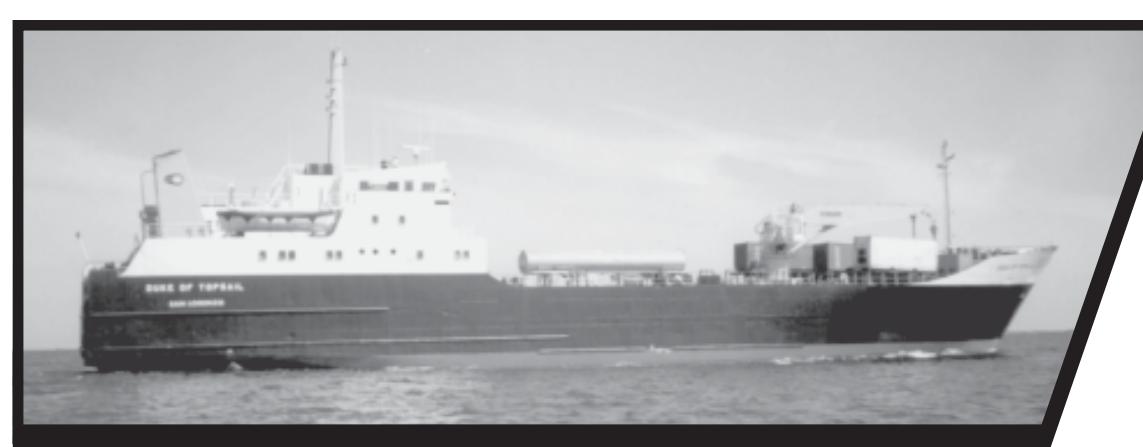


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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Bridal Shower

Another bridal shower was held in the new community center for Yizel Gonzales. Even though she and her intended have been dating for over three years, the surprise shower was a real shock to Yizel, who comes from Cuba and does not know many of the local residents, family and friends who came for the party. However, this occasion gave her the opportunity to meet her new extended family in The Bahamas and gave them all a chance to meet and know her better. A really lovely girl, she was genuinely thrilled and excited when she opened her many gifts. Her forthcoming marriage to Richard Albury, a local electrician, will take place on June 5 at Epworth Methodist Chapel in Cherokee, and the newlyweds will be living in Man-O-War where the bridegroom now resides. Our very best wishes to them both.

School News

Cherokee All-Age School students came in third place in the Earth Day competition for recycling by collecting a record number of discarded empty aluminum soda cans over the past couple of months. We trust this will be a ongoing exercise. We need to encourage the kids to keep on recycling; it's good for everyone.

Pastor Robin Weatherford came to Cherokee to put on a puppet show for the children on May 12 which was enjoyed by all those present. He reminded them that he would be bringing another group of young people back in July to conduct Vacation Bible classes. He has brought his

groups to Cherokee before and both the visitors as well as the students enjoy their time together.

A fund raising car wash which was postponed from an earlier date but is now set for June 12th. This is a Saturday afternoon and the kids will be washing cars at the basketball court for the price of \$10. We hope you will support this project which will add to the monies already collected towards a new tile floor for the school.

An additional fund raiser will be held on June 19 in the form of a mini-fair which will include a cook-out, games and a raffle. Mark this date down on your calendar now so you won't forget it; the children will thank you.

Community News

There is a new bus service from Cherokee into Marsh Harbour and Sandy Point. The Islander Express makes three trips per day for a very reasonable fee. With the price of gasoline rising every week, we all need to conserve whenever we can.

About the Weather

The drought in Cherokee continues. Since March 26 we have only had six days with rain and the total officially measured less than one and one-half inches. Marsh Harbour often receives two inches of rainfall at a time, but it never seems to extend all the way to Cherokee. Many are trying to save their lawns and grass by putting on their sprinklers.

But remember in a small settlement like ours, we draw from the same underground water table and many are not even lucky enough to have a sweet water well on their own land. Since electricity was brought into Cherokee, almost everyone has automatic

washers that use quite a bit more water than the old fashioned washtub. We all know water is precious. Try to conserve or you, too, could end up without a sweet well.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Joyce Elizabeth Lowe, who passed away after a long illness on May 21 on the occasion of her birthday. Seventy-five years old, Joyce was one of seven children born in Cherokee Sound to Stanley and Annis Bethel and still has many family members and friends who will remember her fondly. Married to Charles Bertram Lowe, who pre-

deceased her by many years, they lived in Nassau and Hope Town. More recently she lived with her daughter in Marsh Harbour who tended to her through her long illness. She is survived by her three children. May she finally rest in peace.

Get Well Wishes

Mr. Whitney Pinder had to be rushed into emergency surgery when he arrived in Nassau for a short visit on May 17 after suffering severe pain. Mr. Whitney, who is 87, is now out of intensive care and doing as well as can be expected. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

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Friends Holds Native Plant Expo

By Jennifer Hudson

On May 22nd Friends of the Environment held a Native Plant Expo in the conference room of their new office on Don MacKay Boulevard to educate the public on native, indigenous plant species of The Bahamas. It is part of the organization's efforts to educate the public on the dangers of invasive species. Guest speaker was Stacey Wells-Moultrie of the BEST (Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology) Commission.

The aim of the meeting, which was attended by more than 20 environmentally concerned individuals, was to not only point out the different types of invasive plants but to show how they are damaging to the environment and point out ways in which people can assist in their eradication.

Invasive alien species are defined as species that are:

- 1) non native (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration
- 2) whose unintentional or deliberate introduction causes economic or environmental harm or harm to human health and welfare.

Invasive species can be plants, animals and other organisms (e.g. microbes). Human actions are the primary means of invasive species introductions. These species then spread because the natural controls which keep them in check in their native homelands, such as disease and predators, do not exist when they are introduced to a new habitat.

Examples of invasive species in The Bahamas and recommended for eradication are:

casuarina (Australian pine), scaevola (Hawaiian sea grape), Brazilian pepper tree, melaleuca , wedelia and monkey tamarind.

Invasive species threaten the survival of our native plants and animals, threaten biodiversity by dominating landscapes and habitats, threaten to introduce new diseases into our environment and threaten to alter the state of our native ecosystems.

What can you do?

- 1) Educate yourself and others about invasive species.
- 2) Ask for only non-invasive species when you purchase plants. Plant only en-

vironmentally safe species in your gardens. Work towards and promote new landscape design that is friendly to local ecosystems.

3) Remove invasive species from your property and replace them with non-invasive species suited to your site and your needs.

4) Request that botanical gardens and nurseries promote, display and sell only non-invasive species.

Booklets and posters giving information about invasive species are obtainable

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Dr. Ethan Fried, a botanist with the University of Tampa, identified plants at the recent Native Plant Expo sponsored by Friends of the Environment. He identified plants that people in the audience brought in, giving interesting details about them. Looking on is Mrs. Cha Boyce and her children, James and Aly, who brought in several invasives to show the group.

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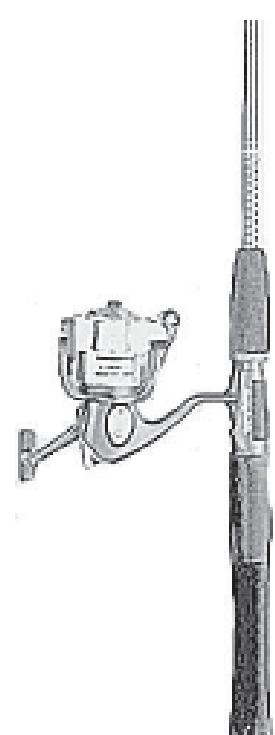
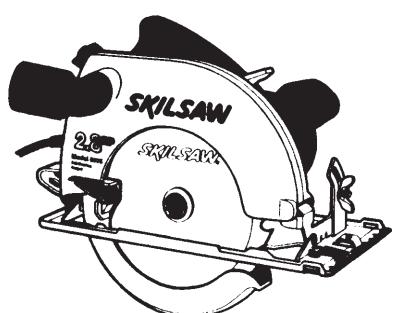
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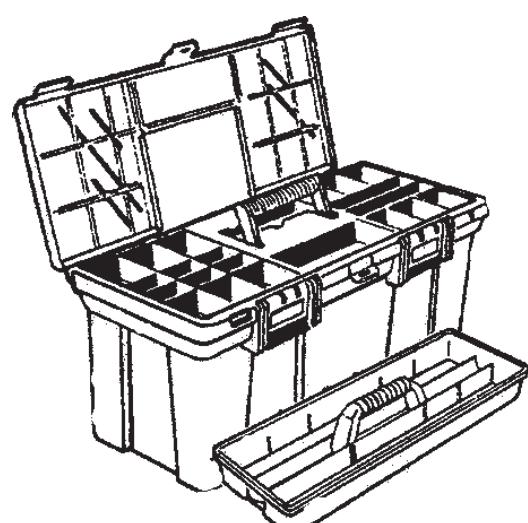
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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

Island Festival Planning

Green Turtle Cay is feeling the effects of the extended dry season. Many cisterns are very low or empty. Lawns are dry and brown and many of the trees and bushes really need water. But somehow the bougainvillea and oleander are in full bloom! It is usually raining by the end of May, but there is no rain in sight. The clouds build in the afternoon, but no rain falls on Green Turtle Cay! It will take a few days of rain to wash the dust off everything!

After a year of planning, the first Island Roots Heritage Festival is now history! It was just a year ago that a small group of people attended a town meeting to hear Mr. Don Cornish of the Abaco Tourist Office tell of the interest of a group in Key West to revive our Sister City ties. The idea of a small event was born. Island Administrator Gary Knowles asked that those in attendance, along with the Town Committee, form a committee to plan an event that would take place in what is usually a "slow time" in Abaco.

Mr. Alton Lowe had been involved in the first Island Roots Festival in the 1970's

and had ties with many persons in Key West, so he agreed to co-chair the committee with Mrs. Karen McIntosh. Believing that this would be a one day event, Julie Farrington and Lesley Dames agreed to sign on as treasurer and secretary. (Fooled 'em that time!) Kendy Anderson of the Tourist Office would help coordinate the event. Veronica Stafford would be our Key West connection. We had ideas, but no money. So we set out to have fund raisers. The first was Guy Fawkes, November 5th. It had been years since we had observed this British tradition, so most of the children had no idea as to what to expect. The parents came out in full force and our first fund raiser was a huge success - despite a downpour of rain! We now had money and our ideas kept growing for an event to be held at the basketball court and Quincentennial Park.

Then Mrs. Jeritzen Outten joined the Abaco Tourist Office as director. She attended a meeting and loved the idea. She had great confidence in the event and worked directly with the Ministry of Tourism to promote our event. When we thought we could not afford to bring the Royal Bahamas Police Band, Mrs. Outten had the Ministry step in to help fund their transportation and lodging. She knew that we

could do more than a one day event. Then she went for a tour of the town and saw Settlement Point. She saw great potential. From that moment on the event moved to Settlement Point and it was now a FESTIVAL!

But Settlement Point was in no way ready for a festival. After meetings and discussions and much diplomacy it was agreed that Settlement Point would be prepared for the Island Roots Heritage Festival. Our Town Committee chairman and committee member, David Bethell, was given the responsibility of working with Roddie Sawyer and BEC to prepare the site. Floyd Johnson was a committee member, BEC employee and Junkanoo coordinator. Committee member Greg Curry would be responsible for organizing a clean up team during the festival. Committee member Lonnie Lowe would be assisting with setting up of fund raisers and the site. Island Roots Heritage Festival would now be a three day event! While planning the main event, we had to continue to raise funds. The Wine Tasting in January was a huge success and had everyone asking for another. The Easter Parade was also successful and the children really enjoyed being a part of it.

As we got closer to May, our meetings were longer and more frequent. Many times we felt overwhelmed. There seemed so much to do and so little time. We had Patricia and Fanny McIntosh and Carolyn Cash join our committee, and it was nice to have more help. As we got closer to the date and a little more panicky, we finally found tents, a new May Pole and 12 "rusty" ladies willing to plait! The Junkanoo costumes were almost all pasted, thanks to

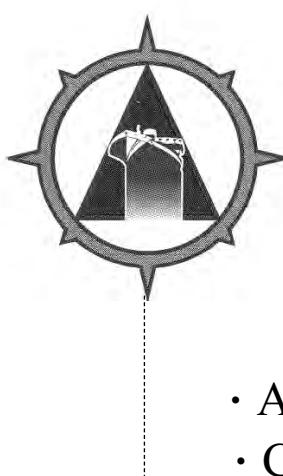
many late hours in the shack. Settlement Point began taking shape. Kola Wells was responsible for finding vendors and now had commitments from persons willing to provide food, drinks, souvenirs and information at the event. May 6th saw Settlement Point come alive with activity as the final preparations were made. Many persons came out to offer a helping hand. Roddie Sawyer and his crew built a stage with the Sea of Abaco as a background. Warren Knowles and Carolyn Cash added thatch and bunting while Leonard Lowe and his crew built a rock wall to add the finishing touch. Mandy Roberts and her brother Kevin made the now famous sign at the entrance to the site. Mandy also worked with Trina Cooper to coordinate the decorating of town. BEC and Ministry of Works crews worked until the last minute. And we had light! And Roddie went beyond the call of duty. We kept adding to his list, and every time he did just a little more than we asked.

May 7th dawned a beautiful day! It was sunny and a lovely breeze was blowing off the water. Looking out over Settlement Point from our waterfront stage, one could only feel pride and great satisfaction for having been a part of the organizing of this event.

And for being a part of a community that had supported our efforts and came out in full force to clean and decorate the town in preparation for our visitors and official guests. With the hard work and commitment of the committee, the Abaco Tourist Office and the many persons who helped in many ways, our First Island Roots Heri-



These Green Turtle Cay children received top student awards during the recent National Youth Month. They are, left to right, Rebecca Roberts (gr. 1), Krista Curry (gr. 2), Colby Cross (gr. 3), Quitel Charlton (gr. 4) and Wendy Rutledge (gr. 6). Missing from the photo is Felicia Survance, Grade 5's top student.



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Cays

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tage was a huge success! It was an honor to work with people who made up the committee. Even though we have lived together in this community for many years, planning this event gave us the opportunity to share and really get to know each other. We enjoyed it so much that we are already planning for 2005! The dates are April 29th, 30th and May 1st. Thank you to all who were a part of the 2004 festival. Mark your calendar for 2005 and bring a friend!

School News

Amy Roberts Primary School students were a part of the North Abaco Youth March and Rally on May 22nd. The students from schools in North Abaco marched from Fire Road to Ingraham's Park. The top students in grades one thru six were given awards. Awards were also given to outstanding young persons and youth leaders. Congratulations to Leanne Russell and Zhivargo Lloyd who received an award for their artistic talent and to Reuben McIntosh for his work as a youth leader. Amy Roberts top students for 2003 -2004 were Rebecca Roberts (1st grade), Krista Curry (2nd grade), Colby Cross (3rd Grade), Quitell Charlton (4th grade), Felicia Survance (5th grade) and Wendy Rutledge (6th grade).

Sixth grade students Tyler Survance and

Wendy Rutledge also received and award at a ceremony held in Marsh Harbour to honor the Outstanding Students in Abaco. At the same ceremony Raenell Lowe and Miquelle Miller were among six students receiving an award for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations to all the students.

Science Fair

Amy Roberts Primary's sixth grade students held a science fair at the Captain Roland Roberts House on May 28th. The students had displays and information on protecting the environment and the sea creatures on our reefs.

The grade six group has been very busy this school year. They have worked hard to raise funds for their field trip to Nassau. They will go next week, before settling into their end of year exams.

Other News

As the school years draws to an end there will be the usual graduations and closings to attend. The children and teachers are looking forward to the summer break. Awana Club had its annual Parent night and Award ceremony on May 21st. Awana will reopen in September. The leaders continue to do a wonderful job and should be thanked for sharing their Friday evenings with the children.

Congratulations to Matthew and Melinda Reckley, who were married in Freeport on May 15th. Friends and relatives traveled to

Freeport to celebrate with the couple. They will reside on Green Turtle Cay.

Another of our senior citizens, Mr. Chester Lowe, passed away in April. Mr. Chester was the owner of Lowe's Grocery on Green Turtle Cay and on the mainland of Abaco. He is survived by his children and their spouses; Andy and Debra Lowe, Minerva and Patrick Sawyer, Rose and Lonnie Lowe and Mark and Carol Jean Lowe, 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sister Pearl Lowe and many other relatives and friends.

Bluff House Yacht Club and Marina will host the second annual Billfish Tournament on June 15th - 19th. This tournament will be in memory of David Smades, who helped

organize last year's tournament and events.

As the weather warms up there will be lots of activities around the island. After weeks of windy weather we are looking forward to a nice, busy summer!

Hope Town Wedding Bells Ring

By Jennifer Hudson

The wedding of Ms. Bernadette Hall and Mr. Jeffrey Harding took place in St. Andrews Methodist Church, Hope Town, on May 1st with Mr. Vernon Malone officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Arnold Hall, and Mrs.

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Sandra Stuart and Anne Goddard presented a check to the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee. They represented a group of second home owners who had a dessert booth at the festival. Their entire proceeds were donated to the committee. They are, left to right, Annabelle Cross, Fanny McIntosh (hidden), Sandra Stuart, Karen McIntosh, Julie Farington, Kola Wells, Alton Lowe, Lesley Dames, Carolyn Cash, Anne Goddard and Lonnie Lowe.

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The Editor Says . . .



About 135 students will graduate from high schools in Marsh Harbour and Cooper's Town in early June.

Many of those who plan to go for higher education elsewhere will look for part-time summer jobs to augment tuition and other expenses. Most of the others will be scouring the market for permanent employment.

Although our economy is robust and expanding, it is still difficult for the business community to absorb 100 or more entry level employees all at once. In general terms, they have not yet developed a work ethic and do not have any particular job qualifications or skills.

There is a need for people with technical and vocational skills but most of our high school graduates do not get vocational training. Those few who have some fundamental skills may have picked them up from family businesses or previous summer work. Those students are more apt to find appropriate work.

Entry level jobs are varied from construction and waiting tables to simple office work and sales clerks in shops. However, all employers are looking for some of the same traits, no matter what job. These traits include being responsible, reliable, having a good work ethic and a pleasant personality. All potential employees need to have these traits.

Work ethics are as important to employers as job skills. These skills are not taught but develop in the home. Employees who are always late, disappear during the day, are indifferent to their job or present themselves poorly to customers will not advance or get meaningful wage increases if they manage to hold their job.

Developing an acceptable work ethic is a major task imparted by responsible parents and reinforced by the schools. The atmosphere in the home is critical to the success of the students. Parents should stress and live by a high standard of ethics. Bringing up children is a very serious job and requires that the parents guide and nurture their children into being responsible adults. This is done through training as well as by example. If parents will hold their children responsible for their behavior while they are growing up, they will become more

responsible adults.

The schools have the responsibility for teaching reading, writing and arithmetic - the building blocks for their students' future. They have the added responsibility for developing good attitudes and ethics.

Schools must influence the students through the examples of their staff. The attitude of teachers and administrators is critical in developing good attitudes in students. An indifferent attitude by the teachers and administration is contagious and will adversely affect the students. Teachers and administrators who do not care if they are effective, who work only for payday, who are not willing to go the extra mile are going to produce students with these same traits.

The educational system must also be realistic in assessing their students. Students with "A" grades should come across as "A" students - no less. Although attitude is primarily formed in the home, the schools must focus and build on the desirable characteristics and work to suppress undesirable elements. Dress and appearance are two areas where the parent and school should be marching to the same tune.

Parents and schools must insist on discipline, a component of attitude. This does not mean "being beaten into submission"

but willing to follow instructions. Students who follow school rules are more apt to accept employer's rules. Employers have rules and reasons for those rules. A new employee who brings his own rules to work will not last long.

The jobs these graduates find may not be their first choice. However, they should tackle their work with enthusiasm and take pride in doing their job well. If they show promise, they may advance to a better paying and more interesting job with the same employer or they may be noticed by another businessman willing to pay more for their good attitude and potential abilities. Often job skills can be acquired or learned at work but attitude comes from home upbringing. That is hard to change if their past experience has been poor. However, the peculiarities of the job can be taught to willing workers. Teaching an employee with a hangover how to smile at a customer is a more difficult task.

A cheerful disposition is not so important for many trades but is very important for those in tourism-related businesses dealing with visitors on a daily basis. A bad day for a waitress will affect her relationship with customers much more than a helper on a plumbing job harboring a grudge.

For jobs in the tourism sector, which is a broad area of work, the ability to get along with others is a requirement. Getting along with others is a learned skill. Children are not born with good or bad traits but these develop and are influenced by their environment, both at home and at school.

It is to the community's benefit that these young adults find jobs as idle hands and minds tend to get into mischief which benefits no one. The longer they are out of work, the more serious the mischief becomes. None of us wants to live in communities where young people are wandering aimlessly looking for trouble. Most of the young people in prison were jobless before they got into trouble with the law.

Job skills and work ethics become more important as The Bahamas inches toward joining the World Trade Organization and signs onto the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. Even without the challenges poised by these two entities, we are caught up in the liberalization of worldwide trade and the changes we face from increased external exposure. Our young people must strive to become desirable workers in order to get a good job in the future world where there will be much competition.

All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Child Abuse Awareness

April Was Child Abuse Month in the Bahamas.

During the week of April 26 a team came from Grand Bahamas to conduct various educational sessions on child abuse. The team consisted of Mrs. Paula Marshall, Assistant Director Department of Social Services in the Northern Bahamas, Mrs. Dennis White of Social Services on Grand Bahamas, and Mr. Clarence Riley, a Probation Officer on Grand Bahamas. Other members of the team were Sgt Gaynell Johnson of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Mrs. Charlamae Fernander of the Abaco Office of the Department of Social Services.

The team held educational sessions for students at Abaco Central High School and S.C.

Bootle High School. At these sessions they told students about reporting suspected cases of child abuse to their teachers and told them what incest, rape, abandonment, sexual abuse, cruelty to children laws were. In particular, they cautioned young men not to touch any female child as that could lead to a charge of molestation.

My reason for doing this is that the seminar opened some very old scars in me because I was abused as a child by my mother and just like the statistics tell I ended up being abused in my marriage. In fact, as I sat at Central Abaco Primary, I wondered how many persons present had suffered the same way. It was pointed out several times that the memories of abuse are with victims forever and that is such a true statement.

It is well and good to identify and help

victims of child abuse. But I wonder if the support is there for them even after they are removed from the abusive situation. In my case I know there are many that can empathize with a child abuse victim but the only way to truly identify and completely understand is if you were a victim yourself. Of course, that is my opinion.

In the ideal situation it would be extremely helpful to victims of abuse, young and old, that support systems be in place for victims to be able to use after they remove themselves or have been removed from the abusive environment.

Two areas of abuse which were never addressed were verbal abuse and emotional abuse. Most experts agree that verbal and emotional abuse of children is extremely damaging to the victims.

Reduce the Risk of Cervical Cancer

By Jennifer Hudson

It is a sad fact that cases of cancer are on the rise and there are few people who have not either been touched by the disease themselves or have had a family member or friend affected by it.

What is cancer? Cancer is a disease in which abnormal cells in some organ or tissue erratically multiply, growing and increasing in number. Normal cells reproduce themselves throughout life in an orderly and controlled manner but when cells grow out of

control, they form a mass called a tumour. A tumour can be non-cancerous (benign) which generally grow and enlarge at the site at which they began. But other tumours enlarge and move to distant sites, destroying normal tissue as they grow and are called cancer (malignant).

Although if detected early many forms of cancer are treatable, they still entail very long, costly and drastic treatments. The best road is that of PREVENTION.

Facts all women need to know about cervical cancer:

Cervical cancer is the leading gynecological cancer among Bahamian females and ranks second to breast cancer as the leading cause of death for malignancies among Bahamian females.

Women at high risk are:

- Those who started having sexual intercourse at an early age
- Women who have multiple sexual partners
- Those infected with the virus HPV(warts)
- Smokers
- HIV sufferers

Treatment depends on the severity of the disease. If detected early, the treatment can be performed on an outpatient basis but in more severe cases a simple hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) may be necessary. If

the cancer has reached an advanced stage, then more radical surgery would be required.

A life saving screening test is the Pap Smear which, since its invention in 1943, has significantly lowered the death rate from cervical cancer. This test has the advantage of being simple and accurate.

Lifestyle choices can help reduce the risk of developing cervical cancer.

- Don't smoke
- Limit alcohol intake
- Follow a high fibre, low fat diet to maintain a healthy body weight.
- Schedule regular pap smears and see your doctor for regular check ups
- Be aware of changes to your normal state of health
- Practice healthy sexual habits

Each year in October the Cancer Society of Abaco offers free cancer screening clinics for cervical cancer (Pap Smears). All women are encouraged to attend these clinics or to visit their own doctor or the government clinic for screening at any time during the year.

Remember, *Prevention is the best form of medicine* so make the right lifestyle choices for a healthy life.

(The medical information contained in this article was provided by Dr. Raleigh Butler, Consultant Gynecological Surgeon and Oncologist.)

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Letters to the Editor

Scouts Do Community Service

Dear Editor,

The Scout Association of Abaco would like to thank all those who so generously participated in the Rotary-Scout golf tournament. Our Scouts were very pleased to register 11 of the 44 golfers with some players even coming from Europe to support us. On the course the Scouts enjoyed working side by side with Rotarians to deliver lunch, run errands and hand out water. Both the Crown Haven and Marsh Harbour Scout Troops participated in the full day of golfing.

This is the type of community service for which Scouting stands. We hope to partner with as many local groups as possible to further both the development of our fine Scouts and their contribution to our beautiful island. The donations we received this year are sending 15 Scouts on various adventures this summer including camping, sailing and partnering with Scout and 4-H groups in the U.S. In addition, the funds the Scouts earned selling their Christmas crafts were donated to our beloved Commissioner, Drexel Major, to assist with his on-going medical expenses.

Thank you again for your valuable and highly appreciated support.

Yours very truly,
Sandra Evans
Abaco District Commissioner

Enjoyed Stories on Island Roots Festival

Dear Editor,

As an Abaconian living abroad, I enjoy reading your paper online and keeping up to date with local news. I have close family members living on Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War, Freeport, Marsh Harbour and Florida. My husband was Headmaster of the local school from 1958 - 1961.

Looking at the picture of locals plaiting the Maypole reminded me of a photo taken in 1959 during Empire Day celebrations. I thought you might find it interesting. I have recently scanned many photos from that period and compiled an album of scenes from the cay.

Congratulations to those who organised the Roots Festival. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves.

Best wishes,
Sylvia Vaughan (nee Sawyer)
Longs for Good Bahamian Produce

Dear Editor,

I am vexed, truly vexed. After a recent outburst of vocal energy from our Agricultural Officialdom, including a splendid preview from our leader, with Andros as our breadbasket and contributor of revenue wealth from foreign sales, I hurried to the village store dreaming of a sizzling pan of glorious potato chips. Caution - and experience - prevailed, and I bought only three potatoes and three onions, each Bahamas Best; excellent in shape, size and skin texture. Alas! as I peeled the spuds large black patches appeared through the flesh, whether rot or disease I do not know. But I like my chips white, turning golden in the hot fat. Investigation of the onions showed the proper, flimsy, dry outer layer, peeling off to a half inch thick layer of grey matter housing a minute white onion which disappeared in cooking. My dogs were delighted - they hate onions in their soup. This week I bought foreign produce.

Shall we really find a world market for such produce? And what happened? The retailer, the wholesaler and the farmer cannot be faulted for overlong storage. The crops are recent and the demand brisk through the Easter week. Our farmers rely on official sources for seed, advice and in-

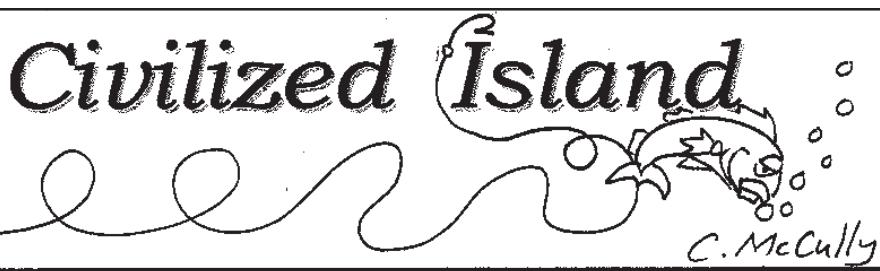
struction. So what is the official advice on such a fiasco? I do not suppose the Prime Minister peels his own potatoes, so who misinformed him on our prospects? The truth please.

Do you remember the delicious onions from Exuma? The exalted Vidalia with its dear little flags could offer no comparison. Pineapples too, a constant seasonal joy from Eleuthera, and bananas with flavour? I grew apple bananas in my backyard for thirty years. The (?) present "brown skins" on sale in the market are presentable on the inside but lack both the texture and flavour of our past favourites. So what has happened? They tell me the old farmers are all dead. I do not believe they are all dead. Anyway, we could have helpful advice from the surviving members of that vibrant service from the days of our liberation - directors such as Oris Russell and Claude Smith. Remember them all? Working not only to improve on existing practices, but to encourage their juniors to experiment with new ideas: rice in Andros, Brazil nuts in Chippingham, a perfected breed of Long Island sheep, improved pig farming. Has it all been lost? Both the old and the new? And why? What happened to our National Seed Bank put in the care of our Deputy Director of Agriculture? Surely that can produce at least an embryo of past quality to complement the advice of our experienced elders.

So we are small and our land acreage minuscule. Our farms have been saturated with plants, seeds and chemicals which do not suit them. The old people are dead and the young won't work (Really? Look at the scene in Grand Bahama and Andros). Government tells us so often that our land can provide much of the food that we are buying with money we cannot afford. So why do we fail to work towards at least part self-sufficiency? Yes, labour is difficult but why not set up a Haitian Project, such as we had with Florida 50 years ago? To set us on our farming feet, a temporary boom to us and possibly a life saver to Haiti at present.

My family has been farmers for nine centuries - yes, nine hundred years. Originally sea pirates sailing down from the icy North to loot, they finally decided to settle first in France and later, following the Norman Conquest of 1066, to England. As a reward for their support the Crown settled them on 3,000 acres of lush country in the West of England. They learned to cherish the land, and with a proper regimen of proper feeding and grooming, it produced rich crops, sufficient to sustain their increasing families and dependent workers in comfort and health. They never parted with that acreage of land and never increased it. Their farms were small 200 or 300 acres at the most, ludicrously small in the eyes of our

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Plaiting the Maypole has been a tradition on Green Turtle Cay for many years. This picture was taken by the Headmaster on Empire Day 1959 showing the young people enjoying the holiday activities.

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Central Abaco News

RND Cinemas Will Close

RND Abaco will close its doors following the final Thursday night showing on July 29th, 2004. The triple-screen multiplex theatre, situated on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour, was built following the success of the original theatre in Nassau and was the second in the chain of four locations.

The Abaco theatre opened in July 1998 with the blockbusters *Titanic* and *Godzilla*. Patrons of the establishment stabilised shortly after opening, and the theatre continued operating at a breakeven point for the following six years.

Jerome Fitzgerald, Chairman of RND

Holdings Limited, announced in January that the company would shed its cinema operations entirely. The original location in Nassau closed its doors in February 29th, 2004. The two remaining multiplexes in Nassau and Freeport are now operated by Galleria Cinemas.

"On behalf of RND Holdings and RND Cinemas, I would like to thank the people of Abaco for these past six years of patronage," Mr. Fitzgerald said. The Abaco theatre is owned by RND Holdings Limited. The company is considering options to either sell the property or re-purpose it for retail use.



\$4000 in local government funds given the Committee for making improvements in the town. Charlie Sweeting built the forms and is pouring the concrete.

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Annual Fair

By Isobel Sherman

St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour and St. Martin Anglican Church in Sandy Point combined together to hold their annual fair on May 15 at the grounds of St. John the Baptist. The fair had attractions for young and old. There was the ever-popular Bouncy Castle for the young ones and music playing for the teenagers and young people. Attractions included face painting, darts, hoop-la and punch board. There were stalls for cakes and pastries, conch fritters and conch salad. Chicken, fish and rib dinners were on sale. Proceeds go towards each church.

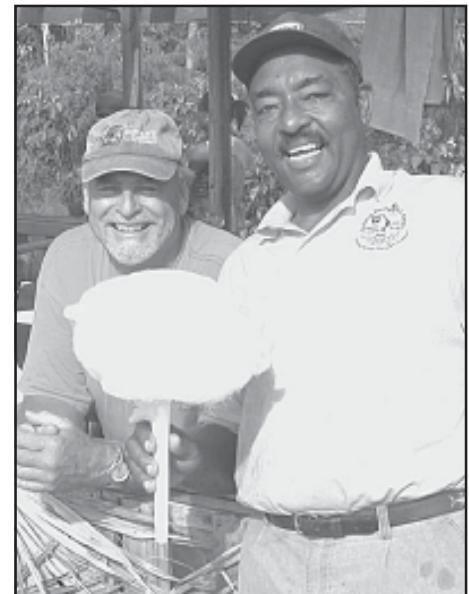
Tour Company Publishes Island Map

By Portia Jonsson

Abaco Island Tours has published an Abaco map for the benefit of our visitors. This project has been in the works for the past year. According to Mrs. Brenda Mitchell of Abaco Island Tours, people have been very receptive to the map because it is colourful and free. She is pleased with the public's response who seem to be enjoying it very much.

The 4 inch by 11 inch, four-fold map is packed with general information about Abaco including the cays. It focuses mainly on the many tours available throughout the island including sightseeing, sunset cruises and kayaking. Abaco Island Tours is a new business established just last year.

Forty thousand copies of the map were ultimately decided upon. Next year the map will be going into reprint with some changes. In the near future the entire map, including advertisements, will be posted on



The annual fair organized by the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church of Marsh Harbour and St. Martin's Anglican Church of Sandy Point is always anticipated. A great time with booths, games, feature attractions, good food and old friends makes for a great day. Cotton candy was a hit with the youngsters and oldsters. Churton Toote accepts a candy cone from Bob Kilroe of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club. Bob takes the candy machine to many charitable functions. All candy sales benefited the Anglican fair.

the internet. The map is available throughout Abaco including sponsors, ferries, the Marsh Harbour airport, hotels, local restaurants, Ministry of Tourism and several locations on Guana Cay, Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay.

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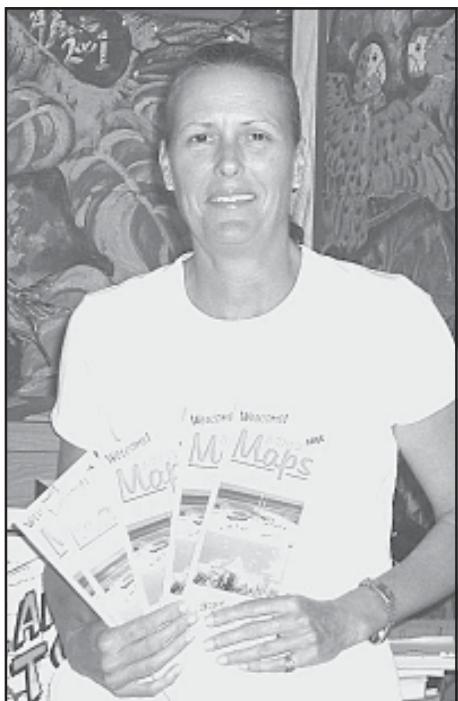


A specialist in preserving and teaching others about native plants and trees, Stephen works with already harvested Dogwood, Horseflesh, Madeira, Mahogany, and other local wood. Using a planer for smoothing and a lathe for shaping, each item is carefully hand sanded, waxed and rubbed to bring out the beauty of the wood. He inlays some pieces using gem stones in pleasing patterns and with a delightful use of colour.

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More Central Abaco News



Mrs. Brenda Mitchell is holding her new map which she produced to assist visitors in finding all of Central Abaco's attractions.

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Mrs. Mitchell said none of this would have been possible without the hard work of Mrs. Ruth Saunders, who designed the ads and layout, and Christine McCully, local artist in Hope Town, who drew the maps.

Cancer Society Thrift Store Now Open

By Jennifer Hudson

You are invited to visit the Cancer Society Thrift Store located in the Marsh Harbour Community Library building for great bargains. The Thrift Store opened its doors to the public on May 29th and will open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many people shopped there on its opening day and were delighted at the "good deals" they received on the large variety of household items, clothing and books. New items will be put out on display each week. All proceeds go to the Cancer Society of Abaco fund to assist Abaconians suffering from this disease.

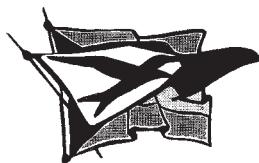


Donations of household goods, clothing and books are welcomed and may be left at Dr. Vince McWeeney's Dental Office on Don MacKay Boulevard during office hours.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Beulah and Shannon Wong on the birth of their first child, Walker Wong, who born on April 30 in Nassau. The Wongs are residents of Casuarina Point.

Abaco's first thrift shop opened late in May, providing the community with inexpensive clothing and housewares. The Cancer Society of Abaco opened it to raise money to assist the many persons on the island who have cancer and need expensive treatments not available on Abaco. It is located in the Marsh Harbour Community Library building across from Lowe's Pharmacy.



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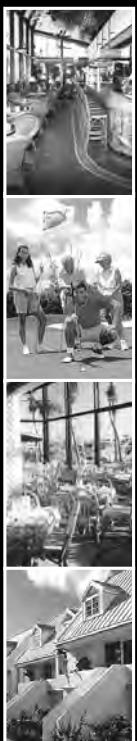
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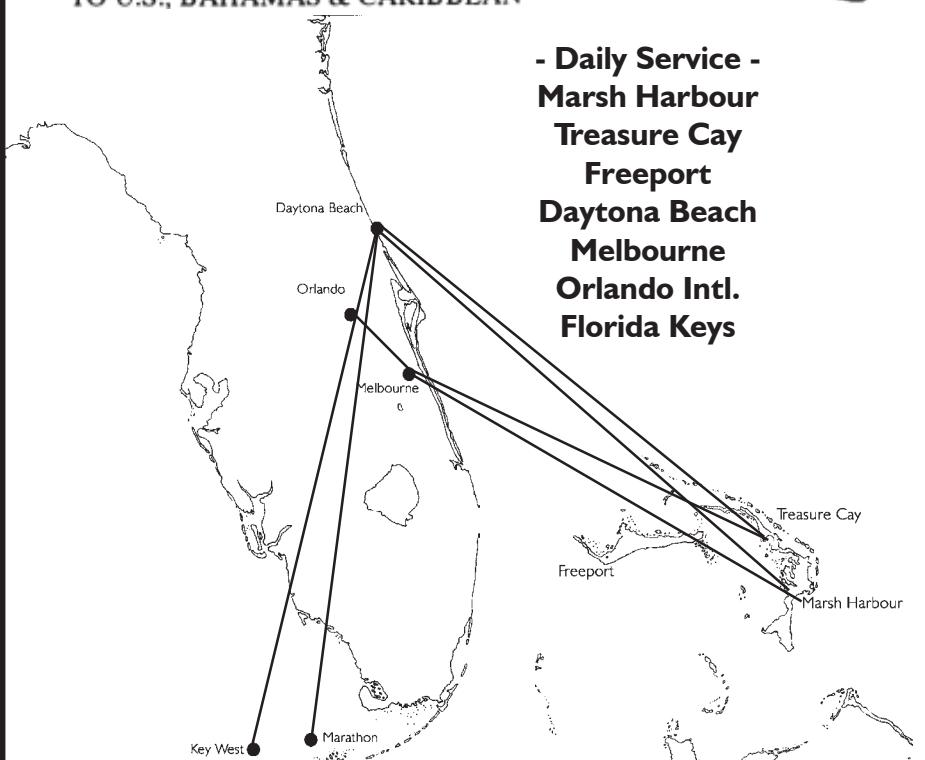
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By Portia Jonsson

It must be summer because the Royal Poinciana trees are beginning to bloom. Just take a drive around town and you'll see what I mean. This tree is my favorite in the whole world. Royal Poinciana (so named because it used to be in the genus, Poinciana) is a flamboyant tree in flower – some say the world's most colorful tree. Other names for it are Flame of the Forest, Forest Flame and Flamboyant.

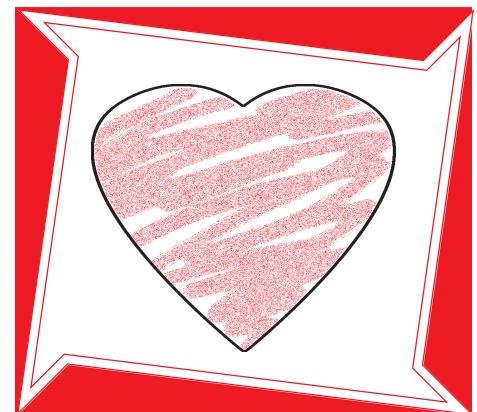
The trees are striking in May and June when they are in full bloom with exuberant clusters of red and orange flowers. Each flower has four spoon shaped petals and one upright slightly larger petal, which is

marked with yellow and white. Royal Poinciana gets tall, but its elegant wide-spreading umbrella-like canopy can be wider than its height. It makes a wonderful shade tree and is used a lot in landscaping along the highway. The highway between Treasure Cay community and its airport is especially beautiful this time of year.

Each tree has a unique shape. It never gets boring looking at them, even if they are not blooming. In some Caribbean Islands the pods are used for fuel and called "woman's tongue" because of the rattling noise they make when the wind blows them.

Virtually everyone falls in love with this tree at first sight. So it's easy to see why I love it so much. It is so loved in Miami that

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Club News

Senior Citizen's Evening at Rotary

By Jennifer Hudson

A very happy and appreciative group of Senior Citizens from Dundas Town and Murphy Town were treated to an evening out at the Abaco Beach Hotel's Anglers Restaurant on May 24th by the Rotary Club of Abaco. Enjoying a delicious meal and an evening of socializing and music were Cynthia Curry, Catherine Davis, Eloise and Wilfred Cornish, George and Arementa McKenzie, Hiram and Verleta Davis, Joyce Smith and Reginald Anderson.

Club Service Chairman, Gentry Morris, organizer of the event, stated, "Senior citizens are the stalwarts of our community." Rotarian Bryan Thompson read the poem *Beyond Measure* as a tribute to the senior citizens and Sandra Albury read *A Tribute to Mothers* followed by Fred Gottlieb's *Tribute to Fathers*.

The Jes'us vocal group sang a delightful medley of sacred songs and one senior citizen was heard to remark at the end of the selection, "I could have listened to more of that," showing just how much it was appreciated.

Hurricane Season Officially Opens

Hurricane season has just begun and predictions are that it will be an active season. Hurricane experts agree that this season could produce at least three hurricanes of category three or greater. The categories are based on wind speed, barometric pressure, storm surge height and damage potential. A Category One hurricane has a wind speed of between 74 and 95 mph and is considered a minimal hurricane causing minimal damage to vegetation. A Category Two hurricane has winds between 96 and 110 mph and causes some structural damage to buildings. A Category Three hurricane has winds between 111 and 130 mph and causes extensive structural damage. A Category Four hurricane has winds between 131 and 155 mph and causes extreme structural damage. Category Five has winds greater than 155 mph and is catastrophic. Hurricane Floyd had winds in Category Three when it passed over Abaco. While it

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Charlamae Fernander, Chief Welfare Officer for Abaco with the Department of Social Services. She stated that there are 154 senior citizens on the food assistance programme. Needy persons are also given assistance with housing, home help and medical attention. "The measure of a society is how well it looks after its children and senior citizens," stated Ms. Fernander. "The department is always looking for new ways to improve its services and seeks partnerships from social and church groups in the community. It is the desire of Social Services to be able to set up a resident facility that is affordable to seniors but this is an ambitious project. Meanwhile, we have to rethink ways to address the need."

Ms. Fernander closed by challenging people to get involved with senior citizens, give them quality time by perhaps taking them to a place they have never been or taking them back to revisit their roots if they have moved here from another area.

Each senior citizen present received a gift bag from the Rotary Club. Several of the seniors thanked the Rotary Club for giving them such a wonderful evening and ex-

pressed how good it was to get out of the house to socialize and still feel a part of the community.

Rotary President Elect Attends Meeting in Jamaica

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Kevin Sterling, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Abaco, attended a five-day conference on May 4-8 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The focus of this 30th Annual Assembly Conference was for District Governor Elect, Dr. Victor Gibbs, to train the presidents and secretaries with whom he will be working during his term in office. He announced that the theme for Rotary International for the upcoming year will be *Celebrate Rotary* since this year will mark its centennial year. Rotary was founded on February 23rd, 1905.

The Governor stated that his focus for the upcoming year will be on health concerns, water management, the alleviation of poverty, literacy and education and the family of rotary. It will be the task of each of the Rotary Clubs to come up with projects

to educate the public on these matters.

Mr. Sterling said, "It was an honour and a privilege to have attended this conference, and it has opened my eyes towards a better understanding of what Rotary is all about. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self* and the Rotary Club of Abaco, under my leadership, will be rendering service above self at all times. We aim to work together to make the presence of the Rotary Club of Abaco strongly felt in the community."

New Officers Are Elected

By Isobel Sherman

The Pilot Club of Central Abaco held its election for officers for the 2004-2005 year on May 18 at a meeting held at Central Abaco Primary School. Craig Cornish was elected President with Claudius Rolle elected as President Elect. Adrienne Spicer was elected Secretary and Sharon Dorsette was elected Treasurer. Installation of the new slate of officers will be on June 20. The location of the installation has yet to be determined.



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Disaster Committee Organizes

By Portia Jonsson

Hurricane season is here and the members of the Disaster Preparedness Committee for Central Abaco is not waiting until the last minute to put things in order. On May 4th the committee met briefly to re-establish and re-confirm emergency shelters and sub-committees in case of a disaster.

Mr. Alexander Williams, Senior Island Administrator, asked for the confirmation of shelters to have the list published. He asked Mr. Silbert Mills whether he would consider co-chairing the committee this season to which Mr. Mills replied, "As long as you are here, I am here."

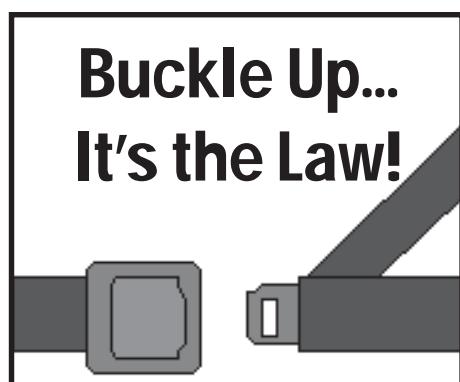
With regard to the emergency shelters, Mr. Sarone Kennedy said inspections had started the day before beginning with Central Abaco Primary and that was all they were able to complete so far. He has additional buildings in mind but would need something in writing from the owners to see if they are receptive to this idea.

A request for more volunteers was made. It was agreed that the need for volunteers would have to be communicated through a drive.

Mr. Williams stated his disappointment that no representatives from Transportation,

BEC, Ministry of Tourism, Fire and Rescue or the medical team were present. Sub-committees were: Shelter Management Team (Red Cross), Transportation Committee (Police), Environmental Health (Haz-Mat Team), Medical Management, Trauma One, Medical First Responders, Evacuation Management, Safety (Ministry of Works and Police), Communications, Waste Management, Utilities (B.E.C., Water & Sewerage and BaTelCo), Search and Rescue and Relief Supplies.

Before concluding, the Island Administrator called for another meeting to be held later in the month for sub-committee members.



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The Bahamas Billfish Championship returned to the newly renovated Spanish Cay Resort & Marina on May 9th-14th for leg two of the five tournament series. The venue continued to be a huge success for the 44 participating teams. A total of 80 billfish were caught during the week and the teams proved the Spanish Cay area to be fertile fishing grounds for blue marlin.

The fishing boat *Hey Jude* captured the championship by boating a 609-pound blue marlin releasing three more blues and a white marlin during the week. Second place was *Tangled in Blue* and third place honors went to *Aquasition*.

Sponsor Rolex will award the Rolex Grand Prize to the 2004 Overall Champion. The Grand Prize winner will represent the Bahamas Billfish Championship by participating, courtesy of Rolex, in the Lizard Island Black Mar-

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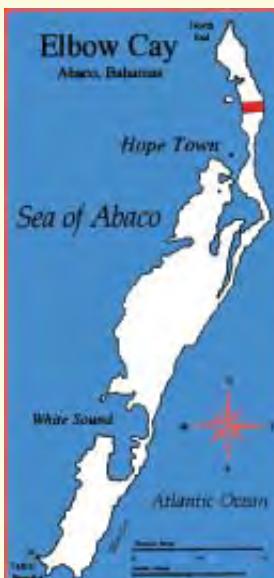
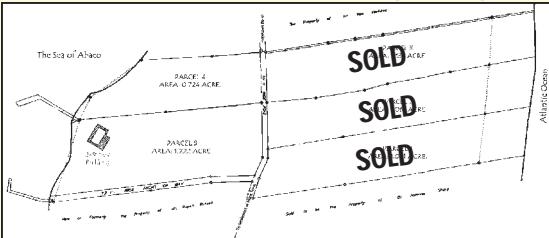
For the week the 44 teams caught 80 qualified billfish. All catches are verified using time and date stamped digital photos. Blue marlin accounted for 56 of the catches, with 24 white marlin filling the balance. All but four blue marlin were released.

The anglers were treated to parties which included a Mexican Fiesta. Hosts of the social functions included Bimini Island Air and Bristol Cellars Wines & Spirits.

In 2000 the Bahamas Billfish Championship established an endowed Scholarship Fund to enable Bahamian students the opportunity to pursue a degree in marine biology. As of the second leg of the five tournament series for 2004, more than \$20,000 has been raised for the scholarship fund this year.

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Clinic Receives New Equipment



Gil and Lori Green of Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, have donated an ultrasound machine to the Abaco Family Medicine Clinic in Marsh Harbour. Gil and Lori are the founders and owners of Gulfcoast. They are shown above along with Raquel Sully, a technician at the clinic here. Raquel on the left has completed training courses at Gulfcoast and will be getting advanced training several times yearly. The clinic can now offer ultrasound examinations for their patients and patients of other clinics in the community. Since Raquel lives here, emergency scans can be made on a daily basis.

National News

New Ambassador from US May Be Named

By Isobel Sherman

The State Department of the United States is considering nominating John D. Rood of Florida to be the United States Ambassador to The Bahamas. His nomination will have to be ratified by the Senate. Mr. Fred Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said the Bahamian government was aware of the nomination. Before the official process the United States passes the name to the country to see if it is an acceptable nominee to the country as a matter of procedure.

There has been no ambassador to The Bahamas from the United States since December 2003 when Ambassador Richard Blankenship resigned. He was also from the

State of Florida.

Airports Will Be Upgraded

The Min. of Transport and Aviation, the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, has announced that the airports at Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and several others have been selected for upgrading for night flights. She mentioned this when she announced that the airports on Exuma and San Salvador have been approved for night flights by the Federal Aviation Authority. She continued, "The Ministry of Transport and Aviation is aware that a great deal of work must still be done to make our islands more accessible. In due time we hope to significantly improve the comfort and convenience of travel to our Family Islands for the benefit of our citizens and visitors."

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Bus Company Provides Needed Service

By Isobel Sherman

Islander Express Bus Service provides service from Sandy Point to Marsh Harbour with stops at several communities along the way. There are two bus stops in Marsh Harbour, Marsh Harbour Public Library and the roundabout by M & R Grocery. Ms. Gail Knowles, owner and operator of the bus service, is providing public transportation through central and south Abaco.

Ms. Knowles met with officials at Abaco Tourist Office to apprise them of the service they will gladly carry visitors to destinations south of Marsh Harbour by scheduled service or by charter. Many visitors who do not rent a car and find taxis too expensive. Ms. Knowles has taken visitors to Casuarina Point and Long Beach as well as Sandy Point. According to Ms. Knowles, Don Cornish, Manager of the Abaco Tourist Office, was in favor of this service.

The buses make three round trips per day between Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour. They are air-conditioned and

handicap accessible.

Ms. Knowles feels that this service is long needed on Abaco and is working with Mr. Strachan, who is operating Enhovahs bus service through Murphy Town and Dundas Town.

At a recent meeting of the Road Traffic Authority in Marsh Harbour it was brought out that public buses could include stops at the ferry dock. Ms. Knowles is asking people to write to the Road Traffic Authority and to the Administrator telling them where they would like to see bus stops. Ms. Knowles feels if persons who work on the cays could take a bus to and from the ferry, it would cut down on the parking congestion at the ferry dock. Buses could take care of the transportation needs of the residents who need transportation but do not own a car.

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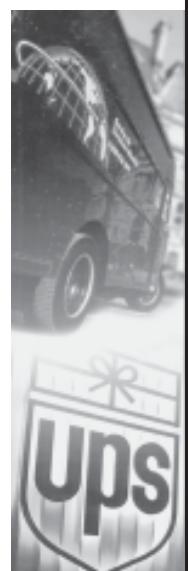
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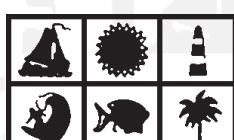
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North Abaco Forms Track Club

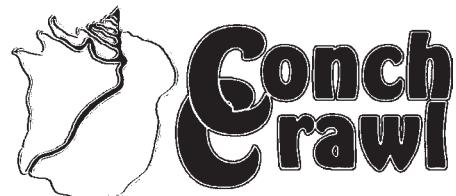
By Lyndon Scott

A new track and field athletic club has been formed in North Abaco. The S.C. Bootle Dolphin Track and Field Athletic Club was formed on May 25 when members of the executive were elected. The President of the club is Ms. Lashanti McIntosh; the Vice President is Mr. Colton Russell; the secretary of Ms. Cassie McIntosh, the Assistant Secretary is Ms. Amanda Parker and the Treasurer is Ms. Samajra Baillou. The coaches are Mr. Lyndon Scott and Mr. Jose Torres. The Public Relations Officer is Ms. Anita

Rolle of Radio Abaco, while the Patron of the club is the Rt. Hon. Mr. Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco. The club has 40 members and has already started some fund raising activities for the upcoming track and field season.

The first goal of the club is to become affiliated with the BAAA so that they can benefit from the various coaching programmes that they usually provide. However, the club is still looking around for sponsors to provide the necessary funding for uniforms, transportation and hotel accommodation.

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By Robert and Carolyn Wilson

Several years ago, Carolyn gave me a table top picture book *A Day in the Life of America*. There were colorful photographs that instantly captured life across the United States as it really was. Now, from our anchorage in the northern harbour of Man-O-War Cay, we have been able to observe a more simple life and a few colorful individuals reminding us of the happier times that were reflected in my picture book.

Man-O-War Cay, a small Abaco island, was settled by a single young couple in 1820. Reportedly, a 1977 survey indicated that 230 of the 235 current residents of Man-O-War could trace their ancestry to Pappy Ben and Mammy Nellie. Today it is much the same – there are the Alburys and there are the Sweetings. Along Harbour Road there are two boatyards and a grocery store owned by the Alburys and on Queen's Highway there is a larger grocery. The Sweetings operate the only hardware store where charge accounts are welcomed.

The families of Man-O-War are very enterprising. Albury Brothers Boat Building handcrafts a very respectable fiberglass outboard boat while Edwin's Boat Yard does

major boat repair. Ralph Albury operates the largest fleet of ferry boats, providing Abaconians with their primary mode of inter-island transportation. David Albury is a painter, real estate agent and fisherman but also maintains the boat moorings in the harbour. Emerson Albury and his son Andy create hand carved, hardwood "half-models" of sailboats and frame models of Abaconian dinghies. And Ms. Lola sells fresh baked bread and pastry from her golf cart to all that dare land at the Man-O-War Marina. Casey, an older, friendly Golden Retriever, is the marina greeter.

The last time they counted there were four cars on Man-O-War. There are some very small trucks, mostly Daewoos, that are used to haul freight from the government dock to the stores. People drive golf carts as the five streets are only wide enough for two of them to pass. There is only one gas pump, three churches and a part-time clinic. The businesses close for lunch from noon to one each day and everything is closed on Sunday. No alcohol is sold on the island and everyone leaves their doors unlocked. The only time a policeman is on the island is when the banker requires an escort – but the bank is only open for four hours on Wednesdays. At the end of the day the ferry

departs with the work crews and calm settles over Man-O-War, but not last night.

The Man-O-War Pirates have started their softball season at the newly renovated stadium overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Hamburgers and chicken were grilled on an open spit prior to the game and home-made coconut ice cream was available for dessert. Everyone was there. The team from Cooper's Town, some 20 miles away on the mainland, failed to show up – reportedly due to high seas. Not to be unsettled, volunteers were recruited from the stands, enabling them to have the required 18 players. Those who didn't have ball gloves borrowed them from the "opposing teams" players. The catcher would serve as the umpire. The game started on time and as it turned out, the players were excited to be playing and the fans were encouraging their respective family member.

The game was tied 3 to 3 when Walter Sweeting, the hardware store manager, attempted a slide into third base. He was trapped by his son, the shortstop, and was thrown out by his nephew, the third baseman. The inning was over. There were some very good hitters, and whenever a player hit a foul ball over the fence, it landed in the ocean. The "little" Pirates would scurry to the beach and try

to retrieve the ball.

The game went into overtime with a score of 9 to 9 when the crew of *Gypsy Common*, joined by a host of other visiting cruisers started the "wave." Chris, the marina manager and "recruited outfielder," laughed as his hometown fans noticed he seemed to have his own rooting section. The home team won 11 to 9. But it was such a beautiful night that the teams decided to play an extra inning just for fun. And when it was all over, everyone got on golf carts and headed home.

As we walked along the quiet streets and headed back to the boat, we noticed the homes and the well manicured lawns. There was no litter, very little noise. The only sounds were those of a child practicing *America The Beautiful* on the piano and a group of people scheduling the next day's ferry ride over to the mainland.

Aboard *Gypsy Common* later that night we listened to the BBC News report the impending war in Iraq. It seems there is unrest in many parts of the world, but we felt safe and content on our mooring in the harbour during another peaceful night at Man-O-War.

AA Meetings

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

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

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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More Church News

Church From Page 2

three packed services each Sunday morning.

Although only women traveled to the conference from Abaco, it was open to both men and women. The theme for the conference was *Men and Women Walking in God's Divine Purpose*. On the Saturday Rev. Carla Culmer was the guest speaker which was an honour for her as that church does not normally believe in allowing women preachers in the pulpit. She was the first woman minister invited into that church to speak. She was extremely well received and as a result was invited to sit in the pastor's chair on Sunday morning.

Since the Abaco group was the only delegation from The Bahamas, they gave a presentation on behalf of their country and presented the church with a Bahamian painting and a package from the Ministry of Tourism. The members of the Israel Baptist Church expressed their desire for an exchange visit with The Bahamas next year.



Archbishop Drexel Gomez is seen here conversing with Administrator Gary Knowles on his recent visit to Abaco

On their return from the conference the women of St. Andrews felt that it had been a wonderful power-packed four days and that they had all come back greatly enriched. As one member described it, "The experience received had been a spiritual enrichment encounter and had refocused us to the purpose to which God had called us."

Reach Out To Live

Men's Night

By Jennifer Hudson

As part of Rex Major's *Reach Out To Live* celebration, a Men's Evening Out entitled *Just For Men* was held at Mackerel's Restaurant in Dundas Town on May 10th. Forty-seven men from all walks of life including parliamentarians, businessmen, construction workers and fishermen attended this very successful event to enjoy a good meal, fellowship together and hear featured speaker, Mr. Kendall Nottage.

Rex Major gave a welcome address outlining the reasons for the event and establishing his link with Mr. Kendall Nottage. Mr. Major was always interested in the development of youth, so when Kendall Nottage was pronounced first Minister of Youth by then Prime Minister Lyndon Pindling, he urged Mr. Nottage to use all his skills and ability to provide a healthy and meaningful agenda for all aspects of youth development.

The other significant connection was in 1996 when Mr. Major encouraged Kendall Nottage to speak to the nation on a nationally televised outreach event *Say Yes To Righteousness* on July 4th of that year in front of

about 3,000 people gathered in Rawson Square. It was on the 20th anniversary of the ministry of Rex Major and the 23rd anniversary of the Independence of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas when the public heard for the first time of the dramatic spiritual change in the life of Mr. Nottage. He was more than overjoyed by the privilege offered him on that platform to speak directly to the Bahamian people. Mr. Major went on to state that he has been encouraging Mr. Nottage through the years since then, and it was this commitment that led to him being selected as featured speaker for this occasion.

In his talk Mr. Nottage made a strong call to the men to recognize that the fullest contribution of their manhood to themselves, their families and society at large cannot be truly achieved without the full leadership of Jesus Christ as Lord. He spoke of the commitment he had made to Jesus at the Tom Skinner

Crusade but admitted that several years later, although the Lord had kept all His promise to Nottage, he had not delivered on his promise to serve Him. He had backslid and was living a life unto himself in which politics was first in everything and was consuming his whole life.

Mr. Major stated that the response of the men to this evening was extremely "cordial and sincere and with unanimous voice they expressed the rich blessings they had received from Mr. Nottage's presentation." An influential clergyman with excited evaluation stated that "such an experience was a first in Abaco's history where men from all denominations, races and political affiliations were so unitedly involved in an event just for men." Prayers were offered by Elder William Swain, Bishop Henfield and Rev. Carlton Dorsette, President of the Abaco Christian Council. Pastor David Cartwright accompanied his solos and the congregational singing on his piano accordion.

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Rescue Teams Removed Bodies

Crash

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to direct the rescuers to the site of the crash. Though suffering from a broken leg and ankle he had dragged himself from the wreckage to where he could be seen in order to get help. Help was immediately summoned and Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Trauma One were on the scene within minutes.

The rescuers were able to get the two injured survivors to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic quickly. They were

floated into Nassau for surgery at Doctor's Hospital for multiple fractures, lacerations and internal injuries. The teams had to utilize their man power to turn the plane right side up and use cutters and other equipment to extract the bodies from the wreckage. Three persons were pronounced dead at the scene by the government doctor.

The accident is being investigated by the FAA and Bahamas Aviation Department but the cause of the crash will not be known for some time.



Rescue workers remove the bodies from the plane that crashed on May 27 off the Marsh Harbour airport. Investigators are studying the evidence to determine the cause of the crash. The two survivors are expected to make a full recovery.



The rescue teams physically flipped the plane over so they could remove the bodies from the front of the plane.

Plant Expo

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from the Friends of the Environment office on Don MacKay Boulevard.

Ms. Moultrie stated that good plants to utilize in the Bahamas are sea grape, coco plum and native scaevola as they tolerate salt and drought very well. In an effort to help make this information more widely known, Ms. Moultrie said that it is intended to begin giving information packages to realtors in the form of a welcome package to advise new home buyers on how best to landscape their properties. The developers of Winding Bay have been asked not to plant invasives and are cooperating by replanting native trees which had to be moved for building to take place.

"The Bahamas is the only country with an invasive species strategy," stated Ms. Moultrie. "Project surveys and workshops on how to assess risks have been held in New Providence, Abaco, Andros, Grand Bahama, Eleuthera and San Salvador with Abaco being the most active island in trying to get rid of invasives and spreading the word through the work of the Friends of the Environment.

Each person present at the meeting was given a native plant to plant in their garden with the promise that they would remove at least one invasive plant. Two lignum vitae trees (the national tree of The Bahamas) were auctioned and raised six hundred dollars for the continuation of the work of The Friends of the Environment.

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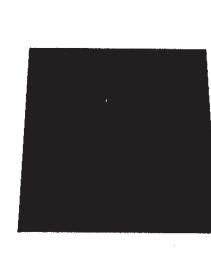
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Letters From Page 21

American friends. But love of the land and good husbandry brought them through.

What about us? How can we hope to continue to exist almost entirely on food purchases from abroad. Our land shows us that it can produce of itself. One of our last colonial governors, a Devon man, told me he met a group of our stalwart Red Devon cattle in the forest in Exuma. Abaco Wild Horses are causing a stir at present, wild cotton still grows on the outskirts of Clarence Town, Long Island. Cattle are appearing out of the Abaco forest and are being slaughtered on the highway, and wild hogs are still very much alive in the same forest. So, we know that our land can produce, we can tap our expert local sources of knowledge and experience, and we have a surprising quality of interest from the

young (witness the high school successes and the clamour for land grants). We also have both organisations and individuals with millions of dollars to invest in promising projects.

So what is stopping us? Could it be a dead-handed hierarchy in the government service?

Dear Editor, my letter has alas turned into an article! I have not the contacts with the Ministry that I had long ago when I followed our agricultural progress closely. So I am not up to date on their current progress. However, they certainly do not proclaim any. The last statement on our new packing houses and other infrastructure ended with the comment "No, they are not being built yet." It is infuriating.

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Cays

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Bobby Malone, honorary mother of bride, lit a candle in memory of the bride's mother who passed away last year.

Bernadette wore a beautiful gown of taupe tulle and was attended by her sister-in-law, Bonnie Malone as Matron of Honour, and three bridesmaids wearing pale moss green gowns followed by a flower girl and ring bearer. Best man was Elvis Key, childhood friend of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Harding

The flowers decorating the church and those in the bouquets and boutonnieres were selected for their meaning: daisies for loyal love and innocence, white roses for love, friendship and purity, asters for love, sunflowers for pride and sunshine, tulips for luck, pink carnations for "always on my mind," callalilies for beauty, hydrangeas for "thank you for understanding" and one yellow rose in memory of the bride's mother.

Just after the entrance of the bride, a power cut could have ruined the occasion necessitating the rest of the ceremony to be concluded without music but Garrett Kemble, Methodist youth worker, was among the guests and had his guitar handy and so obligingly saved the day. A reception was held following the ceremony at Club Soleil.

Bernadette grew up on Tiloo Cay and Hope Town and is receptionist with Frederik Gottlieb and Company. Her new husband grew up on Long Island and Nassau and is a painting contractor. The couple will make their home in Marsh Harbour.

Marsh H. Fire Department Receives Donation



A \$5,000 donation was made to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department by the W.J. Private Foundation headed by Paul Wujack shown above on the left. It was presented to Steve Skulnick of the Fire Department in recognition of his volunteer service to the greater Marsh Harbour community. Mr. Wujack and the foundation he heads want to recognize those non-Bahamians living here who give their services to the community. Mr. Wujack previously donated \$5000 for repairing the Dundas Town fire truck and \$10,000 to the renovations of the Dundas Town government clinic. Mr. Skulnick is an asset to the fire department as he has many years of experience fighting bush fires in Northern California.

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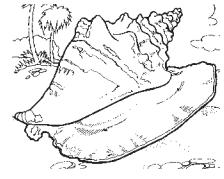
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| Government Clinic Cooper's Town | 365-0300 |
| Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay | 365-4028 |
| Government Clinic Hope Town | 366-0108 |
| Government Clinic Sandy Point | 366-4010 |
| Government Clinic Fox Town | |

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| Plus extra for each passengers above two | |
| • Between Marsh Harbour Airport and: | |
| Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr | \$12 + \$3 |
| Bristol Cellars thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru | |
| Dundas Town | \$10 + \$3 |
| Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market | \$10 + \$2 |
| Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto | \$6 + \$2 |
| Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town | \$10 + \$3 |
| Murphy Town to Shell Sta | \$14 + \$4 |
| Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house | \$14 + \$4 |
| Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house | \$14 + \$4 |
| Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house | \$16 + \$5 |
| Great Cistern | \$20 + \$5 |
| Spring City | \$15 + \$5 |
| Snake Cay | \$35 + \$10 |
| Treasure Cay | \$60 + \$10 |
| Casuarina Point | \$60 + \$10 |
| Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores | \$70 + \$10 |
| Little Harbour or Cherokee | \$80 + \$10 |
| Crossing Rocks | \$100 + \$10 |
| Sandy Point | \$135 + \$10 |
| • Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and: | |
| Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore | \$2 each |
| Jib Room | \$3 each |
| Golden Harvest | \$5 + \$3 |
| Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock | \$6 + \$3 |
| Government Freight Dock | \$7 + \$3 |
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• Between Treasure Cay Airport and:

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| TC Hotel to Sand Bank | \$16 + \$5 |
| TC Hotel to Moxey | \$10 + \$5 |
| TC Hotel to Bronks | \$7 + \$5 |
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| Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town | 366-0431 |

Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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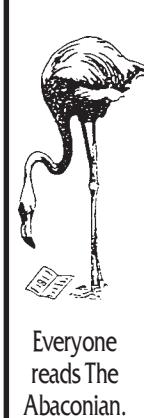
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| Sandy Point | Patrick Roberts 366-4286 | Theodore Sawyer 366-2111 |
| | Nicholas Roberts | Will Sawyer 366-2177 |
| | Derrick Gaitor | Marty Sawyer 366-2115 |
| | Ferdinand Burrows 366-4133 | Noel Lowe 366-2107 |
| | Vernal Burrows | Junior Albury 366-3058 |
| | Kendall White | Randy Sawyer 366-2284 |
| | Anthony Bain 366-4107 | Hope Town |
| | Floyd Burrows 366-4175 | Maitland Lowe 366-0133 |
| | Links Adderly 366-4335 | North Abaco |
| | Valentino Lightbourne | O'Donald McIntosh |
| | Ricky Burrows 366-4233 | Pope McKenzie 477-5894 |
| | Marsh Harbour | Orthnell Russell 365-0125 |
| | Buddy Pinder 366-2163 | Alexander Rolle 365-0120 |
| | Jay Sawyer 367-3941 | Edward Rolle 365-0024 |
| | Justin Sands 367-3526 | Green Turtle Cay |
| | Terrance Davis 367-4464 | Ronnie Sawyer 365-4070 |
| | Danny Sawyer 367-3577 | Jeff Survance 365-4040 |
| | David Albury 365-6059 | Ricky Sawyer 365-4261 |

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Marsh Harbour

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| Anglers | \$\$\$ | 367-2158 |
| Conch Crawl | \$ | 367-4444 |
| Gino's | \$ | 367-2002 |
| Golden Grouper | \$ | 367-2301 |
| Hibiscus Cafe | \$\$ | 367-2782 |
| Hummingbird | \$\$ | 367-2922 |
| Jamie's Place | \$ | 367-2880 |
| Jib Room | \$\$ | 367-2700 |
| Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm) | 367-2615 | |
| Mangoes | \$\$\$ | 367-2366 |
| Gino's | \$ | 367-2002 |
| Pop's Place | \$ + | 367-3796 |
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SECTION B

SECTION B, JUNE 1st, 2004



Outstanding Youth Are Recognized

Over 400 Attend Island-wide Presentation

Waves Create Great Surfing Competition



On May 16th the Bahamas Amateur Surfing Association chartered a ferry from Hope Town to Guana Cay, transporting 45 surfers and spectators for a fun-filled afternoon of wave riding. The Guana Cay Open provided competition to top off a great afternoon. Winners in the Open Short Board Division were, left to right, Joshua Sands, fourth place winner; Blake Sands first place winner; Scott Patterson, Corey Engle, Ron Engle, Christian Wilhoite, third place winner; Joey Gale, and Jeff Gale, second place winner. Receiving Honorable Mention were Andrea Reisberg, Corey Engle, Bronson Roberts and Ron Engle. See page 16 for the winners of the Novice Wave Riding Division.

By Isobel Sherman

This year marked the second spring that outstanding students were honored for their accomplishments during a special island-wide ceremony. The ceremony was held on May 20 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. The top 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in all schools were honored at the ceremony. These students all had grade point averages of 3.0 and above. Included for the first time the top female and male sixth grade students in each primary school were also honored.

The Minister of Financial Services, the Hon. Allison Maynard-Gibson was the guest speaker for the evening who challenged the high school students to stay focused and wished them every success. Mrs. Gibson expressed deep appreciation to the teachers and to the parents of the students honored.

Island Administrator Alexander Williams and Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal of Abaco Central High, spoke to the group encouraging the students to do well.

Senator Trevor Ricardo Whylly is the president of the organization Outstanding Students in Bahamian High Schools Foundation which sponsored the event. He told the students that he was proud of their accomplishments and told them to "follow

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Plane Skids Off Runway

A plane crashed when it skidded off the runway at Walker's Cay on May 30. The pilot and four passengers were not hurt seriously and there was no major damage to the plane. The pilot, Mr. Frank Scott

Henley, was flying in from Florida when the accident occurred about 9 a.m. The plane was a single engine Navaho. The incident is being investigated.

Min. of Finance Encourages Outstanding Youth



The group of students earning a 4.0 GPA in Abaco's high schools is shown above at the awards ceremony held on May 20. They are shown with some of the organizers of the event. They are, left to right, Sen. Ricardo Whylly; Raenell Lowe (Grade 11, Forest Heights Academy); master of ceremonies William Davis; Charlotte Collins (Grade 11, Forest Heights); Administrator Alexander Williams; key note speaker, the Hon. Allyson Maynard-Gibson, Min. of Financial Services; Vilene Baptist (Grade 12, St. Francis de Sales School); Miquell Miller (Grade 12, Forest Heights); Deputy Administrator Roderick Bowe; Benjamin Collie (Grade 11, Long Bay High School); Amy Key (Grade 12, Forest Heights); and Gaynor Seymour from Nassau.

Cherokee's Fire Engine Arrives



A fire truck for Cherokee Sound arrived on May 25 aboard the Duke of Topsail. The truck was donated by two Cherokee second home couples, Gene and Patti Mixon and Larry and Andy Luther who located, bought and sent the truck from West Palm Beach. United Abaco Shipping donated the freight and the government authorized a duty free exemption with customs clearance arranged and donated by Frederick's Agency. The community is working to assemble a team which will learn fire-fighting techniques and the operation of the pumps and other equipment on the truck.

Sandy Point Homecoming and Regatta
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Outstanding Students Are Named at Ceremony

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their dreams."

William "Tony" Davis was the Abaco Coordinator of the program, assisted by Ms. Phillipa Farrington and Mrs. Neulessa Major. Mr. Davis served as Master of Ceremonies.

Students earning a GPA of 4.0 were given a certificate from the Outstanding Students in Bahamian High School Foundation and a trophy donated by Rosie and Sons. Students earning a GPA of 3.0 to 3.99 were awarded a certificate and a medal.

Outstanding students on other Family Islands receive their awards in Nassau. However, Abaco has too many honor students to go into Nassau.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony at St Francis de Sales Church.

Listed are the students with their Grade Point Average following.

Grade 12 Students

Abaco Central High School

Joyce Etienne 3.31
Dashineak Charlton 3.35
Malisa Singh 3.5
Leonard Edgecombe 3.78
Javonica Davis 3.24
Georgia Murray 3.09

Agape Christian School

Donnika Rolle 3.4
Dawson Malone 3.8
Megan Albury 3.6
Javaughn Toote 3.5
Ryan Patterson 3.1
Zach Pinder 3.4
Forest Heights Academy
Claire Basden 3.5
Shane Cash 3.9
Tia Knowles 3.77
Miquell Miller 4.0
Rebecca Risberg 3.8
Justine Sands 3.77
Ashley Sands 3.5
Amy Key 4.0
Elise Bethel 3.67

Long Bay High School

Berline Dormeus 3.5
Wonsha Joseph 3.25
Pekito Bastien 3.25

S.C. Bootle High School

Sasha Smith 3.44
St. Francis de Sales School
Viline Baptiste 4.0
Scott Albury 3.7
Lashondra Curry 3.1
Tamika Bain 3.1
Charmelle Adderly 3.1

Grade 11 Students

Abaco Central High School

Karis Edgecombe 3.69
Litisha Woods 3.38
Kieshelle Thurston 3.24
Taniq Pratt 3.16
Kristin Jones 3.19
Collin Swain 3.11
Deon Smith 3.95
Dwayne Jones 3.14
Allita Bain 3.41
Latora Burrows 3.06
Phylicia Stuart 3.43

Agape Christian School

Felicity Simms 3.85
Cody Lowe 3.85
Christopher Knowles 3.15

Forest Heights Academy

Chris Rutledge 3.77
Nathaniel Malone 3.8
Miranda McIntosh 3.9
Raenell Lowe 4.0
Stacy Lowe 3.5
Desirae Lowe 3.77
Tara Key 3.5
Jessica Higgs 3.97
Charlotte Collins 4.0
Amy Albury 3.67

Long Bay High School

Benjamin Collie 4.0

Kezia Etienne 3.5
Syrena Hollingsworth 3.0
Julienne Julmeus 3.0
Chaz Deveaux 3.0
Donell Adderley 3.0
S.C. Bootle High
Delvano McIntosh 3.1
Joan Pinder 3.0
Vanessica Pritchard 3.0
St. Francis de Sales School
Ashlea Archer 3.9
Shagerra Edgecombe 3.8
Peter Williams 3.1

Grade 10 Students

Abaco Central High School
Larissa Burrows 3.35
Lathera Lightbourne 3.43
Sable Cox 3.2
Nickesia Jones 3.44
Lunique Lightbourne 3.4
Javal Thompson 3.09
Samantha Pinder 3.26
Shanae Murphy 3.0
Mikelle Baillou 3.3
Nina Roberts 3.2
Belinda Jacobs 3.6
Shemetrus Albury 3.1

Agape Christian School

Tiffany Williams 3.7
Trenaire Wells 3.6
Myles Roberts 3.5
Andrew Lowe 3.15
Akeva Lightbourne 3.7
Cecil Grant 3.5
Lawrence Forbes 3.3
Lenae Brown 3.85
Matthew Bethel 3.8
Beth Albury 3.5

Forest Heights Academy

Brittany Benjamin 3.95
Corenthea Johnson 3.7
Andrew Nottage 3.67
Jesica Sands 3.5
Leandra Thompson 3.5
Jordan Wells 3.67
Long Bay High School
Raquell Berry 3.75
Lynden Hepburn 3.5
Davia Dean 3.25
D'Andre Sands 3.0

S.C. Bootle High School

Rayallan Fredericks 3.56
Marcus Josue 3.0
Jamal Wells 3.0

St. Francis de Sales

Eden McIntosh 3.6
Giovanno Bain 3.4

Nigella Thompson 3.3
Lisa Kemp 3.3
Elsie Bain 3.3
Edith Dorestil 3.3
Shoshana Davis 3.3
Ladera Arnett 3.0

Sixth Grade Primary Students

Agape Christian School

Wesley Lowe 3.85
Robyn Claridge 3.75

Amy Roberts Primary

Wendy Rutledge 3.8
Tyler Survance 3.5

Central Abaco Primary

Shaquille Jones 2.95
Evelande Gedeon 3.85

Cooper's Town Primary

Shavantae Pedican 3.85
Travis Cornish 3.45

Crossing Rocks Primary

Vanessa Russell 3.0
David Williams 3.0
Fox Town Primary
Elon McIntosh 3.0
Tyronisha Stewart 3.05

Hope Town Primary

Louison Etienne 3.56
Stephanie Sweeting 3.8

J.A. Pinder

Ian McKinney 3.34
Chelseae Charlton 3.84

Long Bay Primary

Leann Albury 3.75

Denell Pubien 3.0

Moore's Island All Age

Santrecia Hield 3.33

Cedric Gaitor 3.06

St. Francis de Sales

Amy Mackey 4.0

Shannon Albury 3.8

Outstanding Athletes

Brandon Stuart - Abaco Central

Alex Murray - Forest Heights

Theodore Sawyer - St. Francis

Tamika Bain - St. Francis
Joseph Paul - Wesley College
South Abaco Youth Leader Awards

Youth in Business - Darrell Pinder
Youth in Education - Shamika White
Youth in Creative Arts - Kasheff Burrows
Youth in Sports - Shadrach Stuart
Youth Organization - Jimmy Greene
Youth Leader - Jason Roberts
Youth in Community Service - Savannah Lightbourne

Central Abaco Youth Leader Awards

Youth in Business - Mitchell Albury
Youth in Creative Arts - Britum Dormeus
Youth in Education - Vilene Baptiste
Youth in Community Service - Belinda Jacobs
Youth in Sports - Dwayne Adderley
Youth Organization - ECC Shool
Youth in Enterprise - Taka Russell
Youth Leader - Neulessa Major

Majors Air Service Flight Schedule



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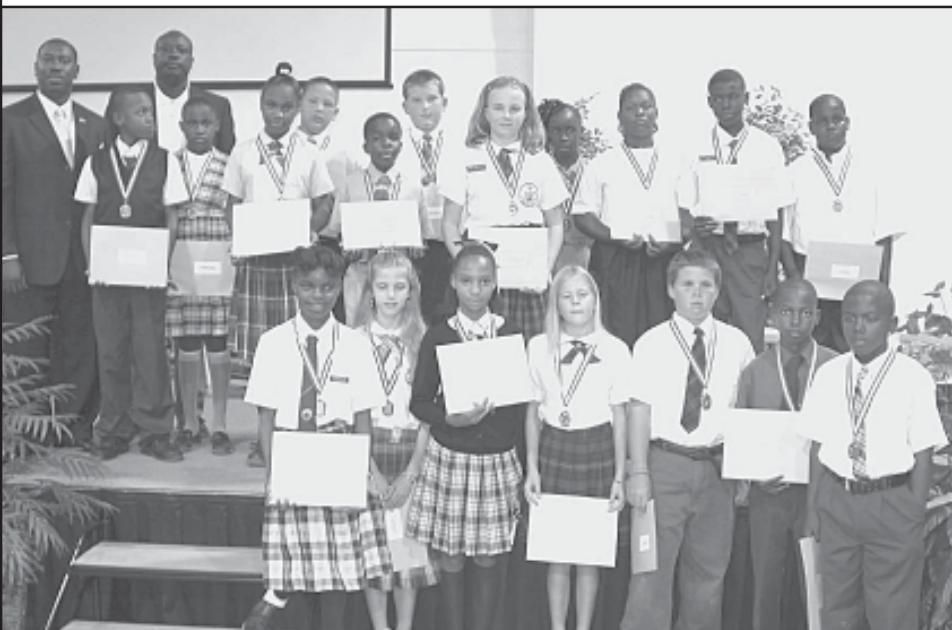
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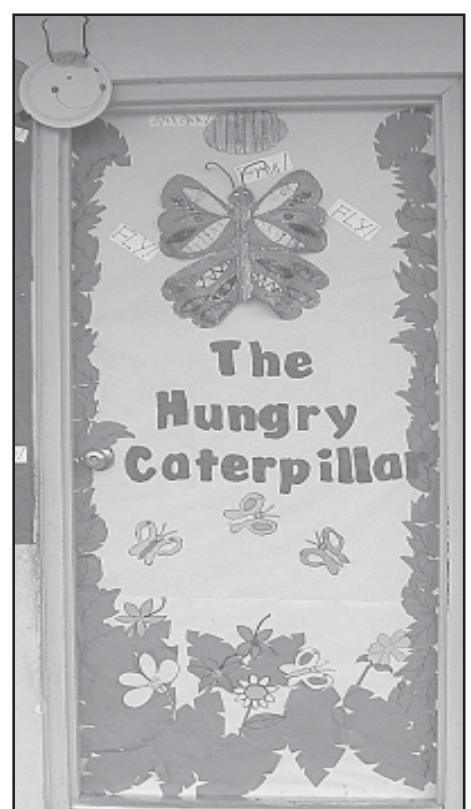
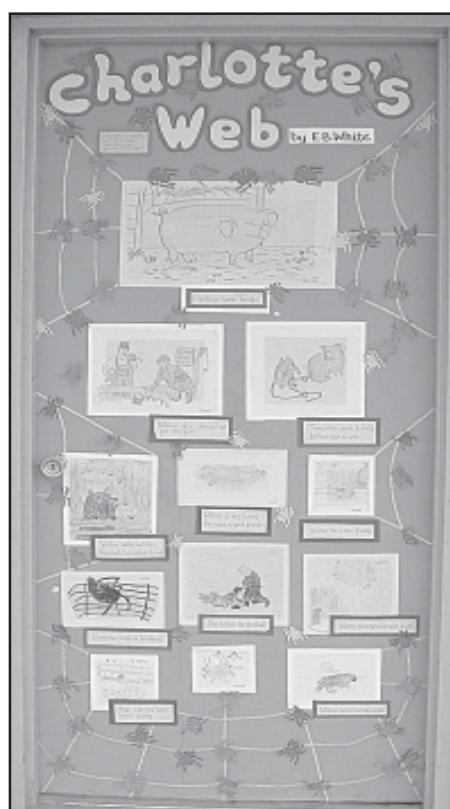
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Foundation Recognizes Excellence



Outstanding Grade 6 students were honored at a ceremony on May 20. The program included primary school students for the first time this year. At the back are Senator T. Ricardo Whilly and Deputy Administrator Roderick Bowe. Sen. Whilly is the President of the Outstanding Students in Bahamian Schools Foundation that sponsored the annual event.

Posters Win First Place



Central Abaco Primary celebrated Literacy Week with a speech competition, a reading competition, a banner competition and a writing competition. The decorated doors above were tied for first place. They represent favorite stories which the children enjoyed reading.

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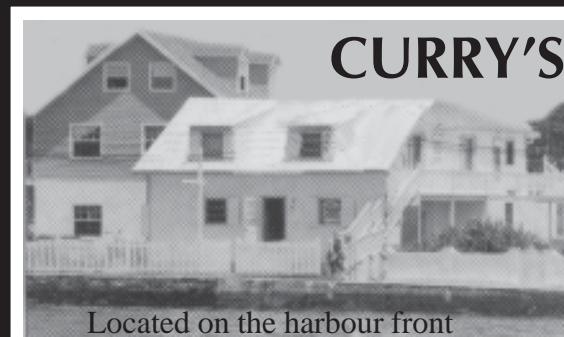
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School News

S.C. Bootle High School Appreciation for Teachers Is Shown

By Rayallen Fredericks

Hardworking, respectful and great role models are words that can describe the Teaching Dolphins at S.C. Bootle High School, the land of the Dynamic Dolphins. On May 12th the teachers of S.C. Bootle were shocked and speechless when a surprise ceremony was held in their honor. With the help of the Principal, Mr. Leslie Rolle, the teachers had no idea of the magnificent ceremony that was held.

About twelve students came together, constructed a plan to show their extensive gratitude to the teachers. These exemplary students went around the entire school enlightening students with their creative idea. They got the co-operation of all the students, who were more than excited to participate and contribute to this ceremony.

The ceremony, which was hosted by Chantelle McIntosh, Rayallen Fredericks and Kettlyne Durosca (three students), was planned by only students. The teachers were escorted to their seats as the ceremony had began and the ceremony commenced. Then the dark clouds grew and rain began to fall, disrupting the entire ceremony. The gathering area was relocated and the ceremony went on. The teachers were gracious to be appreciated in such an extraordinary manner. There were also hilarious students who mocked the teachers using famous phrases and actions. It was outrageous to see the teachers laughing at the way they act.

The program took a twist when the hosts announced that a Teacher's Idol was planned. This was a competition to find the teacher with the best singing talent. There were about seven teachers participating in the events. A winner was determined by the shouting out of the students. The winner was Mr. Enrique Brown. The ceremony ended with the presentation of gifts and baskets to the entire teaching staff. Was everything over? No, it wasn't. The male teachers teamed up with the baseball team for a fun and exciting game of baseball at the new and improved Baker's Arena.

The students and the teachers both had unforgettable fun and this was all done to show that teachers are hardworking and deserve to be appreciated.

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Moore's Island All Age School

By Pastor Anthony Williams

Track and field team of the school sent 18 athletes to Nassau to compete in the national competition. These athletes represented their school well, earning two awards. Franchise McBride won the gold medal in the girls 800 meter run in

the under 13 category. Her time was 2 min 35 sec. She wins every competition that she enters. Christopher Heild came back with a silver medal that he earned when he came in second in the 800 meter race. He competed in the under 13 category with a time of 2 min 27 sec. Others making a good showing included Erin Davis in the under 10 category who made it to the finals. Sasha Davis also made it

to the finals in the under 10 100 meter competition. The track team is coached by Pastor Anthony Williams.

Central Abaco Primary School Students Say Thank You

By Portia Jonnson

In a special assembly at the Central Abaco Primary School on May 28th the students said "Thank You" to their teachers in recognition of Teachers Appreciation Week and paused to reflect on all that the teachers do every day. During the week long celebration teachers were honoured for their dedication, passion and caring nature. Not only were they recognized as the backbone of our nation's education system but the guiding force in helping our children develop into healthy, happy and successful adults.

The teachers were showered with flowers, fruit baskets, gifts and other items of appreciation. The school's PTA thanked the teachers during a special lun-



The Ministry of Education on Abaco sponsors several competition throughout the school year. One of these is a General Knowledge Competition which was held on April 30th at the Learning Resources Centre. Six schools took part in the competition. These are the winners.



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More School News

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cheon. Teachers Appreciation Week offers parents and guardians an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to parent-teacher partnerships.

School Celebrates Literacy Week

By Portia Jonsson

Good Readers Are Life Long Learners was the theme of Central Abaco Primary School's Literacy Week, which took place May 3rd-7th. Many different literacy activities were staged at the school including a reading competition, writing competition, best door competition and speech competition.

The week climaxed with a banner parade through downtown Marsh Harbour

to the school grounds. Unlike last year, the weather cooperated and the sun shined brightly for the parade participants. A special assembly to close out the week followed the parade.

Competition winners were announced and presented with trophies, certificates and small gifts. Mrs. Eunice Mills, school principal, thanked the Literacy Committee for a job well done and encouraged the students to continue reading in order to be better writers.

Door Competition Winners

1st Place - Mr. Paul Zeyler and Ms. Donica Mackey, 2nd Place - Ms. Sharan Clarke, 3rd Place - Mrs. Jennifer Zeyler

Speech Competition Winners

1st Place - Kristy Evans, 2nd Place -

Barbianna Dawkins, 3rd Place - Caroline Jeune

Writing Competition Winners

Grade 2 - Kaylesa Marshall, Grade 3 - 1st Place Dominique Curry, 2nd Place Shakeem Henchell, 3rd Place Alecia Gomez

Grade 4 - 1st Place Tremeice Martin, 2nd Place Barbianna Dawkins, 3rd Place Shontol Johnson

Grade 5 - 1st Place Britania Mitchell, 2nd Place Yonick Aaron, 3rd Place Asia Brice

Grade 6 - 1st Place Shaquille Jones, 2nd Place Eularese Green

Reading Competition Winners

Sabrina Knowles - 70 books read, Jason Severe - 64 books read, Kaylesa Marshall - 45 books read, Cameron McIntosh - 35 books read, Dominique Curry - 32 books read

Banner Competition Winners

1st Place - Grade 4 (*Charlotte's Web*)
2nd Place - Grade 1 (*The Ugly Duckling*)
Grade 2 (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*)
Grade 5 (*The Trumpet of the Swan*)
3rd Place - Grade 3 (*The Little Mermaid*)

Abaco Central High School Examination Time

By Isobel Sherman

Once again it is time for BGCSE national examinations for 12th grade students and BJC national examinations for ninth grade students. Although the practical sections of the BGCSE exams have been completed, the written sections begin on May 17. Since these are national exams the whole country takes them at the same time.

Abaco Central High grade 12 students along with private candidates will be taking these examinations at Long Bay School this year. Lack of adequate space at Abaco Central the past few years made taking the examinations at the school impossibility. The only way they could be taken at the school was if one or more grades stayed home. Previously this has happened. Due to lack of rooms and furniture the grade 7 students had to remain

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On May 20th four students from Central Abaco Primary School traveled to Nassau to compete in the finals of the Primary Principals' Association Mathematics Competition. The competition was an exciting one. The students who won the Mathematics Competition on Abaco placed fifth overall. They competed against the entire Nassau and Inagua districts. The team consisted of Ricasa Desinor, Lyndeisha Curry, Shaquille Jones and Evelande Gedeon and their coaches Ms. Rochelle Clarke and Ms. Roberta Lindsay. The students received trophies and certificates. Congratulations for a job well done!

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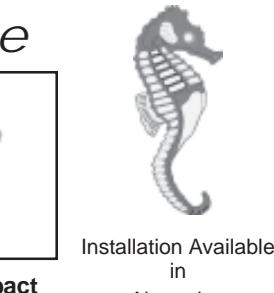
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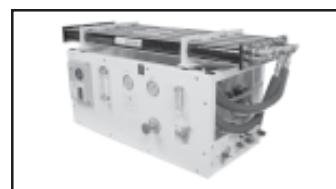
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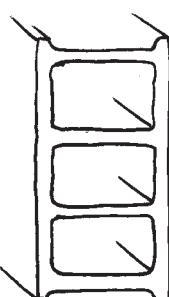
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home for the seven days of the exams.

In the past Abaco Central High students have sat the BGCSE and BJC exams at the Learning Resource Center in Marsh Harbour. This year it was decided to accept the offer of Long Bay School to use their school for the examinations. The school has an auditorium which can

accommodate the students.

Teacher Appreciation Is Observed

The week of May 10 was Teachers Appreciation Week on Abaco. At Abaco Central Teacher Appreciation Week is a week where the teachers appreciate each other according to a decision that was made last year. The week included sweets and drinks at break time, plants and cards for each teacher. Certificates were pre-

sented to teachers along with candy and teaching supplies. The teachers receiving certificates included Elva Adderly and the most talkative, Jack Hardy with a keen sense of humour, Sindy Lowe for best discipline and best smile, Isobel Sherman as most punctual, Pat Smith for after hours, Philippa Farrington as friendliest, Michele Bailey as rowdiest, Ryan Mootoo as best co-worker and best helper, and Mrs. Thompson as most energetic. Teachers bought gifts to ex-

change in a grab bag at lunch time on May 13.

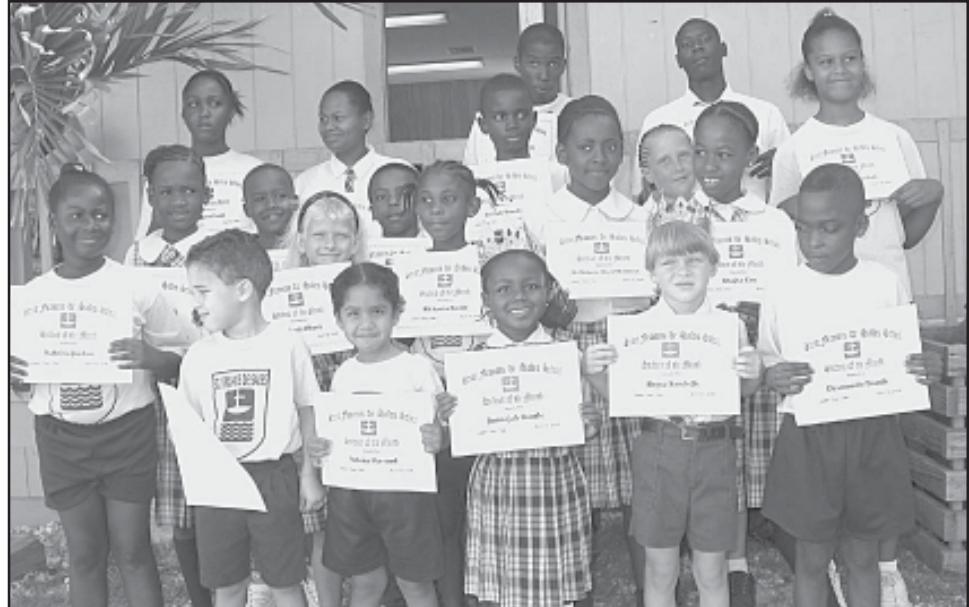
Other schools in Abaco celebrated Teachers Appreciation in many ways. The PTA of St. Frances de Sales treated the teachers to breakfast every morning and on Friday treated the teachers to a luncheon at Mackeral's Restaurant in Dundas Town. Agape Christian School celebrated the day on May 13.

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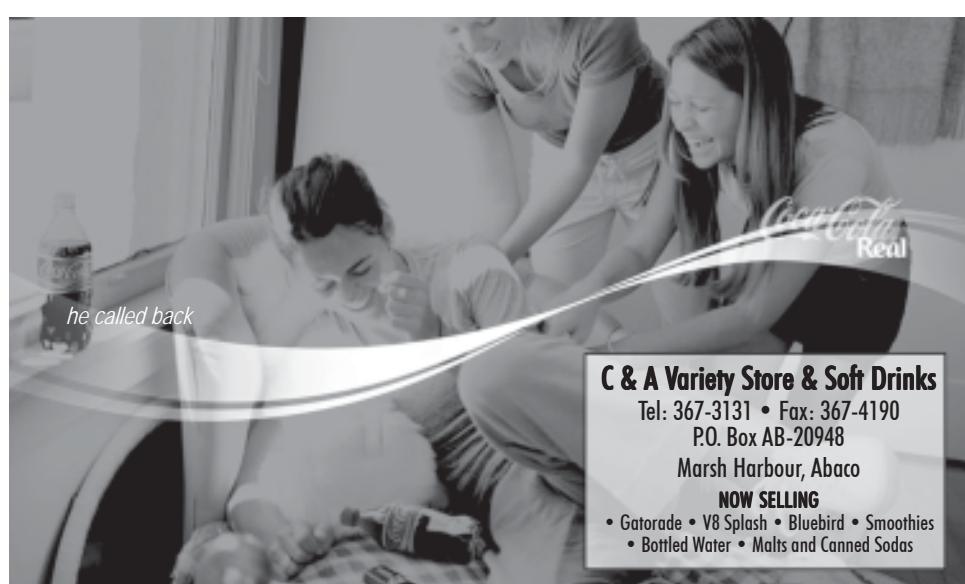
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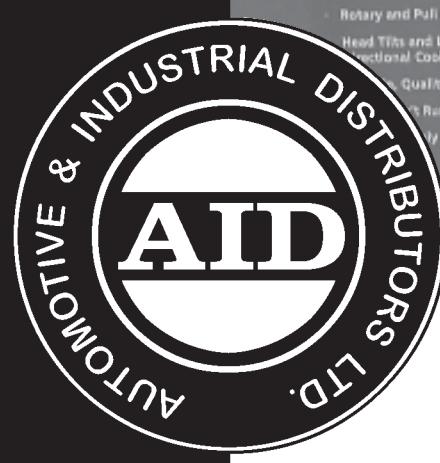
The Grade 1 Spelling Bee Competition for the 2003/2004 academic year with the Ministry of Education was held on May 19th. Twenty-four little but very brave students spelled words consisting of as few as two letters up to eight letters. The competition went an unprecedented 41 rounds. Winning the Spelling Bee was Sujith Swarna, center, 1st Place from Agape Christian School. Tristan Albury, left, also from Agape Christian School, placed 2nd and Brandysha Russell, right, of Long Bay School placed 3rd. The winners received trophies sponsored by Burns House and Vitamalt and all received certificates of participation. Other schools in the competition were St. Francis de Sales, Amy Roberts Primary School, Man-O-War Primary School, Moore's Island All Age, Treasure Cay Primary, Fox Town Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, Central Abaco Primary, J.A. Pinder Primary and Crossing Rocks Primary. Congratulations to all the winners!



St. Francis de Sales School named its Students of the Month for April. They are, front row, left to right, Sabrina Jordan (Grade 1), Codie Cartwright and Yelena Persaud (Pre-K), Jannajah Bootle and Royce Sands (Grade K) and Desmondo Bootle (Grade 1). In the second row are Abidemi Simon (Grade 2), Royce Archer (Grade 3), Abigail Albury (Grade 2), Deondre Arnett (Grade 5), Rickanta Smith (Grade 3), Octavia Dean-McIntosh (Grade 4), Mariah Long (Grade 5) and Diajha Cox (Grade 4). Last row Agnes Fertil (Grade 9), Davina Knowles (Grade 8), Lorrell Brooks (Grade 6), Barry McKenzie (Grade 10), Amard Murray (Grade 11) and Isabel Strachan (Grade 7).



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On May 22 the teachers of Abaco Central were treated to a dinner at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town. The dinner, organized by parents and the PTA of Abaco Central, was to show appreciation to the teachers of Abaco Central High School.

North Abaco Celebrated National Youth Month

The month of May was designated National Youth Month by the government allowing communities throughout the Bahamas to take time out to highlight the accomplishments of our nation's youth.

Under the theme *Committed to Service and Excellence*, on May 22 North Abaco came alive as the youth of that community took over the streets in a positive way. The recently organized North Abaco



Amy Mackey and Joy Archer represented St. Francis de Sales School at the National Pan-Hellenic Council's Awards Ceremony in Nassau for the Most Outstanding Primary Students in Bahamian Schools. They both received trophies and certificates for their achievements. Amy received the special Leadership Award for females in the Family Islands.

Youth Council, headed by President Freddie McIntosh, held a march, rally and awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon, marching from the New St. Andrews Baptist Church in Fire Road to Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town. Among the awards presented were Pacesetter awards in education, sports, business, and creative arts. Receiving the Most Distinguished Youth Award was 15-year-old Candelia McIntosh of Cooper's Town.

On Sunday the district held its National Youth Church service at New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope. Delivering the messages were Mrs. Velty Carey and Rev. Clayton McIntosh. Both well-received presenters in their own way admonished both parents and youth to do their part and do what is right. Host Pastor, Rev. John McIntosh, offered a

special prayer for all youth and youth leaders.

Churches, schools and organizations from Crown Haven to Green Turtle Cay came out in full force for both events.

The following students and young people were honored:

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Amy Roberts Primary

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North Abaco schools participated in National Youth Month. One of their activities was a march ending at Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town where awards were handed out. This picture shows students of Amy Roberts Primary lining up in Fire Road to start the March. A small group started the march, but it kept growing! This awards ceremony was in addition to the ceremony held on May 20 in Marsh Harbour which included students from all over Abaco.

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The SAT Exam Will Be Changed

By Isobel Sherman

In December 2004 the current format of the SAT I examination will be given for the last time. The SAT is the examination given high school students to gauge how successful a student will be in college. Beginning in 2005 a new SAT I will be used which will have three portions: reading writing and math. The new SAT I will involve a writing portion in which the student must draw on his experiences in his different academic subjects such as history and literature to write an essay. A grammar section will be included in which students will have to identify a grammatical error in a sentence and the math section will now include advanced algebra in addition to beginning algebra and geometry. Gone from the test will be analogies and so called quirky math questions. The perfect score will rise from 1600 to 2400.

Traditionally most Bahamian students do not score high on the SAT I and now with these new portions of the test it might make it more difficult for our students. In The United States many schools devote time to teaching for the SAT I and even some private schools in The Bahamas do that. One of the reasons the College Board is changing the test is because they feel that students should not be prepared specifically for the SAT but that it should be a reflection of the education of the students taking the exam. These changes could require major changes in the national curriculum in the United States.

There are many colleges and universities in the United States that do not use SAT scores as an admission requirement.

In the case of The Bahamas many US colleges and universities require five BGCSE Examination passes in academic subjects with a grade of C or better as an acceptable pass. This

differs from the Ministry of Education Testing and Evaluation section which says that a grade of D or better is an acceptable pass.

The SAT Examination is given on Abaco at Forest Heights Academy. The College Board does not send many printed applications, as they prefer persons to apply online. They no longer accept faxed applications.

I would strongly suggest if anyone is planning to take the new SAT that they purchase a study guide when they become available either from a book store in the United States or from the College Board itself.

Green Turtle Cay Fifth Graders Explore Farming

By Richard Fawkes

Thirteen fifth grade students from Amy Roberts All Age School in Green Turtle Cay learned how soap, insect repellent and body lotion can be made from the seed of the neem plant, and how capsules to help purify the blood and a salve to soothe arthritis can be made from its leaves. The students visited Abaco neem's factory in Marsh Harbour and the 120-acre farm near Casuarina Point on May 20 as part of their science unit on the uses of plants, the techniques of agriculture and horticulture and farming as a career option. They were accompanied by Mrs. Anne Bootle, the school's principal, and Ms. Amie Rutledge, their volunteer science teacher.

Mr. Nick Miaoulis, founder and proprietor of Abaco Neem, and Mrs. Frances Swain, sales manager, showed the attentive, curious young scientists how oil is pressed from the neem seeds to be put into the soaps, insect repellent and hand and body lotion that the company manufactures and sells. Mr. Miaoulis showed them the neem cake

produced from the oil extraction process and explained how it is recycled as a natural fertilizer on the neem farm.

The students saw how the neem leaves are dried in preparation for producing capsules that can be taken to help purify the blood and build up immunity to viral and bacterial diseases or made into a salve that can be used to combat the discomforts of arthritis or to heal skin rashes. They were shown the finished products and given samples of the soaps to take home.

With the assistance of Mr. Fred Parotti, who manages the farm, Mr. Miaoulis demonstrated to the students the organic farming process in growing 7000 trees. "We make a mulch from Abaco pine sawdust, coconut fronds, seaweed, jumbey bush, ash and neem cake," he explained. He said this all-natural process makes the neem products, which have no side effects, totally chemical free.

He explained that although the trees may grow to 60 feet tall, none on the farm is allowed to grow higher than 12 feet for easy harvesting, which takes place between July and December.

Mr. Miaoulis introduced the students to the medical wonders of the "magical" neem tree, native to India and a relative of the mahogany. "For centuries it has been called the village pharmacy in India," he explained, "because of the many ways it can heal the body, fight off infectious diseases, and provide personal hygiene."

The students planted a tree that will belong to their school. "We will put a plaque saying *Amy Roberts All Age School* next to this tree," Mr. Miaoulis told the delighted students. The students and their teachers were also given a neem tree to plant at the school.

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Basketball Teams Receive Financial Support from the Abaco Club



Two teams from the Abaco Youth in Action program are slated to be on Grand Bahama from June 3 - 6 to compete in the Hoyte's Basketball Tournament. Competing will be a 13-year-old team and a 15-year old team, each consisting of 15 players, along with coaches and chaperones. The Abaco Club at Winding Bay presented Mr. Lynden Davies, organizer of Abaco Youth in Action, with a check for \$1500 to assist with the expenses of traveling to Freeport. Presenting the check is Mrs. Melissa Newbold, a secretary at The Abaco Club. Mr. Mark Scott, Project Director, is in the center of the photo. Behind Mr. Scott is Mr. Cay Mills, Chief Councillor of the Central Abaco District and President of Abaco's Basketball Association. Several members of the teams are represented.

The Abaco Youth in Action program is an organization that is geared toward the development of Abaco youth through sports. Organizer, Mr. Lynden Davies, said the intent is not only to assist them in sports, but to teach them discipline,

good sportsmanship, commitment, social skills and community spirit. If any of the youngster's behavior is not up to par at home or in school, they will not be able to participate.

The program started in March 2002

with 10 youngsters, two of them belonging to Mr. Davies. Now there are over 130 with more joining every month. Basketball is not the only sport that is promoted by the organization; there's also baseball and soccer. The Abaco Club on Winding Bay, led by its founder and chairman, Mr. Peter de Savary, is committed to the development of Abaco youth and will assist whenever possible in their development.

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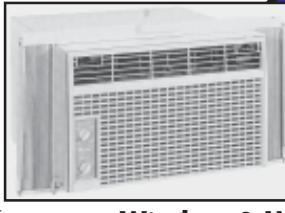


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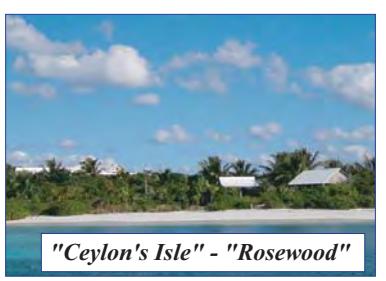
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- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Pelican Point" - Pelican Shores - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home - 1 bedroom, 1 bath garage apartment - 1 1/2 Acres -private dock with boat-lift - Fabulous Views. - The privacy of a private island with in town convenience. Furnished. #AB67 - \$2,950,000
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Harbour View Villa" - Pelican Shores - 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 5,500 sq.ft. centrally air-conditioned home on approx. 1 acre with 115' of harbour frontage. Swimming Pool. Private dock. Great Harbour Views beautifully landscaped Price Upon Request
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- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Blueberry Hill" - Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 970 sq.ft. residence with 2 rental cottages. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Centrally located but good privacy. Fully Furnished. Swimming Pool. Great Income Producer. # AB115 - \$347,000.
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Marsh Harbour - Eastern Shores - 4 bedroom, 3 bath - 2,700 sq.ft. Home. Private Dock with boat lift on the Sea of Abaco. Some of the most Fabulous Panoramic Views in Abaco. Across the road from Beach. fully Furnished. #AB118 - \$1,500,000.



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"Point of View"

Elbow Cay - Dorros Cove - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq.ft. residence with 2 bedroom, 1 bath - 1,100 sq.ft. guest house. Southeastern point of island. Swimming Pool - Private boat slip. Superb ocean and cay views. Fully Furnished - #AB112 - \$2,100,000.



"Sunset Point Resort"

Marsh Harbour - Bistic Bay - 8 Unit Bonefishing resort, with fifty seat Lazy Parrot Restaurant and Bar. Central Air-conditioning. Fresh water swimming pool. Excellent investment opportunity. AB100 - NEW PRICE \$750,000

Great Guana Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and North Abaco

- ★ **Great Guana Cay** - "Plum Loco" - 3 bedroom, 2 bath - 1,228 sq.ft. home - on almost 1/2 acre with 100' of beautiful beachfront. Tastefully Furnished and fully equipped- #AB97-UNDER CONTRACT
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - "Chameleon Bay" - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,478 sq.ft. Home. 150' of Treasure Cay Beachfront - over 1 1/2 acres. # AB95 - UNDER CONTRACT
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - "Son Burns" - 4 bedroom - 3 bath - 2,160 sq.ft. home on two floors, 750 sq.ft. of open sundeck on upper level, 750 sq.ft. of porch on lower. - almost 3/4 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal - Private Dock - Fully Furnished. # AB72 - \$575,000.
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - "Honey's Home" - 3 bedroom, 3 bath - 1,600 sq.ft. home - 2/3 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal Private Dock with Boat Lift - Great Views. # AB66 - UNDER CONTRACT
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - Treasure Cay Drive - "Steiner House" - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - 2,200 sq.ft. home on two levels - upper level deck - almost 1/2 Acre - Good Sea of Abaco Views. Short stroll to beach. Great family home. fully Furnished. #AB116 - \$925,000.
- ★ **Sand Banks Creek** - "Dannie's Den" - 2 bedroom, 2 bath new home + 80' Waterfront - Almost 1 1/2 wooded acres. - Private Dock - # AB73 - NEW PRICE \$355,000.



"OnTheRocks"

Great Guana Cay - 5.9 Beautiful sea-to-sea acres- South end of Great Guana Cay 395' of Ocean frontage. 160' of Sea of Abaco frontage. 245' of semi-private boat basin frontage. Good elevations for fabuolus ocean and sea views #AB5176 - NEW LISTING \$2,950,000



"Final Approach"

Treasure Cay - Brigantine Bay - 6 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath - 5,500 sq.ft. Canal-front home on two levels - 100' Dock with 6' depth, Four car garage. Great family home or Corporate retreat. fully and tastefully Furnished. #AB120 - NEW LISTING \$2,290,000.

VACANT LAND

- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Canal Front Building Sites
★ #40 - 9,778 sq.ft. - AB5155 - Extra Large Corner Parcel - \$299,000.
★ #41 - 7,070 sq.ft. - AB5156 - Good Elevation - Sea View - \$360,000.
★ #45 - 6,968 sq.ft. - AB5066 - Good Elevation - Sea View - UNDER CONTRACT
- ★ **Bahama Palm Shores** - Beachfront Parcel - 100' wide - over 450' deep - over 1 Acre. Land Cleared for Building. 34'x 26' Storage Building - Stairs to Beach - #AB5150 - SOLD
- ★ **Cabbage Cove** - 1/3 Acre - Sea of Abaco Beachfront Building Sites - Mid-way between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay - # AB5142 - \$118,000.
- ★ **Elbow Cay** - "Marnie's Creek" - 1/2 acre hillside building sites, a private dock slip for each parcel Fabulous Sea of Abaco views - # AB5114 - from: \$230,000.
- ★ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madiera Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - \$395,000.
- ★ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Coco Sound" - 28 prime residential building sites - between Coco Bay and White Sound from 1/4 - 1 1/2 acre # AB5090 - from: \$59,000.
- ★ **Sand Banks Creek** - One Acre plus - Wooded lots with over 90' of water frontage on Bay - 3 miles south of Treasure Cay - Limited Number Available. #AB5069 - from: \$63,700.
- ★ **PRIVATE ISLAND** - "Carrington Cay" - 1.4 Acres - Near Leisure Lee - #AB5147 - \$375,000.

Sugar Making, Boat Wrecks Were All Part of Life

Jack Lowe

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regulations.

A little later there was another wreck on the south side of Abaco. This time the cargo was sharkskin suits, cloth and beer, a lot of which again found its way into Marsh Harbour where the young lads were especially pleased with the beer. This was the only time any alcoholic beverage passed Mr. Jack's lips. When he was offered some, he immediately disliked it and promptly spit it out.

Mr. Jack tells an amusing, though rather sad, story about his mother's chickens which she kept in the yard for a supply of eggs and meat. These chickens wandered out across the street into Johnny Albury "Old Socks" yard where he had vegetables planted. Here he caught some of the chickens scratching and looking for food. He caught a couple and cut off their toes so that they had trouble walking. It was not known who had committed this brutal act until he started bragging about it to other people. The family never discovered whether he knew that the chickens belonged to them but they arrived home without toes!

Cane Growing and Sugar Making

Mr. Eldred Lowe, Jack's father, and his grandfather, Dunc, operated a cane-growing business for the production of syrup at Moore's Island in the early 1920's. In their best season they produced the enormous amount of 750 five-gallon cans of syrup. People may wonder how such huge amounts of syrup could then be consumed, but at the time there was a number of sponging vessels operating out of Marsh Harbour and other places on Abaco. These vessels would carry eight or ten five-gallon tins on their boat each trip so it was all well used.

Later, while Mr. Jack was a young boy, his father owned and operated a cane-growing and syrup-making business at Israels, north of Marsh Harbour. The cane top, or head, would be planted in the ground. When the canes were grown to maturity, they were cut by hand, bundled and carried from the fields to the nearby cane mill which was turned by a big bulldog engine. Dry wood was gathered and brought to the mill for making fire to boil the cane juice to syrup. After the cane had been ground into juice, the juice was put into a large four-foot by six-foot steel pan sitting atop a furnace, then boiled down until it was thick enough for syrup. A small quantity of syrup was put into a "container and a candy gauge was used to test for the correct thickness. It was the task of young Jack and his good friend, Donald Lowe, to tote away the messy cane suckings from the mill, a job he hated. Ten or 12 local men were hired to cut the cane and carry it along with the dry wood up to the mill as the only machinery was the mill itself and the engine to run it. This went on from sunrise to sunset five or six days a week.

Mr. Eldred had a 16-foot keel sail boat called *The Jumper* which he used to carry supplies to and from the farm at Israels. The syrup was put into the boat and taken to Marsh Harbour where the boiling process was completed. The final product was bottled, labeled and packed into wooden crates ready for shipping to Nassau to be sold to retailers.

The cane mill that was used at Moore's Island and later at Israels was built by Mr. Jack's father, T. Eldred Lowe, and now sits on the ground at Israels since the wood foundation has rotted away and collapsed. The engine still sits on the cement base where it was placed almost a century ago.

Mr. Jack tells of an experience at Israels when he was about 12 years of age. He and an older brother, Isador, were there with one of the hired field workers named Gladstone Russell, who had worked at the mill since he was a boy. Gladstone talked Isador into making a still of the type people in the hills of the U.S. used to make moonshine liquor. Although Isador never drank any liquor, he went along with the plan. The young Jack knew the couple had all the copper tubing as he saw it in the bush. But as far as he knew, they never made any moonshine. Their father found the venture and broke up everything they had but they never heard him swear. Mr. Jack said that in later years he was told that when his father was a boy, Mr. Wesley Sawyer had given him a pocket knife as an incentive and a reward to stop swearing. When, at the age of 17, Mr. Jack Lowe left Marsh Harbour to take up residence in Nassau, his father still had the pocket knife

locked in the safe in his store.

In 1954 Mr. Jack married the former Thelma Albury and the couple had two daughters, Beth and Marilou. After spending almost 50 years in Nassau, Mr. Lowe and his wife moved back to Marsh

Harbour in 1993 where it is their wish "to reside the balance of their days, or whatever the Lord shall will."

Mr. Lowe can usually be found in the Brand Parts Hardware Store in Marsh Harbour.



Students of the Marsh Harbour All Age School are lined up ready for instructions from their headmaster. Children usually left school at the age of 14 to begin work, helping their families at fishing, farming or other hard demanding work.

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North Abaco Recognizes Its Youth and Youth Leaders

By Anita Rolle

The month of May was designated National Youth Month by the government allowing communities throughout the Bahamas to take time out to highlight the accomplishments of our nation's youth.

Under the theme *Committed to Service and Excellence*, this past weekend North Abaco came alive as the youth of that community took over the streets in a positive way. The recently organized North Abaco Youth Council, headed by President Freddie McIntosh, held a march, rally and awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon, marching from the New St. Andrews Baptist Church in Fire Road to Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town. Among the awards presented were Pacesetter awards in education, sports, business, and creative arts. Receiving the Most Distinguished Youth Award was 15-year-old Candelia McIntosh of Cooper's Town.

On Sunday the district held its National Youth Church service at New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope. Delivering the messages were Mrs. Velty Carey and Rev. Clayton McIntosh. Both well-received presenters in their own way admonished both parents and youth to do their part and do what is right. Host Pastor, Rev. John McIntosh, offered a special prayer for all youth and youth leaders.

Churches, schools and organizations from Crown Haven to Green Turtle Cay came out in full force for both events.

Awards were given to those who work with youth and they are as follows:

Youth Parliament

Miss Crystal C McIntosh - Cooper's Town
Most Distinguished Youth Award

Miss. Candilea 1. McIntosh- Cooper's Town

Pacesetter Award Education

Miss. Sasha Philicia Smith - Crown Haven
Sports

Alexander Rolle Jr. - Cooper's Town

Business

Mrs. Lavina McIntosh - Cooper's Town

Creative Arts

Zhavargo Lloyd — Green Turtle Cay

Ms. Leann Russell - Green Turtle Cay

Youth Leader Award

Mrs. Zermah Russell -Pox Town

Youth Forum

Delvano McIntosh

Each school honored their top schools.

Amy Roberts Primary

Grade 1 Rebecca Roberts

Grade 2 Krista Curry

Grade 3 Colby Cross

Grade 4 Quiteil Chariton

Grade 5 Felecia Survance

Grade 6 W Wendy Rutledge
Cooper's Town Primary
Grade 1 Chelsea Bowe
Grade 2 Charlene Cooper
Grade 3 Brittney Sands,
Grade 4 Antwanae' Smith
Grade 5 Varian Lighthoume
Grade 6 Shavantae Pedican
Treasure Cay Primary
Grade 1 Lenisse Merlien

Grade 2 Andrew Bootle
Grade 3 Clydesha Cornish
Grade 4 Teri Hillare
Grade 5 Charo Williams
Grade 6 Keva Edgecombe
Fox Town Primary
Grade 1 Tamia Wells
Grade 2 Travone Mills
Grade 3 Anqueon Burrows
Grade 4 Tamerah Rolle

Grade 5 Tyoneka Albury
Grade 6 Anya Mills
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• **Lot 8 Inner** SOLD

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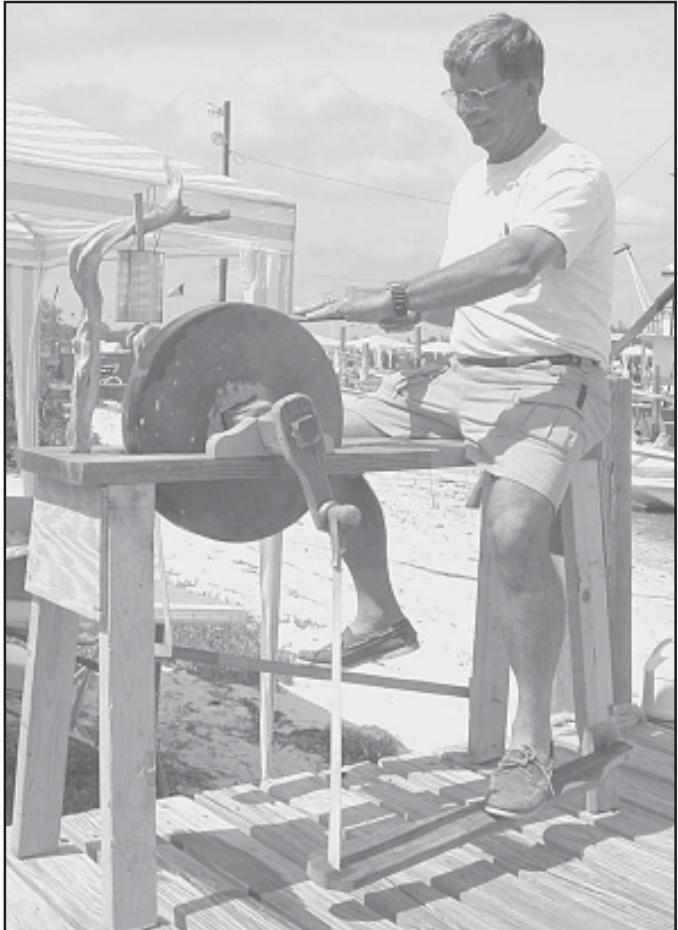
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Novices Enjoyed Wave Riding



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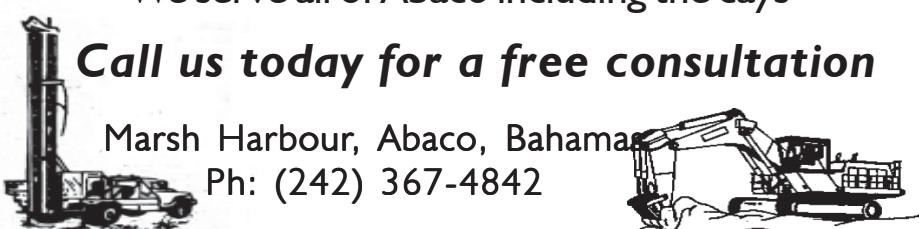
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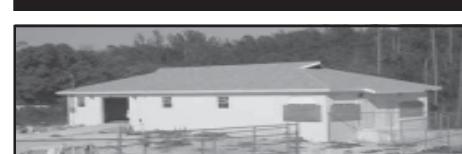
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Dundas Town Meeting 13 May 2004

Chairman Cay Mills reviewed the budget figures submitted for the fiscal year 2004/2005. The total of \$278,400 is 152 percent above last year's budget of \$110,100. Much of the increase relates to expenses in changing from a once weekly residential garbage pick-up to a twice weekly collection and the increased cost to the town for maintaining the new Central Pines Estates.

Seven thousand dollars is now available for a capital project and this will be applied to a seawall at Ocean View Park.

Local Government at Work

Engineering and estimates for the wall are now being assembled.

The Dundas Town fire engine had the radiator cleaned as the engine was running hot. It still runs hot and it is believed to need a head gasket. The muffler needs to be repaired or replaced. Mr. Mills felt the truck should be put into good operating condition before turning it over to the police department.

Mr. Mills expressed disappointment in Committee member Silbert Mills for soliciting money recently for the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department on Radio Abaco and not asking for money for the Dundas Town truck.

Mr. Silbert Mills reminded the Committee that he raised the money originally

which purchased the truck and there remains \$2,300 of the original funds available for maintenance. He asked members to review their February minutes showing that the Committee had been advised that these funds were available.

Mr. Silbert Mills continued that the fire engine was given to the Dundas Town Committee after he raised the money and arranged for its purchase. This was done before his association with Local Government which does not allow Local Government members to solicit funds or maintain a bank account. Any money which comes to Local Government must be deposited to government's consolidated fund.

In view of the current discord over

funds for the truck maintenance, Mr. Silbert Mills asked the Committee to find another person to be a signature on the account as he preferred to have his name removed.

In closing, members praised Mr. Cay Mills for the speech he gave at the opening of the Dundas Town clinic.

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"Interpreting The Input" Part II

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But, once the programs are loaded, the CPU is activated and can begin to receive information to perform certain tasks within its scope of operation.

To assist the CPU in becoming and doing what it was made to do and be, the "Input" has to be translated, recognized, understood and be consistent with the programmer's language.

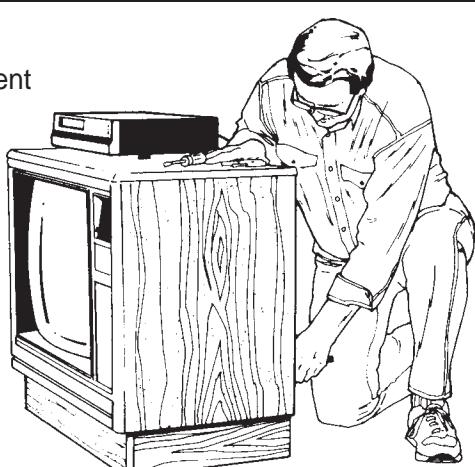
We, as human beings are like the CPU, waiting to "Interpret the Input." Everyone of us faces decisions. Rarely do we go through an entire day without being confronted with many different choices, some minor and some major. Can any of us guarantee that we will consistently do the right thing? It is only when we face serious decisions that we begin to look for sources or get interested in the subject of guidance. What prepares us for these situations, primarily, are the way we handle or deal with minor decisions. So, the time or way to think or manage the subject is to begin learning now. To "Interpret the Input." So, these series of articles will bring information together for your encouragement and assistance.

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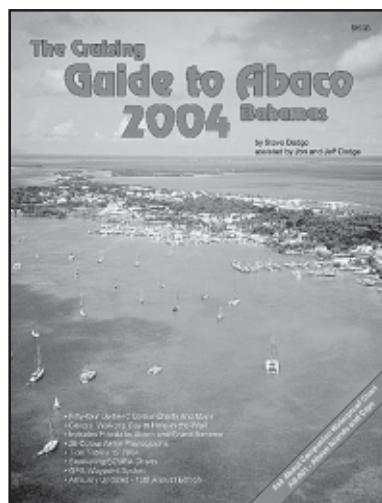
By Portia Jonsson

These are some safety tips that Citizens Against Crime are recommending.

1. Establish a safe area in your home and make a plan with your family and your neighbours on what you will do in the event of an emergency.
2. Install strong windows, doors and locks which do not allow easy access.
3. Install adequate lighting outside your home.
4. Have emergency phone numbers such as the police, fire department and neighbours close to the phone.
5. Create the appearance that the house is occupied in your absence by using timers to control lights and radios.
6. Never admit strangers into your home without proper identification.
7. Teach your children how to call the police or a neighbour for help in the event of an emergency.
8. Carefully screen your help and request that any contractor working for you provide the names, place of birth, and date of birth of all sub-contract labour working on your property.
9. Avoid walking or jogging alone at night, particularly in isolated areas with limited street lights.
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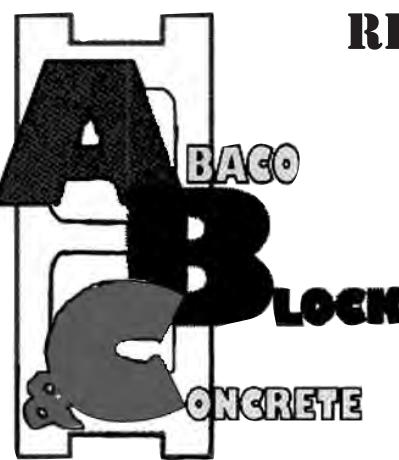
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She was predeceased by her husband Charles Bertram Lowe and is survived by children Sylvia Bethel, Linda Cole and Geoffrey Lowe; grandchildren Jason, Darrell and Damien Cole, Michell Cole, Sabrina Thompson, Catherine Lowe and

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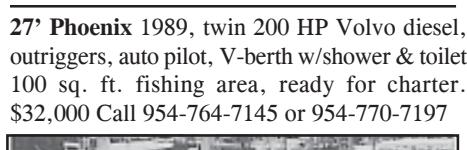
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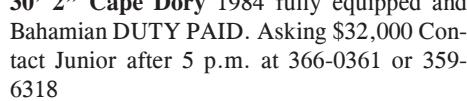
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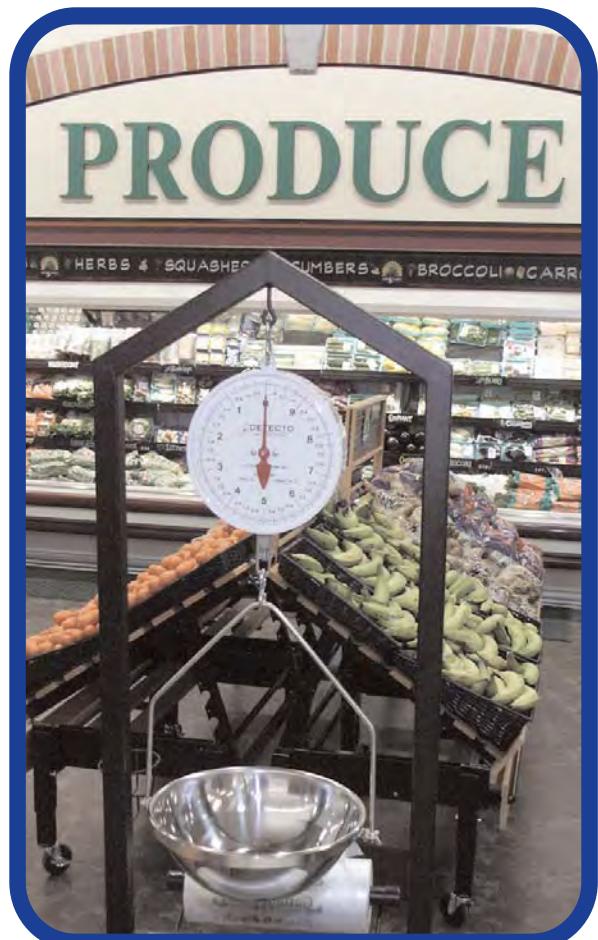
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