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Albury's Ferry Has New Owners Marsh Harbour Will Be Base for 45-Year-Old Company

By Jennifer Hudson

As of July 10, 2004, Albury's Ferry Service Limited in its entirety has been sold to Mr. Scott Albury of Freeport, Grand Bahama. Although a Freeport resident, Mr. Albury's Marsh Harbour roots go back six generations, and he looks forward to one day making Marsh Harbour his permanent home.

The ferry fleet consists of ten boats, the two largest of which are each capable of carrying 109 passengers. The others have varying lesser capacities down to the smallest with a capacity of 35.

Mr. Albury intends to continue normal ferry operations with no immediate changes, including no immediate rate increases. His business background is in corporate aviation, and he intends to use this aviation background in helping this well established public transportation company improve and expand on its existing operations. Safety will be one of his prime concerns and new regulations being proposed by the Port Authority will be put into effect as soon as they are mandated.

One of the company's former owners, Ralph Albury of Man-O-War Cay, will be staying on to assist Scott in this endeavour. Further, Mr. Barry Albury, who has been with the com-

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Albury's Ferry Service has been sold to a Freeport man, Mr. Scott Albury. The ferry service is one of the oldest businesses on Abaco, begun in 1959 when the Marsh Harbour International Airport opened with regularly scheduled flights. The family-owned business has been a very reliable service, providing indispensable service between the cays and the mainland with well maintained boats and competent captains. The company is noted for being very punctual and provided service 365 days a week, closing only when hurricane winds would have made it dangerous. Shown here is a typical view at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour with Donnie X, one of their two boats capable of carrying over 100 passengers, and the smallest ferry in their fleet with a capacity of 35 people.

Mega Resort Is Proposed for Grand Bahama

The Bahamas has been chosen as the site of a proposed mega resort. Moon Bahamas will be the world's largest, most spectacular and most expensive resort and real estate development. The RJH Holdings company proposes building this huge project in the shallow waters just north of Grand

Bahama Island after studying many sites around the world. The company has already signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Grand Bahama Port Authority. The government of The Bahamas is presently

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Crawfish Season Opens with Rain



Gavin Russell and Dane Stratten took 197 pounds of crawfish tails to the Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers fish house on the opening day of the crawfish season, August 1. These were the first fishermen to come in and they will split \$1,674.50 between them with the opening price of \$8.50 per pound. Many fishermen were not able to be out early that day because of thunderstorms and rain. By closing time eleven boats had brought

crawfish with the average catch being just over 100 pounds. One of the ferry drivers saw 15 boats fishing in the triangle between Hope Town, Man-O-War and Sugar Loaf Cay. He also saw many boats in that same area the day before but could not tell if they were merely observing or were fishing.

Paving Continues on Hope Town Roads



Tearing up the paving in front of the Hope Town Post Office is good news for the residents of Elbow Cay. The cay is finally having the main roads paved with a hot mix asphalt. The contract for the paving was awarded four months ago to Cleare's Heavy Equipment/Caribbean.

By Stephanie Humblestone

A pay loader began leveling the ground outside of the Hope Town Post Office in preparation for the re-paving of 3.1 miles of road stretching south to the Sea Spray Resort in White Sound. The team is pre-

paring the ground for the quarry fill which was to arrive by barge the following day. Subsequently, the surface will be rolled and compacted prior to the pouring of the

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New Rules and New Owners Challenge Ferries

Albury's Ferry

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pany since 1998, will be assuming the position of General Manager.

This combination of backgrounds and experience is designed and implemented for the purpose of taking this ferry company, founded early in 1959 by Mr. Marcel Albury and family of Man-O-War Cay, into the new and expanding opportunities of the future.

Over the coming months the new Albury's Ferry Service team will be implementing changes designed to better serve the community at large. Some of these changes will include:

- A new ticketing system to help ease congestion during the boarding process and alleviate change problems.
- Expanded routes designed to better serve the residents and guests of the cays.
- New advertising opportunities on the ferries for local businesses.

Parking has for years been a serious con-

cern, and this problem has now been exacerbated even further by the cordoning off of a private piece of land by its owner where cars once parked. Mr. Albury is very cognizant of this problem and states that he will be working with the appropriate authorities to work out a solution as soon as possible.

New expanded office hours at the Crossing Beach office will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the entire ferry business will be conducted from the Marsh Harbour office. Two former garages attached to the office have been redesigned into a comfortable customer service area and board room.

Mr. Scott Albury hopes to have an opportunity to meet with any interested persons who might have constructive suggestions that will help the company better serve the community. He has orchestrated the takeover of the ferry service during the summer months in order that all will be fully prepared for the onset of the major tourist season in November.



The Albury's Ferry Service was started to provide transportation for people in the cays to be able to get to the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The owners did not realize then that their service would be expanded for carrying construction workmen daily to the cays. This photo shows nearly 100 workmen traveling at 7 a.m. to Guana Cay and Scotland Cay. The ferry service has been critical to the economic development of Abaco.



The original owners of Albury's Ferry never envisioned that their ferries would be contributing to the education of Abaco's youth by transporting children daily to schools on the mainland. These children travel back and forth from Guana Cay.

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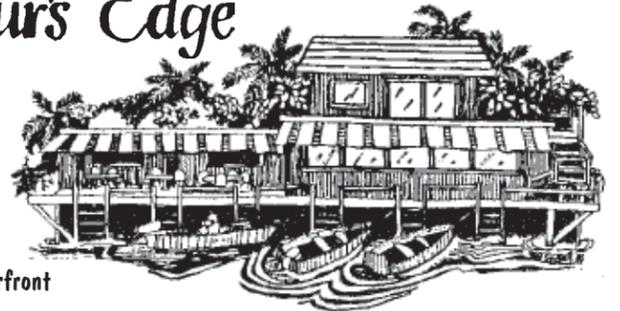
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News of the Cays

Cays

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hot mix asphalt.

It was on this very spot that Minister of Works and Roads, the Hon. Bradley Roberts, signed the \$585,000 contract just over four months ago for Elbow Cay's roads to be repaired with Nassau-based Cleare's Heavy Equipment/Caribbean. It was here too that crowds gathered to witness the signing.

Since then the once pot-holed ridden roads, or "trails through the bush" as they became known, of the cay have been ripped, scarified and graded. The asphalt has been removed, organic materials taken up, pot holes filled and conditions on the road's surface improved temporarily to avoid accidents.

Working to government specifications, the work crew of 14, among them five locals, laid a six-inch deep base on the section which runs from the post office to Bandito Point while they worked on the stretch from the Sea Spray Resort in White Sound to Dorros Cove in the extreme south of the island.

This now completed, the focus is on the section from the post office south which will eventually join the Sea Spray Resort road. On the town stretch one half of the road will be blocked off while the other is being worked on and then that part will be opened when completed.

"We hope to finish this in about three weeks," said Trevor Cleare, who reported that everything is going well and that they

are on target with the project. Mr. Cleare stated that the local people of Hope Town have been very "cooperative."

"We were praying for rain at one time," added Mr. Cleare, who estimated that they had bought about 10,000 gallons of water so far from the White Sound company of Professional Services. "We will use that and approximately half as much again," said Mr. Cleare.

During the holiday break and while regulatory samples of the asphalted sections were tested every 3/4 of mile some private side roads in the vicinity of the restaurant Rudy's Place were re-paved.

"We had to wait for results of testing which all went well so we tried to accommodate some of the local residents," reported Mr. Cleare.

Originally the roads were simply to be "sanded and sealed," but this was felt to be inadequate in the long term as traffic along the main road which is known as Queen's Highway is increasing along with the economic expansion of the small cay.

The use of asphalt was made possible by contributions from the local community, among them many second home owners who lent support by securing the balance of



The newly constructed shelter for Green Turtle Ferry passengers is an attractive gazebo. It is located at the Green Turtle Ferry dock near Treasure Cay airport

\$285,000 remaining after government's pledge of \$300,000.

Cleare's Heavy Equipment/Caribbean has the contract for repairing and re-paving the roads on other Family Islands, having just completed those on Guana Cay. "We are a mobile crew," said on-site worker Jimmy Cleare.

Green Turtle Cay

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Sebastian Uebrig and Kirsten Sardaker of Boynton Beach, Florida, exchanged wedding vows under sunny skies in a beach setting at the Bluff House on Green Turtle Cay on July 31. Sebastian's parents are Jurgen and Ingeborg Uebrig, long time residents of Treasure Cay.



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Proposed Development Will Affect All Northern Bahamas

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reviewing the proposal.

For the next few months the company will be completing highly detailed feasibility studies which will be presented to the Ministry of Financial Services and Investments. In addition, capital funding, corporate partnering and brand leveraging will be completed. Current estimated costs for Moon Bahamas is US \$4.5 billion. Estimated revenue from vacation / fractional ownership and real estate sales is US \$33

Cays *From Page 4*

A Reception Will Celebrate Reef Protection

The public is welcome to a reception on August 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Captain Roland Roberts House Environmental Center in New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay. The event is being organized to celebrate another year of protecting Green Turtle Cay's coral reefs through the reef mooring buoy program, the coral survey and operation of the Captain Roland Roberts House Environmental Center by the nonprofit coral reef conservation organization Reef Relief.

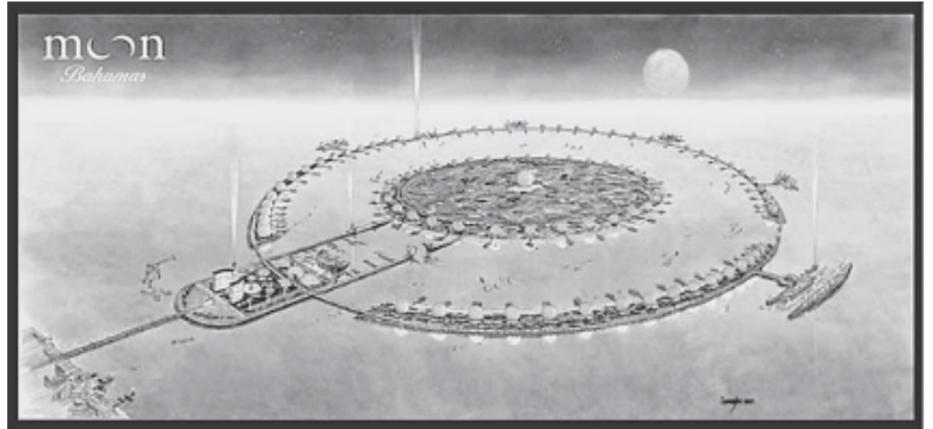
During the reception, Green Turtle Cay resident David L. Bethell will be honored for his recent selection as a Disney Wildlife Conservation Hero. He was nominated by Reef Relief and selected by the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund. There will be a silent auction, refreshments and opportunities to get involved in coral reef protection projects. For more information, contact Reef Relief at www.reefrelief.org, email to: reef@bellsouth.net or call (242) 365-4014.

billion.

When Moon Bahamas is completed in 2010, it will be the world's largest, most expensive, most exclusive and most spectacular resort and real estate development. The project is a tribute to earth's closest celestial partner and as such is built on an enormous scale.

MOON Bahamas will comprise of five manmade islands which will house the world's largest casino, the world's largest and tallest hotel with 12,000 suites, multiple resort attractions including extravagant entertainment facilities, ten cruise ship terminals, 50 of the world's best restaurants with their star chefs, the world's largest resort wine cellar, the world's largest mega yacht marina, aquatic center, 22,000 condominiums, a huge convention centre and sports facilities which will include four PGA golf courses. Moon Bahamas is designed to live in harmony with nature and will include one of the world's largest artificial coral reefs.

If you are interested in additional information, view their web-site at www.moonbahamas.com.



The architects' concept of Moon Bahamas shows a large central island surrounded by four other islands. All proposed islands will be man-made off the northern shore of Grand Bahama near Freeport and is only 65 miles from Florida. There will be 88 spheres each of which will contain 250 upscale condominiums, each with 5000 square feet. The hotel will accommodate a record number of visitors in 12,000. If the proposal becomes reality, Abaco will be affected. Thousands of people and hundreds of boats will spillover to explore the Sea of Abaco and will discover the quiet delights of our island.

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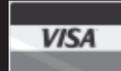
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North Abaco News

Treasure Cay Clean Up Campaign Underway

By Portia Jonsson

Since coming into office two years ago, the Treasure Cay Town Committee has made great strides in beautifying, improving and cleaning up the Treasure Cay community. On July 28th Mrs. Lavan McKenzie, Chairman of the Treasure Cay Town Committee, and Mr. Eric Collie, Deputy Chief Councillor for North Abaco, organized the first in a series of clean up campaigns set for this year in Treasure Cay.

Last year the Committee staged several other clean up campaigns in the removal of abandoned cars in the area. Since then they have continued their work on improving the

area. Garbage collections have been extended from the Treasure Cay airport to the Sandbanks area twice a week, Mondays and Fridays. A bathroom facility with proper fencing has been constructed next to the Treasure Cay Primary School. This is a first in the history of Local Government for North Abaco. Road signs indicating directions and mileage to various places have been erected at the entrance of Treasure Cay and the bus stop. Trees, oleanders and azaleas have also been planted in this area and throughout the community.

The bonefish campsite just outside Treasure Cay has had a facelift. The road leading into the campsite has been widened and graded. Persons can now drive their vehicles safely in and out of this area without fear of

damage to their cars. Mrs. McKenzie said plans have been made to put garbage facilities in this area, therefore extending the garbage collection to include the campsite. A boat ramp to accommodate boaters is planned.

Mrs. McKenzie pointed out that persons can now feel safe while riding through Madeira Park at night because of the street lighting installed there and at the entrance of Treasure Cay. The basketball court has been upgraded with proper lighting and bleachers.

The Treasure Cay Town Committee does not plan to stop there and Mrs. McKenzie promises that there is still more to come. She says that plans are underway for a playground within the Treasure Cay Primary school zone. "No Dumping" signs in both English and Creole will be erected along the S.C. Bootle Highway. She said that the Committee has taken the initial steps and laid the foundation. She emphasized that Local Government does not have an attractive budget and they have done as much as the budget has allowed. She stressed that it takes the full support of the community and

businesses to accomplish these undertakings.

She added that persons have made great efforts to clean up their surroundings, but it is disappointing that some still continue to do illegal dumping. She urges persons to bring any information on illegal dumping forward, which will be kept strictly confidential.

Mrs. McKenzie emphasized that the Town Committee is not concerned about what happened in the past. She wants to know that when they leave office people can see what was done. The Treasure Cay Town Committee is not concerned about getting any praise or glory; they are all about doing the people's business.

New Residential Club Breaks Ground

By Jennifer Hudson

The first phase of development for Carleton Landing, a new upscale residential development, is now under construction in Treasure Cay. This new residential club is being developed by Hillview Properties Ltd., spearheaded by Mr. Ian Fair

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The Treasure Cay Town Committee assisted by Treasure Cay Limited is working to clean up that area of the island. They have cleaned the Sand Banks area and continue to remove trash and beautify the area. They are frustrated that the public is careless about disposing of garbage and plead with people to dispose of garbage properly.



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The Ministry of Tourism commended taxi driver Wenzel McBride for his outstanding service. A passenger wrote the Ministry extolling Mr. McBride's assistance with lost luggage and other problems the visitor had experienced. Mr. McBride was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Ministry and a reception was held in his honor in the Tourism office in Marsh Harbour. Shown above with Mr. McBride are Tourism officials Mrs. Kendi Anderson, Mrs. Zeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism on Abaco, and Ms. Wynsome Ferguson presenting the certificate to Mr. McBride.

More North Abaco News

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and leading Bahamian architect, John Darville. The name Carleton Landing was selected in recognition of the Loyalists who arrived on Abaco on two sailing boats from New York in September, 1783. They established the first settlement on Abaco at the northern end of Treasure Cay which they named Carleton in honour of Sir Guy Carleton, the Governor of New York who had organized their move to The Bahamas.

Carleton Landing, located in a sheltered harbour close to beach and golf course, will offer five single family cottages and 32 carriage house units situated in blocks of four, all of which offer three bedrooms with ensuite bathroom, main living areas with canal or garden views, large covered verandahs and top-of-the-line fixtures and amenities. This residential club is situated on a

peninsular site surrounded by protected waters and offers an optional boat slip for each property. Other site features include a swimming pool, tennis court, landscaped parks and optional golf cart and car garages.

The developers are of the opinion that Carleton Landing, with its prime location, high quality, distinctiveness and excellent on-site amenities is destined to become the premier residential club in the region.

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The Editor Says . . . Will We Ride on Freeport's Growth



Several issues ago we noted substantial economic and social changes Abaco will experience in the next few years from growth within Abaco. Recent news that a six-year \$4.5 billion resort project is proposed for the north shore of Grand Bahama will cause our economy to expand at an even faster rate. [See the story on page one.]

The initial press release for this project was vague on details but they did give a few statistics that could be expanded upon. In a peak period there could be as many as 100,000 guests and employees at the resort. The source for that figure is 12,000 hotel suites and 22,000 condominiums. Then add passengers from the ten cruise ship terminals and persons on boats in the world's largest marina.

A round number for guests at full occupancy periods could be more than 70,000. If these hotel and condo guests arrive uniformly throughout the week, ten thousand persons would arrive daily through Grand Bahama's terminals. That requires a lot of air and marine capacity and ground handling facilities. This will require additional ferry, hydrofoil or Hovercraft service to Freeport from the Florida coast, only 70 miles away.

Under our present transportation system, a thousand or more cabs would be required to service these arrivals. That does not seem practical so a monorail or other mass transit system might be used to move guests to the resort.

If the project comes to maturity, the electrical requirements will be massive and this may make it easier for government to accept a Liquid Natural Gas facility on or near Grand Bahama. Natural gas is a very clean fuel and would be a logical energy choice.

A potable water supply will be another issue for engineers and hydrologists to solve. It is not likely that Grand Bahama has the capacity or wants to assign their island as a water catchment area for a new resort. Liquid Natural Gas might be a logical energy source for a desalination plant.

Then there are the thousands of employees needed to construct and service the resort. Emerald Bay on Exuma is still trying to round out their staff requirements. The employment opportunities will be enormous

at this new facility. Government, the Grand Bahama Port Authority and Bahamian society in general will face huge challenges in housing, immigration policies, education facilities, health services, police, security issues and other civil amenities.

The *Abaconian* tries to focus on Abaco events and issues. So what is the connection to a Grand Bahama resort? The scope of the resort will require publicity on a world-wide basis which will benefit the entire country. Abaco is well positioned to serve those interested in The Bahamas but wanting a less structured lifestyle.

The press release claims they will have the world's largest marina. Will their boaters be satisfied to sit in a resort marina on the north shore of Grand Bahama or will the Abaco Sound beckon them? Like an alluring mermaid on the horizon, our off-shore cays will appeal to many in boats.

Between now and their anticipated opening in the year 2010, the mythical bridge between Abaco and Grand Bahama will be reconsidered. In a \$4.5 billion budget a bridge would just be pocket change. There are varying opinions on the value or need for a bridge. Some feel a bridge would give Abaco people more options for an improved life style, while others feel that an increase in incoming traffic would be a detriment to our casual living.

Since we the nearest neighbour to Grand Bahama, we will be affected to some degree, possibly for the worse but probably for the better depending on our outlook. Once the construction begins, our proximity will bring additional interest and exposure to Abaco.

The magnitude of the project will keep the politicians in speech material for years. By the same token, environmentalists will complain for an equal number of years. Fishermen, whose grounds are being usurped, will holler and complain. But in the final analysis the politicians will meet behind closed doors and decide whether it is allowed and under what conditions. The Grand Bahama Port Authority apparently has jurisdiction over the proposed site and has given their preliminary approval. At this initial stage it would appear to be too large a prize for politicians to refuse.

An Act to regulate Non Governmental Organizations

On another note - all service clubs, museum and historic organizations, animal welfare groups, youth groups, volunteer fire departments and other non-governmental groups should look into the NGO legislation being considered by government. As explained to a small group at a recent presentation, registration and compliance will be voluntary and not required. The obvious question is why bother to register or give input on the proposal?

Funding, partnerships and technical assistance from government or international organizations may be more readily available to groups complying with the Act. For instance, it might be possible for volunteer fire departments to get more concessions for trucks and equipment than now allowed. Volunteer organizations such as these provide

valuable services to the community and are acknowledged to get more for their dollar than equivalent government organizations. It is to government's advantage that most volunteer groups are encouraged to continue their good works through tax breaks, concessions and other incentives.

Historic and cultural organizations might be able to get additional tax concessions or incentives which would encourage businesses to make cash donations. An example was given of a country giving a \$15,000 tax deduction for \$10,000 donated to a recognized organization. This Act may give qualifying organizations access to international funding.

Existing and future groups operating to their own satisfaction regarding funding and operational procedures could continue without registering. The intent is to make volunteer organizations that register more transparent and accountable so government and international donors are assured their funding or assistance was well used.

The BEST Commission is asking for input and suggests interested groups look at the draft legislation on the BEST Commission's web site www.best.bs, then send comments and suggestions to mail@best.bs

It is in your organization's best interests that a representative attend the next meeting which has not yet been announced. Suggestions may be sent to the BEST Commission by e-mail. By the end of September all recommendations will be submitted to government and further public input will not be considered.

ALL ABOUT TOWN

Isobel Sherman

The Problem of Rats

To paraphrase the *Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner*

"Rats, rats everywhere and not many are dead...."

It seems everywhere I travel this summer I see rats - bold rats. In fact, one came boldly up to my feet the other day. They can be seen running everywhere in every neighborhood and community. I opened my classroom door in June and saw a rat sitting on the microwave. Every screen on the back windows had a hole eaten into it by a rat. They were coming and going as they please.

One of my friends told me the rats do not eat garbage that is in plastic.

Poison is available from Environmental Health. Maybe the population of rats has increased because the population of cats is way down. Whatever the reason, it is a problem that must be addressed because these rats are bold.

A Need for Additional Parking

This is not the first time this subject has been written about and, unfortunately, it will

not be the last time either. There is a very serious problem with parking at the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour. In fact, for a resident of the mainland on Abaco to be able to take the ferry to any of the cays, the wise choice is to have someone drop them off at the ferry dock or the Moorings depending on which cay you are visiting.

There is not adequate parking for vehicles and the situation has worsened at Crossing Beach with closing off the property that many persons were parking their cars on. Now I realize this strip of land is privately owned and I really have no problem with the persons not wanting cars on their property. However, the situation is so bad now that one has to think twice before attempting a trip to the cays.

It is time the powers that be do something about this situation, even if the solution means that a fee must be paid. Another solution would be for the public buses to make trips to the Crossing Beach at least twice a day. That means that residents could

park their cars somewhere where there is parking and take the bus to and from the ferry dock.

Another solution I have heard is to move the ferry dock. Where it would move to I do not know but some feel more parking would be available if the dock was moved. However, persons have to remember that the ferry company owns the ferry dock.

However, a solution to parking needs to be found. I know I wanted to take a day trip last week and did not go because there was no place to park my car. I intend to take a taxi when I want to take a day trip again. It will be expensive, but at least, I will be able to visit my friend.

The Central Abaco Council, Marsh Harbour Town Committee and whoever else, please begin to solve this problem because it is only going to get worse. After all, even though many tourists go to the cays, some of us mainland residents would also like to go occasionally.

SAVING ON BACK TO SCHOOL EXPENSES

By Portia Jonsson

What happened? Here I was, all involved in drinking iced tea on the porch and watching my children play on the swing when I started thinking about back-to-school shopping. Talk about a tailspin back to earth! I suddenly realized that it's only a few short weeks until schools open their doors again. Parents will be crowding the stores looking for glue and pencils and backpacks and notebooks and . . .

Whew! What a job that can be. You don't have to be one of that crowd, though, even if you have kids heading back to school. Every school and every class has a list of things needed for the coming year. They don't vary that much and you know the basics of what your child will need anyway. A

pencil is a pencil!

Whether getting a child ready for school is a new experience for you, or you're into your last child going to college, needs shouldn't come as surprises. Get a list together as soon as you can and carry it with you every time you shop.

It makes more sense to buy a little here and a little there when you find good prices than to run out and buy everything you need all at one time.

Being in control of your money means always being on top of every thing that comes along. Getting ready for "back to school" time is one of those things, so plan ahead and begin to work your plan. Now. Before its too late.

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Letters to the Editor

Church Building Deserves Assistance

Dear Editor,

When cruising in the vicinity of Cooper's Town, I noticed what looked like a black pyramid-shaped roof. So yesterday when I stopped in Cooper's Town to buy some bread and a pie, I walked up to investigate what it was. What a surprise! The structure under construction is a new church. The surprising part was both its size, it is huge for a community the size of Cooper's Town, and also its unusual and impressive design. The main chapel has a soaring roof several stories high supported by huge wooden beams with a tongue and groove "v" joint roof deck.

Unfortunately, construction has stopped before the roofing was installed and water has stained some of the beams and interior roof deck (i.e. ceiling). At this point the damage appears to be only cosmetic. But if allowed to continue through another rainy season, structural deterioration will most likely begin and that would be shameful, not to mention very expensive to repair.

I assume lack of funds was the reason construction was stopped. This is too important and imposing a structure to allow this damage to occur. All of the many church groups on Abaco, or in the nation, should contribute the needed money (as gifts or loans) to complete the roof. Then if it takes years to finish the church, the large initial investment already made will be protected.

I feel strongly enough about the urgency of this to pledge \$1000 towards the completion of the roof (contact information is available) and invite a local church and community leaders to contact me. I urge your readers to make the time to visit this amazing facility and do what they can to help prevent further damage to God's house.

Stanley Huddleston
Aboard *Junkanoo*

BEC Deserves Credit

Dear Editor,

Please allow me a little space in your paper.

Just about a week or so ago I tuned into Radio Abaco and heard a part of the show or topic, I suppose you would call it. It was about BEC and all its failures.

Let me say right here no matter where one may go, there will be power failures. I was in Palm Beach Lakes' Inn just a few weeks ago and the power went off. Then I went to Spanish Well the power went off.

I think the reason for a lot of power failures in these islands is because of the underwater cables being run over by boats and, of course, bad weather helps break the lines, etc. But one must realize how much growth there is on Abaco, especially in the summer months.

I personally think BEC should be commended for the service we get. I'm sure they are doing their best to keep electricity restored as soon as there is a problem.

There are so many people who criticize instead of being thankful. I remember when we did not have any electricity at all. Yes, we do have power cuts at times.

I have to say this, I've just completed a house on Dickie's Cay which I started in 2002, first of all using a jack hammer to dig a cistern, septic tank and built a 3,000 square foot house. Not one time in those two years did I plug in a tool that I did not have power. I think this is great. I think we all should give BEC a little

more credit than we do.

There is one thing that bugs me with BEC and also Batelco. That is when you go to their office pay a bill, first of all, you can't see through the glass. And second, a short stump of a man like me instead of talking or seeing through the hole on the top, I have to talk through the bottom where the money is taken.

What is the reason for this dark glass? I like to see the beautiful ladies on the inside, at least we get to see their beautiful hands and fingernails. I guess we ought to be thankful for this.

Ever time I go to one of these holes, it reminds me of two things. First, it reminds me of when I used to go crawfishing looking in the holes for them

Second, it reminds me of what one man told me. One time he was in West Palm Beach and one night he went to a show. This place had glass in front of the counter with holes in it. If you wanted to see what was inside these holes, it would cost you 50c.

So this man paid the 50c and put his head in the hole. And what you say, a clamp came about his neck and he could not pull his head back. Now there is more to this story. I leave that right there. If you want, you can figure the "rest of the story." So I ain't putting my head in no hole in a glass window whether it be BEC, Batelco or even National Insurance. NO WAY!

Now that I'm retired and have some spare time, maybe I'll be writing about the things I hear and see, if all goes well and life lasts. Trust I'm not boring you, the reader, too much.

Thanks very much,
Yours sincerely,
Samuel D. Albury

Does Not Feel Welcome

Dear Editor,

I found your addresses in the ad for RTIA in *Southwinds* June issue. I have been unable to find any information on this year's regatta and your listed web site (www.rtia.net) is not operational. What happened at the 2004 regatta? Was the regatta canceled?

In the past I have visited the Bahamas three to four times per year, usually spending \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month. I usually sailed a three- to five-month winter cruise to the Exumas/Jumentos and several short trips for races from Miami to Bimini and/or West End. I have also spent about a month on Abaco to include travel time and racing for RTIA. At the old rate of \$100 per entry, the yearly total of \$300 or \$400 was not a major financial consideration. At the new rate of \$300 per entry, three or four trips to the Bahamas could cost up to \$1,200.

More important than elevating the cost of entry to a financial concern is the issue of how the increase was handled by your



government and how it makes potential cruisers feel. I no longer feel welcomed in your islands.

I will be cruising Florida and the U.S. east coast to the Chesapeake for the foreseeable future, at least until the Bahamian government comes to its senses or is changed by the people. Depending on future circumstances, I may do one cruise to the Bahamas every three years and decide on the location (Abacos or Exumas) and

timing (summer-Abacos / RTIA or winter-Exumas) in the fall of this year for cruising in 2005.

Please place me on your email list for information about RTIA and cruising so I may be kept up to date regarding news about the Bahamas.

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Central Abaco News

Camp Abaco Provides Year Round Fun

By Portia Jonsson

When one thinks of Camp Abaco the first thing that comes to mind is its summer camp program. But Camp Abaco offers more than just summer camp.

Camp Abaco, which started in 1971, moved to its present site in 1973 and comprises 9½ acres. In the beginning there were only tents but later a cafeteria and dorms were added. Camp Abaco now operates year round including the winter months when various school groups from other islands to conduct field trips as part of their curriculum. These groups tour different locations throughout

Abaco such as Little Harbour and Treasure Cay to study plant, bird and fish life. Week-end church retreats and school picnics are staged at the Camp. In May of this year, 60 pastors and ministers from all over the islands held a retreat there.

During Hurricane Floyd in 1999 Camp Abaco lost nine buildings. It took six months to rebuild the Camp during its massive rebuilding program. It took lots of volunteer help in assisting and donations from the local community to accomplish this task.

Presently, there are three cabins for boys sleeping 22 campers each and four cabins for girls sleeping 18 campers each. A church, cafeteria, kitchen and tuck-shop are also on the premises. Camp Abaco is self

sufficient with its own generator and water supply.

When I visited the camp during the week of July 12th-17th, there were 127 campers between the ages 10-12 enjoying the week-long activities and a total of 40 volunteer staff. Bro. Bob Cornea, Director of Camp Abaco, said the staff is made up of parents, pastors' wives and lay persons from churches throughout The Bahamas and the United States. There were 21 persons who made up the ministry and counseling team from the United States. Bro. Bob informed me that not all of the campers were from Abaco but included other islands such as

Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Bimini and Long Island.

Bro. Bob advised that over the past 30 years thousands of children have passed through Camp Abaco. Since January this year, he said over 1000 boys and girls have visited the camp. He added that summer camp at Camp Abaco has a positive impact in the lives of young people.

Camp Abaco held three Youth Camps during this summer for children age 7 and up. Some of the special features during these week-long sessions included quizzes, puppet

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Camp Abaco has been working with Abaco youth for more than 20 years. Summer camps, retreats, week-end field trips and conferences use the facility, finding the atmosphere conducive to serious studies along with the beach location suitable for land and water sports. Bro. Bob Cornea has very faithfully committed his life to developing the camp to enrich the lives of our youth, both physically and spiritually.



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New Sub-Division Lots Are Selling Well

By Jennifer Hudson

Almost half the lots in Abaco's newest private sub-division have already been sold and of the 39 original lots only 16 are still available. Sunrise Bay is being developed by the Midland Holdings Company owned by Chad Sawyer and associates, who purchased the land five years ago. In 2002 the company obtained government approval for a sub-division and thus began the development of the area behind Regattas in Marsh Harbour. All home sites are for single family residences and there will be no duplexes in what will be an upscale gated community. All underground utilities are in place and fire hydrants have been installed.

Six houses are presently under construction with some only one month away from

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completion and each street is attractively signposted. The whole area is nicely wooded and several of the home sites boast spectacular sea views. The beach area is reserved for all property owners and a green space has been designated for a playground.

Sales enquiries are being handled by Bill Thompson at Abaco Real Estate.

Ticket Sales Resumed

By Isobel Sherman

Travel agencies in Abaco have begun to sell tickets for Bahamasair once again. Though the matter of the commission is still being negotiated in Nassau by Bahamas officials and officers of the Bahamas Travel Agency Association, travel agencies in

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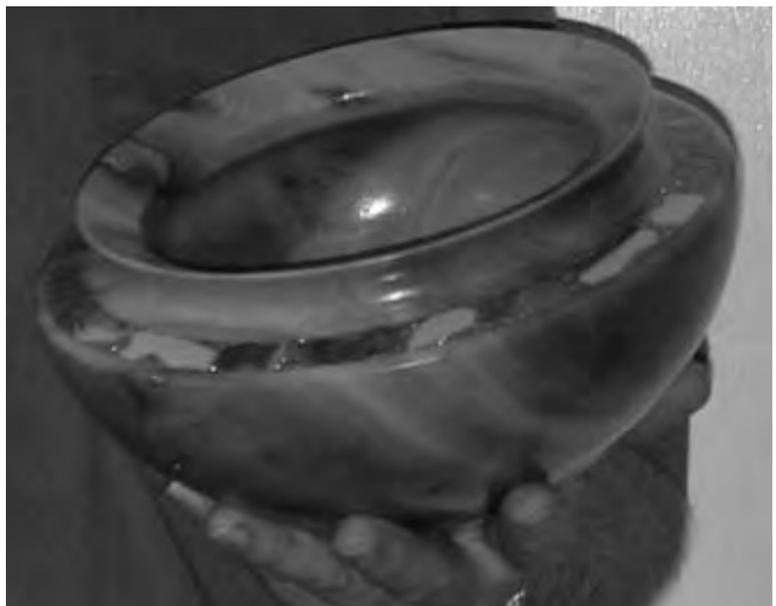


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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Oscar Enoch Archer**, 85, formerly of Green Turtle Cay, was held in Nassau and interment was in Nassau.

He is survived by his children Sidney Cambridge, Glenn Archer and Alexina Medley; grandchildren Sythela, Sidney Jr., Brandon Archer and Kristina Medley; great-grandchildren Kelli DeGregory, Simone, Nia, Sidney III and Christine Cambridge; brother Leroy Archer, daughters-in-law Thelma Cambridge and Desiree Archer; son-in-law Jerome Medley; granddaughters-in-law Denine and Mirielle Cambridge; sisters-in-law Belle, Esther and Viola Archer, Maude Heastie, Patricia, Sylvia and Joan Treco and Melanie Christie; brothers-in-law Harry and Richard Treco, Charles Christie and Nathan Johnson; nieces Brenda Sands, Delores Adderley, Beverley Mortimer, Sharon Wilson, Leria McKenzie, Hartrice, Freanzer and Vanessa Archer; nephews Keith, Godfrey, Leroy Jr., Hartley, Spencer, Brudanell, Kevin, Keith and Sheldon Archer and Dion Thompson; cousins Dorothy Roberts, Mamie Astwood, Helena Dorsette, Louis Hanchell, Rosamund Williams, Gerald, Rev. Anthony, Pedro II and Dr. Patrick Roberts, Flora Robinson, Basil Huyler and McDonald

Gooding; and many other relatives and friends.

Agnes Young, 91, passed away on July 7. She was born on Green Turtle Cay but lived most of her life on Eleuthera and later Nassau. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grand children and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Ena Mae McIntosh** Gardiner, 50, was held at Zion Baptist Church in Fox Town on July 31. Officiating was Rev. John Russell and Rev. John McIntosh. Interment was in the Fox Town Public Cemetery. Mrs. Gardiner was from Fox Town but had been residing on Grand Cay.

She is survived by her husband Gladwin "Boss" Gardiner; sons Farino Gardiner and Valdez Gardener; daughters Anisha Gardiner and Tammy Bassett; parents Rev. Merlin and Mrs. Millie McIntosh; adopted parents Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Pratt; sisters Merria Edgecombe, Judymae Russell, Louise, Tayalia and Lavanda McIntosh; daughter-in-law Lashane Gardiner; grandchildren Gladina, Latoya, Shanon and Zander Gardiner and Rocheasha Fox; aunts Mary and Mary Ellen McIntosh, Isolene Thomas, Leanza and Doris Thompson, Evelyn Russell and Minerva

Symonette; uncles Leroy Cottman, Capt. Roland, Reginald, Wilfred and Leanthe McIntosh and Elijah Mills; brothers-in-law Fred, Gerold and Peter Gardiner, Eric Cephas, Ronald Russell, Ashwell Hield, Lermon McIntosh, Gersil Edgecombe and Nat Wallace; sisters-in-law Intia and Ruthmae McIntosh, Justin Hanna, Fredrica Wallace, Maxine Cephas, Ruth Hield, Fredrica, Paula, Laura and Carrie Gardiner and Carrie Rolle; cousins Birdie, Patricia, Deloris, Joycelyn and Jeremiah McIntosh, Shana Armbrister, Netta and Lowell Russell, Eleanor Bowleg, Joan Ellis, Cecile Horton, Tony King, Lowell Russell, Rena, Zelma, Lisa, Tellis, Clifford, Herbert Jr. Ali, Willimae, Muriel, Debbie, Alice and Millie Symonette, Rita Thompson, Perry Thomas and family, Carlton Thomas and family and Howard Russell family; nieces; nephews; grandnieces; grandnephews; god brothers; godchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Helen Eleanor Louise Russell**, 94, of Crown Haven was held at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven on July 31. Father Dwight H.L. Rolle officiated. Interment was in the Crown Haven Public Cemetery.

She is survived by sons Alfred Jr. and John Russell; daughters Joyce Rolle, Agnes Curry, Mildred Thomas, Veronica Russell, Mary Albury and Myrtis Russell; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great, great-grand children and great, great, great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Anna Russell; sons-in-law Nathan Rolle, Hayward Thomas Sr, Rev. John Russell and Myer Albury Sr.; sisters-in-law Alice White and Evelyn Russell; brother-in-law Philip Russell; nieces; nephews and many other relatives and friends.

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.

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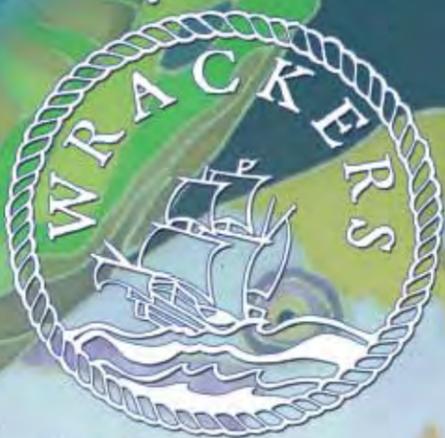
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Scouting News



Four Scouts Visited Montana

This photo shows Alex Wilmore astride a horse at the 320 Ranch in Big Sky, Montana. Four Abaco Boy Scouts were the guests of Pete and Joy Funston, who also own a home on Eastern Shores. The Scouts enjoyed white water rafting, climbing waterfalls, going to an IMAX presentation on the Lewis and Clark expedition as well as visiting the Museum of the Rocky Mountains to inspect dinosaur skeletons. Other highlights included going to Yellowstone Park to see the wildlife and Old Faithful erupting, viewing bears and wolves in a special habitat and attending the Gallatin County Fair. Also very significant was a visit to the Missoula, Montana, Smoke Jumper School which teaches fire fighters to parachute out of airplanes to fight forest fires. The boys joined with the Salmon, Idaho, 4-H group, with whom they are pen pals, for a day at the Sacagawea Center which commemorates the female Indian guide on Lewis and Clark's journey of discovery. The Scouts joined with the Scout

Troop from Salmon to hike 10 miles of the historic trail. Swimming in several rivers, eating army issue Meals Ready to Eat and hiking through two miles of caverns completed the exciting adventure. This trip was made possible through the generosity of a prominent local business family and funds the Scouts earned.

Scouts Return from U.S. Camp

By Rayallan Fredericks

On July 17th the three scouts of troop pack #4 returned from their extraordinary one-week adventure at Camp Tanah Keeta, a summer camp in Florida. They departed from Abaco on July 11th with great hopes of exciting adventures at the camp. The smiles on their faces as they arrived at the Marsh Harbour airport displayed their excitement to be home as well as the adventurous week they enjoyed at Camp Tanah Keeta.

The scouts, Burnaro Parker, Valdez Carey and Rayallan Fredericks, told how they arrived at the camp on July 11th where they were introduced to the staff. They were shown their dormitories and introduced to their roommates. Afterwards they had a short period of time to get acquainted with the area. The camp was hosting its only "venturing week" of the summer which allows scouts to be involved in exciting activities and study a one-week course of their choice.

There were 13 scouts at the camp. The three scouts from troop pack #4 quickly made friends

and this made everything a whole lot easier for them. The basic schedule of the venturing week is: waking up at 6 a.m., exercising, assembly, eating breakfast, studying chosen course, assembly, eating lunch, studying chosen course, free time, assembly, eating dinner, group activity, free time, cracker barrel, free time and lights out.

The campers had to wake up at 6 a.m., shower and get ready for the day. If the campers didn't wake up, they had to do push-ups or their bed would be carried outside so there would be nowhere for them to sleep. Afterwards, everyone had to exercise. Most of the persons got tired and wanted to go right back to bed. Next, came assembly, where everyone queued up and campers who had signed up to raise the flags had to march and perform the respected duty of raising the flag of the U.S., Tanah Keeta's flag and the Scout Association's flag. The breakfast would then be blessed, and everyone would then head to the dining hall to eat.

Following a short digestion period everyone would go to his assigned area for the course

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that they had chosen. The courses to be chosen were Coping (working as a team to deal with obstacles) and Climbing (climbing a wall and repelling) or Lifeguarding (learning first aid and how to do rescues).

Two of the three scouts, Burnaro Parker and Valdez Carey, chose coping and climbing while Rayallan Fredericks chose to do lifeguarding. Both of the courses were educational, adventurous and hard work. In coping and climbing, activities included about 10 persons balancing on a small piece of log, playing outdoor tag games, going through a man-made spider web without making it snap and climbing and repelling the wall.

In the Life Guarding the campers had to swim two laps in a Junior Olympic Pool, learn rescues, learn first aid, row canoes and row-boat, snorkel, do three hours of practice life guarding. At the end of the week they took a test that evaluated their skills and showed if they are ready to be life guards.

Lunch would then be eaten and everyone would get back to his or her courses. There

was free time where the campers can do whatever they wanted. After that they would assemble and other volunteers would march and the flags would then be taken down. The dinner would be blessed and everyone would go to eat.

Next, comes the time when everyone can participate in the group activity. These activities included basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, hiking and watching a movie. The Scouts from Abaco carried the Bahamas name with respect. They were known as The Bahama Guys and they got their title when they won the basketball competition. They also won the volleyball competition and placed third in the dodge ball competition. The campers had to hike for four miles or watch a movie entitled *Cool Runnings*.

There would then be a free time where you can do as you please. There would be a period of time where everyone would go to the dining hall for ice cream and other varieties of dessert and so called junk food. After their junk food enjoyment the campers would depart to their dorms where the campers would assemble on one porch and tell jokes, play games, converse with each other

and do as much fun things together before the Colonel comes and say lights out. Everyone had to go to his or her dorms and turn lights out ready for bed.

On the last day of camp there was a Triathlon. Anyone could have participated however only six persons entered. Participants had to swim eight laps (1/4 mile), run 1/2 mile and bicycle 1/2 mile. One scout from the Bahamas placed third. Also there was an award ceremony to honor the achievements of the campers. There was a badge for participation in activities, a badge for participation in raising and taking down the flags. Scout belts were presented to first,

second and third place in the Triathlon. For the Coping and Climbing course the persons got belts with their position engraved on them. The life guarding candidates got their cards that proved that they are qualified and trained by a professional. They also receive a BSA badge. Later the Scouts said goodbye to their friend, tears were shed and everyone was sad to see their just-made friends leave. The Scouts from the Bahamas brought back memories that would last a lifetime. They had a great time, even better than they anticipated and hope that in the future they will have other opportunities to go to different and adventurous places.

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DNA Project Will Support Family History

By Peter J. Roberts

The Bahamas DNA Project was launched in June to support genealogy research. The administrator, Peter J. Roberts, a Bahamian with heritage in Marsh Harbour, invites others with Bahamian ancestry to join. Potential participants qualify for this project if they are male and their father's, father's, father's direct line is from the Bahamas, or if they are male or female and their mother's, mother's, mother's line is from the Bahamas.

Early results of the project show that sharing the same surname is not a guarantee of relatedness. Peter's family from Marsh Harbour enjoys a legend that his great-great grandfather and two brothers sailed from Belfast and shipwrecked on Abaco. Despite this tale, Peter continued to believe that all the Roberts families in the Bahamas shared a common ancestry back to about 1720. When Peter compared test results with another Roberts from Key West whose ancestry is from Harbour Island via Green Turtle Cay, they found they were unrelated. It turns out Peter's closest matches to date have Belfast or Scottish heritage.

Participation in this project offers additional benefits. It can help identify an unknown ancestor, such as Wyannie Malone's husband.

A Bit of History - Emancipation Day

By Isobel Sherman

Emancipation Day is celebrated the first Monday in August. It commemorates the date in 1834 when England freed all slaves throughout their dominion. However, it took one week for the news to reach Fox Hill, which was where many of the slaves resided in New Providence. Fox Hill is approximately five miles from downtown Nassau. The community is proud of its heritage and each year they have a celebration which begins on August Monday and continues through the second Tuesday of every August because the news of freedom took one week to reach Fox Hill.

On Fox Hill Day they have a huge celebration. The high point is the competition where persons attempt to climb a utility pole that has been greased. If they reach the top, they can claim the money on the top of the pole. It attracts thousands from throughout New Providence.

August Monday is the last holiday before school begins and is a popular day for the beach. The next public holiday is Discovery Day in October.

His male Malone descendants carry his Y-chromosome signature, which passes virtually unchanged from father to son. A match between two of his distant male Malone descendants will reveal his signature or haplotype. If his haplotype is a close match with other Malones with ancestry in South Carolina, then researchers would discover the family line that Wyannie married into.

Y-chromosome testing can confirm traditional genealogy. For example, an 18th Century Abaconian, Gideon Lowe, is believed to have had two sons, Benjamin and Matthew. If tests of a male Lowe who descends from Benjamin and another who descends from Matthew provide a close match, then we would know this genealogy was correct and that there had not been a non-paternity event in those lines. This is a significant result since about three to six percent of people do not have the father they believe is their father. Any other Lowe who tests and is a close match to Gideon's markers would confirm that he belongs to this same male line.

This project can also identify or provide clues of early ancestral origin. To date, Celtic and Anglo-Saxon haplotypes have been identified for participants. Additional results may divulge other European ethnic groups such as Norse Viking or African groups such as Yoruba, Hausa, or Kongo.

When applicable, the project will also test a participant's direct female line through mtDNA, which passes virtually unchanged from a mother to her children. This test is less useful for genealogy purposes because mtDNA rarely changes. A perfect match with someone outside the project could indicate a common female ancestor within a couple hundred years or several thousand years ago. Because the match is with some-

one who shares a maternal ancestry in the Bahamas, however, there is a strong likelihood that the woman lived at some time since its settlement in the 1600's. The challenge lies in learning who that ancestor was because of the patrilineal changing of women's surnames with each generation.

Although discovering a match with another surname may be a worry for some participants, they need not be concerned about their privacy. The small portion of the Y-chromosome under analysis contains no genes that relate to medical issues or that will be of interest to insurance companies. Likewise, the area of the mtDNA that is tested does not provide enough information from which to draw any conclusions regarding medical issues. The portion of the DNA tested provides a distinctive signature for a lineage rather than for an individual, so there is no risk of the data being applied as an identity test for forensic purposes. Participants will also remain anonymous on the project Web site; however, to further genealogical research, they are requested to identify their earliest known ancestor in the Bahamas as well as that ancestor's descendants who have passed away.

Collecting a DNA sample requires only a simple mouth swab; no blood or pain is involved. The cost of the male-line Y-chromosome test is US\$169 and the female-line mtDNA test is US\$239. Since close relatives should receive the same test results, they may choose to share the cost to test one family member. This is a non-profit project and provides no financial benefit to anyone other than the testing company. Googling for "Bahamas DNA" will provide a link to the Bahamas DNA Project. It can be reached directly at <http://home.comcast.net/~libpjr1/bahamasdna.html>. Additional information is available from Peter J. Roberts at peterebay@yahoo.com.

Many of our early vital records for the Bahamas are incomplete or lacking altogether. DNA testing is one tool that can close those gaps and support genealogical research. In most cases testing will provide much needed confirmation and reinforcement of what we already know about the history of Bahamians. Having personal evidence of how your family line fits into our rich history can prove inspirational and quite rewarding.

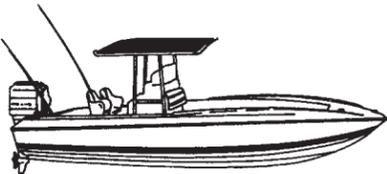


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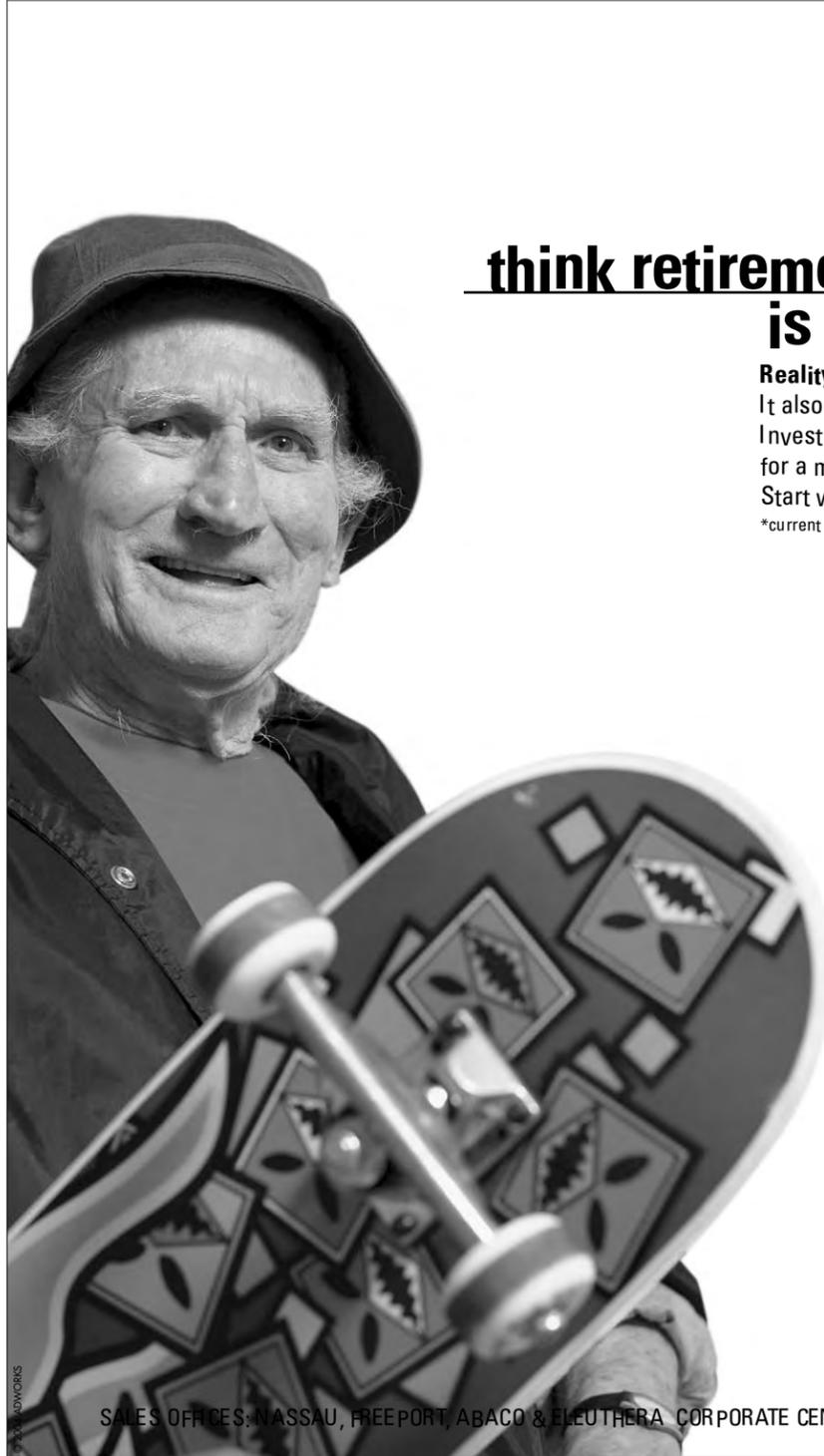
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Bahamian Cultural Expedition Will Perform in Rhode Island

Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, Stone McEwan, Colours Junkanoo Organization, limbo dancer Ivas Davis known on stage as

"Brachie," Ms. Daphane Brown, a young and talented singer from Abaco and members from the group Ambassah from Nassau will

perform in Newport, Rhode Island, on August 7. The venue for their performances is at one of the homes of Mr. Peter de Savary, the founder and chairman of The Abaco Club on Winding Bay. He is financing the expedition of Bahamian culture with the hope that it will entice those in attendance and others who have never visited the Bahamas to do so.

In attendance will be the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie, the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Financial Services and Investments, the Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson, and residents of Rhode Island.

The event is a fund raiser for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, an organization that is dedicated to the protection of the estuary and the restoration of Chesapeake Bay. This is the second ball to be held. At the previous event \$50,000 was raised. The targeted amount to be raised this year is \$500,000. At \$500 a seat, along with an auction of very high priced items, one can assume that the projected amount of funds will be raised.

The contingent of about 120 talented Ba-

hamians is scheduled to depart from Nassau on August 7, returning August 8, guaranteeing all in attendance a delightful and entertaining Bahamian night on Rhode Island.

To further enhance the Bahamian-themed night, there will be many delicious Bahamian dishes for all to sample that will surely excite and stimulate their pallets, prepared by Mr. Terrell Russell, a local chef from Marsh Harbour. The Abaco Ministry of Tourism office will be represented by its administrative executive, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson. To top off a fine meal, those who smoke will have the opportunity to experience one of the best cigars in the world, rolled at the event by world famous Graycliff Cigar Company cigar rollers in Nassau.

Stone McEwan, who is a part of the Winding Bay family, together with Mr. Mark Scott, the Project Director for Winding Bay, are the Bahamian organizers in The Bahamas for this event. Stone said that it is quite a challenge organizing the movement of so many people, and he is looking forward to exhibiting the enormous wealth of talent associated with the groups.



Several Abaconians will be in the group of entertainers who will perform in Rhode Island at a benefit social event at the home of Mr. Peter de Savary. The funds raised will benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Shown above are Stone McEwan, entertainer and organizer; Daphane Brown, singer; Mark Scott, project director and organizer; Wynsome Ferguson, Tourism representative and Terrell Russell, local chef.

Legislation May End Wrecks Being Imported

By Isobel Sherman

The Bahamas government is looking to stop the importation of wrecked cars. These cars cannot be repaired or rebuilt in the US but are sold for importation to other countries. These cars are repaired by persons here and sold.

At the moment legislation is being drafted to make this practice illegal. The objective

of the legislation is to safeguard the Bahamian consumer by not allowing these wrecks to be rebuilt and sold in the country.

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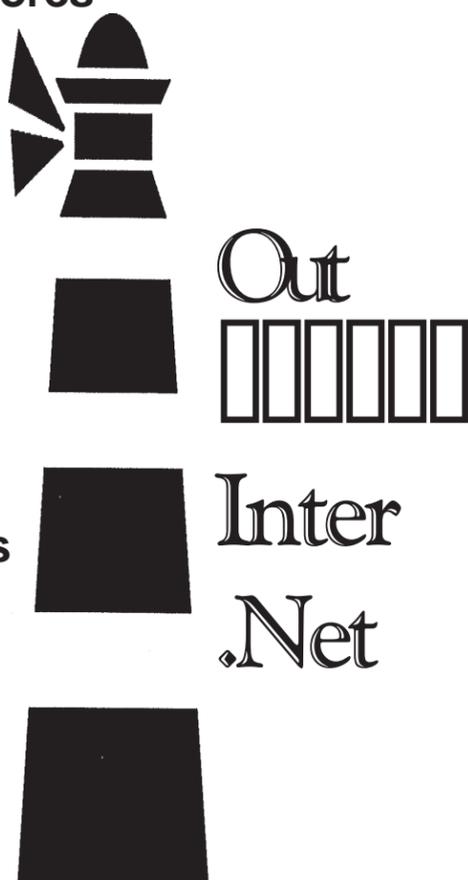
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School News

Ministry of Education Held Summer School

By Jennifer Hudson

Last year the Ministry of Education implemented the Extended Learning Programme on Abaco at the Central Abaco Primary School. This programme was designed to provide additional help for students who were struggling to keep up during the school year and who had ended the year somewhat below the standard for their grade. Parents were approached and offered the opportunity of free help for their children and were pleased at this chance for their children to "catch up" before entering next grade. The programme began last year for grade five students only but this year it has been extended to include students of grade three.

During the month of July 38 students from grade three and 25 from grade five attended classes from 9 to 12 o'clock each day to receive instruction in reading and mathematics. The grade five students also had an additional grammar class.

The teachers tutoring the students for grade three were Ms. Chervon Mackey, mathematics, and Mrs. Navidea Mills, reading, and for grade five were Mrs. Diane Williams, grammar, Mrs. Kayla Wallace, reading and Mrs. Delicia Morris, mathematics.

The teachers were very positive in their comments regarding this new programme saying that this extra time working with the students in smaller groups had enabled them to give the more personalized instruction needed in order for the students to cope at their grade level next year and they had noted significant improvements.

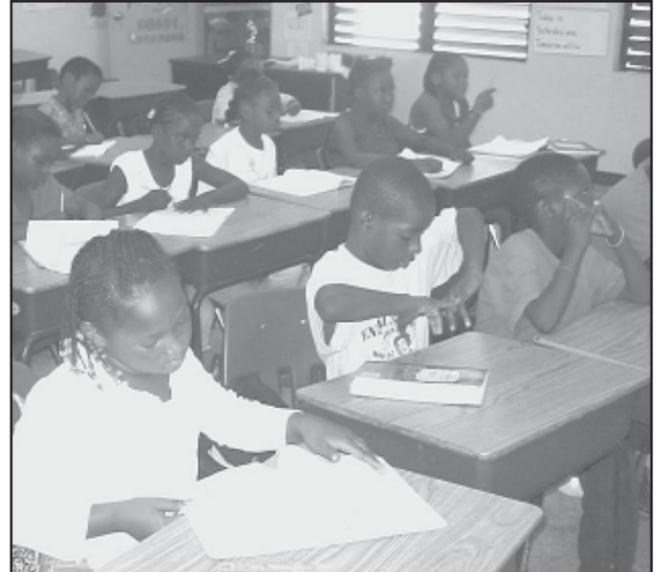
Reminder

By Isobel Sherman

This is a reminder to college students and parents that Bahamasair has special college student airfares to West Palm Beach from Marsh Harbour. College fares are also available on Bahamasair flights from Nassau and Freeport. Students need to produce a valid student ID from their college and university.



Fifth grade students received remedial instruction at the Resource Center in Marsh Harbour. The government is seeking ways of assisting students who are at risk of failing to achieve normal academic levels. This is the second year that the students of Central Abaco Primary School have been offered this program.

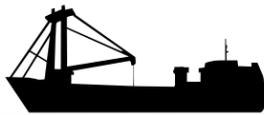


This year for the first time on Abaco third grade at risk students were asked to attend a summer session to have additional work in reading and math. Teachers were pleased with the results.

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Town Meeting Explains NGO Draft Legislation

By Jennifer Hudson

A Town Meeting held in the Marsh Harbour Court House on July 26 to discuss the proposed Non-Governmental Organizations Act was, unfortunately, poorly attended. Almost all of the people present were representatives of an environmental organization, but other civic groups were conspicuous by their absence. This was a pity as the purpose of the meeting was to advise ALL Non Government Organizations of new proposed legislation which could be of immense benefit to all.

The facilitators of this meeting are hoping that at the follow-up meeting representatives of the Pilot Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis and other groups such as Scouts, youth groups, women's groups, and business organizations will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about accessing financial benefits and government concessions that may be available for their groups.

The proposed legislation will provide a procedure for non-governmental groups to be identified, legitimized and operated within accepted guidelines. This can be of benefit to the organizations as it will open the way for some to qualify for consultative and financial resources both from the government and from outside organizations. However, it was pointed out that this will be on a voluntary basis.

The meeting, which was chaired by Island Administrator, Mr. Alexander Williams, was facilitated by members of the BEST (Bahamas Environment Science and Technology) Commission. Presentations were made by Ms. Rochelle Newbold with BEST in Nassau and Mr. Gordon Bispham from the United Nations in New York. Non Governmental Organizations in small countries are faced with the challenge of finding funding and resources. One of the ways in which this new legislation provides for NGO's is in identifying candidates for international funding. It will assist in regulating operations of NGO's, specifying minimum standards for NGO's and identifying candidates as representatives at international meetings. It will enable the NGO's to have access to more information.

All private sector groups wishing to register with the United Nations must be recognized by the Bahamian government as an NGO's. The UN recognizes nine major groups: NGO's, women's groups, youth or-

ganizations, trade unions, business organizations, local governments, indigenous people, science and technology and academia. Gordon Bispham added that he would like to see these additional groups recognized: disabled, aging, education and media.

A definition of an NGO is that it must:

- Have aims and mandates
- Be a non-profit organization or charity
- Be mostly voluntary
- Have aims and purposes which lead to the well being of society.

The ultimate gain to NGO's is that they will be able to form partnerships in the delivery of services or accepting grants. They would be in a position to receive direct grants from government and foreign sources to receive tax exemptions and/or incentive packages. They would have access to a pool of resources. The Bahamas is one of the last Caribbean countries to put this type of legislation in place.

The team stressed that organizations do not have to register as an NGO's but they would receive great benefits by doing so. Groups are entitled to remain as they are. A copy of the proposed draft has been posted on the BEST Commission website and may be accessed at www.best.bs and then clicking on Draft Legislation. The deadline for submitting comments and proposals is September 30th, 2004, when the recommendations received will be taken to the government



The group from Nassau explaining the proposed legislation about NGO's is shown above. They are Ms. Quant, technical advisor; Mr. Gordon Bispham from the United Nations, Ms. Rochelle Newbold with the BEST Commission and Mr. Alexander Williams, Sr. Administrator.

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Fish Poisoning Is Increasing Risk

Fish poisoning is a risk of eating certain reef fish. One of the fish most commonly associated with ciguatera fish poisoning is the barracuda. It is described by many as the sweetest fish to eat, but lurking in its body are toxins that are sending a number of Bahamians to hospitals or clinics throughout the country. The barracuda, a fish more feared than the shark in the water, is just as scary out of the water as it accounts for over 76 percent of the ciguatera fish poisonings in The Bahamas.

According to Department of Public Health, there is an increase in the incidence of ciguatera poisoning. "In a normal week we see just under four cases per week," said Dr. Mohammed Imana, epidemiologist. "Now we are starting to see a gradual increase of seven to twelve cases in one week."

Dr. Imana says the increase started in June. "At this time of year we realize that a lot of people consume different types of fish, especially barracuda and we know that barracuda is implicated in ciguatera poisoning. Since there is no treatment for ciguatera poisoning, the only solution is prevention and the only way you can prevent it is not to eat the barracuda and to avoid eating big fish," he says. Tourists especially, says Dr. Imana, should know what they are buying and should ask what kind of fish they are being served.

Ciguatera fish poisoning, says Dr. Imana, arises from consumption of any of the 400 species of tropical marine reef fish containing "poleyther toxins."

"The 'at risk' fish," he said, "include barracuda, moray eels, red snapper, amber jack, surgeon fish and sea bass. Its epidemiology is complex and it is impossible to predict an outbreak."

"Ciguatoxins," said Dr. Imana, "are stored in the guts of fish that have eaten the a parasitic organism on the coral rocks. Small fish feed on the algae, and, in keeping with the food chain, small fish are eaten by larger fish which are eaten by even larger fish. Larger fish like the Barracuda are in turn caught and eaten by humans."

"Ciguatoxin which accumulates through the food chain is not affected by cooking," he says. "Therefore, when a ciguateric fish is consumed it will produce gastrointestinal and neurological symptoms."

A person with ciguatera poisoning may have

neurological, musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal and/or psychological symptoms. "Neurological symptoms are the most distressing," says Dr. Imana. "They usually are varied and can last several months. They include tingling sensations or pins and needles in hands and feet, dizziness and faintness, headaches, dental pain (teeth feeling loose), a metallic taste in the mouth, and hot/cold temperature reversal." Psychological symptoms may include depression. Other symptoms may include pain in the muscle, muscle weakness and difficulty with walking.

While persons with neurological and psychological symptoms may take up to several months to feel better, Dr. Imana says that gastrointestinal symptoms may last only a few days.

"Gastrointestinal symptoms may include abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Physical findings are related to dehydration from gastrointestinal losses. Signs of shock may be present," he says. Dr. Imana says ciguatera fish poisoning occurs mostly among men.

"Ciguatera fish," he cautions, "look taste and smell normal and detection of toxins in fish remains a problem," he said. "The only means of avoiding the toxins is to avoid any fish that may contain the ciguatoxins, such as barracuda, amber jack, rock fish and other big fish, as the larger the fish the more likely they are to carry ciguatera."

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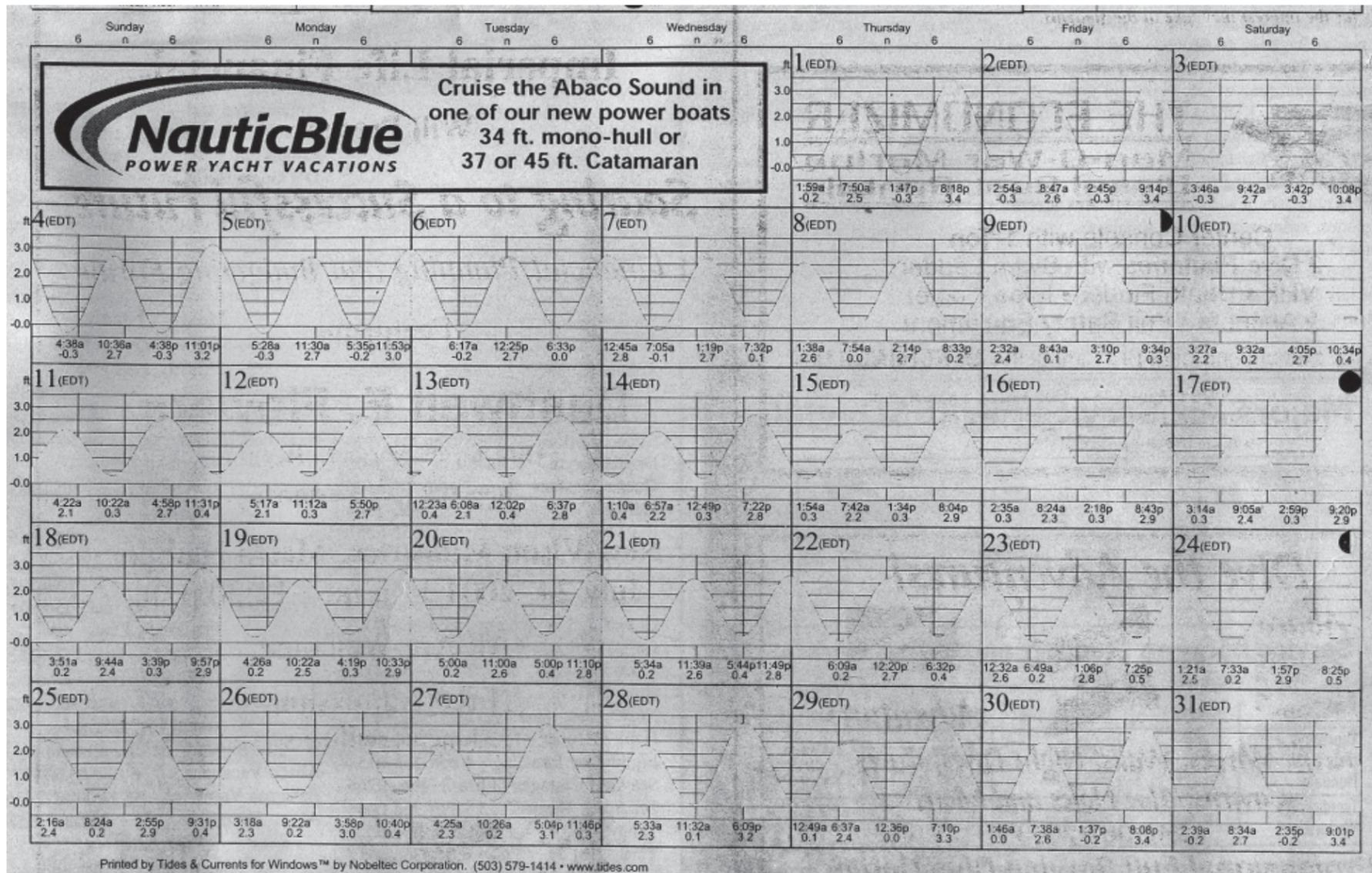
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Club News

Local Pilot Club Members Attend International Convention

Mr. Craig P. Cornish, President, Donnaree Cornish, Project Director, and Mrs. Veronica Nairn, members of the Pilot Club of Central Abaco, joined more than 1,200 Pilot members from all over the world at the Pilot International Annual Convention, held in Jacksonville, Florida, July 14-17, 2004.

In addition to business meetings and workshops, convention attendees took part in the "PIF Walk," a fund raising event held to increase awareness of brain injury and brain injury prevention. The walk was held along the St. Johns River. Proceeds from this event, a golf outing and a silent auction went to support the work of Pilot International Foundation in

the areas of brain related research and education.

Convention attendees also took part in a banquet and installation of Pilot International offices for 2004-2005. Members of Anchor Clubs, the youth divisions of Pilot International, took part in an onsite service project during the convention, collecting hundreds of books and stuffed animals for patients in a Jacksonville Children's Hospital.

Founded in 1921, Pilot International is a human service organization of volunteers working together to improve the quality of life in communities throughout the world. The organization's service focus is helping persons with brain-related

disorders and disabilities through education, volunteering and financial support. The Pilot International Foundation awards thousands of dollars annually in grants and scholarships to further education, research and programs that benefits those affected by neurological diseases and injuries to the brain.

To learn more about the Pilot Club of Central Abaco contact President Craig Cornish at P.O. Box AB 20778, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

Central

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Abaco resumed selling tickets on Monday July 19. During the approximate two weeks when travel agencies in Abaco did not sell Bahamasair tickets extra strain was put on Bahamasair agents at the airport.

RND Is Still Open

By Isobel Sherman

According to RND Cinemas Abaco, William Newbold, RND Cinema will remain open until at least August 11, 2004. Originally RND was slated to close the end of May and then the date was moved to July 28 and now it is August 11. Maybe there is still chance for the complex to remain open even if only on weekends.

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The President of Pilot Club of Central Abaco, Mr. Craig P. Cornish, is pictured with the 2004-2005 President of Pilot International, Maryann Filsoa-Frazer. Three members of the local club attended the Pilot International annual convention. Mr. Cornish is the first male president of any of the Pilot Clubs in The Bahamas.



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Goombay Entertains Once Again

This Summer Festival Is Popular with Visitors and Residents

By Jennifer Hudson

Goombay Park was "hopping" once again on the last Friday in July as people gathered to "groove the night away" during the third fun-filled evening of the Abaco Goombay Summer Festival. Visitors and Abaconians alike were in festive mood as they enjoyed the exciting programme of events, the various booths, such as hair braiding, straw work and kiddie's corner and the ever copious supplies of Bahamian food. This is an event for both young and old and the children present were obviously enjoying glowing in the dark as they delighted in their purchases of "glow jewellery" and sported their prettily decorated faces adorned by the face painter.

Tourists happily took advantage of the opportunities to win some of the popular Ministry of Tourism's gift bags by showing off their flexibility and dance skills in the limbo and merengue dance competitions, and demonstrating their knowledge of Abaco in the Trivia Quiz. Ring Play Time, Jump In Dance and a Conga Line gave the visitors another chance "to let their hair down." Shelly Austin, in her own inimitable style, did a wonderful job as M.C. for the evening.

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Each summer the Ministry of Tourism sponsors Goombay Festival, a series of entertaining parties which showcase Bahamian culture. The events feature Bahamian dancing, music and food at its best. On July 30 Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour swayed to the music of the Royal Bahamas Police Band, the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group, the New Wave Dancers and the Police Pop Band. Shown at right is a Junior Junkanoo participant.

Crawfishing Industry Feels Threatened

By Stephanie Humblestone

Torrential rain did not deter Abaco's fishermen from taking off at the crack of dawn on August 1st for the first day of the crawfish season at the end of which there were comments like "average" and "up to par."

What upset many was not the bad weather

or the increased price of gas but the number of rental boats and large tourist vessels combing the seas for traps set by Abaconians. "It is absolutely unfair," said one local who qualified that he was not

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Parrot Study Is Concluding



gered Abaco parrot and monitoring the survival rate of the female and juvenile birds. The Ministry of Agriculture together with Friends of the Environment enlisted her help to carry out a parrot research program on Abaco in an effort to study the parrots, their population size, habitat and food preferences.

The endangered Abaco parrot, which has the scientific name of *Amazona leucocephala bahamensis* (the white-headed Amazon parrot from the Bahamas), lives in the pine forest of South Abaco. Once abundant, it was found on most of the Bahama Islands but habitat destruction, capture of pets and hunting reduced its numbers. Similar problems plague other parrots in the West Indies and today the once common Abaco parrot is rare.

Last month Ms. Stahala discussed with me some of her findings, her recommendations and the outlook for the future of these birds. With regard to her ecological study of the Abaco parrot, Ms. Stahala said that the most significant finding was the movement of the birds out the Bahamas National Park during their non-breeding season (which is about 2/3 of the year) into unprotected coppice areas. Ms. Stahala is concerned that the Abaco National Park is not large enough and recommends the need to look at expanding

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The Abaconian Is Recognized



A two-day conference was held in Nassau on July 27-28 to encourage media to emphasize to the public the need for conservation and preservation of the environment. The conference was sponsored by the Ministry of Education, the BEST Commission and the Bahamas National Trust and was funded

by UNESCO. The Abaconian was recognized for its coverage of environmental topics and issues. David Ralph, publisher of this paper, is shown accepting an award from Dr. Davidson Hepburn, Bahamas' representative to UNESCO. Photo by Dereck Smith

The brightly colored Abaco parrot is unique in several ways and also very vulnerable. It is on the endangered species list and efforts are being made to protect the birds. A study is now being completed which will indicate the present status of the parrots. They are found in the pinelands and coppice of South Abaco but their range is much greater than previously thought.

By Portia Sherman

For the past year and a half Ms. Caroline Stahala, a student of the North Carolina State University, has been on the island conducting radio tracking of the endan-

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Ronnie Butler Draws Large Crowd

By Stephanie Humblestone

In what could only be described as an idyllic setting, Bahamian legend Ronnie Butler serenaded close to 200 guests under the stars on the terrace of the Abaco Inn on Elbow Cay on July 17.

Swaying to the music and gyrating his hips, the veteran entertainer, who has been thrilling the Bahamian public for five decades, clearly demonstrated that *Age Ain't Nothing but a Number*.

The "talk of the town" for weeks leading up to Butler's performance, many came from mainland Abaco as well as the surrounding cays to enjoy an uplifting hour of "down-home" classics by the musician who has been hailed as "a Bahamian cultural icon."

"We had a quality crowd," said Richard Cook, General Manager of the upscale Abaco Inn whose terraced patios and decks overlook both the Sea of Abaco and the Atlantic Ocean. "And we warmed up the audience with some old Eddie Minnis favorites," added Wilma Kemp, Special Events Coordinator. With the help of local DJs Christopher Lightbourne

and Patrick Cash of *Rock Around the Clock*, the audience was "buzzing" by the time Ronnie Butler took the stage.

"At 9.15 p.m. Ronnie Butler performed non-stop for one hour and the audience could not get enough of him. This is the second year running we have been fortunate to have him at the Abaco Inn and we hope it will be an annual event," added Mr. Cook.

Smiling out at the audience and responding to requests, Mr. Butler attracted a large number of guests to the dance floor with catchy greats like *Bahama Rock*, *Look Wha Ya Do* and *Goin Back to the Islands*.

From the early 50s Ronnie Butler has performed in such Nassau "hot spots" as The Rum Keg, Trade Winds and Ronnie Rebel Room. His career began by playing the maracas with a neighbourhood Nassau group. Later he joined Alexander's Trio and then went on to perform with the renowned King Eric and His Knights and subsequently, he formed his own group, Ronnie and the Ramblers.

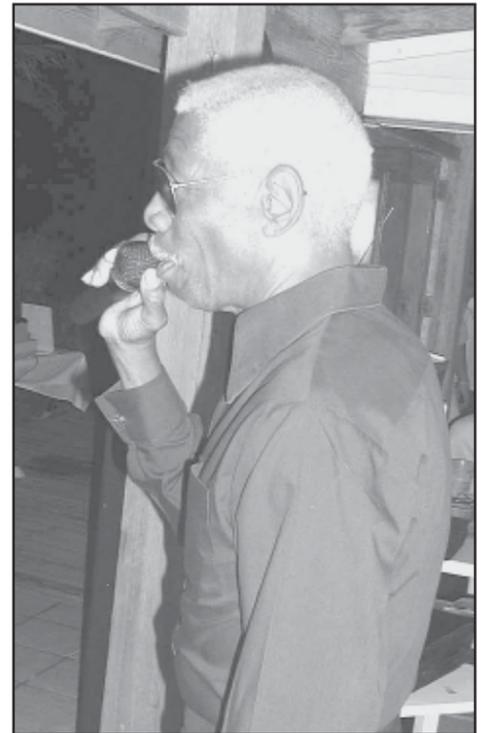
His music is timeless, the lyrics reflect-

ing all aspects of Bahamian life and culture, and he is enjoyed by audiences of all ages. This was never more apparent than at the Inn where young and not so young clapped, sang along with him and vied for space on the dance floor.

After the performance Mr. Butler, in characteristic relaxed manner, mingled with the crowd and renewed old acquaintances who, like him, went a long way back in time.

From humble origins Mr. Butler began by playing the maracas with a neighbourhood Nassau group. He has become not only one of the premiere entertainers in the Bahamas but he has also been applauded internationally with such songs as *Goin' Down Burma Road* which recounts the hardships endured during the rush-out labourers strike of the 1940s.

Ronnie Butler has received many awards over the years; he was acknowledged as one of the top five vocalists in The Bahamas by the Bahamas Guild of Artists' Association, and earlier this year he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 8th Annual Cacique Awards held in Nassau.



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Parrots Are Endangered

Goombay

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The ever popular world famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Band entertained the crowds with its colourful display of lively music and intricate marching drills, complete with its dancing policeman who is always a crowd pleaser. Later in the evening, when party mode was in full swing, the Police Pop Band provided more spirited music for some energetic dancing.

The very talented New Wave Dancers from Freeport gave an excellent performance and invited visitor participation. Four handsome young male visitors were invited to join the fire dancer on stage. They were terrific sports, performing all kinds of gyrations as instructed and the one deemed "the most impressive" was presented with a souvenir Goombay T shirt.

The large colourfully fringed and feathered head pieces and exciting sounds of the cowbells and goat skin drums made the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group a favourite with the crowd. Visitors mingled amongst the group moving to the beat and even some of the older generation were in there "shaking a leg." The Junkanoo beat was in full swing as this wonderful evening came to a close.

Many of the tourists present were return visitors who say that they come to Abaco time and time again because they enjoy it so much and they always come to Goombay as it is so much fun.

There will be two more opportunities to enjoy Goombay this summer, August 13th and 27th so come along and join the fun.

Parrots

From Page 1

the park. The best way to physically increase the size of the park would be to include more coppice area. In addition to adding on, she recommends having satellite areas throughout Southern Abaco. Only then will it become a conservation unit.

The parrot research program is still in the process of looking at the predator situation and environmentally acceptable methods to control it. Presently the predation rate is about 5 percent which is relatively low.

Caroline will be traveling to Inagua next summer to study the genetics and breeding of the birds down there. She advised that the breeding habits of the birds there are much different from those here in Abaco. Once all this information from both islands is collected, the Bahamas National Trust, Bahamian government and other interested groups can make decisions based on translocation. The big picture is to create a third population.

There are an estimated 1600 parrots and Ms. Stahala hopes this can continue. For right now, she says they are threatened and this should be of concern. The parrots need to be monitored. She advised that the population of the Puerto Rico parrot is just around 40 and the United States is conducting a re-introductory program there. She urges Bahamians to learn from this.

She believes everyone should go down to see these beautiful birds for themselves. She added that every Abaconian should be proud of this native treasure, which is the only Amazon parrot that nests on the ground.

Caroline will be leaving Abaco the beginning of August to return to university. She will analyze all the information gathered here and put it into useable form. Initially, it will be published in the Science Publication, then passed to the National Trust and Friends of the Environment. Caroline would like to revisit Abaco to make a presentation to the people so everyone will know her findings.

During her year and a half stay here Caroline found everyone friendly and has formed many friendships with people from the cays to Sandy Point. Besides studying the parrots, she conducted field trips and made numerous presentations to local school children educating them on the Abaco parrot.

Bahamians and visitors alike must continue to be educated about the parrots, their rarity and predators. Most residents of Abaco are now aware of the problems faced by the Abaco parrot. But creative-minded people are still needed to come up with solutions for the problems these beautiful birds face.

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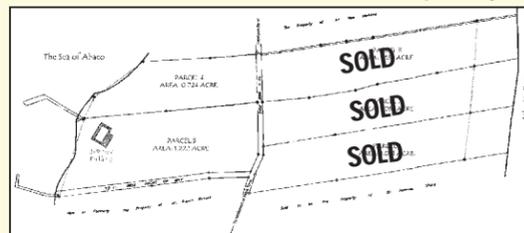
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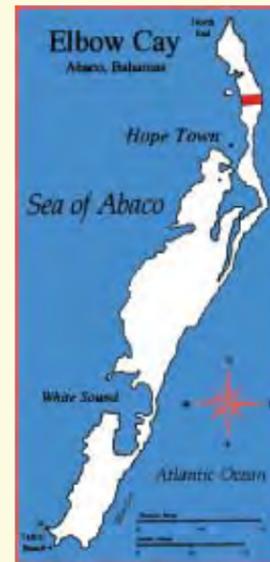
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Abaconians Attend Media Conference

By Candace Key

Mr. Dave Ralph, Editor of *The Abaconian*, Mr. Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco, Mrs. Candace Key, Principal of the Hope Town School and student Katie Joseph were all invited to attend a workshop titled *Building Community Media Capacity for Environmental Stewardship* which was held in Nassau. Attending the conference were many media houses, educators, environ-

mentalists, representatives of non-governmental organizations, students from the College of The Bahamas and two students working on UNESCO projects.

The two-day confab was sponsored by the Ministry of Education, the BEST Commission, the Bahamas National Trust and Bahamas Information Service. Funding for the educational program was provided through UNESCO.

The purpose of the gathering was to demonstrate the importance of informing and educating the general populace about the importance of the conservation, preservation and restoration of our environment. Observing the state of the environment should be everyone's interest as a healthy environment should be a societal issue. The environment is the very core of our survival. Stewardship of the environment involves all strata and ages of our society.

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Alfred Sears, spoke on the role of the media as being teachers in the business of education. He stated that once we change the consciousness of how important the preservation and restoration of the environment is,

what we tolerated before will not be permitted. The Minister shared his feelings that the environment is part of our fundamental rights, and it should be a fundamental offense to degrade it. He felt seminars such as this one increase awareness of how the protection of the environment should be a basic human policy. Our challenge, he said, is to integrate environmental policy into all agencies.

He commended Mrs. Beverly Taylor of the Ministry of Education on the creation of the Bahamas Environmental Educational Project that educates students to effect intelligent change. Students should be made aware of the environmental importance so that they

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Katie Joseph from Hope Town proudly displays the certificate she received at a recent workshop promoting environmental issues with media personnel. She is explaining the display submitted by the Hope Town School to Mrs. Jocelyne Josiah, UNESCO's media advisor.

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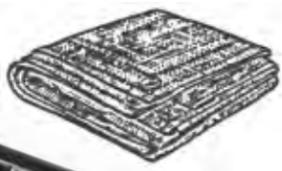
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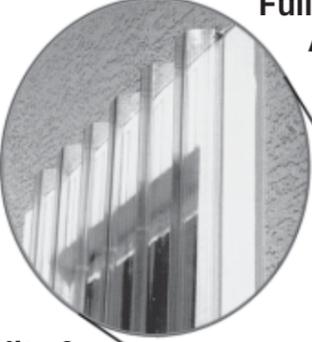


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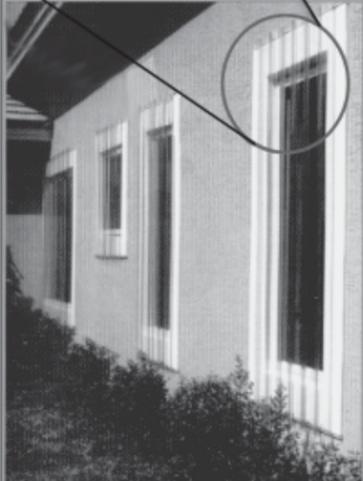
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may assume a confident attitude to take action in the protection of the environment. He noted that 60 percent of world productivity is attributed to science and technology; we must put more emphasis on this area of our education. The size of a country does not matter in this respect.

Throughout the two days the fact that much of our education is obtained through journalists and how valuable they are in presenting environmental issues. They can raise our awareness and consciousness by their reporting. Their classroom is an entire nation. The role of photo journalists was stressed as they often are able to tell a story more eloquently.

It was exciting for Dave Ralph of *The Abaconian* and Candace Key to be given crystal awards for their environmental reporting and activities. But even more importantly for people who realize the importance of our environment's health, it was a time of fellowship and sharing techniques and ideas to further "get the word out that without our environment we have nothing."

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A Guide to Hurricane Preparation

General Information and Origin of Hurricanes

Hurricane Information

The past several years have seen more tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic, Gulf and Caribbean than have been seen in previous years. The reason is tied to a cycle of heating of the Atlantic Ocean, a cycle which normally lasts 25 to 50 years. Each recent year there have been more named storms and more intense storms. Most of the intense storms of the past several years have not made landfall but historically one of every three major storms strikes land.

This year forecasters are again predicting another above-normal hurricane season. Statistically, the more storms that take place in any year, the more landfalls there are likely to be. Hurricane expert Bill Gray of Colorado State University warns that there will be 10 times the damage from hurricanes during the next 35 years compared to the past 35 years.

Abaco has been buffeted by several storms in recent years, the worst year being 1999. In that year Dennis brushed past in August followed by Hurricane Floyd in September 1999. That storm cost an estimated \$90 million of damage, destroying more than 400 homes. That year finished with the edge of Hurricane Irene brushing Abaco in October which resulted in one death. Abaco residents are fully aware of just how damaging a hurricane can be.

What Is a Hurricane

A hurricane is a tropical cyclone in which the winds move in a large spiral around its eye which has a calm, low pressure center. Hurricanes are born in the steamy summer environment of the tropics when rapidly evaporating ocean waters combine with strong wind currents. Several hundred miles wide and potentially packing winds of more than 100 mph, they can stir up more than a million cubic miles of atmosphere every second and produce enough energy to supply all the electrical needs of the United States for six months.

The storms begin as areas of low pressure off the coast of Africa or anywhere in the Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico. These storms rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere. The whole system may be five to six miles high and can be 300-600 miles wide as it moves slowly westerly. In the western Pacific area they are called typhoons.

Formation of a hurricane depends on many factors coming together. Warm humid air and warm water vapor supply its energy. There needs to be convection activity and vertical wind motion to take air from sea level to move it up through the system. The wind system must have the right amount of spin or twist which is provided by the rotating earth.

The center of the storm or eye may travel ten to fifteen miles per hour with damaging winds extending out from the center 150 to 200 miles. Inside the eye is calm and the skies may be clear. But that is deceptive because the wind on the other side of the eye blows in the opposite direction from

the first part of the storm. If people do not understand when the eye of the hurricane is passing and they leave a secure location, they may be caught in deadly winds and torrential rain.

A storm surge is a rise in sea level near the "eye" of the hurricane. As this surge nears land, it becomes a wall of water which is the greatest threat to life and property. Because of the low pressure in the eye and shallow water near land, the ocean surface is raised. This arch of water can be as wide as 50 miles. As the storm approaches land, this water can be raised up to 20 feet high which destroys buildings, erodes beaches and produces massive floods.

Since the mid 1990s there has been much more hurricane activity. These active seasons are expected to continue for the next 10 to 15 years. This is due to the higher than normal temperatures of the Atlantic Ocean. Although the hurricane season is officially from June 1 to November 30 each year, the peak of the season in terms of

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Hazards, Terms and Categories



Hurricane

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both number of hurricanes and intensity occurs in September and October. During this time most of the hurricanes are spawned in the Atlantic waters east of the Lesser Antilles. Storms earlier in the season tend to be of minimal strength and frequently form in the Caribbean area.

Hurricanes Pose Many Different Hazards

A hurricane combines storm surge, powerful winds, tornadoes and torrential rains into a devastating combination.

Storm Surge

The storm surge is an abnormal rise in sea level 50 to 100 miles wide that sweeps across the coast near where the eye of the hurricane makes landfall. The surge of high water combined with high waves, is devastating. Along the immediate coast, the storm surge is the greatest threat to life and property. Most hurricane-related deaths are caused by drowning.

Winds

Hurricane force winds, 74 mph or more, can destroy buildings, and debris can become flying missiles. It is extremely important to secure your home and cover your windows before the storm.

Heavy Rains

Widespread torrential rains often in ex-

cess of 10 inches can produce destructive floods.

Tornadoes

Hurricanes can also produce tornadoes. This is not common at our latitude although it can happen. Just 100 miles north of our latitude tornadoes are more common.

It Is Time to Prepare

The fact that you are reading this article is a good start. It means that you know that it is once again time to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. It is time now to think through your plans. What will you do if a storm approaches? Do you have the supplies you might need? Should you leave your home? Where will you go if you do leave?

Many on Abaco suffered through Floyd and that was an experience that no one wants to repeat. However, it can happen again. Preparation is the key to coming through a hurricane with the least amount of damage.

Terms Indicate Wind Speed

When weather reports are given on television or radio, they use terms which we should be familiar with.

- A **tropical depression** with winds up to 38 miles per hour
- A **tropical storm** with winds up to 72 miles per hour

• A **hurricane** with winds of 73 miles per hour or more

The weathermen also rate the hurricanes in categories according to their potential to cause disaster.

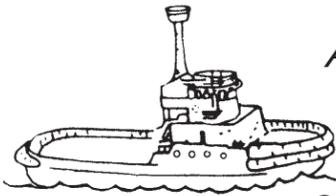
Category 1. Winds of 73 to 95 miles per hour. Damage may include flooding of low-lying coastal areas, small boats may be torn from their moorings in exposed anchorages.

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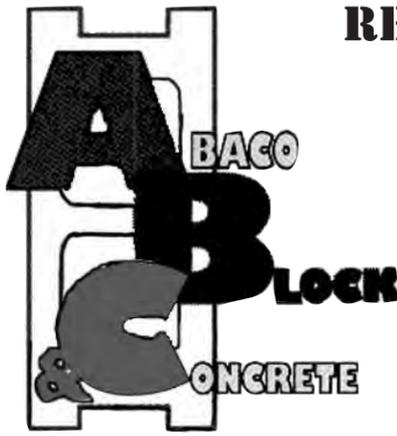
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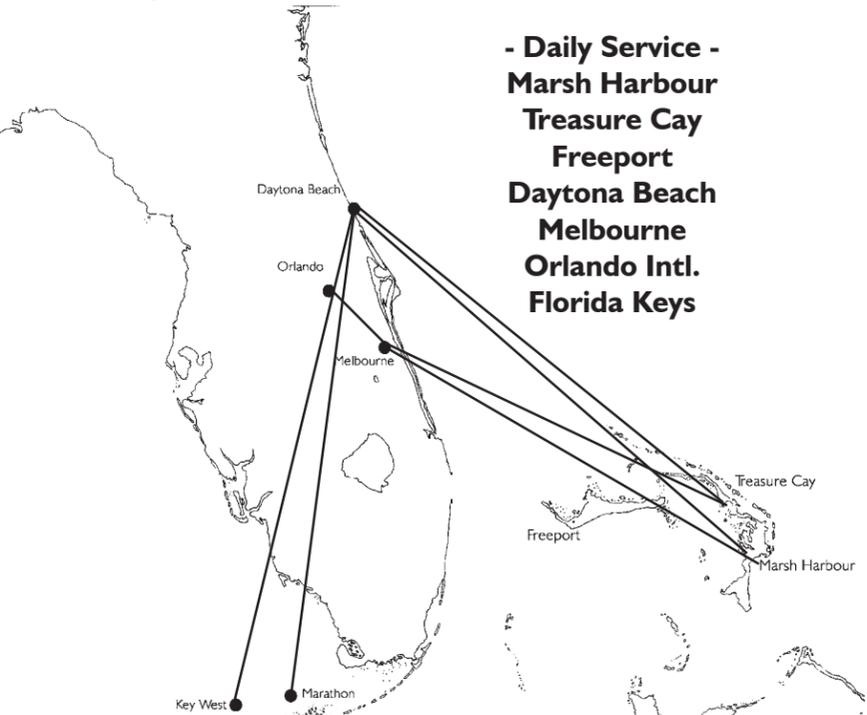
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Early Preparation Is Essential

Early Preparations

Hurricane season is here once again and preparations must be started now to ensure that we are ready for any storm that threatens. The key to surviving is the preparations you make before hand. After a hurricane is predicted to come close, too many things need to be done in a short period of time and some things are sure to be forgotten. It is good to prepare now before a storm is predicted.

If you wait until the last minute to purchase supplies, the lines may be long and store shelves may be empty, leaving you ill-prepared. The following suggestions are recommended.

The most important thing is shutters for all your windows and doors. They need to fit well and install quickly. If you use wood, you need at least 5/8 inch thick plywood. These shutters need to be made and fitted well before a storm is announced. However, plywood is difficult to handle and install. Other types of shutters include aluminum or steel panels. More expensive roll down shutter systems offer protection with little maintenance. If you need a ladder for installation, make sure you have one available. It is good to keep a supply of boards for last minute repairs. If you do not have shutters, now is the time to purchase or construct them.

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Protect Your Property

Protect your property the best you can. Remember that wind and water are potentially two very dangerous elements of any storm, and your goal is to keep both these out of your house. Most damage to homes occurs when a window gets broken or doors blow in, allowing the wind to blow through.

- Check your roof for loose shingles or tiles and make sure they are securely fastened down. Check for other repairs that need to be done.
- Clean up your yard of debris that could be damaging in high winds.
- Check around your house for dead or dying trees. Trim shrubbery to reduce damage to the plants. If tree limbs could potentially cause damaging to power lines, no-

tify BEC to have its crew trim the branches. Do not attempt to do this yourself because of the danger of the live power lines.

- Secure all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and objects outdoors.

Review and Update Your Insurance

Check the insurance on your house or business to be sure that the coverage is what you want. Before a hurricane threatens, insurance industry representatives suggest that you do the following:

Read your policy to see exactly what coverage you have.

If you don't understand, get your agent to explain it.

Check specifically if you are covered for flood damage, sewer backup and wind damage.

Find out whether you have "guaranteed replacement cost" insurance which is what it would really cost to replace your home and the contents at current value.

Or you may have "actual cash value" which is depreciated cost. If your policy is for actual cost value coverage, you will receive only the current depreciated value of

your house or possessions.

Be aware that your homeowners policy does not cover flood damage.

Know your insurance carrier and make sure that you have phone numbers for the company. Keep your policy in a safe place.

If you rent, be aware that your landlord's insurance does not cover your possessions. You need your own renters' insurance.

Remember when a hurricane watch or warning is announced it is too late to purchase or change insurance policies.

Protect Your Business

Many businesses suffered heavy damage from Hurricane Floyd. Preparing your business as well as your home will reduce the

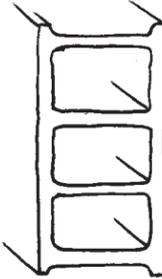
damage.

If a storm threatens, secure your building and cover or move equipment or furniture to a secure area.

Always protect your data with backup files. Make provisions for alternate power and communications.

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Get Essential Supplies Early

Hurricanes

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Plan ahead. Make plans to work with limited cash and without water or power for two weeks. Store emergency supplies at the office.

Protect your employees. Employee safety comes first. Consider providing shelter to employees and their families and helping employees with supplies after the storm.

Contact your customers and suppliers. Prepare a list of vendors to provide disaster recovery services.

Review your insurance coverage. Appraise your business regularly. Take inventory, document equipment supplies and the workplace. Make copies of in-

surance policies and customer service and home numbers.

After the storm use caution before entering your business. Check for power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. If any electrical equipment is wet, contact an electrician. Prepare information for insurance claims. Take pictures before cleanup.

Get Necessary Supplies

Buy supplies early at the beginning of the season. These should include a battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries, one flashlight with extra batteries for each person in your family, candles, kerosene lamps, water-proof matches, first aid kit.

Be very careful with kerosene lamps and candles during a storm. If the wind blows something over with a flame, it could start a fire. You do not need to contend with a fire during a storm.

Water Supply Is Critical

Have bottled water and extra water in clean containers enough for one week, al-

lowing one gallon of water per person per day. If you use a bath tub or other container for water, clean thoroughly and rinse with bleach. Caulk the drain of a tub so it will not leak. This water can be used for a variety of uses including flushing the toilet. Large new garbage cans can be filled with water.

Food Requirements

In anticipation of losing power and the use of your cooking gas, be sure your house is stocked with at least a week's worth of foods that will remain edible without refrigeration or foods that will be consumed when opened. They could include the following:

- Ready-to-eat canned goods like vegetables, soups, fish, meats, fruits and juices
- Canned juices, milk, soup
- Bread, crackers, cookies and other baked goods
- Fruits and vegetables that will keep for several days without refrigeration
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Nuts, raisins and dried fruits
- Evaporated, sweetened condensed milk or sterilized milk
- Cheese and cheese spreads

- Cereal
- Instant drinks, coffee, tea, etc.
- Snack food and other foods for variety
- Drinks which can keep such as sodas, canned or bottled juices, instant coffee.

Some cheeses and fruits keep at room temperatures for several days. Choose foods that can be eaten at room temperature and do not require cooking. Put a can opener with these supplies.

Keep on hand supplies such as paper plates, cups and plastic utensils, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, large plastic garbage bags, tin foil.

Canned foods can be heated in the can but be sure to remove the label first. They can be eaten right out of the can.

Other Supplies

- Battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries
- Battery-operated flashlights with extra batteries, one flashlight per person
- A camping stove or Sterno stove for heating food. Remember propane stoves and grills will give off fumes when used in closed rooms and may start fires or cause

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Last Minute Tasks and Pet Care



Hurricane

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asphyxiation. Do not use these inside a building.

- Chlorine bleach for disinfecting
- Keep mosquito repellent and citronella candles handy.
- Use ice chests for keeping food if ice is available.
- Keep with you two weeks supply of prescription medicines and remember other medicines such as aspirin.
- Baby diapers and handy wipes
- Baby food, formula, disposable diapers, medicines and other necessary supplies
- Invest in blue plastic tarpaulins and rolls of builders plastic (Visqueen) for covering furniture or damaged roofs, window repair
- First aid kit
- Caulking and duct tape
- Hammer and nails

Plan Ahead

Keep your car and boat gas tanks full. For boaters have a supply of 50/1 oil.

Persons with a chain saw should ensure that the saw is operational and that a gallon of fuel is on hand.

If you have a stand-by generator, check to see that it is operational and have a supply of fuel.

Make arrangements for taking down any antennas on your roof.

Find out where the hurricane shelters are in your community.

See that your LP tank is filled if you use gas appliances.

This hurricane season be prepared so a storm will not take you by surprise.

Hopefully, you will not need to use these emergency items. After the hurricane season is over, you can use most of the items. Some can be kept until another year.

Tips for Preparation

A can of roofing tar and roll of heavy plastic could be priceless after a storm

If you lose roofing shingles, you can still save your furniture.

Freeze as much water as you can.

If you rent, determine if you or your landlord will put up the shutters.

Boxes of prepackaged damp cloths are handy after a storm.

Protect Your Pets

Plan for a safe place for pets to stay during a storm.

If you have pets, remember to have a responsibility to care for them properly. If you plan to go to a shelter, you will have to plan for somewhere safe for them to be during the storm.

Have a two week supply of food

Get supplies such as cat litter, trash bags, etc. that will be needed.

All pets should have proper identification.

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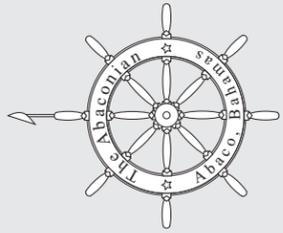
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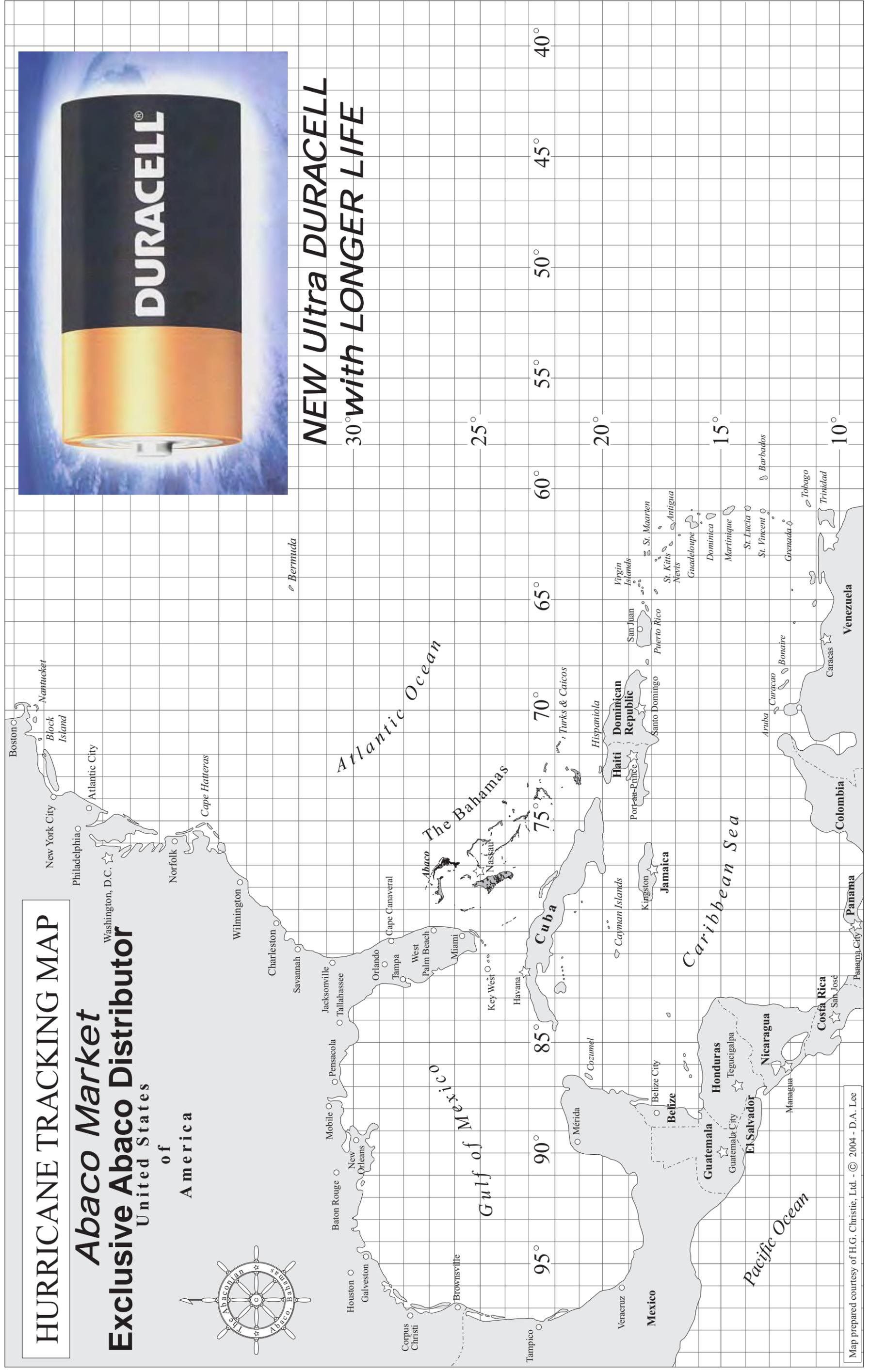
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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

"Down the Way"

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- ★ **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.**
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NEW LISTING

"B-Team"

Treasure Cay - Galleon Bay - 4 Bedroom, 3 bath, 4,000 sq.ft. canal-front home with 1,280 sq.ft. of open and covered decks. On two parcels of land totaling over 3/4 acre. 48' lay-along private dock. Beautifully furnished and landscaped with great Sea of Abaco views. #AB124 - **NEW LISTING \$1,395,000..**



NEW LISTING

"Final Approach"

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- ☆ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Canal Front Building Sites
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Last Minute Preparations

No one ever knows when another hurricane will affect Abaco. However, it could happen any year and the best way to ride out the storm is to be prepared. We have had several storms affect Abaco during the past few years. We need to know what to do before the height of the storm and afterwards. This gives you guidelines for last minute preparations. Many people realize now that the better prepared they are, the better chances they have of coming through with minimum damage and the better they can cope with the problems afterwards.



Pelican Shores, Marsh Harbour

Last Minute Preparations

- Make the decision ahead of time as to where you plan to be during a storm. If your house is on low land or you feel it is not built securely, make plans to stay with friends or family in a well built home or go to a shelter.

- If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.

- Children need special reassurances. It is good to talk with them about their fears and answer their questions honestly. Give lots of verbal reassurances.

- Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries, and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply.

- Make sure each person has sturdy shoes for protection after the storm for protection from debris.

Shelter Essentials

Each community has designated shelters that will be opened before a storm, giving you adequate time to get there safely. Even if you do not plan to go to a shelter, you should keep in mind which buildings will be open in the event you need to get to a shelter. Remember, they do not supply you with food, drink, bedding or other supplies.

If you plan to go to a safer place than your home during the storm, you should remember to take the following with you.

- Your important papers such as insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, deeds, insurance policies in a sealed plastic bag
- Quiet games for children, playing cards or dominoes
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Pillow and light blanket or sleeping bag.
- Folding chair, lawn chair or cot

- Any prescription drugs you may require
- Supplies for any infants such as disposable diapers, formula, baby food

- Take all necessary bedding as the shelters do not have pillows, blankets or bed rolls.

- Take all necessary water and food that you and your group will need for several days. Storms are unpredictable and you do not know how long you will need to stay at the shelter.



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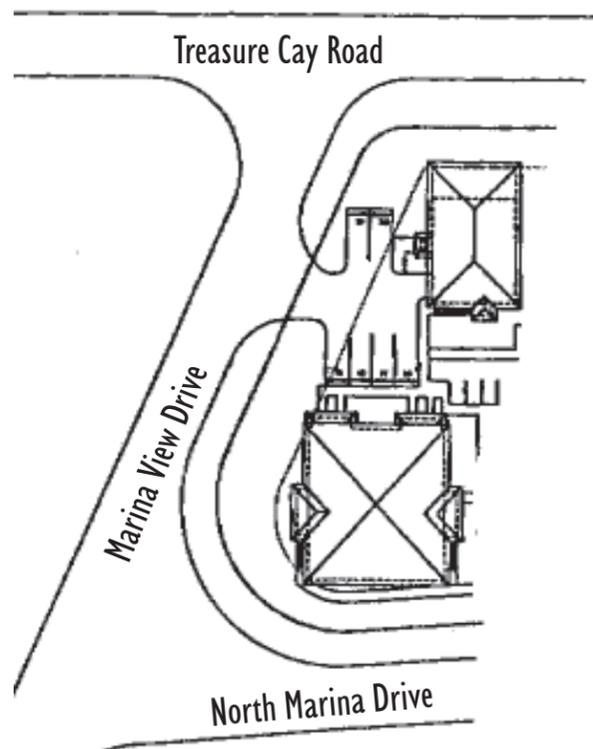
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Remember These Tips



Everyone hopes that a hurricane will not affect Abaco but in the case that one does come close or even hit, we need to be prepared and know what we should do before the hurricane, during the height of the storm, and afterwards. This article gives you some guidelines for last minute preparations and during the storm. The better prepared a family is, the better they can cope both during the hurricane and afterwards.

- Make the decision well ahead of time as to where you plan to be during a storm. If your house is on low land or you feel it is not built securely, make plans to stay with friends or family in a well built home or go to a government shelter.

- Put your car on high ground in a place where you can get to it after the storm.

- If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.

- Pregnant women in the last month or at high risk should check with their doctors before the storm. Babies frequently arrive when the barometric pressure is low.

- Children need special reassurances. It is good to talk with them about their fears and answer their questions honestly. Give lots of verbal reassurances.

- Prior to the storm, turn your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. Freeze water in plastic containers to help keep your foods cold during any power outages.

- Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries, and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply independent of household electricity.

- Make sure each person has sturdy shoes for protection after the storm for protection from debris.

- Make plans which room your family will go to, preferably an inside room with no windows.

- Prepare your tub for storing water. Clean it, then wipe it around with a solution of bleach and water, caulk or tape the drain to make it watertight and fill it with water. This water can be used only for washing and cleaning. A bucketful will flush the toilet.

If you plan to go to a safer place than your home during the storm, you should remember to take the following with you.

- Your important papers such as insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, deeds, insurance policies in a sealed plastic bag

- Quiet games for children, playing cards or dominoes

- Extra clothing and shoes

- Pillow and light blanket or sleeping bag.

- Folding chair, lawn chair or cot

- Any prescription drugs you may require

Older Adults

Senior citizens are especially susceptible to the effects of severe weather.

Those who live alone or are without the support of family or friends must take special precautions in the event of an emergency. People who are frail or disabled may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies. Older adults who are also care givers may require outside assistance.

If the elderly requires any medical equipment, arrangements should be made well before a storm for emergency service.

During the Storm

Stay in a safe place for the duration of the storm. Do not venture out until the storm is subsiding. If the eye of

the storm passes over your area, the wind will lessen and there will be a lull which can last several minutes up to an hour. But then the storm will hit again with full force from the opposite direction. Leave your safe place only if you have an emergency.

Keep listening to the radio to know where the storm is traveling and what it is like in your area. ZNS will be the best source of storm news. A VHF radio is excellent to keep you in touch with your neighbors but remember that high winds may destroy your VHF antenna, leaving you out of touch.

Remember that you may be without power, water, food or other services we normally rely on. Residents must be prepared to be self-reliant for several weeks.

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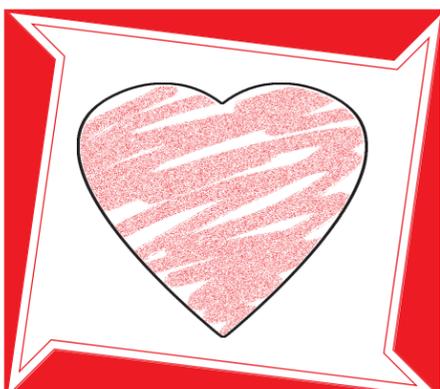
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Use Caution After a Storm

After a Hurricane

There are many precautions which people should follow after a hurricane has passed.

If a hurricane passes directly over Abaco, the eye can be deceptively calm. It is the center of the hurricane and can take from a few minutes to pass to several hours depending on how fast the hurricane is moving and the size of the eye. The calm will suddenly end as the winds return from the opposite direction, possible with even greater force. The most intense winds blow closest to the eye and are strongest northeast of the eye. Do not go out until you are sure that the entire storm is past.

When you do go outdoors, be extremely careful.

Avoid downed or dangling utility wires. Be especially careful when cutting

or clearing fallen trees. They may have power lines tangled in them

Stay tuned to your radio for advice and instructions about emergency medical aid, other assistance and general information.

Avoid driving. Roads will have debris which could puncture your tires. Do not add to the congestion of relief workers, supply trucks and law enforcement personnel. If you must leave your home or the shelter, keep your driving to a minimum.

Do not sightsee, especially at night.

Supervise children at all times, especially if power lines are down.

Be very careful in turning your electricity back on.

If possible, let relatives and friends know that you are safe but keep all phone calls to a minimum.

Find out if your water supply is safe before you use it. Until then, use only the water you have stored for the emergency.

Let officials know if you or someone you know is injured and needs medical help.

Keep receipts for all items you buy before the power is restored. Your insurance

may cover the cost of emergency food and ice.

Make temporary repairs such as covering holes in the roof, walls or windows as soon as it is safe to be out. This will reduce the damage from the heavy rains which frequently accompany a hurricane.

Take photographs of all damage before repairs are made.

Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles, heavy boots, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Drink plenty of fluids.

Lift with your legs, not with your back.

Be extremely careful with a chain saw and always heed safety warnings.

If there has been flooding, there is a potential for bacterial contamination. Bacteria and lead to life threatening dehydration for people and their pets if they are untreated.

Disinfect any faucet water you drink or use for cooking or cleaning. If you are not sure if the water is safe, bring water to a rolling boil for 10 minutes or use eight drops of chlorine bleach per gallon or use water purification tablets. Let the water sit at least 10 minutes before using. Water you saved in clean containers before the storm will be fine for two to three weeks. To be sure, add two drops of chlorine per gallon before drinking.

A Note to Gardeners

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Olympic Excitement Builds

By Jennifer Hudson

Excitement mounts all over the world as the 2004 Olympic Games get set to begin on August 13th in Athens, Greece. This 16-day event will draw approximately 11,000 athletes for a total of 296 events in 28 different sports. The sport of women's wrestling has now received IOC approval so will be included for the first time this year.

The 2004 Games are expected to cost well over \$4.5 billion, which is far more than expected due to setbacks in preparation of several of the sites. All the sporting facilities and Olympic villages which have been constructed for the games as well as the whole city will have received a complete face lift.

Greece is the smallest country ever to host the Olympic Games and is also the birthplace of the Olympics. The first games were held in Ancient Olympia (from whence they received their name) in 776 B.C. and began and ended with a foot race. Winners were presented with a sacred branch of a wild olive tree. At that time the games were not restricted to athletes but poets, artists, historians and orators also exhibited their skills. The games were held every four years until they were abolished by the Romans. The modern Olympics were estab-

lished in 1896 in Athens.

The Sydney 2000 Games were hailed by many as the greatest of all time and the Barcelona Games of 1992 were also noteworthy not only for their fabulous spectacle but also the fact that not a single nation boycotted the games that year. Sadly, the 1992 Munich Games will remain in memory for the dreadful act of terrorism which resulted in the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes. The Centennial Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta were also hit by tragedy and logistical problems. Greece is employing great vigilance to ensure the safety of the games during these times when fears of terrorism are on everyone's mind. Security costs for this year's event have swelled to a record breaking \$1.5 billion. Forty-five thousand security personnel, including police, military persons, fire fighters and trained volunteers, have been engaged. At the request of Greece the United States will be sending 400 Special Forces soldiers to assist an elite Greek military unit to protect the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Let us hope that everyone in the world can put aside their differences and allow the athletes and spectators a time of peace to enjoy the games of the 28th Olympiad.

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Abram Sawyer's Memories of Old Place

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Abram Sawyer still goes off to work each day to his job at Solomon's SuperCenter in Marsh Harbour and is justly proud of his 80 years of age. He hails from hardy stock and never in his younger days would he ever have envisaged anything like the huge air conditioned super store where he spends each day. Mr. Sawyer grew up in Old Place where the only store was a tiny petty shop where one could buy a few of the bare necessities of life.

Old Place was located northwest of Marsh Harbour on the coast between Fire Road and Blackwood along with the settlements of South Side and Grape Tree. Inhabitants of those settlements would visit each other on foot as there was no means of transportation by road and the only way of visiting further afield was by boat around to Green Turtle Cay or a much longer journey to the U.S.

The mailboat, bringing supplies from Nassau, was unable to get into Old Place so went only as far as Green Turtle Cay. Residents of Old Place would, therefore, have to travel to the cay for their supplies. Anything out of the ordinary such as furniture or clothing would be purchased from Florida during trips made there by the men in their fishing boats. During rough weather the mailboat could not pass Whale Cay. So then no grocery supplies arrived sometimes for two or three weeks. People had to make do with what they were able to raise themselves.

Each family raised chickens for meat and eggs, goats for meat and milk, and hogs. Since there was no refrigeration, they would salt and dry the meat to preserve it. Fish was another staple in their diet which they would cure in the same way. Vegetables such as potatoes, corn, peas and cassava were grown mainly by the women who would sow and reap while their men folk went crawfishing and sponging. The women were also kept busy keeping house and cooking for their families in their outside kitchens and baking large quantities of bread in their rock ovens.

As night fell, fires would be set all around the outside of the house to keep the mosquitoes away as there were no mosquito screens for the windows.

The children of Old Place attended school in a one room school house after the larger school was destroyed by the disastrous 1932 hurricane. Mr. Sawyer and his wife, Cleola, who is also from Old Place, remember, in particular, two teachers - Jacob Saunders of Old Place and Cecil McIntosh of Fire Road.

In the 1932 hurricane not only the school was destroyed but also all of the fifteen to twenty homes. The residents of Old Place rebuilt smaller homes. Fortunately, no lives were lost in Old Place but some were lost on South Side due to a huge tidal wave which swept over the area; in those days people were not able to receive any warning of such impending disasters.

After such widespread destruction, it was decided by the government to move the people of Old Place, South Side and Grape Tree to an area on the western border of Marsh Harbour where they would be in a more accessible area and could be assisted more easily in times of disaster. Thus the area now known as Dundas Town was first settled.

Firstly, the men were brought from Old Place by Captain Sherwin Archer on the boat *Arena* so that they could begin clearing the land and assist in constructing new homes. Each couple was given five acres of land for which they paid the grand sum of five pounds (approximately eight dollars). On that land the Government built them a house measuring 10 feet by 20 feet as was also done for the people from Bluff Point in Murphy Town. Carpenters were brought over from Man-O-



Abram Sawyer

War Cay and Hope Town to assist with the building. Once the houses were completed Captain Archer then went back with the *Arena* to bring the women and children. By 1940

Dundas Town was well and truly established and took its name from the Governor of the Bahamas at that time.

The wooden Methodist Church in Old Place was taken down in sections and taken to Dundas Town where it was erected on the site where the new St. Andrews Methodist church now stands. The Baptist Church which stood in Old Place was left there.

Cleola Smith left Old Place when she was 11 years of age with the rest of her family to reside in Dundas Town where she later married Abram Sawyer, also

from Old Place. She remembers people leaving their former settlement quite happily as they looked forward to being able to move around more freely and have access to employment.

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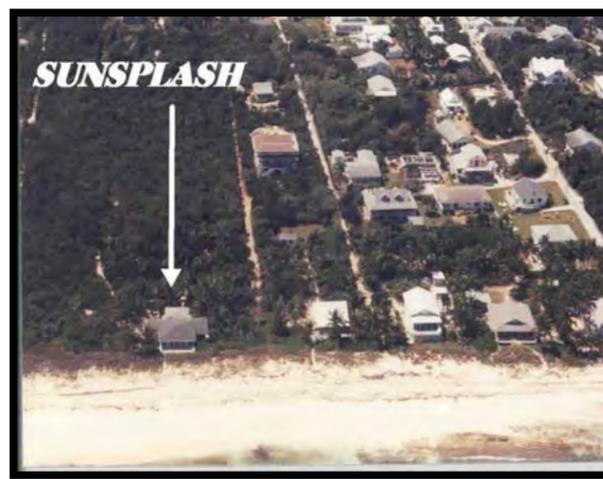
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Fish Poisoning Is on the Increase

Fish poisoning is a risk of eating certain reef fish. One of the fish most commonly associated with ciguatera fish poisoning is the barracuda. It is described by many as the sweetest fish to eat, but lurking in its body are toxins that are sending a number of Bahamians to hospitals or clinics throughout the country. The barracuda, a fish more feared than the shark in the water, is just as scary out of the water as it accounts

for over 76 percent of the ciguatera fish poisonings in The Bahamas.

According to Department of Public Health, there is an increase in the incidence of ciguatera poisoning. "In a normal week we see just under four cases per week," said Dr. Mohammed Imana, epidemiologist. "Now we are starting to see a gradual increase of seven to twelve cases in one week."

Dr. Imana says the increase started in

June. "At this time of year we realize that a lot of people consume different types of fish, especially barracuda and we know that barracuda is implicated in ciguatera poisoning. Since there is no treatment for ciguatera poisoning, the only solution is prevention and the only way you can prevent it is not to eat the barracuda and to avoid eating big fish," he says. Tourists especially, says Dr. Imana, should know what they are buying and should ask what kind of fish they are being served.

Ciguatera fish poisoning, says Dr. Imana, arises from consumption of any of the 400 species of tropical marine reef fish containing "poleyther toxins."

"The 'at risk' fish," he said, "include barracuda, moray eels, red snapper, amber jack, surgeon fish and sea bass. Its epidemiology is complex and it is impossible to predict an outbreak."

"Ciguatoxins," said Dr. Imana, "are stored in the guts of fish that have eaten the a parasitic organism on the coral rocks. Small fish feed on the algae, and, in keeping with the food chain, small fish are eaten by larger fish which are eaten by even larger fish. Larger fish like the Barracuda are in turn caught and eaten by humans."

"Ciguatoxin which accumulates through the food chain is not affected by cooking," he says. "Therefore, when a ciguateric fish is consumed, it will produce gastrointestinal and neurological symptoms."

A person with ciguatera poisoning may have neurological, musculoskeletal,

gastrointestinal and/or psychological symptoms. "Neurological symptoms are the most distressing," says Dr. Imana. "They usually are varied and can last several months. They include tingling sensations or pins and needles in hands and feet, dizziness and faintness, headaches, dental pain (teeth feeling loose), a metallic taste in the mouth, and hot/cold temperature reversal." Psychological symptoms may include depression. Other symptoms may include pain in the muscle, muscle weakness and difficulty with walking.

While persons with neurological and psychological symptoms may take up to several months to feel better, Dr. Imana says that gastrointestinal symptoms may last only a few days.

"Gastrointestinal symptoms may include abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Physical findings are related to dehydration from gastrointestinal losses. Signs of shock may be present," he says. Dr. Imana says ciguatera fish poisoning occurs mostly among men.

"Ciguatera fish," he cautions, "look taste and smell normal and detection of toxins in fish remains a problem," he said. "The only means of avoiding the toxins is to avoid any fish that may contain the ciguatoxins, such as barracuda, amber jack, rock fish and other big fish, as the larger the fish the more likely they are to carry ciguatera."

Flies landing or not landing on fish is not a safe determinant of whether the fish is poisonous or not, he noted.

Crawfish

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against foreigners being allowed the statutory six crawfish, but he felt that they sometimes blatantly abused this "privilege." Reports of "visitors' boats of 30 feet and more in length," capitalizing on their high bridges to scan the Abaco waters for traps incensed local people whose livelihood depends on a successful crawfish season.

Some were a little disappointed by the conspicuous absence of the police who had given the assurance that they would come "down heavily" on foreign poachers.

A fisherman on the cays said, "Some of our rock holes we have been setting traps in for the past 20 years. When foreigners plunder them, it is taking money out our pockets." He suggested that there could be two openings for the crawfish season - one on August 1st for locals and one a week later for our visitors. "This," he added, "would be more fair."

But resentment was not only targeted at non-Bahamians. Some locals went out one

day before the opening of the season to furiously check traps, bringing catches back after dark. A Marsh Harbour fisherman said this is a common practice and easily detectable. "You only have to take the water bucket and look in it and you can see where the black line from the trap was and how when it was pulled aside the grass is a different color underneath." He said that to add insult to injury the poachers leave antennas and "discarded bits and pieces" of the lobster behind floating in the water.

The Department of Fisheries warned against trapping undersized crawfish and the use of unlicensed apparatus. Crawfish must be five and one-half inches in tail length and three and one-quarters in jacket length.

When crawfish season ended on March 31st, the price per pound was \$11. On day 2 of the crawfish season Marsh Harbour Importers and Exporters are buying at \$8.50 a pound but smaller fish outlets are paying as high as \$15.

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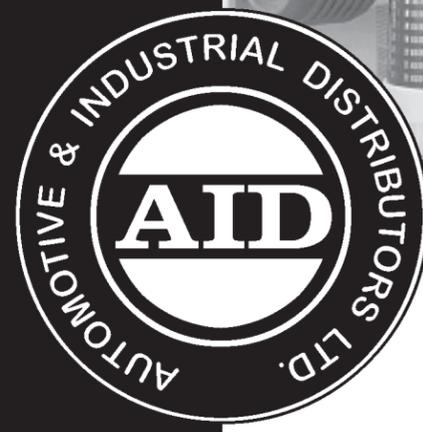
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Scenes from Goombay Festival



Above: Straw work and vendors selling other souvenir items are popular booths. Here a customer discusses price of a straw bag.

Top left: Lydia Bodamer is shown applying face paint. Face painting is a very popular activity at many special events.

Bottom left: Reserve officers were on duty at the Goombay Summer Festival on July 30. Officers shown are David Knowles and Marcellus Roberts.

Lively music, flashy uniforms and elaborate marching maneuvers make the Royal Bahamas Police Band an exciting event. Here a drummer in full regalia keeps everyone in step with his drum.



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Police Force Band Has Entertained for 111 Years

By Jennifer Hudson

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band is greatly loved not only in The Bahamas but throughout the entire United States of America and across Europe. It is no wonder the band is so well loved and in such great demand as it brings a sense of pomp and pageantry to all occasions whether they are grand state functions or informal community gatherings. The smart white, black and red uniforms are always a dramatic and endearing sight.

Abaconians look forward with delight to the several visits which the band makes to its shores each year. The band recently thrilled hundreds of visitors at the recent Island Heritage Festival in Green Turtle Cay and was here again for the first of the Goombay events in Marsh Harbour the end of June. A group was here performing again forward on July 9th in the Independence Day celebrations.

Although people see the Police Band fairly frequently, very few know anything of its history or the work which goes on behind the scenes so I recently met with Supt. Sylvester George, Director of Music in charge of the band, to get an inside view.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band has been in existence for over

100 years, dating back to 1893 when it was formed exclusively for police and state functions. The band began with just 16 police officers who were not full time musicians but were attached to various police stations throughout New Providence. They would occasionally come together as a band to rehearse weeks ahead in preparation for various engagements. Since then the band has developed to its present stage with a membership of 78 full time musicians and has become an integral part of the cultural life of the Bahamas.

The first woman in the band was a flute student who joined right after her graduation from high school in 1984. Today there are nine women in the band.

Musical qualifications required for joining the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band are a Grade Four certificate from either Trinity College of Music or The Royal Schools of Music or BGCSE Music

Certificate. Students may also be accepted through an audition process.

Band hopefuls must also possess a BGCSE certificate (minimum grade C) in Maths and English, must be in good health, be of good behaviour and have never been in any problems either in school or with the law. They are screened by the Special Intelligence Unit and spend two days of scrutiny in the Police College by a panel of psychologists and other professionals. Training has been intensified considerably during recent history which has resulted in a much stricter recruitment policy in order to maintain a high standard. All members of the band are fully trained police officers who are occasionally engaged in performing regular police duties.

Students in school music programmes in New Providence who feel they may have an interest in joining the band are periodically taken as a group by their music teacher to observe the band in practice and actually play along with them. They are then assessed by the band and a report sent to their teacher.

Marching drills are a large part of the attraction of the police band and they seem to be always coming up with new sequences. When asked about this, Inspector George explained that there is a committee whose job is to come up with ideas for changes and innovations. A dance has even been added to one of the sequences which is a great crowd pleaser and much in demand. Once a new idea has been formed, the bandsmen work through the moves without their instruments in order to memorize the sequence and work out any kinks. Then it is put to music. The two most important people in this, according to Inspector George, are the music arranger who will make sure the music fits and the drum major.

The drum major is the very impressive looking figure who struts out in front of the marching band twirling the mace. Many people do not realize the very important role the drum major plays. He is completely in charge of the band while they are on parade performing their displays. The drum major uses his mace

to give signals and commands to the musicians, whether it is to stop marching but continue playing, stop playing, proceed, turn or line up. All drum majors learn the basics but are then allowed to develop their own style which may be stately or stylish.

The Bahamas government through the Ministry of Tourism has seen tremendous potential in the use of the band for tourism promotion. As a result the band has won international acclaim through its performances abroad. The band has been very instrumental in the promotion of Bahamian music locally and abroad and the demand for the band over the past

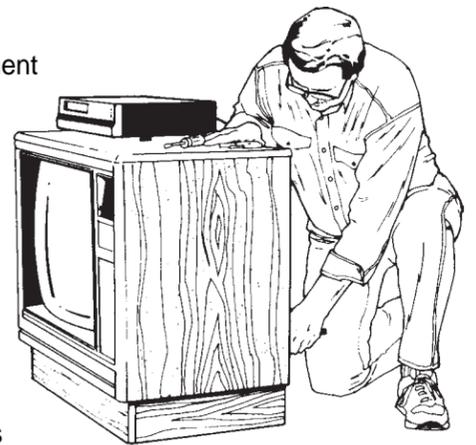
years has grown so tremendously that it is sometimes faced with having to fulfill up to three engagements simultaneously. This has necessitated the band having a network of three entities, the Concert Band, Marching Band and Pop Band. June, July and August constitute the band's most challenging period. This frenzy of activity with phones constantly ringing and requests pouring in was evident during my visit to the Police Band Headquarters.

Recently the band spent one week in New York on a massive tourism promotion exercise as part of Caribbean week as members of a large team

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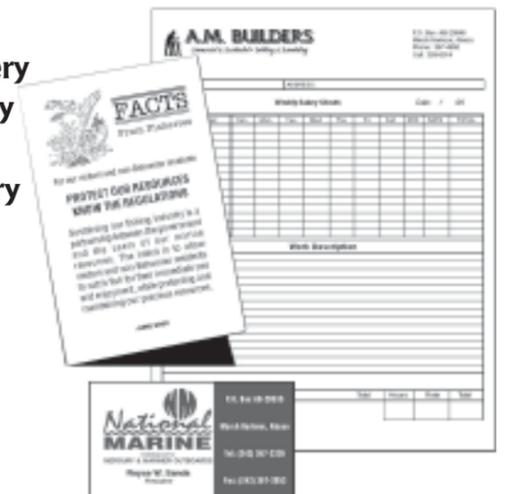
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organized by the Ministry of Tourism. The band maintained a very busy schedule and performed at many of the major landmarks in the city. As a highlight of their week they appeared on ABC's Good Morning, America with Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson as well as on Fox's television news programme Fox and Friends.

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Youth Development Programme

Inspector George expressed his hope that it may become possible in the not too distant future to begin a Youth Band Development programme on Abaco and a search is under way to find an officer to run this programme. This will be a part of the community policing programme in order to assist the young people in learning a new skill and making constructive use of their spare time. Such young men and women could eventually go on to become members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band.

Viewpoint Is the Economy Slow?

By Isobel Sherman

Are things slow this summer in Abaco tourist wise and tourist related business wise? The answer depends on the location. Business has been brisk and busy on the cays, especially Hope Town but in Marsh Harbour things have been slow. There have been tourists but it seems to many persons in business that they are not spending money. There could be many reasons for that. One is the slow down of spending in the United

States by consumers. In fact, consumer spending for June declined in the United States. Another reason could be that it is a Presidential election year in the United States and frequently people in the U.S. are more cautious in their spending in election years. The final reasons also could be the effects of the events of 9/11 on the traveling public. Whatever the reasons may be, let us hope for a brisk winter season.

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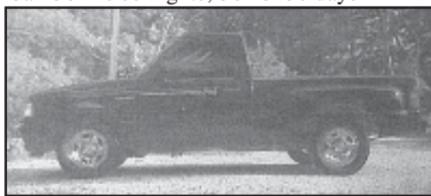
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