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## Airport Improvements Must Wait

### Air Traffic Controllers Are Planned but No Terminal or Taxi Way

## 16 Cubans Landed at Sandy Point



An 18-foot fishing boat carried 16 Cubans from Cuba to The Bahamas, first to Andros then to Abaco on August 5. They will be questioned before Bahamian officials will decide their fate, either being allowed to go to the United States where they have relatives or being returned to Cuba.

Photo by DianeClaridge

By Jennifer Hudson

custody at Sandy Point on August 5th.

Sixteen Cuban nationals, nine men, four women, two small children and a one-year-old baby, were discovered and taken into

The group had left Cuba at 8 p.m. the previous Monday to make the journey to the United States crammed into a small,

unprofessionally made fishing boat just 18 feet long and four to five feet wide.

Please see **Cubans**

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Mr. Archie Nairn was guest speaker at a strategic planning meeting of the Ministry of Tourism held on August 11 in Marsh Harbour. His address was to update Abaco people on the status of the Marsh Harbour airport upgrade.

Mr. Nairn announced that five airports in the Family Islands were going to be ceded to the Airport Authority which presently manages the New Providence airport. They are the airports at Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay, North Eleuthera, Exuma and San Salvador. He expected that will happen in three to four weeks. Presently, all Family Island airports are under Civil Aviation Authority. In a short time personnel will come to Abaco to get information and statistics for handing the airports over. The Airport Authority is an autonomous body which will make the management of the airport more efficient. The Authority has key personnel already in place. It conducts its own affairs and quickly puts into practice any decisions it makes.

Mr. Nairn also announced that government will be putting in place a portable tower with air traffic controllers who will be highly trained. They will recruit people from Abaco to be trained but in the meantime controllers from Nassau will be assigned here.

Mr. Nairn mentioned that last fall at a business outlook seminar he outlined several initiatives. Since that time the Minister of Transport and Aviation has named an ad hoc committee with the mandate to reviewing the state of affairs and to move ahead.

Please see **Airport**

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## Treasure Cay's Management Club Donates to Cooper's Town Primary School



A check for \$3000 was presented to Michael Rolle, Principal of the Cooper's Town Primary School, by the Treasure Cay Manager's Club. In a brief presentation on August 13 at the Treasure Cay Administration Office seven of Treasure Cay Resort's top staff made the donation along with \$600 worth of books and other educational materials. Mr. Rolle plans to use the money to enhance the reading program at the school. The Manager's Club was formed two years ago to interact between themselves and the larger community. They have assisted with schools, elderly and other social causes. This donation is specifically for text books and workbooks. Mr. Rolle, front left, accepts the check from Jos Konsten, General Manager and President of Treasure Cay Resort. Behind them are Mr. Cleveland Fox, Mr. Stedman McKenzie, Ms. Lavan McKenzie, Chairman of the Treasure Cay Town committee, Mr. Eric Collie, Chairman of the Cooper's Town Committee, Mr. Marcellus Roberts and Ms. Paula Morley.

## No Decision on Airport Terminal



Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transportation and Aviation, was guest speaker at a strategic planning meeting of the Ministry of Tourism held in Marsh Harbour on August 11. He outlined the status of government's plans for the Marsh Harbour International Airport which is still in the preliminary planning stage. He is shown here with Ms. Angela Cleare, Director of Tourism for the Family Islands, and Mrs. Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism for Abaco.

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# Statistics Show Increases in Tourism

At a recent strategic planning meeting sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism Ms. Angela Cleare, Director of Tourism for the Family Islands, announced that Abaco leads the Family Islands in the number of air arrivals. Tourism figures for the first six months of this year showed a increase in air arrivals in the Family Islands of 20 percent. Abaco's air arrivals are up by 10 percent. The visitor

satisfaction level as high. Abaco gave its visitors an excellent experience.

The Ministry of Tourism's mission is to make it easier to satisfy the visitors. It appears that investors, visitors and workers are all happy.

The new exit surveys on the back of immigration cards which visitors fill out on departure are providing much information

which can be tabulated to show satisfaction as well as pinpoint problems. The problem has been that many of the visitors are not completing the survey. Signs are now up in the airport terminal and tourism officials want local staff to encourage the visitors to fill them out.

Mrs. Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism for Abaco, spoke about tourism on Abaco. Abaco has the largest marina in the country and has the most



Ms. Angela Cleare, Director of Tourism for the Family Islands, spoke at the recent strategic planning meeting held at Mangoes Restaurant. She is shown here on the left discussing specific Abaco problems with Mrs. Peggy Thompson and Mr. Ron Pagliaro.

## New Committee Will Study Airport Problems

**Tourism** *From Page 1*

One recommendation that was suggested that the airport be esthetically enhanced which would not require much money. Government will commit to half the expense to beautify the area.

The committee will look at what is wrong with the current airport. One of the problems is that the terminal does not have adequate capacity. At present 16 airlines have counters there. Several plans have been proposed for a new terminal but none was acceptable.

The committee will consider the recommendations of a land planning group which is making island-wide recommendations for several of the Family Islands.

Several problems which will be considered include the fact that two international

airports on Abaco are not economically practical. No decision has been made whether there will be one or two international airports. If there is only one, the location has not been suggested.

Other problems of the present site of the Marsh Harbour airport include a limited amount of land available and the fact that Civil Aviation does not know what property it actually has in the area.

The vital role that the airports have cannot be understated and this is extremely important for all of Abaco. Development on our island will demand a better facility.

Mr. Nairn stressed the importance of tourism to our economy. It touches all phases of our economy and everyone must understand the goals and must support tourism. We must partnership with government and must work together. We are one people all working toward a common goal.

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# Cubans Are Asking for Political Asylum in the States

**Cubans** *From Page 1*

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The refugees were taken to the Port Authority facility in Marsh Harbour by immigration officials where they were detained overnight. All were in good condition as they had plenty of food and water on the boat, and they were pleased at how well they were treated during their detention here. The group was flown into Nassau the following day where they will be further detained at the Detention Centre there until it is decided by officials whether they will be allowed to enter the United States as political refugees or will have to be returned to Cuba.

Mr. Jason Roberts, Chief Councillor for South Abaco, stationed at Sandy Point, said, "The experience of seeing the desperation of these people seeking freedom was for me a life changing experience."



The Cuban refugees rested on the beach at Sandy Point while waiting to be transported to Marsh Harbour where they spent the night before continuing to Nassau.



Maria Pinder, a Cuban married to Mark Roberts of Marsh Harbour was interrupter for the Cuban Nationals who came ashore at Sandy Point. The Cubans were pleased with the way everyone treated them and are hoping that they will be allowed to go to the States as political refugees.

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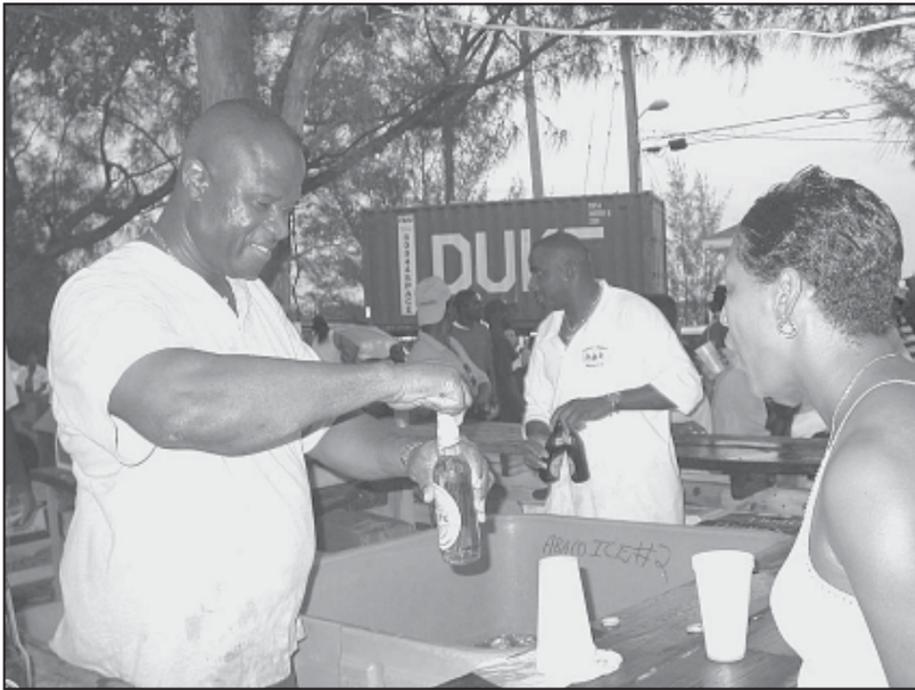
# Central Abaco News

## Last Performance

By Isobel Sherman

Many persons were on hand on August 11 to see a movie one last time before RND Cinemas closed its door in Marsh Harbour. On the final night, a two for one night, the

movie *I Robot* had a good audience. It also was a good movie. Personally, I think it is sad that the only healthy entertainment outlet particularly for our young people had to close its door. Goodbye RND as the saying goes it was "good while it lasted."



Mr. Jackson McIntosh is shown here pouring a drink at a fund raising event for the All Abaco Regatta held at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour on August 2. The All Abaco Regatta will be held in the waters off Green Turtle Cay on September 23-25.



A truck going north on Tamarind Drive in Dundas Town lost control and slammed into the wall at Ocean View Park. The post of the basketball net stopped the truck. No one was hurt. The driver was unlicensed and the vehicle was not insured. Photo by Cay Mills

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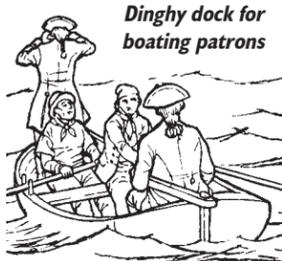
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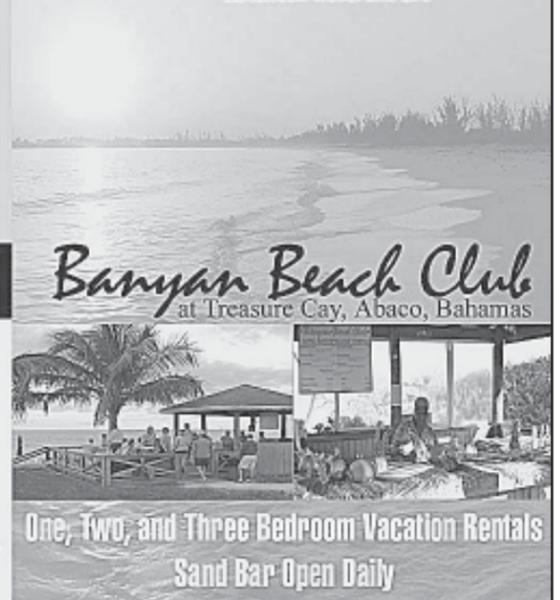
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## New Ambulance for Trauma One

By Jennifer Hudson

The Trauma One Ambulance service is almost at the end of a nine-year, 24/7, uninterrupted ambulance service at no cost to the public. Founder and administrator of this service, Dan Wiltfang, is planning a tenth year of operation but says, "I have struggled to keep the service going this last year, so another year will be extremely difficult without financial assistance from the public we serve. This ambulance

service operates solely on donations and contributions. Eighty per cent of these donations is from tourists and second home owners with only a very small amount of the approximately 300 Abaco businesses contributing. Sizeable amounts, which are the major contributors in keeping this service on the road, come from just two very generous donors."

Recently, while Dan was in the United States undergoing surgery for an injury resulting from his Trauma One work, he was pondering the uncertainty of a tenth year for the service when

a replacement vehicle became available, at a fraction of its true value, from people who have helped out in the past. So, with the assistance of some very generous people, a tenth year became reality. This recently acquired ambulance is a newer, heavier, more powerful vehicle with an aluminum body which will combat rust and corrosion. It will be fully equipped as a Basic Life Support Unit. If adequate funding were available, the ambulance could be upgraded with further equipment to become an Advanced Life Support vehicle and volunteers could receive the additional training and certification necessary for this very desirable upgrade.

Every week sees an average of three ambu-

lance calls, each with two or three volunteer personnel on board who leave their jobs for typically three hours at a time, exposing themselves to illness, injury and infection.

Dan Wiltfang would like to convey his sincere thanks to the two very generous donors from Abaco and the people in Iowa who went out of their way to make this new ambulance possible for the people of Abaco.

While his father was in hospital, Jason Wiltfang, who is studying in the U.S., completed all the paperwork so he and his father

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Trauma One, a volunteer ambulance service in Central Abaco, has been in continual service for almost nine years. This service is dependent entirely on donations. Shown above is Dan Wiltfang on the left, founder of the service, along with some of the volunteers who faithfully assist. They are Jason Wiltfang, John Pintard, Monique Strachan and Andrew Pinder.



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# The Editor Says . . . No Quick Relief for MH Airport



A follow-up to our Tourism Department's long range strategic planning sessions was hosted by Mangoes Restaurant on August 11 and featured Mr. Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism. He told those present of current airport plans and brought news that two decisions have been made.

Within a few weeks he expects that control of the airport management and responsibility for future needs will be given to the Airport Authority which was created to oversee operations at the Nassau International Airport. Mr. Nairn felt this is a good move as the authority can operate as an autonomous body with a budget and authority to make decisions.

Management of five Family Island airports will be handed over to the Airport Authority with the Marsh Harbour airport being the first one. Mr. Nairn expects Airport Authority officials will be on Abaco within a month on a fact finding trip.

A contract has either been let or is under consideration related to an aircraft control facility. At this time, it will probably be a portable, ground level facility, not a conventional tower. A permanent tower is impractical at this time as government has not decided whether the present airport is to be upgraded or if a new airport should be constructed from scratch.

Reading between the lines it would seem that government's current thinking is that one international airport on each island is sufficient when considering the cost of current requirements of security, staffing, aircraft control, terminal facilities for ticketing and baggage handling, passenger comfort, automobile parking, traffic flow and other issues. The days are gone when a paved runway and a terminal building off to one side were sufficient.

If government chooses to start over, the question is where should go? The immediate and easy answer is in the middle. That is an easy and logical choice but what constitutes the middle of Abaco is harder to define.

A surveyor can determine the middle of the Abaco's land mass but that is generally not important. Accommodating people is the name of the game and the demographic middle is important. This would be the middle based on the distribution of people.

That brings up the question of whether visitor arrivals for a resort or town count heavier than voters in a quiet distant town.

Our large resorts, hotels and larger developments will logically explain that they generate the revenues that provide the jobs, and they must have preferred access to this choice middle location.

Added to these existing reasons for an airport location are several substantial developments now under consideration - one on Guana Cay and a "mega" development somewhere to the south. These potential developments will exert their influence if a new airport is the choice. All sorts of reasons will be presented to justify different locations.

The quickest solution is to upgrade what we have but that may not be the decision. However, what we have now is what we are going to live with for several more years, and it needs help immediately if it is going to support Abaco's growth. Real estate sales have been setting records which will translate to more construction. All this will bring more arrivals to a system that is grossly burdened now.

Mr. Nairn announced that an ad hoc advisory committee has been recently formed to make recommendations for the Marsh Harbour airport. It was interesting to note that no one from Abaco was mentioned as being on the committee.

This new committee will wait to get the recommendations of a land planning study by a foreign company that government has hired. Abaco will be the third island being studied. This would appear to put any serious consideration of airport plans some time in the distant future, whether at the present location or a new site.

Mr. Nairn's only suggestion was for the business community to partner with government to landscape the area - a suggestion that received a muted response.

Presently, passengers boarding the 50 - 60 seat aircraft in Marsh Harbour are screened and go outside the terminal to await the aircraft's arrival. There is nowhere to sit and no shade so they stand in the sun for 30 - 45 minutes waiting for the plane to come and the arriving passengers to disembark. The procedure is most uncomfortable in either sunny or rainy weather. It is a wonder that our visitors return after experiencing this treatment

Benches and a simple roof structure would improve the comfort level. Benches and another simple roof on the street side would help with overflow as

passengers who check in with one of the 14 air carriers using the small terminal.

Marsh Harbour is said to be the country's second busiest airport in terms of aircraft activity. This activity takes place on a runway with no taxi strip which would allow a plane to get in position, leaving the runway clear. The runway is actually taken out of service while each aircraft uses it to taxi into position or to leave the runway after landing. A taxi way would allow planes to take off or land while others were getting into position for take-off or to clear the runway on landing.

Pilots find that the rough and uneven runway gives their landing gear a workout. Several of the private jets arriving for the recent fishing tournaments in Marsh Harbour chose to land on Treasure Cay's smoother runway and take the 30 minute drive to Marsh Harbour. The

faster and heavier planes find the uneven surface of Marsh Harbour's airport a definite challenge.

The Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports face bureaucratic obstacles as community efforts to provide relief must be approved by obscure and multiple agencies. The Treasure Cay community and the Out Island Promotion Board have offered substantial assistance for the Treasure Cay airport to coax USAir to service the north of Abaco through the winter season. However, the permit and approval process may not be completed in time to satisfy USAir for this season.

Everyone realizes that we have a major problem with the existing airport - an obstacle to our developing tourism market. It appears that we are going to have to live with the existing facility for some time. A few relatively minor improvements would bring some relief to the situation.



Passengers are cleared to embark on the larger airplanes at the Marsh Harbour airport well before their plane lands to allow time for the ticket agents and security staff to do all their work. However, this means that the passengers can be out in the sun (or rain) for 45 minutes waiting until the plane lands and disembarks the incoming passengers. This is an unacceptable way of treating our visitors.



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# More Central Abaco News

## Police Boat Sinks

By Portia Jonsson

After the torrential rainstorm nearing sun-down on August 6th, the Abaco Police have found themselves without a patrol boat. The 36-foot Manta, a confiscated drug boat from Nassau, "filled up" with rainwater and sank right across the street from the Police Station.

According to Insp. Godfrey Ferguson, the boat's hull was acquired earlier this year. It was then refurbished and restored here on Abaco, thanks to the generous donations and support of persons in the community. With the help of Yamaha, Mr. Kenny Long, police officers and other concerned citizens they were able to get the boat out of the water.

Insp. Ferguson is certain the boat can be restored but not sure if the engines can be salvaged. All the boat's electronics and wir-

ing were destroyed and the marine radios and GPS were lost. He estimates the restoration of the boat, outfitted with three engines, to cost \$ 56,000.

"It is hoped that the business community and citizens would come forward once again and contribute," replied Insp. Ferguson when asked who will fund this restoration. He pointed out that the vessels used in Nassau are new and given to the Police Force by the United States but the vessels in the Family Islands including Grand Bahama are confiscated vessels. He further added that because of Abaco's size and area, the Police could easily use two boats. A much needed smaller boat would be able to go to areas where the water is shallow. This would allow the Police to be more efficient on the backside of Abaco.



Terrestrial rain sank the Police boat in front of the Police Station in Marsh Harbour on August 6. The boat will require quite a bit of work to get it back into service.

## Security Breach at Marsh Harbour International Airport

By Jennifer Hudson

July 1st 2004 was the date by which increased security was to have been in effect at all ports of entry in The Bahamas. Strict new security measures were put into place at the Marsh Harbour Port Authority facility but one is left to wonder what, if any, additional security was put into place at Marsh Harbour International Airport.

On August 4th there was a serious breach of security at the airport when a visitor walked through unlocked doors between two airline counters onto the runway and began beating on a Gulf Stream jet airplane with a fire ex-

tinguisher.

The story began when taxi driver, Ms. Russell, drove the visitor as requested to the Treasure Cay airport. Once there he then asked Ms. Russell to take him instead to the Marsh Harbour airport.

On arrival at the Marsh Harbour airport the visitor left the taxicab without paying and entered the terminal carrying only a book and a ticket; he had no baggage. He then exited to the runway through the unattended door and attempted to board a Gulf Stream jet while brandishing a fire extinguisher.

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# People in the News

## Dental Specialist Comes Regularly



Dr. Barry Russell

Dr. Lofton Barry Russell, DDS, an orthodontist from Nassau, now visits Abaco regularly, coming to Diamante Dental Clinic in Marsh Har-

bour.

Dr. Russell has been in practice in Nassau since 1991 when he completed his degree in dental surgery and after completing his specialty requirements. As a dental student his achievements culminated with his selection to the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

After returning to Nassau he soon moved into his own building, Lofann House, and has since expanded to include another orthodontic specialist, several clinical assistants and administrative assistants.

He also visits Grand Bahama on a regu-

lar basis and is currently upgrading his clinic there. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of his practice, he treated children at the Ranfurly Home and Emergency Hostel for one year as a community service.

Dr. Russell has strong religious, moral and ethical convictions which he lives up to in his professional life.

## New US Ambassador Is Named

By Isobel Sherman

United States President George W. Bush has confirmed the appointment of John Rood as Ambassador to The Bahamas. The US Senate is in summer recess so President Bush used his executive authority to confirm Mr. Rood.

Mr. Rood is chairman of the Vestor Companies in Jacksonville, Florida, which is a real estate development and investment company.

Mr. Rood is expected to take up his post in the near future.

## Good Bye to Friends

By Isobel Sherman

Paul and Jenny Zehler, who have taught at Central Abaco Primary the past three

years, will be leaving Abaco the end of August. They have been feeding a group of stray dogs in Murphy Town every day. They have worked alongside animal rescue volunteers the past three years from Man-O-War, Hope Town and Marsh Harbour.

Paul and Jenny will be moving to the Cayman Islands along with their nine dogs. They tried unsuccessfully to have The Bahamas join the United Kingdom's Pet Travel Agreement. Since this was not done, their only alternative was to find employment in a place which is a signatory to the agreement. They would like to eventually return to their home in England.

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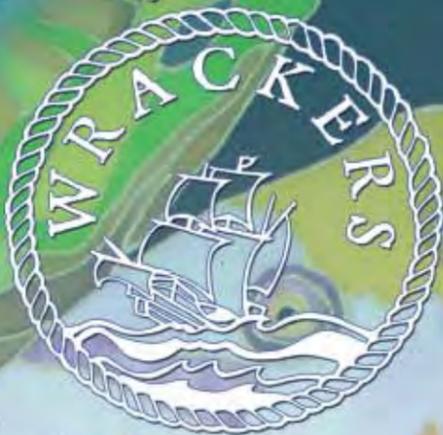
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# Pine Forests Begin Their Recovery

By Jennifer Hudson

"June is bustin' out all over. All over the meadow and the hill," begins the song from Rodgers and Hammerstein's well loved musical, *Carousel*, and it is a song which comes to my mind every time I drive alongside the pine forests these days. The pine forests certainly are "bustin out all over!"

After the terrible fires which raged over such a widespread area of Abaco just a couple of months ago, the landscape underwent a dramatic transformation from the lush green colours of summer to a brown scene reminiscent of autumn (or fall) in the more northern climates. However, wonderful new growth has sprouted quickly from the shrubs in the undergrowth and the new young ferns are looking glorious in their vibrant emerald green mantle. I feel that it is well worth a drive to observe the refreshing beauty of this new growth.

Fire stimulates flowering and regeneration by seeds of many species and all these new plants improve the food sources for wild life as they return to the ecosystem.

The pine trees, too, are beginning to recover and new growth is sprouting from the buds at the tops of the trees. Mature Caribbean Pine are well adapted to fire and, fortunately, are rarely killed by the flames. Several characteristics of the species protect them such as thick protective bark that insulates the trees and high open branches that allow heat dispersal. Long needles enclose the young growing buds and protect them from burning so that new growth sprouts quickly. Juvenile pines are not as resistant as older trees and sadly are often killed but re-seeding takes place rapidly around the base of the adult trees.

We hate to see the pine forests burn but low intensity fires act as a cleansing system for the pine forest. Hardwood trees have thin bark which offers little protection from

## Abaco Hopes to Receive Extra Police Support Soon

By Jennifer Hudson

Inspector Russell is looking in the very near future to deploy extra police officers throughout Abaco. "These islands continue to grow," he said, "and the population now stands at just under 15,000. There has been a large increase in both tourism and business development but unfortunately, with increased development, there comes an increase in crime." Presently, there are 42 regular police officers and a few reserve officers but Inspector Russell would like to see another 100 officers stationed here.

Walkers Cay, Grand Cay and Moore's Island each has one resident police officer but presently there are no officers stationed on Guana Cay, Scotland Cay, Spanish Cay or Great Sail Cay.

"The new officers," stated Inspector Russell, "are likely to come from a pool of recruits who recently graduated in Freeport."

fire. Small trees and shrubs may be killed outright or die back to the roots, thus clearing the land and making room for the Caribbean Pine to receive enough sunlight. The ashes from the fire add nutrients to the soil, improving growth of native plants and the newly burned land is quickly re-colonised by ferns, grasses, orchids and other wild flowers as we are now seeing.

However, if fire occurs too often, it can be detrimental to the forest as areas of coppice do not have time to recover between fires. Random fires set by people can be extremely harmful, especially during the winter months when rainfall is low.

The Caribbean Pine (*Pinus Caribea* var. *bahamensis*) is endemic to the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. It is slow growing on Abaco. The lumber is useful for wood products and rich in turpentine and resins. Historically, it was an important commercial tree in the Bahamas and commercial harvesting took place on Abaco as early as 1905 with the advent of the Abaco Lumber Company which operated here until the mill was moved to Grand Bahama in 1943 and harvesting continued there until 1959. The operation was sold to Owens Illinois of The Bahamas and later moved back to Abaco.

When driving by any of these recently burned areas, why not look closely and observe the wonder of the cycle and rebirth of the pine forest.



Forest fires have become a real problem when they threaten improved property. However, they are necessary for the long-term health of the forests. Smoke from this fire closed the Marsh Harbour airport for several hours.

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The Embassy of the United States in Nassau has an economic commercial officer whose position is to bring about a better rapport with the Bahamian business community. At present that officer is Ms. Tomekah Burl who recently visited Abaco to work with business people here. She was accompanied by Mr. Felix Sawyer during her tour of Abaco. She wants to help local businesses develop closer ties to American businesses and to inform Bahamians of the work of the Embassy.

Although the main concern of the U.S. Embassy is to protect American citizens and to support American interests abroad, the Embassy offers much assistance to local business. They can assist in developing partnerships and in technical assistance, even how to start a franchise business. Its staff can offer advice on competing in the global market.

The Embassy will be working with the Bahamian government to offer them advice on alternative tax systems.

Ms. Burl met with business people in

Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay and North Abaco. She would like to return to assist them more. She

finds that many business people do not know how to ask questions and do not know what assistance is available to them.

Ms. Burl mentioned that the new Ambassador to the Bahamas, Mr. John Rood, will be arriving shortly. Mr. Rood is a real estate broker from Florida who has been very successful in developing multi-family rental and condominium communities. He has also been very active in Florida organizations and non-profit organizations. He will be succeeding Mr. James Richard Blankenship, who left about one year ago.



Ms. Tomekah Burl

## Government Contracts Will Benefit Several Towns

The government has signed contracts for several projects for Abaco which are badly needed. Both government docks on Great Guana Cay will be repaired. The southeastern one has already been re-decked and the northwestern dock will be widened, repaired and re-decked. The areas along both sides of the main dock will be dredged. This work has already been started by Abaco Tug and Transport.

The road to the end of Great Cistern will be improved and will have a surface treatment. That road will be only 12 feet

wide with work to be done by Bahamas Hot Mix.

The South Side Road from S.C. Bootle Highway to the south side dock in Murphy Town will be improved and will have a surface treatment. That contractor will be Caribbean Asphalt.

Several settlement roads in Dundas Town will be surfaced and the concrete portion of Bay Street in Marsh Harbour will be reconstructed. That work will be done by Caribbean Asphalt.

Work on all the projects is expected to begin within two months.

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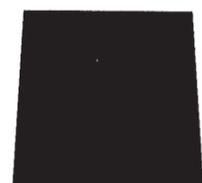
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# Church News

## Farewell to Youth Worker

By Jennifer Hudson

A large congregation of well wishers gathered at St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town on July 18th to bid a fond farewell to Garrett Kemble, who has been a youth worker stationed at the Mission House there for the past year.

Garrett, whose home is in North Carolina, spent a year working with young people in Abaco before leaving for university in the fall to study for a degree in history. It is his desire after graduation to enter into some aspect of the Christian ministry.

Garrett worked with the young people of St. Andrews Church in Dundas Town and the Epworth Chapel in Cherokee in addition to those of St. James in Hope Town. He established a

strong bond with these young people through his leadership and various activities such as church lock-ins and group trips, one of which was to a youth rally at his home church in North Carolina. Many of these young people wrote moving poems to him which they read during his farewell service.

Garrett was also an accomplished musician and gave guitar lessons to several of the young people.

Rev. Carla Culmer, Pastor of the three Methodist Churches in which Garrett ministered, led the service and preached a very meaningful sermon encouraging him in his ministry and urging him "to always be himself."

Each of the three Methodist churches in which Garrett served presented him with a

monetary gift to assist him with his studies.

Light refreshments were served at a reception following the service to afford everyone an opportunity to speak with Garrett. A beach picnic was held on July 25th for the young people to say goodbye to their leader.

A new youth worker is scheduled to arrive from Alabama on September 1st.

## Special Confirmation Service Held

By Jennifer Hudson

August 1st was both a sad day and a happy day for the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church in Marsh Harbour. Sad because it was the last service Rev. David Stapleton would be leading before returning once more to his home in Norfolk, England. He has spent the last four months here, once again serving the church and volunteering his services at the Every Child Counts School. He will be greatly missed by both the church and the school.

However, it was also a time for celebration as four young people were confirmed into the faith. Many friends and relatives of the young candidates swelled the congregation for this special service and some members and elders from the sister church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Kirk in Nassau traveled to

Marsh Harbour for the occasion.

Tara Key and Celisha Russell received the Sacrament of Baptism and then they, along with Jason Evans and Stephan Johnson were confirmed into the faith in a very moving service which was interspersed with several songs of dedication by the choir.

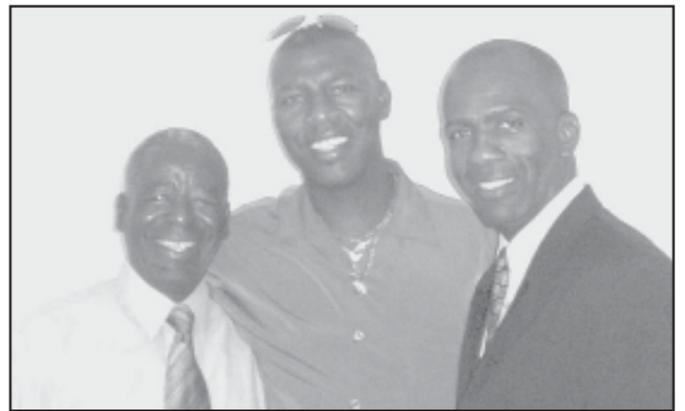
This group of teenage candidates had been meeting over the past several months with Rev. Stapleton in a group called Koinonia for teaching, discussion and preparation.

At the close of the service each new young member was offered the right hand of fellowship by the entire congregation.

A joyful reception was held after the service at the home of Bill and Kathy Schweizer to say goodbye Rev. Stapleton and welcome the newest members of the Kirk of the Pines.



The Kirk of the Pines held its first confirmation service on August 1. The young people who were confirmed were Jason Evans, Tara Key, Celisha Russell and Stephan Johnson. The service was also the last service for the minister, Rev. David Stapleton, who returned to his home in England.



The newly elected President and Vice President of the Abaco Christian Council, Pastor Steven Knowles, right, and Bishop Clifford Henfield, left, paid a courtesy call on Chief Councillor Cay Mills. Pastor Knowles assured Mr. Mills that the Christian Council will work with Local Government in any area where there is a need. Some of the areas the Council is interested in developing include positive activities for the youth and helping in the areas of drugs, domestic violence and other social issues.

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# School News

## College Fair Is Scheduled

By Isobel Sherman

Plans are in full swing for Abaco Central High School's College Fair which will be held on November 16 at New Vision Ministries. Over 70 colleges, universities, and technical and vocational schools have been invited to participate. Already ten schools have indicated they will be participating. Coming this year for the first time will be Savannah School of Art and Design, St. Mary's University, Methodist College in North Carolina and Greensboro College.

## New Preschool Will Open

By Isobel Sherman

Teaching Children To Achieve Nursery and Preschool will be opening at Friendship Church School on September 6. Operated by Mrs. Marie Morley, the preschool will be following the A Beka Curriculum. Mrs. Morley will have a

staff of trained preschool teachers and aids headed by Marie Rose. Persons wanting more information can contact Mrs. Morley at 367-2734 or 367-2554.

## Abaco Central High

### Reminders to Parents

By Isobel Sherman

All new students to Abaco Central High School should report to the school in full uniform on September 6 for orientation. Returning students will report in full uniform on September 7 and all students will report on September 8.

Mrs. Nadeen Beneby, Senior Mistress, reminds parents who either have not picked up their child's report card or owe outstanding fees from the last school year to attend to these by September 1. Students who have outstanding fees or whose report card have not been picked up will not be allowed in school on September 6. The high school office is open on

Monday - Friday from 9-12.

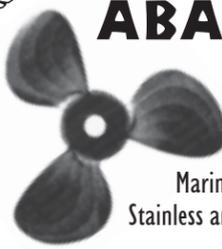
Students, be reminded that female students are not allowed extensions or weaves. No different colour of hair will be allowed. For male students no plaits

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The rules for the girls' hair were changed because the length of the extensions and weaves was previously too long.

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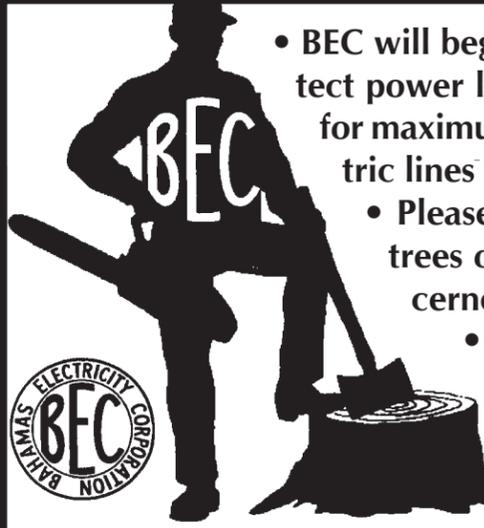
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# Parental Involvement Contributes to Child's Success in School

By Portia Jonsson

The summer holiday is nearing an end for hundreds of Abaco children and I am sure they would all like to make the upcoming school year a success. To help them succeed in school, parents need to be involved in their children's learning. It is important to be involved early, and it is important to stay involved. Learning the skills for success takes place at home as well as at school.

What does being involved in your child's education mean? There are many simple but amazingly productive techniques that influence your child's performance and behaviour at school and home. How many of the following statements are reflective of your involvement with your child's past academic experience?

- I know how much homework my child has each night.
- I review homework and check papers daily.
- I attend PTA and school board meetings.
- I spend one-on-one time with my child.
- I provide globes, dictionaries and other reference material at home.
- I attend extra-curricular activities.
- I meet with my child's teacher regularly.
- I make sure my child has a nutritious breakfast each day.
- I make sure my child gets enough sleep and daily exercise.
- I frequently praise my child for effort as well as achievement.

If you answered yes to the majority of the statements above, congratulations! You are helping to give your child the A+ advantage. If you answered no to more than

half, reconsider those areas and try to make improvements for your child's benefit.

Whether your child is just starting kindergarten, entering the final year of high school or is somewhere in between, there are many good reasons and opportunities for you to volunteer at school. It's a great way to show your child that you take an interest in his or her education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.

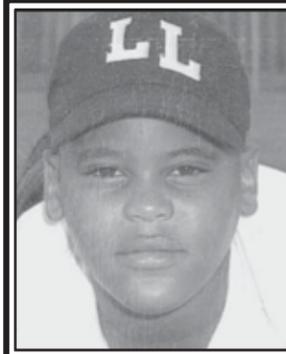
Many schools now have to raise their own funds for activities and supplies that would once have been considered basic necessities. Parent volunteers are essential in helping to organize and chaperone these fund raising events as well as participate in other school activities.

The school isn't the only one to reap the benefits of your involvement. By offering some of your time to the school and by interacting with teachers, administrators, and other parents on a regular basis, you can

gain a first-hand understanding of your child's daily activities and some insight into the trends and fads of school life that will help you communicate with your child as he or she grows and changes.

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start; in fact, it may be more important than ever to get involved when your child reaches secondary school

Children need and want their families to be involved in their lives. Looking to the future, employers will want employees who are willing to take on responsibility, learn new skills and effectively communicate with their co-workers. Helping our children be successful in school today can improve their success in the world of work tomorrow.



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5. **Please call the emergency telephone numbers** or the police emergency numbers immediately to report a fire, sparking power lines or other life threatening situations. Otherwise, do not call BEC's emergency numbers. Instead, listen to one of your local radio stations.

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8. **Do not attempt to cut trees** which may have blown onto or near to power lines. Contact BEC to assist. Also, do not attempt to pick fruit from such trees, especially when they are wet.



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• Turn off your main switch if storm conditions cause flooding inside your house. Stay out of water which may be in contact with electricity.

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# News of the Cays

## Hope Town School Will Add Pre-School

By Candace Key

Officials from the Ministry of Education met with Hope Town School Principal, Mrs. Candance Key, to inspect the School and plan for the proposed pre-school. It was decided that the existing Learning Center will be used for the pre-school, but it will require the addition of bathrooms, an enclosed kitchen facility and a fenced play area with playground equipment.

Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Mr. Creswell Stirrup, along with Senior Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Daniel Robinson, Ministry of Works engineer, Mr. Belville Edwards and Abaco Curriculum Supervisor, Ms. Felamease Sawyer, talked with the school's PTA president, Mrs. Jane Patterson, and PTA member Mr. Steve Sweeting to propose a partnership arrangement. Everyone agreed to the idea as Hope Town School has enjoyed success with this type of venture in the past. The Ministry will bear most of the financial burden but the school will enlist

parents and community members to be responsible for some areas of this exciting project.

The 110-year old historic building has withstood many hurricanes and its enrolment of students is steadily growing. In order to accommodate the growth, it was decided to build an additional area for a principal's office and storage.

A few days following the visit of Mr. Stirrup, Mrs. Agatha Archer, Pre-school Director for the Ministry of Education, also viewed the proposed area for the pre-school. She met with Principal Key to further plan for this much anticipated addition to the school.

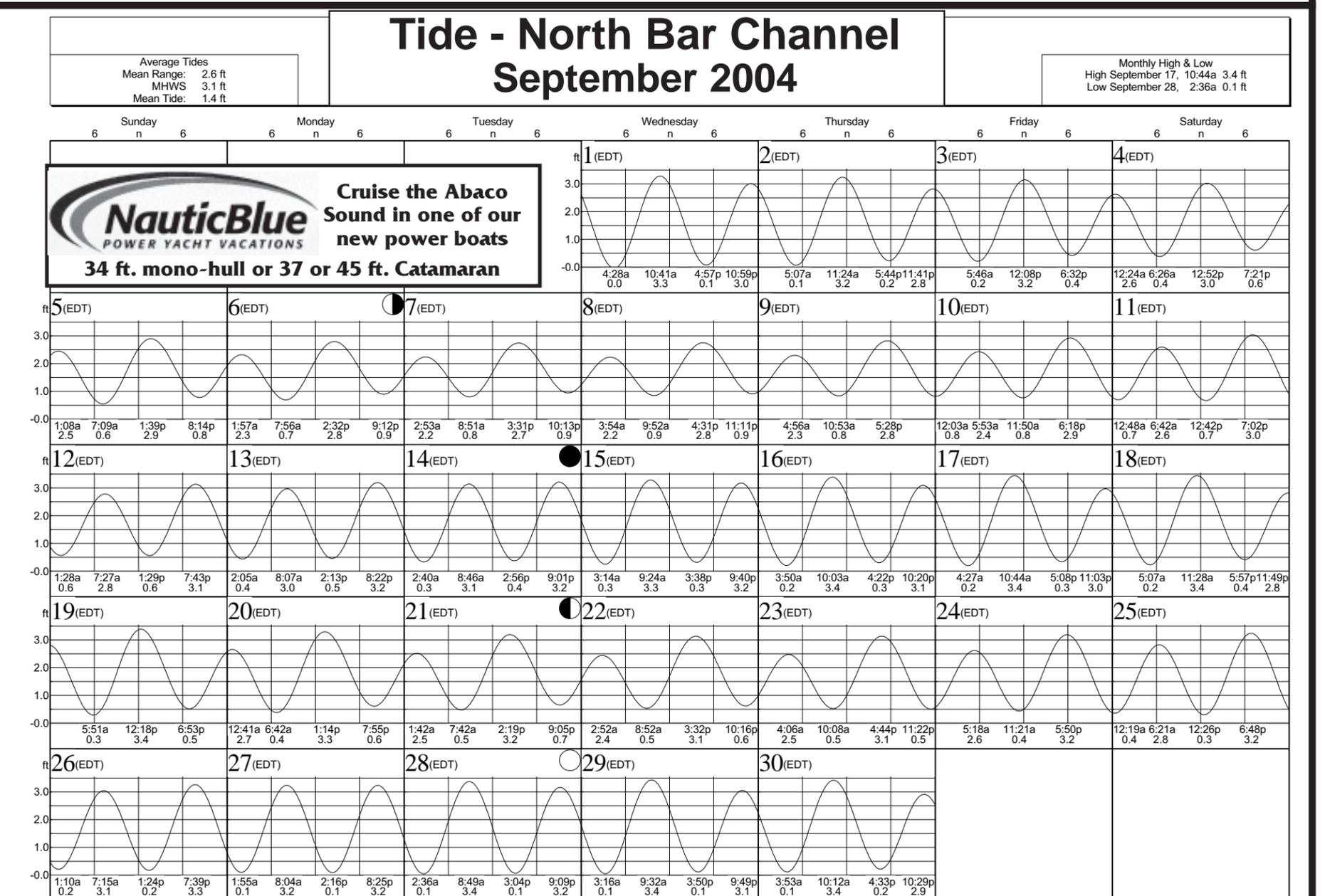
It is hoped that with the community's partnership, the new preschool will be up and running by January 2005. The Ministry wishes to hire a teacher immediately to prepare for the opening. Interested, qualified teachers should contact Mrs. Key at 366-0059 or 366-0279 for further information about the position.

Further joint meetings will be held to finalize plans with the proposed start of construction time in September and completion time of January.



The community of Hope Town works in partnership with the government to improve their school. Volunteers will be doing much of the work to create a proper location for a pre-school which will hopefully open in January 2005. Government will provide the funding. Meetings with school staff, PTA members and Ministry of Education officials are working out the details. Shown above are parent Steve Sweeting, Mr. Creswell Stirrup, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Ms. Felamease Sawyer, Curriculum Director for Abaco, Mr. Belville Edwards, Ministry of Works Engineer, and Mr. Daniel Robinson, Building Maintenance Supervisor.

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# ALL ABOUT TOWN

By Isobel Sherman

## Vicious Dog Attack

In Nassau this past week two boys ages 6 and 10 were in a neighbor's yard with his permission when two pit bulls from another yard viciously attack them. Both boys required surgery as there were gouges out of their legs. Another neighbor fought off the dogs to save the boys' lives. Now all of the talk shows in Nassau are asking for tighter controls on vicious dogs particularly pit bulls.

Any dog, no matter what the breed, can bite but some breeds have a higher propensity to be dangerous and vicious. The pit bull is one of these. I am told the red nose pit bulls are especially dangerous.

We have many pit bulls on Abaco. According to Molly Roberts of Abaco Animals Require Kindness, Abaco has a growing population of pit cakes which results when a pit bull is mated with a potcake.

Owning a dog or any other animal is a responsibility. I do not understand the fascination with the pit bull except to say that their potential violence must appeal to some persons for reasons I cannot fathom. However, if these dogs are here, they need to be con-

trolled. By that I mean they need to be behind a fence or restrained.

Maybe with this latest incidence in Nassau legislation will be forthcoming. In the meantime we need to be on guard when we see a pit bull on the loose.

## Is the Economy Slow?

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 reason 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.

## Tourism

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fishing tournaments. It came out that Abaco contributed \$30 million to the treasury last year from customs duties. It may be that Abaco contributes close to \$100 million when considering all other taxes.

Mrs. Outten would like to see the cruise passengers on the Disney cruise ships be exposed to more Bahamian culture. Six thousand passengers visit weekly but they all stay on Castaway Cay, eight miles from Sandy Point.

Mrs. Outten mentioned that she feels that taxi fares are very high.

## Ambulance

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could drive the vehicle to West Palm Beach to be shipped.

"The bottom line," said Dan, "is that although we now have a fully loaded, more up-to-date ambulance on Abaco, the Trauma One Service, which is of vital importance to the people of Abaco, is suffering financially and will be unable to continue unless it receives the full support of the whole community which it serves."

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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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### Summer's Third Goombay Returns



The New Wave Dancers are regular entertainers at the Goombay Festivals held during the summer on Abaco. The group comes over from Freeport and performs a variety of dances, each with elaborate costumes. They encourage audience participation and have a great rapport with the crowds.

Hundreds were drawn to the Goombay Festival held at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour on August 13. These displays of Bahamian culture are popular with visitors and residents alike. Booths provide a variety of Bahamian food and crafts. Straw work is displayed. The Rotary Club of Abaco organizes the bar for Tourism. Conch salad is made at one booth while at another partygoers can have their hair braided. This

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Everyone gets involved and enjoys the Bahamian beat of the music provided by DJ Antonio. The Ministry of Tourism organizes the Goombay Festivities each summer to give our visitors an experience of Bahamian culture. This year Goombay was held on four Friday nights. Later in the evening the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group rushes to the beat of the cowbells and goat skin drums.

### Administrator Knowles Leaves



A going-away party was held in Cooper's Town on August 16 to say farewell to Administrator Gary Knowles, who has been transferred to Fresh Creek, Andros. Taking his place will be Administrator Donald Cash, who has come to North Abaco from South Abaco. Shown above are four administrators, Mr. Roderick Bowe, who is posted in Sandy Point to take care of government matters of the South Abaco District and the Moore's Island District, Mr. Alexander Williams, Sr. Administrator for the Central Abaco District and the Hope Town District, Mr. Cash and Mr. Knowles. Mr. Williams will be leaving Abaco shortly for Freeport.

Don't Miss the Last  
**Summer Goombay Festival**  
August 27 Goombay Park, Marsh Harbour

### Farmers Study Banana Diseases



Farmers of Abaco had a one-day workshop to learn more about the two fungal diseases which are affecting banana plants here on Abaco as well as worldwide. Shown above are the two presenters, Mr. Everton Ambrose and Mr. Christopher Lubin, both from St. Lucia. They explained the system of spraying fungicides to keep the diseases under control. The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and an international organization to assist farmers.

### Basketball Clinic Teaches Skills



A two-week basketball clinic was recently concluded in Dundas Town for youngsters of Central Abaco. It gave the young people hands-on pointers to improve their techniques. Coaches from Grand Bahama were augmented by local volunteers.

Eighteen banana farmers were given a hands-on lesson for identifying and suppressing the Black Sigatoka and Yellow Sigatoka disease which is decimating dessert banana crops worldwide. The workshop was organized by the Department of Agriculture and the Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

The IICA is an organization supported by all the countries of the Western Hemisphere and assists farmers and govern-

ments with problems by providing consultants and hands-on advice. Its representatives were on Abaco to discuss the major problem which is plaguing countries around the world which produce bananas. Bananas are the fourth most important food crop after wheat, corn and rice. The bananas which are a staple food in many countries are plantains and other vegetable-like fruit, not the sweet

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# Sports News

## A Man Wearing Four Hats

By Jennifer Hudson

Malcolm Spicer has four great loves: his wife, computers, soccer and darts. Born in England he did not take up the game of darts until he was posted as a teacher on Eleuthera. It was then that he got hooked on darts. In the administration of the dart world he has risen high. Currently he is holding four offices in different darts associations.

On Abaco he is the Secretary of the Abaco Darts Association. He is President of the Bahamas Dart Association and Secretary General of Caribbean Darts Association. Finally, he has just begun his second two-year term as President of the World Darts Federation of Americas.

The countries belonging to the World Darts Federation of Americas are United States, Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Brazil, Cayman Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Antigua and Belize.

Mr. Spicer just returned from Fort Lauderdale where the second Americas Cup Tournament was held. As President Malcolm is responsible for all World Darts Federation business on this side of the world. Malcolm loves doing all of the work of each office he holds. He has been President of the Bahamas Dart Association for

15 years and admits this office takes up most of his time compared to the other offices he holds. Mr. Spicer is proud that he as a Bahamian holds such a high position in a world sporting organization.

On Abaco as Secretary General the summer league has just begun. There are six dart teams on Abaco and they play at D&R Sports Bar or at Russell's Sports Bar.

The Bahamas Dart team has just finished second in the Caribbean Cup. No member of the team was from Abaco but Donald Burrows was the team manager.

A fan of the soccer team, Manchester United in the United Kingdom, Mr. Spicer is also President of the Abaco Football League, which he is hoping will be able to resume playing this fall. There are four teams in the league, two from Marsh Harbour and two from Treasure Cay. The Abacom United Team was Bahamian Champions in 2000 and runner up in 2001. They did not play in 2003/04 due the playing field being damaged by the carnival. Mr. Spicer is hoping that the field can be fixed for the upcoming soccer season.

## Basketball Fever

By Isobel Sherman

The Abaco Basketball Association in conjunction with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture sponsored a Youth Basketball Fever, a two-week basketball clinic. The clinic was open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18 and was held at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town.

Coach Norris Bain, coach of the Tabernacle Baptist High School Basketball Team in Freeport, conducted the clinic. Abaco's Cordell Delancy assisted Coach Bain.

The camp began on August 5th, delayed two days due to rainy weather. There were two sessions, ages 6-12 from 9-1 p.m. and ages 13-18 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. After each evening session there was a short basketball game.

Mr. Cay Mills, President of the Abaco Basketball Association, was responsible for the organization of the clinic.

## Body Builder Wins

Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden competed in three competitions over a six-week period, the first in Freeport, Grand Bahama,

the second in Nassau and the third in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The following are the results:

Northern Bahamas Championship in Freeport on July 2, Masters Over 40 first place, Open Middleweight second place; Bahamas National Championship in Nassau on July 31 Masters over 50 first place, Open Middleweight third place; Southern States Championship in Fort Lauderdale Masters Over 60, Middleweight first place.

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There was plenty of action during the basketball clinic held at Ocean View Park for the young people of Central Abaco. After learning skills, they practiced in short games which they all enjoyed playing.

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# More Sports News



Coach Norris Bain worked with the young people individually, teaching them the skills needed to play basketball competitively. The clinic was mostly drills, exercises and ball handling techniques. They had short competitions and the event closed with several games.



A basketball clinic was held for the youth of Central Abaco the first two weeks of August under the direction of a coach from Freeport. He was assisted by several from here. Rainy weather proved to be a problem but the youth learned many basics of the game. The younger students were instructed in the mornings while the older ones practiced at night.

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## Hard Knox Competes in Florida

On June 26 Marsh Harbour's Hard Knox Vale Tudo team competed in the annual NAGA Pro Am competition in Fort Lauderdale. This is a submission wrestling competition in which some of the best submission artists in the world compete. There were teams there from Brazil, Russia, Venezuela, Canada and from all over the United States.

The Abaco team consisted of instructor Jake Stortenbecker, who competed in the professional division but was unfortunately injured and could not continue competing, Charles Darville, who fought hard and placed 4th in two divisions, Thomas Key, who represented Abaco, Austin Koepp, who brought back a third place medal, and Keino Sands, who at one time had to fight five times in a row with no rest. He showed his heart and determination and brought back a second and third place trophy. Overall as a team Hard Knox tied for 13th place out of 20 places. Now that is extremely good considering most teams had at least two competitors in each weight class, and Hard Knox only had five in the whole of the competition.

Mr. Jake is extremely proud of his kids because of their hard work and determination. They represented Abaco and the Bahamas extremely well. When you see these boys, give them the recognition they deserve. Mr. Jake thanks Mr. Henry Key because without him this trip would not have been possible.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Hard Knox team or you just want self-defense classes, call Jake at work 367-2674 or home at night 367-5989. This team is not limited to just kids. Adults are welcome as well for an incredible work out. If you are interested in sponsoring Hard Knox Vale Tudo, we would greatly appreciate any help. The school is in need of new equipment.

## Civic Organizations

### Kiwanis Club of Great Abaco

Tuesday, 7 p.m., weekly at Mackerel's Restaurant, Dundas Town, 367-5932

### Pilot Club of Abaco

Third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Central Abaco Primary, Dundas Town, 367-3457

### Pilot Club of South Abaco

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### Rotary Club of Abaco

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# Club News

## Rotary Club Donates to Marine Research

The Rotary Club of Abaco, during its August 9 meeting, awarded \$1,200 to the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey for support of its high school internship program. Receiving the cheque was Diane Claridge, Project Director, and Tanique Pratt, an eleventh grade student from Abaco Central High School who was a participating intern for the past six weeks. According to its website, the short term research goals of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey are to determine the occurrence, seasonality and abundance of marine mammals in The Bahamas. For spe-

cies that are found to be resident to particular areas, the long term goals are to determine their life history parameters, population size and habitat requirements. Based in Sandy Point, they hope to characterize the marine mammal fauna of the Bahama Islands for scientific understanding and conservation purposes.

Tanique delivered an interesting presentation, giving an overview of her experiences as an intern, including that while diving she was up close and personal with bottlenose dolphins as well as melon head, minke, blue, and sperm whales. She learned what they eat, how they eat what they do, dorsal fin identification and how to take samples of tissue

from stranded dead and decaying whales. Eeeeww. She was so taken by what she learned that she has decided to become a marine biologist and hopes to get a scholarship to one of the nearby universities that offer a degree in that field. The Rotary Club of Abaco is proud to support the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey Internship Program for high school students from Abaco.

## Education Officer Challenged Members

On August 16th the outgoing Superintendent of Education for the Abaco District, Mr. Hezekiah Dean, addressed members of the Rotary Club of Abaco about *Literacy in The Bahamas* and on Abaco from the perspectives of school children, adults and those for whom English is a second language. He challenged Rotarians to think about what is meant when someone is labeled as illiterate and to go beyond the obvious ability to read and

write to include the broader spectrum of cultured and well read, to include critical thinking and appropriate social skills plus a basic knowledge of The Bahamas and its cultural norms.

According to Mr. Dean, most citizens of The Bahamas are reading at the 5th grade level and writing at the 6th grade level. As background, he said that education in The Bahamas stems from the programs in place in Great Britain. The level of literacy in Great



Mr. Hezekiah Dean



The Rotary Club of Abaco donated \$1200 to the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey to assist in their summer intern program. Diane Claridge, right, Project Director of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey, accepted the check from Kevin Sterling, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco. In the center is Tanique Pratt, who was the intern this summer. She gave an interesting presentation about her experiences and her desire now to become a marine biologist.

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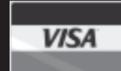
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The funeral for **Leon Cornish**, 75, of Cooper's Town was held on August 11 at the Church of God Cathedral. Bishop Archilaus Cooper officiated and interment was in the Public Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his children Carnetta Russell, Mildred Blatch, Vernal and Jacob

Cornish, Erma Burrows and Theresa Murray; stepdaughter Bethsheba Pritchard; grandchildren Lynda Greene, Freda, Olivia, Candy, Michael and Bobby Blatch, Vanetta, Synovia, Vernon, Vadal and Lindsay Cornish, Antoinette Armstrong, Justin Rado and Jessica Hield, Omar Burrows, Calsey, Skipp, Jamal, Maley, Julian and Jasmine Cornish,

Covan Saunders, Alphonso Parker, Faye McIntosh, Hencil, Addison, Shavina, Hamilton Jr. and Carrington Russell, Wellington Pritchard, Brittany, Ava, Rashida and Dario Marray; great-grandchildren; nephews the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Minister Leslie Cornish, Ejnar and Prince Cornish, Gifford Bootle, Ferris Hanna and Delgarno Newbold; nieces Estelle McKinney, Genevive McIntosh, Rosemary Murray and Queenie Newton; sons-in-law ASP Alexander Blatch, Hamilton Russell, Lindsay Burrows and Gordon Murray; stepson-in-law Wellington Pritchard; sister-in-law Laurie Cornish-Hanna; brothers-in-law Sherwin Laroda and Leon Pinder; daughters-in-law Marilyn and Janice Cornish; nephews-in-law Simpson McKinney, Godfrey Rolle, Ronald Murray and Anthony Newton; nieces-in-law Delores Ingraham, Ruth, Princess and Lurlean Cornish; grandsons-in-law Oswald Greene, Alvin Saunders and Anthony

Armstrong; granddaughter-in-law Charmaine Parker; and many other relatives and friends.

**Ena Mae McIntosh Gardiner**, 50 of Fox Town passed away quietly on July 21. She was married to Gladwin "Boss" Gardiner and the couple had two sons and a daughter.

**Helen Russell**, 94, passed away on July 23 in Crown Haven after an illness. She was married to Capt. Alfred Russell and the couple had eight children. They lived for many years at Cave Cay until a devastating hurricane forced the government to move them to Crown Haven.

She is survived by her sons Alfred Jr. and John Russell, daughters Joyce Rolle, Agnes Curry Mildred Thomas, Veronica Russell, Mary Albury and Myrtis Russell, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren and great, great, great grandchild. She is mourned by the communities of Crown Haven and Fox Town.

## Rotary

From Page 4

Britain in 2001 surpassed most other European countries and the United States and he was surprised to learn that the same educational problems facing The Bahamas are faced throughout the world. Mr. Dean went on to say that on Abaco reading has taken a back seat. In Great Britain parents spend four to six hours a week reading for pleasure. In addition they spend considerable time with their children doing homework and purchase books to help their children read. That is not the case here. Because few parents are pushing, the children are falling behind. He said, "There is little support in the home to support what goes on in the schools. If there is no support, what is offered in school is lost."

Mr. Dean said that we need to reach the

adults and help them improve reading and writing skills. He has a program, not yet fully implemented, with all the materials for training in adult literacy that he hopes his successor will be able to implement as he is leaving shortly for a new post in Nassau. He urged all Bahamians to reach out to those who speak Creole and Spanish and help them learn English.

He concluded by saying that each of us has a duty to look at what we can do to help - to help the children, perhaps with a parents' forum and to help the adults with training, with literacy education and language skills.

Mr. Dean will be missed and we all wish him much success with his new responsibilities.

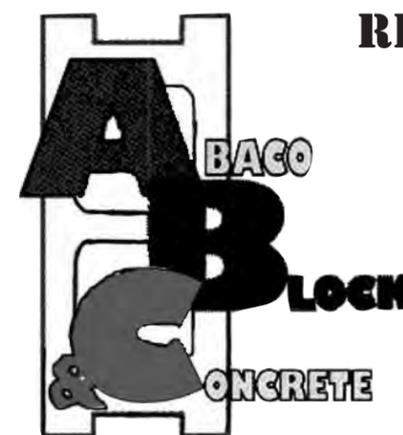


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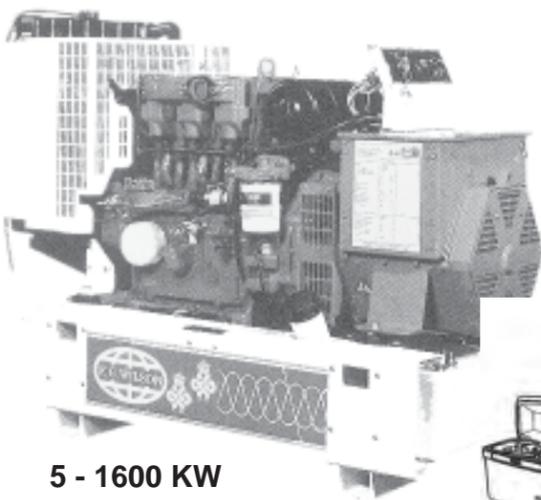
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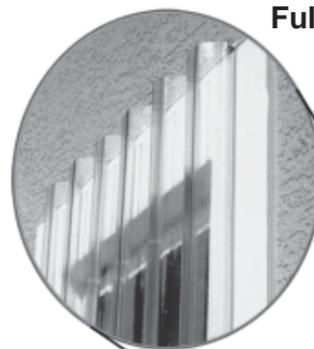
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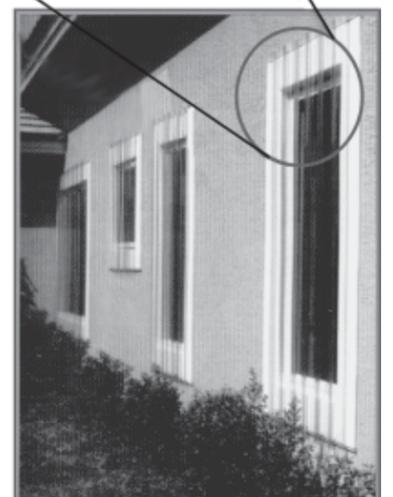


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# Police Crime Report

A vacant house on the highway near Leisure Lee was broken into during June but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Death threats were made against a Spring City woman June 29 putting her in fear of her life.

Two girls from Spring City became involved in an argument mid-afternoon June 29 at Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour causing minor injuries to one of the girls.

The Treasure Cay Primary School was broken into during the night of June 29. Nothing appeared to be missing.

A CD player and six CDs valued at \$320 were stolen from a car left for repairs June 29 at the Texaco Quality Starr station in Marsh Harbour.

The Bellevue delivery truck in Marsh Harbour had all windows smashed and all four tires slashed while parked at the business during the night of June 29.

A Marsh Harbour resident reported that his pickup truck got scorched while parked at his house during the night of June 29.

A 12' X 12' tent valued at \$175 was stolen July 1 from the beach behind Royal Palm resort at Treasure Cay.

A 27 inch television was stolen from a vacant Treasure Cay house during the week of June 25.

A window was broken on a house on Nathan Key Drive in Marsh Harbour by a thrown rock sometime between June 29 and July 1.

Eighteen boxes of lobster were confiscated when found on board the M/V Gurth Dean late in the afternoon July 1 while the vessel was in Cooper's Town.

A \$140 cellphone was stolen by someone who broke into Lucayan Surveying at Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour during the

weekend of July 2.

A \$350 solar panel was stolen from the wild horse preserve north of Treasure Cay during the weekend of July 2.

A vacant house in Treasure Cay had a window smashed during the night of July 4 and was entered. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

A Cooper's Town man reported a window was smashed on his car during the night of July 4 while it was parked at Treasure Cay. Damages are estimated to be \$400.

A vacant house in Treasure Cay was discovered to be broken into when an alarm alerted authorities July 5. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

A man from Freeport and a man from Grand Cay were arrested in the vicinity of Triangle Rock in the afternoon of July 5 when found during the closed season with two stone crab bitters.

The Auditor General's office in B & L Plaza in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of July 7 but nothing appeared to have been taken.

A Dundas Town woman had four tires slashed on a borrowed car while it was parked in front of her boyfriend's house in Pigeon Peas during the night of July 7. Damages are estimated to be \$180.

A Murphy Town woman reported that about 8 p.m. on July 8 while at her residence a man she only knows by his first name approached her with a cutlass and attempted to chop her and threatened to kill her, putting her in fear for her life.

A Murphy Town man was arrested and cautioned on July 8 because he made threats of death.

A resident of the Mud was arrested on July 15 for having unlawful sexual inter-

course.

A resident of the Mud reported on July 15 that a man whose name he knew hit him on the back of his head with a cutlass.

A woman resident of the Mud reported that on July 15 she and her husband had an argument and her husband punched her and threatened to kill her.

A resident of the Mud was arrested on July 15 for causing harm and making death threats.

A Murphy Town woman reported that on July 15 someone broke into her house. Nothing was discovered stolen.

A Fisheries officer arrested a woman at Spanish Cay on July 15 for having 70 pounds of fresh crawfish during the closed season.

Bellevue Business Depot in Marsh Harbour was broken into through a bathroom window on July 15 or 16. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

The Treasure Cay Service Station was broken into through a door on July 16 and an unknown amount of gasoline and oil was taken.

A Dundas Town man was assaulted on July 18 by a male known as Harry while he

was at a night club in Marsh Harbour.

Someone smashed the front glass door at AID in Marsh Harbour on July 17 or 18 and entered the building. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

An Eleutheran resident was arrested in Marsh Harbour on July 19 for shop breaking and stealing.

A resident of the Mud in Marsh Harbour was arrested on July 16 for causing harm and threatening death.

Abaco Stereo in Marsh Harbour was broken into on July 20 by someone smashing a showcase window. Two micro cassettes, two digital cameras, two portable CD players, two amplifiers and three CD car decks valued at \$2742.95 were stolen.

A resident of Pigeon Peas, Marsh Harbour, was arrested on July 19 for possession of dangerous drugs.

A Spring City woman reported on July 10 that she was injured in her side by a Spring City man she knew while she was at a night club in Marsh Harbour.

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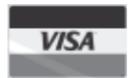


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# Police Crime Report

**Police** *From Page 6*

Two brothers in Marsh Harbour had an argument on July 18 and one threatened to kill the other. He had a revolver.

A resident of Pigeon Peas was threatened on July 21 by a man with a hand gun while he was in the vicinity of the government dock.

A resident of the Mud was arrested on July 21 for threatening to kill someone. No weapon was found.

A man was charged with vagrancy while he was near Royal Bank of Canada on July 22..

A resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested on July 22 for shop breaking and stealing.

Two residents of the Mud were arrested for immigration irregularities on July 22.

A Dundas Town resident was arrested on July 22 for shop breaking and stealing.

A woman from Cove Estates had \$50 stolen from her purse left in her truck while she was in Little Orchard.

A resident of Dundas Town was arrested on July 24 on an outstanding New Providence warrant.

A resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested on July 24 for possession of dangerous drugs.

A visitor from Florida reported on July 23 that she accepted a ride from a couple in a truck when she was in the vicinity of Snappas Restaurant. They took her to a house where the female held her while the male had sex with her against her will.

A resident of Crockett Drive was arrested on July 24 because of death threats he made.

A resident of the Mud was arrested on July 24 for causing harm.

Riviere and Associates was broken into on July 25 through the front door. Nothing was discovered stolen.

A resident of Sand Banks was arrested on Don MacKay Boulevard on July 26 for immigration irregularities.

Two visitors renting a house on Elbow Cay reported that \$2000 was stolen between August 5 and 8.

Two men from Cooper's Town were involved in an argument with a group of young men near Conch Crawl Restaurant in Marsh Harbour. They were both stabbed and were later examined at the Cooper's Town clinic.

They were airlifted to Grand Bahama for further medical attention.

A Cooper's Town man was arrested there for carrying unlawful arms.

A Murphy Town man reported that his girlfriend pulled a knife on him and tried to stab him during an argument they had on August 7.

A Murphy Town woman was arrested on August 8 for assault with a dangerous instrument.

A resident of Elbow Cay reported that a man he knew threw a stone with caused \$500 damage to the front door and window of his

house.

Spoooner's Department Store was broken into on August 10 by someone throwing a concrete block through a glass door. Nothing was discovered missing.

A resident of Government Subdivision and a resident of the Mud were arrested for assault with a dangerous instrument.

A resident of Fire Road reported on August 10 that three men that he knew blocked his vehicle in with a truck and started throwing stones at him. He was able to get

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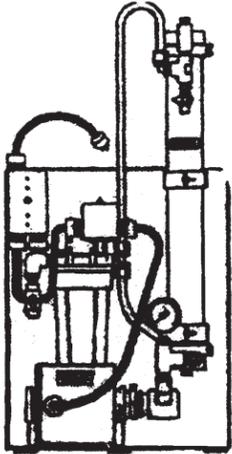
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# Mosquitoes - Limit Breeding on Your Property

By Portia Jonsson

The Department of Environmental Health Services has recently notified the general public that due to recent rains, there has been an increase in mosquito breeding. As a result, the Department (Vector Control Section) will be intensifying its fogging program throughout the islands.

One of the most effective ways to control mosquito populations that transmit diseases is to reduce the number and types of mosquito breeding habitats in our community. Nothing else encourages mosquitoes breeding more than standing water to lay their eggs, which in the hottest part of summer can hatch into larvae within a week. To effectively reduce larval hatching everyone needs to check our property and neighborhood for potential mosquito breeding sites.

Tires are especially notorious mosquito breeding sites. They should be properly discarded, covered or stacked in a shed or garage so that they cannot fill with water. If you have a tire swing, make a hole in the bottom of it to allow water to

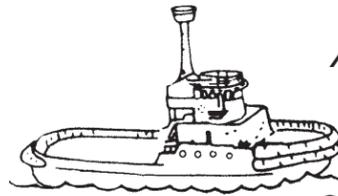
drain out.

Flowerpots and garbage cans are found in every yard and can hold enough water to breed mosquitoes. Drain dishes under flowerpots every few days and after rainstorms or move them inside. Cover outdoor trash cans with tight-fitting lids. Wheelbarrows, tubs and wading pools should be stored upside down or under cover when not in use.

Remember faucets and air conditioners can leak and form puddles that may provide mosquito breeding habitat. Eliminate any standing water in puddles. Fountains, birdbaths and water gardens can also provide ideal habitat for breeding mosquitoes. Replace water in birdbaths and fountains at least twice a week.

Rain gutters need to be kept clean and maintained. Leaves and other debris can create pools of water and an ideal environment for mosquito larvae.

The best control for mosquito breeding is to maintain a clean and sanitary environment. Therefore, the public is encouraged to maintain Clean, Green and Pristine surroundings.



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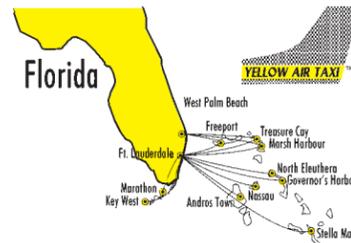
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# Animal Rescue Ladies Meet

By Isobel Sherman

Every Thursday a group of ladies with a deep love of animals gathers at Wally's Restaurant for lunch. They come from Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town, Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War.

In 1983 Candace Key started Friends of Abaco Animals in Hope Town. This organization places cat food in 18-20 different feeding stations on Elbow Cay and Boat Harbour daily. The group spays and neuters the animals and offer this service to anyone with a dog or cat as needed. The major fund raiser for buying the food is the Dorros Cove Art Show. Janie Thompson admits they deal mostly with cats but will find homes for cats, kittens and puppies as well. Janie estimates that 98 percent of all cats in Hope Town and at Boat Harbour have been spayed or neutered.

In Marsh Harbour Project Potcake Rescue spays and neuters animals, rescuing animals and finding homes for them. That group, too, must raise funds which is done making and selling handcrafts. Also in Marsh Harbour Linda Giovani feeds many stray dogs, all of which have been spayed or neutered. She feeds them at several lo-

cations in central Marsh Harbour.

Marianne Albury has Man-O-War Humane Society which feeds the wild cats in Man-O-War as well as spay and neutering both cats and dogs. At her store Marianne sells a potcake T-shirt for humans and dogs which funds her efforts.

Karen McIntosh of Abaco Ceramics has designed a potcake ceramic mug and all proceeds from these go to animal organizations. In addition, Karen helps out with the strays on Green Turtle and is actively looking for assistance in this endeavor on Green Turtle.

The ladies meet on Thursdays after dropping animals off at the veterinarians. Most animal adoptions come from second homeowners and boaters.

Molly and Chris Roberts of Abaco Animals Require Kindness help in the spaying, neutering and adoptions many of which have been coordinated through the Buddy Dog organization. They have shipped many potcake puppies for adoption.

These highly motivated caring people are doing a great service for Abaco. The only way to stop a burgeoning population of stray dogs and cats is through spay and neutering programs.

## Police

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away.

A resident of Fire Road reported on August 10 that while he was in Cooper's Town he was hit by a Ford Explorer which was driven by a man he knew.

A woman from Cooper's Town reported that on August 10 she was stopped by a man she knew who chopped at her vehicle with a cutlass causing damage to the windshield.

A visitor on Easter Shores reported on August 11 that someone entered his home through an unlocked door and stole \$69. A resident of Little Orchard reported on August 11 that someone stole speakers in his Jeep Cherokee while it was parked in front of Snappas Restaurant. They were valued at \$200.

## AA Meetings

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

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

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## Eye Problems Can Affect Learning

By Jennifer Hudson

With a new school year set to begin within a few weeks, now would be a good time to have your child's eyesight checked if you suspect that your child is having any kind of vision problems. A young child may not realise that his or her vision is not normal. Children growing up with poor vision are not aware of their problem as they have not experienced good vision. However, if your child has experienced any learning or behavioral problems at school, it could be because he is not able to see properly and this can cause inattentiveness and disruptive behaviour. Twenty-five percent of children between five and 12 years have vision deficiencies according to the American Public Health Association.

These are warning signs to watch for:

- Consistently sitting too close to the television or holding a book too close
- Complaining of headaches or tired eyes
- Frequent eye rubbing
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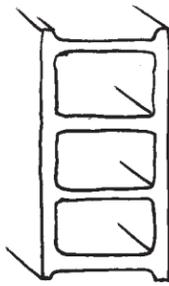
- Closing one eye to watch television to see better

- Avoiding activities such as colouring or reading

If your child exhibits any of these problems it is advisable to schedule an appointment with an eye doctor. There is an optical centre in Marsh Harbour and an eye specialist is now making regular visits to the Auskell Clinic. Farsightedness (hyperopia), nearsightedness (myopia), crossed eyes (strabismus), lazy eye (amblyopia) and astigmatism, which causes blurred vision, are all conditions which need to be corrected.

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# The Incredible Edible Conch

By Lee Pinder

As recently as this past March, Time Magazine in the Time Global Adviser section had a very informative and positive write up on our most popular street fare entitled *Fried and Fabulous* about what they called our love affair with the sea snails, or what I like to refer to as the incredible edible conch (pronounced konk). Of course, the magazine didn't mention Abaco specifically but listed it as "the Bahamas own original fast food" and compared it in flavor to the clam. Personally, I find it far superior, not only in size but also in beauty as well as taste.

Actually, the word conch is a generic term and conchology is a branch of zoology that deals with shells. Many shells around the world are nicknamed "conch," but the one we know in The Bahamas is the *Strombus Gigas* (queen conch). The family of queen conch includes five more members that share its domain. They are *Strombus Goliath* (the largest), *Strombus Pugilis* (fighting conch), *Strombus Costatus* (milk conch), *Strombus Raininus* (hawk wing) and *Strombus Gallus* (rooster-tail).

The *Casis Tuberosa* (the king helmet) is mistakenly called King Conch and although its shell is beautiful, the shell is not edible. Carnivorous Mollusks, such as tulip, the helmet, the murex and the Florida Horse Conch are not true *Strombus* at all and prey upon the Queen. All these and many more beautiful shells were on display in the recent annual Seashell Exhibition held in Cherokee Sound on May 31, 2004.

The conch are found throughout these islands and have reportedly been around for 65 million years. It is not only a favourite food of the residents but also a national symbol and found on the Coat of Arms for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. It is slow moving, algae-eating, easy-to-catch but hard to clean, deliciously mild tasting shellfish (which some persons find they are allergic to) with a very beautiful, decorative and multi-faceted shell.

Very few people are aware of the lovely pink pearls that are formed as an abnormal growth and are produced by the mantle of the animal as a protection against a foreign body or micro-organism that has deposited itself within the flesh of the conch. It then secretes layers of the same nacre that colour the lip, building up layers around the offending object thereby producing an often perfectly round and beautifully pink pearl. However, it may also be any shade of white, cream, orange or brown and not always perfectly round at all. It can be as large as a grape or not much bigger than a grain of sand. The pearls are similar to pearls in the South Pacific but they cannot be cultured like their oyster counter-parts. These unique and beautiful "gifts from the sea" often demand a very high selling price and are much coveted by designing collectors.

During the Victorian era conch shells were shipped to Europe for carving into valuable ladies cameo brooches. Today local artisans use the pinkest portions of the conch shell to carve or cut out inexpensive costume jewelry which is very popular with the tourists as souvenirs. The conch shell is also used as a horn that will make a loud and melodious sound often used by the local fishermen to attract attention or call to one another or from vessel to vessel.

Our "love affair" with the conch does not end with the shell. Bahamians enjoy many delicious and appetizing dishes prepared from the meat of the conch, sometimes referred to as hurricane ham or

lambie. To remove the meat from the shell and prepare it is a learned art and best done by someone who is adept at it. To begin with, the animal is very strong and doesn't want to leave his home, so it is best if you know what you are doing.

If you try to pull it out of the shell, you will find it almost impossible unless you know where to put a hole in the spiral end of the shell and insert a knife to cut the tendon loose. If you try smashing the shell, you could embed it with cracked pieces of shell that would make it inedible.

Of course, when you watch the fishermen do it, it appears to be very easy indeed. But then comes the slopping which is a dirty job and again is a perfected skill which comes from experience. During the cleaning process the locals like to slip out the crystalline style (or conch pissle) and slurp down this clear protein rod from the conch's stomach that is believed to be a strong aphrodisiac "that'll make you a mon!"

After you have removed the operculum (sometimes called the toenail or spur) attached to the foot, you remove the guts,

eye stalks and proboscis leaving only the meat which can then be skinned for a more tender and less chewy meat. The mantle (or red) is edible and, in fact, is a preferred portion to be retained and eaten. Now that your conch is cleaned it can be eaten raw.

The fisherman finds the conch in the shallow grassy areas and will clean his conch and wash it in salt water and eat it immediately, thereby saving the need to

Please see **Conch**

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# Police Is Beginning a Recruitment Drive

By Jennifer Hudson

"The Royal Bahamas Police Force needs recruits," stated Inspector Kevin Mortimer, Officer in Charge of the new recruitment exercise. "Young men and women considering a first career or a change of career may want to consider becoming a police officer."

At a meeting held recently in Marsh Harbour, interested young men and women were told of the opportunities awaiting them in the Police Force. More than 20 persons attended the meeting with a spirit of enthusiasm. A video was presented in which each division of the force showed examples of what its work entails.

Ms. Kimber Cooper, a new recruit from Cooper's Town now stationed in Marsh Harbour, gave a presentation entitled *A Day in the Life of a Recruit* which was well received. Inspector Russell stated that he was impressed with the quality of persons who turned out to the meeting, and he would like to see at least five male and five female recruits from amongst those people.

Requirements for joining the force are:

- You must be a Bahamian between

the age of 17 1/2 and 30 years.

- Men must be five feet eight inches or taller, women must be five feet four inches or taller.

- Candidates should possess five BGCSE passes at grade C or above, two of which must be English and maths. However, if the candidate does not possess the required BGCSE passes, he/she can sit an examination which is set by the Police Training College and is held three or four times per year. The exam consists of tests in mathematics, English, general knowledge and general intelligence.

- Candidates must be of good character and must not possess any criminal record.

- An interview will also be conducted.

Abaconians have the chance to be in the second squad to be trained outside New Providence since a new training programme has now been instituted in Grand Bahama. Twenty six recruits passed from the first squad in Grand Bahama on July 23rd. One of those recruits is Ms. Cooper, who says, "It is not just a man's job as many people seem

to think, but it is any person's job." She has already decided that at the end of her first year's contract she will definitely be signing on for five years. Once a police officer has completed his first year, the choice to sign on for five years is completely optional.

Recruits receive \$17,200 per annum while in training. When they have completed their training, the sum is raised to \$18,000. The starting salary is increased according to academic qualifications and a person with an associate degree can begin at \$20,000 per year.

Inspector Ferguson stated that there are presently approximately 3500 police officers

throughout the Bahamas from Grand Bahama to Inagua. The archipelagic nature of the Bahamas presents certain challenges and requires greater manpower.

Inspector Ferguson, Recruiting Officer, advised, "The Police Force provides an excellent career and offers the opportunity to serve one's country. It is a very challenging and exciting job in which you get to witness all facets of life. The training you receive prepares you for life."

He invited any persons who may have missed the meeting and are interested in joining the force to stop in at the Police Station, as their doors are always open.



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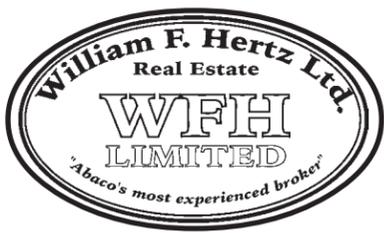
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# Two Diseases Threaten Banana Production

## Bananas

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bananas that many of us enjoy. The two diseases are affecting the dessert varieties of bananas to most and some of the staple bananas as well.

The presentation began with an overview of the problems that these diseases are creating. This took place at Central Abaco Primary School on August 12. During the three-hour presentation the farmers learned about the two related diseases, how the diseases spread, how to identify the symptoms at an early stage and effective control measures. Effective treatment hinges on early detection and identification and using appropriate chemicals during the different weather conditions. A variety of fungicides are recommended so the diseases do not develop an immunity to them. Safety measures while using and storing the chemicals was emphasized. The discussions were followed by a field trip to Pepperpot Farm south of Marsh Harbour.

The agricultural experts felt that the diseases were not being controlled on Abaco properly. The new banana leaves can look healthy but if they are affected, they will show the symptoms of the diseases as they

mature. By then it is difficult to control the diseases and it is usually hard to keep the plant alive long enough to produce bananas mature enough to harvest. The recommendation is to begin spraying fungicides when the leaves in the center of the plants are young and then follow up with a spraying regime on a regular schedule, using a suggested variety of chemicals. The chemicals are rotated to keep the fungi from building up a resistance to them.

The new regime is quite costly. The chemicals are expensive and the additional cost of labour is significant. Ideally, the plants need to be sprayed every other week. If the infection is not under control, the spraying needs to be done weekly. The most effective way of using the chemicals is with a misting nozzle which covers the leaves with a finer spray. This is more effective in controlling the disease and is results in less runoff. The government is looking into the misting nozzles as they are quite expensive.

The diseases are caused by a fungus spread by spores which are dispersed by the wind or by animals and people. The only control of the disease at this time is through spraying chemicals. The farmers on Abaco are still growing large quantities

of bananas by a diligent spraying program, then shipping them to Nassau. At this time it is not known how the additional expense will affect the viability of growing bananas.

Mr. Everton Ambrose of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, and Mr. Christopher Lubin of Ronwick, Inc. presented the information and gave the demonstrations. Accompanying these two men were Mr. Gregory Rahming, Sr., chemist with the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Alance Grant, Development Specialist with the IICA. Abaco's Agriculture Officer, Mr. David Knowles, assisted and facilitated the presentation.

Research is underway in many countries around the world to develop new varieties of bananas which are resistant to the dis-

eases. Many of the varieties which are vital to the diets of people in many areas of the world are not affected. The plants most susceptible are the dessert bananas which Bahamians favor. This is one of the most popular fruits in markets around the world and the production of this crop is vital to the economies of many countries.

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Farmers on Abaco were informed about the destruction caused by two banana leaf diseases, Black Sigatoka and Yellow Sigatoka which are damaging banana crops around the world. Shown above, left to right, are the presenters: Mr. Gregory Rahming, Senior Chemist with the Department of Agriculture; Mr. Christopher Lubin, Consultant with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture; Ms. Alance Grant, Development Specialist with the IICA; Mr. Everton Ambrose, Consultant with IICA; and Mr. David Knowles, Agriculture Officer on Abaco

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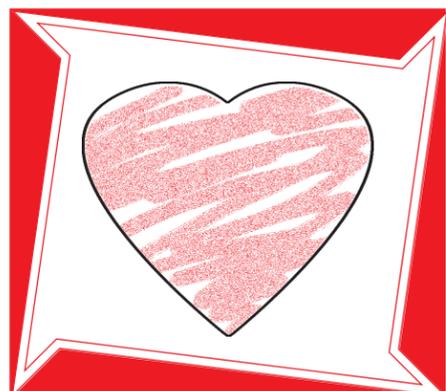
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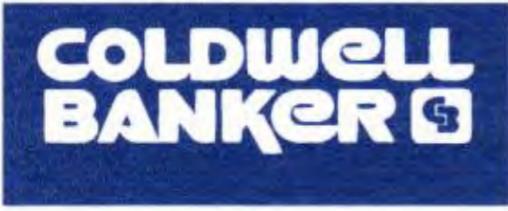
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# Batelco Has a Long History

By Jennifer Hudson

During the past few years there have been progress and innovations at Batelco some of which include much clearer service, unlimited circuits, a much expanded cellular service and greatly improved maintenance. I thought it would be interesting to look back at the birth of telecommunications on Abaco and how the service reached the pinnacle it is at today.

It would be difficult, I imagine, for the younger generation to comprehend life without several telephones in their house and a cellular in their pocket but instead having to travel perhaps several miles and then wait in line for hours sometimes in order to make a single short phone call. That is what it was like for their grand parents or maybe even their parents.

Until the year 1920 there were no radio communications with Abaco at all. The first radio station was installed in Hope Town in 1920. This was a telegraph station and messages were sent using International Morse Code. The headquarters for government communications remained stationed in Hope Town until 1958.

The second telegraph communication site was established in Marsh Harbour in 1924 on a site 300 feet west of the site of Port of Call Marina. The Post Office, library and telegraph office shared the same building

which, two years later, was completely destroyed by the devastating 1926 Hurricane. The offices were then built on Soldier Road next to the cemetery where they remained for about fifteen years. They were in a dilapidated building which was demolished to make more room for the cemetery.

In 1930 telegraph service was provided to the lumber operation at Norman's Castle and also at Cornwall.

Green Turtle Cay received its first telegraph station in 1925, Cherokee in 1930, Cooper's Town in 1950 and Sandy Point in 1951. All these stations were still using the International Morse Code.

The first telephone circuit came to Abaco in 1948 and the first telephone radio station was installed in Hope Town, which was the administrative center for mid-Abaco. This was quite a day for celebration as now it was possible for a person to actually make a telephone call. In order to make that call, though, one had to travel to the radio station and wait in line to use the one and only telephone.

In 1950 a radio VHF system was installed between Hope Town, Marsh Harbour, Man-O-War and Guana Cay. This meant that these towns were now connected to Hope Town by VHF which then had to pass through Nassau involving a long wait.

In 1958 a VHF circuit was installed in

Marsh Harbour enabling calls from Marsh Harbour to go directly to Nassau. However, making a call was not like making a call now. If someone wanted to call a person in Marsh Harbour, they would file the call in the morning in Nassau. When notification of the message arrived on Abaco, the radio operator would walk or cycle to find the recipient to let him know that a call was coming for them. They could make their way to the radio station to receive the call. The job of a radio operator was quite an arduous one as he had to work seven days a week traveling around to find the people to go to the station to receive their calls..

This all changed in 1964 when Page Communications from Washington, D.C., was awarded a contract to upgrade communications throughout the whole of the Bahamas. At this time four buildings were constructed in the Marsh Harbour area as a Forward Scatter System. The radio station was transferred from Soldier Road to its present site on Collins Avenue with twelve telephone circuits which was a big upgrade. There were now three booths but still in 1964 people had to go to the station to make

calls. In 1965, just one year after Batelco had moved into its present office on Collins Avenue, Hurricane Betsy hit and destroyed such a vast amount of equipment that it took several weeks to recover telephone service.

The first telephone installed in a home in Marsh Harbour was at the residence of Mr. Warren Albury, who was Manager of Batelco at the time. This phone was strictly for emergencies. The telephone station closed at 9 p.m. If there was an emergency during the night, Mr. Albury would have to leave the comfort of his home and go to find the person needed.

The following year a "manual telephone system" was installed serving fifty subscribers. At last fifty customers actually had a telephone in their house so that they could make calls comfortably but all calls still had to go through an operator. The year 1970 saw the advent of a one-hundred-line automatic exchange which meant that one hundred subscribers were then able to dial locally in the Marsh Harbour area using a

Please see **Batelco**

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# Batelco Made Many Upgrades

**Batelco** *From Page 16*

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In 1977 a 700-line Crossbar telephone system was installed for Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. This installation took nine months to complete and provided service for 700 subscribers.

The year 1980 was a major milestone with the advent of direct dialing facilities and also the first fax machine which was installed in Marsh Harbour.

Another major undertaking occurred between 1985 and 1986 when a major digital telephone exchange was installed at Marsh Harbour, Moore's Island, Sandy Point, Cherokee Sound, Hope Town, Man-O-War, Green Turtle Cay, Cooper's Town and Fox Town. At the same time a microwave system was installed to tie all the systems together. In 1985 also high speed data circuits were installed to service the banking sector.

Cell phones, which are so popular today, were first introduced to Abaco in 1988 when a cellular service was installed for the entire Abaco region.

December 1993 was a momentous milestone for the people of Treasure Cay. Up until then there had been no telephones in homes there and the installation of a 2,000-line exchange made many residents very happy. In 1996 50 subscribers on Guana Cay received their first telephone system.

Within the 46 years between 1950 and 1996 huge strides were made in the provision of telephone service to the residents of Abaco. Whereas in 1950 the number of telephones in service throughout the whole of Abaco was TEN, by 1996 the number had increased to over 5000.

In 1996 there were 13 Batelco offices in Abaco but many of those have now been closed due to automation.

Service was taken to Little Harbour last year and lines are presently going in for service into Bahama Palm Shores

Until 1966 Batelco was a government department known as the Telecommunications Department and all employees were civil servants. However, in 1966 it became a government corporation with a chairman, general manager, board of directors and a minister.

**Goombay** *From Page 1*

summer The New Wave Dancers from Freeport once again kept the audience involved, filling the stage with spectators who were turned into dancers themselves. Limbo contestants, trivia quizzes,

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- Lignum vitae (fruit, must be cooked)
- Black mangrove (Sprouting seeds, must

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**Conch**

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pack a lunch like most workmen. Or it can be scorched and marinated in sour orange or lime juice with local hot red peppers. It can be diced and served as a salad which usually includes tomato, onion, sweet pepper, and sometimes cabbage, celery or cucumber (or any variation of these fresh vegetables according to individual tastes). It needs to be well salted and again marinated in plenty of sour to let the flavours mingle.

Conch salad is often prepared fresh from the ocean on the back of a fisherman's truck who might have just pulled them from his crawl in the ocean (a holding pen where he collects his conch till he is ready to use them) or from a small vendor's stall along the streets in many Bahamian settlements, but it can also be found on the menu in many restaurants all over The Bahamas.

Many Abaconians fix a salad with

conch, whelks and curbs (two edible crustasians found on seaside rocks). Then there is conch chowder, similar in appearance to Manhattan clam chowder, but pleasantly different in taste, whereas some people make a white conch chowder reminiscent of New England clam chowder. It is made into a soup or boiled to make a souse. Our world-renowned (as evidenced by the aforementioned article in Time Magazine) conch fritters, which are served with a different and spicy dipping sauce are the happy hour appetizer of choice in many local bars. Conch is delicious steamed and stewed but is probably most often enjoyed fried when it is called "cracked conch."

A truly utilitarian animal, conch recipes and uses are seemingly endless. As you can see, this royal shellfish is much prized both by locals and visitors alike, so "long live the Queen (Conch, that is!)"

## Women's Rights Are Outlined

*By Isobel Sherman*

Amnesty International has launched a global campaign to *Stop Violence Against Women*. The international organization is stating that police need to be aware of their role in assisting victims of domestic violence.

According to the United Nations International Human Rights Standards for Law Enforcement the rights of women are as follows:

- Women are entitled to equal enjoyment and protection of all human rights including political, economic, social, cultural and civil.

- Police shall be diligent in the investigation and making arrests for all acts of violence against women.

- Violence against women is a crime and shall be treated as such even when it occurs within a family.

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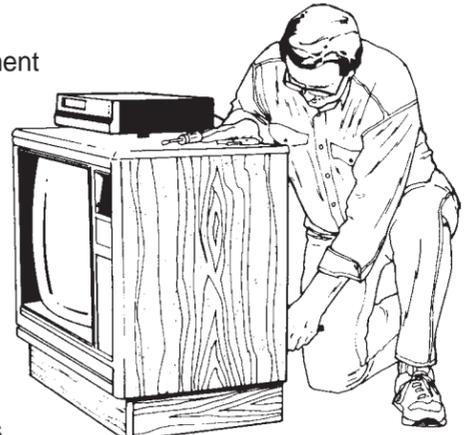
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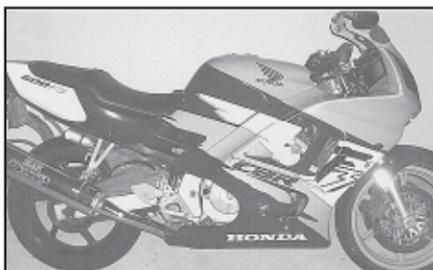


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