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Min. of Health Tours Haitian Communities



Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health, visited Abaco on October 9. He was concerned about the health hazards presented by the Haitian communities, particularly the Mud in Marsh Harbour. It was badly flooded by salt water along with sewerage, creating a situation which could have resulted in a serious disease outbreak. He was concerned with the health of the residents, an adequate supply of drinking water and the general living condition of residents. He is shown here in the center accompanied by Mr. Jack Thompson, who is on Abaco to supervise government relief efforts. The lady is a resident of the Mud.

The Bahamian government has put in place several programs to help hurricane-damaged islands recover. Foremost among government's policies to facilitate hurricane recovery on Abaco has been to bring Mr. Jack Thompson to Abaco from his position in Canada as Deputy High Commissioner and Council. Mr. Thompson will lead and coordinate the programs and facilitate their implementation on Abaco. He is not new to this as he held a similar post on Abaco after Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

Meetings have been held in most Abaco communities to explain government's policies to assist restoring storm losses for residences and personal belongings restore the business community. All presentations had a similar message and included a period for questions and answers.

The message was the same for each community. Government wants to facilitate the recovery of Abaco and is working hard to reduce or eliminate many of the bureaucratic obstacles to get individuals and businesses back on their feet. To this end Mr. Thompson was sent here to facilitate the recovery, recommend changes to government when necessary and assist individuals to avail themselves of the various aid programs. He is working hand-in-hand with other government agencies and departments to coordinate recovery and relief efforts.

Mr. Thompson's office is being estab-

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Recovery Administration Is Established

By Richard E. Fawkes

The Bahamas government's hurricane relief, recovery and reconstruction administration on Abaco will be led by Mr. Jack Thompson, Bahamas Deputy High Commissioner and Consul General to Canada, who

was brought back to Abaco by Prime Minister Perry Christie expressly for that purpose. At a press conference at the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on

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A Storm Landmark Is Moved



This Mainship was left high and dry on the road in front of Sapodilly's Restaurant by Hurricane Jeanne. It required a container stacker to move it to a barge so it could be taken to a repair yard. Abacays Freight Service removed the boat in less than one hour.

Moore's Is. Hears About Govt. Assistance



Ms. Sheila Greene, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance, visited South Abaco on October 14. She is shown here on the right with Mr. Jack Thompson, who was brought from Canada to oversee relief and recovery operations on Abaco. He is talking with Mrs. Lillian Laing, Chief Councillor of the Moore's Island District. Mr. Thompson is presently serving as Deputy High Commissioner to Canada.

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Jack Thompson Heads Recovery Effort

Thompson

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October 8, Mr. Thompson announced that his office in the Central Abaco administrator's suite at Dove Plaza will function as a one-stop shop for processing applications for hurricane relief assistance, determining eligibility for the various categories of need such as the building of homes or providing of materials and labour at government's expense or facilitating government-backed bank loans.

"We are moving from the first level of response," declared Central Abaco Administrator Revis Rolle, who also participated in the press conference, "of evaluating,

analyzing and mitigating issues such as loss of property and providing immediate assistance of food, clothing and shelter to persons displaced — to the second level of relief, recovery, and reconstruction." Referring to former North Abaco Administrator Jack Thompson, who was seconded from Canada by Prime Minister Christie because of the role he played in relief efforts here following Hurricane Floyd in 1999, Mr. Rolle said, "The Prime Minister, in his wisdom, has recalled an experienced and knowledgeable" man to lead the recovery programme.

Mr. Thompson's office will work in conjunction with such government agencies as

Bahamas Customs and the Department of Social Services to facilitate resolution of problems related to the customs exemption orders and the distribution of relief supplies. Mr. Thompson explained that while the three government administrators will be working closely with his office, one of the reasons for bringing him on board as the relief coordinator was to free the administrators to perform their other duties so as to restore normalcy to Abaco in the shortest time.

"It is most important now to do a social assessment of needs," Mr. Thompson said, "house to house on Abaco from Grand Cay to Moore's Island and present relief reports." He announced that a barge with government relief supplies should be arriving in Abaco shortly and that his office was responsible for securing and distributing those supplies which would include food-

stuffs, water and building materials. His office will coordinate the transporting of those supplies throughout Abaco, he explained. His office will keep a careful record of all those in need and appealed to anyone knowing of persons needing help to inform his office. "No persons in need of food or clothing should go without," he said.

Mr. Thompson is prepared to "work full time around the clock" to coordinate the recovery and reconstruction effort. He will be assisted by Mr. Neil Campbell, deputy administrator in Central Abaco, one other assistant coordinator yet to be appointed and a clerk. His office comes under the direction of the National Emergency Management Agency, which is under the umbrella of the Prime Minister's Office.

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A press conference was held on October 8 to inform the public about government's plans for the recovery effort after two hurricanes brought extensive damage to Abaco. Mr. Jack Thompson was brought back to Abaco from Canada to supervise of the recovery efforts. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Roderick Bowe, Administrator for South Abaco; Mr. Donald Cash, Administrator for North Abaco; Mr. Revis Rolle, Administrator for Central Abaco; and Mr. Jack Thompson, Deputy High Commissioner to Canada.

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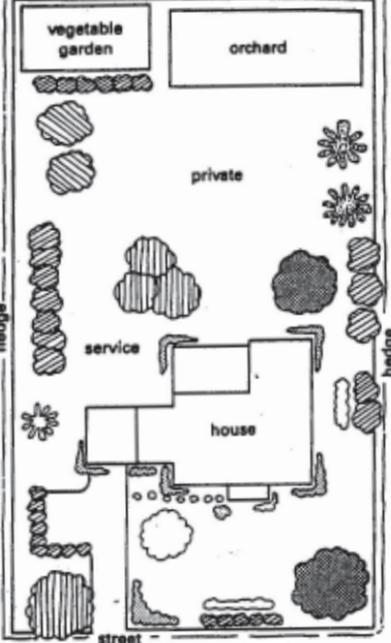
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Man-O-War

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up on the shoreline. Many are overwhelmed by the scope of destruction that Mother Nature has wrought upon us.

Hurricane force winds blew through the early morning hours from the north northwest as the full moon high tide approached. With the hint of dawn and as the winds be-

gan subsiding many ventured out into the storm. What we found was the highest water level ever seen in the harbours with much of the waterfront under water. Many docks failed the ultimate test as the wind-driven fetch combined with a surge of perhaps six feet lifted, and in some cases cast them whole upon the shore.

The main harbour, which has fared many recent hurricanes well, seemed stripped of many of the moored vessels which ended up along the shoreline, many sustaining serious damage. In general, boats moored

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Great Guana Cay had extensive flooding from Hurricane Jeanne. This is the road at the foot of the government dock. The submerged golf cart is in a parking area created next to the dock. Photo by Sylvan Bethel



The government dock at Great Guana Cay looked like this during the eye of Hurricane Jeanne. The water was already going down. Photo by Sylvan Bethel



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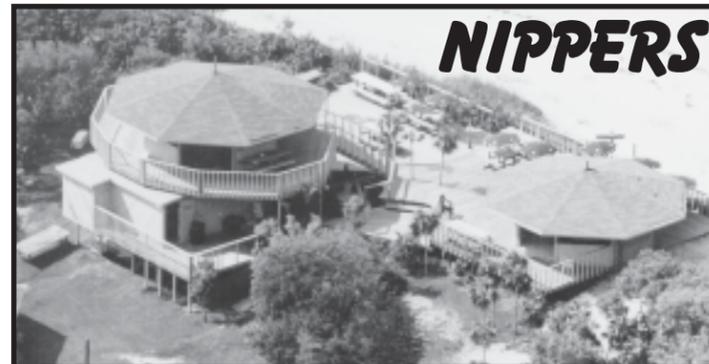
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along the harbour front fared well, but the knockout punch was felt by the seaside businesses along the harbour's edge, which, almost without exception, were inundated. "Amazing that nobody was hurt," said one visitor, and too true, as we waded around the shoreline and even got in boats during the eye which lingered over us for some three or four hours.

As the east side of the eye approached and calls came over the VHF to "take cover," we hunkered down for the second half. This was easier in some regards because it was now daylight but knowing the extent of the damage that the high water had brought, it was by no means reassuring.

After the winds had subsided, we ventured out to view the extent of damage. The businesses that line the waterfront were the hardest hit. Many had floor inventory and equipment ruined by the salt water. Under the din of generators, the community quickly rebounded. "Floyd was bad enough, but we are five years older this time," one

resident reflected in passing. Already the barges were working to raise sunken boats



The steeple of the Miracle Church of God in Green Turtle Cay was blown off and landed between buildings a distance away during Hurricane Jeanne.

as the images of destruction burned into our memory. All feel seasoned by the frequency of hurricanes these recent years. With the cooler weather of October upon us we regroup, repair and restore with our sights set on Christmas and happier times.

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

September was the Month of the Hurricane! Our lives were completely dominated by hurricanes. We were either tracking (not daring to plan anything else), boarding up, riding one out or cleaning up! After Frances we watched Ivan, then we thought Jeanne

had passed us. The people who had seen Betsy turn back in 1965 knew that we had to watch Jeanne. Even though we all said it was hard to believe that we would be hit twice in one year, we knew it had happened in 1999 with Dennis, Floyd AND Irene! So just three weeks after Frances we prepared for a direct hit from a hurricane.

Hurricane force winds and driving rain began in the early hours of Saturday, September 25. The electricity and phones were off, so the VHF was busy as persons reported back and forth. The tide was rising

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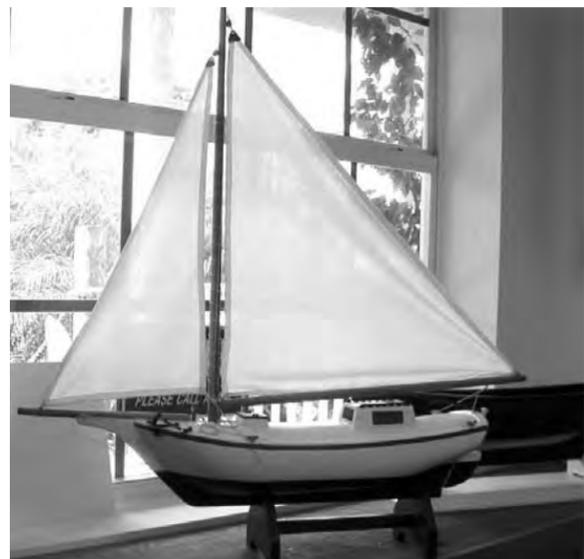
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in town, flooding homes and businesses. For others, water was finding its way thru doors, windows and roofs. But it was comforting to hear familiar voices as you sat and waited, helplessly!

By mid-morning the eye was passing over. This gave some a chance to go out and make adjustments and secure things blown about. The area around the basketball court was flooded with waist deep water! Small fish and jelly fish swam through yards! A huge walk-in freezer from McIntosh's Restaurant had floated off its platform and was now out near BEC!

The crashing waves had washed away

the deck and a wall at Sundowners. Boats had dragged their moorings and washed ashore! The surge had damaged or destroyed many docks! The relative calm of the eye lasted about two hours, then the wind and rain came roaring back. After the eye, the wind does not gradually intensify; it is sudden and dangerous. By late afternoon the winds had subsided enough for persons to go out and survey the damage.

A building that had been there in the eye was now completely blown apart! A small section of the primary school's roof had started to blow off. The steeple fell off the Miracle Church of God. Streets and yards were filled with debris that had washed ashore in the surge. It was like a

huge lost and found. The electric and telephone lines that had been repaired or replaced the week before were tangled and hanging all over town. But once again no one had been injured or killed. We could all repair or replace what had been damaged or lost!

Once again BEC's employees must be commended for their hard work. They worked day and night to restore our power. Batelco employees had worked after Frances to restore our telephone and internet service. Much of what they had done was damaged by Jeanne. But in the weeks that have passed we have NOT seen any Batelco repair persons in our community. Many persons and businesses still have no telephones. For the resorts that are trying to reopen, the lack of communication is hurting their efforts! The local Batelco office can only pass the complaints along, but no repair

persons are working to restore service.

Cable Bahamas also seems to have forgotten that they have customers on Green Turtle Cay. Their cables and connection boxes are hanging all over town. But to date no repair persons have been to town. Calls (if you're lucky enough to have a working telephone!) to Cable Bahamas will only get the response that they have NO IDEA when the cable will be restored. Couldn't these two companies bring help from other islands not damaged by Jeanne to help restore service?

While many persons have had their jobs affected by the hurricanes, it is the fishermen here that are facing a great loss. In what is usually the best fishing months of the season, they have been home with some had their boats damaged. They have not

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The recently built shelter at the Treasure Cay ferry dock had major damage. The restaurant there lost part of its roof.

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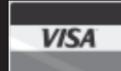
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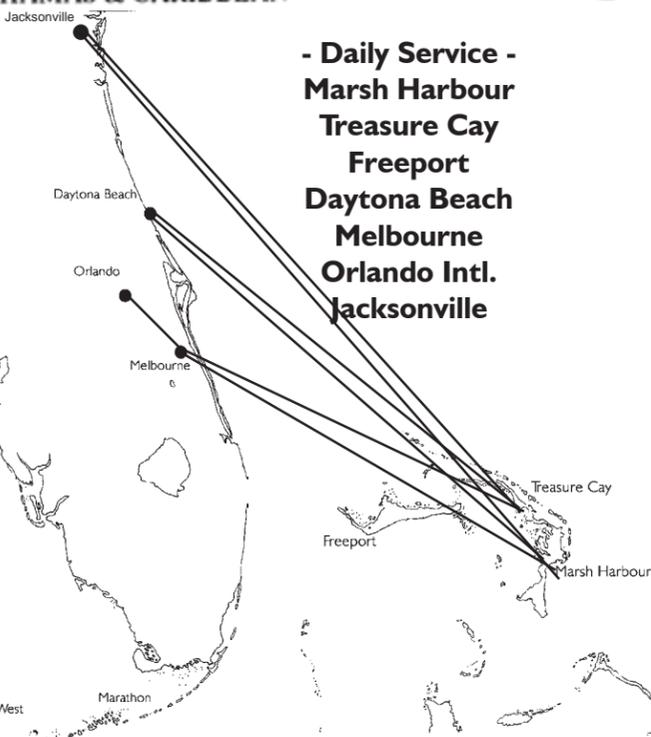


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More News of the Cays

Cays

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been out on a fishing trip because the weather has kept the water very murky. For those who have gone out, they found that their habitats were washed away by the hurricanes. They will have to rebuild their habitats and start again. Hopefully, the Department of Fisheries will support them by policing the area to see that poaching

isn't an added problem.

Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, former Prime Minister and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, and Sen. Tommy Turnquest led a group to Green Turtle Cay to survey the damage caused by the hurricanes. They went on a walk-about through town, stopping to greet and chat with persons they met on the way.

On October 12th a meeting was held to

discuss hurricane relief efforts and the role of NEMA on Abaco. Mr. Jack Thompson, Deputy High Commissioner to Canada, has returned to Abaco to head the relief effort

here. Mr. Thompson is no stranger to Abaco and was here after Hurricane Floyd. Also

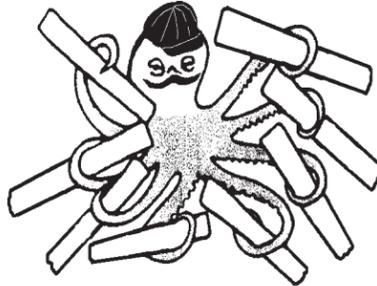
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The Sundowners Restaurant and Bar in Green Turtle Cay lost its deck and had major damage on the sea side of the building. Photo by Annabelle Cross

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The Editor Says... Time to Review Construction Methods



Dave Ralph

Abaco had a 34-year reprieve from major hurricanes from Betsy in 1965 to Floyd in 1999. You can talk to folks who have gone through a hurricane, you can listen to the stories about flooding and destruction. However, nothing makes an lasting impression like a first-hand experience.

No matter how comfortable and confident you are in your house or shelter, there is always an element of uncertainty. You begin to wonder about your safety and the integrity of the building as peak winds slam things against your house and strange noises come from the roof.

Even residents on high ground are kept busy trying to stop the water from coming around doors and windows. Houses may be waterproof in normal rainstorms, but it is an exceptional residence that does not exhibit some leaks in 100 mile per hour horizontal rain.

Doubts really enter one's mind when the water starts dripping through the ceiling. Something let go up on the roof. Is it just a few shingles or something more serious?

For those on the coast and in low lying areas, a person questions his courage and alternate action is required when the water begins to rise in the house. Is it safe to get up on the table or counter or should you risk evacuating through the rising water and howling winds.

These are just a few of the emotions many

Viewpoint

Picking up the Pieces After a Disaster

By Portia Jonsson

To cope, people need to talk, listen and support

Abaconians have survived Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne. But much of what we care about may not have survived. Many persons lost things of great value to them, irreplaceable things that represent their past and their family's heritage. In the face of these losses, distress and despair can grip a community. Temporary homelessness, damaged personal items, lost crops and an uncertain future can weigh heavily on survivors.

When people experience loss, they also

Abaconians recently experienced. Most people can be thankful that their house survived with only superficial problems.

In traveling through communities on Abaco we have noticed that many buildings that had extensive damage showed faulty or marginal construction. It is a fact that better constructed buildings will withstand hurricane force winds better. One critical element is to properly tie the various parts of a building together. The walls need to be securely fastened to the foundation and the roof needs to be securely fastened to the walls. Many damaged buildings had roof sections ripped off or walls blown down, still intact. If the various sections had been tied together securely, much of the damage could have been reduced. Hurricane clips correctly installed, foundation bolts, proper amounts of rebar steel correctly located in concrete columns and beams will prove to be effective. Many buildings that suffered extensive damage were not built as the code required.

Maybe for economy reasons builders skipped some of the details or perhaps correct methods were not understood. But it is obvious that many of the buildings failed

had not been built properly.

Some government buildings, particularly schools, sustained major damage. Taxpayers are being burdened with expensive repairs. Perhaps if the original construction were inspected more critically or if original specifications were more explicit, we would have experienced less damage. Besides the high cost of reconstruction, our children's education is being compromised.

This would be a good time for the Department of Works and their building inspectors to review their inspection program. It might be an appropriate time to educate builders on storm resistant construction methods and materials.

The Bahamas has issued a new building code which is available for \$125 at the Government Publications Office in Nassau. We suspect that there may be only one copy on Abaco in the District Engineer's office. Government should consider a simple hand-out or perhaps several workshops explaining the techniques and theory of hurricane-resistant construction. Only electricians are presently required to pass a proficiency exam and then must be licensed annually. Builders are only required to know how to

hold a hammer, it is the homeowner who decides if they are holding it correctly.

This would be an excellent time to host construction seminars and explain some of the relevant points required by the revised code. It would be a good time for contractors to explain techniques or materials they found to be particularly storm resistant. It is obvious that newer and better construction has a higher survival rate. For the most part the houses that failed were older buildings. Roofs that failed were a mixture of old and new. It is apparent that the more expensive 30, 40 and 50 year shingles and metal roofs were much better at resisting the hurricane force winds. The economy grade roofing shingles did not fare well.

Shop keepers in concrete buildings who sealed their doors with foam caulking or duct tape and then installed shutters had less water damage than those who only applied shutters. Businesses in metal buildings had little defense as rising water flowed in through the corrugations at the foundation.

As the communities are reconstructed, more attention must be paid to proper techniques and materials. Good construction has proved to lessen storm damages.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to thank you for allowing me the space in your newspaper to write this.

The reason I am writing is because of all the complaints I have heard people making about BEC after the two recent storms. Okay, of course, when a hurricane is coming, the loss of electricity is expected. And we all know that just recently Abaco was hit by two major hurricanes back-to-back; Frances and Jeanne. I live in Cherokee; so after both storms we figured it would be a while before our electricity was restored. Just for the fact that we live so far away from Marsh Harbour.

What made me angry was hearing the way people talked so badly about BEC. Yes, everyone has had an electricity bill that they thought was too high or a time when BEC didn't act so quickly, but no one had the right to bad mouth them this time. All of the people complaining that nothing was being done or it was taking too long should have just looked around. From the minute the storms were over, BEC trucks were out and men could be seen everywhere working.

I, myself, was out with some workers along with my aunt and some others for

five nights after Hurricane Jeanne. When the men finally stopped working, in hopes of getting everyone on before they left, it was well past midnight. I thought to myself for just how hard they worked, they are hardly ever shown appreciation.

So, I cannot speak for the rest of Abaco but from Cherokee Sound, we would like to say thank you to all of the workers at BEC. And to let you know your hard work did not go unnoticed.

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Cherokee Resident



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Duty Exemptions and Loans Explained

By Richard E. Fawkes

Mr. Jack Thompson, coordinator of the government's hurricane recovery programme in Abaco, declared on October 8 at a news conference in Marsh Harbour that the "83-year-old widow" or the "single mother with six children" whose home may have been destroyed or badly damaged in the recent hurricanes could expect their homes to be rebuilt or repaired at public expense. "Senior citizens," he explained, are another example of persons who may receive such assistance. But, Mr. Thompson elaborated, there were other persons who were in a position to help themselves, who just needed a little push. The government-backed loan program of up to \$50,000 at the commercial banks was put in place for just such persons, he said.

Mr. Thompson was attempting to clarify the kind of criteria his office would use to determine who would receive "free" government aid and who would benefit from the loan programme. These two areas of relief are in addition to Customs Declaration of Exigency Order No. 3 for Abaco, in effect from September 3rd to November 30, which allows duty free exemptions on such items as building materials, clothing, electrical materials, household furniture and appliances, medical supplies, plumbing materials, foodstuffs and water, among others. The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Perry Christie has also promulgated Declaration of Exigency Order No. 5, which grants duty relief for hotels and "touristic" attractions licensed under the Hotels Act. That order will be in effect until December 31.

Mr. Thompson attempted to dispel a rumour that the government was lending relief money instead of passing it on freely to those in need of recovery assistance. "The

government has been using that money to purchase relief supplies," he explained. "The loan programme is through the banks," he said.

Coordinator Thompson said a relief supply barge with building materials, foodstuffs, clothing, and water was expected soon on Abaco. His office would secure

those materials and, based upon the needs assessment they were conducting with the aid of the Department of Social Services, would be distributing those supplies accordingly.

The building and repair phase of the reconstruction programme, according to Mr. Thompson, would get underway as soon

as supplies arrive and contractors are identified and selected. Mr. Thompson has opened an office in Dove Plaza, Marsh Harbour, to assist "around the clock" with hurricane relief.

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Merchants Assist in Delivery of Duty Free Goods

By Richard E. Fawkes

Mr. Lester Curry, a manager at Price Right Food Store, announced on October 8 in Marsh Harbour that his staff was already adjusting prices to reflect the duty free status of foodstuffs and water under the hurricane relief Declaration of Exigency Order No. 3, issued by the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Perry Christie, and effective from September 3 through November 30. Mr. Curry was speaking at a press conference called by the government's coordinator for hurricane recovery and reconstruction on Abaco, Mr. Jack Thompson. Also at that meeting was Abaco Hardware CEO Daren Albury, who announced that his company was also adjusting prices according to the exemption order on building materials.

Price Right and Abaco Hardware, along with Standard Hardware, have been contributing to the hurricane recovery efforts by helping to facilitate the availability of supplies under the exigency orders and relieving the burden on persons who cannot travel or have their own goods shipped, by dropping their prices to reflect the exemptions on goods they are now importing.

In the case of the hardware stores, exempted goods include batteries, building

materials, electrical materials, plumbing supplies, water pumps, tools, and chainsaws. The order also allows duty-free importation of emergency communications equipment, generators, and motor vehicles, but these items must be specifically applied for to the Minister of Finance, through Mr. Thompson's office.

The food stores are able to bring in duty free disposable paper goods such as hand towels, plates, spoons, forks, and cups. Other items covered under the exigency order include clothing and footwear, household furniture, appliances, and utensils; medical supplies; and storage containers for water and garbage.

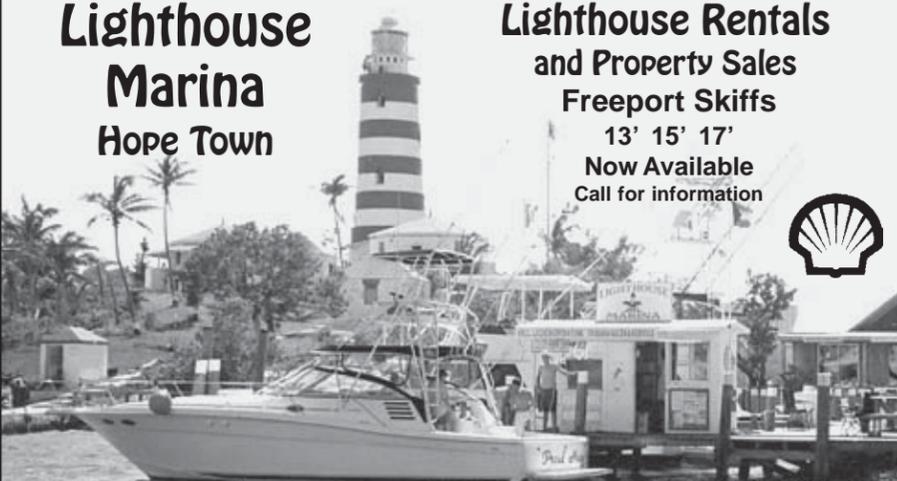
In response to a question at the press conference about possible abuse by storing

up exempted goods for later sale, Chief Customs officer for Abaco, Mr. Gary Smith, said he had every confidence in the integrity of the merchants.

Mr. Albury informed the meeting that there was a 10- to 12-week wait for shipment of 20-year shingles, which he does not recommend because they seemed to have suffered the worse from the hurricanes. On 30-, 40- and 50-year shingles, the wait was 10 to 14 days. He suggested to Mr. Thompson and his colleagues that, in their recommendations to the government of preventative measures for the future, they lower the duty on metal roofing, presently at about 50 percent but which promises the best protection in hurricanes.

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Central Abaco News

Relief Efforts

By Isobel Sherman

Cay Mills, Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District, has announced that an account has been established at Common-

wealth Bank, Marsh Harbour Branch, for donations for hurricane relief in Central Abaco. Persons wishing to contribute can make contributions to the Central Abaco Disaster Committee, account number

4457214, during normal banking hours.

Mr. Dashwell Flowers, Manager of Imperial Life Insurance, and the Marsh Harbour staff of Imperial Life presented a cheque for hurricane relief to Chief Councillor Cay Mills. The money enabled him to get a boat to take supplies to Moore's Island and to assist the elderly living in Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

Places to Live

By Isobel Sherman

Apartments in Central Abaco were always at a premium; but now there is a real shortage of apartments. Many persons lost their homes in Frances and Jeanne or their homes were damaged so much that the only way they could be repaired was by moving out of them during repairs. Now apartments do not stay vacant for very long.

Shortages

By Isobel Sherman

Shoppers must expect that there may be shortages of certain groceries at the grocery stores. The main reason being that we get our supplies from Florida which has been hit by four hurricanes this season and

many suppliers have been damaged. Since Jeanne there had been a shortage of eggs in Florida because Hurricane Charley damaged the distribution center for eggs in Florida on the west coast of Florida.

In addition there is a shortage of batteries, especially size D. I have been told that some suppliers in Florida have told their clients here in Abaco, "Florida first before we sell to you."

Garbage Pick Up Resumes

By Isobel Sherman

Garbage has not been picked up in Dundas Town and Murphy Town since Hurricane Jeanne. When I inquired at the Local Government Office, I was told that the truck is broken down and is needing a part from the States. On October 12 Chief Councillor Cay Mills said that garbage pickup would begin that day. There are overflowing garbage cans in Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

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Mr. Dashwell Flowers, Director of Operations for the Northern Branch of Imperial Life Financial donated to the local hurricane relief fund. He is presenting the check to Mr. Cay Mills, Chief Councillor of the Central Abaco District. The group are, left to right, Mr. Anselan Woodside, Ms. Oeisha Roberts, Mr. Mills, Mr. Flowers, Mrs. Beryl Norris, Mr. Perry Thomas, Mr. Jackson McIntosh.

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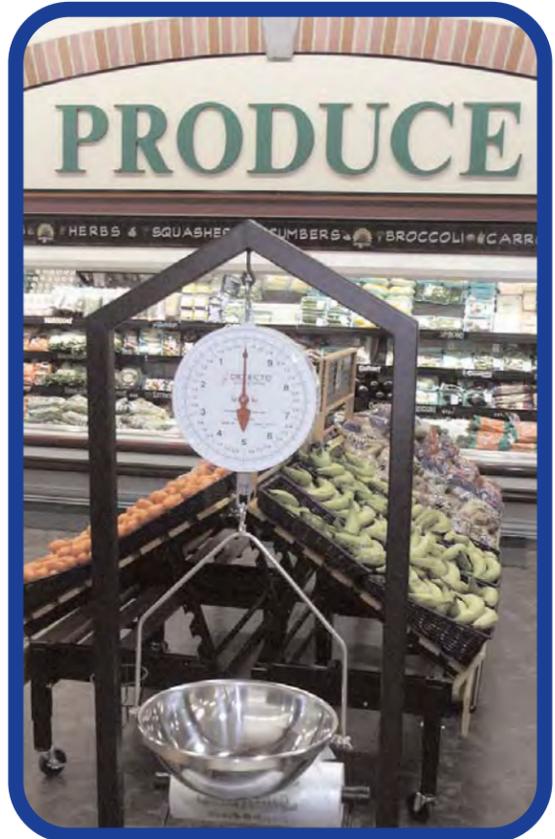
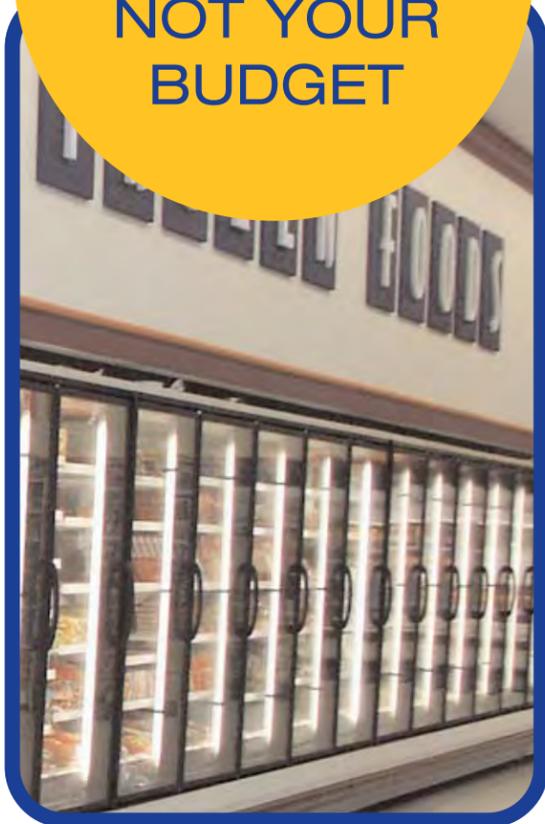
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Fires

By Isobel Sherman

Cay Mills, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco and Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee, burned three piles of hurricane debris along the shoreline of Dundas Town at sundown on October 11. Fire engines from Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scenes by the police and concerned residents. Most of the debris was branches and limbs and fallen trees from Hurricane Jeanne.

Dundas Town and Murphy Town had all the debris from Hurricane Frances disposed of before Hurricane Jeanne hit.

Tennis, Anyone?

By Isobel Sherman

For persons who want to learn tennis or improve their tennis skills, lessons are now available for both adults and children. Tennis Unlimited, formerly operating in Freeport, has come to Marsh Harbour.

Keith Greene of Tennis Unlimited is offering afternoon lessons from 3:30 till 5 p.m. at the courts at Forest Heights Academy. Price of the lessons is \$10. Calling Mr. Green at 367-5757 to can make arrangements.

New Courier Service

Cyber Courier Service located in the Cyber Learning Center is a new courier service on Abaco offering pick up of packages in the US and shipping them here. A U.S. address for mail as well as U.S. post

boxes are offered as well as a catalog ordering service and bill paying service. Mr. Keith Greene is the manager of the new service.

Missing Dog

By Isobel Sherman

Hubie is his name and he is the only black toy poodle in Murphy Town. A week ago Hubie disappeared from his home where he resides with Michael and Kurlene Lundy, his owners. Anyone seeing this friendly black poodle is asked to contact the Lundys.

Abaco Youth in Action

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Youth in Action will resume on

November 6 at the track in Murphy Town. Boys and Girls from ages 4-14 are all welcome. The first sport will be soccer.

Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne delayed the start of this great sports program for Abaco Youth.

Mangoes Will Reopen in Stages

By Isobel Sherman

Mangoes Marina, Restaurant and Boutique was damaged badly by Hurricane Jeanne. The docks in the marina were destroyed and damage was done to the open

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The Minister of Health, the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, views a house destroyed in the Mud. It was one of only a few houses that were destroyed. However, most houses in the community were flooded with four to six feet of water, destroying much personal property. Dr. Bethel visited the area in his concern for the welfare of the residents.



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cut by water action. There has been talk of replacing the causeway with a bridge large culvert which would allow water to flow freely between the north and the south. This would give fishermen the ability to go back

and forth and would allow fish to spawn in the mangroves on the south side. The causeway has resulted in a sharp decline in fishing resources in the area. In a meeting on October 4 in Marsh Harbour, the Prime

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A home in Fire Road was blown off its foundation. The Prime Minister was greatly affected by the amount of damage he saw.



This was Medius Edgcombe's gas station in Cooper's Town. The gas tanks floated away during Frances. Now his dock and gas pumps are all gone.



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dining area and bar. According to Chef and Manager Nick Doyle, the indoor restaurant and boutique will reopen on November 5. The bar will be inside and entrance to the dining room will be through the boutique. The kitchen and boutique did not have any damage.

In December the outdoor part of the restaurant will be open for business and the marina is expected to be in full operation by April 2005.

Mangoes received a substantial amount of damage in 1999 by Hurricane Floyd.

New Nursery Stock Is Arriving

By Jennifer Hudson

Pinewoods Nursery received its share of damage meted out by the two hurricanes as plants were blown over and the area flooded. All their annuals were lost but the other plants are expected to recover within six months. In order to cater to the needs of their customers who will be replanting their gardens to replace the plants which they lost, Randy and Emily Key are trying to restock as quickly as possible and have placed a large order with their suppliers. Many palms have been ordered including Alexander and Christmas Palms. Also on order are large quantities of hibiscus, bougainvillea and oleander.

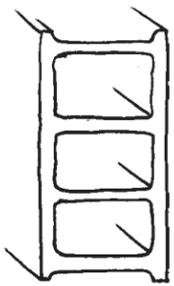


The road on Eastern Shores of Marsh Harbour was badly damaged in Hurricane Jeanne. Sea walls were destroyed all along the road and the waves caused serious erosion, threatening even more sections of the road.



The immigrant community of the Mud in Marsh Harbour was flooded by Hurricane Jeanne with four to six feet of water in the houses, ruining personal belongings. After the storm the residents dried mattresses, clothing and other personal effects by putting them on the roofs, on boards above the standing water and on any other surface. Shown here are clothes drying on the roof. In the foreground is Jeffrey Victor, a Bahamian of Haitian descent who is a frequent spokesman for the Haitian community.

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Community Meetings Spell Out Relief Programs

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lished in Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour and a second office will be established in Cooper's Town to facilitate recovery in North Abaco. A telephone hot-line is being put in place and will be staffed from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Originally, it was announced that those with insurance on their houses would not be eligible for duty free materials. However, on receiving many complaints that the insurance settlements were not sufficient to complete the repairs, government rescinded that order so that duty free materials may be utilized for every residence with storm damages. Note that the duty free exemption is to reconstruct that which was lost or damaged but not to expand or renovate undamaged areas. It was expressed that government wished that all repairs be a higher building standard to minimize future problems.

Hotels and other touristic businesses have access to specific customs duty relief and should contact the Director of Tourism for Abaco or Customs for assistance. Many of the temporary benefits for tourism businesses expire on December 31 although these could be extended on application.

Farmers and fishermen have access to other relief measures and should contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is believed that most of the crawfish traps and condos were destroyed and there are programs to assist with the replacement of these items.

Donations for recovery efforts on Abaco are exempt from duties but must be documented and channeled through appropriate agencies. Documentation in all cases is required as government wants statistics on

donated items at the end of the exercise.

Several Marsh Harbour businesses are working with government and offering some merchandise at duty free prices to qualified buyers. Several that are mentioned repeatedly are Abaco Hardware, Standard Hardware, Marco Appliances and Bellas Furniture.

Obtaining construction materials by both businesses and individuals has been complicated due to the widespread destruction throughout the Caribbean, Florida and the Louisiana Mississippi Gulf Coast. Plywood, roofing materials and generators have been in high demand throughout the region and are subsequently difficult to locate in meaningful quantities.

It was suggested that businesses write for concessions to replace business equipment lost or damaged which are not specifically covered in the existing programs. Again, the intent is to get the business community restored which will bring the area back and maintain employment.

Four relief measures have been devised with different degrees of assistance.

First is the duty free program. This can be used by qualified individuals making purchases abroad or through cooperating merchants on Abaco.

Second is a government guaranteed loan program available through the commercial banks. A maximum of \$50,000 for residences and \$75,000 for businesses is available. Residential loans may extend to 20 years and carry an interest rate of prime. Business loans may extend to ten years and are charged prime plus one percent.

Third is government assistance to those unable to provide for themselves. A variety of assistance will be offered. Some may need only materials and can provide the

necessary labour. Others may need labour provided. Those in this category may be the aged, widows, single mothers with a large family, disabled persons and other hardship instances.

Finally, there will be a few instances where it is necessary for government to build an entire residence to replace either a demolished building or a building deemed structurally unsound where the resident is unable to reconstruct their residence.

Automobiles flooded or damaged may be replaced with duty exemptions on application. However, allowance is for the value of the damaged vehicle only, not the entire value of the replacement. Also Customs, the Treasury and the Road Traffic Department will keep a registry of condemned vehicles and these will not be allowed to be licensed or returned to service. Condemned vehicles must be junked. Vehicle upgrades are allowed but the exemption will be based on the condemned vehicle's value. Application must be made for this exemption with a statement by a mechanic attesting to the damage. It is accepted that flooded vehicles may be operational now but are expected to give problems as corrosion affects wir-

ing, body parts and other elements.

Residential housing is the primary concern of the efforts directed by Mr. Thompson. Programs are available for businesses and Mr. Thompson and his team will work with the business community to take advantage of these programs. Schools, roads, public docks and other public facilities are being looked after by the Ministry of Works and other agencies. There is no provision for relief for damaged apartments or rental units.

Questions arose about assisting churches which were damaged but there is nothing specifically directed to this. There are general provisions for churches to get duty concessions on application, and it was suggested those concerned contact Customs for more information. Churches that were official shelters and suffered structural damages may be eligible for assistance.

There was frequent reference to "those qualified . . ." Some of the provisions require a signed statement of damage although it was emphasized that this is not being strin-

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Making It Through the Storm

Your nerves are raw and on edge, your stomach is turning somersaults and your imagination is working overtime - will we make it through the storm.

We live in the tropics where hurricane season comes around every June and by now we should be used to it, but we're not. Damages from storms past warned us of what to expect.

Provisions are bought and stored, loose objects and possible flying missiles are

tucked away or tied down and shutters are put into place. We know the drill. But, how can any of us ever be ready for the unknown.

The wind blows and howls, the rain beats a constant tattoo at our doors and windows. Every now and then there's a loud scraping or rattling - something crashes onto the roof, what can it be? Hour after hour it keeps up. You keep thinking will it ever end.

Our eyes are glued to the television sets and the Weather Channel or we pull up a weather forecast on our computers for as long as the electricity and on-line service survives. Then we dust off the old CB ra-

dios or VHF radios and hope our cell phone cards won't run out. We call ourselves individuals and jealously guard our independence, but it's times like these we realize what it is to be alone and crave contact with other human beings. But we ride it out alone.

When the officials say we should EVACUATE, MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND or LEAVE THE IMMEDIATE AREA, what should we do? We don't want

to leave our homes. Maybe, just maybe, if worst comes to worse, if we are hit with the storm (and no one seems to know that until it happens), we just might be able to mop up the water that seeped in under the door or forced its way in around the windows, we can remove treasured photos away from a leak in the roof or salvage a family

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The Long Dock, a well known landmark in Cherokee Sound, was demolished by Hurricane Jeanne. Cherokee residents rebuilt the dock after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and have the work to do all over again now. The dock is a well loved gathering place for the town people. Photo by Danielle Lowe



The top section of the Batelco tower in Cherokee Sound fell on the house of Mr. and Mrs. Martie Sawyer. The tower pieces have now been removed and reconstruction is underway. Fortunately, no one was injured. The remnants of the tower are in the foreground.

Tips from the Bahamas General Insurance Association

Making a claim for a Hurricane Loss

Following the recent visit from Hurricane Frances many people will find themselves having to deal with an insurance company's claims department in coming days. Here are some tips to make it less confusing.

- Contact your agent as quickly as possible. If you are unable to contact your agent and know which company they placed your insurance with, then contact the company. Herewith are the phone numbers for insurance agents, brokers and companies who are members of the Bahamas General Insurance Association: -

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- Unless instructed otherwise by your insurers only make emergency repairs necessary to prevent further damage to your home or business.
- Don't make permanent repairs without consulting the insurer first.
- If the insurers have not inspected the damage before you start work, take photos or make videos so that they can see what it was like.
- Prepare a list of all damaged and destroyed property. The list should include: -
 - a description of the item
 - date of purchase
 - cost at time of purchase
 - present replacement cost
 (If you have cancelled cheques or receipts for these items, collect them to show the adjuster)
- If possible, get a detailed estimate for repairs.
- Remember that there is a Hurricane Deductible of 2% of the sum insured.

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More South Abaco News

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heirloom from possible destruction.

Yes, many of us stayed right where we were - hoping for the best and we made it through another hurricane. After it passed, like bears coming out of hibernation, we struggled to get the swollen doors open and shaded our eyes from the still flying sand and driving rain to view our immediate surroundings. There is still no sunshine, just bright and glaring light, wreckage and debris everywhere. Standing water in the yard, broken branches and completely bare bushes and devastation. Having just come through Hurricane Frances, there wasn't much left unscathed, but if possible, this one was worse, at least, according to most of the people you talk to say Hurricane Jeanne left her mark.

No one could have suspected at the beginning of the season that two such terrible storms would hit our area, one right after

the other and just a couple of weeks apart or to wreck such havoc on us, Frances hitting us on one side and Jeanne coming back to slam us on the other. There are 95 houses in our little settlement and everyone received some sort of damage, some minor, some major and Cherokee received its fair share of damage from both storms. But, as we look around to some of the other places, we have to be thankful it wasn't any worse.

We are also thankful for all the workmen who put in many extra hours to get our various services back up and running so quickly after Frances and not really getting a good chance to rest before they had to be right back out there to do it all over again after Jeanne. Thanks also to all the "good Samaritans" who lent a helping hand to friends and sometimes strangers, too, in their time of need. And we must be patient when we look to South Florida for supplies because they have their own problems right now as well.

As in the past, most of us will pick-up the pieces of our lives and move on. This hurricane season has so far been one for the record books and it's like waiting for the other shoe to drop - cause it's not over yet.

Second Doll Show Planned
Another Doll Show is being planned for November 13 in Cherokee at the community center.

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Moore's Island has a park in The Bight where the town people congregate. Fund raising events are held here as well as other events. The stalls there were badly damaged.



Ms. Sheila Greene, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance, held meetings in Moore's Island, Cherokee Sound and Sandy Point on October 14. She explained the programs the government is offering the residents of Abaco and other Bahamian islands which were hit by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in September to assist with their recovery. The crowd in Sandy Point was very attentive and after the talks were able to have all their questions answered. In the foreground is Ms. Brunell Clarke, principal of the J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point.



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at the meeting were Chief Councillor for the North Abaco District Steve Pedican, Island Administrator Mr. Donald Cash, Customs Officer in Charge of Abaco, Mr. Gary Smith, Mr. Gibbs of the Ministry of Housing and Town Committee Chairman David Bethell. Mr. Thompson explained the purpose of NEMA and the necessary procedures to obtain relief supplies. Mr. Smith explained the new duty and stamp tax free concessions, the necessary procedures and those qualifying for duty free goods. The meeting was well attended, and everyone had a chance to voice their concerns and have their questions answered. A lot of people were eager to greet Mr. Thompson and welcome him back to Abaco!

September and October are usually quiet months on Green Turtle Cay. After two destructive hurricanes there are many businesses that will be using this time to make repairs. But for the information of those who are planning a visit, things are for the most part "back to normal." Stores are stocked again, most of the restaurants are open, school is back in session and we are enjoying some of the most beautiful weather of 2004! The trees left standing are even turning green again! And the sun did not set permanently for Sundowners. They are open for business, as they continue to make repairs and improvements!

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee is planning its second annual Guy Fawkes Family Night on November 5th. Conch chowder, burgers, desserts and soft drinks will be on sale. The highlight of the event will be the "Guy Competition" and burning of the guys. Last year's Guy Fawkes Night revived a tradition that was almost forgotten. The response and attendance surprised even the organizers. The children had no idea what to expect and they were thrilled. Centuries ago on November 5th Guy Fawkes had conspired to blow up the British Parliament. He was arrested and hanged for treason. As a tradition on November 5th (Bonfire Night) effigies of Guy Fawkes are burned on a big bonfire. The funds from this event will be used for the 2005 Island Roots Heritage Festival scheduled for April 29, 30 and May 1.

Because of all the water left standing after the hurricane, mosquitoes became a big problem. They were everywhere, even during the hottest part of the day. The Environmental Health Department fogged the island to get rid of the mosquitoes. Now its up to us to try and keep our surroundings clean and be sure there are no water-filled

containers around our yards.

Mrs. Merlee Key died in Georgia. Because of her failing health, she was not able to live on her own but loved to visit her home on Green Turtle Cay. She is survived by her sisters and their spouses Betty and Emory Lowe, Iris and Joe Powers and Elaine and Johnny Lowe, sister-in-law Minnie Lowe, uncle Floyd Lowe and many other relatives and friends.

Our local police officer, Mr. Johnson, left us in August. He was transferred to Moore's Island. His wife was a teacher at our school but is now at the school in Moore's Island. Our new officer is Mr. Ferguson, who is very friendly and outgoing. Like Mr. Johnson, he has been helping out at the school with physical education. We welcome Mr. Ferguson and hope he won't have to work too hard here on Green Turtle Cay!

We have had our first cold front. Hopefully, this means the water is getting cooler, and we won't be tracking any more hurricanes this season. Maybe we can take our shutters down in time to put up our Christmas lights!

Exemptions *From Page 9*

Central Abaco Administrator Revis Rolle said that in order to speed up the recovery for businesses, his office was facilitating joint meetings among the local licensing, town planning and port authorities to approve applications for re-building of docks and business establishments. This is so they may resume their operations and hire workers, thereby jump-starting the badly damaged economy. Any applications which need to be referred to Nassau for final approval would also be expedited.

With respect to small businesses for which duty exemptions may not be enough to help them recover, Mr. Rolle said such entities would be able to benefit from the government-guaranteed loans.

In response to an impassioned plea from South Abaco Administrator Roderick Bowe on behalf of fishermen from Cherokee Sound, Crossing Rocks, Sandy Point, and Moore's Island, who lost "their crawfish traps," officials at the meeting generally agreed that the duty exemptions and guaranteed loan would enable those entrepreneurs to replace their gear.

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The reason for the press conference, according to Mr. Thompson and Administrator Rolle, was to ensure that accurate information goes out to the public about the government's relief, recovery, and reconstruction work. They promised future press briefings to update the media and the public about their progress.

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Viewpoint

Slow Down - School Is in Session

By Portia Jonsson

Every school morning I drop my daughter at Agape Christian School. My drive takes me past two other schools, St. Francis de Sales and Forest Heights Academy.

It is amazing to note how many vehicles pass these schools with speeds no lower than 45 miles per hour and some even go at higher speeds than that. I am certain the same is true on Forest Drive near Central Abaco Primary, Long Bay and Abaco Central High Schools.

Speeding near schools can seriously affect the safety of our school children. Although school zone signs with a 20 mph limit have been posted near schools, drivers just ignore them.

It would be interesting to hear the excuses these drivers give for not slowing down and losing maybe a couple of minutes of their daily routine. It's easy to forget what it's like to be a kid. But motorists, especially when they're in school zones, always need to remember how children think and act around traffic.



Storm Debris Keeps Trucks Busy

Waste removal businesses were kept very busy carrying off all the debris left from two hurricanes. Show here is one of the Bahamas Waste trucks at the Marsh Harbour dump.

By Jennifer Hudson

Any persons owning a truck were pressed into service after the hurricanes and, indeed, were kept extremely busy with endless trips to the public dump in order to deal with the huge amount of resulting debris. Not only were there hundreds of downed trees and truckloads of vegetation to be cleared but also mountains of roof shingles and pile after pile of sodden carpet and furniture.

One waste management company, Bahamas Waste, reported working many extra hours trying to cope with the amount of work. They own 12 dumpsters which they leased out at a charge of \$75 each for de-

livery and \$125 for collection when full. Persons were required to fill the dumpster themselves and then call for collection. Since the company has only one truck and one driver, he was kept extremely busy working very long hours. The business places serviced by Bahamas Waste are Batelco, Yamaha, Standard Hardware, the Juice Plant, Winding Bay and Great Abaco Beach Hotel. Other businesses and home owners had to use other companies such as E and D Waste or Emmette Archer. Many people are fortunate to possess their own trucks so were able to take care of their refuse themselves while others relied on "a little help from their friends."

Viewpoint

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sleep, talk about your feelings and listen to others.

- Be patient with one another. Roller coaster emotions and sudden mood changes are a natural response.

- Don't overlook the feelings of children. Reassure them, making sure they understand they are not responsible for the problems you face.

- Focus on the big picture. Don't expect things to instantly restore themselves.

- Remember that a support network is

essential. Talk and listen to family members, neighbors and friends.

- Show by words and actions that you care. Even small, kind deeds will mean a lot to others.

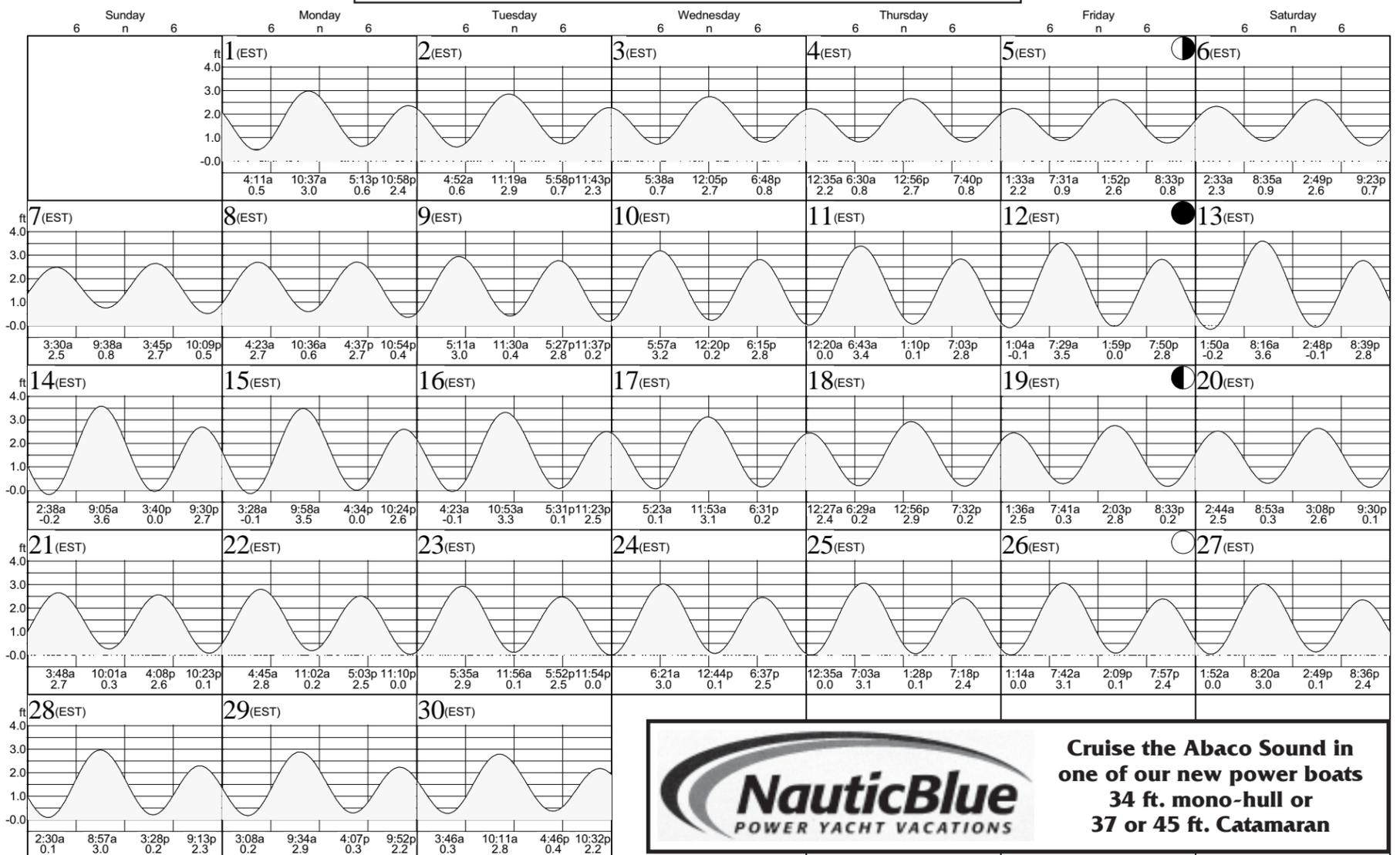
We all have survived a disaster. That does not mean our lives are over or that we do not deserve to be happy again. We must get back to doing things we enjoy with our friends and family. Re-establish the routines of our lives. Make commitments and keep them.

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South

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After having two storms hit our area, it was felt everyone was just a little bit too busy to cope with setting up a doll exhibition on Discovery Day as originally planned. With electricity and phone service being unavailable and Radio Abaco out of commission, we could not get the word out in time.

We are still looking for additional dolls to exhibit in the show - Barbie dolls, rag dolls, dolls from foreign countries, any kind of dolls. Our first show in December 2002 was very successful, and, of course, we hope to make this one even better. Many persons who came to the first show expressed a desire to be included in our next one, if we did it again. Therefore, if you have just one treasured heirloom or beloved keepsake or a whole collection of dolls, we would love to add them to our show. There is still time. Just get in touch with Lee Pinder, Peggy Albury or Joanne Bradley.

In our first show we featured the "teddy bear" dolls to commemorate their 100th birthday celebration as well as a rather impressive display of clown dolls and angels. In this show we hope to be able to highlight nativity scenes or creches, which are a favourite Christmastime household display. Manger scenes having been around for hundreds of years, but dolls in general have been around for over 5000 years in play and decorations, education, advertizing and commemoration, not to mention just being some little girls best friend.

Cherokee Primary School will be planning a fun day for the children with games and competition on that same day. Proceeds from the Doll Show will go to the school to clear up some remaining bills left when the new cement tile floor was installed this past summer.

To increase public interest and try to en-

tice more folks to come out for the day, there will be arts and craft stalls and lots of food and drinks too. We hope to see you there.

Welcome to the New Teacher

Cherokee Primary School has a new teacher, Ms. Frances Hepburn. She is a native Abaconian and is teaching the lower classes. We are glad to have her with us and hope that she will be happy in Cherokee.

Wreckage Removed

The Batelco tower wreckage has been removed from atop the Sawyer's home and attempts are being made to return full phone service back to the citizens of Cherokee.

Food Store Is Still on a Generator

Cherokee Food Store had no hurricane damage and has kept us well supplied through both storms, but has not been hooked up to BEC as yet. The store is still using its own generator.

Relief

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gently verified at this time. If it later comes out that fraud is involved, these statements may come into play. Qualified means those suffering a hurricane-related loss. These relief measures are not a blanket exemption for everyone to build, expand or remodel where no damage occurred. To avoid blatant abuses, Customs will be monitoring the mail boat and the Fast Ferry to ensure supplies are not being brought in here, then forwarded elsewhere as happened after Hurricane Floyd.

It is not required that a broker be used to take advantage of the duty free benefits. However, forms must be properly filled out and presented. Customs will not prepare the documents but may assist with instructions on how the forms are prepared.

A core group traveled the length of Abaco bringing residents details on the vari-

ous relief measures available. A core group consisted of Mr. Thompson; Mr. Neil Campbell, Assistant Administrator for Central Abaco and temporarily assigned to work with Mr. Thompson; Mr. Gary Smith, Chief Customs Officer for Abaco; and Mr. Richard Gibbs, local Housing Officer. This group was accompanied in North Abaco by Mr. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, and in South Abaco by Ms. Sheila Green, Permanent Secretary to that ministry. Various other department heads and aids often accompanied the group. The Administrators for North, Central and South Abaco were included in their respective districts.

AA Meetings

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

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

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

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Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott.365-5137

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Guana Beach Resort 6 units 365-5133

Guana Seaside 8 rm 7 cott 365-5106

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Sea Shore Villas 365-5028

Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133

Club Soleil 6 rm 1 cott 366-0003

Crystal Villas 6 villas 321-783-4576

Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse + 366-0035

Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095

Hope T Hideaways 63 hse + 366-0224

Hope T Villas 3 hse + 366-0030

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154

Sea Gull Cottages 3 hse + 366--0266

Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065

Tanny Key 43 hse + 366-0053

Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048

Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241

Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158

Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719

Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227

Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460

Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022

Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980

Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000

D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980

Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139

Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500

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Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Walker's Cay

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Ambulance - Marsh Harbour - Trauma One		367-2911
Police - Marsh Harbour		367-2560
Fire - Marsh Harbour		367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935	
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16	
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133	
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911	
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16	
Hope Town 366-0500,	Marsh Harbour 367-3752	
Guana 365-5178,	Treasure Cay 365-8749	

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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$2 each
Jib Room	\$3 each
Golden Harvest	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$7 + \$3
Gov. Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Uncaged pets - as people	
Luggage \$.50 each over four, Surf boards \$3.00 ea.	
• Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective July 2004	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$18 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$12 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$6 + \$4
Moxy	\$16 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$20 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$22 + \$5
Joe's Creek	\$40 + \$6
Black Wood	\$16 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$35 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$50 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$55 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$60 + \$5
Fox Town	\$65 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$70 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$70 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$60 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to G Turtle Ferry or Blue Hole	\$14 + \$6
T Cay Hotel to Marles	\$20 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$30 + \$6
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$14 + \$5
T Cay Hotel to Banyan Bch Club	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$70 + \$10

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

Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
7:15 (M-F) 9 am	10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45
Return 8 am	9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
10:30 am	12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:45
Return 8 am	11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 40 min. from Conch Inn	
7:45 am	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45 (min \$40)
Return 8 am	11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8	
‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16	
Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	
8 am	9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay	
8:30 am	10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$12 Extra to some destinations	

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT	
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT	
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time	
Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm	
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm	
Fare \$40 one way • \$80 round trip • Children half fare	
For information call Grand Bahama 353-3093 or Abaco 365-2356	
Bus serves Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

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Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 F 353-1252
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Treasure Cay Marina	150 F 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26 F 365-6008
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Mangoes	29 F 367-2366
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Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 F 366-0154
Sea Spray	50 F 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 F 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	32 F 365-5175
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Froggies	366-0431
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Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
Green Turtle Cay	
Brendal's Dive Center	365-4411
Guana Cay Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

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Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
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Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
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Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
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Hope Town	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
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Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
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Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)
‡ Provides ride from town
+ Picnic tables & restroom only

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Conch Crawl	\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hibiscus Cafe	\$\$ Closed
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	Closed...Aug 25 - Nov 1
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm)	367-2615
Mangoes	Closed... Sept 6 - Nov 6
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Sapodilly's	Closed
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	Closed ...Sept 4 - Nov 1
Dundas Town	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Mackerals	367-5932
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	Closed Sept 7 - Oct 14
Cap'n Jacks	Closed
Club Soliel	366-0253
Harbour's Edge	Closed to Oct 25
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0065
Man-O-War	
Pavilion	Closed
Hibiscus	365-6380
Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	Closed until Oct
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	Closed Sept
Laura's Kitchen	Closed Oct - mid-Nov
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ 365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$ 365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Nancy's	
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
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SECTION B



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Marsh Harbour Cleans Up Waterfront Reconstruction Is Underway to Be Prepared for Winter Season



The "Tourist Strip" along Marsh Harbour's waterfront was badly damaged. All the docks at the marinas were destroyed. Just a few days later big equipment began cleaning it all up preparatory to rebuilding. This scene shows the waterfront from Mangoes Marina and Restaurant on the left over to Harbour View Marina on the right. The Mainship can still be seen on the road in front of Sapodilly's Restaurant.

By Mirella Santillo

The Monday after Hurricane Jeanne all Marsh Harbour waterfront business owners and operators were already removing wood structures, gas tanks, poles and other miscellaneous debris littering streets and private properties. For the next few days, fallen trees were being cut and disposed off. The whole town became a beehive of activity. The sound of chain saws buzzing in the air and trucks overflowing with fronds, trees and debris carried their loads to the dump. After the water receded from the streets, flooded shops emptied their wares on the sidewalks, offering salvageable items discounted or free for grabs.

Three weeks later, mid-October, the

town of Marsh Harbour has nearly regained an orderly look. Tangles of trees and shrubs still have to be removed from several locations and vacant lots cleared for the town to look clean.

When the big boat left high and dry in front of Sapodillys Restaurant was finally removed, things seemed to be back to normal. Behind this appearance of normality and in spite of people's diligence to pick up and start again, most of the restaurants, shops and marinas catering to visitors and locals on Queen Elizabeth Drive are still closed or only partly opened, leaving a lot of employees without a job.

After cutting the famed dilly tree among 26 others, Sapodillys re-opened on October

2 for partial service - barbecue only - until the kitchen damaged by a fallen tree during Frances was repaired. On October 7th regulars resumed their full patronage and it is a comforting sight to see the terrace occupied again as you drive by.

Wallys Restaurant and Mangoes Restaurant are preparing for their scheduled re-opening at the beginning of November. Wallys replaced the awning of the outside eating area with a permanent roofed structure and is aiming for a November 1st re-opening. Mangoes is repairing docks and decks heavily damaged by Jeanne and hopes to open the inside dining room on November 6.

The only bar offering waterfront libations right now is the Conch Crawl. The restau-

rant is still under repair. The deck has to be completely redone and no official date has been mentioned yet. Some of the docks at The Moorings marina are back in place and one of the gas pump is functioning, but they are being temporarily held up by lack of materials. The rooms at the Conch Inn were heavily water damaged and are under active renovation.

Concept, the convenience store at the Conch Inn, also suffered a lot of water damage; repairs are under way and although not officially opened, they will be happy to help you with whatever is avail-

Please see **Waterfront** Page 14

Resorts Give Status Reports

Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour's Damage Was Minimal

Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour continues to operate as normal despite the effects due to the impacts of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. "The Resort is doing

its utmost to provide superior services and accommodations to our guests and do business as usual in light of the damages sustained throughout our various communities."

Please see **Resorts** Page 17

Pine Woods Beautifies Town



Queen Elizabeth Drive is now more attractive since Pine Woods Nursery began a beautification program. For several months we have enjoyed hanging baskets with flowering plants along with attractive banners which the hurricanes destroyed. Now they are planting oleanders which will add color. This is an example of a good corporate citizen.

Min. Gibson Discusses Housing



The Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, shown here in the center, held a meeting in Marsh Harbour on October 10. He discussed the various programs which the government is offering to help Abaco get back to normal. On the left is Mr. Revis Rolle, Senior Administrator for the Central Abaco District, and on the right is Mr. Gary Smith, Chief Customs Officer for Abaco.



Set Clocks Back One Hour October 31

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on October 31. Set your clocks back one hour either at bedtime on Saturday evening, October 30 or on Sunday morning, October 31.

People in the News

New Island Administrator Arrives

By Jennifer Hudson

Welcome to Mr. Revis Relasqez Rolle, who took up office as Senior Island Administrator for Abaco on September 16. Mr. Rolle brings a wealth of experience to his new post having previously served in at least six government ministries. He comes to Abaco after a posting of almost four years in Inagua and, prior to that, three years in Fresh Creek, Andros.

Mr. Rolle expressed excitement at being on Abaco because of the greater diversity of activities and more expansive economy. However, he says that he will still be dealing with the same social issues affecting a developing community.

Hailing from Cat Island, Mr. Rolle trained as a teacher and remained in that profession until 1994. During that time he became a Principal in both the family islands and New Providence, then Superintendent with postings on Andros, Grand Bahama and Bimini. Upon leaving the educational field, he went into the public service as First Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Health and became National Disaster Coordinator for that ministry. This training stood him in good stead for the onslaught of Hurricane Jeanne just a one week after taking up his posting on Abaco. For a period of eighteen months Mr. Rolle worked on institutional strengthening at the Princess Margaret Hospital and was responsible for instituting the University of the West Indies Medical Programme for fourth year medical students to complete their residency there. He has also worked in the Ministry of Finance and Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Rolle holds certification in Education and Public Administration and Business and Health Services Administration. He is currently enrolled in an LLB programme from the University of London

and is pursuing doctoral studies from Kennedy Western University in addition to representing a programme for the Institute of Professional Managers which he teaches and hopes to institute here in Abaco. He hopes that managers and aspiring managers will want to avail themselves of this course. This qualification is recognized worldwide and so participants will be able to become part of a network.

During his time here Mr. Rolle says, "I hope to be of real assistance to Abaco." He sees Abaco in terms of tourism as "a magnet standing out by itself in the Caribbean region. Tourism drives its economy and its economic footing is well grounded." Mr. Rolle will strive to provide leadership along with the community leaders, the business community, local government and civic organizations and foresees Abaco being quickly catapulted to be the second city of the Bahamas.

Over the next 100 days Mr. Rolle will be doing assessments. He appeals to the business community that when they receive a survey form from him after meeting with him they will assist him by gathering the necessary data. This will be handed over to a professional city planner to put the data together to determine land use and types of businesses for people living on Abaco, The Bahamas and the world. He is desirous of creating a "citizenry of the world with everything at one's fingertips which can only be done by working together. Abaco must be prepared and must groom people for the future. They must keep one step ahead and, in the case of the Winding Bay Develop-



Administrator Rolle

ment, there must be artisans trained for working at the resort before it is ready to open."

Mr. Rolle ended by saying, "I am excited for the new challenges I will meet here on Abaco."

New Police Chief Arrives

By Portia Jonsson

On September 26th, one day after Hurricane Jeanne passed through Abaco, the new Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Wayne Miller, arrived on the island by helicopter. Mr. Miller said as soon as his feet hit the ground, he was off and running.

ASP Miller is a 24-year veteran with the Royal Bahamas Police Force, having joined the force in August 1980. His initial post was the Police Band where he spent some time. While there he studied law through the University of Wolverhampton in En-

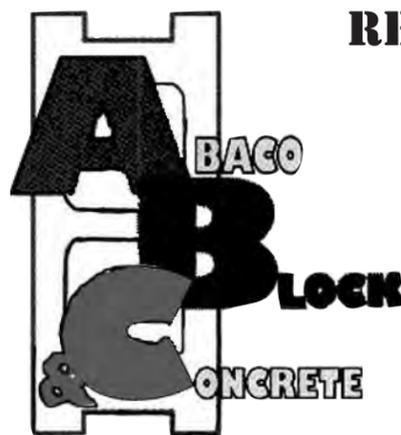
gland. His studies in law piqued his interest, and he was then transferred into general policing, where he worked in the newly formed Zero Tolerance Unit in the inner cities of Nassau. This unit is the brainchild of the former Commissioner of Police, B.K. Bonamy. Mr. Miller worked in this unit for quite some time in the Southern and Northeastern divisions of New Providence.



ASP Miller

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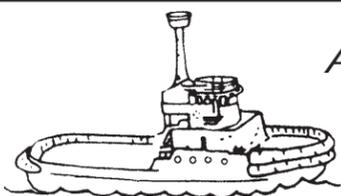
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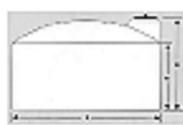
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More People in the News

People *From Page 2*

Because of his great desire to become a lawyer, and after completion of his studies, he was transferred to the prosecutorial section of the Police Force. He gained great experience and exposure in criminal matters and the application of criminal law while serving in this post. This position opened a whole wide area for him and he spent over two years there. Asst. Supt. Miller was then invited by Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson, to serve as his Staff Officer. He was the youngest Staff Officer to serve in this post. He was exposed to police management on a wider scale and police administration duties.

This area of work gave him an appreciation of how the machinery of administration worked in its entirety in the Royal Bahamas Police Force. He truly enjoyed this job and greatly benefitted from it. During the three years there he received two promotions of Inspector and Assistant Superintendent. He was given the opportunity to attend the premier police training facility in England, Bramshill Police Training College. From there he went on to Leicester University where he obtained a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, Police Management and Leadership.

Upon returning home to Nassau in 2003 he was stationed at the East Street South Police Station as the 2nd Officer in Charge and was responsible for implementing a number of community outreach programs. He established several community crime watch schemes, a community relations

project in Nassau Village, Hope After Dope program, community band and other successful crime prevention initiatives throughout the division. Mr. Miller is a member of the Nassau Village Community Council.

Since arriving on the island, Mr. Miller has established a community relations program. It is his desire to place a police presence in Hope Town and to this end a town meeting is scheduled for that community on October 20th. Mr. Miller is passionate about crime prevention and believes "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Mr. Miller advises all residents to put in place preventive crime measures and not solely rely on the justice system.

New Pastor at Seventh Day Adventist Church

By Portia Jonsson

On August 1st Pastor Leonardo Rahming took over the pastoral role at the Marsh Harbour Seventh Day Adventist, South Abaco Seventh Day Adventist, North Abaco Seventh Day Adventist and Salem Seventh Day Adventist Churches here on Abaco with a total of 410 members.

Pastor Rahming is no stranger to the island as he has spent several summers here. During the last five years he has led churches in Nassau, Grand Bahama and Turks and Caicos. He is a native of Nassau and a graduate of Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica with a Bachelors of Arts Degree. Fluent in English, French and Creole, he said his goal is to help individuals prepare for the coming of Jesus through understanding the truth as it is in the Word of God.

Remember to Buckle Up

Frances Insurance Claims Totaled \$44 Million

By Isobel Sherman

Hurricane Frances generated 44 million dollars worth of claims on Abaco. Mr. Robin Hardy, coordinator of the Bahamas General Insurance Association, gave this amount. This represents the total value of claims by all in-

urance companies doing business on Abaco. It is felt that Hurricane Jeanne produced about half the amount of claims as Hurricane Francis did. No comment was made about the possibility of premiums rising due to the very busy hurricane season.

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School News

Pre-School Is Damaged

By Isobel Sherman

The Teaching Children to Achieve School, located on the Friendship Tabernacle grounds, was damaged during Hurricane Jeanne. Teacher Maria Rose said that large rocks came out of the sea behind the school. The central air conditioning unit was damaged and the fence was blown down in the playground section. Mrs. Rose said that before Hurricane Jeanne they had anchored and tied down the play ground equipment and as a result there was no damage to the equipment.

The theme of this new school is Teaching Children to Achieve. The school has an enrollment of 15, children, eight of which are in the preschool section as well as a daycare for infants and toddlers under the age of 3. The school has eight computers which survived both hurricanes. Mrs. Rose is a qualified pre-schoolteacher and has a trained assistant. Plans are to expand the school next school year to include grade 1. Mrs. Louise Morley will be teaching that grade.

World Teachers' Day

By Isobel Sherman

October 5 was World Teachers Day, proclaimed by the United Nations to recognize teachers throughout the world and to raise public awareness of the contribution teachers make. The Minister of Education, the Hon. Alfred Sears, applauded the teachers of The Bahamas and thanked them for their contributions especially since the beginning of this school year when Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne wrecked havoc on The Bahamas. Mr. Sears lauded all teachers in the Bahamas with special mention to the teachers in Grand Bahamas, Abaco, San Salvador, Berry islands and Northern Eluethera where the storms were especially harsh.

Abaco Central High School Resumes

By Isobel Sherman

Abaco Central reopened school for the entire student body on October 4. Classes were held until noon on the October 4 and 5 and the school resumed a full day sched-

ule of classes on October 6. The classrooms are still without electricity and some without ceilings but the roof has been made secure from further damage. A special protective adhesive covering was put on the roof until it can be shingled again. This covering will stop all leaking until the roof is shingled. It is the same type of covering that was used on the roofs in Winding Bay.

National Heroes Day

Abaco Central High held a special assembly on October 12 in honor of National Heroes Day. The Social Studies department under the direction of Ms. Raquel Cox organized the assembly. The program included recitations, biographies and dances.

Mrs. Cox then had a National Heroes Day quiz where she would ask the students to identify a hero. The first one to get to the podium with the right answer was given a small prize.

Guest speaker was Chief Councillor Cay Mills, who called on grade 12 students to be examples for the other students. Mr. Mills said, "This is my school, this is where my heart is..." He urged the boys to take pride in themselves and dress neatly, not with ties down and shirts out. He told the students to "try and be the best in everything you do and you'll be surprised where you will go."

Students were urged to look at the special bulletin board where there were several pictures of our national heroes including Mr. Paul Adderly, Dame Doris Johnson, Sir Milo Butler and Sir Lynden Pindling.

School Needs Books and Furniture

Mr. Cay Mills, Chief Councilor for Central Abaco, asked the teachers at Abaco Central High School to make a list of textbooks that were lost during the hurricanes by both the school and students, especially those in exam classes. Mr. Mills stated that Miami Dolphin owner Wayne Huizenga expressed an interest in donating some books to replace those lost as a result of the two hurricanes.

Many students in the exam classes at Abaco Central High School lost their per-

sonal textbooks as a result of the two hurricanes. Any former student of Abaco Central High who has any of the BGCSE exam texts and would like to donate them or sell at a reasonable price is asked to bring the books to the school. Most of the attention had been on how time because of the hurricanes would be made up but nothing was ever said that even with class time made up but for grade 12 students who lost two years of notes and textbooks made up class time is only part of the solution.

Once again there is a severe shortage of furniture at Abaco Central High. The hurricanes damaged many desks and the school

already had a shortage of chairs. The Ministry of Education has been made aware of the furniture situation and hopefully some additional desks and chairs will be sent. In the meantime St John the Baptist Anglican Church has loaned some of its folding chairs for the school, to use.

Collecting for Grenada

By Isobel Sherman

Students of Abaco Central High are bringing in pens, pencils and writing books to Senior Mistress Nadene Beneby. These school supplies will be sent to Grenada, which was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan this year.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

William Percival "Percy" Weatherford was born on March 21, 1924, at Great Guana Cay to Stanley and Louise Weatherford. On September 24, 2004, he passed away after a long and fulfilled life.



His warm friendship, love, respect and cheerful disposition will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The suneral service was held

at Seaside Gospel Chapel with Bro. Gurth Roberts officiating assisted by Bro. Sylvon Bethel. Interment was in the Great Guana Cay public cemetery. A memorial service

was held on Great Guana Cay on October 3, 2004.

He is survived by Josephene, his devoted and loving wife of 56 years; sons Michael, Sidney and Robert Weatherford; daughter Debbie Malone; niece Kathy Sands; daughters-in-law Iantha and Pat Weatherford, Carol and Katherine; son-in-law Michael Malone; grandchildren Theresa (Ravnell) Grant, Neil (Sacha) and Melanie Weatherford, Mikell (Rosandi) Weatherford, Daniel Weatherford, Mikey Weatherford, Daniel Weatherford, Kristal and Rayanne Malone; great-grandchildren Tiffany Rankine, Kayla Grant, Jesse

Weatherford, Kalina Weatherford and Alicia Nesbitt; sister Movena Malone; in-laws Junior and Theresa Sands, Leonard and Kathy Sands; and numerous other relatives, nieces, nephews and friends and Claris Baldwin.

The funeral for **John "Uncle John" Nesbitt**, 83, of Cooper's Town was held on October 9 at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Bishop Henry Wright, assisted by Bishop Archilus Cooper and Rev. Clayton McIntosh officiated. Interment was in the Cooper's Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Evangelist

Carmen Nesbitt; sons Elisha and Jacob Nesbitt; stepsons Otis Palmer and Terry Frank; stepdaughters Aretha Huyler and Nelly Frank; grandsons Rickie, Carl, Chris, Don, Val, Max and Adrian Nesbitt; granddaughters Geraleen Nesbitt and Rev. Janean Hart; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; stepgrandsons; step-granddaughters; many nieces and nephews; granddaughters-in-law Olevia and Carmie Wright; son-in-law Livingstone Huyler; granddaughters-in-law Jessica, Tina, Paulette, Lorraine and Judith Nesbitt; grandson-in-law Bishop Ervin Hart; and many other relatives and friends.

Viewpoint Small, Almost Forgotten Pleasures

By Jennifer Hudson

The two recent devastating hurricanes have taken their toll on Abaco and its people. Everyone has had enough of mopping up, rebuilding and having to manage without electricity for a while and Internet and phone service for a lot longer. How we have come to depend on these conveniences! When many of us were growing up, we had no televisions, telephones or Internet service in our homes. But nowadays we have become so used to these services that when they go off, we feel isolated and hard done by. We certainly don't like having to do without and quickly become irritated. I feel a great amount of admiration for people who grew up even without running water or electricity. However, perhaps there are one or two pleasures to be found in some deprivation (as long as it does not go on for too long!) When the lights are out, how peaceful and relaxing it can be to sit quietly in the glow of candlelight or gaze out at the stars.

Then there is the pleasure of going to the mailbox and finding a letter from a friend in the once familiar but almost forgotten blue air mail envelope. Before I acquired my computer, I used to keep in contact with my friends by regularly sending them pages of long hand via "snail mail" and getting the same in return. Now we dash off frequent notes to each other which are there in an instant through cyberspace. This much quicker and simpler way of keeping in touch has many advantages. But how nice it is to be reminded of the slower "old days" by a nice fat blue envelope!

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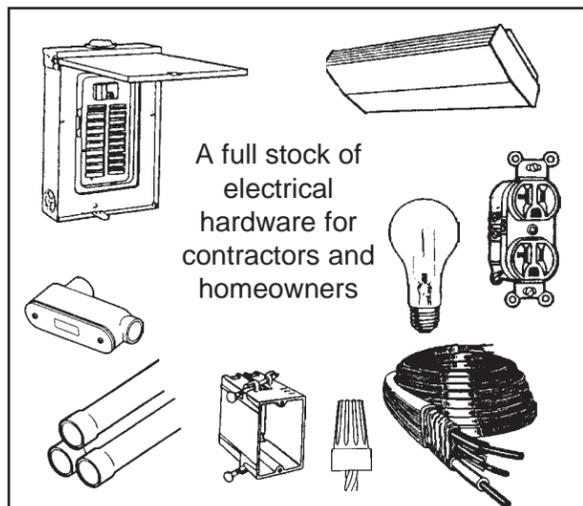
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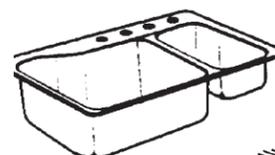


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There are more students which we have not listed here. We need information about them and are asking you to let us know the details about them so we can include them next month.

Adrian Albury is in his fourth year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida, and is studying computer programming. He has been awarded a scholarship from the Lyford Cay Foundation in Nassau.



Adrian is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the son of Ricky Albury and Lisa Albury.

Ashley Albury is in her last year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is studying computer science and is on the Dean's list.



Ashley is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Albury.

Albury, Clarence is in his second year at the College of The Bahamas where he is studying economics and finance.

Clarence is the grandson of Thelma Edgcombe of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Megan Albury is a first year student at Southeastern College in Lakeland, Florida, where she is studying English and history.



Megan is a graduate of Agape Christian School and is the daughter of Ralph and Donna Albury of Man-O-War.

Jason Archer is attending New England Tech in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is studying air conditioning and refrigeration.



Jason is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the son of Pastor Alexander and Brenda Archer of Dundas Town.

Bianca Bethel is in her third and final year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, where she is majoring in physical therapy with a



minor in business administration. She took correspondence courses one summer to gain a semester's credits and took summer courses on campus for another semester's credits so she can graduate a year early.

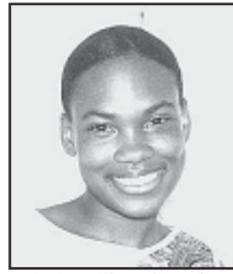
Bianca was salutatorian of her class when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She is the daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour. She continues to be a President's Scholar maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the these honor societies: Phi Eta Sigma, Tri Beta and Omicron Delta Kappa. She is a leader and treasurer of "Beyond," a campus ministry.

Roger Bethell is in his third year at Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida.



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

Keora Brown is in her last year at Louisiana State University. Keora was Valedictorian of the Class of 2001. She received the Prime Time Foundation full scholarship as well as an Abaco Pathfinder scholarship and the Al Martin Science scholarship. She is majoring in business along with pre-law.



Keora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

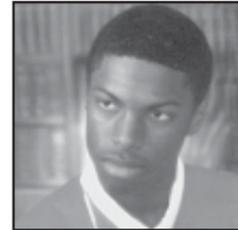
Augustine Williams of Dundas Town.

Sherelle Carey is in her third year of college and is presently attending Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. She is on a tennis scholarship from the college while she is majoring in forensic science.



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

Valentino Carey has begun his second year at the College of The Bahamas where he is studying electronic engineering technology.



He is the son of Rex and Velly Carey of Fox Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Ashley Marie Cash is in her fourth year at Valdosta State University majoring in early childhood education. She is on the National Dean's List and has recently married.



Ashley is the daughter of Wade and Martha Cash of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights

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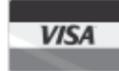


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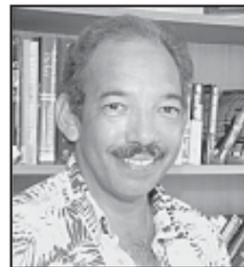
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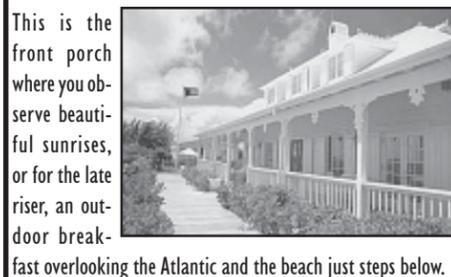
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Academy. She is a member of the school choir.

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

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

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

Dionne is the daughter of Ms. Joyce Coleby of Marsh Harbour. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy.

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

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

Devito Cooper is in his first year at New England Tech in West Palm Beach, Florida, and is in a two-year program. He is studying air conditioning. He was on the Dean's List last year.

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

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

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

LaShondra Curry is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau, where she is studying hospitality and tourism management.

LaShondra is the daughter of Debbie Symonette of Green Turtle Cay and Craig Curry of Nassau. She is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School.

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

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

Morgan Engle is in his second year of a two year program at Remington College in Tampa, Florida. He is studying computer networking and is working to be a Microsoft Certified System Engineer.

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

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

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

Alexis Gay is in her third year at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, where she is studying accounting. She is maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Alexis is the daughter of Ancela and

Wilfred Gay of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She received a Business and Professional Women's Grant.

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

Jessica is the daughter of Oswald Hall of Treasure Cay and Sue Bowers of California. She graduated from high school in Fresno, California, where she was in the gifted student program and maintained a 3.8 GPA.

Demetrio FaMark Hepburn is in his first year at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is studying architecture and building design.

Demetrio is the son of Delrosa Hepburn of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. He was awarded a scholarship from the Lyford Cay Foundation

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



Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Higgs of Marsh Harbour and was Valedictorian when she graduated from Forest Heights Academy. She was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.

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



Neil is the son of Stephanie Humblestone of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He spent the year after high school as a participant of the Class Afloat program.

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



Robert is the son of Randy Key and Emily Key of

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

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



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

Calea Laroda is in her fourth year attending the College of The Bahamas. She is maintaining a 3.0 GPA in her night classes.



Calea is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School and is the daughter of Wendy and Clint Laroda of Treasure Cay.

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



Erika is the daughter of Scott and Merdie Lowe of Green Turtle Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She received scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and Bahamas Supermarkets Foundation.

Tarvanti McDonald is in his second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau.



He is majoring in business administration.

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

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



Jamal graduated from Wesley College as valedictorian in 2002. He is the son of

Roosevelt "Rusty" and Belinda McIntosh of Dundas Town.

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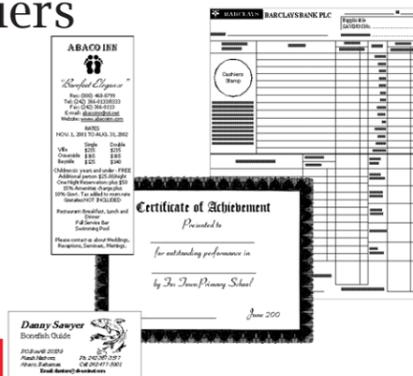
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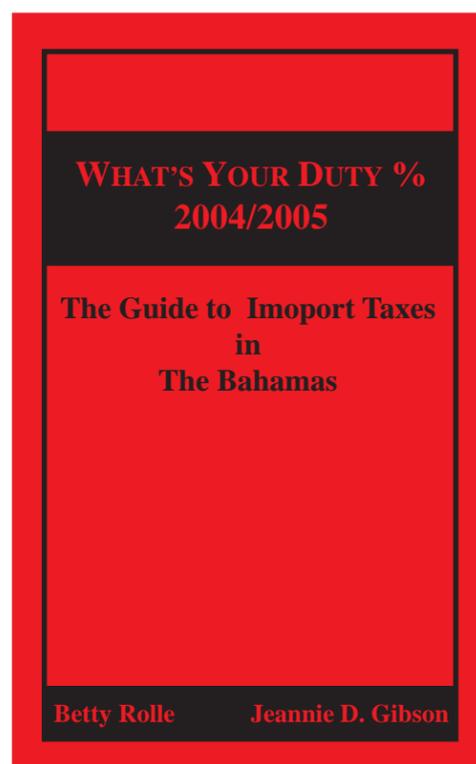
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Ronnette McIntosh is in her third year at Success Training College in Freeport where she is studying early childhood education.

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

Teneil Mills is now attending the University of Buckingham in Buckingham, England, where she is studying for a bachelor's degree in law. She received her associate degree at Bahamas Baptist College in Nassau.

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

Bernadette Jean Noel is in her third year at Clarke State College in Springfield, Ohio. She is studying to be a certified nurse assistant.

Bernadette is from Hope Town. She received an Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship. She has been on the Dean's list twice.

Olivia Patterson is in her fourth year at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida, where she is majoring in marine biology and environmental studies. She is enjoying extra-curricular activities of dance and archery. She earned extra credits by participating in a school sponsored trip to Australia.

Olivia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Patterson of Hope Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded a partial scholarship from the Bahama Billfish Champion Scholarship Fund and another partial scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.

Kristen Pearce is in her third year at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, where she is studying pharmacology.

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

Theresa Pinder is in her third year at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is studying mass communication.

Theresa is the daughter of Simeon Pinder and Theresa Pinder. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Forest Height Academy and was awarded a full scholarship by the Prime Time Foundation.

James Rees is a third year student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

He is studying molecular biology and English with a minor in chemistry.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees of Casuarina Point. He graduated from Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pearce, Florida. He is on

a scholarship given by the school.

Michelle Rees is in her second year at the Florida Institute of Technology where she is studying ocean engineering and minoring in aquaculture.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees of Casuarina Point. She is a graduate of Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pearce, Florida. She is on an academic scholarship.

Alex Roberts is in a 14-month course working toward his Associate degree in computer animation. He is attending the Full Sail Real World Education School in Winter Park, Florida.

Alex is the son of Phil and Kay Roberts

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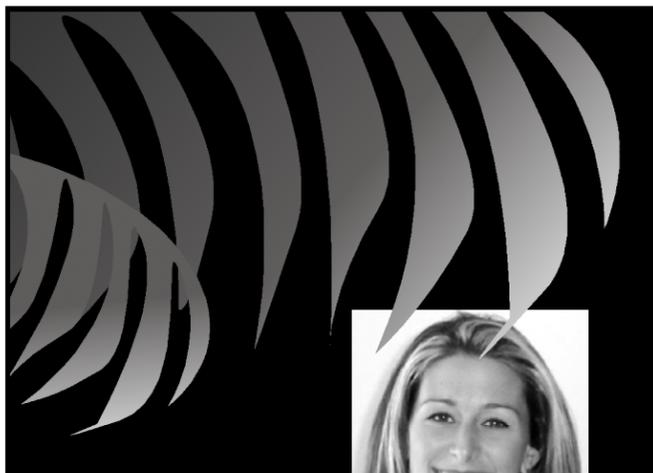
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of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

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



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

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



Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Sands of Man-O-War. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy with a GPA of 4.0. She received scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and from the Lorraine Sands-Lee Scholarship Foundation. She has earned a President's Award for her good academics.

Amanda Sawyer is in her third year at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is in a two-year program studying computer information systems and music. She is maintaining grades which keep her on the honor roll.



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

Megan Sawyer is in her first year at the Academy of Healing Arts in Lake Worth, Florida, studying massage therapy. She is the top student in her class.

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

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



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

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



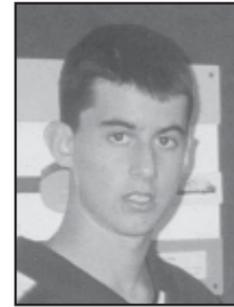
Tecuma is the daughter of Mrs. Isobel Sherman of Dundas Town and Mr. Eugene Sherman of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She was awarded scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and Lyford Cay. She received a Sailfish award and a Provost's scholarship from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Channa Tooté is in her first year at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is studying residential design.



Channa is the daughter of Churton and Desiree Tooté of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Jason Wiltfang is in his third year of college and is attending the University of Iowa. He is studying journalism and anthropology. He is maintaining a GPA of 3.4, is a honors student and is a member of the National Honor Fraternity Phi Sigma Theta.



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

There are more students away which we were not able to get current information about. Phone service since the hurricanes has made it hard to communicate. But we would appreciate family members or friends calling us at 367-3202 or 367-2677 with the information. If you cannot call, send the information to us with someone coming to Marsh Harbour.

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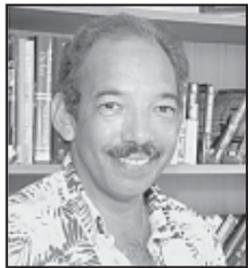
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International Rescue flew a helicopter to Abaco the day after Hurricane Jeanne bringing the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and a reporter. Mr. Ingraham was concerned about the welfare of his constituents in North Abaco and wanted to check with them personally. International Rescue contacted the Rotary Clubs in Nassau to donate relief

supplies. Two days later the organization made an aerial assessment tour and sent a plane bringing relief supplies to Marsh Harbour, specifically the Mud. They brought with them Rotary Club members from Nassau who recruited Abaco Rotarians to assist. The supplies were donated by the Rotary Clubs, the Salvation Army and International Rescue.

The plane was offloaded into Cherokee Air's hanger. That company provided space, manpower and security throughout. With no electricity, no land line phones and no cell phones, the crew had to take a taxi to find Kevin Sterling, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco. He recruited several Rotarians to assist, Peter and Jo-Ann Bradley and Bill Schweizer. The first plane load was delivered to St. Frances de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour which was a designated shelter. Ms. Barbara Johnson, Red Cross Leader on Abaco and in charge of that shelter, was relieved to receive the food as she had used her last three cans of ravioli that morning and was down to only 12 jars of baby food. The supplies included diapers, and personal hygiene items as well as food. Every item was shared out by the end of the evening.

The next day International Rescue returned accompanied by Dr. Cates. They toured Pigeon Peas and the Mud. They estimated that about 5000 people were in bad shape. Sea water and raw sewage had mixed together and a trench that normally allowed drainage to the sea was blocked by debris. The threat of an outbreak of disease was serious.

Many children had not had a drink of clean water or a meal in the past 24 hours. Houses and shelters were damaged and everything was wet.

They located a bull dozer and removed the blockage in the trench which allowed the salt water and raw sewage to flow to the harbour. The land was 90 percent drained by the end of the day.

Dr. Graham Cates, a doctor from Nassau in liaison with a local doctor, was concerned about the threat of disease and felt that if the situation wasn't "sorted out" quickly there could be an epidemic.

The next day several Rotarians transported food to the 7th Day Adventist Church for distribution for residents of the Pea and the Mud. Eight volunteers from International Rescue arrived to help with food preparation and service. They brought with them pots, a stove and LP gas and set up a kitchen in the church whose property abuts the edge of the Mud. Children of that area were served hot meals and a nutritious drink.

An additional 200 children were provided with hot meals by parent volunteers who cooked and served at the St. Frances de Sales School property. Mr. Darren Adler of International Rescue gathered up approximately 175 children who were fed yogurt, white rice, corned beef and salad with clean water to drink. The water was donated by Chelsea's Choice of Nassau.

Other communities on Abaco were desperate for help in addition to residents of the Mud and Pigeon Pea. Rotarians and church volunteers took supplies to Cooper's Town where a resident there directed them to needy persons. Cans of sterno were distributed so residents could have a hot meal.

Later in the week a resident of Fox Town contacted Mr. Sterling to get food to distribute to residents of Fox Town. Mr. Adler

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Rotarians Donate School Supplies to Fox Town Children

On October 9 the Rotary Club of Abaco delivered \$350 worth of school supplies to the children of Fox Town. Rotarians Bill Schweitzer and Marsden Lawley along with Marsden's wife, Melanie, traveled to the Little Abaco Island community that was particularly hard hit by Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne with boxes of composition books, pencils, rulers, and other basic supplies. They were warmly greeted at the Open Door Church by Patrice Russell, who assisted in organizing the event, and 68 children. Following hymns sung by the children and a gracious introduction by Lillian Wells, a

local teacher, Rotarian Schweitzer gave a presentation to the congregation encouraging service to others. Mrs. Russell presided over the distribution of the school supplies to the children.

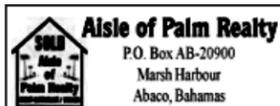


Rotarians from Marsh Harbour delivered school supplies to children in the Fox Town School who were delighted with their composition books, pens and pencils.

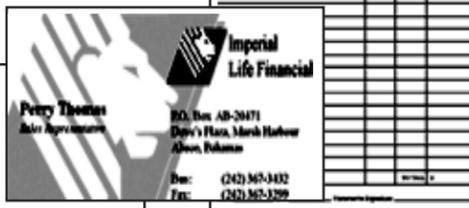
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Protect Yourself After a Hurricane

By Portia Jonsson

Protecting your health and safety are just as important after a hurricane as during a hurricane. Hurricanes leave a number of dangers behind. Ms. Christine Greene of the Department of Environmental Health offers some advice for preventing illness and injury and reducing mosquito breeding after a hurricane.

Hurricanes are associated with lots of wind and rain which create debris, downed trees, downed power and communication lines and exposed nails. Hurricanes, especially if accompanied by a tidal surge or flooding, can contaminate the public water supply. The water may contain fecal material from overflowing sewage systems. Drinking contaminated water may cause illness. You cannot assume that the water is safe to drink. Safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene includes bottled, boiled or treated water.

Food supplies and kitchenware require immediate attention after a storm. Thawed food can usually be eaten if it is still "refrigerator cold" or re-frozen if it still contains ice crystals. To be safe, remember, "When in doubt, throw it out." Discard any food that has been at room temperature and any food that has an unusual odour, colour or texture.

To prevent illness, disinfect and dry buildings and items in them. This will prevent growth of some bacteria, viruses, mold and mildew that can cause illness when you breathe them in. Bacteria or viruses may be left indoors by flood water while mold and mildew may grow indoors after the flood water has receded.

Many building materials, furniture, carpet and other items that stay wet for more than 24 hours will grow mold. We are exposed to mold everyday, indoors and out, but mold contamination can be quite severe in a water-damaged building. The risk is greatest for people with allergies or asthma and for the very old or very young. Persons returning to their homes after a hurricane should clean their walls, floors and counter surfaces with bleach. All clothes and linen should be washed in hot water with some sort of disinfectant. Air-dry and spray with a disinfectant all items that can not be washed such as mattresses and furniture. Throw away all items touched by water that cannot be disinfected.

Rain and flooding in hurricanes may lead to an increase in mosquito breeding. One of the most effective ways to control mosquito populations is to reduce the mosquito breeding habitats in our community. Nothing else encourages mosquitoes breeding than standing water where they lay their eggs. Persons should maintain their premises free of all containers such as cans, bottles, tires, boats, derelict and abandoned vehicles, dis-

carded appliances and any other receptacles that can hold water. Water stored for domestic purposes should be kept in containers with tight fitting lids or covered with a sheet or towel. Marinas, boat owners, boat storage yards and operators are required to take appropriate measures to ensure that boats and other vessels do not allow water to accumulate and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The Department of Environmental Health is presently carrying out larviciding and ground fogging throughout Abaco and the cays as a means of mosquito control. Ground fogging is subject to weather conditions and is used to kill the adult mos-

quito. If it is rainy or the winds are too high, vector officers cannot carry this out. The insecticide used for fogging is released as a mist, not a liquid concentration and should have no ill effect on humans. But beekeepers and other pet owners should take the necessary precautions to secure honeybees and pets as the insecticide may be toxic.

Abaco is very large and has many ponds that are treated regularly by vector officers. Natural types of pesticides which resemble doughnuts and last for 30 days are used in these areas. This has been a challenge for the Department because access to these sites is limited. Without the use of a boat, officers can only treat as far out as

they can get. In addition to the granules or doughnut-like pesticides, there are a mosquito fish. These eat the larva and some of the eggs as well.

Additional staff from Nassau has been brought in to assist officers at the Department of Environmental Health along with another ground fogging machine. They have been going door to door throughout our communities to help residents check their properties and identify potential mosquito breeding sites. The best control for mosquito breeding is to maintain a clean and sanitary environment.

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Waterfront

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able while renovating.

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Unfortunately, Snappas, which was the most damaged of all, will not be back for a while. Harbour View Marina, host of Snappas, suffered intensive destruction of its docks, rammed by several boats during Jeanne's tidal wave.

On the other side of the harbour, the Jib Room is in the process of cleaning and remodeling their inside bar/dining area which was under four feet of water; their back-in-business date has not been pinpointed yet. But their docks came through the storm with little damage.

In spite of the destruction and dislocation, life goes on and rumors of a Halloween party are in the air! So, listen for confirmation on the grapevine and get your costumes ready!



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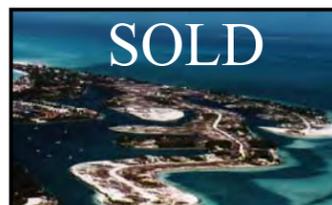
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Social Services Helped Those in Need

By Portia Jonsson

There are many responsibilities that fall under the umbrella of the Department of Social Services. Among them are the management of supplies before, during and after a disaster, and identifying and arranging the transportation of individuals in need to shelters. The department makes recommendation to central government regarding the needs assessment of persons.

During Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne the staff of the Department of Social Services went above and beyond the call of duty. They braved the storm to remove persons from their homes who earlier refused to leave and had signed a waiver to that effect. When the storm was upon them, these persons soon realized what a terrible mistake they made by refusing help. Chief Welfare Officer, Ms. Charlamae Fernander, said persons should heed the advice of others when asked to leave their homes because they not only put themselves at risk but also others.

Roughly 30 persons throughout Abaco were transported to shelters during Hurricane Frances. Before hurricane Jeanne made landfall the department visited the previous evacuees and were informed that all but two

of them had already made other arrangements to relocate.

Prior to Hurricane Frances the department distributed supplies to the shelters at St. Frances de Sales Church, the Central Abaco Primary School and Sandy Point with the assistance of volunteers and the Bahamas Defense Force. Some of the items supplied included food, water, batteries, toilet tissue, drinks and cleaning products. These were purchased through the local resources of Social Services assisted by Love 97 FM.

The Bahamas Defense Force has been instrumental in the shipment of food items and water to our island after the hurricanes. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has made similar shipments directly to Moore's Island and Grand Cay during the week of September 29th. The day after the shipment arrived, items were bagged up and the parcels were distributed. Whereas most persons were appreciative, Ms. Fernander said some still complained. For record keeping purposes, recipients were asked to sign a form confirming receipt. Although there were rumors that persons in the north did not receive relief supplies, Ms. Fernander wishes to dispel these. Three containers went out, one to North Abaco, one to South Abaco and

one to Central Abaco and were distributed by the staff of Social Services. Fishermen from Spanish Wells also made distributions.

After Hurricane Frances the department carried out house-to-house assessments throughout the Abaco district. This process is mandated by government and is necessary to ensure that those genuinely in need of relief to rebuild their lives get it. After Hurricane Jeanne persons already assessed suffered greater damage. The government wished to "step up" the assessment process; therefore, two teams from the Department of Social Services in Nassau arrived on Abaco to assist in this process and distributions. The department has visited every

community throughout Abaco and made radio announcements advising persons who have genuinely been affected by the storms and not yet assessed to go to their office. Today Social Services has assessed some 1,010 households on Abaco. By and large, Ms. Fernander feels that persons have been honest about their needs, but she has come across a few who have not been truthful.

She advised that unlike previous disasters her department is getting help from many volunteers. If it were not for them, her job would be insurmountable. She would like them to know that the Department of Social Services is very appreciative and encourages their continued support.

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Marsh Harbour Marinas Rush To Prepare for Season

By Portia Jonsson

After Hurricane Jeanne passed through Abaco, it was heartbreaking to witness the damage and devastation she left behind. The majority of the docks and marinas in the harbour of Marsh Harbour including Port of Call, Harbour View Marina, Mangoes and Conch Inn have been destroyed.

The Moorings with a fleet of 32 charter yachts at its docks moved most of them to the canals in Leisure Lee. The hotel and marina fared pretty well during Hurricane Frances, sustaining water in the rooms, loss of trees and shrubbery and one partially submerged yacht. During Hurricane Jeanne it was much worse. All of the docks, office buildings, and workshop area have been lost. Two of the yachts ended up side by side on the marina property and water came in above the air-conditioning units in the rooms.

Ms. Samantha Cornish, Operations Manager at the Moorings, Conch Inn Hotel and Marina said her company has not laid-off any staff member nor do they intend to during this difficult time. All staff members are assisting in the cleanup efforts and conducting maintenance on the charter yachts.

According to Ms. Cornish damages to the hotel and marina are in excess of \$1 million. The ten hotel rooms will be renovated and new office buildings and docks will be constructed. A tentative date of November 1st is given for the charter of yachts but this date may have to be extended. It is hoped that dock slips will be ready to rent again by this date.

During a hurricane it is the policy of the Conch Inn Hotel to have guests leave. If there are guests on charter yachts, their charter is terminated.

A few staff members lost everything in the hurricanes. The company has provided

relief supplies and everyone was able to benefit. The Moorings, Conch Inn Hotel and Marina are doing everything to assist their staff and help them get back on their feet.

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of International Rescue praised the contributions of many including Rotarians in Nassau and on Abaco, Faron Sawyer of Cherokee Air, the 7th Day Adventist Church and St. Frances de Sales School.



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S.C. Bootle Student Spends Three Weeks in Grenada

By J. Richard and J. Pinder

Joan Pinder, a Governor-General's Award holder, recently represented Abaco and the Governor General's Yourh Award program in Grenada. She traveled with several other Bahamian GGYA students and leaders to participate in the annual Caribbean Award Scheme Council held each year in a different Caribbean country. The Council 2004 was held from July 23rd - August 12th and was attended by participants from 11 Caribbean countries along with Canada and the United Kingdom.

Grenada is a 133 square mile country in the Southern tip of the Caribbean. It is known as the Isle of Spice because of the many spices that are grown there. According to Joan, the most striking physical features of Grenada are its mountains.

While in Grenada, Joan had to complete a Gold Level Expedition on foot, which required her to conquer hiking several mountains, each thousands of feet above sea level.

This was made more difficult by the fact that it was the rainy season, and the mud made it nearly impossible to walk.

After five days of camping and hiking in the cold mountains, Joan was able to experience the Grenadian Carnival, and said it was an amazing site to see. There were crowds of people, costume parades, steel band performances and lots of dancing and soca music.

Joan did an excellent job representing her country and the GGYA program in the Bahamas. She has now completed her Bronze and Silver Level qualifications and is well on her way to receiving her Gold award. Her stay in Grenada was an experience of a lifetime and was one she would never forget.

Joan is a member of the GGYA unit at S.C. Bootle High School and is currently the Head Girl of that school.

The Caribbean Award Scheme Council 2005 will be held in The Bahamas with participants coming from all over the Caribbean.



Bahamian students participating the Governor General's Youth Award scheme traveled to Grenada to fulfill some of the requirements for their awards. Joan Pinder, a student at S.C. Bootle High School, was working toward her Gold Award.

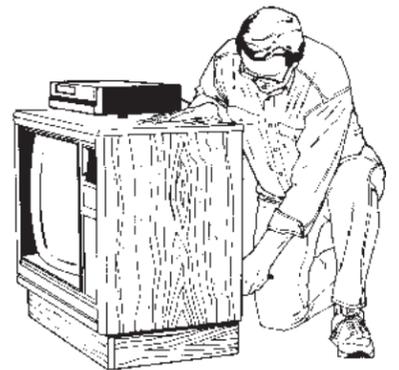
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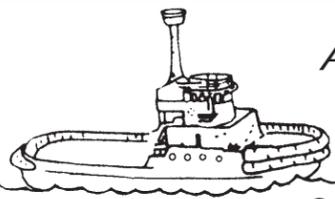
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Wildlife Report

By Mirella Santillo

Confronted by the force of the winds during a hurricane, we wonder while we are relatively safe in our boarded home, what happens to our feathered friends and other wildlife?

In my wanderings after the storm, I found a wounded wild duckling that did not survive more than three days; a few dead birds were found here and there, and many people mentioned noticing fewer of the regular birds at the feeders and around the area. Mocking birds, woodpeckers, thrushes, finches and other small birds seemed to have disappeared for a while, but are slowly coming back. White crown pigeons were seen foraging for food on the ground.

On the other hand, since the second

storm, we have been blessed in central Abaco with the visit of an unusual guest: the Bahama parrot, whose habitat is further south in the wooded area of Hole-in-the-Wall and Sandy Point.

Several sightings were reported: 22 in Man-O-War Cay on October 9, 12 on Matt Lowe's Cay on October 10, 18 in Marsh Harbour and one Joshua's Way on October 9.

Mrs. Anita Knowles with Friends of the Environment mentioned seeing four in Bahamas Palm Shores, not an unusual occurrence, but looking for food on the ground, totally unheard of, since these birds feed on tree berries. David Knowles with the Ministry of Agriculture is of the opinion that the rarity of food and disruption of habitat has forced them out of their usual surroundings. Will that change be perma-

nent? Is Central Abaco offering a similar or safer environment for these endangered birds? We can only watch to find out.

There will be an official bird count in January at their usual location; we will report on the findings at that time.

No other wild life seems to have been

disrupted by the storms. The wild hogs feed on roots and dig in the ground for food so they would not be affected. There has not been any report of beached sea mammals; a few dead fish found in the seaweeds. Three dolphins were sighted along the coast north of Marsh Harbour two days after Jeanne.

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