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Grouper Ban Is Extended

Grouper Season Will Be Closed December 1, 2006, to February 28, 2007

New Freight Boat Arrives



The Legend, a new freight boat belonging to Dean's Shipping Company Ltd., arrived on its maiden trip to Marsh Harbour on October 28. It is a steel-hulled, custom-built boat, 180 feet by 38 feet and draws eight and a half feet fully loaded. It is registered for 500 tons of freight. It can hold 24 20-foot containers on deck and 150 pallets secured in the hold below the main deck. It requires a crew of eight and is licensed by the Coast Guard for 12 passengers on international trips. The trip between West Palm Beach and Marsh Harbour is about 17 hours. On this first voyage from Florida, Capt. Ernest Dean accompanied the US captain who delivered it. The Legend was built in Bayou la Batre, Alabama, and is for carrying freight from the US to Green Turtle Cay, Marsh Harbour and Eleuthera. Capt. Dean is hoping to make two trips weekly to West Palm Beach, one trip to Abaco and the other to Eleuthera. The boat is a bow loader that can be loaded by a tractor trailer or forklift. The Dean family of Sandy Point has a long history of outstanding captians and freight boats. Capt Dean also owns the The Legacy, Abaco's mailboat that provides weekly service between Abaco and Nassau.

The Hon. Leslie Miller, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, has announced that the Nassau grouper ban will be extended by one month.

"In an effort to limit fishing pressure on the Nassau grouper, the taking, the landing, the possessing, the selling or offering for sale or the purchasing of the Nassau grouper will be prohibited throughout The Bahamas during the period of 1 December 2006 through 28 February 2007," he said. Mr. Miller feels that this ban is necessary to allow the grouper to recover. His department saw it necessary to extend this year's ban because of the "declining" grouper stocks in the country.

Since its inception the Nassau grouper ban has generally lasted only two months, but this year officials have lengthened the period to three and in some areas four months. Mr. Miller added that in the High Cay, Andros area, where large concentrations of Nassau grouper are known to spawn, the ban will be extended by two months and will be from 1 November 2006 through 28 February 2007.

"If The Bahamas is to continue to have sustainable fishery for the Nassau grouper, it is imperative that steps continue to be taken to control fishing efforts during the period

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Police Alert Businessmen of Criminal Ways



The Royal Bahamas Police Force hosted by the Abaco Chamber of Commerce warned the business community of the various criminal scams and robbery methods. The group was particularly interested in the counterfeit money and credit cards the police had and the ways of identifying them. Shown is Police Insp. Sandra Miller.

ASP Miller, Abaco's Police Chief, opened the evening's presentation on crime awareness and prevention by noting Abaco's high level of economic activity, our construction boom, tourism presence and large second homeowner base. A by-product of this success is the criminal element which feeds on economic activity and often hides in our growing labour force.

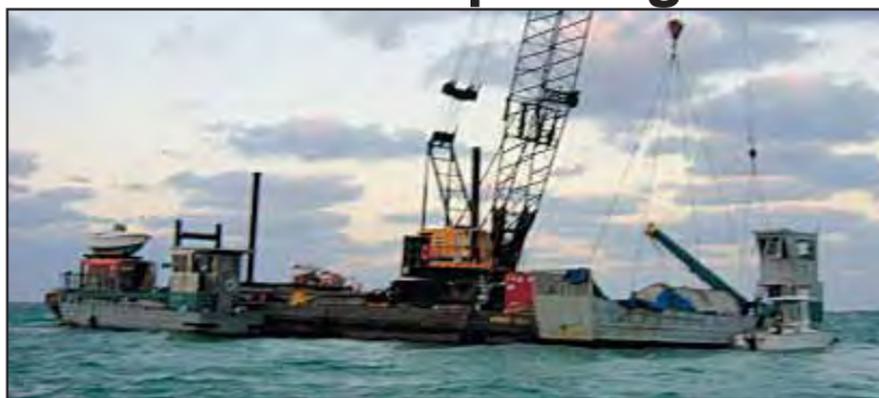
Two senior police women from Nassau with extensive experience in business-

related crimes came to alert the business community to various criminal scams and robbery methods.

Held in collaboration with the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, the guest presenters gave insights to various robbery methods encountered and more sophisticated non-violent scams using counterfeit bills

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Guana Barge Is Raised after Capsizing



The Guana Freight II rolled over on its side in heavy seas on its way from Marsh Harbour to Baker's Bay on Guana Cay. The captain, Armando Gracia, and crew members, Yvnel and John Nonhomme, escaped from the pilot house and were soon rescued by a passing boat. A barge with a crane of American Bridge Company arrived on the site and was able to raise the overturned barge within a few hours. The barge, belonging to Mitchie and Melena Altamura of Guana Freight Service, was carrying a load of 8000 gallons of fresh water to the cay. The boat sank on October 24 but Mr. Altamura worked on the boat and had it back in service within a couple of days. Photo supplied by Mark C. Spear.

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Grouper Ban

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when the species is most vulnerable," he said. His Ministry will be enforcing new strategies this year to ensure the ban is being followed.

Around the world tropical marine species such as groupers are being over fished, causing devastating consequences to coral reefs. Preventing these harmful effects requires management measures based on the best available information about these stocks, and the causes and consequences of over fishing them.

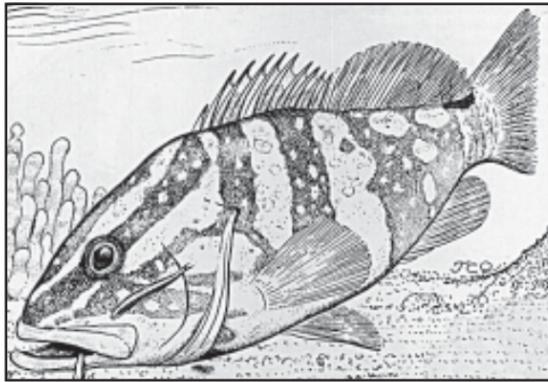
The Nassau grouper, a large predatory fish inhabiting coral reefs throughout the entire Caribbean area, is among the most important fish species on coral reefs. In addition to being important predators on coral reefs, they were also one of the most important fishery species in the region.

Over fishing in much of the area has driven Nassau grouper stocks below sustainable levels and has eliminated them from much of their historic range. Nassau grouper are currently protected in some areas and are a candidate species

for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Much research is being done on the Nassau grouper where these fish are still fairly common including The Bahamas. Much of this research focuses on large spawning aggregations where thousands of Nassau grouper gather each year during winter full moons. This stage in the life cycle of the Nassau grouper is particularly important to understand since the entire annual reproduction for a region is concentrated at a few particular spots where aggregations occur for only a few days each year.

Fishermen know where these spawning aggregations occur and in some instances entire stocks have been wiped out due to intense fishing. Stocks may take several decades to recover from such intense exploitation.



This has shown that fish may migrate over 100 miles to spawning aggregations and may spend only a few days at these aggregations.

One of the methods of studying the grouper is to capture and tag fish and follow them through ultrasonic telemetry.

This shows the importance of sustaining spawning aggregations for protecting stocks throughout an entire region. A comparison of the characteristics of fish at spawning aggregations to characteristics of fish at the same spawning aggregations over 10 years ago indicates that even moderate fishing pressure on spawning aggregations over a decade may have a large effect on fish stocks, reducing the number of fish at spawning aggregations, reducing the size of fish at spawning aggregations, and changing the ratio of males to females at the aggregations.



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Businessmen Learn About Criminal Methods

Police Meeting

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or counterfeit credit cards.

A formal screen presentation was made by ASP Elaine Sands from Nassau giving burglary statistics and showing the crude but effective destructive methods burglars use to gain entry. Simple entry through unlocked doors and windows can be thwarted by more diligence on the part of the business owner or home owner.

Protection against those willing to smash doors, windows and even walls is more challenging. Short of building a fortress, alarms, surveillance cameras and other devices can be employed to alert police, a security company or the owners of intruders.

Insp. Sandra Miller emphasized the benefits of good exterior lighting and lines of sight since thieves and burglars do not like to operate under conditions of high visibility. Shop windows should not be obstructed with posters and notices that prevent the public from seeing inside. Surveillance videos of two robberies underway were shown.

After the formal presentation, Ms. Miller



A magnifying glass shows up the differences between counterfeit bills and credit cards. This interested the people attending a meeting that the Police Department held to educate the business community about fraudulent documents.

drew a crowd wanting more information on the counterfeit items. An ultraviolet light and hand magnifying lenses were on hand to assist in determining which were real and which were fake.

Judging from the attendees reaction, this was the highlight of the evening. On display were real and counterfeit bills, both Bahamian and U.S. along with real and fake credit cards.

The real bills and credit cards contain special inks that fluoresce or shine brightly under the ultraviolet light. Real bills and credit cards contain microscopic lettering easily visible with the aid of a magnifying lens.

A further check on credit cards is to compare the credit card number printed on the customer receipt with the number on the card. The number will match for real cards but not match for counterfeit

the point of purchase and the issuing card company is contacted.

Mr. Miller of the Abaco District pointed out that even congenial and helpful service people in your house may unwittingly pass information to others who then target your house or business for an attack. Employers were urged to carefully check the background of their employees. This holds for persons working as store clerks as well as those in the construction and service sectors.

About 100 persons from the business sector attended the evening event hosted by the Abaco Chamber of Commerce and the Abaco Police Department. The presentation was made on October 26 at the Abaco Beach Hotel. Refreshments were served at the conclusion as those in attendance mingled with Police and Chamber of Commerce directors.

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World Food Day Brought Two Ministers

By Portia Jonsson

The Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Local Government and Consumer Affairs, along with the Hon. Alfred Sears, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, were on Abaco to celebrate with Abaco Central High School its second Annual World Food Day on October 20th.

Mr. Gray told students that World Food Day commemorates the importance of food to our very existence. Farmers, he said, are more important to our existence than doctors and lawyers, and we cannot ignore how imperative it is for some of us becoming farmers. He advised that The Bahamas spends \$500 million every year importing food to feed Bahamians. Farming demands the best minds, and he challenged the stu-

dents to not only look to law and medicine but to farming. "It may be hard work but necessary if our country is to remain strong."

Telling the students that they are more advanced than many of the other students because they speak more than one language, Mr. Sears said he expects them to use their assets. The seed planted by farmers, he said, begins a process resulting in a flourishing agriculture, which generates money to build schools and roads in our country. He stressed the need to cultivate in our schools the ability to feed ourselves and visitors and keep 80 percent of every dollar in our country. He recognized the need to provide the technical skills within our schools on how to farm and manage an agri-business. In

closing he told parents to become involved in the school and claim it because they are partners in education.

World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed year-round action to alleviate hunger. The theme chosen this year was *Investing in Agriculture for Food Safety* so that "the whole world will profit." The

aim is to highlight the role of investment in agriculture – both public and private. Today, agriculture has contributed to human civilization by improving nutrition and living standards. It has ensured the production and distribution of agricultural, fishery and forestry products and enough food to feed everyone on this planet.



The Hon. Alfred Sears, Minister of Education, chatted with students and teachers from several schools that combined to commemorate World Food Day. The event included presentations by students and talks by the two ministers in attendance.



Two Cabinet ministers attended the program organized by Mr. Kendris Heild, the new principal of Abaco Central High School. The Hon. Alfred Sears, far right, and next to him the Hon. V. Alfred Gray both spoke to the students. Mr. Heild has already made many changes on the campus and has plans for many more. He is shown here on the left with teacher, Mrs. Martha Smith.

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Senior Citizens Are Honoured

Senior Citizens Are Treated to Lunch and a Movie

By Samantha V. Evans

Senior citizens now have a better feel that their community cares about them with 40

older persons from Central Abaco being treated to a movie and a luncheon to kick start Older Person's Month, being celebrated in the month of October.

On October 12th, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, the elderly

persons were treated to the movie *The Last Flight Out*, which they all seemed to love, and lunch at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town. The theme for this year was *Improving the Quality of Life for Older Persons*.

Chief Welfare Officer for Abaco, Salomie Gibson, and her team along with the Friendship Tabernacle Team catered to the group, and Mrs. Gibson said they were pleased in giving back to persons who gave them so much. It gave the elderly persons a chance to mingle and socialize with others their age.

The Older Person's Month was launched at a press conference at Radio Abaco.

Students Visit Shut-ins

By Samantha V. Evans

Five students from Central Abaco Primary fifth grade class accompanied Ms. Salomie Gibson and her team of Social Workers to distribute fruit baskets to seniors who are shut-ins living in Murphy Town and Dundas Town. The purpose of the walkabouts was to bring cheer to the

lives of seniors.

The team visited 35 persons along the way accompanied by the counselor for the primary school, Ms. Samantha V. Evans. Some of the homes visited were Mrs. Inez Gaitor, Brennen Davis, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Muriel Curry, and Lauren Farrington.

Students read to the seniors from the book of Psalms. A few had their favorite Psalm while Ms. Evans selected Psalms for others. The students read beautifully and sang the hymn *This Is the Day*.

Mrs. Smith told the students to be respectful, have good behavior and good manners at all times. She told them to always respect their elders and themselves. Once they do, she said, all of the people will be able to speak well about them.

Mrs. Curry told them to keep up the good work and to let nothing separate them from the love of God. The students to go on this field trip were Rebecca Strachan, Valesha Johnson, Vindedgy Michel, Conrad Cornish and Terrel Reckley.



The month of October was Senior Citizens' Month and they were hosted at several events. Senior citizens of Central Abaco were treated to a lunch served at Friendship Tabernacle on October 12. This was organized by the Social Services office.

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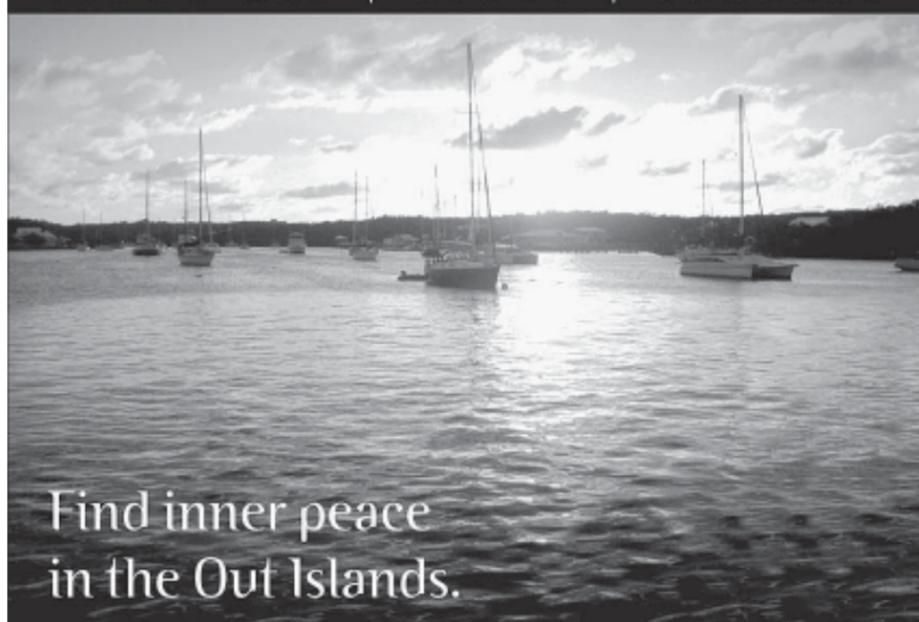
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The Editor Says . . . Congratulations to Friends



Dave Ralph

In previous issues of The Abaconian, our readers may have noticed articles about reef balls - not a party but hollow cement balls which are transformed into artificial but real reefs. We would like to complement Friends of the Environment for reaching out with this and other projects to school students - not just the students in nearby schools but all the schools on Abaco. This project, undertaken by Friends is accomplishing two desirable goals.

Their first goal is to expand Mermaid Reef off the shore of Pelican Shores in Marsh Harbour. This small but very popular live reef is visited by hundreds of people every month. It is easily accessible by our visitors by boat and is conveniently accessed by land and a short swim.

It is only a small reef and could easily be overwhelmed by the human activity that is constantly visiting it. By choosing this site for enlarging the reef, Friends is ensuring that Mermaid Reef continues to be there.

The site is ideal for this initial effort as it is close to shore where a pickup truck can carry and leave the cement balls. Although they are portable, it will take two to four strong persons to move them. Once at the beach and in the water, they can be attached to floats and be easily moved to their final destination. The balls have a broad flat bottom and are quite stable on the sea bed. They are made in two sizes with the larger being about 30 inches in diameter.

The balls are formed with many holes, tunnels, hollows and shelves for fish and other sea life to seek shelter. Friends anticipates placing 100 reef balls at the Mermaid site to form one or more trails radiating from the original reef. With the experience gained from this initial project, they expect to expand the ball placement to many other locations.

It is during the transition at the beach from land to water that live coral is attached as some species cannot be out of the water more than a few seconds. The coral transplants are quite small and are bits and pieces found on offshore reefs damaged by storms or manmade activi-

ties. Some pieces are apt to come from damage caused by the barge on the reef between Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay. Several coral transplants will be fastened to each ball, and it is expected that in four to six years the balls will be covered with new growth.

The other goal is to educate our students about reefs. Students from every school on Abaco are involved with making these balls, taking part in placing them at the reef and monitoring the growth of the coral and the proliferation of sea life. The balls will be identified as to the sponsoring school so the students can swim out from shore and track the marine growth on their ball.

We feel that this is one of the most innovative ways to preserve our reefs and at the same time involve our youth in a project that they can monitor for years to come. As they follow the progress of their ball for several years, it will be their "baby," and they will become junior reef wardens of sorts.

We expect that with exposure the concept will be replicated on other Family Islands.

Friends ongoing wetlands expansion and fish tagging project is another hands-

on program for students, giving them experience in the importance of tidal wetlands as fish hatcheries.

Education through actual experience is so much more effective than pure classroom instruction.



Making reef balls is a hands-on project that students enthusiastically embrace. They are involved with the entire process and will be able to monitor the hollow reef structures as coral growth develops and fish and other sea life inhabit all the crevices and hiding places within. What a wonderful way to learn to appreciate sea life!

Letters to the Editor

A Shadowy Affair!

Dear Editor,

I am utterly nauseated by the continued receipt of barely coherent email updates from one Kermit Waters, the supposed operator of the rusted out hulk of a drilling barge which continues to pollute our beautiful reef and local seascape! To seriously believe that this man has any intention of removing this wreck from our shores is nothing but a joke! He says he has bought a tug in Maine for \$50,000, and that he is proceeding to Marsh Harbour to complete the salvage. Apart from the fact that you can hardly buy a Mako with a used outboard for this price, let alone an ocean going tug, he then wants us to believe that he has suffered "en route" disasters that have delayed his vessel's arrival. The latest absurd communication suggested that "his generator broke down, and he is waiting Coast Guard approval to proceed." I am sure the US Coast Guard has had no communication with this man, or his vessel, and seriously doubt it even exists. Winter weather will be the next excuse, no doubt.

Enough, Enough! It is high time that the Government, that made the grave error of licensing this rusty hulk to operate here in the first place, do what governments are elected to do and start to protect the people and the environment of the Bahamas. It is time for this Bahamian Government to stop cowering, and well past time when they should have taken action to bring to an end

this inexcusable farce. In most other countries, the salvage would have been completed, and the errant operator put behind bars! Why not here?

James P-B

Thanks for Being Helpful

To the Editor,

We vacationed recently in the Marsh Harbour area on September 19-September 28 with our son and daughter-in-law (married a year and celebrating their first anniversary). This was their first big vacation.

This letter is to send a kudo to Jasmine (CSR for Northwest Airlines) for being so helpful in retrieving our lost luggage, working past her shift to find it for us. Thanks so much. I am a retiree from another airline so we appreciate her not giving up until we received our articles.

Second, we send a heartfelt thanks to "Taxi Joe" Sawyer. He helped us out so much in making our vacation as great as possible. We were not pleased with our accommodations and he took the time to make phone calls and picked up and delivered our luggage from the airport. He always had a smile and quick handshake! Along with that he had a lot of patience waiting for us while shopping almost every day. Our stay was better because of him and we hope to return to his smiling face. He is the BEST!

Thanks to all.

Don and Cheryl Laser

Abaco Needs Baseball Facilities

Ministry of Youth and Sport
The Hon. Neville Wisdom
Dear Sir,

I had the distinct honor of participating in a baseball tournament that was held in Nassau and sponsored by the Freedom Farm Junior League Baseball Association. Six islands were represented and several age categories featured, beginning with T-Ball and ending with the boys under 20 age group. It was a pleasure watching the boys in their pretty uniforms as they did their warm-ups and waited for the umpire to say "play ball." The competition lasted four days and I was surprised by the huge support of parents and other baseball enthusiasts. To make a long story short, the event was a big success, and next year's tourna-

ment I believe will be even bigger.

What troubled me a few days later as I reflected on the tournament and the wonderful work that Greg Burrows is doing with the help of his association was the conspicuous absence of Abaco. Although there were six or more age groups in the tournament, Abaco competed in the boys 14 and 15 years category only and with a very small team made up of boys from Treasure Cay, Black Wood and Cooper's Town. On the other hand, Bimini, Inagua, Spanish Wells and Grand Bahama had large followings, complete with managers, coaches, team leaders and chaperones. It was clear to me that most of these islands had well established programmes. Furthermore, I noticed that all of the teams were well equipped with bats, balls, gloves, catchers' outfits and all the paraphernalia befitting a baseball team.

My experience at that tournament was eye opening to say the least. I learned that most of these islands have well manicured baseball diamonds as well. They are not shoddy, haphazard structures but are well designed and perhaps can rival any baseball field anywhere in our hemisphere. I can truly say that I felt proud to be a Bahamian when I looked at the positive strides that we have made in such a short period of time. It is a fitting testament to what can be achieved when a community unites behind a common cause. I would be remiss if I did not tip my hat to all the junior league baseball associations throughout the Bahamas, but a special commendation is extended to the associations in Freeport, Nassau and Spanish Wells.

Although we have come a long way, there is still some distance to go. Abaco, for example, is the fastest growing island at this point and time in our history. There is hardly a decent softball field on the island let alone a baseball diamond. Perhaps the time is right for serious consideration to be given to the construction of a junior league baseball park. The benefits to Marsh Harbour and the surrounding communities are quite obvious; parents can accompany their young boys from five to 16 years old, any day of the week, to a healthy and safe environment and Abaco will be in a position to host na-

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News of the Cays

Think You're King of the Hill?

Hope Town will present its 8th Annual Big Hill Boxcar Derby on November 25. This event is sponsored by Cracker P's and Sea Horse Boat Rentals. They invite racers for Junior and Senior categories. Speed and slalom races will begin at noon. Trophies and prizes will be presented. Refreshments and t-shirts will be for sale. Music will be by DJ's *Rock Around The Clock*. Transportation from the post office dock will be provided. All proceeds will go towards youth sports of Hope Town. For more information contact Patrick Stewart at 366-3139 or Stafford Patterson 366-0023.

Hope Town Students Learn About Interesting Career

By Candace Key

Students in grades 4-6 of Hope Town School got an unusual treat from an unusual lady when Ms. Juliana Ferreira from Brazil visited to discuss her profession as a Wildlife DNA Genetic Forensic Biologists

She is one of the few in the whole world to practice this profession especially because of the dangers surrounding her job. It involves confiscating and studying the DNA makeup of endangered plants and animals that are smuggled out of bio-diversity rich Brazil to be sold on illegal world markets and also to study DNA make-up of rapidly vanishing unique species still in the rain forest.

Before arriving on Abaco, Ms. Ferreira was in Washington State to study at the only lab in the world that can analyze these types of things so that she can return to Brazil and set up a similar lab there. She is also a Master Competitive swimmer and encour-

Nancy Parnell, a frequent visitor to Abaco and a dedicated fisher person, was visiting recently and landed this hogfish on a rod and reel using cut squid for bait. Fortunately, for Nancy she was accompanied by her now famous hogfishing guide, "Gaffer" Parnell (also her husband). "Gaffer" Parnell estimated the fish to weigh 12-13 pounds but another estimate put it closer to 14-15 pounds. No scale was available. The Parnells were fishing off Tilloo Cay in 75 feet to 100 feet of water when "granddad or grandma" bit. The fish put up a extended fight. When it finally saw the boat, it made a tremendous run on the 20# mono. The hook used was a 2/0 circle hook.

One experienced fisherman has been fishing (and diving) in Florida since 1949 and in the Bahamas since 1952, and this is the first hogfish he has seen that was caught on a rod and reel.

aged the students to train well for their competitions.

Swim America Program Comes to Abaco

By Candace Key

Hope Town School is proud to be the first government school in The Bahamas to align their swim program with the Swim America program. Mrs. Carrie Cash, who has taught students to swim for over 20 years in Hope Town, now is enjoying the help of certified swim instructors, Mr. Dominic Latella, Mrs. Bonnie Hall, and assistant instructor, Ms. Ashley Yancey (Methodist Youth Leader). Swim America supplies the instructor certification and also the levels of instruction taught in different "stations" of skill levels. These stations allow for



Grade six (Ashton Kemp, Dillon Thompson and Noah Albury) participated in the Open Water swim and placed 4th in the adult male category team competition.

Part of the Swim America training involves rescue swimming practice. After several weeks of practice in the Hope Town Community Pool, students, instructors and teachers all boarded Froggies Dive boat with Capt. Lambert Albury for their Open Water Rescue Test in the Sea of Abaco.

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Central Abaco News

New Restaurant Opens

Diners in Abaco now have another choice to entice their pallet with the opening of the Pinnacle Restaurant located in the former Backstreet Cafe Restaurant behind Memorial Plaza. At this time the Pinnacle Restaurant opens 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and serves breakfast and lunch. In November the hours will be extended from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to include dinner. Mr. Carlton Lebrun is the Chef and Manager of the Pinnacle.

MH Airport Will

Be Privately Managed

By the end of the year the Nassau International Airport, recently renamed the Lynden Pindling International Airport, will be managed by a private company from Canada, the Vancouver Airport Services company. The government signed a 10-year agreement with the company to manage that airport. Later five other regional airports will be privately managed with the Marsh Harbour airport being the first. No date has been announced as to when this will happen.

Carpet Store Opens

By Portia Jonsson

Abaco Carpet and Accessories, located in the C&A Building across the street from Lowe's Pharmacy, is now open for business. In addition to carpet, vinyl, linoleum and area rugs, it also carries patio furniture, silk plants, home accessories, television stands bookshelves and a complete line of Swifter products.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Cable Bahamas Update

By Samantha V. Evans

Despite the closure of their office in Abaco,

Cable Bahamas ensures all customers there still are technicians on Abaco who are dispatched to handle all service calls and upgrades to service after reaching a representative on October 10th. Cable Bahamas added that any outages and internet upgrades will be handled in the most professional manner possible. However, there was no indication whether an office will be opened as stated earlier this year and residents will have to wait and see what their next move is.

A number of Cable Bahamas customers were concerned when they visited the Customer Service Desk in the office of Computer Creations a few months ago and saw the sign that read *Cable Bahamas is Closed* and stated that customers must call a toll free number with any questions or assistance.

All cable or internet payments can be made at any local bank in Marsh Harbour, Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay or Cooper's Town. The sudden closure left a number of customers and those still awaiting cable lines, wondering when or if they would receive service.

Gulfstream Flies with Larger Planes

By Samantha V. Evans

Gulfstream International Airlines expanded its services to Marsh Harbour by adding an Embraer Brasilia, a 30-seat plane, with one flight daily to Fort Lauderdale in May, 2006.

In an interview with supervisor, Jasmine Fox, she stated that since this is the slow period, they will only have three flights: one to Fort Lauderdale and two daily Beach Craft 1900 Model-D plane flights - one to West Palm Beach and one to Miami. During the peak season, which begins around

Thanksgiving and runs through spring, there will be seven daily flights.

PLP Women's Branch Names Officers

By Samantha V. Evans

A new slate of members for the Progressive Liberal Party's (PLP) Women's Branch of Abaco was elected at an Installation Cocktail Reception on October 6th at Backstreet Café. Minister of Transport Glenis Hanna-Martin was the guest speaker.

The elected members are: Chairperson

Gwen Martin, Vice-Chairperson Sabrina Russell, Treasurer Cathy Owens, Assistant Treasurer Marsha Roberts, Secretary Millie Dawkins, Assistant Secretary Angharad Owens, Chaplin Sheila Kelly, Assistant Chaplin Iva McIntosh, NGC Member Evette McIntosh and Sergeant of Arms Agatha Ferguson.

A Cultural Festival was held on October 7th at Goombay Park to raise funds for the National Convention and to help communities in Abaco.

Christmas Bird Count Is Scheduled

From Friends Newsletter

Friends of the Environment in conjunction with Audubon's 3rd Annual South Abaco Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 16th in Southern Abaco near the Abaco National Park. One does not have to be an expert to participate as there will be experts on hand to identify birds. Help is needed to record and spot the birds.

It will be a full, fun day of bird counting. To help insure adequate coverage of the area, let Friends know if you intend to participate by November 16th. The difficulty of terrain will vary with the area that you are sent, so Friends needs to know the level of difficulty you are interested in so they can make plans accordingly as the difficulty of terrain will vary with the area you go to. You can choose easy terrain with excellent footing and minimal walking, moderate terrain with up to a half mile walk or bushwacker for the hardy.

Cost to participate is \$20. This includes a \$5 fee per person that goes to Audubon,

and a bag lunch and beverages for a price of \$15. For further information, contact Anita Knowles at 242-367-2721 or anita@friendsoftheenvironment.org

During a recent bird watching trip three members of The Bahamas National Trust and one member of the Nature Conservancy along with a number of Abaconians enjoyed spotting 33 different species of birds during their morning walk.

The group included Director of Parks Eric Carey, Ms. Sharrah Moss, Predensa Moore and Mr. Eduardo Thompson from Nature Conservancy who were not disappointed as they were joined by local birders under the leadership of Mr. Reg Patterson.

One of their stops at West Pond would be a good location for a bird watching station, according to Mr. Carey. Plans in the future for this area may include a proper parking area and a boardwalk over the pond. It could become a destination for ornithologists to observe water birds and admire the wild water lilies that grow there.

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Hotel Association Will Promote Smaller Resorts

The Bahamas Hotel Association is initiating a new program to focus on sustainable tourism in several Family Island destinations, one of which is Abaco. This program, Sustainable Tourism Entrepreneurial Marketing and Management or STEMM, is to assist small and medium sized tourist-

based businesses that traditionally have not benefitted from tourism's previous marketing strategies. The STEMM program is focusing on facilities with 100 rooms or less.

It is being partially funded by the Inter-American Development Bank and will continue for four years. The program will conduct workshops and provide consultants to improve the competitiveness of these destinations.

Frank Comito, Executive Vice President of the Bahamas Hotel Association, held an awareness meeting at Abaco Beach Resort to discuss the details of the program, along with Jennifer Edwards and Ruby Sweeting, both with the Bahamas Hotel Association. He explained that the Bahamas Hotel Association does many things beside promoting hotels. It works

quietly with the Ministry of Education to upgrade the school curriculums and make recommendations for the school system.

The STEMM program is bringing together the Ministry of Tourism, the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation and the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism.

It is acknowledged that the Family Islands do better at emphasizing the environment with visitors. This translates into a better understanding of the importance the environment plays in tourism promotions. Andros has a resort that charges \$600 a night per room, is located in a remote area and its monthly electric bill is zero as it is totally dependent on solar power. It is utiliz-

ing natural resources as the focal point of its area, the reef, a lighthouse and blue holes. It has no entertainment features of a typical resort.

The strengths of sustainable tourism lie in nature, culture, heritage, beach activities, swimming, bird watching, diving, and similar activities. The Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism is impressed with many of our Out Island hotels that are now promoting the environment.

Persons from the Bahamas Hotel Association have gone to other Caribbean areas to see what others are doing and how some of these ideas might be adapted by Family Island businesses. They are studying how other areas are capitalizing on their environment.



Frank Comito held a meeting in Marsh Harbour to discuss the new focus of the Bahamas Hotel Association on sustainable tourism. Mr. Comito is a vice president of the hotel association and outlined the STEMM program they are undertaking. He is shown here on the left with Mr. Carter Redd, General Manager of Guana Cay Golf and Ocean Club. Similar meetings were held in other towns on Abaco.

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Sports News

Soccer Players Are Recruited

By Malcolm Spicer

Five young Abaco football players will have the opportunity to represent their country in international play as they prepare for their national call-up. The players chosen were Max Thervil, Kenny Fenelus, Villard Fenelus, Michael Saunders and Patric Louis.

Recently players of the Abaco Football Association got together at the Murphy

Town Park to play two games while being observed by the head coach of the Bahamas National Team, Mr. Gary White. Mr. White is also the technical director of the Bahamas Football Association and is responsible for setting up all the football programs of the Bahamas Football Association nationally.

Mr. White was on Abaco to peruse some of the local talent and to see if any of them had the necessary skill set to play for the national team. The players chosen traveled to Nassau on October 29th to be a part of the squad that faced Haiti at a stadium there. In front of a sell-out crowd this will be a great experience for the young Abaco players.

Malcolm Spicer, President of the Abaco Football Association, added, "We wish these players well on this great opportunity. We thank the BFA for finally taking the time to come and observe what we are doing here."

"My only regret was that these weren't regular competitive games and not all our players were able to take part in this quickly got-together event as we are presently in our off season. Geoffrey Victor needs to be thanked for arranging the games on such short notice and I hope that this visitation from Nassau is the beginning and not a one off. Time will tell," Mr. Spicer concluded.

The 2006-07 Abaco Football

League will begin shortly and there will be a junior league and a senior league from the high schools competing this year in their own leagues.

We encourage all sports enthusiasts to come out and watch the games on Sundays. It's great entertainment and very competitive."

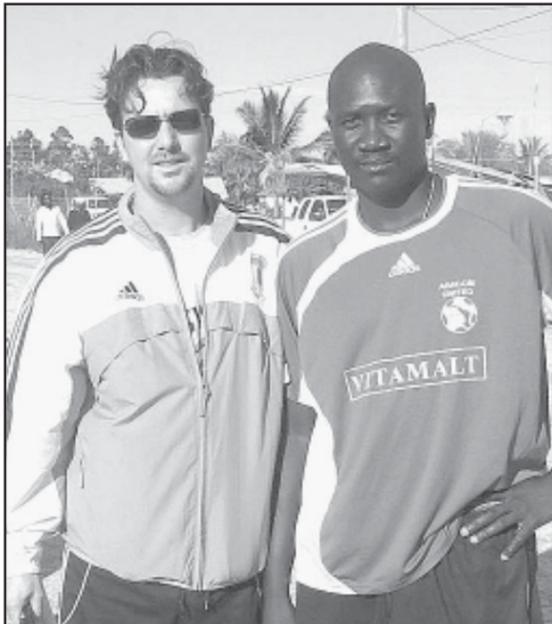
Freeport Recruited Four Basketball Players

Four of the best Youth in Action's basketball players were recruited by Freeport coaches with the promise of U.S. A's college scholarship.

Laroda Rolle, L.J. Cornish, Leo Gideon and Robin Lafrance, groomed by Youth in Action, explained Mr. Morley, were recruited by Sun Land High School, Catholic High School and Tabernacle Baptist School to complete their high school studies in Freeport with the promise that they would be offered a full four-year college scholarship. "I hope that it works for them," said Mr. Morley. "They will have to work hard first on their academics and then the basketball will come after. They have to re-

member that they must have a minimum of two points average to qualify for a scholarship. I am hoping and praying that they get a letter of intent from these schools, stating that they will get a full four-year scholarship," he added. Mr. Morley believes that the Freeport schools are helping with the expenses of the children to be in Grand Bahama, but he said "the parents are doing sacrifices to pay for the remaining costs of sending them to Freeport."

As far as the Youth in Action's team is concerned, "they took some of our best talents, but we will regroup", said Stretch Morley.



Gary White, Head Coach of the Bahamas National Football Team, was searching for talented players when he visited Abaco recently. Geoffrey Victor, Abaco Football Association Director, hastily organized a couple of games. Mr. White has invited four from Abaco to play in Nassau against Haiti on October 29.

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North Abaco News

North Abaco News

By Vernique Russell

Several Deaths Sadden Condolences

Condolences are extended to the Carroll family on the passing of Gerard Carroll, who died recently. The communities of North Abaco are praying for you as you go through this time of bereavement.

The communities also extend sincere sympathy to Pastor Silbert Mills and all family members on the passing of his father, Bertram Mills. It is our prayer that you find comfort in knowing that he is resting in the arms of a loving Master.

Condolences are offered to the family of Wensil Marlo Clint LaRoda, who died a tragic traffic accident on September 29th. However, in the midst of loss his father, Pastor Clint LaRoda, stood out as a perfect example of "a man of faith." Instead of questioning why his son was taken Pastor Laroda gave God thanks and praise and proved his faith once again.

Accident Victim Recovers

Gordon Murray who is affectionately known as "Neely" was also a victim in the fatal car crash on September 29th that killed Wensil Marlo Clint Laroda. On October 4 he had surgery and is now in therapy in hopes for a full recovery. The communities of North Abaco would like him and his family to know that they are praying for them and hopes to have you back home amongst them soon.

New Attitude Opens in Cooper's Town

To help overweight women or women who just want to stay in shape Bridgette McKinney Russell started New Attitude, the newest weight loss and enhancement support group.

Ms. Russell was a part of Weight Watchers, that recently closed its doors on Abaco and wants to provide support for women who are struggling with weight issues in Cooper's Town and the northern Abaco settlements.

Meetings will be held weekly at the Sherlin Bootle High School at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Russell invites anyone in the area to come and join New Attitude. She said the time has come for us to take full responsibility for our health and well being.

Open Door Celebrates Anniversary

Open Door Ministries in Fox Town celebrated its 40th anniversary under the *Upon this rock I build my church*. The celebration services commenced on September 20 and climaxed on September 24. Guest speakers included Pastor John McIntosh of New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope, Pastor Merlin McIntosh of Zion Baptist in Fox Town and Pastor Leslie Cornish of St. Andrews in Fire Road.

On Sunday Pastor Tyrone Mills of End Time Harvest in Crown Haven delivered the message as the series climaxed. Each night was spirit filled and a blessing to all who attended. Those in attendance were blessed and encouraged to keep working

until He returns. Congratulations to Host Pastor George Russell and his members.

Appreciates Doctor's Concerns

Doctor Albert Francois became a part of the Cooper's Town community when he was appointed to the clinic there earlier this year. Dr. Francois has been received with open arms and has proven to be one of the best doctors the North Abaco community has ever had.

He launched a campaign to help persons struggling with obesity and overweight, which can result in diabetes and hypertension. Doctor Francois' goal is to make North Abaco the healthiest community in The Bahamas. He realizes that many of his patients are suffering from a number of ailments because of the lack of knowledge about living a better and healthier life.

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Work is underway on the rebuilding of the government dock at Cooper's Town. It was badly damaged by Hurricane Wilma as were many others in North Abaco. Construction is being done by Mr. Noel Bootle.

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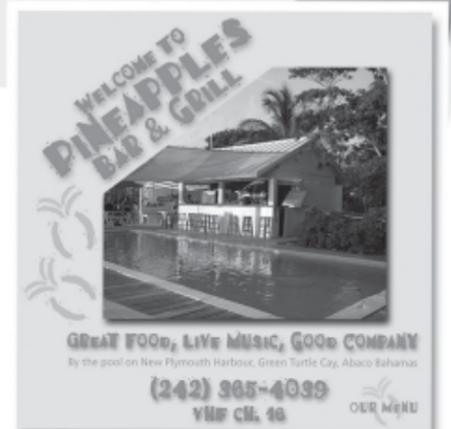
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More North Abaco News

North

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Scholarships Are Awarded

Athletics continues to play a role in giving student athletes at S.C. Bootle Senior High School an opportunity to receive a private school education for free. Five basketball players from S.C. Bootle received full scholarships to finish high school in New Providence and Grand Bahama.

Four (Edward Burrows, Cordrey Burrows, Julian Cornish and Rudolph Pinder) are now attending the Church of God

Academy in New Providence and Toran Russell is enrolled in Sunland Christian Academy in Grand Bahama. All of the boys are on basketball and track and field scholarships.

Cameron Parker, who is a former student at Sherlin Bootle, is in his senior year at C.R. Walker High School in New Providence and is doing an excellent job academically and athletically. He is presently serving as Deputy Head Boy at the school and is jumping higher and higher every day.

Cook-out Will Raise Tuition Funds

A cook-out in aid of Moranda Williams and Vernique Russell's college fund will be held on November 4th at the Treasure Cay Primary school grounds starting at 11 a.m. The public is invited to come and lend support as we raise funds to make ourselves better and more productive citizens thus allowing us to make positive contributions to this island. The menu for this cook-out includes crab and rice, conch and rice, peas and rice, fried

fish, chicken and ribs, guava duff, conch fritters, seafood salad and much more.

Congratulations!

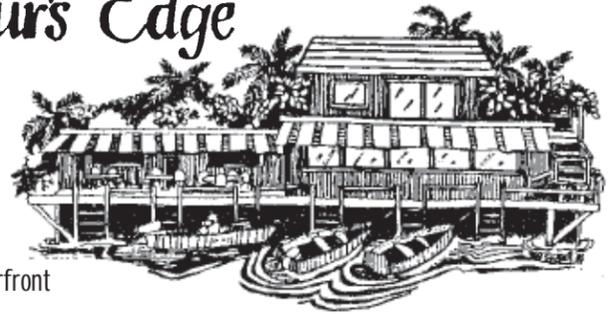
Congratulations to the students of Sherlin Bootle High School for outstanding performance in the BJC & BGCSE examinations. Continue to work hard and strive for the sky. Go, Dynamic Dolphins!

Remember to Buckle Up



Reconstruction of the government dock at Crown Haven has been completed. The dock was badly damaged by Hurricane Wilma last October. This is the dock used by Pinder's Ferry that goes between Little Abaco and McLean's Town on Grand Bahama. Construction was done by Mr. Calvin Parker, who is also rebuilding part of the dock at the Treasure Cay ferry landing.

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School News

Mentoring Program Is Launched

By Samantha V. Evans

Under the tutelage of Margaret Phillips, Central Abaco Primary School launched a mentoring program for special education students on October 21st.

Ms. Phillips, who is a seasoned special education teacher, started the program to boost the self-esteem of the students and to help them develop good character. With the regular school curriculum already set, the only day available to hold the special education classes is on Saturday and there will be a number of different skills covered over the course of the program.

She got a sponsor to purchase recorders for the entire class of 23 students and enlisted the support of Cpl. V. Miller of the Royal Bahamas Police Force to teach them how to play.

Before the music lessons began, Ms. Samantha. Evans, the school counselor, gave the students a pep talk to prepare them for the session. She spoke to them about the importance of this class and all of the hard work that went into preparing this for them. She told them that their teacher wants them to learn skills that they can make a living from when they become adults. Also, Ms. Evans hopes that the music skills will help them sharpen their math and analytical skills in class.

They plan to meet every Saturday for one hour classes. Once they have learned how to play the recorder, they will learn crafts. Both the students and their teacher are excited about this new venture. This group will be the only ones learning how to play the recorder at the school. They hope to learn a song that they can play by Christmas.



Central Abaco Primary School has begun a mentoring program for special education students who need extra attention. Mr. Margaret Phillips is teaching them to play recorders and is working closely with organizers of the police band. Various skills will be taught in this program.

St. Frances Starts Two New Clubs

By Samantha V. Evans

St. Francis de Sales has always had an active, healthy club life and this year they have introduced two new clubs in their continued effort to expand their students' horizons. The clubs are the Drama and Choral Speaking Club that meets on Mondays and the Readers' Club that meets on Fridays.

The Drama and Choral Speaking Club has been introduced to explore the various obvious and hidden talents that many of its students possess. As this club develops, it is hoped that these impressive talents will eventually be showcased for the student body as well as the public at large.

The Readers' Club brings together all students who enjoy reading and those who want to become avid readers. This club will afford its members the opportunity to interact with other readers through sharing and recommending materials they have read, among other activities. It is hoped that this club will help to improve the students' compre-

hension and writing skills, to develop their vocabulary as well as bring them great enjoyment.

Ms. Georgia Williams is the moderator for both clubs. Ms. Shannals Johnson and Mr. Elmer Bongon will assist her.

Health Program Is Provided

By Samantha V. Evans

Students at Central Abaco Primary will once again benefit from the school health program that began in October. Two nurses from the Marsh Harbour Clinic have already begun the process on campus.

The program began last school year when a doctor visited the school to ensure that students received their shots and to give them basic screening tests such as an eye exam, urine tests and the like. The same tests will be given this year.

The tests began with grade one students who are attending school for the very first time. Students who are sick can also see the nurse at this time. All immunization and

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eye exams for other grade levels will have to be done at the public clinic or at the child's regular doctor. Students in grade six will be examined at a later date. All students were given a consent form for parents to sign giving the health officials permission to see each child.

Educators Receive PAIRS Training

By Samantha V. Evans

Educators from all over Abaco, including those from the private schools, gathered at Central Abaco Primary School for two days of professional workshop beginning October 24th. The theme for the work-

shop was *Transforming Bahamian Education for the 21st Century*.

Speakers from Nassau and the United States were among those to speak with the group. Educators were divided into two sessions: a general session and a special session. The general session was attended by the majority of the educators but a select group attended the workshop with Dr. Richard Marks from the Pairs Foundation in Jacksonville, Florida. Speakers for the general session were Mr. Howard Newbold, Deputy Director of Education, and Ms. Faye Bascom both from Nassau.

The Pairs for Peers program works with the youth and those who pass through this program must be prepared to practice what they learn. They must teach students how to deal with negative energy in a more positive way.

The participants will learn practical skills

to create and sustain healthy fulfilling connections with others. In order for the skills to be effective they must have goodwill and respect for each other. The Pairs program teaches a person how to succeed at relationships and to handle them in a mature way. Dr. Marks hopes that the Pairs program will be implemented in schools in Abaco to help students to develop healthy relationships. The Pairs training lasted for the two days of the workshop.

Character Education Sessions Are Launched

By Samantha V. Evans

In an attempt to ensure that every student gets a good education, Central Abaco Primary launched its Character Education programme for 20 students who have prob-

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Professional workdays were held on October 24 and 25 for teachers in government schools. Two different programs were offered. These teachers benefitted from PAIRS training that teaches young people how to develop healthy relationships.



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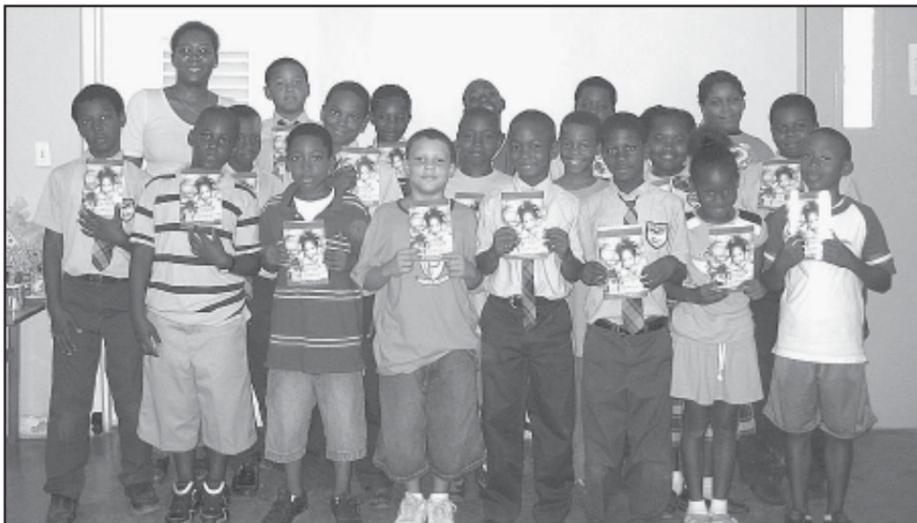
lems with behavior and/or known to be disruptive in the classroom, on October 12th.

The programme is run by Samantha Evans, the counselor at the largest primary school on Abaco, and the first guest speaker was Carol Elaine Martinborough from Urban Renewal. Mrs. Martinborough spoke about *The Value of Education* and spoke in a language that the students could relate to. According to Ms. Evans character education is vital if we are to train and groom children of integrity, loyalty and abide by the laws of society.

Ms. Evans said, "Everyone alive is entitled to a good education - it is a human right. It provides students with the tools and knowledge they need to function effectively

and to participate in activities in a modern society. "Education makes it possible for people to be responsible and informed citizens. It improves your quality of life and enables you to support your family. " The students were reminded that they will not be good at everything but to continue to try until they succeed.

The session ended with Ms. Evans distributing a signed copy of one of her books *Quiet Reflection-Level C* to each of the students. Ms. Evans added as long as they continue to live and grow, they must decide to become people of good character. The students were excited as they received their autographed copy of this book from the Counselor who has done a great deal over the years to help students discover "the king" or "queen" inside them.



Students with behavioral problems at Central Abaco Primary School have begun a Character Education program. They are shown here holding copies of a book *Quiet Reflection* written by Samantha V. Evans, who is shown standing the back.



Local Government at Work

Central Abaco

Town Planning 21 Aug 06

This session saw \$4.1 million in estimated construction value in the 15 plans which were approved. Victory Tabernacle Church was the top valued project with a proposed church building for \$931,500 in Murphy Town. The second highest project was a proposed apartment building in Central Pines Estates for \$505,310. An apartment building in Murphy Town came in a close third at \$492,100. Except for the church and a boat lift, the entire agenda was comprised of residential units.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm. 6 Sept 06

After extensive discussion, the annual garbage contract was awarded to E and D Waste although their bid was \$6,000 higher than Bahama Waste. Members found the potential of an extra \$6,000 available for other services tempting. However, they concluded that E and D had provided excellent service in the past and this level of service was wanted in the future. It came down to comfort with a known contractor

rather than switching to a new one.

It was concluded that all garbage contracts will probably have to be renegotiated in a few months when the new land fill near Snake Cay is operational. The extra distance and unknown conditions associated with this facility will have to be reviewed and new bids may be put out to tender.

Extensive comments were made without resolution on building permits approved in Nassau which bypass the local review process. Several recent instances of this happening were given.

Town Planning 16 Oct 06

The board had 19 plans to review which were collectively valued at \$5.7 million. The top project was an apartment building in Central Pines Estates for \$405,000. The 19 plans were entirely residential in nature, either houses, duplexes or apartments.

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Nine plans of a residential nature were before the Town Planning Committee for building permit approval with a total value of slightly over \$1 million.

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National Health Insurance Plan Is Proposed

Government is one step closer to fulfilling its promise of providing universal access to affordable, quality health care for all Bahamians as it moves to put the finishing touches on the proposed \$235 million National Health Insurance plan (NHI).

Dr. Bernard J. Nottage, Minister of Health and National Insurance, gave an update on the health plan which is aimed at revolutionizing the availability and delivery of health care. He focused particularly on how National Health Insurance would be funded, who will make contributions and what benefits will attach to such a scheme. "Firstly, government will contribute on behalf of the poor, wards of the state, and its share of contribution by its workers," Dr Nottage said. "It has not yet been determined whether children will be covered by their parents' contributions or if government will make full contribution on their behalf.

"Secondly, employers, employees and self-employed workers will contribute about 5.3 percent of earnings. In the case of employers and employees, percentage sharing may be equal so that each party contributes 2.65 percent.

Thirdly, pensioners will contribute. Altogether, the proposal anticipates contribution revenue covering the total cost of the NHI of

\$235 million," Dr. Nottage added.

And for those Bahamians who already have private insurance, the government is proposing that private insurers have an option of charging co-payments for services provided. "What that means is that the government will pay for the service at the cost it is provided at in the public service and the patient will have to pay the balance," he said.

"Employers now have an opportunity to re-negotiate expensive private insurance packages as National Health Insurance will cover the majority of health risks."

Also proposed is that NHI should not focus only on treating sickness but should also provide funds for health promotion and wellness, as well as for improvements in the health system, said Dr Nottage.

"To facilitate these objectives, resources will be set aside in the NHI to support private and public agencies and groups to implement project activities aimed at health promotion, illness prevention and technological improvements for quality care," said Nottage

"We expect, with the National Insurance Board using its network of facilities and officers, reduction in the cost of some of the main activities in NHI such as registration and collection of contributions," Dr Nottage concluded.

Breast Cancer Screening Was Stressed

By Portia Jonsson

Breast cancer is one of the top concerns for women as they progress in life. The annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month was October and reachings out to women the importance of early detection through annual mammography screening, especially for women over 40.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a national health campaign organized by the major breast cancer and cancer charities. It aims to increase awareness of the disease among the public and health professionals, raise funds for research into the cause, prevention and cure of the disease and offer vital information and support to those affected by it.

Mammography screening is a woman's best chance for detecting breast cancer early. When coupled with new treatment options, mammography screening can significantly improve a woman's chance of survival. It is recommended that women over 40 are monitored for breast cancer every year and that they have a mammogram every 1 or 2 years. After the age of 50, they should have a mammogram every year. Any woman with a family history of breast cancer, that is a mother, sister or daughter who has had breast cancer, should ask for advice from her physician on additional screening.

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor in the breast. Malignant cancer attacks the tissue in which it started and can spread to other parts of the body. The good news is that nine times out of ten, lumps in the breast are not cancerous. In fact, many women have naturally "lumpy" breasts, caused by other harmless conditions such as cysts. However, it is always best to check any lumps or changes in your breasts with your doctor - sooner rather than later.

The majority of breast cancers are first spotted by the woman herself or her partner. This shows how important it is to be breast aware and to know what is normal for your breasts, so you can spot any changes as soon as possible. Early detection of breast cancer can in some cases increase survival rates to 90 per cent.

The local branch of the Cancer Society was presented with two checks at the morning assembly of St. Francis de Sales School. These represented proceeds of National Denim Day from the school and a donation from Riviere and Associates. Both donations recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month were accepted by Hugh Cottis, President of the Abaco branch, who expressed his gratitude to the very generous donations.



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Proposed Legislation on Domestic Violence Was Presented

By Mirella Santillo

With domestic violence on the rise in the Bahamas the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. Melanie Griffin, is proposing a new Domestic Violence (Protection Orders) Act 2006 and presented this act to Abaco during a visit on October 20th.

The Act was to be presented to Parliament the following week for consideration to be legislated into law.

The Minister met with all the pastors of the area to get first hand information on domestic violence on Abaco and receive feedback on the proposed laws concerning the enforcement and punishment of offenders. She was accompanied by Dr. Sandra Dean Patterson, Coordinator of Health Social Services. Ms. Salomie Gibson, Chief Welfare Officer for Abaco hosted the two ladies.

The Minister explained that three proposed legislative initiatives were in progress:

- The Child Protection Bill
- The Disability Legislation
- The Proposed Domestic Violence Act 2006

Ms. Griffin explained that the Protection Orders would identify and define what domestic violence is. It would provide the

ability to intervene and put in place counseling. At the present it is only draft legislation that has to be passed, but she thinks that the law might be ready to be presented to Parliament within a couple of months.

Min. Griffin said, "There is much, too much domestic violence going on, it has to be addressed."

Dr. Sandra Dean Patterson started her presentation by saying "Domestic violence is a silent epidemic." There are six forms of violence, and domestic violence incorporates four of the six. If unchecked, domestic violence becomes an incubator for social violence and should be viewed as a crime.

Dr. Patterson said, "It is a misuse of power over the victim and it can lead to death."

She then presented statistics that indicate that the homicide rate since 2000 has shown an unacceptable number of domestic related homicides, between 40 percent and 60 percent.

The proposed Act will offer a comprehensive definition of Domestic Violence:

- Physical
- Psychological/ emotional

- Sexual
- Financial

Clauses in the proposed Act will "Empower a Magistrate" to

- refer for psycho social intervention/ counseling/ parenting education

- provide an interim protection order attach a power of arrest

Will cover "Compensation"

- not to exceed \$ 10,000 (After complaints)

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The Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services, left, and Dr. Sandra Dean Patterson, Coordinator of Health Social Services, middle, discussed proposed legislation at a meeting in Dundas Town on October 19 that will define domestic violence and make the law much stronger against those who use violence domestically. They are discussing it with Ms. Salomie Gibson, Chief Welfare Officer for Abaco, after the meeting.

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Crash and Rescue of Marsh Harbour has acquired an ambulance that will provide 24-hour ambulance service in Central Abaco. It was donated by the EVAC Ambulance service of Daytona Beach, Florida. Loaded in the ambulance was a great deal of equipment, both rescue and medical equipment

and fire equipment. All the equipment was donated by the Islamorada Village of Islands in the Florida Keys.

One critical piece of equipment that was included was a set of Jaws of Life, a set of four hydraulic devices used in accidents for rescuing victims that are pinned in the ve-

hicles. Each of the four does a different job of cutting or spreading the crushed vehicle. Other medical equipment included backboards and stretchers.

The fire equipment included breathing apparatus packs and masks, hoses, pumps

and protective gear. The fire fighting equipment will be distributed between the fire departments of Green Turtle Cay, Marsh Harbour, Lubbers Quarters and Hope Town.

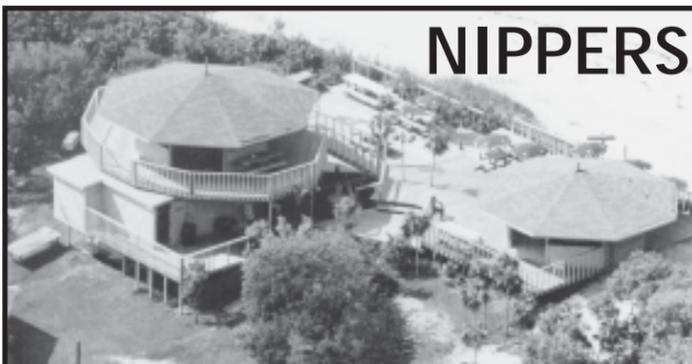
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Crash and Rescue of Marsh Harbour is proud of its new ambulance shown here. It was filled with rescue, medical and fire fighting equipment. Chief Colin Albury is shown with one of the Jaws of Life devices with Mickey Lowe, one of the EMS technicians.



This ambulance was donated to Crash and Rescue by EVAC Ambulance service of Daytona, Florida, while all the equipment it contained was donated by Islamorada Village of Islands in the Florida Keys. The ambulance will provide free service in the Central Abaco area. It is funded entirely by community donations.



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Ambulance

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Dr. John Shedd of Corbett Clinic of Treasure Cay was instrumental in arranging for this donation and works very closely with Crash and Rescue. He has trained the personnel so they are certified licensed EMS technicians. Crash and Rescue assists the government ambulance service. Since the government service lacks enough personnel to give full time service, Crash and Rescue covers 32 shifts for it.

Mr. Colin Albury, Chief of Crash and Rescue, would like to thank Michael J. Mellon, Executive Director of EVAC Ambulance service, for donating the ambulance and Fire Chief William A. Wagner and Lieutenant/Paramedic Jason Lyman, both of Islamorada, for assembling and donating all the other equipment.

Crash and Rescue depends entirely on donations for equipment, maintenance and operating expense. The organization has an oversight committee comprised of Mr. Robert Pinder, Mrs. Yvonne Key and Ms. Donna Darville.

Crash and Rescue appreciates the exemption that government granted in waiving all duty and stamp tax charges.

Legislation

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by residents that the amount was not enough, the Minister mentioned the amount may be

revised.)
Breach of Orders”

• punishable by fine of \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for 12 months or both

It will cover the ability of the police to assist victims by

- obtaining medical treatment
- getting them to a place of safety
- accompanying them to get their belongings
- informing them about services and their rights

The second document discussed was the Child Protection Act which will be legislation mandating various responsibilities to the Police and Judiciary system. The present law on children’s rights is governed by the Right of a Child which is an international document signed by The Bahamas in 1991.

A National Committee for Families and Children is being established, overseeing the implementation of the right of a child.

Minister Griffin added, “It will strengthened the care of our children.”

**Green Turtle Cay
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Letters

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tional and international baseball tournaments. Our young boys will eventually be able to compete globally thereby opening themselves up to scholarships and other progressive opportunities.

Community-minded citizens must now come together and agitate for a junior baseball programme for Abaco and the first place to start is by forming an association and identifying an area where such a facility could be built. A good suggestion is the ground at the back of Central Abaco Primary School which is enclosed by the fence running parallel to Forest Drive. This ground will make a perfect park and the children of Central Abaco Primary School will have an ideal area for physical education activities. I believe the Ministry of Youth and Sports will assist wherever it can once the interest is there and members of the community show a commitment to the pursuit of this project to the very end. There are members of this community who are eager to assist, and they are ready now because they have made that known on many occasions.

On another note, baseball will again be introduced to the schools in Abaco in February of next year. While this is good, the ultimate goal should be to have the programme extended to the various communities, all under one umbrella with possible affiliations to other junior league associations throughout the Bahamas. For this to become a reality the Ministry of Youth and Sports, through its office in Marsh Harbour, might consider supplying the necessary equipment such as gloves, bats, balls, helmets, catchers’ gear to initially assist the association once it is established. There are a number of venues on the island where games could possibly be played. However, anything other than a proper facility will expose our children to injury and other unnecessary risks.

In closing, the sooner the Ministry of Youth and Sports acts on the concerns that I have alluded to the better it will be for the future of baseball on Abaco. As regards the establishment of a junior league baseball association, an announcement to that end will be made shortly.

Yours sincerely,
Leslie Rolle
Baseball Coach

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Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
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Business Systems Department Honours OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTC) BUSINESS SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT held its first ever "Outstanding Employee of the Month" Awards Ceremony on September 29, 2006.

Mr. Antonio Stubbs, Sr. VP & Chief Technology & Information Officer and Mr. Dales Knowles VP Networking were in attendance and presented the Awards.

Most outstanding for JULY:

William Percentie , Ricardo Trotman, Janice Wallace, Patrick Goodridge, Ted Ferguson & Leonardo Armbrister.

Most outstanding for AUGUST:

Tanya Ranger , Gilbert Rolle, Tyrone Cunningham, William Percentie, Nerissa Thompson, Nicholas Thompson & Wayde Butterfield.

Photo 1 Front L-R : Tyrone Cunningham & Patrick Goodridge
Back L-R: Tanya Ranger, Nerissa Thompson, Oswald Morrison, Joel Deveaux/Technical Associate, Eugene Culmer, Ulric Mortimer & Kenneth Cumberbatch.

Photo 2 Left: Mrs. Keva Clarke; Centre: Ms. Cheralie Mortimer; Right: Beauford Deleveaux; Rear: Kenth Deveaux

Photo 3 Front Row beginning left: Mr. Antonio Stubbs, Sr. VP, Ms. Tanya Ranger/Technical Associate, Mr. Carl. R. Culmer/Sr. Manager, Business Systems, Mr. Patrick Goodridge/Technical Associate, Mr. Dale Knowles, VP-Network Services.
Back Row beginning left: Mr. Leonardo Armbrister/Sr. Associate, Mr. Gilbert Rolle, Ms. Nerissa Thompson/Technical Associate, Mr. Tyrone Cunningham/Technical Associate.



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SECTION B



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Professionals Coach Wedding Planners Second Annual Bridal Conference Highlighted Local Products

By Luzena

The 2nd Annual Abaco International Bridal Extravaganza went off without a hitch. There were delegates from several Bahamian islands and ran from October 19-21. The theme for this year's show was *The Abaco's Signature Wedding*. It began with a welcome reception on October 19, which included a Fashion Show organized by Phillipa Farrington, followed by the welcome address by Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism for Abaco. The Bridal Show was officially opened by Kendy Anderson. According to Ms. Outten, this conference and general activity were designed to ensure that all persons involved in any aspect of international wedding planning and executing will benefit from the dynamics that will be available.

A number of presentations were made on October 20 and Ms. Doris Nixon, a highly qualified wedding planner with over 50 years of experience and President of Weddings International, was the guest speaker and facilitator for the Bridal Show. Ms. Nixon imparted her knowledge, experience and wisdom to wedding planners. She spoke on why persons wish to become wedding plan-

Please see **Bridal**

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The North Eleuthera Regatta was held on Harbour Island over the Discovery Day weekend, October 12-14. Competing against five other workboat sloops, the Aaco Rage sailed hard, but lost its title of top Class A boat that it won last year. Weather included a freak storm that delayed one of the races to a dead calm when nothing moved..See story on page 8.

The Duchess Freight Boat Arrives



The Duchess of Topsail is joining the fleet of freight boats serving Abaco. She came from Greece where she served as a freight, car ferry and passenger boat. She will remain out of service while renovations and painting are completed. She is owned and operated by Marsh Harbour Shipping Company

Junkanoo Committee Gives Computers to Schools

By Samantha V. Evans

District Education Officer for Abaco, Rudolph Smith, was presented with four computers by the Junkanoo Committee earlier this month to be given to the Amy Roberts Primary, Central Abaco Primary, Abaco Central High and S.C. Bootle High Schools.

The computers, purchased by the

Junkanoo Committee, were awarded because of the performance of these schools at the Junior Junkanoo Parade in December 2005 as they finished in first or second place.

The committee hopes that the computers will help the schools to better meet the goal of providing quality education for the children.

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Revellers Enjoyed the Pirates' Ball



It has been many years since so many pirates gathered together for a party. Snappas was the location of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club's Pirates' Ball on October 21. Shown here are Victoria Albury and Maria Silvester with two visitors. See story on page 18.

Concert Featured Country Music



Jace Everette and Tammy Cochran brought the sounds of Country Western music to Abaco in a concert at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on October 28. The Ministry of Tourism brought them here to film a promotional video for showing on the Great American Country Network. This was the first of three concerts that will be featured in videos for satellite television audiences. The next concert will be held at Treasure Cay on January 20. The first two concerts are without charge but a donation is requested. The third concert will require tickets and the proceeds will be donated to the wild horses of North Abaco.

Abaco Is a Popular Wedding Location

Bridal *From Page 1*
ners, the attributes of a great wedding plan-



Ms. Doris Nixon, a highly qualified wedding planner, was the guest speaker at the Bridal Extravaganza held at Abaco Beach Resort on October 19-31. She was presented with flowers at the conclusion of the conference.

ner and gave numerous examples of what could go wrong in a wedding and inventive ways of solving those mishaps. Other persons that made remarks were as follows: Don Conish, Abaco Tourist Office, spoke on the overview of the destination; Revis Rolle, Administrator for Central Abaco, spoke on the rules and regulations for obtaining a marriage license; Freda Madrisotti, Director for Weddings and Honeymoon for the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, made remarks; Mr. Fetch of the Treasure Cay Beach Resort spoke about his resort and planning weddings for their guests; and Janet Albury, V.I.P. Services/International Wedding Specialist, told the delegates to



Janet Albury from Freeport emphasized giving good service.

educate themselves to be in a position to successfully aid couples, know the business that they are in, and to just be a wedding planner.

photography, and wedding attire. The show was well attended, and already persons are looking forward to next year's show.

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Friends Has Two New Staff

By Mirella Santillo

Ms. Olivia Patterson and Mr. Julian Lockhart joined the staff of Friends of the Environment in September.

Mr. Lockhart, who arrived on Abaco in September from Nassau, is employed as Environmental Education Officer and will work with all the schools on Abaco, public and private, from Sandy Point to Fos Town, he explained. He will educate the school children through three programs that have been created specifically to awaken in them a consciousness of their environment

The first consists in the building of artificial reefs balls made of concrete that will be deposited in the Mermaid Reef area off Marsh Harbour. Corals will be transplanted on these balls that will propagate and create new reefs, thus relieving the pressure on the existing ones. The idea is to teach children the importance of the reefs, their economical role for fishing and as a tourist attraction, the safety role they play in protecting the shores from erosion and their beauty.

The second program will involve continuing tagging of fish with telemetry tags at the Cross Harbour Creek, a project already underway. The schools will be given telemetry tags that the children will have to find sponsors for (each tag costs \$400). The tags will bear the name of the school sponsoring it and the tagged fish will be monitored by the students. This program is aimed at teaching children the importance of creeks in the life of fish. Creeks and marshes are nurseries for newly hatched fish, a place where they find food and are protected while growing and from where they'll migrate to the ocean.

The third project will acquaint the students with the pine forest. They will learn the dif-

ferent species of animals that live in the forest and will go on bird watches.

Mr. Lockhart, whose background is journalism, plans to meet with principals and social studies teachers of all the schools and discuss these programs. He said, "I like



Olivia Patterson and Julian Lockhart

Abaco so far. The people are friendly and open to what I will be doing. It is great to be working with scientists on interesting projects. It is nice to play a part in protecting Abaco and The Bahamas for future generations."

Ms. Patterson, a marine biology graduate from the Florida Institute of Technology, has been involved with whale and dolphin research in Sandy Point with The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research since 2004. She will act as Program Coordinator for Friends of the Environment, assisting Mr. Lockhart with the artificial reef balls and the fish tagging. She will be assisting their the Friends' educational programs and will also participate in a marine park planning project that will consists of improving and restoring the existing parks and planning new ones. Ms. Patterson is still actively involved with the Bahamas Marine Mammal project. "The two jobs are flexible enough to allow my participation in both," she said, "But I really like my new position at Friends."

Projects Will Teach Students Environmental Protection



Friends' Educational officer, Julian Lockhart, is shown at Central Abaco Primary School explaining the need for protecting our environment. Friends has three projects that involve students so they have a better understanding their environment.

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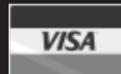
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Shane Cash is in his third year at Ramapo College in New Jersey where he has a double major of history and education. He plans to return to Abaco to teach. He is also continuing to pursue his music interests.

Shane is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the son of Don and Carrie Cash from Hope Town. He was awarded a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Charlotte Collins is in her second year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is studying applied finance and accounting.

Charlotte is the daughter of Jeff and Jane Collins of Marsh Harbour. She attended Forest Heights Academy where she was salutatorian the year she graduated.



Michelle Rees is in her last year at the Florida Institute of Technology where she is studying ocean engineering.

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



Raymonde Saintil is completing her second year of a two-year nursing program at Hesston College in Hesston, Kansas.

Raymonde is a daughter of Raymond and Elisemane Saintil of Hope Town. She was awarded a scholarship by Abaco Pathfinders.

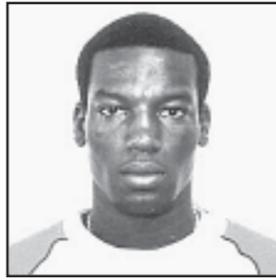
Malisa Singh is in her second year at City College in New York where she is studying accounting.

Malisa is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the daughter of Partop and Gaulty Singh of Marsh Harbour. She is receiving a scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.



Colin Swain is in his second year at Seneca College in King City, Ontario where he is studying environmental landscaping.

Colin is a graduate of Abaco Central High School and is the son of Cathy and Colley Swain of Dundas Town.



Heather Weatherford is in her second year of college at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida where she is majoring in nursing.

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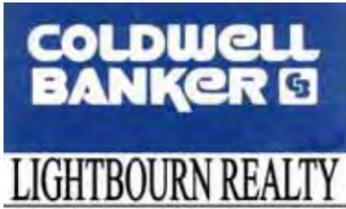
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Rage Comes Fourth in Eleuthera

By Rebecca Burg

"We're looking to take it," said Dr. Philip McPhee about his bright yellow class-A sloop Red Hot Thunderbird, from Andros. Thunderbird's team hoped to take the top title from current regatta champion, Abaco Rage, from Hope Town, Elbow Cay. Class-A and class-B Bahamian sloops arrived from around the islands to compete for top honors in the North Eleuthera Regatta, October 12-14, 2006.

Harbour Island's Bay Street became a glittering festival with music, bright decor, food vendors and family activities. Meanwhile, sailing crews prepared themselves and their vessels for two days of vigorous competition.

By Friday morning, the class-B fleet assembled in the bay. Facing a light, southerly breeze, nine little sloops posted themselves behind the starting gate. They had to start, sails down, from an anchored position. Boats slyly trying to settle ahead of the line were prodded backwards until all racers seemed satisfied. The race's official start was a mad scramble as sailors shouted commands, hauled anchors and raised sails.

Left behind in the fray, Cobra made no forward momentum when her crew hauled in an empty anchor line, the anchor still stuck in the bottom. The sleek, red Heath Cliff swerved to one side when a crew member had to hastily conduct repairs on the port side rigging. Recovering, the sloop dashed into the middle of the tight group. Larry Bastian, owner of Heath Cliff, from Andros, has won numerous class-B regattas in the past. The sloop was lovingly built by Larry's uncle in 1989.

"You forget the world when you're out there," Larry says, describing the silent grace and thrill of using only the wind to

skim across the sea.

"Starboard!" Shouted from the New Susan Chase, from Long Island, as she played a windy gust and prodded Lady Nathalie, from Acklins, into a tack. Closely matched, the two covered each other as they rushed toward the mark. Endeve led the pack and was hotly pursued by Barbarian from Acklins. By the third leg, Passion, (N.P.) was working hard to steal wind from Cobra while Ansbacker Queen, (Acklins) briefly scuffled with Lady Nathalie in a light air skirmish. After energetic shouts and hand-shaking, the boats were untangled and trying to play keep away with each other.

New Susan Chase continued to shuffle with Lady Nathalie, the two swapping positions with each other all along the race course. Cobra skidded into a pocket of calm air, her sails drooping as she lost ground. The light, shifty conditions were a constant challenge to all. For today, Endeve, from Crooked Island, stole the show and there was only one more day for the class-B sloops to settle the score.

By early Friday afternoon, the class-A race teams prepared for take-off. "I could've made a crawfish salad," said Colyn 'Ole Mutton', a crewman on Abaco Rage and volunteer cook for the team. The Rage crew took time for lunch before heading out into the bay. Sailing toward the start, Rage toyed with the light and shifty winds, working to find her stride.

"That's coming toward us!" said mainsheetman Wellington Pinder. The crew glanced toward the north. Sun blotted out, a dark line of clouds had formed. An ominous, sudden wind shift caught Rage by surprise and several crew members on the pries were dunked into the sea. Soggy, but unharmed, P.G. and Pete scrambled back

onboard. Eager to compete, but uncertain about the sky, the class-A sloops paced the bay and strutted in front of their rivals. A black squall closed in.

In a frenetic retreat, the boats began rushing back to the docks. Silent Partner, from Exuma, struggled with a stuck and flailing jib. A chase boat came to the rescue. In a flash, a blinding curtain of rain swept toward the activity. "Drop the main!" cried Rage skipper, Jeff Gale. With no time to dash into the safety of a slip, Rage anchored out. Both sails were tied down and hatches closed just as the rain overcame the sloop. Despite the squall's sudden arrival, the vessels and crews were unharmed. "Well, maybe I'll have time to dive up crawfish," Colyn mused, already planning dinner for the Rage crew.

The storm quickly faded, the rain and dark skies breaking up. Once again a bright sun shone through the steamy tropical air. "Let's go," said a crewman from Red Hot Thunderbird. "We've got some boats to kick!" Not to be deterred, the class-A sloops dashed right back into the battle field. Abaco Rage led the fleet over to the starting line.

"Every 'ting to starboard," instructed the committee boat. "Heads up!" The race official waved his hat. The games began. A light-wind brawl ensued as crews raced for the lead. New Southern Cross, a five-year-old sloop built by Clement Fox to replace the original 1977 Southern Cross, jumped into the lead. Abaco Rage, Pieces of Eight (Ragged Island), Silent Partner, Red Hot Thunderbird and Lucayan Lady (Freeport) vied for the top class-A title. The winds eased, but somehow the boats managed to keep sailing. Rage gybed to find a better breeze and ended up drifting backwards. The water was so flat that the seabed could easily be seen. "We could swim alongside and look for crawfish," Colyn joked. "Or conch," Scott offered. "Maybe we could lasso a conch and have it tow us," joked another, good humor saving the Abaco Rage crew from the frustration of a calm weather set-back. The race course was shortened and the class-A sloops managed to crawl back to the docks before sunset. New Southern

Please see **Rage**

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Funeral Services were held for **Daryl Andrew Fox**, age 34, on October 7th, 2006, in Freeport, Grand Bahamas



Daryl was predeceased by his grandmothers: Veronica Virginia Fox Walton and Elside Adella Thompson. Left to cherish his precious memories are his parents: Carl Bradley and Chyrel "Kay" Fox; brother; Brad, sister; Karla, grandfather Percy Thompson; Aunts and Uncles; Ross and Dianna Cash, Curtis and Clio Sands, Steve and Betty Bethel, Frank and Ivy Russell, Lowell and Eleanor Albury, Steve and Levon Albury, Dan and Charlene Thompson, Mike and Joyce Thompson, Scott and Nancy Thompson, Tommy and Renee Thompson, numerous cousins and other relatives and friends with special mention of Karl Albury. In lieu of flowers, donations were sent to the Cancer Association of Grand Bahama.



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BahamaHost Trains Baker's Bay Employees

By Mirella Santillo

An additional group of Baker's Bay employees underwent a week of training through the BahamaHost program, a practical and psychological program whereby employees are reminded of certain guidelines to follow while working in the service industry and are taught historical and geographical knowledge about The Bahamas. They also are confronted with the reasons for doing the job they have chosen and their goals in life.

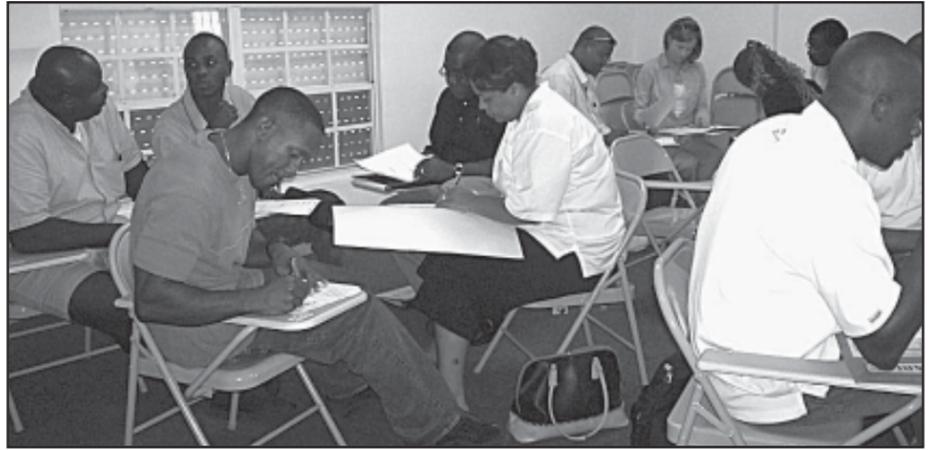
Two speakers coached the group which consisted of approximately twenty employees. For some of them, it was the second week of training since they already attended a seminar at Friendship Tabernacle from September 11th to the 15th.

Ms. Valerie Carpenter, an Industry

Training Department Manager with the Ministry of Tourism in Nassau, was the instructor for most of the training. She discussed the importance of establishing reachable, specific goals in life. She approached the subject of recognizing the value of customers and dealing with irate customers.

Ms. Denise Forbes, with the Department of Marine Resources took part in two sessions of training. On Wednesday, September 20th, she talked about handling complaints and instructed the students about the fauna of The Bahamas. On the last day, she reminded the audience about the code of ethics in the work place. Ms Forbes works part-time for the Ministry of Tourism in the Bahama Host program.

At the end of the five day session, the employees were being quizzed on what they had learned.



Employees of Baker's Bay took the BahamaHost course to learn better client relations. The course includes detail about the flora, fauna, geography and history of The Bahamas. They are shown here studying their material.

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Police Crime Report

Shopbreaking and Stealing - At 4:40 a.m. on August 22 police discovered the glass door shattered on the M & R Food Store on Crockett Drive. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Shop Breaking - On investigating an incident alarm at the D 'n R Sports Bar on Don MacKay Boulevard at 5:14 a.m. on August 22, a dark male was seen leaving the area on a bicycle. The front door had been jimmied and three bottles of rum had been stolen valued at \$38.

Arrested for Stealing - Two Marsh Harbour men were arrested at 6:15 a.m. on August 23 at their residence. This was for stealing from a vehicle on August 5.

House Breaking - A house in Murphy Town was broken into between midnight and 3 a.m. on August 27. A substantial amount of cash was taken.

Shop Breaking - Jones Native Diner in Dundas Town was broken into during the night of August 26. Stolen were six packs of cigarettes, four half pints of rum, one quart of rum, eight 12-ounce bottles of Guinness and four packs of Black 'n Mild.

House Breaking - During the weekend of August 25 a residence in Murphy Town was broken into. Stolen were an X-box game and a piggy bank.

Causing Harm - A customer at D 'n R Sports bar in Marsh Harbour was hit on the head with a pool stick early in the evening of August 27.

Stealing - A woman left her apartment on Archer's Hill in Dundas Town just before midnight on August 20 to visit a friend next door. On returning, she found a strange man in her apartment who claimed he used the bathroom. She later discovered money missing from her handbag.

Indecent Assault - A Fox Town man was arrested on August 29 for inappropriate fondling of a minor two days earlier.

House Breaking - A house in Marsh Harbour's Sweeting's Village was broken

into through a window during the night of August 28. Stolen were an expensive flat screen TV and an assortment of liquor.

House Breaking - In the owner's absence, a Murphy Town residence was broken into some time prior to August 31 and a television set was stolen.

Armed Robbery - The Shell Service Station in Marsh Harbour was held up by two armed and masked men about 10:30 p.m. on September 1. One of men took cash from the cash register, then fired two random shots into the room as they fled on foot.

House Breaking - A residence in Murphy Town was broken into in the morning of September 3. Stolen were two EVE players, 30 DVDs, a bottle of juice and six pencils.

House Breaking - On returning to his residence on September 9 located in the Great Cistern area, the owner discovered that someone had broken into his house sometime during the summer and stole a television set, a DVD and VCR player, a cordless drill and a Skil saw.

Missing Person - An employee with the Ministry of Education is reported as overdue on a visit to India.

Arrested for Stealing - Two residents of Murphy Town was arrested on September 4 when they were found in possession of drugs and stolen electronic items

Arrested for Wounding - A Cooper's Town man turned himself in related to a complaint of wounding. He was charged and released on bail.

Assault - While at the park at Abaco Central High School about 10:30 on September 9, a resident of Pigeon Peas was assaulted and beaten about her body by the girlfriend of her ex-boyfriend.

Shop Breaking - During the night of September 10, Abaco Central High School had its administrative office broken into and ransacked. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

House Breaking - During the night of

September 10, a house in Sunrise Bay of Marsh Harbour was broken into. Stolen were cash, binoculars and a digital camcorder.

Shop Breaking - Abaco Youth Ministry Church was broken into sometime prior to September 11 by smashing an exterior door, then smashing an interior door. Nothing appeared to have been taken although a six-inch knife was left by the intruder.

Indecent Assault - On going outside her apartment about 9:30 p.m. on September 11, a 14-year-old girl was held down and fondled inappropriately by another tenant of the building

Uncontrollable Child - A resident of the Mud surrendered his 11-year-old son to the police on September 11 as being disrespectful, not attending school and being uncontrollable.

Arrested for Drugs - Two young men of the Mud were arrested on September 11 when found in possession of dangerous drugs.

Attempted Arson - On September 11 a resident of the Pigeon Peas observed a young man lighting a gasoline-soaked sheet on his front porch.

Arrested for Drug Possession - A Spring City resident was arrested on September 11 for possession of dangerous drugs.

Arrested for Drug Possession - A Dundas Town resident was arrested on September 11 for possession of dangerous drugs.

Armed Robbery - The Texaco Service Station near the Treasure Cay airport was help up about 9 p.m. on September 15 by two masked men, one with a shotgun and

the other with a handgun. Two shots were fired after taking cash from the cash register. They escaped in a gray Cherokee Jeep which was later found near the Sand Banks community.

Drug Arrest - A resident of the Mud was arrested on September 16 for possession of dangerous drugs.

Drug Arrest - A resident of Dundas Town was arrested on September 16 for possession of dangerous drugs.

Assault - A woman patron of Tardie's Night Club on the S.C. Bootle Highway was punched in the face by a man she knew. This happened about 1:30 a.m. on September 17.

Assault of a Police Officer - A patron of the 4th Quarter Bar in Marsh Harbour was arrested about 10 p.m. on September 17 for assaulting a police officer, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Shop Breaking - A Marsh Harbour shop was broken into sometime between September 12 and 18 but nothing appeared to be missing.

Employee Theft - On September 18 the Paint Place in Marsh Harbour reported a substantial sum of money was discovered missing on August 14. An employee was believed to be responsible.

Shop Breaking - During the night of September 18 someone broke into the Central Abaco Primary School but nothing appeared to have been taken.

House Breaking - On September 19 a caretaker discovered several houses broken

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into on Eastern Shores of Marsh Harbour. The major items stolen were two shotguns and ammunition.

Assault - A Murphy Town woman had her cell phone snatched by her husband who then proceeded to beat her with it, causing injuries. This happened about 9 p.m. on September 19.

Assault - A patron at Tardie's Bar on the S.C. Boodle Highway was poked, then pushed in the face by a young woman about 3 a.m. on September 17.

Arrest - A Murphy Town man was arrested on September 20 for causing grievous harm to his wife.

Armed Robbery - An armed robber held up the Bayview Restaurant in Dundas Town about 10:30 p.m. on September 14. Brandishing a black handgun, he escaped with cash.

House Fire - A four-bedroom house in The Bight in Moore's Island was destroyed

by fire about noon on September 22. There were no injuries and the fire was believed to have started in the kitchen area.

Arrest for Armed Robbery - Finger prints led to the arrest on September 22 of a resident of the Pigeon Pea area of Marsh Harbour for armed robbery and stealing a vehicle.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs - Two men from Nassau were arrested on September 23 in Sandy Point for possession of dangerous drugs.

Traffic Accident with Injuries - About 2:30 a.m. on September 24, a car collided with the cement wall between Golden Grouper Restaurant and Let's Talk Wireless in Marsh Harbour. The Nissan Maxima was torn into two pieces. The driver, the sole occupant, was treated locally, then flown to Nassau for further medical treatment.

Damage - Someone damaged the window of an apartment in Dundas Town a little after 4 a.m. on September 24. Shotgun pellets were found at the scene by the

police.

Causing Harm - A woman assaulted a Grand Cay man about 8:30 p.m. on September 22 while on the public dock there. He suffered a knife wound to his arm by a woman he identified.

Causing Harm - A woman attempted to stop two women from arguing disruptively in the Charlie Boo Yard area of Marsh Harbour. She made an attempt to advise the police but one of the original two women caught her and beat her with a piece of wood. This happened about 9 a.m. on September 24.

Stealing by Reason of Employment - On September 18 Quality Star Texaco discovered a quantity of BTC Quick Cellular Cards missing. A former employee was named as a suspect.

Causing Harm - A few minutes before classes began September 27 at the S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town, two students, one from Cooper's Town and one from Treasure Cay, got into a fight. One

received injuries to his eye and the other received injuries to the side of his head. About 15 minutes later, the police found one of the students in possession of an imitation firearm. He was arrested and charged for possession of an imitation firearm and causing harm.

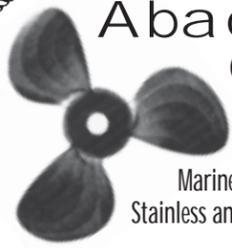
Arrested for Stealing - A search warrant was executed late in the afternoon on September 27 on a resident of Cherokee and 76 BTC phone cards worth \$1535 were discovered which were the property of Texaco Quality Star in Marsh Harbour. The occupant was arrested for stealing by reason of employment.

Traffic Fatality - About 8 p.m. on September 29 a pickup truck headed south collided with two passenger cars headed north close to the Touch of Class Restaurant. As a result, Wensil Marlo Clint Laroda, 14, died at the scene. The driver of one of the

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passenger cars received serious injuries and was treated locally, then airlifted to Nassau for further treatment. The driver of the pickup truck was treated locally and subsequently arrested.

Arrest for Dangerous Drugs - Two Fox Town residents were arrested for possession of dangerous drugs about 9:30 a.m. on September 30. They acted quite nervous when leaving the ferry in Crown Haven arriving from Grand Bahama. After police chased their vehicle, they were found with a box of Indian hemp.

House Breaking - A house in the Sunrise Bay subdivision of Marsh Harbour was broken into sometime during the late afternoon or night of September 30. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Shop Breaking - A Murphy Town store was broken into during the night of September 30. Stolen were seven DVD burners, two Colby DVD players, 600 DVD movies and a cash register, all valued at \$3,770.

Firearm Discharged - A Murphy Town man was arrested about 7:40 on October 1 in the Big Mangrove east of the neem farm. He was charged for wantonly discharging a firearm.

Stealing - About 9:50 in the morning of October 2, a woman got out of her car to make a bank deposit at the Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour when a dark male approached her and took two deposit bags containing a substantial sum of money.

Causing Damaged - Sometime late Sunday afternoon or during the evening of October 1, someone entered the Abaco Outboard Yard in Dundas Town and caused

\$4,000 damage to a new golf cart and a 23-foot boat in storage.

Stolen Vehicle - A resident of the Mud had his car stolen during the night of October 2. It was later found near the Marsh Harbour cemetery on Soldier Road.

Attempted Sex - A report was made on the afternoon October 3 of an attempt by a Murphy Town man to engage a minor male of that town in an oral sex act for \$2.

Shop Breaking - Chelsea's Choice water plant on the S.C. Bootle Highway in Marsh Harbour was entered through an unlocked door during the night of October 5 and a small amount of coins was stolen.

Shop Breaking - Classic Coin Wash in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of October 5 but nothing appeared to have been taken.

House Breaking - A Marsh Harbour residence was broken into during the night of October 5 but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Arrest for Attempted Sex - A Murphy Town man was arrested October 6 for attempted unlawful sexual contact with a minor.

House Breaking - At mid-day on October 6, someone pushed the screen in on a house on Stede Bonnett Road, entered the house and stole jewelry and money.

Arrested for House Breaking - A Marsh Harbour man was arrested October 6 for house breaking and stealing.

Grievous Harm - A Murphy Town employee was stabbed twice in his back by a co-worker during an argument at his residence about 11 p.m. on October 6. He was treated locally and released while the co-worker was arrested about 15 minutes later and charged for causing grievous harm.

Stealing from Vehicle - During the night of October 7, someone stole expensive speakers, disc changer and a 500-watt amplifier from a parked pickup truck in Sandy Point belonging to a resident there.

Shop Breaking - Price Busters in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of October 7 with a quantity of watches, cell phones and speaker systems stolen valued at \$1080.

Indecent Assault - A fifteen-year-old girl of the Mud was grabbed by the breast and slapped in the face by a man she identified while outside a barber shop there about 8 p.m. on October 8. The next day a resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested for making

threats of death and causing harm.

Sudden Death - A local pastor reported the death of a Murphy Town parishioner, Joyce Swain, 63, to the Police mid-afternoon on October 9. Death was believed due to natural causes.

Assault - In mid-afternoon on October 9 a woman residing on Beach Lane was beaten about the body by her boyfriend and locked out of their house. The boyfriend was subsequently arrested for assault.

Stealing - During the weekend of October 7, a house in the Little Orchard section of Marsh Harbour was broken into. A watch and gold ring were stolen.

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Methodists Welcome New Minister

By Portia Jonsson

After serving Abaco for almost 12 years, Methodists said goodbye to Rev. Carla Culmer and welcomed Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Hale as the new minister for the Eastern Methodist Region.

Rev. Hale is an ordained Methodist minister and came to Abaco by way of Oklahoma where he served in the Eastern Methodist Region Conference for the last 11 years. His original profession was a registered respiratory therapist and hospital administrator.

He has a bachelor's degree in business and hospital administration, a masters in divinity and doctorate in the ministry. For the past eight years he served a medium-size church with a membership of 200. Prior to entering the ministry as a layperson, Rev. Hale worked with young people teaching English as a second language to Mexicans while living in Mexico. He also lived in Canada and says he has a real heart for people who are having a hard time.



Dr. Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Hale

In the short time that Rev. Hale has been here he says he loves Abaco and it is a place, given the Will of God, he could stay for the rest of his life. He is here for as long as God wants him to be. He loves the beach and ocean and is passionate about scuba diving.

He is married to Virginia, who has 10 children by a previous marriage.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Bertram Eardley "Ole Smiles" Smiley" Papa" Mills Sr., 76, of Dundas Town died on October 13 and the funeral was held on October 22, 2006 at Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. Pastor Silbert Mills officiated assisted by Rev. Kenneth Knowles. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Verna; daughters Mary Roberts, Brenda Cornish, Julia Mills, Bertlyn Cornish and Beatrice Charlton; sons Dale, Silbert, Bertram Jr., and Johnny Mills; sisters Althea and Elvert Mills; brothers Cecil, Durward and Lofton Mills; mother-in-law Geneva Crossman; sisters-in-law Dorothy and Alma Mills, Mildred Williamson, Edna Deveaux, Nora Smith, Daisy Collie, Ethlyn Williams, Clara Christie and Sybil McKinney; brothers-in-law Joel and Evangelist McPhee; daughters-in-law Paulette, Dolly and William Mills; grandchildren Alexis, Oral, Kareem and Vashti Roberts, Nia, Noya, Dora, Genesta, Dalelene, Brandon, Edgar, Jermaine, Teneil and Dario Mills, Lavardo Maycock, Rhema and Shiloh Mills, Corrinne, Georgia, George Jr., Destiny and Charleston Cornish, Odel, Bonica and O'Neal Charlton and Erica Seymour; great-grandchildren Dario Mills Jr. and Nakia Ferguson; nieces; nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Ronnie "Fred" James Johnson**, 47, of Murphy Town was held on October 21 at Church Of God Cathedral in Dundas Town. Pastor Alphonso B. Lewis officiated assisted by Bishop Anthony Campbell and interment was in the Public Cemetery in Murphy Town.

He is survived by his wife Edith Eliza-

beth; sons Jennaine and Quentin; daughters Shanderia, Shakara and Shazaria Johnson; mother Majorie Johnson; brothers Shervin, Nixon and William Johnson; sisters Elizabeth Cornish, Barbara Dawkins, Debbie Roldan and Rossie Martin; grandchildren Christona Johnson and Keron Russell; step-sisters Tanya Curry, Marilyn Albury, Brenda Roberts, Tamara McIntosh, Amanda Davis and Jillian Salaam; step-brothers Cubell Jr., Dudley and Billy Davis and Warren Albury; uncles Brennen and Hershell Davis, Ronald McKenzie, Joe Johnson and Batman Bain; aunts Christine and Vemice Simms, Vemel Bain, Lorraine Farrington and Millicent Johnson; nieces Majorie, Jasmine, Nikita and Vanekqua Johnson, Lakeisha, and Raquel Knowles, Lateshia Greene, Sheneka, Alexter, Larissa and Barbrinna Dawkins, Roshanna Martin, Dominique Swain, Audrey Tynes and Marion Ramsey; nephews Alonza Roberts, Elvano Burrows, William Jr., Shervin Jr., Nixon Jr., and Arlington Johnson, Juan Roldan Jr., Kevin Delaney, Rufus Martin Jr., George Garcia and Alonza Dawkins Jr.; father-in-law George McKenzie; mother-in-law Arimentha McKenzie; sisters-in-law Wanda Russell, Olette Sears, Collean Murray, Carolee, Tiny and Louis Johnson; brothers-in-law Lenward Cornish, Alonza Dawkins Sr., Juan Roldan Sr., Rufus Martin Sr., James, Wayne, Eugene, Claytron McKenzie, Paul Murray, Lloyd Russell, Peter Sears, Warren Albury and Howard Roberts; god-parents Marie and Zephaniah Duncombe; godchildren Stacey Cartwright, Dori Woodside, Demitry, Brianya Mitchell, Rahneisha Burrows and Leon Swain; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Daniel Saunders**, 76, formerly of Green Turtle Cay was held on October 28 on Grand Bahama. Interment was on Grand Bahama.

He is survived by his wife Romeina Saunders; children Melaine, Melissa, Leotha, Christine Dawkins, Michael, Douglas, Robert and Daniel Saunders Jr.; adopted daughter Saralee Curtis; stepchildren Merlene Fraser, Olga Croach, Sonya Edwards, Beverly Morrisson, Viola Smith, Rosenelle Farrington, James Tootes, Eddie, Dennis, Hector and Christopher Thompson; grandchildren Alton Croach, Patrick Brown, Algernon, Douglas, Daniel, Vargo, Michael and Andrew Saunders, Lemeshawn Maycock, Traequesse and Traenique Blanc, Patrice and Daniella Saunders, Artillis Stuart, Antoiniqua Smith, Alicia Clarke, Shalom and Shalema Watson, Laveme Davis, Delareese and Denise; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Jennie Stuart**, 77, of Murphy Town was held on October 29 at Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town. Rev. Christopher Dean Pastor officiated assisted by Rev. Everette Strachan and Rev. Leroy Thompson. Interment was in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her children Alexander, Leslie, and Florence Stuart, Dedrie Smith and Cindy Burrows; stepchildren Vemie McKenzie, Sharon Octavien and Rozzena Swain; grandchildren Lindsey, Dwight, Marlon, Leslie Jr., James, Akeem, Maxwell, Kadeem, Jerome, Kyle, Tre, Shenique, Maxine, Zoey, Kemi, Gia, and Lauren; great-grand children Jodan, Lynlonj, Jaronna; sisters Edith Clarke, Willamae Dawkins; brothers Labon, Kenneth, Hencil, and Ronald Davis; daughters-in-law Sylvia and Velma Stuart; granddaughters-in-law Jan and Reneice Stuart; sisters-in-law Lenoie and Minerva Davis; nieces Violet, Lillian, Patsy, Lisa, Dorma, Misty, Patricia, Millie, Rochelle, Tamika, Rhonda, Domell, and Juliet; nephews Ernest, Timothy, Edison, Rodney, Ollie, Weldon, Virgil, Aaron, Jermaine, Buster, Kenneth Jr, Randy, Quincy, Daniel, Gilbert, Jason, Rinssor, Nathaniel, Bill, Cardinal, Prince, Hank, Terrance, Felix, Austin, Patrick, Kenneth, Floyd, Tino, Quincy, Henley, Vandyke, Edley, and Desmond; godchildren Lita and Sheila Simms, Paula Cartwright and Basil Swain; and many other relatives and friends.

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Junior Achievement Will Begin in November

By Samantha V. Evans

Future businessmen of the Bahamas finally have an avenue to hone their skills as Junior Achievement (J.A.) has made a triumphant return to the shores of Abaco, beginning in November.

After several years of planning for the return of Junior Achievement to Abaco, the Board of Directors, potential advisors and sponsoring companies attended two evening sessions on October 19th and 20th at Friendship Tabernacle under the tutelage of Bahamas' J.A. Director, Mr. Lionel Elliot.

Junior Achievement provides a hands-on experience for youth to learn about the business world and what it takes to survive in the cut-throat environment.

Present for the training were representatives from St. Francis de Sales School, Abaco Central High, Radio Abaco, Central Abaco Youth Council Board, Water and Sewerage, BEC, Youth in Action and other interested persons. Central Abaco Administrator, Mr. Revis Rolle, was present for the opening session.

It was two days of intense training by Mr. Elliott as he had the task of explaining exactly how the J.A. program runs. He told the group that everything they do with the students must be fun.

Not only is J.A. exciting, it is flexible; and it teaches students how to become business literate and the program trains young people in business education. There is a national criterion for the program which he encourages the local board to uphold. Junior Achievement today has evolved and all of the programs everywhere in the world are now under one umbrella. The board on Abaco can invite speakers from anywhere in the world to support the program and they will be happy to come.

Mr. Elliott stated that he has already secured two scholarships for recipients of the Abaco Junior Achievement Program and he is working on more.

The second session was intense with the focus more on the role of the advisors and sponsors, how meetings should be structured, the role of each of the student offic-

ers, the pricing of products, marketing the products, types of products that can be produced and gave them suggestions on how to motivate achievers.

Mr. Elliott went through the bylaws so they would know how to handle different types of students and deal with challenges that sometimes arise. It was a more practical, interactive session. Above all else, he told the adults to love the students and be good role models for them.

Following the second session the local Board of Directors attended a separate training session on the role of the board as it pertains to running a successful program. This board has the task of ensuring that all companies follow the national standard for Junior Achievement Bahamas and that the center managers and advisors follow the manual bylaws.

The Board of Directors currently consists of six members: Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Ms. Chervon Mackey, Ms. Barbara Johnson, Ms. Jackie Estevez, Mr. Emery Curry and Ms. Samantha Evans.

Junior Achievement is scheduled to begin the week of November 13th. Four centers have been identified for Central Abaco and one center for the North. The cays will come on stream at a later date. The board has identified businesses to sponsor each of the five companies slated for Abaco.

Realty Firm Wins Website Award

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Pirates' Ball Bought Out Costumes

By Mirella Santillo

The first annual costumed Pirate's Ball took place at Snappas on October 21st, organized by the local motorcycle club, the Scurvy Few.

"It was not a fund raising event, but a fun raising one," commented one of the organizers, Mr. Sid Dawes, who minded the door as a flamboyantly dressed pirate. If there is entrance money left, it will go to a charity, affirmed Mr. Dawes.

The Bahamas is famous as having been a pirate's haven. People had quite a few names to get their inspiration from: Black Beard, Calico Jack, Ann Bonny, but apparently nobody dressed as anyone in particular.

Prizes were awarded for various costumes and prizes range from \$200 to \$100 to free drinks. Once again the band Subculture was flown from Nassau to provide music.

Rage

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Cross won Friday's round.

Saturday's races began with a mild northeast breeze. The class-B sloops enjoyed two races. In the groove, Endeve remained in the lead and took the championship.

By the time the class-A sloops began their contest, the winds had freshened to 10-12 knots. Flashing in the sun, rippling sails caught the breeze in the race for glory. Abaco Rage, after a slow start from a dragging anchor, finished behind the group in race one. In race two, the boats sailed so closely that crews could reach out and touch a rival boat. Four class-A sloops trying to tack around a buoy without crashing into each other is a dramatic scene indeed. With sharp sailing skills, no one seriously collided and the sloops filed over the finish, nose to tail. Red Hot Thunderbird took first place overall while Abaco Rage settled in fourth overall for the class-A sloop championships.

The Rage crew was in good spirits nonetheless and joined the regatta festival along Harbour Island's bayside settlement.

Rival crews congratulated each other in an admirable show of sportsmanship and celebrated together. Colyn never did get a chance to hunt down crawfish for his teammates, but he did cleverly trade a few t-shirts for a slab of freshly caught tuna. The almost out-of-control, flaming grill-out provided yet more laughs and memories for this spirited group of sailors. Top title or not, the Abaco gang were still celebrities in their own right, with Rage team member Stafford Patterson being interviewed on the Love 97 FM radio station while skipper Jeff Gale appeared on Nassau TV. A crew from an American boating magazine also followed and documented Rage's notable background and sailing skills. Next regatta season, Abaco Rage team will return, working hard to reclaim the number one title. Stay tuned...

Computers

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dren of The Bahamas. The members of the Senior Junaknoo Committee are Mr. Tony Davis, Chairman, Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Barbara Johnson, Jackie Estevez, and Buster Smith.

Junior Junkanoo is scheduled for December 15th in Marsh Harbour beginning at 6 p.m. Seven schools are expected to perform.

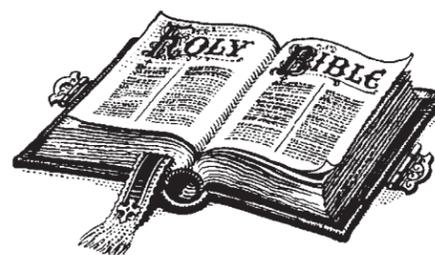
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Church News

Youths Hosted to Back to School Mix

By Anita Rolle

It was a night of fun, dancing and music, but this time with a Christian twist. In early September Soul Saving Ministries hosted a Back to School Mix under the theme *Promoting Education, Salvation and Peace Among Youth*. The event was very well attended with an estimated 400 plus in attendance at the Ocean View Park in Dundas Town, ages ranging from the very young to the young at heart.

The motivational speaker for the event was Ms. Diana Francis. Her aim was to help the youth with social issues they are faced with today. She told them that it is not easy being young today but they must not to give into the problems such as using or selling drugs or selling their bodies. They must involve themselves in more positive activities and have positive friends. Miss Daisy supported her message as she walked around with a alcohol bottle in her hand and told the youth to not take drugs or alcohol to school.

Pastor Arnett is very excited about the youth ministry at his church. He stated that the youth are more receptive to the word of God today than before. They are looking for a better life but some of them go about it the wrong way. His church plans to provide a positive outlet through its youth ministry. He encouraged adults to let their lives be a living example for young people.

He is looking forward to his church hosting a tournament with various activities for the young people such as basketball, volleyball, dominoes and so on. He stated that next to the church building, a cathedral will be built to cater to youth with fun activities. He looks for the church building and cathedral to be completed within a year. He wants the youth to know that God loves them.

The mix saw both local and national entertainers with the likes of Dynamite Daisy stealing the show! Dynamite Daisy is a Nassau-based stand-up comedian who delivers the Word of God through her antics. Other guests at Back to School Mix included Preacher Boy (a local rap artist); Baby Kim

(a rap artist from Nassau); Glorified (a mother/daughter dance duo from Nassau); Pastor Clarice Thompson (Eleuthera); and Christian Massive (one of the most popular rap groups from Nassau.) The entire crowd was on their feet for most of the evening, wholeheartedly involved with whatever was happening on stage.

The organizers distributed free dictionaries and school supplies to some lucky students. According to organizer Marvin Mills, they hope to make this an annual event.

Baptists Celebrate Baptist Day

By Anita Rolle

Rev. John McIntosh, guest speaker at the National Baptist Day service, encouraged the congregation that the body of Christ should get along as one and get rid of the division in the church.

Baptists from as far south as Sandy Point and as far north as Crown Haven converged on Central Abaco for a march that started at the Murphy Town Park and ended at host church Grace Baptist Church in Dundas

Town. National Baptist Day is celebrated throughout The Bahamas on an annual basis with the celebrations including a march and church service. Moderating was host Pastor, Bishop Clifford Henfield, who throughout the service encouraged the congregation to show what being Baptist is all about.

Rev. McIntosh said, "Division causes envy and strife and stops the church from working the way it should. The world is watching the church and waiting to see the church come together. We will never win this world as long as division remains in the church."

Also bringing remarks was President of the Abaco Christian Council, Bishop Anthony Campbell, who congratulated the Baptists on their first local Baptist Day celebration and for making history on the island of Abaco.

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