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Music, Plays and Services Celebrate Christmas

Cantata Is an Anticipated Event at Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel

The twenty-one members of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel choir performed the Cantata Let There Be Light: a Christmas Celebration *for audiences in Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour. Choir numbers were interspersed with solos and other special music, and the problem was enjoyed by an overflow crowd.* *Photo by Snap Shop*

By Jennifer Hudson

The Choir of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel presented its annual Christmas Cantata on December 17th and once again this year it was a blessing to all who attended. This is a popular event each Christmas season and one must arrive early in order to get a seat. The newly refurbished and beautifully decorated sanctuary was full to overflowing.

Aware of the fact that everyone arrives early, the organizers thoughtfully arranged an interesting Bible quiz on the overhead projector while two of the teachers from Agape School played Christmas carols on a flute and piano with drum accompaniment which was delightful. Before the choir entered for the Cantata the audience was asked to join in the singing of carols to the accompaniment of guitars played by Rhonda Bill and Troy Albury which everyone seemed to

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Fisheries Cracks Down on the Taking of Undersized Crawfish

By Vernique Russell

The Department of Fisheries launched a campaign to eradicate the harvesting of undersize lobster through The Bahamas. In an effort to crack down, a stake-out was initiated at the Green Turtle Cay ferry landing area which is a high traffic area for the transport of lobster from Little Abaco to holding and processing stations and buyers. During the execution of the first stake-out, Mr. Carroll Laing and his team from the Department of Fisheries, North Abaco, intercepted a boat that was in possession of 1,500 pounds of lobster that were to be transported to a holding station at Green Turtle Cay. Visible inspection revealed that some of the lobster appeared to be undersize. The person on the boat was taken into custody. Upon close examination it was revealed that 623 pounds of the lobster were undersize. The person went before the Magistrate's Court in Cooper's Town, was found guilty of

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Mayhem In Bethlehem Entralled Audiences with Song and Drama

The Hope Town community annually presents a Christmas musical play to raise funds to send orphans to summer camp. This year's production, Mayhem in Bethlehem, was another winner. Adults, young people, children, Bahamians and second-home owners work together for several months to prepare for the production. Shown here are the younger participants. *Photo by Lisa Wilhoyte*

By Jennifer Hudson

What a wonderful Christmas treat the members and friends of St. James Methodist Church, Hope Town, gave to the community on December 14 and 15 with the presentation of the play *Mayhem in Bethlehem*. More than 80 people were involved in this "giant" of a production; over 40 young people in the actual cast and almost as many adults in the backstage crew. The performance was executed in the small church sanctuary which, had we not recognized it from its well known exterior, we would never have realized that we were in the church as it had been transformed into more of a community hall with a large stage instead of an altar. Admittance was by ticket only.

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Santa Makes Early Visit to Cherokee

This is the 60th year that Cherokee Sound has welcomed Santa during an early visit to that community. This event is anticipated by children and adults alike and the town makes preparation for many visitors for the occasion. Santa arrives in a sleigh escorted by Ricky Sawyer and distributes gifts in the Epworth Chapel yard. Mr. Hartis Pinder assists him in making sure that the gifts get to the correct children. This year gifts included quite a few bicycles in addition to the many wrapped gifts.

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Hope Town Production Raises Funds for Orphans

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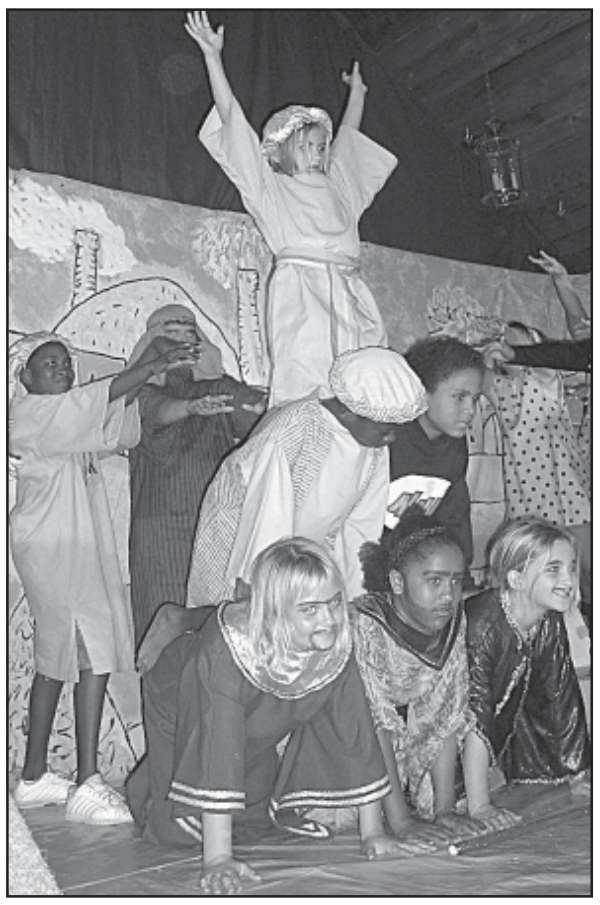
Although there was not charge for the ticket, if you did not have one of those precious pieces of card, there was no way you could get in, no matter how eager, since the church can, unfortunately, only seat a very limited number of people.

The production was so great that I wish everyone on Abaco could have seen it. This was the first year I have had the opportunity to get over to see the church's Christmas production, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The joy, excitement and enthusiasm of the entire cast was infectious, and it was all those elements combined with excellent direction and technical back-up which resulted in such a professional performance.

The short play, *Mayhem In Bethlehem* created by Dave Noel (what an appropriate name for a Christmas play writer) and Jay Rouse, was most unusual and took the form of a 30-minute Special Report by the NNN (Nosey News Network) Team. The entire cast was amazing, and it is truly remarkable the talent which is to be found within the small confines of Elbow Cay. The two news anchors, Noah Lot (Dylan Thompson) and Aree Porter (Nicole Maltarp) along with their three reporters, Lorna Limelight (Shannon Thompson), Vesta Gates (Tatum Thompson,) Freddi Factoid (Erin Patterson) and Randy Looney (Ben Patterson) all "anchored" the play very solidly while Bobie Joe Debonair (Stony Lowe), the advertising sponsor for hair tonic, kept the audience "in stitches" with his corny jokes and ever changing hair styles. Nobody would ever have guessed that Herod was actually Rhiannon Thomas. What a performance! Her singing, acting and affectations were all superb.

The entire back-up cast which consisted of the Debonair Singers, NNN Jingle Singers, Kings, Jokester, Street People, Egyptian Dancers, Cameraman, Make up Tech, Shepherd, Angel Michael (who spent half the play cleverly suspended in mid-air looking very angelic), Little Angels, Sheep and, of course, Mary and Joseph all did a tremendous job. There was such a spirit of "togetherness" which came shining through. It was obvious just how much all the members had enjoyed working together to create the whole experience. The singers and actors were all very confident, and it was so professionally done that had I closed my eyes when the entire group were singing their opening number, "Mayhem in Bethlehem," I could have imagined that I was listening to a Broadway production. Jane Engle (who was also responsible for the choreography) and Carrie Cash did an absolutely superb job of directing the production. While everyone played his or her parts extremely well, the five little angels, some of whom were only three years of age, absolutely stole the show. One angel, who certainly showed no signs of stage fright was opening her tiny mouth as wide as she could to sing as loudly as she could (no matter that it was slightly off key!) while the little angel next to her found this so amusing that she could not sing for laughing.

The entire cast for the play Mayhem in Bethlehem was backed up with many community assistants. The planning began many months prior to December with casting and practice sessions beginning in September.



The Angel Michael was suspended in mid-air for half of the play, looking very angelic.

So many church and community members came together to make this production the success that it was including Dr. Larry Beachy (Set Design) and his wife Carol (Costume Design), Craig Knowles and Peter Albury (Lighting), Noah Albury (Sound), Clay and Christian Wilhoyte (Special Effects) and many other stage crew and helpers who assisted with makeup, hair, wardrobe and stage management who, though too numerous to mention by name, nevertheless played a very important role. The story was set in the 1950's and the costumes were most authentic. Congratulations to all for a job very well done.

This very unusual Christmas play began with Mary and Joseph taking centre stage and a reminder by an announcer of the original Nativity story. "Well, our story's nothing like that," we are then told and almost

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Behind the Scenes of the Hope Town Play

By Jennifer Hudson

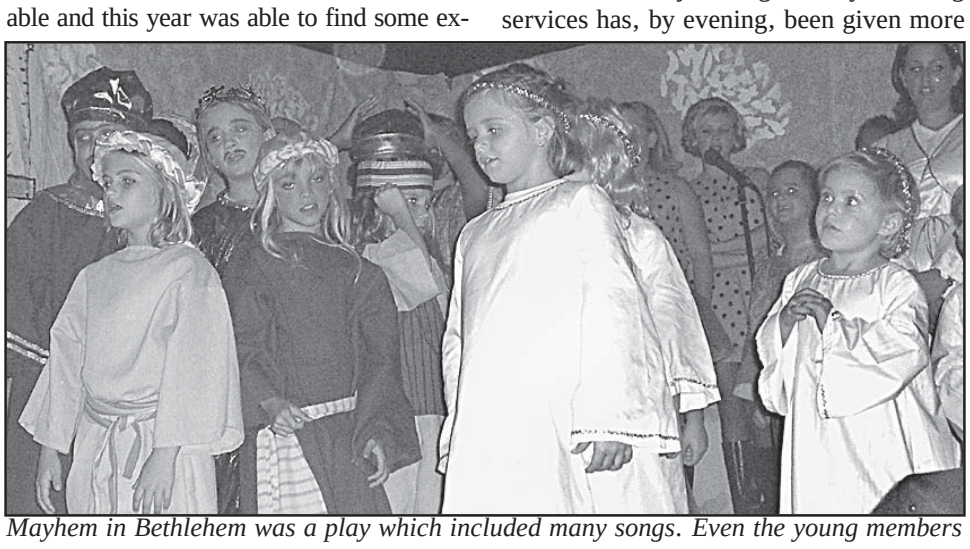
I have already written my thoughts on the wonderful evening provided by members and friends, especially the young people, of the St. James Methodist Church, but now I would like to mention the huge amount of work that went on behind the scenes in order for that to happen.

Wheels were set in motion for the Christmas production as far back as the summer. Each year Carol Beachy, second-home owner on Elbow Cay, while back home in the States, searches through all the newest Christmas plays as soon as they are released. She selects a couple which that she sends to Carrie Cash and Jane Engle, producers, to choose from. Once Jane and Carrie have selected the play that they would like for the young people that year, they do the casting and get everything organized as to "how many and what size." This information is sent back to Mrs. Beachy so that she can inventory of all the costumes and materials needed. She visits thrift shops to see what she can find suitable and this year was able to find some excellent outfits such as a trench coat and bell bottoms for reporter Vesta Gates which were very authentic. Whatever Mrs. Beachy cannot find in the thrift shops, she makes plans to sew and begins to look for patterns and materials. Once back on Abaco she sets to work with her band of volunteer seamstresses to make up the rest of the costumes for by that time the cast members have been selected. So she knows exactly how many angels, shepherds and kings to make for and has purchased accordingly.

Rehearsals begin twice a week around the beginning of October. As the performance date draws near, they are stepped up to five nights per week, keeping everybody very busy.

A mammoth task the week of the performance is to transform the church sanctuary into a "theatre." Quite a large stage is needed to accommodate 41 cast members. But along comes Dr. Beachy with his trusty band of workers, and what was a beautiful church sanctuary during Sunday morning services has, by evening, been given more of a community centre "feel." Dr. Beachy and crew set to work the minute service is over and have all the final touches made in time for rehearsal on stage Monday evening. Then on Saturday morning, the day after the final performance, the stage is dismantled once again in time for church the following day. The backdrop was a convincing skyline of Bethlehem, "but is actually a bed sheet," says Larry Beachy. "It has been painted over so many times that it actually looks and feels like canvas."

Children and young people of all ages were included in the cast along with adults.



Mayhem in Bethlehem was a play which included many songs. Even the young members of the cast were well rehearsed and knew their lines and songs well.

Although Dr. and Mrs. Beachy are the backbone behind the costume and set design, they are quick to recognize and give praise to their wonderful band of helpers for, as they say, "It is a great community effort." Dozens of church members and friends in the community wishing to help out come together each year in a tremendous team effort to organize lighting, special effects, sound, make up and 101 other tasks to bring the St. James Methodist Church, Hope Town, performance to fruition.

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the entire cast appears from the back of the church, charges onto the stage and the "Mayhem" begins. Though the play was lighthearted and fun, its serious message came shining through at the end when the five reporters and investigators involved in uncovering the story surrounding the question asked at the beginning, "Who is the Christ Child in Bethlehem, is it someone we should know?" discovered the answer. Once the reporters had "uncovered all the facts in Bethlehem" they understood and said, "We came to Bethlehem in search of a story but it found us. We want Jesus to be the centre and anchor of our lives." The play closed with the beautiful song, *Praise Him in Bethlehem*.

Not only was *Mayhem in Bethlehem* an enjoyable experience for the young people

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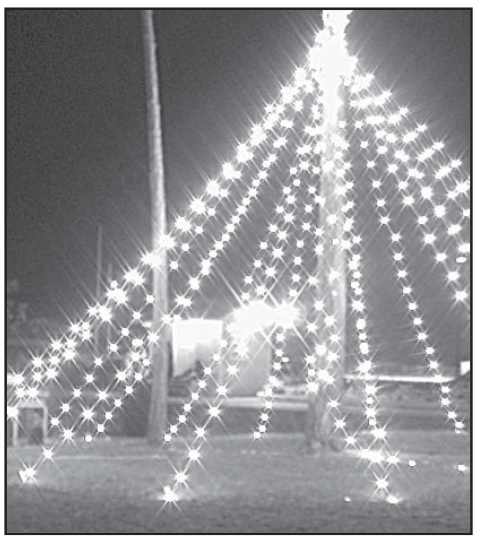
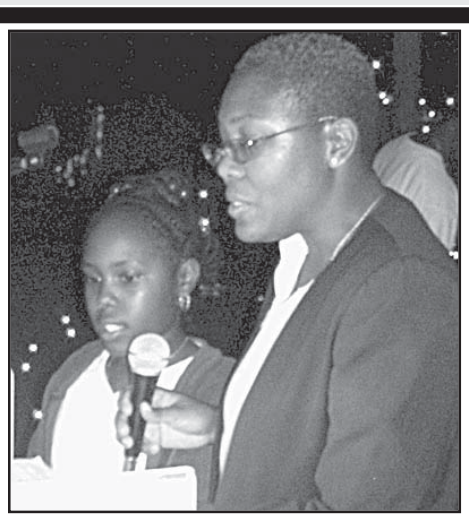
Tree Lighting Ceremony

By Samantha V. Evans

It was a cool, windy night of December 18th for the tree lighting ceremony and carol service of the Department of Urban Renewal and Central Abaco Local Government held at Abaco Central High School. The theme for the evening *Silence the Violence, Embrace Peace* was echoed by all speakers. Many top officials from various government ministries were present including the Chief Ccouncillor Cubell Davis, who brought greetings and welcomed the 50 plus persons who were present. "Mother Merle" Williams, a business woman and a well respected resident of Dundas Town, had the honor of lighting the tree.



The Central Abaco Local Government officials and Urban Renewal held a service including a tree lighting ceremony on December 18. The service was held at Abaco Central High School. Mother Merle had the honor of lighting the tree.



Samantha Evans and her daughter, Aisha Jones, sang a Christmas carol at the tree lighting service.

Several scriptures were read throughout the service by pastors in Marsh Harbour. Various persons sang Christmas carols including a ten-year-old student of St. Francis de Sales, Aisha Jones, who sang the National Anthem and a solo, and Grace Baptist Church Children's Choir that sang two beautiful Christmas carols. They all did a wonderful job of reminding everyone that the reason for this evening and the season is and will always be Jesus Christ the King.

Bishop Anthony Campbell, moderator, stated that the greatest gift given to man is acknowledged at Christmas time. Mr. Revis Rolle, Senior Administrator, one of the organizers of this event, stated that this event is fitting especially since the rate of murders and crime has escalated in our country in general and on Abaco particularly. More and more persons are having physical conflicts and seem to not be able to resolve conflicts amiable. He told them to remember as they go into another year, to reach inwardly and discover what God has given each person and to use it for the betterment of all mankind.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Pastor David Cartwright from the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel. He spoke about the wise men who saw a star and followed it to where the Christ Child was born. He said that it is important to not only read the Word but to be doers of the Word. He stated that Jesus was born during a time when there was a lot of violence in Rome. It was a very hostile time similar to the time we live in now where there is so much violence. When King Herod heard that they had come to worship the King of the Jews, he became angry and sought counsel with religious leaders. The Jewish leaders were ignorant to the fact that Jesus was born. He stated that the same thing is true today.

He concluded by saying that the only way there would be peace on earth is when all people are prepared to acknowledge the peace that Jesus brings. Even after His coming into the world, violence did not stop. He explained that the only way to silence the violence is to give God full control. Once this is done, then change will become visible in the lives of everyone who gives him full control.

Deandra Armbrister and Mr. Kendris Hield ended the service with a closing song and the vote of thanks respectively. This event was organized by Ms. Elaine Martinborough, Director of Abaco's Urban Renewal Office

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Iggy Biggy in Marsh Harbour was a popular shopping destination as that shop held an all day Open House on December 16, treating their customers to discounted prices and treats. Shoppers had a wide variety of gifts to choose from.

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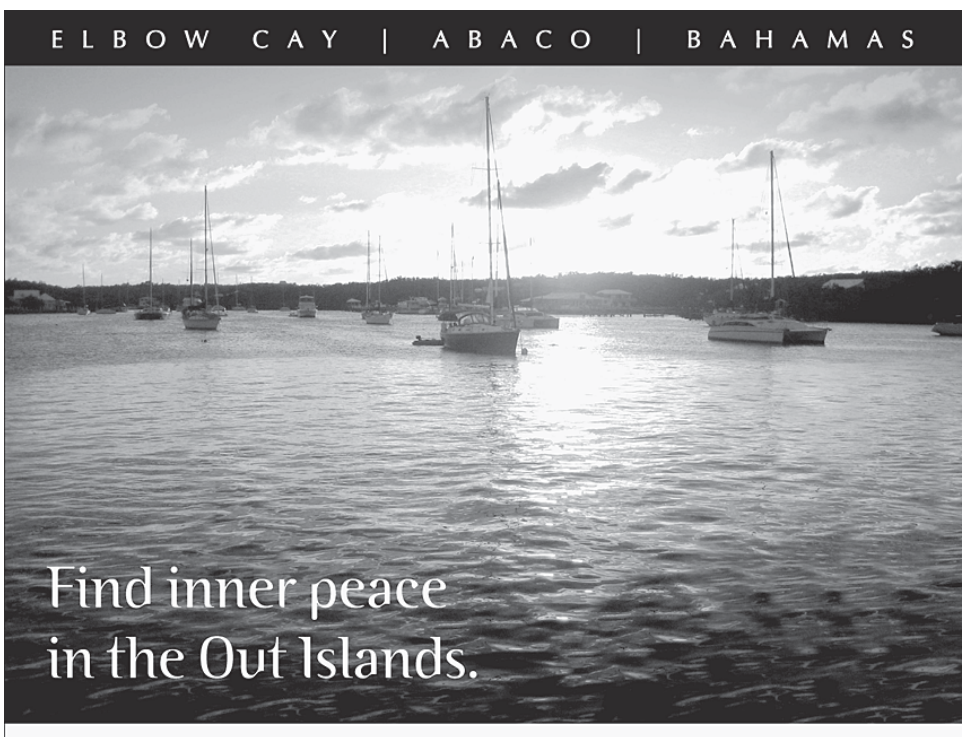

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Iggy Biggy Holds Open House

By Jennifer Hudson

The Iggy Biggy Gift Shop on Bay Street in Marsh Harbour is a popular shopping spot for both tourists and locals and it has been especially busy, of course, recently with Christmas shoppers. On December 16 the store held an Open House all day when it offered 10 percent off all items in the store, not only to attract shoppers but also to say thank you for their patronage throughout the year. They offered a selection of Christmas goodies including homemade cookies and drinks for the refreshment of their customers.

The store is an Aladdin's cave of jewelry, clothing, bags, Abaco Ceramics, T shirts, Bahamian CD's, sunglasses, postcards, tropical and souvenir items. There was a festive spirit in the store as shoppers busily selected their purchases and one young lad, while his parents perused the many tantalizing items, kept himself amused having fun trying to get candy out of a shark's mouth before its jaw closed on his hand (a great way to keep the young ones busy while their parents did their shopping).The assistants were kept busy all day with sales and wrapping gifts, and the store manager was pleased with the steady flow of customers.

While parents shopped, the younger shoppers enjoyed looking at the interesting items. Johanan Cartwright is trying to outwit a shark to get a candy from the shark's mouth.

Firemen Get Breathing Apparatus

Thirty breathing apparatus were received by the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department on December 16. The BA units, as they are known, came from the Lady's Isles and St. Helena Fire District, Beaufort, South Carolina, as they upgraded their equipment. Fire Chief Brucy Kline made the donation which was facilitated by Mr. Steve Skulnick, recently with the Marsh Harbour Fire Department. Mr. Joe NIlles delivered them to West Palm Beach.

Ten of the BAs are being retained by the Marsh Harbour volunteers with ten going to Green Turtle Cay and ten going to Hope Town. Additionally, six older units are being sent to Nassau.

The BA units resemble the scuba units used by divers. They give trained firemen 20 - 30 minutes of air to enter smoke-filled structures. They are used after much training and always with a back-up team ready

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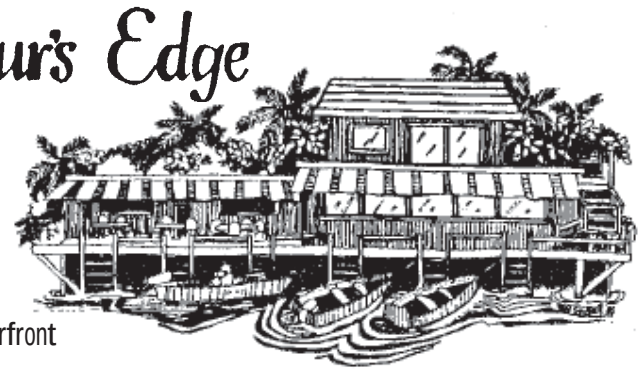

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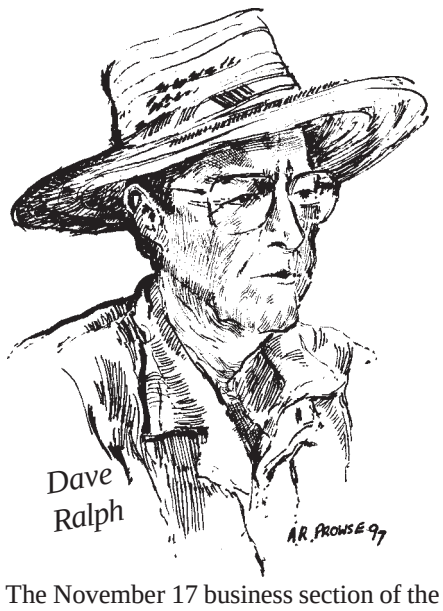
The Editor Says . . . An Abaco Enigma - the Second Home Owner



The November 17 business section of the Nassau Guardian featured an article extolling the benefits to be derived from their new wave of second homeowners and the luxury rental villas now on the Exuma market. The thrust of the article was on the opportunity afforded new Bahamian companies to serve the high end rental market with concierge and booking services.

Interestingly, the article contained references to Eleuthera and Paradise Island but pointedly omitted any reference to Abaco. That is probably just as well as we are doing very well without any additional hype from Nassau.

Claims in the Guardian article of Exuma being the Boating Capital of the Bahamas will go unchallenged, at least by us. Abaco's seven or more full service boat yards speak volumes about our boating activity. One of our growing boat storage yards bought a straddle carrier several years ago which cost well over half a million dollars. Another is now acquiring a massive fork-lift with a price tag in the three quarters of a million dollar range. These facts speak volumes about Abaco's boating popularity.

Besides the full service boat yards are a myriad of smaller storage yards for small and medium size outboard boats. At any given moment there must be hundreds of boats ashore waiting for their owners to return.

Abaco and Exuma each offer a different scenario for boaters to enjoy. You can take your pick, but it would be hard to decide if one is better than the other.

Although being a strong factor on our economic page, boats are not Abaco's strong point. It is the proliferation of our second homeowners coupled with their willingness to rent their houses that has kept the Abaco economy moving above average for many years by anyone's standard. Although rental houses are predominately owned by foreigners, there are many Bahamians on Abaco who own rental houses and market them quite successfully.

The Exuma villa story extolled the virtues of the high end market which is indeed worth counting among one's clients. However, Exuma will discover in time that a hundred rental villas full of common visitors will also do wonders for their economy. Golf carts and boats will be rented. Guests will look for interesting places to eat out. Even when eating at their cottage, they need groceries, probably higher priced items than Bahamian macaroni and cheese. These are services which Bahamians will provide and capitalize on.

A fleet of ten rental golf carts may cost between $40,000 and $75,000 depending whether an individual begins with a fleet of new or used carts. There are several individuals on Abaco with 30 or more carts in their fleet.

A fleet of 10 rental outboards could be valued anywhere between $100,000 and $300,000. Abaco has rental boat agencies owning 10, 20 and 30 or more boats.

A similar situation exists with the rental car companies.

Then there are restaurants. Green Turtle Cay and Elbow Cay each may count as many as ten. A few of the larger restaurants may be foreign owned, particularly when associated with a resort. However, most are owned by local Bahamians who learned their trade on-the-job.

The list of opportunities Bahamians have seized as a result of our second homeowners and the houses which they rent continues to grow. These Bahamian businessmen now form a substantial element of Abaco society and play an important part in the employment of Bahamian staff.

Government ministries and agencies tend to ignore or overlook the secondary benefits the rental house market has bestowed on Abaco and instead they focus on the nebulous aspect of foreigners being in business here without government sanctions. The second home owners and their rental houses are a huge but unrecognized employer of Bahamians.

If the rental house business in either Green Turtle Cay or Hope Town could be viewed as a single business venture, the effect to the local economy would be quickly evident. And, if some bureaucratic stroke could somehow shut this industry down, the local economies would be devastated.

Second homeowners

• Do not ask for government concessions

• Do not ask for breaks on their property taxes

• Rarely have employment issues with Bahamian staff

• Infrequently impact the environment

There are more benefits but there is not space here to cover them all. Bahamian-owned rental houses contribute equally to the economy and local job market.

We would be remiss if we did not admit that there may be a few second homeowners or rental houses that abuse the system but they are definitely in the minority. There are probably just as many Bahamians that abuse the system. However, Bahamians who beat the system are not hassled the way foreigners are. (It is easier for politicians to blame some of society's ills on the foreigners than to accept that some problems are self-induced.)

Government needs to look at some of the inequalities which are often brought to their attention.

• In the Family Islands, foreign property owners pay real property tax while Bahamians are exempt.

• Foreign homeowners who can satisfy the residency requirement may get a $250,000 tax exemption. Very few of our second homeowners can claim eight month's residence and therefore claim the residency exemption. Renting the house changes the designation to commercial and the exemption no longer applies.

• Bahamians in business, rental houses or otherwise, are subject to pay an annual Business License fee based on the annual revenue. By virtue of being foreign, second homeowners are not allowed to be in business and therefore do not participate in the Business License exercise.

• Hotels collect a six percent room tax from guests which does not apply to rental houses unless there are four or more bedrooms. Furthermore, hotels collect an additional six percent room fee, not a tax, imposed by one of the various hotel associations they may belong to. Membership is voluntary and this second six percent should not be imposed on guests if the property is not an association member. Therefore, hotels claim the rental houses begin with either a six or 12 percent advantage.

Government ministries and agencies have been aware of these inequities for many years but for unknown reasons have been reluctant to level the tax base. They regularly make statements that changes are underway.

Our focus here is the second homeowner and those who rent their houses. We must not discount the contribution by our resort properties which for the most part work in harmony with the rental properties to the common benefit of the Abaco economy.

We find it interesting that Exuma has discovered the benefit of second homeowners and their villa rentals. We believe that if government allows and encourages the entrepreneurial spirit, the local economy will flourish. Exuma will reap the benefits that Abaco has been enjoying for over 30 years.

Viewpoint . . . New Year's Resolutions

By Julian Lockhart

This is the time of year where some of us are basking in love and happiness while others are lonely and feeling distraught with the lack of holiday love.

Christmas has come and gone. Either we have spent the time reveling in the love of our families and the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ - or wondering why we didn't get the gift we wanted and what is the big deal about Christmas anyway. For most of us we went to church this Christmas, as most Bahamians find their way into church at Christmas and Easter.

New Year's came and went once again with no end of the world. For some of us we brought in the new year in church and others celebrating with friends and family at the end of the countdown.

A number of us have made New Year's resolutions including the normal: I will lose weight, I will save more money this year, and I will be a better person and so on. For some, you are now wondering how you will pay for those gifts you bought knowing you couldn't afford them but wanting to put a smile on the face of the person tearing them open.

The holidays and the new year bring different things out of each of us. But no matter who we are we move into the new year wondering what it will bring us, where we will end and what we will do differently.

Here are a few New Year's resolutions we all can sink our teeth into and create a better us and a better community here on Abaco.

1) There are a number of children on Abaco who wake up every morning wondering where their next meal will come from. Find out from your local church or community centers who needs help and donate your time or money to helping them eat, get better health care and an education.

2) Make a concerted effort to become closer to your God. Whilst doing this, you will become a better person, helping those

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Viewpoint . . . The Meaning of TEAM

By Vernique Russell

For many years we were trained to think selfishly and to believe that we are only responsible for our well-being. However, it can clearly be seen in our communities that this selfish way of thinking has divided our communities and is destroying our future generations. In the yesteryears our ancestors and forefathers were uniquely bonded, my pain was your pain and my hurt your hurt. Nowadays, it's if you're hurting, you hurt alone. The days when a meal for me was a meal for you exists no more and the sad part is that it is tearing our communities apart. If we can put aside the "all for me" attitude and become more considerate and work as a TEAM, indeed ,we will see a decrease in our crime rates and more peace on our street.

The word TEAM is comprised of the letters t,e,a, and m. When looked at as an acrostic this is what it means:

T - Together
E - Everyone
A - Accomplishes
M - More

Clearly the word team itself tells us that we are to work together for better homes and society. We are responsible for each other's well being. We must not be caught up the "I in this alone" phrase but rather we must extend ourselves to ensure we all survive. We need to become one another's keepers and look out for each other as God commanded us. There is no need for segregation among us. I believe that, as a nation, we have failed our children and young people when we teach them, (maybe not in word) that they must get good grades and don't help their friends who are not intellectually advance or when we send them to school with lunch packs filled with snacks and tell them not to share with kids of another race or nationality. It is in small situations like the above mentioned that we end up with greater problems of hatred and violence.

Abaconians, we must work collectively and accomplish more for our future, we must unite and act only in love and on behalf of our future children and grandchildren. As you set your New Year's resolutions, take a look around and evaluate our society. Let see how we can make this island a better place for all who come to our shores for visits, for ourselves who live here daily and for the future generations. Together we can accomplish more.

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Letters to the Editor

Battery Disposal Presents Problem

Dear Editor,

Would you kindly print the following letter.

Open Letter to the Ministry of Environmental Health - Abaco Representatives

When I wanted to put my used golf cart batteries in the dump here on Elbow Cay, I was told, "That is prohibited" as AID no longer was willing to receive them.

Since then I have stored them on my own property - waiting patiently for information as to how I could dispose of them without causing harm to the environment.

After reading Mr. Samuel Albury's letter, I checked the Man-O-War dump site and believe me it is clean. On two previous occasions when I went there by boat, I saw many, many batteries stored there. Now they are gone - to where?

Please would you let the Abaco public know where we too can dispose of our used batteries. Storage is a problem.

Sincerely,
Second Home Owner
Elbow Cay

Taxi Overcharged Rider

Dear Editor,

Please allow me a space in your letter column. I did not expect to be writing to your column so quickly again.

On Friday of last week I took a taxi from Arawak Agency to the ferry and the taxi charged me $10 which I thought was too much. I checked into the fare and found out the fare is $5.

So just yesterday I had to go from Arawak Agency to the ferry again and, sure enough, the taxi charged me $5 and confirmed to me that the fee is $5 and said to me, "I know just who is that taxi is who is overcharging."

This makes twice in the last year something like this has happened to me. One taxi charged me $15 from Abaco Hardware to the Union Jack Dock.

I was always told by my father when someone does this kind of thing to you, you keep a man to masthead for them. In short, never hire them again. Some people never think about the second time; all they think of is now.

Let me tell the taxis how you get repeats.

On Sunday I went to North Eleuthera. I called the first taxi off line. When he got there, he said, "Good Afternoon. Where is your luggage?" I began to pull it off the trolley. He said, "No, I will take care of it. You don't have to touch it." We drove to Gene's Bay. While I was getting money out of my wallet to pay him, he had taken my luggage out of the taxi and went down the four steps and put it on top of the engine box on the boat. The question: How many taxi drivers would do this?

I thanked him very much, gave him a tip and said ,"You are a gentleman."

When I got to Spanish Wells, I told my good friend, Mr. Dudley Higgs, about this guy and that I was going to write a piece in *The Abaconian* about him "with such good service."

Dudley said to me that it was Mr. David Albury. I said, "Yes." He said, "I used him a few days ago and found him to be the same way to me."

Yesterday Dudley and myself came back from North Eleuthera to Marsh Harbour. What taxi do you think we used? Answer: Mr. David Albury's taxi.

So being nice and not overcharging you will get repeats unlike the taxi I referred to you in Marsh Harbour. They will never get another job from me, and I will be telling others not to use them. I could call these taxi names out to the public in this letter, but I will give them a chance to do differently. Maybe after reading this letter they will change their attitude and their fare prices.

Thanks for the space.

Yours sincerely,
Samuel D. Albury

Albury's Ferry Service Has Deteriorated

Dear Editor,

"Now what?" "HOW MUCH?" "Where?"

Unfortunately, these are phrases that are now regularly associated with Albury's Ferry Service. It seems that when you think it can't get any worse - or more expensive - it does! Albury's Ferry is just not what it "used to be." Most of the ferry drivers are undependable, impolite, as well as inexperienced captains.

Undependable because you dare not leave a package in their care and "depend" that it will get to where it is going. "I forgot" or "I don't know" are commonly used to explain the whereabouts of an important package, box or envelope. I must add that when the prior owner, Ralph Albury of Man-O-War, was in charge, his employees were friendly, reliable and courteous. You could be sure that when you sent something on the ferry, it would get to "the other side" without a problem.

Impolite because it is difficult for some ferry mates to help anyone with bags or lend a hand on and off the boat. A note to the young and able - you will be young only once and when you are old, you may want help getting from a boat onto a dock in rough weather! However, I would like to commend Kenyon, Brant and Jason and some of the mates (I apologize for not knowing their names) for doing a great job and always having smiles on their faces.

Inexperience - I know that on a few occasions a local has felt compelled to "take the wheel" or make sure that the captain knows where he is going on his after dark trips to Man-O-War. How can we pay so much money for a ferry ride when we can't fight the feeling to look over our shoulders because of paranoia? It would be tragic to hear of an accident caused by a ferry captain's inexperience.

Now - dare we enter the topic of the new "process" to pay for your high priced ferry ride? A ferry service should be a public convenience, therefore the service provided (for a fee) should be a convenience to the public. Right? Not according to the owners of Albury's Ferry! The convenience is apparently an essential for the ferry captains and not the paying customer!

"THIS EXERCISE IS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE CAPTAIN HAVING TO STOCK PILE CHANGE AND MAKING THESE TRANSACTIONS ON THE BOAT" is the quote from the notices that are now posted on the ferry boats. The problem is well understood although this solution is not! Who has time to go into the ferry office and collect $3 or $4 when they are trying to catch a flight, a doctor's appointment or any other time-consuming errand? This scheme was put together by the owners of the company (we won't call names) to earn a few extra bucks. We all know that very few people will have the time (or patience) to stand in line and wait their turn to collect such a small "refund." There has to be a better answer!

Please think about the inconvenience that this would cause before you complete your thought process! There are SO many loyal customers that have stood by you - don't let us down now.

On the other hand, Dennis Knowles, Manager, is doing a FANTASTIC job!

Mr. Knowles, please know that you are very well liked and are thought of as an asset to the community - as well one of the best things to ever happen to Albury's Ferry. We know that you follow your "Big Boss" and are only doing your job. Yourself, along with Millie, make an excellent pair in the main office of Albury's Ferry. You should be proud to be the face of a business where the "Big Boss" always seems to be in hiding. Keep it up!

A disgusted paying customer

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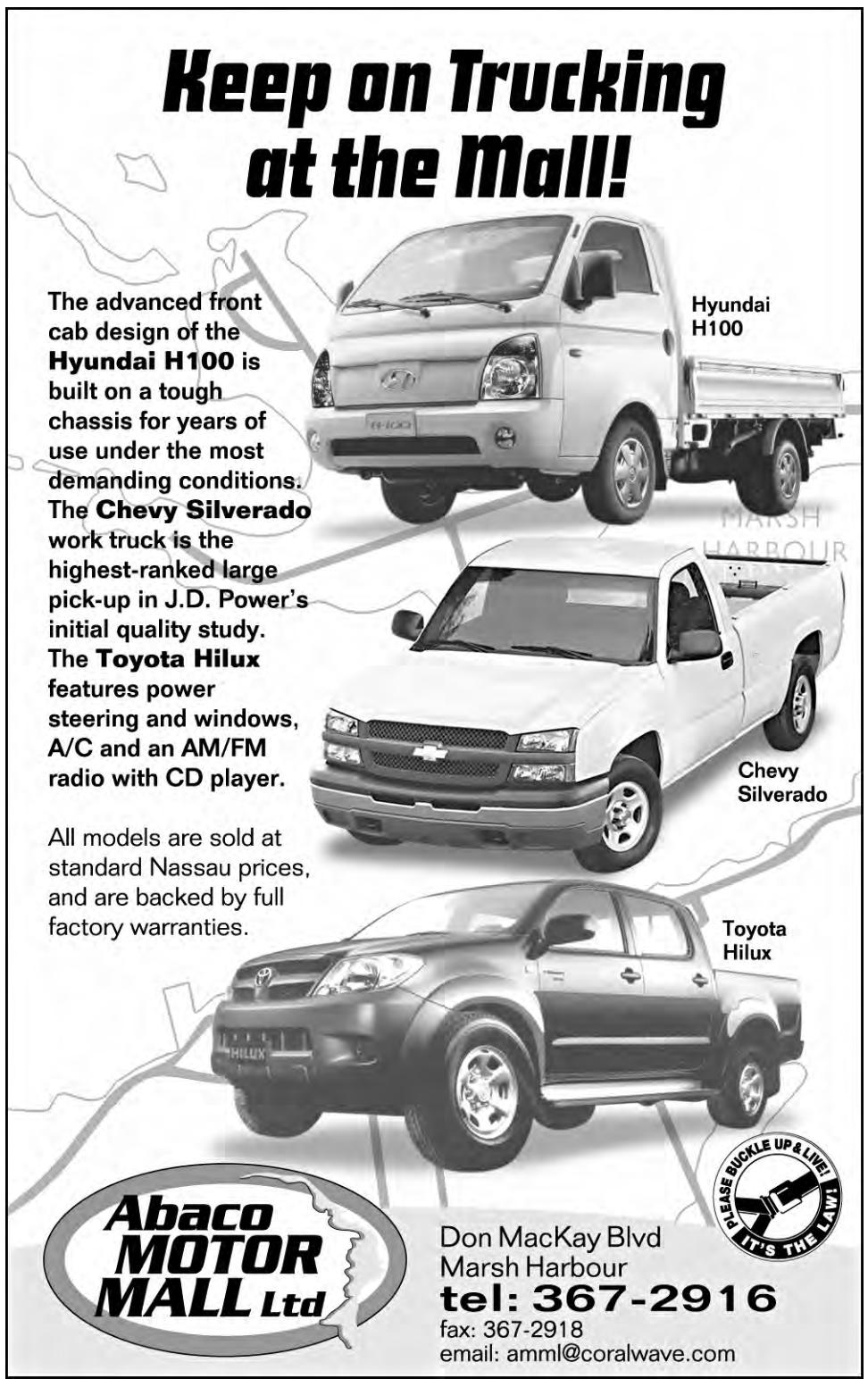

News of the Cays

Police Officer from Montserrat Visits Abaco

The Deputy Commissioner of Police for Montserrat, Mr. Steve Foster, was in The Bahamas in an extended exchange training program to learn Bahamian community policing techniques and to teach the Bahamian police the techniques used in Montserrat. Although the population of Montserrat is presently just over 5000 but there are many similarities between the two societies. Montserrat is a small country, about two/thirds the size of New Providence and with a small population.

But it experiences a tremendous influx of immigrants from other Caribbean countries, particularly Guyana. Its immigration policies are compounded by the fact that immigrants who manage to stay in the country for five years can apply for residency and in one more year are qualified to apply for British citizenship. Consequently, they have a high influx of people remaining for six years then moving on.

They have similar school problems with children unable to speak any of the native English language. Montserrat has an active volcano which a few years caused many to leave, dropping the population to less than half the original number. While in The Bahamas he visited Grand Bahama and then came to Abaco by ferry from McLean's Town to experience our island. He was given a tour of the Abaco Club, a visit to Hope Town and trip through the Mud and Pigeon Peas.

Hope Town District Council Meeting

December 15, 2006

(The meeting was underway on our reporter's arrival at 12:50 p.m.)

An inquiry from Guana Cay on a long standing request for a taxi plate is being considered. It is believed a plate may have been set aside for this before the moratorium on issuing additional taxi franchises was put in place.

The formation of a new Man- O-War Friendly Society (see footnote) is underway with three Council members chosen to sit on this new committee. Three settlement members are to be chosen by popular vote. Robert Malone of Hope Town was chosen to be a member-at-large. A similar Friendly Society is being formed in Hope Town but details were not given.

A letter from the Minister of Local Government, Mr. Alfred Gray, to the Hope Town Council was read which gave an opinion by the Attorney General that appointments by Central Government to Local Government Councils and Town Committees are valid for the full term of the current body. Therefore, elections to replace appointed members are not required. This related to a petition by Man-O-War residents which requested elections to replace appointed members.

Central government criticized the Hope Town Council along with two other unnamed Councils for not attending a recent Local Government Seminar in Nassau. However, it was explained that their limited budget has been fully allocated for necessary contracts and services, leaving no surplus, and the estimated $2,000 required for airfare, meals and hotel was not available.

It was announced that the Man-O-War Wall of Heroes will be dedicated on January 13 in mid-afternoon.

The lock on the Hope Town gate which limits traffic through the settlement was stolen. Apparently one of the 160 persons holding a key to the lock left it unlocked after passing through and it was subsequently stolen. Getting a new lock with 160 keys will take some time, and it was decided to secure the gate in the open position until a new lock is acquired. Contractors, merchants, residents and others who can justify their need to drive through the settlement are able to purchase a key to the gate.

A property owner asked Council members to stop his neighboring property owner from establishing a commercial cement mixing operation on the property. There is no applicable zoning, and most properties are not bound by restrictive covenants. The request is under consideration.

[Ed: When issues like this arise, Council members must pass judgement on an individual basis. After a decision is made, it appears that there is little enforcement available to either party. Decisions can be ap-

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The Hope Town District Council was honoured by a visit by Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ellison Greenslade and the Deputy Commissioner of Police of Montserrat, Mr. Steve Foster. He visited Abaco for a couple of days, making a trip Hope Town while the Council was in session. Seated are Mr. Foster and Mr. Greenslade. Standing are Councillors Harold Malone, Robert Malone and Glenn Laing, Revis Rolle, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting, Councillors Joe Albury and Roy Cash.and on the right is ASP Wayne Miller, O/C Abaco Division.

More News of the Cays

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pealed to the Minister for Local Government or in extreme cases to the Supreme Court.]

Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting disclosed that the District had been allocated $6,000 to be shared by the three towns for Christmas clean-up.

The contractor for Elbow Cay had recently submitted a bill for $1,000 for additional Christmas cleaning, apparently on the basis that he was given this amount last year for similar work. One Councillor wondered what was done as he did not notice any cleaning action beyond the ordinary monthly work.

The Councillors for Man-O-War proposed to give their garbage contractor $2000 for additional clean-up work on Man-O-War Cay based on the contractor's past record.

The single representative for Guana Cay asked that its money be held pending a town discussion on how to spend it.

The Guana Councillor submitted a bill for several hundred dollars for travel expenses when he returned on short notice to attend the Guana Cay Wall of Heroes dedication. After much discussion, the request was denied.

He then asked for a letter authorizing travel on the ferry when attending Council meetings as he normally spends nearly $50 to attend the meetings when they are held in either Hope Town or Man-O-War Cay. He has been previously absorbing this expense. Since there are budgeted funds for travel, the request is under favorable consideration.

[Ed: A day trip from Guana Cay to Hope Town by ferry presently requires two ferry rides totaling $46 and a taxi ride between the two ferry terminals.]

Friendly Societies - Not much information has been released on this topic, but it appears that Friendly Societies are to replace various community improvement associations now in place for community improvements. These would seem to operate parallel to and in cooperation with local government Councils and Town Committees. Current information suggests that four members of these societies are chosen by Council and three are voted on by the community. Many aspects of volunteer organizations on Abaco may be affected by this new Friendly Society movement. Information will be presented as it becomes known.

Man-O-War

Residents Celebrate Holiday in Park

The Man-O-War settlement held its annual holiday cookout on December 23 in its community park. Golf carts and bicycles came steadily through the day bringing residents to enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner. Two main items on the menu were souse and roasted pork.

This holiday gathering sees the largest

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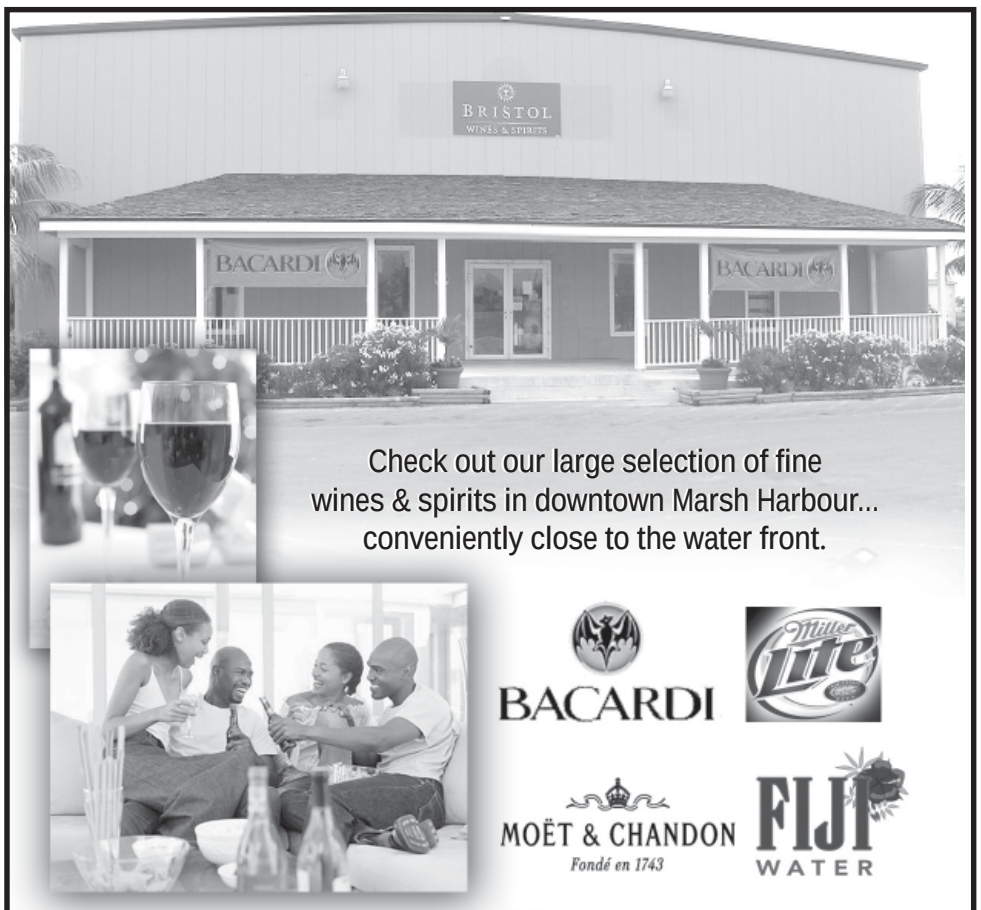

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By Vernique Russell

Community Meeting on AIDS

A series of community meeting was held to inform residents throughout North Abaco on the HIV/AIDS status in The Bahamas with focus on Abaco. The meeting for residents in Treasure Cay, Fire Road, Blackwood and Cooper's Town was held at the Community Clinic in Cooper's Town. The meeting was very informative and the keynote speaker was Dr. Alfred Francois. Those attending the meeting were informed that Abaco still holds the third spot in the Bahamas. They were encouraged to get tested and reminded that knowledge is power. The meeting was properly attended by residents.

North Abaco Township Lights Christmas Tree

Lights, gifts and a visit from Santa were featured as the District Townships in North Abaco held their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Treasure Cay at the Don Corbett basketball court. Chief Councillor Steve Pedican along with the contingent of elected men and women all gathered to reminisce on the birth of Christ. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Eric Collie of the Cooper's Town Township Committee.

The messenger for the evening was Rev. Stafford Symonette of Full Gospel Assembly who encouraged those in attendance to keep Christ at the center of their holiday celebrations. The tree was lit by Lavan McKenzie of the Treasure Cay Township. Refreshments were provided Simpson McKinney and crew and the kids received special treats from Santa Steve.

School News

Report Card Day

National Report Card day will be held throughout the Bahamas on January 12th, 2007. Parents and guardians are requested to make themselves available to collect their children's report cards. Remember your involvement plays a major role in your children's performance.

S.C. Bootle High School

A Dynamic Transformation

When people hear about the Sherlin Bootle High School, only negative thoughts fill their minds. However, a new leaf has been turned and it is a great time to be a part of the school as its dynamic transformation reveals positive events daily. Positivism has swept through the walls of Sherlin Bootle and its result can be seen everywhere.

Powered by the vision of Mr. Huel Moss Jr. and his faculty, the school has rocketed to great heights and achievements and is well on the way to accomplishing a lot more. When Mr. Moss set the school theme for this year, which is *Achieving Success Through Improved Self-esteem and School Pride*, it seemed impossible to some that implementing a new attitude would be so effective.

Today at the end of a term the results are visible. Students have developed a new sense of pride, school spirit and self-esteem for both their school and themselves. Students have been forced to become more responsible for their academic accomplishments and their actions. The dedication of the staff that always existed is more visible because students are now more involved, concerned and working harder, realizing that the teachers are only there to guide, inspire and educate them.

Another factor that continues to contribute to this dynamic transformation is the no-tolerance policy. Students are well aware that if they "do the crime, they will surely do time." No longer are students able to commit acts of violence and disrespect and not be punished; those days are gone and will not be returning.

Students are being prepared for life after high school in every aspect. With that in mind once a student acts out in a manner that is disrespecting or violating, they are punished. This has encouraged students to think before they act and become a lot more responsible. While speaking with a student, he commented, "If it wasn't for the new rules and guidelines, I would still be lost and confused." Parents and guests were proud to attend a recent function and see the entire student body properly attired in full uniform.

The dynamic transformation at the high school has developed our girls and boys into young responsible men and women. It has forced them to display real characteristics of Mighty Dolphins, put on a new sense of pride and develope self-esteem.

School Receives Benches/Tables

Pastor Jollian McIntosh of the National Church of God in Fire Road constructed and donated 10 benches and picnic tables to the Sherlin Bootle High School. For many years seating during recreational period has been a problem and finally students can sit to enjoy their lunch hour under the cool shade that the tent provides. A special thank you is extended to Pastor McIntosh for his kind donation; the teachers and students are most appreciative for the tables.

2nd Annual Religious Studies Week

Together We Can Make a Difference was the theme for the Second Annual Religious Studies Week. With its Scripture text taken from Nehemiah, the Religious Studies Department of S.C. Bootle hosted a fun-filled week of games, competitions and fun.

The week began with a special assembly

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with guest speaker Mr. Patrick Glinton of Nassau. Mr. Glinton is an ex-con of Her Majesty's Prison who served time on Death Row. He shared his life-changing testimony with the students and plea with the young men to stop the senseless fighting and increase the peace.

This year the English Department presented a composition essay competition on the topic, *Together We Can Make a Difference at S.C. Bootle*. The winner of that competition was Clarice Young. The Dolphin Idol Competition was also launched during the week.

The only event that was exclusively for the Religious Studies students was the It's Academics Competition. Students from grades 7-9 who participated were quizzed on Religious Studies topics. The winners from that competition were First Place- Elaine Fenelus and Fredricka McIntosh, Second Place- Indera Culmer and Brittany Nairn and Third Place - Shandeka Cox and Timmesha Russell. All of the winners from any of the events held in conjunction with the Religious Studies week received trophies. The week culminated with a jeans and T-shirt day and mini concert featuring Mr. Lynx and DJ Counsellor.

The Second Annual Religious studies week was a grand success and students are looking forward to next year.

Dolphin Idol

We are all familiar with the American Idol program. Sherlin Bootle High School Religious Studies Department, under the direction of the head of department, Mrs. Demeritte, revamped the American Idol program and created the Dolphin Idol. Dolphin Idol allows students to display their singing talents with hope of becoming the ultimate Dolphin Idol.

This year the excitement level was high as contestants underwent two rounds of eliminations and the competition was split into two divisions to accommodate more students. The divisions were Senior Idol and Junior Idol. After two round of competition the winners were Devon Cooper in the junior division and Gabrelle Rolle in the senior division. The Dolphin Idol is a part of the Religious Studies Week at the school.

Thanks to School Staff

Often we receive good and dedicated services from people who work in the service industry and we don't let them know how we appreciate them for their work. With this in mind, the parents of students that attend the Sherlin Bootle High school would like to say "thank you" to the Principal and staff of the school. Your hard work and dedication for the children in North Abaco are not going unnoticed and though it's not teacher

appreciation, we would just like to say "thank you." Thank you for caring and going the extra mile for our children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Sherlin Bootle Junior Basketball Team for outstanding performance at the Father Marcian Tournament in New Providence. They traveled along with Physical Education teacher Ms. Martin where they played against schools from throughout The Bahamas. Though you did not win the championship, we congratulate you for your outstanding performance and we are sure that the exposure and experience will be beneficial to you basketball skills. We know next year you will return as champs!

Rotary Club Donates Plaque

The Rotary Club of Abaco presented a Four-Way Test plague to the Sherlin Bootle High School. The message on the plague encourages students to evaluate what they think, say and do. The four-way test is quite simple and it only takes a moment to complete. One would simply ask themselves these four questions:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

These four questions put together a test that promotes morals and consideration. Principal Huel Moss along with his staff and students express their thanks to the Rotary Club of Abaco for its kind donation that will benefit everyone that is a part of Sherlin Bootle.

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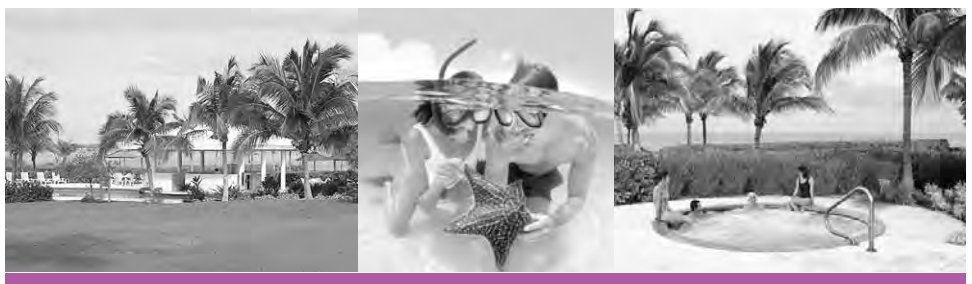

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Treasure Cay Primary

Homeowners Brought Smiles to Students

The second homeowners of Treasure Cay once again hosted a Christmas party for students of Treasure Cay Primary School. For many years the associations have treated the children enrolled at the primary school, presenting them with gifts, prizes and warm meals prepared by Chef Simpson McKinney and his crew. Children were able to play games and enjoy a fun-filled day of activities and see Santa Claus. The faculty of Treasure Cay Primary say "thank you" to the homeowners for spreading holidays cheer to our students.

School Receives Library Books

Reading is the gateway to obtaining knowledge that will lead to one's success. Therefore the more one reads, the more power he/she obtains. Mrs. Anne Smith realized that reading is essential to the growth and development of our children and she along with friends donated new books to the library of Treasure Cay Primary School. Students can now read books of adventure, mystery, science fiction, imagination, facts and much more as they challenge their minds to think beyond the black and white and equip themselves with knowledge. Having a library is nothing strange to the students as the school has had a library of its owns. However, through the recent storms the books and supplies were destroyed. Now thanks to Mrs. Smith and friends students can now enjoy a full stocked library again. Parents and the community at large join in with the staff and students of Treasure Cay primary school and say thank you to Mrs. Smith.

Church News

Production Was Successful

The Full Gospel Assembly Christian Education Department thanks everyone who attended its Christmas Production 2006. The production was a grand success as the birth of Jesus was reenacted from two different perspectives. The juniors and teenagers recreated scenes of the birth of Christ as many of us know it or assumed it happened while the adults presented *Fair Ain't Fair* which was the highlight of the Full Gospel Christmas production 2006. There is a lot of talk globally with the new Christian film The Nativity. The drama team of the Full Gospel Christian Education Department brought the movie closer to home at its recent Christmas Production in the stage play *Fair Ain't Fair*. Writer and producer for the play, Rashida Murray, invited the audience to view once again the miraculous birth of Christ. The play itself brought new light for many on the birth; it displayed truth and the forgiving love of God.

People in the News

Farewell to Mr. Toote

The Customs Department in Treasure Cay said farewell to Mr. Ricardo Toote in grand style. Mrs. Bridgette McKinney-Russell and Mrs. Dellarece Moss hosted an evening of celebration in Mr. Toote's honor at the Coconut Restaurant in Treasure Cay on December 20. The event brought together family, friends and well wishers to bid farewell and show appreciation for the work he has contributed while here in North Abaco.

Thrilled by the number of well wishers that attended, Mr. Toote said in his address, "Leaving Abaco is a sad moment for me." He stated that Abaco has become home to him, serving here for a second time. The warmth and hospitality shown to him and his family makes his departure even more difficult. He displayed great gratitude for the officers in whom he was in charge of and exclaimed proudly that was the best group of people that he has worked with in his life admitting that officers say Dellarece Moss kept him on his p's and q's. He however is ready to continual serve his country through dedicated and committed services wherever the road leads him.

Well wishers and friends enjoyed the evening of fun as they said goodbye to Mr. Toote. Among well wishers was Administrator for North Abaco, Mr. Theophilus Cox, and other government representatives.

Welcome to New Officer

The communities in North Abaco extend a special welcome to Custom Officer Michael Rolle, who is replacing Officer Ricardo Toote. We hope your stay here with us be pleasant and productive. As you work among us, may your service be diligent and full with integrity.

Doctor Is Back

After five weeks of vacation and resting, it is good to have Dr. Albert Francois back at the Cooper's Town Community Clinic. His patients in North Abaco are overjoyed that he has returned to us safely and would like him to know that he was really missed. We realize that he, too, must take time to rest and relax. Welcome back home!

Thanks to Substitute

The community of North Abaco says thanks to Dr. Elfred Zantura, who has worked at the Community Clinic in Cooper's Town for the last six weeks while Dr. Francois was away on vacation. We hope you enjoyed your stay with us as much as we enjoyed accommodating you. Thank you.

Business Woman Dies

Mrs. Gloria Mikula, the wife of the late Michael Mikula, passed away in Florida after being hospitalized for almost a week. The communities of North Abaco share heartfelt

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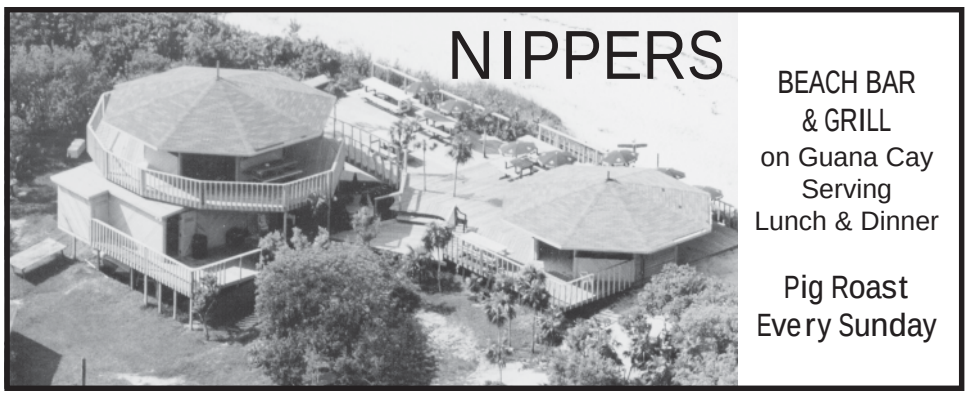

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condolences with the family and encourage them to remember that earth still has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Be comforted by the warm memories that were shared and know that we are all praying for you. Among Mrs. Mikula's survivors are her daughters Katherine, Cutelle, Romana and sons Dedrick and Willis and many more.

Wedding Congratulations

"The path that leads to happiness is so narrow that two cannot walk unless they become one…" Under the theme *Candles and Jewels* Florinda Lakeisha Thompson and Milton Earl Vaughn exchanged vows and weres joined in holy matrimony on December 9th. The beautiful candlelit ceremony was performed at the St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Church in Treasure Cay and was officiated by Rev. Father Dwight Knowles. The ceremony was followed by a candlelit dinner reception at Coconuts Restaurant in Treasure Cay. Congratulations are extended to the Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn and it is our prayers that your marriage be filled with good cheer, good health and laughter.

Business News

Café La Florence

Known worldwide for its rich large creamy cinnamon rolls and Bahamian-styles dishes is the Café La Florence in Treasure Cay. Having served the community of Treasure Cay for over 15 years, Café La Florence has expanded its wings and will provided the community of Marsh Harbour with its scrumptious meals and bakery items. Scheduled to open on December 23 it will offer a wide variety of assorted cakes, sandwiches, cinnamon rolls and daily lunch specials. The public is invited to stop and dine at Café La Florence located on Queen Elizabeth Drive west in the newly constructed yellow and white plaza next to the fire station.

Shipwreck Opens

Located in the quaint, quiet settlement of Wood Cay is a taste of Italy and The Bahamas stored in the newly opened restaurant and lounge Shipwreck. This trendy yet classy restaurant has afforded customers in the north the privilege of being wooed by the extensive variety on their menu. Shipwreck has provided entertainment at another level since opening its door. Customers can enjoy nights of Karaoke where they get to impersonate their favorite singer or band while entertaining the crowd. So if you're traveling along the Sherlin Bootle Highway in the Little Abaco area, stop by Shipwreck Restaurant and Lounge. You won't be disappointed.

Seafood House Is Open

Treasure Cay Seafood is open. You have waited and the solution is finally here. The hassle and stress of having to travels further north for seafood is over. Located on Gunpowder Creek Drive is the newly opened seafood house that provides fresh seafood such as conch, fish and lobster among other seafood item at a reasonable price. So if you are in search of seafood, just visits the Treasure Cay Seafood Limited.

Cooper's Town

Library and Community Center is Planned

The talk of a library and community center being constructed in Cooper's Town has rung through the ears of residents in that community for years. Today the talk has been silenced by the recent work that began at the site located centrally in the community off the Sherlin Bootle Highway. A sign has already been posted at the location and initial work has begun. The community of Cooper's Town has great need for these facilities and once completed residents will be most grateful. Residents are all looking forward to having a community center and library.

Voter's Registration Is Ongoing

Persons in North Abaco who are eligible to vote in the next upcoming general election are urged to register at the local facilities. The general election will be called before May 2nd, 2007 and in order to make your presence felt and voice heard you have to register before the register is closed. Let's get registered, you can register and not vote. Register so that you voice can demand the rights to be heard. Once again, if you are eligible to vote in the next election please register today to help make tomorrow brighter for all.

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to enter the structure in the event of problems. Entering a smoke filled building while wearing fire protective gear, breathing inside a full face mask and dragging a fire hose is not an exercise for the timid.

Farewell to Bill and Cathy Schweizer

By Jennifer Hudson

Members and friends of the Kirk of the Pines Church in Marsh Harbour gathered at the home of Bill and Sandra Evans on the evening of December 13 to bid a fond farewell to Bill and Cathy Schweizer. Bill and Cathy have been faithful members of that church since their arrival in Marsh Harbour about 12 years ago and have dedicated time and talents to the church in so many ways. Cathy has been a member of the choir, organizer of refreshments for the fellowship time after church and has made innumerable crafts for church fairs while Bill has served as an Elder of the church and a very cheerful and welcoming greeter each Sunday. Bill and Cathy always opened their home for any church social function.

As a token of appreciation Bill and Cathy were presented with gifts from the church which included a special one-of-a-kind decorative plate crafted by Karen McIntosh of Abaco Ceramics depicting the crest of the Kirk of the Pines in the Church colours which will be a very special memento for them.

Bill and Cathy moved back to Cornell, Illinois, at the beginning of December as they had made the decision earlier in the year to return to be near all of their family. They flew back to Abaco for just a couple of days to be with church members and friends at the special Christmas dinner. Members of the Kirk of the Pines along with Rotary (as Bill was also a very active member of that club), all his fishing buddies and their other Abaco friends will miss them both greatly.

Cathy and Bill Schweizer were given a farewell party on December 13 as they will be moving back to Illinois to be near family. They have been residents of Marsh Harbour for 12 years and have contributed greatly to the community as a Rotarian and as members of the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church. A farewell gift from the church was a special ceramic plate created by Abaco Ceramics.

Donated Ambulance Arrived

An ambulance was donated to Abaco Crash and Rescue and arrived on Abaco on December 19 via Tropical Shipping The shipping company gave the volunteer organization a special shipping rate of $100 which was paid by John W. Bethell III, Tropical's manager on Abaco. The ambulance was given by the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department in Delaware headed by Chief John Douglas and was facilitated by Mr. Ron Marvel, a frequent visitor to Marsh Harbour.

The ambulance is a Ford E-350 chassis, a 1994 diesel model with 65,000 miles. It came substantially equipped

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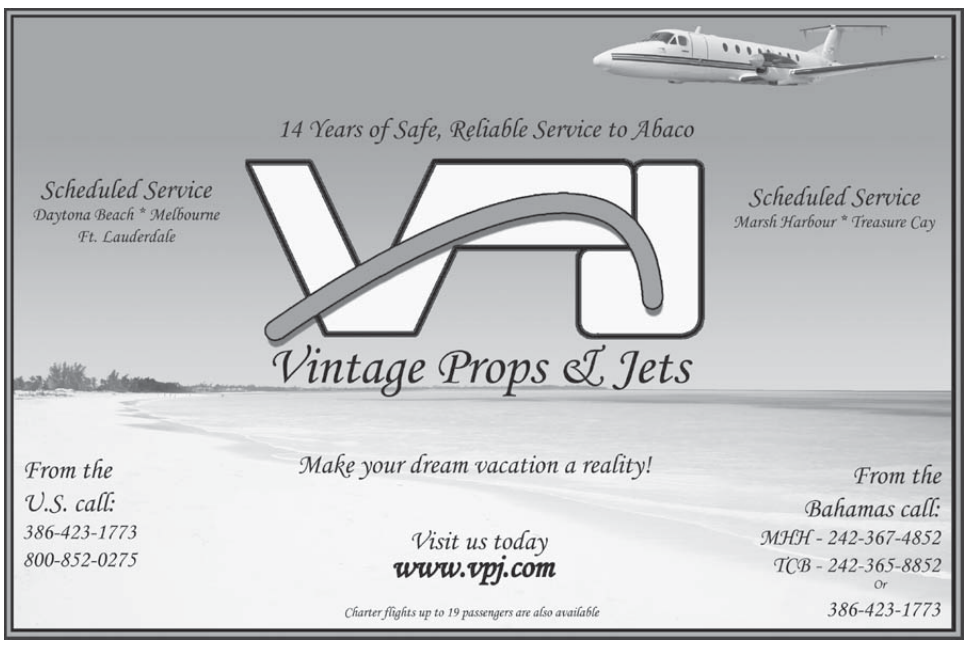
The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department received 30 breathing apparatus that will be shared with fire departments on Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town. Marsh Harbour firemen shown here are Beverly Sands, Matthew Key, Danny Sawyer, Ernie Albury, Mike Barry, Brent Key and Randy Albury.



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including a portable 110-volt generator and a hydraulic jack for extracting victims pinned in wreckage. Four of Abaco's Crash and Rescue team were at the dock to accept the new ambulance.

A second donated ambulance for Abaco Crash and Rescue arrived on Abaco on December 19. Abaco Crash and Rescue provides ambulance service for Central Abaco and covers many shifts for the government because of a lack of trained personnel provided by government. Shown here on the left is Mr. John W. Bethell III, who facilitated the shipping, paying the minimal charges. Members of the Abaco Crash and Rescue present were Jason Albury, Crash and Rescue Chief Colin Albury, Mickey Lowe and Susan Albury.

Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club gave out toys to the children of Central Abaco, Green Turtle Cay and Guana Cay on December 21. Indira Edwards, in dark glasses, is shown here in Dundas Town with some of the children who received the gifts.

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Another effort is underway to remove derelict vehicles from the Mud area in Marsh Harbour. Very wide shoulders along the new road from the port to Forest Drive is a convenient place for owners to leave these vehicles where they are left to rust and be an eyesore..

Shops in Marsh Harbour were well stocked with goodies for the young. Bicycles and battery operated toy vehicles were popular, making the recipients very happy on Christmas Day. This year shoppers had a much greater variety of shops to browse for gifts as several new shops have opened in Marsh Harbour during the past several months.The existing shops have expanded their inventories to include many popular items.

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A building being constructed without necessary approvals was knocked down by the Ministry of Works after notifying the owner. The building was located adjacent to the Mud and appeared to be used as a church. Although the roof was completed, the walls had not yet been constructed.

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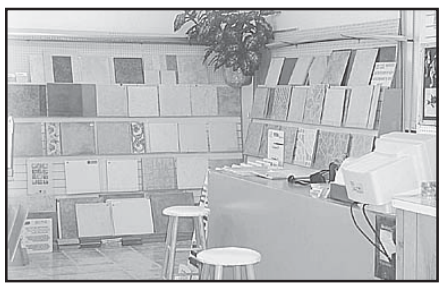

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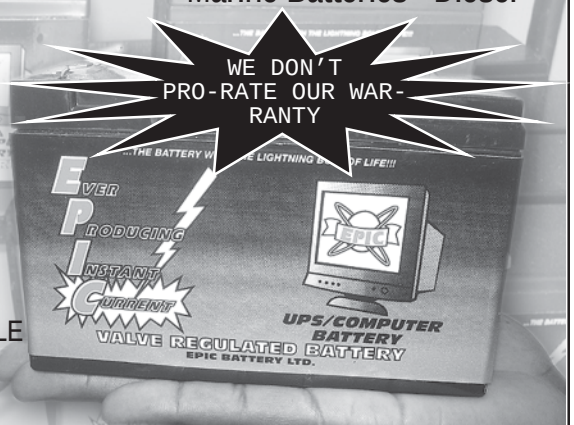

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More News of the Cays

Cays *From Page 11*

crowd converge on the park after 4 p.m. Participation is free with some families bringing dishes of food. Four quarters of a pig were put on a pit grill at 6 a.m. to be slow roasted for lunch.

The Man-O-War park is believed to be unique in the Bahamas as the park shares the distinction of also serving as the town dump. More correctly, it is the staging area for the large containers which are barged to Marsh Harbour for disposal. The dump, or park, reflects the resident's pride in their island and the effort which past and present local government and town improvement associations have devoted to their town.

The park is the first part encountered when visiting the area. Shade trees and coconut trees are plentiful. Two gazebos have been erected and exhibit the workmanship Man-O-War craftsmen are famous for.

Although garbage and trash pass through the park area on the way to the containers further out the peninsula, there is no evidence of debris of any sort either on the entrance road, in park area or further within the staging area. It is understood that a huge stockpile of dead batteries was recently sent to Marsh Harbour for disposal. There is no evidence of junk cars, carts, appliances or other bulky residual or construction refuse so often seen at town dumps.

The dump area also serves as a staging area for BEC, Batelco and perhaps Cable Bahamas which use the spot to store cable spools and their service equipment. BEC has an elevated cement pad at the tip of the peninsula with a high voltage transformer bank and enclosed room with electrical switchgear serving the island.

Ten finger docks have been constructed giving 20 boat slips using recycled piling from past hurricane reconstruction projects. The docks have been carefully built outside the protective mangroves. This ring of greenery also serves to hide elements of the park and dump area. A seawall has been

Please see **Cays** *Page 22*

Man-O-War continues to improve the facilities at a new recreational park. It is located on a penisula of Crown Land that was leased to the town for a dump and for a park. The park now has two gazebos and barbecuing facilities.

A hammock swing in the park overlooking The Creek is a great place to relax and enjoy the view. Trees provide a shady place that is cool in the summertime.

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Cantata

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enjoy, and Pastor David Cartwright sang the beautiful song *Mary's Boy Child*.

Twenty-one choir members, under the direction of Kevin Sawyer, filled the sanctuary with a powerful sound as they performed the Cantata, *Let There Be Light: a Christmas Celebration*, reaching the same high standard for which they have become known over the years. This lively cantata contained some real foot tapping rhythms as well as some poignant solos performed by choir members with very commanding voices. Soloists were Mrs. Londa Sawyer, who performed three items, Ms. Chelsea Sawyer, Mrs. Rhonda Bill, Mrs. Claire Marshall, Mr. Jonathan Cartwright and Mr. Troy Albury. Myron Sawyer, a 13-year-old student of Agape School, accompanied Claire Marshall's solo, *Light a Candle*, in sign language which added a nice touch. Narrator for the cantata was Mr. Steven Bill.

Thanks to the capable lighting and sound technicians, a series of striking images compiled by Troy Albury appeared throughout the Cantata and added greatly to its effectiveness.

Pastor David Cartwright extended a warm welcome to those who had attended from other churches and urged everyone to "not forget what the season is about."

The choir traveled to Treasure Cay the preceding Wednesday where they presented the Cantata at the Community Centre.

Viewpoint

From Page 8

around you and being a beacon for others.

3) Reach out to the person who you dislike the most and try to forge a relationship with him. We all have someone we don't like. But if we try to bridge that gap, it helps to create more harmony amongst us.

4) We all have our opinions about the Haitian community on Abaco, whether we wish they were not here or we try to look the next way. We may not agree with their being here. But if we treat the Haitians like they are people, realizing they have come from a horrid situation and are only looking for a better life, the gap between the two communities can start to be bridged.

5) Do a better job of protecting the environment around us. We are only borrowing the earth. It doesn't belong to us. The beach, water and environment are Abaco's top selling points for the country's number one industry - tourism. Instead of dumping on a beach or pathway, carry the garbage to the dump. Don't throw garbage out the car window. Wait until you reach a garbage bin and give your children a good example to follow in the future.

6) This is an election year, and we should make our politicians accountable for their actions and for the promises they make to their constituents. Don't just argue or debate or not say anything about politics, but realize that your vote can make a difference in what happens in the Bahamas.

There are a number of other resolutions we can all make that will make Abaco and the communities we live in better. If we look within ourselves and try to make a concerted effort to become a better person, a better attitude will create a more symbiotic community.

It is only the beginning of the year, but we all have a chance to make a difference in our lives and other people's lives.

Cays

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constructed in the park section with an adjoining section serving as a public boat ramp. Additional work is scheduled as funds become available.

Fisheries

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possession of undersize lobster and fined $3,000 with all fishing resources being confiscated by local Magistrate McKee.

In an interview with Mr. Laing, he revealed that within the course of one week, the Department of Fisheries arrested two people for possession of undersize lobster totaling more than 1200 pounds. The Department of Fisheries is issuing a stern warning to all that are in the practice of harvesting undersize lobster. If caught, they will face prosecution according to Section18 and Section (2) Amendment 1995 and Section 68 of the Bahamas Fisheries Regulation.

The Department of Fisheries will continue to monitor and police all buying stations, hotels, restaurants and lobster fishing vessels to reduce the harvesting of undersize lobster so that substantial amounts will be available for future generations to come. The public is therefore advised that possession of undersize lobster is against Fisheries regulations in The Bahamas.

Bags of crawfish tails were confiscated because there were many pounds of undersized tails. Fisheries officers are patroling Abaco waters to protect our marine resources.

Hope Town Play

From Page 4

and one of which they could be very proud, it was also a meaningful fund raiser. A voluntary donation was received during the evening offertory to be used to send children from Bahamian orphanages to summer camp. This is part of the outreach ministries that St. James Church participates in via the Joel Project of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church. The aim was to raise $10,000 as a result of both performances. If anything was raised over that amount, it would be put towards the construction of a Community Centre in the vicinity of the Mission House.

Before he closed the evening with a blessing, Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale, Minister of the St. James Church, said, "This play has not just been fun; it was planting seeds, and lives will be changed because of it."

The play was recorded and DVD's will be available.

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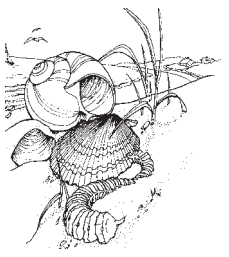

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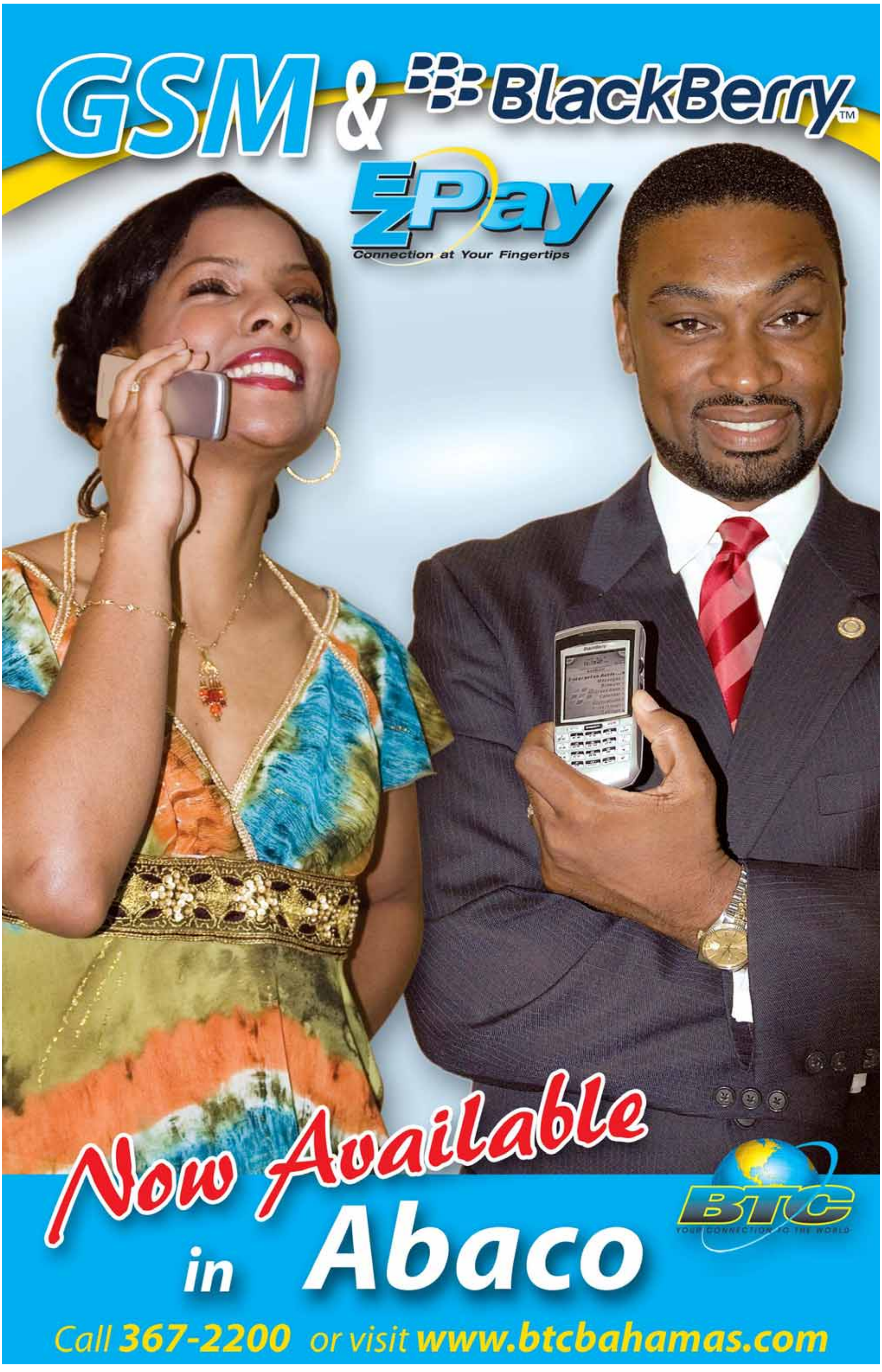
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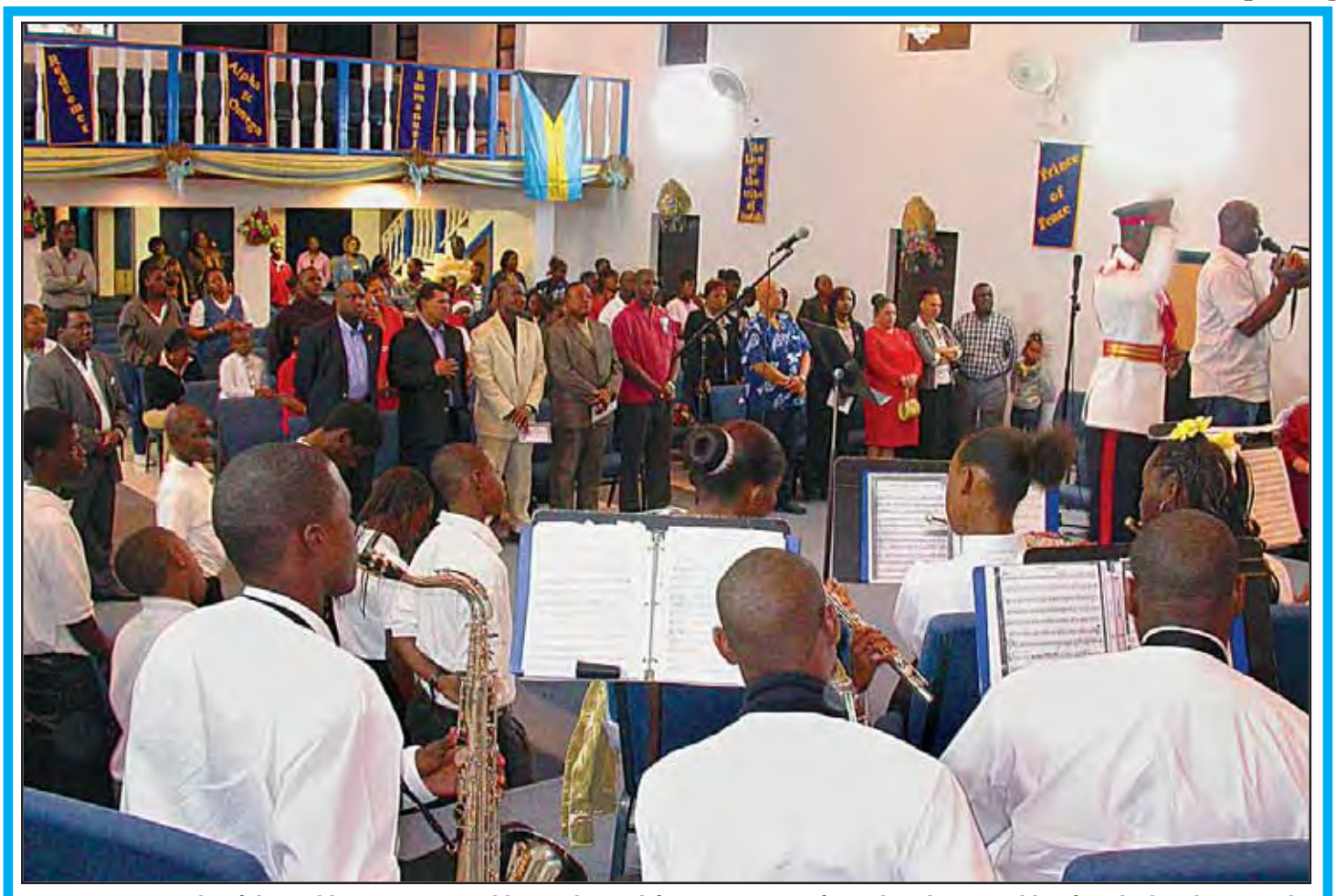
Police Presented Young Musicians In Concert

Guest Band and Local Youth Band Displayed Talent



Forty young people of the Golden Gates Assembly Youth Band from Nassau performed at the Assembly of God Church in Dundas Town on December 15. Under the direction of Sgt. Selwyn Adderley of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band, they impressed the audience with their talent and ability. The Abaco Community Marching Band also performed during the program.

By Jennifer Hudson

People who attended the *Christmas Festival; Night of Grand Christmas Music* presented by the Abaco Division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force on December 15 at the Dundas Town Church of God were almost at a loss for words to describe the magnificent concert performed by the young people of the Golden Gates Assembly Youth Band from Nassau. "It takes your breath away," said Mistress of Ceremonies, Reserve Inspector Moxey and "I was blown away by their rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus," enthused ASP Miller, Abaco's Chief of Police, who was instrumental in bringing the band to Abaco.

I certainly had shivers up and down my spine at the great symphony of sound which filled the church when the whole band joined in tremendous fortissimo. The instruments were all meticulously tuned, something that is often not the case even in adult bands, so that at all times, whether in the several beautiful solos, the quieter band passages involving only a few instruments or the full band fortes the music was always beautifully tuneful.

The discipline of the band and the rapport between players and their director was a delight to see as they carefully followed every musical direction. They did not just

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Our Bahama Parrot May Actually Be an Abaco Parrot

By Julian Lockhart

For decades Abaconians have referred to the Bahama parrot as the Abaco parrot and now they may actually be correct as Caroline Stahala is currently conducting genetic research on the Bahama parrot on Abaco and Inagua.

Ms. Stahala with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from Panama City, Florida, has been working with the Bahama Parrot on both Abaco and Inagua. The results from the genetic research will be out by the middle of 2007 and will prove if the two flocks on Abaco and Inagua are different sub-species of the Amazon parrot.

Ms. Stahala said, "I am working on a

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Agape School Performed Christmas Play

The cast of A Mutant Nativity *is shown here with Ms. Rhonda Bill, right front, choir director of the Christmas play at the Agape Christian School. The play was presented to the public on December 10 and 11.*

By Jennifer Hudson

Agape School's Drama Department and Choir presented its Christmas Programme on December 10 and 11 and what a delightful occasion it was. Congratulations to director, Mrs. Rhonda Bill, and to all the students who took part and those who worked behind the scenes to present such an excellent performance.

This was a surprisingly different slant on the Nativity story as it was told by John Balthazar, the only wise man left out of a nativity set which had been carelessly put away in its box the previous year and pieces had become mislaid. As Balthazar searched for his friends, the characters gradually became reunited and the nativity scene became complete, the message of Christmas was realized: "Jesus came for us all, not just those who seem to fit in." Mrs. Kathy Covert, author of this unusual play, *A Mutant Nativity*, was an elementary school teacher in the Canadian town where Director Rhonda Bill attended college.

The drama presentation, which was kept moving along with a very confident performance by Brian Higgs as Balthazar,

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Abaco Decorated for the Holidays

Homes and businesses the length of Abaco decorated for the holidays. At night a variety of lights and lighted scenes made our towns quite festive.

Visiting Band Assists Local Band

Band Concert

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play notes on a page (though they did this extremely well) but put their feelings and emotions into the music. A splendid array of classical music was presented including the very moving *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, the popular Paul Anka selection featuring *My Way*, the joyful *White Christmas* and outstanding *Christmas Festival*.

The standard of musicianship exhibited by these young people made it hard to believe that the band has only been in existence for four years. The entire band consists of 80 young people plus another 15 in a beginner's class. It performs each Sunday for services at the Golden Gates Assembly Church in Nassau and also in concerts for the wider community. During the last two years the band has performed concert tours in the United States in Washington and Charlotte. A group of 60 came to Abaco which included about 40 band members, a liturgical dance troupe, parents and chaperones.

The band is to be commended not only on its musicianship but also the disciplined way in which the members conducted themselves. The group traveled to Abaco from Nassau on the Bahamas Fast Ferry which, unfortunately, was late due to some rough weather conditions. There was an hour's journey by bus into Marsh Harbour from Sandy Point for these young people, causing them a considerable rush to get to the concert location.

When they arrived at the concert hall after their five-hour journey and probably feeling more than a little jaded, they had no time to rest as they had to immediately, within a matter of minutes, be changed and seated with their instruments tuned ready to perform. These young people ranged in age from 8 to 19 years and are to be commended for their maturity and poise.

The concert began with an impressive performance by the Abaco Police Community Youth Marching Band. Its 21 members entered from the rear of the church and were led in procession to stage by the drum corps which gave an impressive demonstration of drumming skills. The remainder of the band then joined in with a joyful rendition of *It's Christmastime in the City*.

Assistant Commissioner of Police and O/C Grand Bahama and Northern Region, Mr. Ellison Greenslade, QPM, was in attendance and thanked the Nassau band for coming to Abaco and thanked ASP Miller for bringing them here. He congratulated the band on its level of musicianship and discipline and for setting the pace for the young people of Abaco to follow and he encouraged all young musicians to strive for excellence.

Mr. Steve Foster, Deputy Commissioner of Police of Montserrat, was also in attendance. He was on Abaco for an official visit as part of an exchange programme between the Bahamas and Montserrat Police Force and he advised the young people to continue to work hard and strive to reach the sky as they will reap the rewards.

The band was surprised and delighted to find that their Pastor, Ross Davis, and his wife had flown in from Nassau to be present.

ASP Miller, in his vote of thanks, expressed appreciation to all persons who had assisted in any way, financial or otherwise, to make the concert a success. He thanked the band for putting on such a spectacular performance after their long journey by boat and road and other challenges they had had to meet. He was grateful that they showcased for the Abaco band, which has only been in existence for two years, what standard needs to be reached in order to be a first class band.

The Golden Gates Band members stayed at Camp Abaco for the weekend and on Sunday morning performed during the morning service at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town where they were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small donation from the church.

A workshop was held on Saturday for all aspiring young musicians and was attended by members of the Abaco Youth Marching

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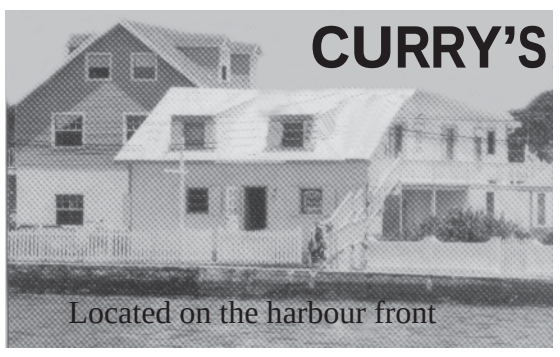
The Golden Gates Assembly Youth Band presented a concert at the Assembly of God Church in Dundas Town on December 15.However, several events were taking place that night so attendance at this special concert was poor.



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Guest Musicians Held Band Clinic

By Samantha V. Evans

The Central Abaco Youth Marching Band on Abaco has had many stellar performances since they were formed about a year ago. The already strong band got an opportunity to sharpen its skills on December 16th at a Band Clinic held at Central Abaco Primary School. The clinic was led by Sgt. Selvin Adderley, Coordinator of Community Bands in The Bahamas. He is a part of the Golden Gates Band that came to Abaco to perform at the police concert held on December 15th at Church of God in Dundas Town. Accompanying him to assist with the training were six persons (one for each instrument) including Jerard Storr trumpet trainer, Delano Stubbs clarinet trainer and Alfrez Watkins saxaphone trainer, all of whom play with the Golden Gates Assembly Band in Nassau. He has worked with each of these young men and knows that they are very skilled in the area they now train in.

Sgt. Adderley stated that he represents the Police Force with the Urban Renewal Project. Not only is he good at what he does, he enjoys it as well. The purpose of the workshop was to offer technical support. They will help the members to play better (i.e. hold instruments properly, get the best tone from instruments etc.). That workshop was the beginning of many to follow. Upon his return next year, he plans to bring back the young leaders from Golden Gates Assembly Band to interact and play with this youth band.

He has been on the police force for the past 11 years but has been teaching young people for at least 15 years. He learned to play instruments at the Church of God in Nassau, the church he grew up in. After he learned to play, he started teaching young people in the church how to play. At age 19 he became Assistant Director of the Band. At age 23 he became the band director. At age 26 the Police Force sent him to Cat Island to work with the band program there. His stay was so successful that when he brought the band to Nassau to play, they won the Ministry of Youth Band Competition. They were later invited back to play at the 2002 Independence Parade at Clifford Park.

Sgt. Adderley sees this workshop as an exchange program between Abaco and Nassau. He is happy to be able to work with the youth of Abaco's band as he can tell that they have a lot of talent. The band coordinator, Cpl. Verenique Miller, has done a tremendous job with them and he commended her highly. He looks forward to this relationship blossoming into a lasting one and seeing the Abaco Youth Marching Band performing not only in Abaco but all over the Bahamas.

Band Concert *From Page 2*

Band. The workshop was conducted by Sgt. Selwyn Adderley of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band who is Director of the Golden Gates Assembly Youth Band and is also in charge of Urban Renewal Community Bands.

Should this young band return to Abaco next year, which I for one hope it will, I advise everyone to hear it as it is outstanding. It was a pity that there were not more people in the audience as to hear their splendid music and observe their dedication was indeed good for the soul. The police community bands throughout the Bahamas are doing a tremendous job of involving the youth in such a positive and rewarding activity.

The Central Abaco Community Youth Band, formed about one year ago, played at the band concert held on December 15 at the Assembly of God in Dundas Town. The next day some of the leaders of the Golden Gates Youth Band held a clinic at Central Abaco Primary School for local band musicians

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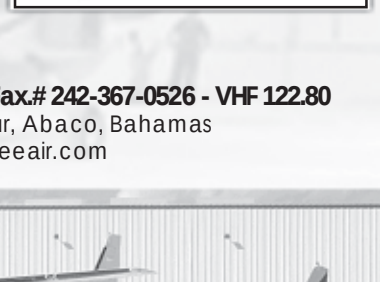

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Rare Duck Spotted During the Christmas Bird Count

By Mirella Santillo

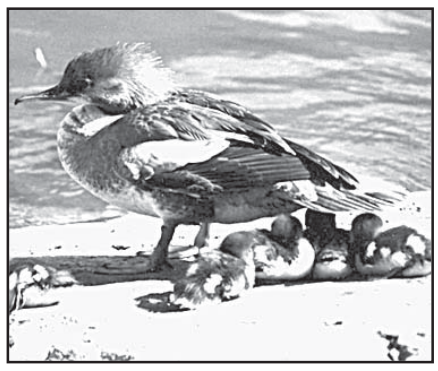
Two hooded merganser ducks were sighted during the Christmas bird count. A female was observed by one of the team on a pond, deep into the pine forest of South Abaco and the other one, (gender not recorded) was seen around the Crossing Rocks area. This rare visitor to The Bahamas was previously spotted a few days earlier by a birder, and it was a treat to be able to photograph it and observe it at length during the monitoring.

For over an hour, the team of bird watchers composed of John Herald Bethell, leader, Marsden Lawley, Melanie Maseda and me, observed the bird diving for food for long periods of time, re-emerging and diving again, until finally satiated, it rested on the water preening itself. Another fairly uncommon bird to our area, a greater yellowlegs, was also observed feeding at the same spot, while a great egret majestically strolled in the background and a kingfisher took turns diving into the pond.

Keeping up with the yearly Christmas bird count tradition, a group of bird watchers met early on December 16th near the entrance of the Abaco National Park, dividing there into four groups to cover an area of 15 miles in diameter. Besides Mr. Bethell, who was in charge of group observing in the National Park, remaining team leaders Mr. Reginald Patterson, Mr. Ron Pagliero and Mr. Ricky Johnson guided their respective groups to Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks and the west side of the pine forest. Each area was diligently observed by enthusiastic bird watchers who identified and recorded each sighting of the little feathered creatures.

Besides the usual warblers, American redstarts, stripe-headed tanagers, crescent-eyed pewees, red-tailed hawks, hummingbirds, kestrels and terns, a glossy ibis, another fairly rare bird on our shores, was sighted and more than a hundred Bahamian parrots were seen and heard!

Altogether close to a thousand birds divided into 67 species were recorded. In spite of the still mild weather up North, it seems that Abaco is a popular wintering spot this year.



Birders doing the Christmas bird count saw two hooded merganser ducks that are quite rare on Abaco.

Four groups of bird watchers did a bird count in South Abaco on December 16 in conjunction with the Audobon Society. Birders all over the world do Christmas counts to keep track of the health of our feathered friends. The four groups recorded sightings of 67 species.

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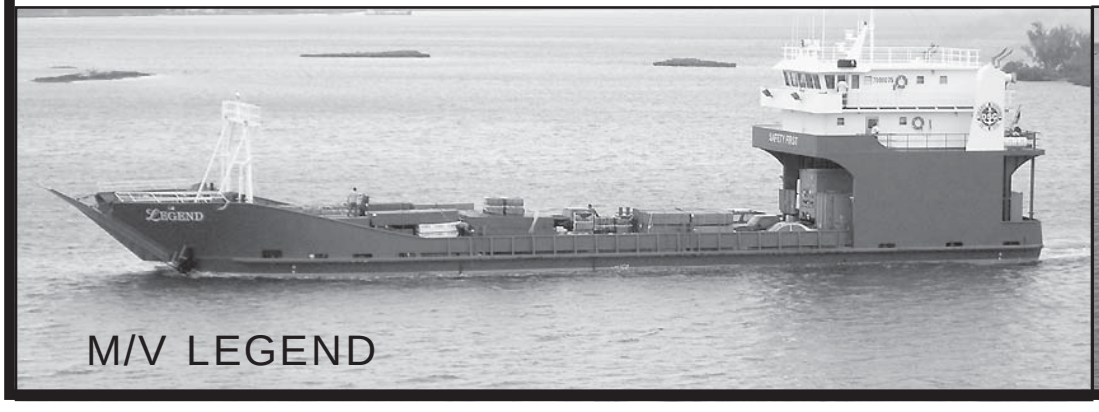

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was liberally interspersed with songs from the choir. The choir was impressive; it was well rehearsed, spirited and harmonious. Many of the members sang solos or duets and Aly Boyce presented the song *Noel* in French. The instrumentalists provided strong backings for the choir on piano, saxophone and drums. A chimes group played some beautiful selections.

All of the nativity scene characters played their parts well and a couple of the more out-going students who played the parts of a 'Sassy angel' and a 'bossy mutant ninja soldier' elicited some laughs from the audience as they really 'got into' their characters. Joseph managed with only one arm all evening as his other one was taped up "since he had fallen out of the box when it was taken down from the attic."

Mary, the last member of the nativity group to be found, was played by Brianna Higgs who has been blessed with a very beautiful voice. She closed the scene by singing the solo 'Breath of Heaven' which she sang with such feeling that it made a very moving ending to the programme.

It was obvious that a lot of hard work had gone into this production and Principal of the School, Mrs. Cecile Albury, praised the students for their dedication and gave special mention to those from the cays. "Participating students from as far as Guana Cay, Treasure Cay, Man O War Cay, Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks had stayed behind after school many days for rehearsals along with their fellow students from Marsh Harbour and this had meant much sacrifice for those living such a long way out," she said.

All of the time put into rehearsals was obviously very worthwhile and all of the participants can be proud of a job well done.

The choir of the Agape Christian School provided much of the music of the Christmas program presented for family and friends of the students. They enjoyed performing and the audience appreciated their efforts.

Forest Heights Academy

By Leslie Kennedy

La Notte Italians

Soft lighting, balmy Bahamian breezes and the lilting voices of great Italian tenors created the ambiance at Forest Heights Academy on November 30th. The event *La Notte Italiana* was sponsored by the Forest Heights Academy PTA. This fund raiser transformed the school into an Italian Restaurant, and all who attended experienced a romantic evening of Italian food, games and music.

Members of the PTA from all over Abaco prepared a variety of lasagna and spaghetti sauces which were a culinary delight followed by a "dulci" of Tiramisu. But the service topped the evening better than Parmesan cheese as members of Grade 12

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The PTA of Forest Heights Academy organized a special Italian night that featured Italian foods and entertainment at the school on November 30 to raise funds.The evening proved to be very successful and many are already anticipating the event next year.

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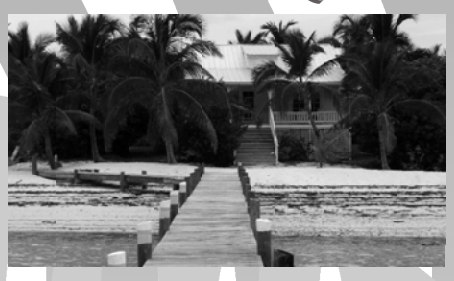

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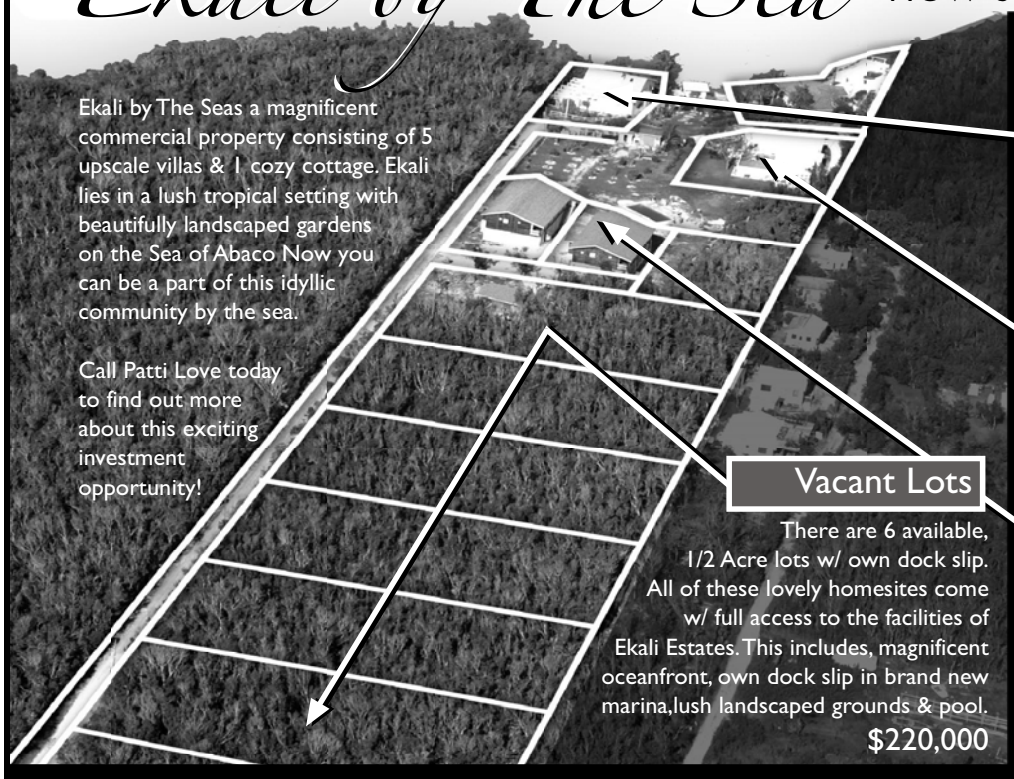

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took their guests' orders and served them with poise and efficiency.

During the evening, diners were entertained by music of Italian tenors, Conte and Bocelli, and acoustic guitar music by 9th grader, Avery Thompson. Games included translating Italian phrases and recognizing famous Italians with prizes of fine chocolates.

Many thanks go out to all of the PTA members who graciously supported this event. This reporter highly recommends this lovely bistro. Unfortunately, reservations are necessary - one year in advance, so put it on your calendars for next year. Ciao!

Elf Calvon Edgecombe was one of the elves who searched for the naughty and nice Christmas list. It was part of a one-act play put on by the Drama Club of Forest Heights Academy at its Christmas celebration held on December 12,

Holiday Celebration

Forest Heights Academy kicked off the holidays with a day of Christmas celebration on December 12.

The day began with a competition where each class decorated the outside of its door. Each was clever with a ski lift tour of a village, a wide variety of Santas and bows and even a surfing Grinch. It was tough for the judges, but Grade Nine took first place. After lunch, emotions ran high with an afternoon of Christmas drama and music, putting students, friends and families into the spirit as the Forest Heights Drama Club entertained them with two one-act plays and a monologue. The Drama Club had been rehearsing for the day since September under the direction of Ms. Alana Carroll and Ms. Leslie Kennedy.

The group was greeted by Mrs. Santa Claus, Cylie Hall, who lead them through the afternoon. The first play, *The Missing List* had Santa's Elves, Stephanie Sweeting, Maxine Bass and Calvon Edgecombe, searching for the missing naughty and nice list as Santa, James Albury, contemplated canceling Christmas. However, the day was saved as the Christmas Toys, Aly Boyce, Chrispin Clarke and Sabrina Diehl, came alive and convinced the naughty elf, who had hidden the list in hopes of a Bahamian Christmas, to turn it over to Santa. They did this with the help of three selfless children, Danielle Moss, Erin Patterson and Chamon McIntosh, who melted the elf's heart.

Next came a young girl, Nicole Maltarp, with a curiosity problem; she always peeks at her gifts. Then she and Danielle Moss added music to the day with their singing and dancing to *Jingle Bell Rock*.

The second play, *The Christmas Coat* took the audience to a cold Christmas Eve in the 1800s with two homeless teens, Alia Diehl, and Kheersan Simmons, longing for a home and a loving family. A generous stranger, Taj Anderson, shares a coat which, in true O'Henry style, leads him to his long lost Grandmother, Antonia Wright, and brings the four together to become a family.

Finally, Brittany Symonette ended the program reading the story of Christ's birth from the Bible. Music accented the afternoon as pianist, Ms. Koops Moss, led the group in a Christmas Carol Sing-along.

Even the usually temperamental microphones behaved fairly well as Roland Roberts, Duran Lowe and Denton and Randall Sawyer wired the actors for sound, and assistant to the directors, Chandi Lowe, took charge of the stage.

It was a lovely day with one common thread: the importance of laughter, love and sharing, not just at Christmas, but all year round.

Abaco Central High

School Holds Carol Service

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco Central High School held its annual Christmas Carol Service on December 12th at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marsh Harbour. The service has become a tradition for the school staff and they have always welcomed the general community to join them as they sing Christmas carols and read relevant scriptures to get in the Christmas mood. Today the church was filled to capacity as the entire grade 12 class was required to attend. Most of the teachers were also in attendance. Cindy Armbrister led the opening and closing prayer. Various selections were sung and scriptures read by teachers and students. The carol service ended with the usual candle lighting service which was led by school administrators. All were encouraged to remember that Jesus is the reason for the sea-

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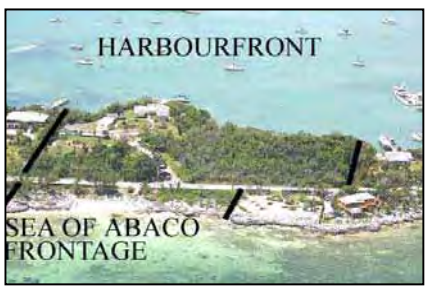

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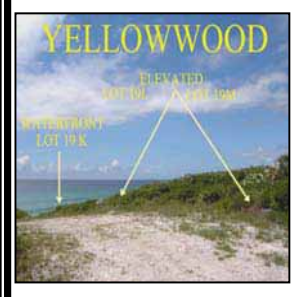

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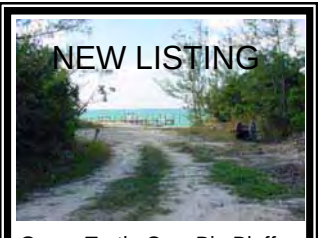

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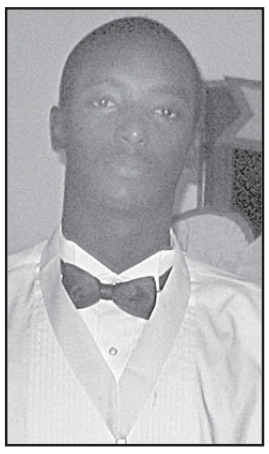
son. Ms. Armbrister sang silent night as the procession left the church.

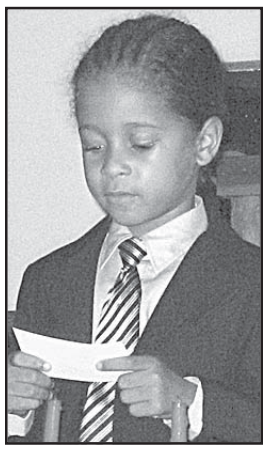
Wesley College

Students Perform for Their Parents

By Samantha V. Evans

The well known band of Wesley College came out in full force on December 13th at Aldersgate Methodist Church for that school's Christmas Concert. Even though the band has a number of new members, they still played beautifully. The newly formed Primary School Recorder group joined the skilled musicians of the junior high school for one of the Christmas carols played. The band played familiar carols while the parents and guests got involved in the service as well by reading scriptures. The band honored the late Wensil Mario LaRoda who was a trumpeter in the school band before his death earlier this term. They will dedicate their first appearance at Junior Junkanoo to him as he was indeed an Angel. Principal of the school, Rev. Charles Carey, introduced the new band leader, Keno Clarke, who has been a member of the band for the past six years. He is now in grade 12. He plays the trumpet in the band and has the honor of teaching the younger students how to become a disciplined musician while maintaining an academic standing of excellence.





These are two of the students of Wesley College who took part in its Christmas program held at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marsh Harbour. On the left is a new band leader, Keno Clarke, a trumpeter. On the left is Master Christian who performed well.

St. Francis de Sales

School Has a New School Sign

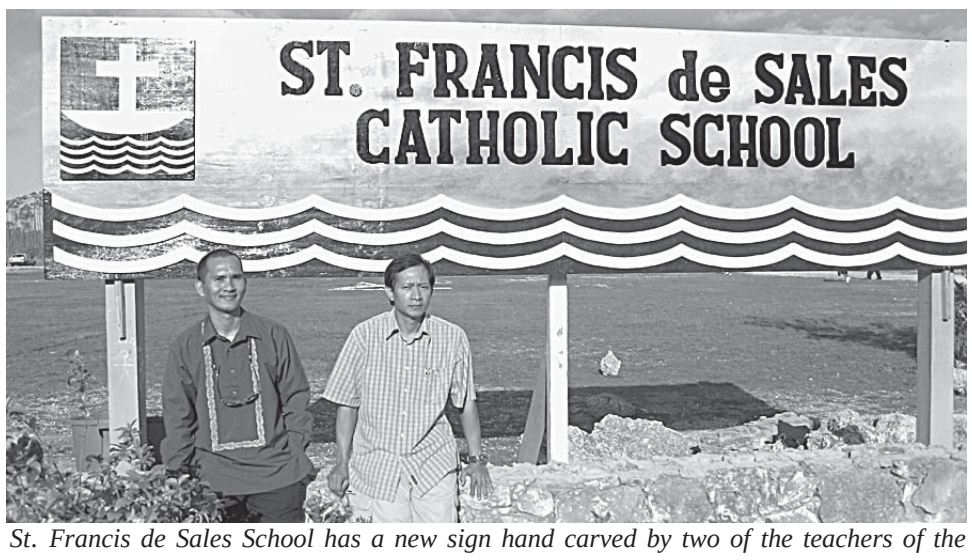
By Samantha V. Evans

After a hurricane blew down the St. Francis de Sales School sign two years ago, the school is happy that they have a new one thanks to Mr. Ireneo Ajero, art teacher, and Mr. Elmer Bongon, religion teacher. This is an amazing addition to the front entrance to the school especially since the PTA of St. Francis had this item as one of their projects for this school year. Replacing the sign was totally Mr. Ajero's idea. He and Mr. Bongon started the sign about a year ago but due to many other projects that needed more immediate attention at that time, it did get done.

However, once they got started again, the entire sign took them about two days to complete.

The words, school seal and waves on the sign are all hand craved by the duo who got most of it done (with the assistance of students) during art class sessions. The paint used on the sign is water proof to withstand the hardest rainfall. To ensure that it is safe, the sign is bolted to the ground. However, in the event of another hurricane the sign can be taken down and secured.

Besides this project the two teachers have started to restore the school statue of St. Francis that also sits in front of the school. They want to see the school beautified from the front to the back and anything they can do to assist in making this happen, they are both committed to seeing it done. Mrs. Josephine Kumar, Principal, is happy to have them on her staff stating that they are both a blessing to The Bahamas as they are extremely gifted. Besides the two projects mentioned they plan to assist with landscaping and adding other art work to the front of the school.



St. Francis de Sales School has a new sign hand carved by two of the teachers of the school. The previous sign was destroyed by a hurricane two years ago. The two artists who designed and made the sign are Mr. Ireneo Ajero an Mr. Elmer Bongon.

St. Francis de Sales Christmas

Concert Is Performed

By Samantha V. Evans

The True Meaning of Christmas was the theme of St. Francis' Christmas Concert held on December 15th at St. Francis Catholic Church. A lengthy program was prepared for the packed church of parents and well-wishers. Each grade prepared an item that totally wowed the onlookers. The newly formed Drama and Coral Speaking Club opened the concert with an acting piece fit for Hollywood. It was a beautiful opening

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to get all in the mood for an exciting night. This concert was indeed one of a kind as it became clear from the beginning that much time was spent preparing for tonight's event.

Students from the smallest to the biggest were elegantly attired in evening gowns fit for prom night lined up center stage to perform their Christmas act. Others wore t-shirts that were personalized for the evening while others decided just to be color coordinated. Whether the students wore gowns or t-shirts, had natural curls or bought their curls, they all performed extremely well for a crowd that came prepared for a grand show. Needless-to-say, they were not disappointed.

The moderators for the evening: Brittany Archer and Alex Forbes, reminded the guests that after the gifts are opened and the turkey eaten Jesus is and will remain the reason for the season. The Tornadoes Music and Motion Band made up of students, the music teacher and Mr. Elmer Bongon played a few Christmas pieces mid-program. It was all great!

Two particular events stole the show tonight: the grade 5 class sang *I Need an An-*

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gel and the father/daughter duet *Walking in a Winter Wonderland* sang by Chad and Brittany Taylor. To many this was the best concert ever put on by the school and all were very happy that they came. However, the event of the night that all waited for was the Junkanoo rush out by kindergarten and grade one. The little tykes were dressed in Junkanoo attire the colors of the Bahamian flag. What a marvelous way to end an already spectacular show. Every year this school has a most entertaining Christmas Concert. It is hoped that one day they will put on an island-wide production. Based on the talent that is in this school, it will be nothing less than a hit.

Abaco Central High

New Principal Brings Changes

By Julian Lockhart

These are the words not just echoing from the faculty at Abaco Central High School, but the student body at large as they take the school in a new direction.

Abaco Central has seen a steady decline in academics, external exam grades and discipline over the last decade; however, here comes new principal Hendris Hield to the rescue as he tries to return the school to its glory days.

Mr. Hield was appointed principal at the high school in September, 2006, has made immediate cosmetic changes around the school and is in the process on instilling a new attitude within the student population and within the faculty.

It hasn't been easy so far but from the outside looking in, Mr. Hield has started to make a difference on campus.

Principal Hield said, "Since I have come to this school there were a lot of things that I saw needed to be done and some have already been done. I saw the school needed a library and that was done. The grounds needed a little manicuring, and I made sure that was done to improve the environment of the school.

"I saw the need for security so we jumped right on that, and we are in the process of acquiring more security officers for day and night security. The school during the night time needed to be illuminated because it was too dark therefore more flood lights were installed.

"We looked at the curriculum and realized we had to align ourselves more with the curriculum, and we have started a complete campaign to acquire curriculum guidelines. We have created committees to look at our BJC and BGCSE results," Mr. Hield added.

It will take a while for Hield to make a noticeable difference on campus, but so far he has tried to change image of the school and give the student population something to look forward to.

A security booth was erected, security cameras around the property and an alarm system with motion sensors were added to the office to help protect the faculty, school

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The St. Francis de Sales School choir performed at the Christmas program the school organized on December 15.

Each grade of St. Francis de Sales School took part in the Christmas program. These are grade 3 students.

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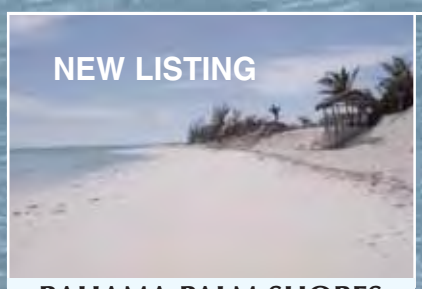

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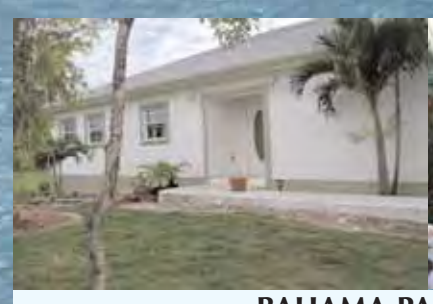

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property and students.

Mr. Hield said that all of the students were immediately made aware of the school rules, the discipline for breaking these rules and what was expected of them. He said the students are motivated and doing extremely well as far as discipline is concerned.

The biggest problem facing Hield and his staff was the number of fights on campus and the free-for-all attitude of the student population.

Principal Hield said, "We have fewer fights, less conflicts, the harmony of the students is better and we saw that it is needed. We kept telling the students we are one, and we need to act as one. There is no Murphy Town, no Dundas Town, no Mud and no Pigeon Pea in Abaco Central High School. We must look at each other as one and treat each other as one. The students have been doing that. I can hear it coming from the communities as people are saying these students are looking at one another as brothers and sisters. "In every institution you may have a little misunderstanding here and there but it is nothing major we couldn't deal with. This was one of the first things we jumped on the first day," he added.

Academically it is going to take a little longer to fix the problems the school faces. They cannot be fixed with paint, new buildings or assemblies.

The school currently has an E average for the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Exams (BGCSE) and Mr. Hield said this is the number one priority for him and his staff to improve this average immediately. The BGCSE is the top external examination in the country and shows how each school measures up against their counterparts throughout the Bahamas. Abaco Central used to be one of the top government schools in the country in the early to mid 1990s.

Mr. Kendris Hield

Mr. Hield said that because of certain language barriers students may not be able to perform to their top potential. But they are creating programs that will deal with the strong Haitian influence on the campus.

Principal Hield said, "We cannot be happy with an E average and that is a pretty sad average. We are working towards improving that. We are putting in all the mechanisms to improve that. I definitely know come September or when the results come out Abaco Central will see improvements.

"In fact, I feel we will probably see a better improvement than we can possibly imagine. We are looking at moving to a certain point, but I believe we will move higher than what we are actually looking at being the bench mark. "We are looking at getting at least a D average, but I am looking for us to move beyond that and see better improvements than that," Mr. Hield added.

The school buildings were painted at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hield said he informed the students that defacing school property is destroying government property and they will be prosecuted for doing so.

Mr. Hield said he must say that all the teachers are on board with his programs, and they now have a full staff of teachers for the various subject areas. Improvement on the scale that Principal Hield and the faculty are trying to create will not happen over night. However, they understand it is a consistent process and will take years to get the school back to where it used to be.

Long time teacher at the school, Mrs. Isobel Sherman, said she can see the improvements on campus already with discipline, less fights and the students seem more interested in their studies. She said, "I have seen improvements since Mr. Hield has taken over. I have seen more respect and more no nonsense. There aren't anymore rivalries and only what people want to make of it. There are no rivalries in this school between any factions and we are only rivals now with S.C. Bootle. It will take time to change because it can't change over night. This school at one time was one of the top schools in the Bahamas in BGCSE results, and it can come back up again. Parents have to get more involved for this to happen," Mrs. Sherman concluded.

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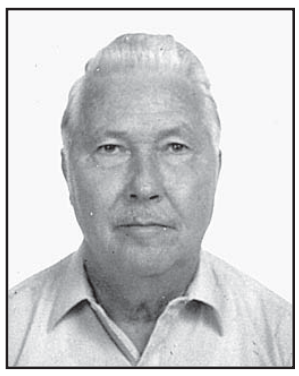
Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Helen Anniwade Albury**, 92, formerly of Hope Town and Marsh Harbour was held at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel on December 23. Bro. David Cartwright, assisted by Bro. Gurth Roberts, officiated. Interment was in Hope Town Public Cemetery.

Anniwade is predeceased by her husband Cecil Albury; her father William Clarence Sands; her mother Ada Isabell Sands; brothers Clarence (Kingsley), Edgar and Bill Sands; sisters Ruth and Sheila Sands. She is survived by her daughter Carolyn; sisters Isabell and Katherine Sands and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Charles Edward Cash Sr., (Eddie) was born on February 13, 1931, in Hope Town to Dawson and Leonie Cash and passed away on December 1, 2006 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Angela, to whom he was married for 51 years. The couple had five children, sons Charles, Rody and Clark and daughters Adrianne Key and Charlotte Malone.

He is also survived by daughters-in-law Theresa Cash and Lillian Cash; son-in-law Al Key; grandsons Charlie, Billy, Alistair, Dawson and Otis; granddaughters Crystal, Beulah, Tabitha, Gina and Amy; granddaughters-in-law Malissa Cash and Danielle Malone; grandsons-in-law Tommy Tribbett, Shannon Wong and Cameron Sands; great-grandsons Walker Wong and Jaden Sears; great-granddaughters Kennedy, Presley and Parker Cash; father and mother-in-law Joe and Blanche Darville; brother Dana Cash; sisters Clara Fenner, Gladys Jones and Yvonne Knowles; sisters-in-law Christine Cash, Sylvia Sturrup, Rosalie Jones and Paula Darville; brothers-in-law Harry Fenner, Graham Jones, Phil Knowles, Wesley Sturrup, Paul Johnson, Nelson, Lemont and Michael Darville; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.



Mr. Eddie Cash

The funeral for **Rosemary Clarke,** 57, formerly of Moore's Island was held in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by her husband Capt. Franklyn Clarke; sons Sabrion and Capt. Kelvin Clarke; daughter Samantha Clarke; sisters Kathleen, Louise and Ethelmae Reckley; uncle Benjamin Dames; step-daughters Joy Saunders, Betty Stuart and Delarese; step-sons Inswerth, Wilson and Benjamin Henderson; grandchildren Quintirio Arnett, Kentonique Cartwright, Keshawn Clarke, Kelvin Clarke Jr., El-Tano Bowe and Stafford Stuart; father-in-law Isaac Clarke; sisters- in-law Elizabeth Reckley, Charlene Reckley, Alvida Lloyd, Elva Strachan, Betty Carke, Karen Clarke, Andrea Clarke-Johnson and Barbara Carey; brothers-in-law Austin, Eric, Kendal and Philip Clarke; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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Police Crime Report

Arrest for Threats of Death - A Murphy Town man was arrested on November 24 for making threats of death and throwing missiles at a female on November 15.

Arrest for Unlawfully Carrying Arms - A Dundas Town man was arrested on November 25 when found driving in Marsh Harbour with a 36-inch cutlass, a 10-inch knife and a screwdriver under the driver's seat.

Sudden Death - Reginald Anderson, 77, died on November 26 at his home in Dundas Town. He had been suffering from congestive heart failure.

Causing Harm - A Dundas Town woman was assaulted by her landlord on November 26 while at her residence.

Rape - On November 27 an underage girl of the Mud reported a rape that occurred on July 9 after midnight when she accepted a ride on leaving Solid Gold Night Club in Marsh Harbour. She was driven to a remote location and raped at knife point.

Stolen Vessel - Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club had a 25-foot Regulator outboard boat stolen from the Moorings Marina dock during the night of November 26. The twin-engine boat was valued at $120,000.

Shop Breaking - The first Assembly of God Church in Dundas Town on Forest Drive was broken into during the night of November 26 and a fan and radio were stolen. The items were later recovered in the rented room of a man living in the Mud.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon - A resident of Pigeon Peas in Marsh Harbour was assaulted about 8 a.m. on November 30 while on the basketball court between the Pigeon Peas and the Mud. He was hit twice over the left eye with a hand gun, then shot at twice.

Damage - A jeep parked at Subway Restaurant was vandalized by someone scratching the paint from one side to the next on the vehicle. This happened about 5:30 p.m. on November 30.

Damage - A woman living on Forest Drive reported that a woman she knew came to her house just after sundown on November 30 and damaged her front door with a rock.

Stealing - a homeowner on Poppy's Way in Marsh Harbour reported that someone entered his property and stole two 48-quart coolers. This is believed to have happened during the night of November 29.

Shop Breaking, Damage and Stealing - During the night of November 30, the Treasure Cay airport terminal building was broken into and thoroughly ransacked with most ticket counters damaged. Additionally, the Customs and Immigration section were broken into with luggage and other items ransacked and items stolen.

Arrest for Assault With A Deadly Weapon - A Murphy Town man was arrested about 8 p.m. on December 1 in relation to an earlier assault with a deadly weapon.

Assault - About midnight on December 2 a man attending a residential party near the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic received injuries to his head when attacked by a group of men. A subsequent examination found two lacerations on his head and possibly a dislocated shoulder. He was sent to Nassau for further treatment.

Threats of Harm and Arrest - A Cedar Harbour woman reported that her daughter threatened to cut her throat, then threw stones at her which put her in fear of bodily harm. The daughter was arrested about 9 a.m. on December 3, about an hour after the incident.

Shop Breaking - St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of December 6. Stolen were various food items including 50 pounds of fish from a freezer. Damages to the structure and stolen items are estimated to be $750.

Shop Breaking and Damage - The office of Caribbean Constructors in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of December 6. The building and safe suffered considerable damage as the burglars used an acetylene torch in a futile attempt to open the safe. Several persons are being questioned about this.

Follow up on Two Police Incidents

By Jennifer Hudson

A person has been apprehended by the police and will be placed before the courts in connection with the robbery which took place on December 12 in the parking lot of the Latter Rain Church in Dundas Town when two cars were broken into during the evening service. Access was gained to the vehicles by smashing a window and three handbags were stolen which contained passports, cell phones, jewelry and $800 in cash. A person was apprehended two days later in connection with this incident and a search is being conducted in the bushes around the area to try to recover the goods.

Police have successfully retrieved a diesel generator valued at $14,000 which was stolen from the Abaco Shopping Center in December. The generator was found in a bushy area at the Mud as a result of information received and has been returned to its owner. Suspects are under arrest.

Card of Thanks

The St. Andrews Methodist Church would like to thank the following merchants and people for their recent donations to our Harvest Day Blessing Program. All items donated were given to persons in Dundas Town and Murphy Town who were "shut-in," sick or otherwise experiencing difficulties. Because of your generosity and the food items given, you helped us to fulfill God's commandment to love our neighbor.

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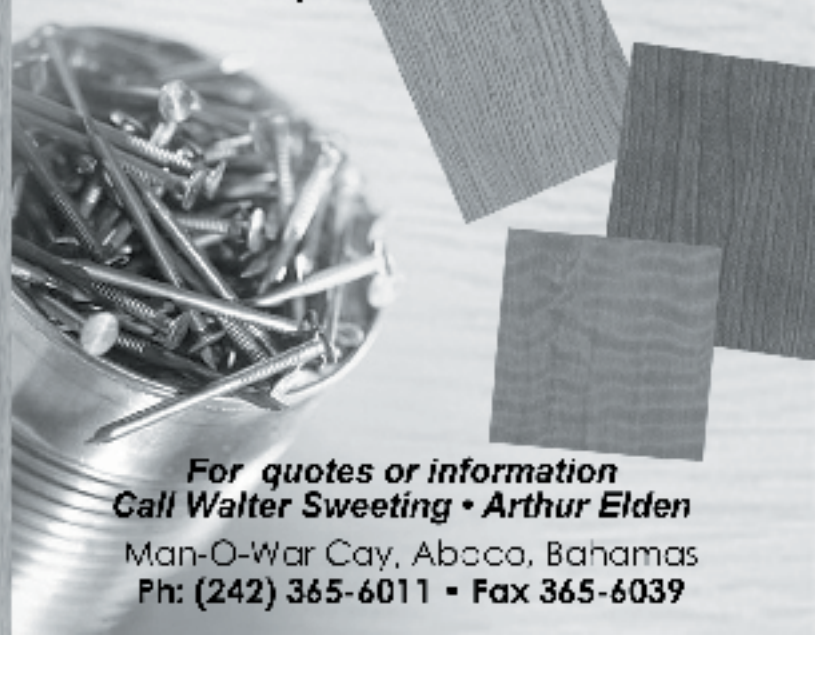

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Parrots

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genetic study and some of that information should be available to us in 2007. The genetic study will show us whether we still consider the Inagua and Abaco parrot as the same conservation unit. "So we may find that yes they are the same conservation unit and genetically they are similar enough so they could interbreed. But we may also find that they are genetically distinct, and we have to protect them differently. "We are trying to find out if they are the same sub-species of the Amazon parrot. The Bahamas can have two sub-species of the same parrot," she added.

The Bahama parrots on Inagua nest in trees like their counterparts from around the world, but the flock on Abaco are the only parrots in the world that nest under ground.

Ms. Stahala said they don't know if the Bahama parrot on Abaco has evolved until they are done with the genetic research, but the research will prove once and for all if the Bahamas has two distinct flocks or one sub-species.

The Bahama parrot is an endangered species and protected throughout The Bahamas.

Ms. Stahala said, "It would be probably the Inagua parrot and the Abaco parrot, and we will have to adjust our management strategy. We know right now we always have the option that we have two population of the same bird. But if we found that they were distinct enough that we only have one population of each, then there is no rescue population. If something happened to the Abaco parrot, then the Abaco parrot is gone. "We are not there yet and we are just trying to find out what our options are," Ms. Stahala added.

Because the parrot is endangered, if the two flocks are genetically different, there will be no fall back plan if the parrot on Abaco or Inagua is eradicated.

This is why Friends of the Environment and the Bahamas National Trust are concerned about the results of the genetic research because it will help them create a better management plan for the two different flocks.

Friends Executive Director Lindsey McCoy said, "Hopefully this will just keep generating more interest in the parrot. We hope Abaconians will realize the importance of protecting these parrots when they realize this is the only place this parrot exists. We have it here, and it is our job to make sure it stays here so we have it for future generations. I don't know if they are two sub-species, and this is why we bring in scientists to tell us these things. "We will have to protect the parrot even more because if they are gone here, they are gone forever," Mrs. McCoy concluded.

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Bahama Parrots Get New Homes

By Julian Lockhart

The Bahama Parrot on Abaco is the only parrot in the world that nests under the ground as they use cavities in the southern part of Abaco to build nests and raise their young.

Caroline Stahala with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from Panama City, Florida, has been working with the Bahama Parrot on both Abaco and Inagua and has installed 10 nest boxes in the Abaco National Park in an attempt to see if the parrot will nest in trees instead of under the ground. The nest boxes were placed in pairs at five locations where parrots have shown a tendency to nest.

Ms. Stahala said, "Right now the boxes are just to determine whether the birds are capable of nesting up in trees still. That is the only reason they are out there at this time. We don't want to move them or change their behavior, and we are not changing their behavior per se. We would just like to know if they are capable of nesting in trees. They are tree dwellers and most likely they nested in trees on Abaco as well. Because of destruction of habitat they are not able to do so.

"It is just another conservation option that can be put out on the table in the future when Bahamas National Trust and Friends of the Environment decide how to manage the parrot on Abaco. It is just an option and they will have more information," she added.

The Bahama parrots on Inagua nest in tree cavities and the Abaco parrots most likely nested in tree cavities hundreds of years ago.

There is no guarantee these parrots will start nesting in the boxes which are placed five meters above ground in the pine trees, but Ms. Stahala and Friends of the Environment will monitor the boxes monthly to see if the birds do make the move.

A Bahama parrot

The Abaco parrots are depending on coppice vegetation for their food source except during the nesting period which is from May through September. Up to now the focus has been on the nesting of the parrot but that the knowledge base has been expanded as the nesting process is not the only part of the parrot life that has to be protected and studied. The project has been funded by the Batchelor Foundation, Norcross Wildlife Foundation and the Rare Species Conservation Foundation.

Ms. Stahala said, "Parrots are adaptable. They have adapted to their surroundings. I don't want to call it evolving right now because evolving means the DNA has changed within the bird and we don't know that yet. We haven't proved that. What we are trying to test here is whether that flexibility in nesting under ground or in trees is still there. If they don't nest in trees, it doesn't prove they have evolved, but it will cause us to have to look at the parrot differently.

"Our conservation strategy will have to change. The use of these nest boxes is very successful in other parts of the world and in some instances is the only place where parrots nest," Ms. Stahala added.

Another reason the nest boxes may come in handy is to help with predation of the parrot and its young. Ms. Stahala said they are hoping it can help and this study will provide information for Friends and the Bahamas National Trust help protect the parrot.

The parrot on Abaco is constantly in danger from feral cats and raccoons. Friends secretary Anita Knowles said the only thing that can truly help the parrot is to humanely deal with the predators.

Mrs. Knowles said, "I think this will help the Bahama parrot. The research that comes out of this will give us various ideas if they are going to use them. It can be used in translocation and if it comes down to our having to take them into captivity. I don't know if we are hoping they nest in these boxes. We just want to find out whether they will or won't. Nothing will protect them from predation except for control of the stray cats and raccoons and it has to be done in a careful, humane manner," Mrs. Knowles concluded.

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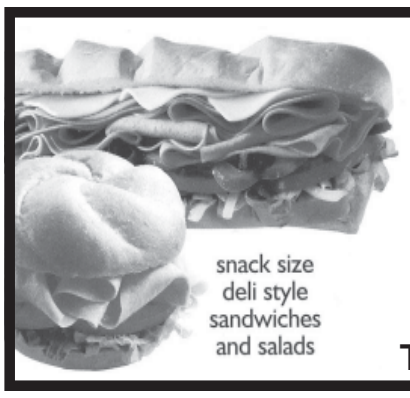

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Plant Fairs Will Educate Public

By Julian Lockhart

Invasive plants can be found throughout Abaco. Though they can be beautiful, grow easily and are easily acquired, they are very dangerous to the native plants in The Bahamas and destroy the local vegetation.

This is why Friends of the Environment is hosting three Plant Fairs in the early part of 2007 to educate the public about the different invasive species, why they shouldn't be grown in The Bahamas and the alternative native plants that can be grown in their place.

Two of the most dangerous invasive species grown on Abaco are casuarinas and the Hawaiian sea grape which, according to Friends Executive Director Lindsey McCoy, are taking over.

Mrs. McCoy said, "The plant fairs are very important. I don't think people intend to plant invasive species, I just don't think they know any better. So we have to get the word out and this is one major way that we do that. The casuarinas are bad because they spread so quickly and kill everything in their path. They have shallow root systems. When storms come, they blow over easily and loosen up the sand.

"Responsible land owners should know what is native and what is invasive. They don't know the harm the evasive species do," Mrs. McCoy added.

The first Plant Fair will be January 20th at Forest Heights Academy starting at 10:30 a.m. The guest speakers will be Shenique Albury, Blaine Sweeting and Stacy Moultrie speaking on Invasive Plant Species. Ms. Moultrie is from the Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology Commission (BEST).

Each attendee to the fair will receive a native plant and other native plants will be on sale. Mrs. McCoy said they are hoping the visitors to the fair will use the native plants to replace any invasive species they have.

Also available at the fair will be rain barrels that are painted by local artists and will be up for bid. The barrels are to collect water for avid gardeners who know that the best water for plants is rain water.

The second fair will be February 10th in Hope Town at the Methodist Church starting at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Allison Higgins from the Nature Conservancy in the Florida Keys speaking on Weeds to Watch.

The third fair will be held in Treasure Cay in March but no date or place has been set yet though it most likely will be at the Community Center.

Anyone interested in what the different protected or invasive species of plants are can visit www.bestcommission.com for a complete list.

Mrs. McCoy said, "They are detrimental in a few ways. One there is a reason why the Bahamas is the Bahamas and it looks different from other countries and places. If you have an evasive species take over, then suddenly it looks different; and then we don't look any different from anywhere else.

"Also there are a lot of problems in killing of native plants and that is what the birds and different animals depend on. There are berries to eat; and if you start killing off the native plants, it starts to affect to the whole ecosystem. Our beaches are being affected. As invasive species take over, they don't do as much at the natural plants do to keep the sand and dunes in place," Mrs. McCoy concluded.

Hand painted rain barrels will be auctioned off at each of the plant fairs organized by Friends of the Environment. This rain barrel was designed and painted by local artists Lynne Key, Beth Sweeting and Margo Albury (not pictured). When they aren't painting, Lynne works for Bahamas Realty, Margo works for H.G. Christie, and Beth co-owns and operates Salty Sky's Market in Hope Town. Rain barrels decorated by these local artists. as well as others, will be auctioned off at the three upcoming Plant Fairs.

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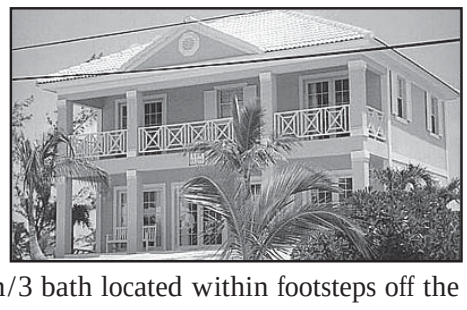

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Rotary Club Donated Food Baskets

By Mirella Santillo

Christmas is a busy time for the Rotary Club of Abaco. The Bell Ringing program started at the end of November and lasted for three weeks. Club members took turns ringing a bell in front of food stores, collecting donations to buy groceries for the needy people of the island. And were they rewarded, as they received more money this year than ever before. People, especially local residents, contributed generously, not merely giving their change but putting large amounts into the buckets.

The money collected allowed the Rotary Club to buy enough dry goods and chicken to fill two boxes each, for 160 families. The groceries bought at the local food store with a generous discount from Mr. Chad Sawyer of Maxwells and Price Right were piled high in the Higgs' family garage who lent that space to the Rotary Club until the boxes were filled and distributed.

So instead of the regular Tuesday meeting at Back Street Café, Rotary Club members gathered on Pelican Shores to dedicate the evening to packing. They were helped by four Interact students from St. Francis de Sales, Henry Williams, Randolph Humes, Georquel Delancy and Serenity Murray, all from Treasure Cay and by Mr. Frederik Gottlieb's children who spent the following day wrapping toys.

It took four hours to pack and load. Although it was hard work, it was done with a spirit of fun, which made the evening go by quickly. Pizza and refreshments had been provided and there was a jolly spirit about the gathering. The next three days were saved for distributing. Teams of two covered the whole island from Sandy Point in the South and all the settlements between Black Wood and Crown Haven. Central Abaco and the Mud were delivered on Friday while boxes were put on the ferries for the cays.

The Rotary raised money to buy food for the needy people on Abaco. Boxes were distributed prior to Christmas to make many persons' holiday season more enjoyable.

Rain Postponed Junior Junkanoo

By Julian Lockhart

The 2006 Junior Junkanoo Parade was postponed until January 13th because of inclement weather. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley said the new parade should be better because the schools will have more time to prepare.

Heavy rainfall on December 16th led to the Junkanoo Committee and the Principal's Association postponing the parade. The reason they pushed it back a month was to allow the students to improve and mend their costumes before taking to the streets of down town Marsh Harbour. A number of people were disappointed with the change in date but understood there was nothing that could be done with the weather.

Mr. Morley said, "It was very disappointing but that is Mother Nature and there isn't anything you can do with Mother Nature. The date was decided by the representatives from the schools and they are a part of Junkanoo and they should have an input in that decision.

"When they return to school, they want to give the kids more time to get organized for the following week. I don't think it will take away the flavor once we start to promote it again. It will not affect the crowd, and come January 13th they will be out in full force. You will definitely see a better parade now. Fox Town Primary and Treasure Cay Primary are coming to knock off Central Abaco Primary. They will get more organized and will mend the costumes need to be mended," he added.

Only one high school will be competing this year as S.C. Bootle decided not to take part in the parade, leaving a sure win for Abaco Central High.

Abaco Central High Principal Kendris Hield said with or without any competition his students were coming out to put on a winning performance and will still give the crowd a parade something they will not forget.

Mr. Morley said the competition will come from the primary schools as everyone will be gunning for the "big dog" Central Abaco Primary.

The one school the rain did really hurt was Moore's Island. Those students had the additional expense of flying to Marsh Harbour but were then unable to perform. It was a major disappointment and expense for them.

However, local government is considering paying the expense of bringing Moore's Island students back to Marsh Harbour for the January 13th parade, giving them a chance to show everyone how good they are.

Mr. Morley said, "This was most disappointing because Moore's Island came across the water and everybody was looking for them to perform. I think once we get together, we will decide along with chairman, Mr. William Davis, and District Education Officer, Mr. Rudolph Smith, how best we can bring them back. We will look at paying for their trip back here. It will be very exciting because a lot of the kids from Moore's Island have family in Dundas Town and Murphy Town and a lot of folks from this side of town were looking forward to coming out and supporting them," Morley concluded.

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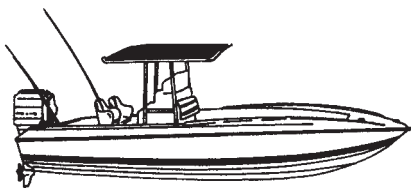

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New Vision Singers Raise Their Voices to Christ for Christmas

By Julian Lockhart

Members and visitors of New Vision Ministries were treated to an amazing display of talent at its 13th Annual Heaven and Nature Sing and Ting on December 19th at the church.

New Vision is renowned on Abaco for its music ministry and once again the members showed that singing for God, especially at Christmas, can bring out their best talents as people clapped. rose to their feet and were amazed by the talent of singers and dancers on display.

Even Pastor Derek "MC Mr. B" Benjamin got some laughs out of the hundreds of spectators at some of his jokes.

The young and the not so young of the New Vision Ministries church body displayed their talents through song and dance.

Pastor Benjamin said, "It was great and one of the better turnouts that we have ever had and the performances are always praiseworthy. We want to get people to come to church. We have to be as contemporary as our culture around us to reach the world. We are still praising the Lord but we can do it with the ear of the people out there," he added.

The New Vision Ministries Praise Band is an integral part of the church service every Sunday morning and a number of people say they come to church to hear them sing and play.

The band definitely didn't let the crowd down as it opened and closed the performances in style with a number of renditions and smooth beats. The event was planned and organized by Bro. Ted Pearce and Bro. David Lowe, who are in charge of the music ministry at New Vision.

Jackie Williams with his soulful voice brought people to their feet as his voice boomed *Jesus, What a Beautiful Child*. Kristen Pearce had a lot of people wanting to light a candle as her angelic voice had people on the edge of their seats. The individual performances ended with Chad Taylor and his infectious smile booming *Christmas Time Again* as he and everyone else proved that it isn't just the band with the incredible talent but the church body at large.

Bro. Pearce said, "It takes a little bit of practice and planning, but it all falls together perfectly on the day. We think it is a great way to bring the message of Christmas to the people. The youth are stepping up with the youth band and singers, and we were glad to see more of the youth take part. The band is an integral part of the worship here and God has blessed us with some very talented people," Pearce added.

The most amazing talent was displayed by the youth who will one day take the place of a number of the older singers and keep on the tradition of New Vision's music ministry. The youth band and singers Celisha Russell, Tonya Patterson and Brianna Higgs proved that the future is bright.

Pastor Benjamin said, "We have a great up and coming young core group of talent at New Vision, and God has been blessing us with talent. We have seen more young people joining church and getting into ministry," he concluded.

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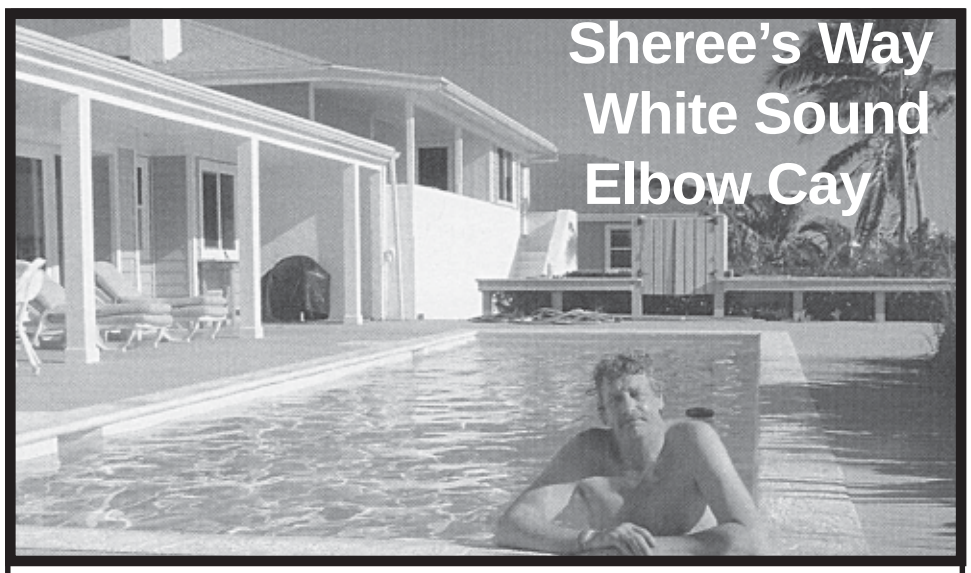

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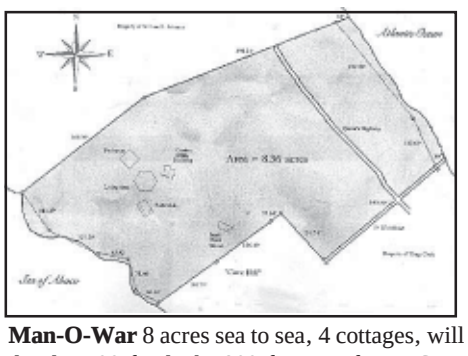

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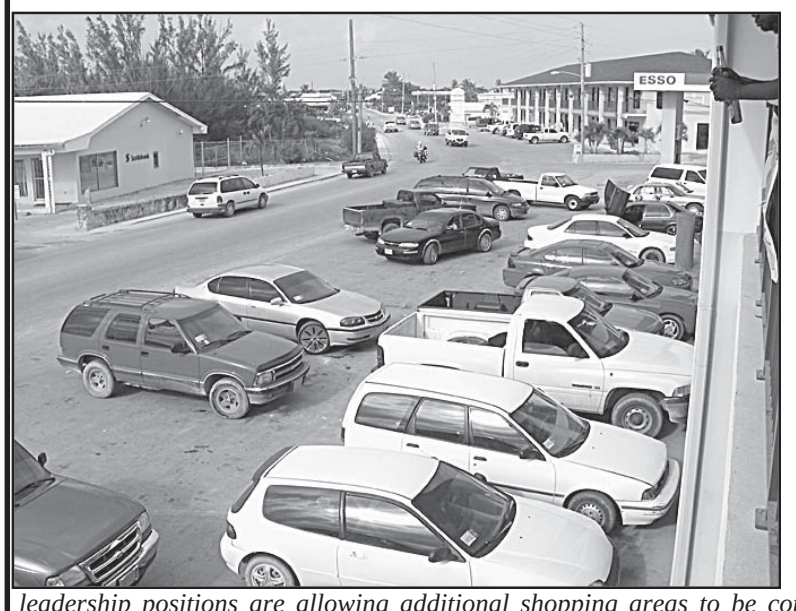

Christmas shoppers in Marsh Harbour were continually faced with a lack of parking spaces. Many of the shopping areas were developed before traffic became so heavy. And unfortuantely, those in leadership positions are allowing additional shopping areas to be constructed with inadequate parking. So parking problems in town will escalate.

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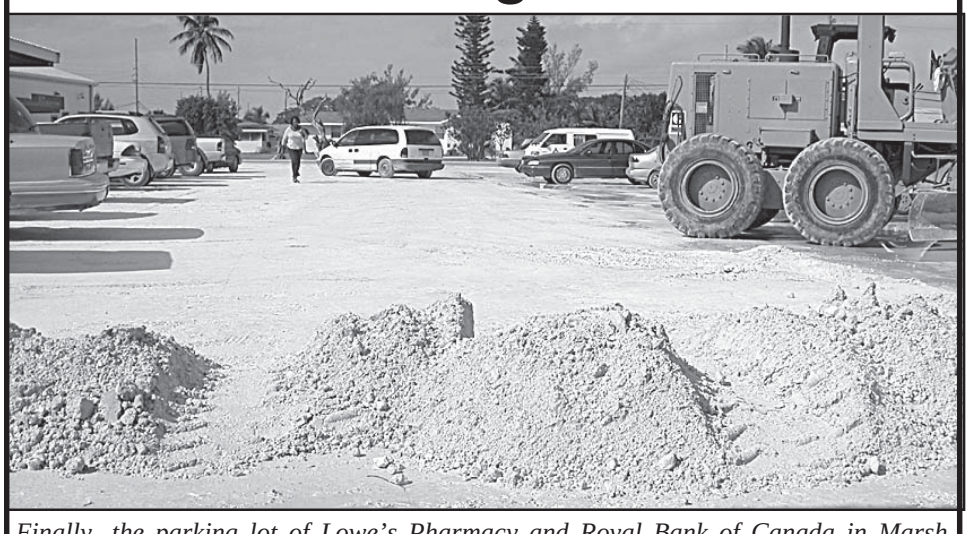
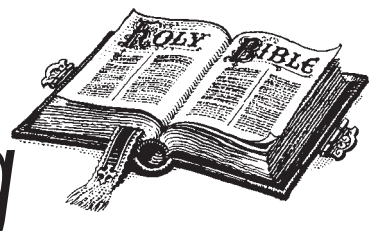


Finally, the parking lot of Lowe's Pharmacy and Royal Bank of Canada in Marsh Harbour has been re-paved. The craters were very dangerous particularly when rain filled them so that they could not be seen. The paving was done just before Christmas, inconveniencing the pre-Christmas business taking place in that shopping center.

Church Listing



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Artist Experiments in Several Media

As a child, Sonya Weatherford grew up in Man-O-War Cay and was exposed to art from a young age while helping her grandmother selling Androsia batik fabrics in her shop. Inspired by the bright colors and designs of this Bahamian-made batik, she started painting on T-shirts. Her inspiration grew as a student of Mrs. Westhover, a teacher for the children of the small community and an artist herself.

While in school in Man-O-War, Sonya started painting on paper. This is a passion that has never left her. As a teenager, her style became more defined as well as the media she used, acrylic and pastels which she is still experimenting with today. Although married and working five days a week, Sonya, who now resides a few miles north of Marsh Harbour, still finds time for her hobby. In her home nestled in the forest, she has set up a small studio where she paints on week-ends. "I have painted every week for the past few months," explaining how she has produced the 20 paintings that were entered in the Wine and Art Festival in Nassau sponsored by the Bahamas National Trust.

Her subjects range from still life to landscapes to imaginary compositions. She is an admirer of the impressionist period. "You have to have somebody to inspire you to begin with," she explained. "I love Van Gogh and Monet," she added. There is a definite impressionist touch in her creations. Huge sunflowers and seascapes reminiscing of Van Gogh, a tabby cat in front of a green door which could remind one of Paul Cezanne. However, Sonya says that she is still trying to develop a new style, to render her own vision of the world around her.

Sonia Weatherford

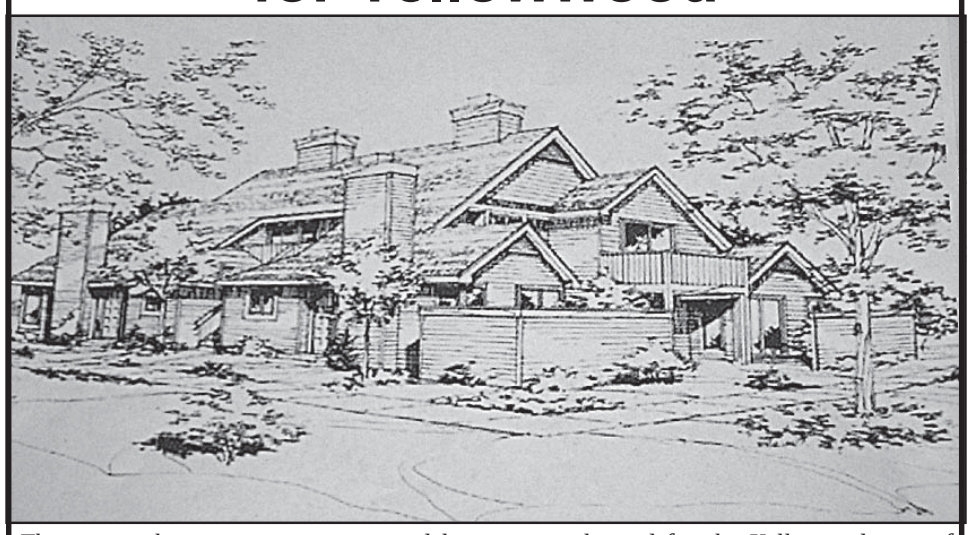
"During the week, I think of the subject I will paint that weekend and create a composition in my head."

She is experimenting with new media such as foil paper that she uses to produce semi-abstract creations and pen and ink used to render mostly portraits or single subjects.

Up to now, Mrs. Weatherford has painted on 22-inch by 28-inch poster paper and has enrolled her husband to make frames, "simple frames, some plain some with a routed edge," she explained that she chooses to enhance her paintings.

The Wine and Art Festival was her first showing off Abaco, but she has displayed and sold her work at the Abaco Beach Resort's yearly art show for the last four years. Her large paintings sell for $350 each. You can reach Sonya Weatherford on her cell phone at 242-357-6657.

Town Houses Are Slated for Yellowwood



Three town houses, a restaurant and lounge are planned for the Yellowwod part of Cherokee Sound. The town houses will provide up-scale housing for 18 families. There have been some negative reactions to this project in Cherokee Sound as some residents there feel that they were not consulted before the project was approved.

Senior Citizens Were Entertained

By Mirella Santillo

In spite of several events occurring simultaneously on December 15th a good crowd showed up at Abaco Youth Ministry to enjoy an evening of singing and partake in refreshments.

The function was a Christmas treat for senior citizens organized by Abaco Youth Ministry in conjunction with the Pilot and Anchor Clubs. The spectators were older, but most of the entertainers were younger people. With the dynamic participation of Mrs. Cindy Armbrister, both sang Christmas carols after Christmas carols urging the crowd to participate.

During an intermezzo, people shared past Christmas memories and anecdotes. Some even took the stage to perform.

The performance continued with Anchor members singing a solo, dancing and rapping..

After an address by the Pilot's Club President, Mrs. Newlessa Major, the club's Vice President, Mr. Bernard Paynes and the President Elect, Mr. Cecil Simon, the assembly gathered in the cafeteria where they were treated to chicken souse and Johnny cake and presented each elderly citizen with a present.

Ms. Coral Johnson, project director for the Pilot Club, organized the evening with the assistance of fund raiser, Ms. Andrea Chu.

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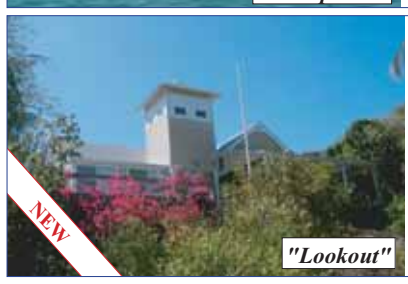

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