Chamber Hosts Tourism Minister
Minister Obie Wilchcombe Outlines Goals for Family Islands

Legacy Arrives
Abaco’s New Mail Boat

The $2.5 million mail boat, the Legacy, arrived on Abaco on October 17 on its first trip. It held an Open House on October 18 displaying a very well equipped boat designed specifically by owner Ernest Dean, originally from Sandy Point. The boat has freezer and refrigeration reefers, can carry 16 20-foot containers on deck and 120 pallets below. It was designed to service Abaco’s growing needs and expects to make twice monthly trips to West Palm Beach by mid November. Please see story on page 2.

Batelco Shares Will Be Sold
Minister of Works and Utilities, the Hon. Bradley Roberts, announced that 49 percent of Batelco is now for sale. Any companies which want to make an offer will have to submit a three-year development plan and will have to pay $10,000 to bid. The bids will be assessed by an tenders commission to be appointed soon. Other restrictions include that the company must be at least the same size

Wilchcombe Was Welcomed by Chamber Members

Shown on the right above is the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism, who as a guest speaker at an Abaco Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 18. The meeting was held at Abaco Beach Resort and was attended by about 70 members and their guests.

In his introduction of the speaker Mr. Michael Albury, Chamber President, told the members how influential and powerful the Chamber can be. It is the link between the local business community and government. It gathers input from the local area to communicate with government and can influence government.

Mr. Wilchcombe said that tourism will be the number one industry in this country for many years to come. Worldwide it is a five trillion dollar industry. After 9/11 the Caribbean countries together spent $16 million in advertising the region to boost visitor arrivals. The Bahamas has had a small drop in figures since that date but the future of tourism looks very good. The Bahamas must be more competitive and must think big. He wants to encourage more Bahamas to invest in The Bahamas.

Mr. Wilchcombe is concerned with the quality of our education. We need to make excellence our watchword. He wants tertiary education to be stressed. Our young people need to continue their education past high school.
New Mail Boat Has Large Freight Capacity

By Theresa Pinder

On the afternoon of October 18 the Legacy, Abaco’s newest mail boat, opened its doors to the public in an open house event. At 160 feet long, and 36 feet wide, the boat is designed by owner Ernest Dean, Jr. and Capt Clifford Carroll to accommodate their needs. It can carry up to 36 passengers. It was built by Rodriguez Boat Builders of Bayou La Bete, Alabama, over a ten-month period at a cost of $2.5 million, the Legacy is designed to meet the growing freight demands of Abaco. It is manned by an eight-member crew, including the Capt. Clifford Carroll. It is powered by twin Caterpillar diesel engines, each 720 HP. It has two Caterpillar generators, each 99 KW. On deck are two self contained chill and freezer containers...

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The Legacy is equipped with accommodations to carry up to thirty-six passengers. It will provide weekly freight services between Abaco and New Providence, making stops at Marsh Harbour, Green Cay and Green Turtle Cay. It holds a general cargo license, which allows it to carry virtually any type of freight - heavy equipment, groceries, vehicles, building material and refrigerated cargo.

Mr. Dean explained, “The boat was named Legacy because my father started this business about 56 years ago. It was very rewarding to see the expression my 87-year-old father’s face when he first saw the Legacy. I worked with my father every holiday from when I was about 10 years old until I finished high school. He was very tough but a loving father.” He continued, “The captain is totally certified and has been a captain for the last 16 years. He is a native of Long Island and also happens to be my brother-in-law.”

Mr. Dean expects to extend the Legacy’s route to include Florida every other week, a feature that will hopefully come into effect sometime in November.

In addition to its weekly schedule, the Legacy will be available on weekends for charters thoroughout in the Bahamas.

Capt. Ernest Dean, center, the patriarch of the Dean family of Sandy Point, was very proud of the new mail boat, the Legacy, owned by his son Capt. Ernest Dean, shown on the left. He has owned many mail boats and fishing boats and raised a family of seamen. On the right is Capt. Clifford Carroll, captain of the Legacy, who is Capt. Ernest Dean’s brother-in-law. Capt. Ernest Dean and Capt Carroll designed the boat which was built in Alabama.
Progress on New Freight Dock Is Rapid

Progress on the building of the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour is continuing at a rapid pace. A major phase has been completed and part of the new dock is finally in use. American Bridge, which has the contract for the construction, has allowed the use of the domestic warehouse and area around it for use by the freight companies. Mr. Ken Bates from Cox and Shal, the

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Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder
School News

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Man-O-War

By Patricia Bethel

New Teacher Arrives

Man-O-War All Age School announces the addition of a new teacher, Mrs. Patricia Bethel. Mrs. Bethel comes to us from Costa Rica by way of Freeport where she taught for several years. She is a welcome addition to the school as resource for language classes as well as computer instruction.

Royal Commonwealth Essay Contest

Congratulations to Adrianna Phillips, who received a rating of Highly Commended in the Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Contest. Her essay, entitled The House of Fun, was about a deaf child. It was the highest rated essay achieved this year of the four essays from the Bahamas that were recognized. The other entries were from Kingstown Academy in Nassau. Adrianna was presented with her certificate during a school assembly.

News of the Cays

Man-O-War All Age School is proud of her and her accomplishment.

Community News

A memorial service for Cole Walters was held on October 17 at the Man-O-War Church of God. Mr. Walters along with his wife Alice called Man-O-War his home for many years. He passed away in June as was announced in The Abaconian in August. He was a great friend with many stories and jokes. Many at the service remembered him for his unique sense of humor and his love of adventure. Sally Sweeting recalled his true “Southern Gentleman” ways by always tipping his hat to the ladies. Leslie Tubbs read a touching eulogy written by Cole’s nephew, Wayne Beech. Mark Gates led the congregation in singing Cole’s favorite hymn, Amazing Grace. He then sang another of Cole’s favorites, One Day at a Time. The service closed with a message from Pastor David Hoard. We are indeed fortunate that Alice will remain on Man-O-War even without her beloved Coley.

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

The summer of 2002 is now over and the days are getting shorter and the evenings cooler.

Summer Activities Were Varied

The summer was hot and busy on Green Turtle Cay. Regatta Time In Abaco got off to a start with the annual Cheeseburger in Paradise Party on July 3 followed by the fist race on July 4. The awards party at Settlement Point, sponsored by William Brewer Company, was the grand finale before the fleet moved on to Guana Cay. But the partying did not end there. Pineapples and Sundowners were the hot spots all summer long.

Bahamian Independence Day was celebrated with an ecumenical service and flag raising at Quincennial Park during the morning of July 10. A well attended cookout was held that evening at the basketball court.

The fishermen worked hard in July to get ready for the crappie fishing season which started on August 1. We also saw a lot of visitors at the beginning of August. They were here to try their hand (or should I say their spear) at catching a few spiny lobster. The fishermen seem pleased with their catches this season.

Several Changes in Staff

We said farewell to our Administrator, Mr. Ivan Ferguson, in August. Mr. Ferguson was well liked in our community. We will always think of him at election time because he was the returning officer for a bi-election, a referendum, a general election and a local government election during his time in North Abaco. We will miss Mr. Ferguson and wish him well at his new post of Inspector in South Eleuthera. We also welcome our new Administrator, Mr. Gary Knowles.

Our new nurse came to us from South Eleuthera. He is Nurse Warren Knowles, a friendly person and dedicated to his job. He is also doing a lot to beautify the clinic grounds. We hope we can keep Nurse War- ren for a long while.

We also have a new police officer. Offi- cier Williams was transferred back to Marsh Harbour and Corporal Johnson is now our local policeman. We welcome him to our community and hope Green Turtle Cay re- mains peaceful under his watch.

Marriage Vows Were Said

Congratulations to Sanita and Willard Demeritte, who were married on August 3 at St. Peter’s Anglican Church. A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ver- nal Cooper, parents of the bride. The couple will reside in Freeport.

New Additions to Our Town

Our community has been growing this sum- mer with the arrival of new babies. Two girls arrived in July, Michaella Sky was born on July 19 in Florida and is the first child of Don and Giselle McIntosh. Shea Eunice was born on July 14 in Nassau. She is Jason and Stacey Lowe’s second child and Leia’s baby sister! August 16 brought the arrival of baby Rio Ricardo. Proud parents are Theresa Jones and Ricky Rolle.

Welcoming their first child were Sasha and Willard Demeritte. Tyrann Willard was born in Freeport on October 5. Tyrann is the first grandchild of Vernall and Kathryn Comber and grandparents.

Congratulations to all of our students who did well on the BIC and BGCSE exams and especially to Raenell Lowe, whose BIC re- sults were second best in all of Abaco.

Community Loses Three

This summer saw the passing of three la- dies of our community. Mrs. Charlotte Hodgkins died on July 18. She was 96 years old, the second oldest resident in the community. She was preceded by her husband Leonard.

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and siblings. Her children died as infants. She is survived by her sister-in-law Merlee Key, Sybil Hodgkins and Nellie Weech, numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at New Plymouth Gospel Chapel.

Mrs. Daisy McIntosh died on July 28. She was 83 years old. Mrs. Daisy was predeceased by her husband Edward and is survived by her children and their spouses, Margaret and Mervin Reckley, Martha Johnson, Lily McIntosh, Cheryl Russell, Rachel McIntosh and Godfrey and Francis McIntosh. 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends. The funeral service was held on August 2 at St. Peter’s Anglican Church.

Mrs. Cynthia Lowe died on August 4 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 62. Cynthia is survived by her husband Vertrum Lowe, daughter Trinaw Sawyer, sons Raymond Lowe and Bishop Johnny Lowe, son-in-law Freddie Sawyer, daughter-in-law Bessie Lowe, grandchildren Stacey, Lisa and Heather Sawyer, Raenell Lowe and Johnny Lowe, Jr. three sisters Esther Darville, Barbara Weech and Beverly Curry, one brother Curtis Curry, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at the Miracle Church of God on August 10.

Dr. Curtis Mendelson died in Florida on October 13. Dr. Mendelson was the doctor on the island from the late 1950s to the early 1980s. He was a retired ob/gyn doctor who delivered many of the babies born on the island during that time - myself included! Dr. Mendelson is survived by his wife Margaret, formerly of Green Turtle Cay.

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It is very important that the police take this matter seriously as we depend on boating visitors to our island. If the boaters feel that it is not safe to leave their boats, they will no longer visit. It is up to the police to pursue this and send a clear message to those responsible. This will help to reassure both residents and visiting yachtsmen. The stealing of boats is not new. A few other persons have lost their boats in the past. These persons depended on their boats for their livelihood. It is time to get to the bottom of the boat stealing.

Upcoming Events

Amy Roberts Primary will have a Halloween Fund raising on November 2. The other island communities may want to contact them to participate.

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The new dock will be able to absorb a bigger mess and if it is allowed to accumu- late, it will truly be a mess. As containers, pallets and boxes are emptied, people lose interest in them and the trash gets left behind. Someone will have to keep up with the left-overs and see that appropriate persons take action. The area will be clean when we get it and it will be up to us to see that it stays that way.

Maintenance for the existing dock is the responsibility of the Local Government. Ar- ranging for trash and garbage removal has been their main responsibility and will con- tinue to be at the new facility. Presently, this is all in one small area. It will soon be scattered over many acres separated as do- mestic and international debris.

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Dear Editor,

It seems that banks are not the only businesses that have serious service problems in Marsh Harbour. Evidently there is a garage that suffers from the same problem as the gas station that prevents them from giving good service.

Several months back the air conditioning in my 1996 car stopped cooled. I automatically took the car to the gas station that I have always used. They filled the car with Freon and released the car to me. Two weeks later the air conditioning in the car stopped cooling again. Again the mechanic filled the car with Freon and released it to me. Once again, two weeks later I was driving around in a very hot car, as by now summer temperatures had really set in.

Hoping that someone would realize that the car obviously had a leak somewhere, I took the car in again. Three days later I was advised that they needed to order parts for it. I told the station to go ahead and order the parts and to let me know how much they would cost. A week later I had not heard from the station so I took my car in to let them change the parts. As I was walking out, I remembered to ask how much the parts were going to be. I was shocked to hear that the parts would cost me almost $600 and this price did not include the full day of labour it would take to replace the parts. I advised the owner of the station that I couldn’t afford to fix the car and that I would bring the car back when I had the money to pay for the parts. Six weeks later I carried the car in as I was on my way to the airport. When I returned six days later, I got my car and told the station to bill me. The air conditioning was working great, and I was finally driving in cool air. I received the bill three weeks later and was pleasantly surprised to note that the bill was less than half I had expected it to be. When I questioned the owner of the station, he advised me that they did not need the parts they ordered because those parts in the car appeared to be brand new. I have always been impressed by the mechanic, a man who is supposed to know how to check parts to know if they are working, not guess by the condition of the part.

Anyway, I paid the station over $400 as I was quite happy that they had been able to fix my car without using the expensive parts. Unfortunately, my happiness was to be short-lived. Three weeks later (six weeks after the car was fixed and air conditioning was again on the bum). When I contacted the owner of the station, I told him that I had paid him to fix the car and it was not fixed. He told me that he wanted to “make it right” so I left the car at the garage yet again with the guarantee that they would not change any parts without calling me and telling me what they were changing, why and how much it would cost.

After not receiving a call regarding the parts, I stopped by the garage three days later and was told that they had fixed it yet again, free of charge. Amazingly, the mechanic also said, “If it ain’t fixed now, then you better take it to someone else because I can’t fix it.” Three weeks went by again and again my air conditioning stopped working. At this point, I was very, very angry. I paid the garage over $400 for fixing my car and it was not fixed!

I wrote the owner of the garage a professional, polite letter stating that I wanted my money back so that I could take the car to someone else. I even offered to let him subtract the $10 part he had used. When I spoke to the owner five days later, he said that he still had the expensive parts that he had ordered to fix my car originally. I can’t figure out what that has to do with me paying to have the car fixed when it wasn’t fixed! It was not my fault that they had ordered parts that they did not need. The owner said that he would not refund my money. But if I took the car to someone else that could find the leak, then he would pay for the labour to fix the leak but not for any parts that some other mechanic deemed necessary to replace.

So I am stuck without my $400 and without air conditioning in my car when the temperature will likely be above 85 degrees for at least another six weeks. I paid the garage the money for fixing my car and the car is NOT FIXED! I have no desire to take the owner up on his offer to “maybe” pay for it to be fixed by another mechanic. I want my money back! As far as I am concerned, they stole my money and did not give me the service that I should have gotten. When are we, the customers, going to get good service? An unsatisfied customer.

Letters to the Editor

Local Government at Work

Hope Town District Council 10 Oct. 2002

Councillors met in the Council office in Hope Town and are responsible for the communities of Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay.

Councilors were advised that the garbage collection in Man-O-War is awaiting clarification from Nassau on issuing the collection and dump maintenance contract and they should wait for this advice.

Councilors were requested to prepare questions concerning local government issues and present them at the upcoming two day Local Government seminar scheduled for November 14 and 15. Persons from Nassau will be making presentations and answering questions.

Hope Town District Council meets twice monthly to take care of the local government business of Elbow Cay, Man-O-War and Guana Cay. That Council also handles business assigned to statutory boards in larger districts. Shown above are, seated left to right, Mrs. Diane Bethel, Administrator Alexander Williams, and Chairman Walter Sweeting. Standing is their secretary, April Dawkins.

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**Nominations**

By Isobel Sherman

This past week the Abaco office of the Ministry of Tourism has asked for nominations for the 7th Annual Cacique Awards to be awarded in February 2003. These awards honour persons in transportation, human resources, sports and leisure, entertainment, still and motion photography, retail, nature tourism, lifetime achievement in tourism, creative arts, writing, and the prestigious Minister’s award.

Nomination forms are available at the Abaco Office of Tourism and the deadline for nominations is the 15 November.

**Christmas Is Coming**

Christmas is coming to Abaco. The first signs of Christmas on Abaco are the number of open houses that are held in November. The first open house will be held on November 15 at Memorial Shopping Center with Buds and Blooms and Simcoe Jewelry joining in hosting an open house.

On the following Saturday, November 23, Gardeners Eden will be holding their Annual Open House. On the November 30 Joe’s Studio in Mum-O-War will be hosting their annual open house with conch fritters and apple cider directly from New England.

**Women’s Conference Is Held**

By Isobel Sherman

The Daughters of Destiny, a woman’s ministry of New Birth Ministries of Marsh Harbour, held a three-night conference titled Beyond the Open Door. The conference opened October 23, hosted by Rev. Earlyn and Sis. Joan Baillou. Guest speaker was Pastor Lisa Evans from Mount Tabour Church in Nassau, who spoke on the topic Grow Up and Get Over It. Too many women relive their past instead of moving on. We need to continue to grow as Christians. We must grow in grace in the knowledge of God.

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**Central Abaco News**

This is the first lot to be cleared in Central Pines Estates belonging to Carol and Scott Davis. Mr. Davis works for Bahamas Hot Mix and hopes to begin construction soon. Many applicants are getting their paperwork prepared and loans arranged. The government subdivision offers generous sized lots with all utilities in place for a reasonable cost.
Agriculture Minister Met with Wholesalers to Promote Local Produce

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, the Hon. Alfred Gray, feels that The Bahamas must encourage agriculture and is promoting farming with a goal of this country becoming more self-sufficient. Recently, he urged wholesalers and retailers to assist farmers by buying locally grown produce. Min. Gray met on October 7 with wholesalers, retailers and purchasing managers from major hotels in New Providence to plead the case of the Bahamian farmer. He told them that government’s policy is quite clear and it would not allow buyers to import what is produced in the country when available at a reasonable price, of reasonable quality and on a sustainable basis. At the same time he said his ministry will not stand by idly if farmers hold buyers hostage by overpricing produce that is on the restricted list.

Some issues brought up included land tenure which the association feels is sorely lacking for the farmer; restrictive infrastructural inputs such as electricity, tariffs, lack of streamlined and effective education and training in farm development, the marketing process (or the lack thereof). The group discussed labour problems, as labour cost is one of the more severe restraints to agricultural development. Labour productivity is low and results in labour input for task costing being very high. Also discussed was crop insurance and the unreasonable terms being offered to farmers for access to capital. Crop insurers have been sought, a Caribbean firm being found which is willing to include the Bahamas. Further discussion will be held with this firm. The revitalizing of the producer/supplier cooperatives was suggested as farmers present at the meeting were encouraged to join together with the co-op movement to form a stronger credible force. Cooperative programs can have significant input towards all facets of agricultural development.

It is the intention of the association that the meeting with Min. Gray should include the full array of the agricultural system, i.e. the wholesaler, retailer, consumer, producer and all that play a part in the process from beginning to end.
Phonics, spelling and writing are some of the key components to the development of every child’s academic progress. To assist students with problems in these areas, the Central Abaco Primary School now has on staff Special Education Teacher, Ms. Carolyn Wright.

Ms. Wright joined the staff in September of this year and concluded that close to 150 students were identified as having special needs at the beginning of the school term.

Presently, about seventy are seen on a weekly basis. Her job consists of working with children who have special needs in the areas of phonics, spelling and writing. Students, once identified, see Ms. Wright for about 45 minutes three days a week. In order that each child might receive one-on-one tutoring, a maximum of 15 students are seen per session. In cases where there are more than she can handle, she presents the classroom teachers with tools and materials to assist these students.

The process of identifying students needing special help is not complex. Classroom teachers who work with the students on a day-to-day basis refer those who they feel need extra help to Ms. Wright, who then administers a series of tests to determine their weaknesses. If it is found that the student is functioning two to three grade levels below, they are identified as requiring special assistance. Of course, as with any area of education, assistance and participation from parents is a necessity. Parents are encouraged to take part in their child’s development inside and outside of the classroom, as teachers cannot be expected to do it all on their own. Ms. Wright welcomes parents of students in the program to speak with her concerning their progress.

“One of the first problems I noticed was a language barrier among some of the students,” said Ms. Wright, “but I’m very excited about this venture and looking forward to working closely with the students and parents.” An advocate of reading, Ms. Wright also sees a deficiency in skills in this area with many of the students. She feels that they...
More School News

Teacher of the Year Is Named

Mr. Roodrakam Kawalram has been named Teacher of the Year for Treasure Cay Primary School. He is being honored for his dedication and hard work in teaching students in Treasure Cay for the past six years. Mr. Kawalram is originally from Guyana but has been residing in the Bahamas for two years. He has been teaching third grade and is known for his engaging teaching methods and ability to inspire his students.

Treasure Cay Primary Volunteers Assist in Teaching

The Treasure Cay Primary has benefitted from several volunteers who have assisted in teaching the school. Ms. Stacy Brit, a visitor in Treasure Cay, has volunteered to teach grade five while her regular teacher, Mrs. Ericka McKinney is away on maternity leave. She will teach until the end of this term when she will return to the University of Central Florida where she is studying for a degree in education specializing in biology. Her parents are second home owners in Treasure Cay. Ms. Maranda Williams is a volunteer in grade three assisting Ms. Monique Williams. She will begin her studies at the College of the Bahamas in January. Mrs. Naquantia Knowles is employed as a teacher’s aide in the school. She is a recent graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She will begin studies at the College of the Bahamas in January. Also volunteering is Michael McKee who is helping with the physical education program at the school. He is taking a break from teaching to spend time with his parents in the Bahamas. He will return to the University of Central Florida to begin his college work.

Top Students Named

The sixth grade last year had 15 students who graduated to high school. The outstanding students were valedictorian Aqueela Romer, who also received awards in mathematics, language arts, Spanish and religious knowledge. The salutatorian was Davaughn Seymour, who also received an award in language arts. Other outstanding students were Josler Pierre, Milande Josue and Prince Bodie.

Abaco Central High School

National Heroes Day Was Celebrated

Abaco Central High School held its first celebration of National Heroes Day on October 15. In a special sit down assembly in the front parking lot of the school the celebration members of Grade 11 read several biographies of Bahamian heroes including Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling, Sir Randol Fawkes, Dame Doris Johnson, Dr. Keva Bethel and Andre Kenneth Rodgers. The class then saluted the unsung heroes, the teachers of Abaco.

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Volunteers Assist in Teaching

Roger Kelly of Lyford Cay Foundation presents alternative career opportunities to students at Abaco Central High School on October 22. He gave illustrations of several trade school vocations that only require two or three years of study and pay approximately $30,000 per year on graduation. Mentioned were medical technicians, computer technology, electronics, and mechanics. Career Day gives the students opportunities to learn about various vocations and talk with experienced persons in a variety of businesses.
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S.C. Bootle High School held their awards ceremony on October 23 at the school. The award giving was interspersed with musical selections and praise dances. A large crowd enjoyed the program which included academic, athletic and citizenship for last school year’s accomplishments. Shown at the left is the seventh grade dance group.

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St. Francis de Sales School held their annual Activity Day on October 24, giving students and teachers an opportunity to relax and showcase their talent. The day included a costume parade which the students thoroughly enjoyed as they paraded around the school’s basketball court. Another highlight of the day was a talent show where students and teachers expressed themselves through song and dance.

More School News

School Spirit
At the beginning of the school year a School Spirit Committee was formed to bring more school spirit into Abaco Central High School. Miss Raquel Gaitor heads the committee. On October 23 the committee sponsored the First School Spirit Games held during the last hour and half of school. Each home room was asked to select three teams, one for tug of war, one for three-legged race and one for egg and spoon race. Teachers also had three teams. The competition was keen with many students on the sidelines cheering their favorite team on.

In addition the School Spirit Committee is sponsoring a chant contest and a school song contest. Winners will be announced during the month of November.

Head Boy and head Girl
Given Ties
The new Head Boy and head Girl at Abaco Central were presented their navy ties at an assembly from Mr. Huel Moss, Vice Principal, and Miss. Raquel Gaitor, social studies teacher.

Grades 11 and 12 attended the individual presentations over the two-day period. Presenters on the first day represented careers in education, mechanics, aviation, interior decorating, cosmetology, dentistry, engineering, plumbing, welding, art, computer technology, journalism, insurance and banking. Students were in small groups and were given the opportunity to ask questions. It is through days such as these that students find out about different careers so that they can make a better choice of a career for themselves when they leave school.

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Abaco Markets Makes Top Management Changes

Abaco Markets has recently made changes in its management. It has created a six member executive committee which will have the responsibility to manage the various operations of the company. Its new president and chief executive, David Thurlow, will head this committee which will include one person from each of their divisions. There have been changes on its board of directors also, with several leaving positions on the board to be part of the new executive committee. Mr. Thurlow will be the only one of the executive committee to serve on the board. Mr. Lowell Albury is now part of the executive committee. Mr. Reginald Sands and Mr. Robert Pinder remain on the board of directors.

Mr. Bell said that the new channel could be used by the end of October. Dredging has continued 24 hours a day since last November. Several areas have required dynamiting as the rock was harder than expected. In order to have a controlling depth of 13 feet at low water, the dredging had to extend out 4400 feet from the channel by 15 feet on each side. The dredging is complete with the remaining dredging work to be done on the turning basin.

Mr. Bell explained that the company will be putting in six pairs of range markers. These will be at 900-foot intervals and will be offset from the channel by 15 feet on each side. They will be posted with reflectors.
Hawaiian Sea Grape, a commonly used and invasive landscape plant on Abaco

By Michelle Bethell

Think about this. Did you know that by planting certain plants in your yard you might be actually damaging the natural environment of the Bahamas? Choosing the wrong plants can actually have a devastating effect on wildlife, biodiversity, water resources and our coastlines. These plants are termed “invasive plants.”

An invasive plant that is rapidly spreading across Abaco from more populated areas such as Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and Hope Town to remote beaches and unpolluted areas of Abaco is the Hawaiian Sea Grape, also known as Scaevola. This plant, due to its hardiness and lush green leaves, is currently very popular as a landscape plant. Invasive plants are usually plants that thrive well in minimal conditions, are hard to kill, grow quickly and spread rapidly. So, of course, many persons would find Hawaiian Sea Grape great because they are so easy to grow, easy to propagate, etc. Hawaiian Sea Grape, though, is creating a sad situation for those who care about the Bahamas, our wildlife, biodiversity, water resources and our coastlines. Having a single form of vegetation increases the possible loss of our native plants. Hawaiian Sea Grape, also known as Scaevola. This plant is a common plant that tolerates salt and adverse conditions. Hawaiian Sea Grape or Scaevola is a common plant that tolerates salt and adverse conditions. However, it is very invasive and will eventually crowd out native plants which are much better suited to our situation. It propogates easily and is spreading rapidly throughout Abaco.

Hawaiian Sea Grape and Scaevola is a common plant that tolerates salt and adverse conditions. However, it is very invasive and will eventually crowd out native plants which are much better suited to our situation. It propogates easily and is spreading rapidly throughout Abaco. The best solution is to research the plants you plan on using before you plant them. Much information is available on the Internet or ask your landscaper for a non-invasive or native alternative. If you already have planted Hawaiian Sea Grape, PLEASE REMOVE IT, especially if you have it planted by a seawall or beachfront where the fruits can be washed or dropped into the sea. In the meantime, remove and destroy the fruits whenever you see them so that this plant does not have time to spread.

If you wish to help make a difference, Friends of the Environment is organizing “Beach Days” to remove Hawaiian Sea Grape and young Casuarinas which are springing up on our beaches. Friends of the Environment is organizing “Beach Days” to remove Hawaiian Sea Grape and young Casuarinas which are springing up on our beaches. For further information please call Lory Kenyon 366-0121 or Erin Pagliaro at 367-5358.

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The Minister of Agriculture was interviewed by the Nassau Guardian via telephone and reported in that journal on the 15th October, 2002, with the caption: “Gray on FTAA: Farmers should have little to worry about.”

Further, the Guardian reported statements made by Mr. Gray which were both confusing and conflicting at times: viz:

a) The Minister explained that The (Bahamian) Government at the end of the day will not have fully signed onto the FTAA agreement. And that agriculture is so international, it may be difficult not to sign on.

b) The Minister’s vision of agriculture is that by 2005 when FTAA is scheduled to take effect “. . . our people would have gone into such large scale production . . . we won’t have no agricultural enterprise in the Bahamas by the time the FTAA comes into effect.” Otherwise we may in fact “year or two.” Otherwise we may in fact “year or two.” Otherwise we may in fact “year or two.” Otherwise we may in fact “year or two.”

c) The Minister explained that education is the key to removing any general concerns and that a task force is presently being appointed to educate the Bahamian public on the effects of FTAA and WTO. He said that in the next year or two there will be mass education exercises. As I understand the premise of the FTAA:

Open trading without hindrance or preferential treatment to the movement of goods and services between member countries must occur.

The FTAA schedule calls for negotiations toward the agreement, being presently ongoing to be completed in the next few months so that a draft of the final agreement may be drawn up and then ratified by all member states for the 2005 deadline. Unfortunately, the Bahamian agricultural community is largely unaware of either the timetable or the proposed removal of barriers to free trade and what they entail. The Bahamian farmer needs to know now what is being negotiated on his/her behalf, and this calls for transparency on the part of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Further the agricultural community needs to be both educated and involved in the terms and conditions of the FTAA and how they are to be applied. In other words the Ministry of Agriculture must open dialogue with the farmers, and stop using the system of patronage that presently exists. The reality of farming as it presently exists in the Bahamas is that unless Bahamian Government intervention is applied in the form of protective import duties and embargoes, the cost of labour and infrastructure (e.g.: energy) is so high that Bahamian farm products are uncompetitive in the marketplace. Even this is no guarantee as demonstrated by the proposed closure of Gladstone Farms in the coming weeks. Lastly, I would like to point out that the Minister’s vision of large scale agricultural production in the Bahamas by 2005 is not going to take place without establishing an agricultural policy framed in proper zoning and with access to farm land, education of the players and realistic Government support and dialogue of and with the farming community. The goal of “standards, quality, production and price” do not appear out of thin air. The time to begin is now, not in the next “year or two.” Otherwise we may in fact have no agricultural enterprise in the Bahamas by the time the FTAA comes into effect.
Abaco Cancer Society Holds Clinics

By Anita Rolle

The Cancer Society of Abaco in celebrating Cancer Awareness Month, offered free cancer testing at three government clinics. Sandy Point, Marsh Harbour and Cooper’s Town Clinics were a bevy of activity as record numbers showed up to take advantage of the free prostate exams, breast exams and Pap smears. A record 253 persons participated, 129 at Marsh Harbour, 26 at Sandy Point and 98 at Cooper’s Town.

The free clinics are an annual effort and response from persons this year proves that little by little people are becoming more concerned about this killer disease. Of the 253 test preformed there were a few persons found to have problems which were not necessarily cancer related. Such persons were given referrals for second testings.

The process was simple. A registration card was filled out with a few simple questions, and you waited for your turn to be seen. According to Mr. Hugh Cottis, President of the Cancer Society, on the registration card there was a question of how persons found out about the testing. More than 50 percent answered Radio Abaco. For this Mr. Cottis and the Cancer Society would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Cottis and the Cancer Society.

The medical team worked tirelessly throughout the day until the last patient was treated, 129 at Marsh Harbour, 26 at Sandy Point and 98 at Cooper’s Town.

To have your questions answered on cancer, and early detection, contact your local clinic, or any member of the Abaco Cancer Society. Staff and doctors at the Cooper’s Town Clinic were treated to a lunch prepared by Chef Jeffrey Cooper of Fire Road.

The Cancer Society of Abaco is an active non-profit organization. The group assists cancer patients with airfare for receiving treatment, approximately $5,000 being spent annually. They raise this money with cook outs, maintain information stations and make every effort to increase awareness.

Prostate cancer has been determined to be the leading cancer killer in men, and as with any disease early detection is the key. However, the disease can spread any part of the body and if left untreated, could attack other parts of the body.

Another form of cancer which is becoming very rampant in the Bahamas is skin cancer. Though the sunshine can be very enjoyable, it can also be very injurious. Skin cancer can be detected in the form of warts or discoloration. Children especially should be well covered when going into the sun to limit their exposure to the sun’s rays.

The Abaco Cancer Society is encouraging regular check-ups and regular testing for men and women. Prostate exams, Pap smears, breast exams and PSA testing should be done annually, and these facilities are available at the Government clinics. Self-test Breast exams have also been proven to be beneficial.

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Cancer Society Raffle Winners

The cancer Society has an annual raffle. This year the drawing was held on October 26. The winners are asked to collect their certificates for merchandise from Dr. McWeeny’s office in Marsh Harbour. Caribbean Cruise Tania Duncombe Round Trip to Florida Tom Glassware Andy Cash Bluff House din ner Two nights Different Ruth Russell Child’s Scooter Luke McIntosh Nippers Lunch Roy Cash $100 Gift Cert. Michelle/Mathew Key Perfume set Lavon Albury Electric Iron Luke McIntosh Mini Downrigger L & M Innocent $100 Gift Cert. Lowell Albury Computer desk Alex Roberts

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Police Report

As reported to The Abaconian

On October 9 a Dundas Town resident reported that, sometime between October 3 and 8, someone removed a component of his satellite dish. He has requested police action; police have one suspect at this time.

Two police officers were assaulted by a suspect on October 10 on Walker’s Cay. They were acting on information given in regards to suspected drug possession. No drugs were found, but the officers brought the accused in to answer charges of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, obscene language, disorderly behavior and causing harm.

Someone reported that the alarm on A & K Liquor Store was activated on October 11. An officer arrived at the scene in time to observe a smashed glass door and a suspicious vehicle leaving the area. The officer followed the vehicle and arrested two men for shop breaking and stealing, one of which had glass splinters on his person. Police searched and found a suspected quantity of cocaine on one of them.

A Marsh Harbour resident reported that, sometime between October 6 and 10, someone stole his papers for permanent residency, valued at $500. The resident reported no signs of a break-in.

Someone broke into the main office of Abaco Central High School on October 13. A cash tin was stolen containing $50. The resident reported no signs of a break-in.

A resident of The Mud reported being assaulted on October 13. He was seen at the Government Clinic and discharged.

A Dundas Town woman reported that, sometime between October 10 and 11, someone smashed the glass door and stole $60 in coins and two items valued at $57 from Corner Value in Marsh Harbour.

A Dundas Town man reported that he was approached and threatened on October 19 by a man armed with a knife.

A Marsh Harbour man reported on October 19 that he made an attempt to stab him with a knife. He was arrested.

A Marsh Harbour woman heard a noise outside her home on October 19. She saw a man jump the fence and flee. Officers searched the surrounding bushes, discovered a man armed with a knife.

A man broke into and entered a bathroom at the Conch Inn Marina on October 20.

Someone entered the Marsh Harbour Airport Lounge and Bar sometime between October 13 and 14 and stole a satellite card valued at $200.

A resident of Blackwood reported on October 14 that someone entered his residence and stole a briefcase containing almost $500 in cash.

A Murphy Town woman reported on October 14 that someone removed her handbag from her home. It contained $130 in cash.

A Mount Hope woman reported that her son’s 5 HP Nissan boat motor was stolen from his boat between October 9 and 11.

A resident of Fox Town reported on October 15 that between October 11 and 15 someone attempted to break into the Batelco Office in Fox Town.

On October 15 an officer arrested a resident of Fox Town in reference to the wounding of another Fox Town resident. The suspect was charged and a court date set for October 18.

A Dundas Town woman reported on October 16 that someone broke into her residence and stole $165 in cash.

A Murphy Town man reported on October 18 that he was attacked outside Burns House Ltd. by a man known to him on sight as an Exuma resident. The man struck him on the right hand and right side of his face with the side of a bottle. He was seen at the Government Clinic and discharged.

A Dundas Town woman was taken to the Marsh Harbour Clinic on October 18 for a suspected overdose on medicine tablets. She was taken to Nassau for treatment as she is four months pregnant.

A resident of Blackwood reported on October 18 that someone removed her handbag from her home.

A Mount Hope woman reported that her son’s 5 HP Nissan boat motor was stolen from his boat between October 9 and 11.

A Murphy Town woman reported on October 18 that she was struck on the face by a man from Dundas Town while standing outside of Dusk-Til-Dawn take-away. She was sent to the clinic for treatment.

Sometime between October 18 and 19 someone smashed the glass door and stole $60 in coins and two items valued at $57 from Corner Value in Marsh Harbour.

A Dundas Town man reported that he was approached and threatened on October 19 by a man armed with a knife.

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Delegation Promotes Special Olympics

By Theresa Pinder

On October 24 a delegation from the Special Olympics Bahamas organization came to Abaco to hold a promotional session. Held at the Every Child Counts Learning Center, a variety of people attended including parents, volunteers and teachers from the Every Child Counts program and others interested in learning more about the proposal of hosting such a program here.

The delegation from the Outreach Committee of Special Olympics Bahamas included Andrew McFall, who heads the Outreach Committee, Amanda Moncur, the National Director for Special Olympics Bahamas, and two volunteers. The group was here to spread awareness of what the Special Olympics actually is and to promote the possible integration of Abaco into the Special Olympics Bahamas program.

Since 1978 Special Olympics Bahamas has been providing those needing special education services with an opportunity to explore their potential through a variety of sports. Although concentrating on developing skills, physical ability and fitness through participation through sports, the Special Olympics affords athletes and their families something greater – invaluable support for each other and access to expert resources for issues that arise.

Participation in the Special Olympics programs and competitions help the athletes to gain better self-confidence, valuable skills, an increase in self respect and awareness. The motto of Special Olympics is Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt. This reflects the program’s dedication that the entire process is important; the experience gained by participating in training and competitions itself is valuable.

The exposure alone gained by the athletes is extremely valuable. They are given the opportunity to compete in various competitions in their regions, nationally and some athletes even represent the Bahamas on an international level at the World Games held every four years. A group of over thirty athletes will be attending the 2003 World Games next year in Dublin, Ireland.

The idea of beginning a Special Olympics program for those in need here was well received; members of the Special Olympics Bahamas Outreach program will return sometime around the middle of November or the beginning of December to hold a two-day “coaching clinic” for potential volunteer coaches for the sports.

Group asks for Bowling Support

A group of people is interested in raising money to construct a bowling alley. Land is available beside the RND cinemas and a person has been identified to run the operation. The group is suggesting a 10-lane operation perhaps with a game room. Since there will be no alcohol allowed, they anticipate that churches and schools will develop leagues and perhaps there will be interest among the second home owners.

The proposal is to form a company, issue shares and raise about $1 million to build the alleys properly. The owner of the land would be compensated with shares in the company and the group is hoping that a lawyer will be willing to do the legal work in return for shares. The shareholders would elect a board of directors and officers.

Spanish Wells formed a company when their power plant burned down and again with their food store burned down. A similar corporation could be formed to build a bowling alley in that same format. The thrust of the project is not to make money for the shareholders but to give a healthy and wholesome sport to the community.

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By Anita Rolle

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Sports News

Randy Pinder, center, of the sponsoring firm Bristol Cellars presents the Summer League trophy to the winning dart team captain, Donald Burrows, right, of the Big Boys team. The awards presentation was held at SeaShell’s Restaurant but the 12-week summer tournament was held at the C & G Restaurant. According to Malcolm Spicer, Secretary of the Abaco Darts Association, (left in photos) darts is a serious sport in the Northern Bahamas. It is the largest team sport in the Bahamas with approximately 75 teams and 1,000 players.

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Three residents of Marsh Harbour and The Mud pleaded guilty to conspiracy and uttering of a false document. The matter was adjourned to November 6 pending a probation report from social services.

Two residents of Murphy Town were charged for stealing a boat from Man-O-War Cay. The matter was adjourned to November 6.

A Hope Town resident was found guilty of drug possession and was fined $9,000.

A resident of Murphy Town was charged with drug possession. The matter has been adjourned to October 30.

October 10

A resident of Sandy Point allegedly assaulted a man with a deadly weapon. The matter has been adjourned to November 11.

A Murphy Town resident was fined $50 for driving without a rear light burning.

A Marsh Harbour resident was charged with housebreaking. The matter has been adjourned to November 11.

A resident of Crown Haven, previously charged with shop breaking, was acquitted as the witness was unable to confirm the identity.

October 16

The case regarding the incest in Hope Town has been adjourned to November 14 for one final witness, and then the prosecution will close.

A resident of Moore’s Island was charged with drug possession. The matter has been adjourned to November 13.

A Murphy Town resident was charged with unlawful sexual conduct. The matter has been adjourned to November 6.

October 17 - 21

The preliminary inquiry into the murder of Canadian Marcia McKenzie in Sandy Point by a 17-year-old youth was held. Twenty-two witnesses were heard. On October 21 the magistrate determined that sufficient evidence had been gathered to charge the youth with murder. The matter was committed to the Supreme Court for trial.

By Theresa Pinder

On October 23 the preliminary inquiry for the kidnaping of businessman Floyd Sawyer took place in continuation of the arraignment that took place on August 26.

Two prosecutors came from the Attorney General’s Office to help with the case, Mr. Cumberbach and Ms. Wilkinson, who joined prosecutor Inspector Stephen Adderley. The prosecutors made an application to serve a voluntary bill of indictment on the behalf of the Attorney General’s Office. As a result of this, the matter involving the kidnaping will bypass the preliminary stage and will go directly to the Supreme Court in Nassau.

The charges concerning the firearms have been separated from the charge of kidnaping and will be addressed at the Magistrate’s Court in Marsh Harbour. This matter has been adjourned to December 11 when Renardo Ricardo Major, Robert Edward Reckley and Frankie Bethel will return to enter their pleas concerning these separate charges. Until such time, the accused have been remanded in custody to Her Majesty’s Prison in Nassau.

On the morning of the preliminary inquiry Mr. Bethel’s wife, Cindy, was also taken into custody and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of ammunition, both charges concerning the presence of a firearm found in the house. She will be charged jointly with the accused on December 11. However, she was granted bail and released.
Escaped Prisoner is Captured

By Theresa Pinder

On October 10 an escaped prisoner was brought back to Abaco from Grand Bahama, where he was hiding. Alfred Russell, a forty-year-old resident of McLean’s Town, Grand Bahama, was originally brought in on a charge of housebreaking for which he was found on October 9 hiding under a bed. He was subsequently arrested and brought back to Abaco.

To the original charge of housebreaking, police officers have added the charge of escaping from police custody for which he will attend court in the near future. The charge of housebreaking will be dealt with at a later date. The police have denied bail.

Gospel Concert Is Planned

By Isabel Sherman

A Praising in the Spirit Gospel Concert Extravaganza will be at the Full Gospel Assembly of God church in Treasure Cay on November 2. Appearing will be Dorothy Norwood with special New York Sister Ann, and Healing Touch. Part of the proceeds will go to aid the building fund of the Full Gospel Assembly.

In addition, on the November 1st the church will host a Choir Workshop from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on November 2 they will host a Praise Dance Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon.

The Bahama Neurological Centre

Dr. Edwin Demeritte will have monthly neurology clinics at the Abaco Medical Clinic, Crockett Drive, Marsh Harbour.

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Abaco Chamber of Commerce

Message from the President

Dear Members,

While, like most of you, I have many challenges in my own business and personal life, I will gladly take on the role and challenge of Abaco Chamber of Commerce president. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

I became president at a time in the life of the Abaco Chamber when optimism is high and opportunities for the Chamber abound. Opportunities to help local and national government bodies achieve their objectives. Opportunities to influence what those objectives are. Opportunities to assist our local civic groups like the Rotary Club, Kiwanis and even our home grown Scuvy Few. These groups take on and carry out special community projects that are so desperately needed.

Along with these new opportunities will come difficult challenges, challenges that will demand the full support and cooperation of the business community. Most of our members, or at least the people now representing them including myself, are new to the Chamber and its objectives. The two main objectives of the Chamber during my term as president will be:

(a) To be a conduit between local and central government and the Abaco business community. We will host periodic meetings with local and central government members. These meetings will give us insight into its plans for Abaco while exposing them to our most pressing needs.

(b) To make every effort to prepare our community for FTAA. The Chamber over the next two years must do all it can to prepare its members and non-members for this upcoming era. Visiting speakers from private companies, civic groups, government spokesmen as well as the decision-making politicians will be invited and will attend our meetings. The next two years are barely enough time to educate and prepare ourselves for what’s to come. We must participate in these debates and discussions if we are to be ready. Remember, the Prime Minister signed on to this agreement around six or seven years ago. While other countries have been planning, we have been playing (or at least I’ve been playing).

The 2002-2003 Chamber budget cannot accommodate the additional expense of educating our citizenry about FTAA. There has to be an increase in revenue if we are to help our business community in this area. The best possible revenue source is through membership. A large membership not only produces much needed revenue, but also provides the Chamber with a deep resource of talented, experienced, problem-solving individuals. There are roughly one hundred members. For each of the members on our list, there is at least one other individual or company that should be a member. They will be affected by FTAA as well as other problems now facing Abaco. As friends, do not allow them to take a wait-and-see attitude about the challenges to come. Find them, encourage them to join, encourage them again and again.

Abaco is a member of our list, or at least the people now representing them including myself, are new to the Chamber and its objectives. Opportunities to assist our local civic groups like the Rotary Club, Kiwanis and even our home grown Scurvy Few. These groups take on and carry out special community projects that are so desperately needed.

The Abaco Chamber business community is a diverse and powerful force. Let’s take advantage of this great resource to help each other. We on Abaco don’t just want to survive FTAA, we want to thrive in FTAA. So let’s continue to build and strengthen our Chamber. Let’s come together and make this Chamber of Commerce an organization that faces and conquers challenges. With our combined efforts we can protect our investments and seize new opportunities that are just over the horizon.

Thank you, Michael Albury
Marina Crime Wave Brought to a Halt

By Theresa Pinder

On September 16th the recent series of boat vessel break-ins was finally brought to a halt. The perpetrator, a young man from Nassau, was apprehended through the help of several concerned citizens.

Over the past two months, boaters at the Conch Inn Marina have experienced a series of break-ins, but the perpetrator was never found. On the morning of September 16th a boater noticed that a dinghy reported stolen was tied up to a dock in front of Arawak Conch Inn Marina. A young man was spotted near the dinghy, using two cell phones.

A concerned citizen who had been following the reports of the break-in incidents via the Cruiser’s Net on the VHF remembered a description of the man. He decided to see if the young man was in the vicinity at this time. While out walking along Font Street, the citizen spotted the young man using the cell phones. He enlisted the help of a visitor to the island, who followed the young man. While the visitor was following the suspect, the citizen called the Criminal Investigation Department and gave them a description of the man.

The young man realized that the visitor on a bicycle was following him and began to run. While fleeing, he discarded something in the area of Mangoes Restaurant. He continued running until officers from the CID apprehended him in the parking lot of Regatta of Abaco with help from a patrol officer of Citizens Against Crime. The police took the man into custody; the cell phone that the young man had discarded was later retrieved by police from the garbage outside of Mangoes Restaurant. The police were able to retrieve a number of stolen items, a variety of purses, wallets, watches and cellular phones.

The youth was arraigned before Magistrate Crawford McKee on September 19th and charged with four counts of stealing from a vessel. The young man, who has no representation, pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was remanded to Her Majesty’s Prison in Fox Hill, New Providence, until November 4th when he will return to Abaco for trial. The young man is suspected of having committed crimes of this nature in New Providence and Grand Bahama. He is assisting the police in Nassau with a number of break-ins that occurred on Paradise Island. When he is finished there, he will be taken to Freeport, Grand Bahama, to assist the police there with a number of break-ins there.

Support Citizens Against Crime
They Need Your Help

Thanks for Books
Many Assisted to Help Our Schools

Last spring Ms. Michelle Drake, of Sarasota and a frequent Treasure Cay visitor, arranged for a shipment of textbooks, workbooks, reference books and children’s library books to be sent to Abaco for the benefit of all schools with emphasis on schools in more remote areas. She did this with the help of Mr. Don Strube of Color Wheel Paints of Orlando who sent two semi-trailer trucks from Orlando to Sarasota to pick up the books and take them to West Palm Beach for shipment here. Ms Drake then made arrangements with Mr. Bob Lafferty of Marsh Harbour Line for two containers of books to be transported to Abaco.

This shipment of about 30 to 40 tons of books was a major undertaking involving many people. Everyone was very helpful. Customs cleared the books with minimum problems, Arawak Agency cleared them through Customs, Michael Malone coordinated the process, Michael Albury offered the use of a warehouse to set them out and organize them, Sunshine Equipment donated use of its equipment and manpower to move them to the warehouse site. Many people helped unpack and organize them under the direction of Ms. Felamease Sawyer of the Ministry of Education. These included Shane Sands, David Joseph, Sid Dawes and others. We cannot forget Tim McDonald, Danny Sawyer and Michael Parotti for their help. Eddie Sawyer of E & D Waste also provided equipment.

The books were made available first to all Abaco schools, then to parents and children to take what they felt they could use. Virtually all books were taken with the exception of a few high school English books.

It was a wonderful effort to see that our school children have books and other materials to aid in their learning process.

Thanks, Everyone

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MS. MICHELLE DRAKE SHOWED HERE TOGETHER WITH THE TWO CONTAINERS OF BOOKS THAT WERE SHIPPED TO ABACO LAST SPRING.

MS. FELAMEASE SAWYER AND MS. EUNICE MILLS ARE SHOWN ORGANIZING THE BOOKS. THE QUANTITY AND VARIETY OF THE BOOKS WERE VERY EVIDENT.

THE YOUTH WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE MAGISTRATE CRAWFORD MCKEE ON SEPTEMBER 19TH AND CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS OF STEALING FROM A VESSEL. THE YOUNG MAN, WHO HAS NO REPRESENTATION, PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGES.
Comedy Show Election 2002 Thrills Audiences

By Anita Rolle

I laughed until the tears rolled down my cheeks, until my side hurt, until the muscles in my face could take no more. The Election 2002, Comedy Show delivered more than anyone could have expected with one show on October 25 and two shows on October 26. Who would have thought that so much humour could be created from the Bahamian electoral process. The sold-out opening night on October 25 brought along the curious, the anticipated, the PLP’s, the FNM’s, the victorious, the defeated, all anticipating a hilarious time. Everyone got exactly what they were promised, and so much more. I spotted faces in the crowd from as far north as McLean’s Town and so far South as Sandy Point; lawyers, politicians, fishermen, farmers, bankers... every walk of life was well represented.

Mr. Michael Pintard I had experienced on stage many times before, but this was definitely a first for me in this type of setting, playing every role from victorious to disgruntled politician. I sat in adoration as I was once again impressed by his forte. Former Member of Parliament Mr. David Wallace must be applauded for every hat he wore in the show! Where else but in the Bahamas could you find a talented politician who can turn his defeat into a sold out comedy show. What I found even more impressive - he had never struck as the actor/comedian type!

Each of the five comedians executed their parts as perhaps nobody else could have performed. Election 2002 featuring David Wallace, Marsha Stubbs, Michael Pintard, Patrice Johnson and Anthony Lockhart moved on to New Providence, anticipating much of the same response as was cajoled here on Abaco. I’m sure this won’t be a problem.

Election 2002 The Comedy Show brought to Abaco refreshing light-hearted entertainment, long overdue, something for everyone to enjoy. So many aspects of our culture was highlighted amidst the humor, so much reality, so much reality that we spent a lot of the evening laughing at ourselves! If I had to rate the show on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, without a doubt Election 2002 is a definite 10! For those of you who didn’t get to see it on either night, I suggest you get a show schedule and hop a flight to Nassau! There’s nothing better than unadulterated Bahamian talent!

Part of the proceeds of the event will assist the Abaco Cancer Society and the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.
Minister Asks for Local Input

Wilchcombe

The minister recognized that some areas within the tourism industry such as boating are having competition from foreigners. His ministry will deal with this. He was also concerned that second home owners are renting their homes. It was brought to Mr. Wilchcombe’s attention that the second homes on Abaco offer many more beds to our guests than hotels do.

The government plans to give tour bus and taxi owners a duty free concession on new vehicles for the next five years. Hotels already have concessions on building materials. The topic of the Marsh Harbour airport was raised. He said it is definitely on the priority list. However, the airport at San Salvador is more critical as a Club Med will begin direct air service from Europe in December. Government will be spending $2 million on that project which has first priority. Next year the government will be making major investments to the airport on Exuma because Emerald Bay Resort with a Four Seasons hotel will be opened and will need a better facility.

Mr. Wilchcombe encouraged the Chamber members to be proactive, to let Nassau lawmakers know what they want, to pressure officials to get what they need. He felt that the Chamber can be a very strong force in influencing government, working with members of Parliament. The minister is very sincere in his approach to improve our product, both through his ministry and through our individual efforts.
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assembly on October 23. The new Head Boy is twelfths grade student Deana Hanna and the new Head Girl is grade 12 student Hillary Runter. They will be assisted by Deputy Head Boys, Samaj Dorsette and Jervis Stuart and Deputy head Girls Teneka Cooper and Anastacia Nicholas. The School Prefects for 2002/03 were introduced at the assembly.

Plans for a College Fair
Are Progressing

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Mr. Christie along with the Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of National Insurance and Housing, spoke about the new subdivision in Central Abaco. Government has sent out more than 200 letters of offer to applicants for the 423 lots available in Phase One. Ninety persons have accepted government’s offer. Infrastructure is already completed for Phase One.

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Batelco, once sold will retain its cell phone monopoly for one year and its fixed line monopoly for two years.

No decision has been made yet as to what government will do with the remaining 51 percent. Mr. Smith felt confident that rates for phone service will change as Batelco has not adjusted its rates recently. It is anticipated that some rates will go up while others will be reduced.

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The holidays are just a few weeks away and soon we will be preparing and planning for the festivities. Amy Roberts Primary School’s annual fair is scheduled for December 7. This will be one of the first events to start the season! Hopefully, over the next few weeks I will be writing the details for upcoming events. Until then, enjoy the lovely quiet days of October!
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