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Citrus Canker Is Discovered on Abaco Farm Bahama Star Farm Closes, Laying off 120

MP Hubert Ingraham Hosted Parties



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco, came to Abaco on January 3, the official New Year's Day holiday, specifically to bring gifts for the children in his constituency. He personally gave toys out and the children enjoyed games and a variety of food. He is shown here in Treasure Cay enjoying seeing the reactions of the children to their new toys.

The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Local Government advises that citrus canker has been discovered at the Bahama Star Farm in North Abaco. The confirmation of the discovery has resulted in the suspension of fresh fruit shipments from Abaco and the closure of the farm. The Department of Agriculture is preparing take the necessary steps to contain and eradicate the area and to conduct a survey to determine the extent of spread.

The citrus grove was abandoned by the American company which holds the lease. This has resulted in the immediate loss of jobs for the labourers, supervisory staff and office workers.

Citrus Canker is a virulent and fatal bacterial disease of citrus trees. The disease affects all varieties of citrus plants but does not affect any other plants. The disease originated in Southeast Asia and has spread to many regions of the world. It has become endemic in many citrus producing countries and as a result has limited the sale of fresh fruit on the world market. The State of Florida is currently attempting to contain and eradicate citrus canker in several locations in the state. The disease affects leaves, young stems and fruit but is not harmful to humans.

The Director of Agriculture, Simeon Pinder, urges that all Abaconians assist in limiting the spread of this disease so it can be eradicated.

Do NOT go to the Bahama Star Farm in North Abaco.

Do NOT take fruit as this could spread

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Police Make Traffic Check



On January 6 the police checked cars to see if their licenses and inspections were current. Shown here is Officer Larry Rolle stopping a car that had just arrived in Marsh Harbour from Little Harbour. They were cautioned because Mr. Rolle found propane tanks inside the car. This presents a problem for many people because the legal way of carrying propane tanks is in the open back of a pick-up truck. However, many people who use propane do not have pick-up trucks. If it is necessary to carry tanks in a car, leave the trunk open if the tank is there or leave all windows open if it is inside the car. Road Traffic had advised the police that several hundred vehicle renewals had not been done in December. This was an exercise to locate some of these unlicensed vehicles.

Junkanoo Entertains on Boxing Day



Senior Junkanoo in Marsh Harbour was on December 27. See story on page 4.

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Canker Closes Treasure Cay Farm

By Mirella Santillo

As we approached the Bahama Star Farm in North Abaco, we passed several trucks loaded with furniture and personal belongings of people who were moving and relocating.



Aretha Huyler was production supervisor.

Aretha Huyler, production supervisor, said that two days previously, on January 4th, she learned from an analysis report sent to Florida that the Bahamas Star Citrus Farm, planted with thousands of trees, was infected with a contagious organism rumored to be citrus canker. Subsequently, farm operations have officially ceased. Heavy equipment has been sent out of the country to avoid the possibility of theft. Absolutely no fruit or graft material may leave the farm. According to Ms. Huyler, any contact with infected trees could spread the disease, which at this point might still be contained at this location.

A United States official from the Depart-

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the disease to unaffected areas of Abaco.

Do NOT take young trees to replant as you could be establishing the disease in a new area.

If the disease can be contained to that one area, it is likely that it can be eliminated. For the long term benefit of all The Bahamas, you are urged to follow these directives. The disease can be spread by any part of the plant or fruit. The disease can be spread by several methods but moving infected plant material or fruit by humans is the most common method.

ment of Agriculture visited the farm on January 4th and met with David Knowles, Officer with the Ministry of Agriculture on Abaco. Also present were Donald Cash, the Administrator for North Abaco, Simeon Pinder, the Director of Agriculture in Nassau, and a representative of Bahamas Immigration. No statement has been made yet by the Bahamian government. There will be an official press release by the Ministry of Agriculture to explain the findings after all the data has been analyzed.

The 3,000-acre farm was not only the home of thousands of citrus trees, including white and pink grapefruit, four types of oranges, limes and lemons, but also was the heart of a settlement of Bahamian and Haitian workers, who had been employed there for several years, some for decades.

Panic spread among these workers, especially the Haitians, at the announcement of the closing made January 5th. The Haitians did not want to believe that this was an Act of God, something that neither the owners or the managers could control. Their fear arose from the fact that most were waiting for their permit renewals, and they didn't know what was going to happen to them. At yesterday's pay check distribution, violence arose with some people throwing stones at the man handing out the money. Approximately 150 people were employed there. Twenty were Bahamian citizens, with another 130 Haitians who were either residents or had work permits. Altogether, including family members, there were over 300 people on site living in two settlements, one Haitian and one Bahamian.

Katie Etienne is a spokeswoman for the Haitian community who was born on Abaco and speaks English fluently. She is petite, in her 20s, and a farm employee. She said, "There is animosity against Haitians. They have to be helped. They have been working here a long time. It is not fair to send

them back." She feels, "Somebody should provide us with work and somewhere to live."

But nothing has been mentioned as yet by either immigration officials or owners of the farm as to what is



Katie was a spokesperson for laid off workers.

to happen to the Haitian workers. Nothing has been said either as to whether they will be sent away or allowed to stay on Abaco. Katie said, "At the moment I am drawing a blank. I do not want to go to Marsh Harbour but I am hoping to find a job in the Treasure Cay area."

Michel Fertil worked 30 years on the citrus farm. He has now been retired for three years, but the farm has been his only home since he moved to Abaco. He does

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One of the labourers of the Bahama Star Farm is shown here carrying some of her belongings, appearing to be leaving with a load of clothes. The camp had a deserted look.



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Marsh Harbour's Junkanoo Drew Hundreds

After some ups and downs over the years, Junkanoo became more involved and organized, especially in Nassau, where influential businesses began to sponsor the groups. With financial help, more groups emerged and started competing against each other. Two major parades take place in Nassau, one on Boxing Day and the second at dawn on New Year's Day. Prizes are awarded for the best music, best costume and best

overall performance.

Junkanoo is alive again on Abaco. After a dormant period, several settlements have created groups ready to entertain us during the Christmas season and summer Goombay celebrations. Before now, the only Junkanoo to be seen regularly was the Green Turtle Cay group that put on a show every New Year's Day since the eighties.

In the late 1980's Mr. Churton Tooté came from Nassau to Dundas Town and founded the BEC Bunker C Boys. After that, group fell apart, Dundas Town and Murphy Town merged to create another group that performed for a while. Because of the lack of funds and prize money, the performers lost interest. However, because of the popularity of Junkanoo with tourists, in the year 2000 the government decided to subsidize registered Junkanoo groups for some their expenses by giving them an annual \$2,000 stipend.

Judging by the size of the crowd assembled on

Don MacKay Boulevard on December 27, Junkanoo is an event not only popular with the tourists, but with the locals who crowded on the balconies of Dove Plaza and along the road in spite of a biting wind and a long

delay in the performance.

Only three groups participated this year, out of the seven groups registered. The parade started with the Dundas Town group, now called the Supreme Dancers, whose theme was *The Abaco Native Warriors*. One of the organizers, Mr. Churton Tooté was expecting a larger number of participants. He said, "There was little time to practice this year. I am too involved with my job, which has become more demanding because of the hurricanes."

For the first time in years, Murphy Town had a group performing. The Motown Shockers as they are known, started as a group at the beginning of 2004. Their theme was a *Tribute to the Nations*. Preceded by two youths somersaulting their way along the street, they marched on, waving a multitude of colored and glittering flags representing countries of the world. The 30 initial "rushers" were joined by several others taken by the music and the beat. Former Saxon drummer, Mr. James Nottage from Nassau told me during a break, "I just joined



The Murphy Town Motown Shockers rush began with two youths somersaulting their way down the street.



One of the young drummers for the Dundas Town Supreme Dancers was enjoying his duties as he rushed with the group.

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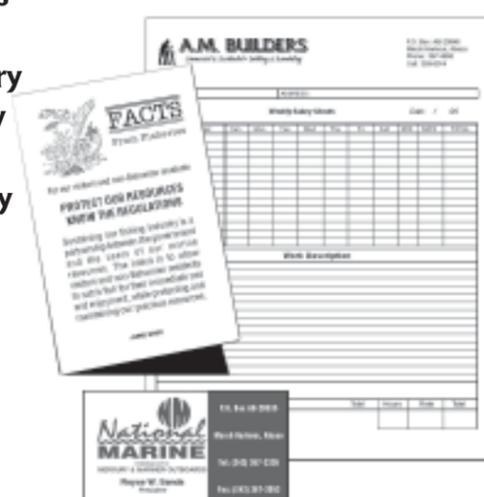
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Three of Seven Groups Competed in Marsh H.

Junkanoo

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the Murphy Town group yesterday afternoon." He is looking forward to performing with them this year. One of the group's organizers, Mr. Gilbert Davis, is very hopeful for 2005. "We'll start practicing immediately," he said, "To be prepared in case of a hurricane. This year the major handicap was lack of preparation time." The group was awarded second prize and was given a lot of recognition by the judges for a first time performance.

The third and last performing group, the Spring City Rockers, were delayed because of a transportation problem. They had to use a flat bed truck to carry the floats and bulky costumes, but the show they put on was worth waiting for. The group of 65, dressed in colorful and elaborate attire for a *Garden Party*, their theme for the show, entertained with Christmas music, Calypso music and popular song themes. Theirs was a complex band, comprising not only cow bells and drums, but also several trumpets and trombones. They danced well into the night after being awarded the first prize.

The crowd enjoyed the parade in spite of the late start and the wait between the groups. They were disappointed that there were only three groups participating. The Sandy Point Earth Movers, the Blackwood Warriors and the Cooper's Town LA Conquerors were expected, not only by the crowd, but also by the committee, as each had received the \$2,000 seed money. The Green Turtle Cay Rockers had announced their non-participation in advance as they were preparing for their annual New Year's Day show.

The Motown Shockers

By Mirella Santillo

There are seven registered Junkanoo groups on Abaco with four participating actively in parades. The "seed

money" provided by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture since 2000 has helped revive some groups and create new ones. One group, the Murphy Town Motown Shockers began at the beginning of 2004. Three years ago Mr. Lyndon Davis, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson and Mr. Colin Curry formed a Junkanoo committee in Marsh Harbour. They met at the old high school in Spring City and trained local people to judge the parades. Gilbert Davis was one of the trainees and after being a judge for a few times, decided to form his own group. Mr. Davis is not foreign to entertainment as he is the leader of the local band Impact. In January 2004 he and Mr. Ricardo Brown created the Motown Shockers. Mr. Davis says, "The group did not receive their seed money until the beginning of December,

making it difficult to get ready in time for the Boxing Day Parade." There was too little time to practice. In preparation for their next rush a "shack" is to be built this month next to Abaco Central High School. There are now approximately 30 people enrolled with the Motown Shockers, but he hopes to bring more participants into the group. As well as the other group leaders I spoke to, he is concerned about getting sponsors to help produce a better show. He tells me, "Cow bells cost \$130 a pair and drums start at \$150. A shack is definitely needed as a place to make the costumes and keep the supplies. However, with the renewed interest of the community, the support of the Ministries of Tourism and of Youth, Sports

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The Spring City Rockers with a Garden Party theme had elaborate costumes, band instruments and played Junkanoo as well as other music.



The groups competing in Marsh Harbour were the Spring City Rockers in first place followed by the Murphy Town Motown group and the Dundas Town Supreme Dancers pictured above.

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Making and Keeping New Year's Resolutions

By Portia Jonsson

Are you among the millions who made one or more New Year's resolutions this year? If so, how successful do you think you will be in actually achieving your goal?

As the new year approaches, we tend to examine the past and look ahead to the future, often deciding that we need to do something differently – lose weight, exercise more, find a way to be less stressed or quit some bad habit that we've acquired. We make a silent vow at the stroke of midnight on New Year's to change ourselves for the better during the coming year. In most cases, we find our well-intentioned resolutions have been abandoned by the end of January. Why do we go to the trouble every year to commit to change, only to find ourselves settling back into our familiar ways within a few weeks? How did this get started and how can you make a resolution that really sticks?

You may be wondering, "Who started this resolution idea anyway?" The roots of the New Year's celebration and New Year's resolution can be traced back to the

Babylonians, over 4,000 years ago. But back then the celebration took place in March. So if you abandon your 2005 resolution by the end of January, you can always try again in March, in traditional Babylonian style!

Most people who make and break New Year's resolutions feel guilty. If you think about the definition of a New Year's resolution, it's easy to see why so many get left in the dust so quickly. A resolution is just a goal – without a plan for achieving it.

If you'd really like to keep your New Year's resolutions, there are some things you can do to increase your chances of success. Be specific – By making your resolution specific you will increase your chances of achieving it. Be realistic – At midnight on New Year's Eve you may be feeling a false sense of confidence (depending on how much celebrating you've done up to that point). Develop a Plan – I've said earlier that many resolutions fail because they are simply goals – without a plan.

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Junkanoo

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and Culture to encourage events related to the Bahamian heritage, he feels secure that 2005 will be a great year for Junkanoo and for his newly formed group.



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The Editor Says . . . Agriculture Has Suffered a Major Blow



In the first decades of the 1900s the Abaco economy was dependent on lumbering, shark fishing, sponging and boat building. Most families lived precariously off the land and sea. Money was scarce. Over time these industries died out. Shipbuilding has survived but has changed to yacht maintenance.

The original lumber operation completed its harvest in the early 1940s and moved to Grand Bahama, taking most of its workers with them.

Commercial sponging came to a halt in the 1930s when the sponges were affected with a disease wiping out that segment of Abaco's economy.

Shark fishing was a smaller segment of the economy that endured into the early 1940s. This involved the skins and oil from the shark livers. Modern technology displaced shark fishing.

In the early 1950s, Mr. Crockett arrived and opened a farm on the west of Abaco between the Marsh Harbour airport and Spring City. It later was owned and managed by the Scott and Mattson group of Fort Pierce. It grew tomatoes, pineapples and other crops on approximately 3,000 acres during its peak.

Tourism is believed to have its beginnings in the late 1940s with the initial second homeowners buying land and building on Man-O-War Cay.

The New Plymouth Inn was the first hotel to appear and was converted from a large home in the middle of town in 1954. New Hope began shortly after on Elbow Cay as an alcoholic rehabilitation center. It later became the Elbow Cay Club. A Yachtel opened in 1957 on Guana Cay which became the Guana Harbour Club. It did not survive Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The clients for these early hotels were either hardy souls on the few boats visiting or they came through Nassau on the seaplane.

The opening of the Marsh Harbour airport in 1957 or 1958 allowed guests easier access to our small inns and hotels, and they grew because of easier access and increased exposure.

Soon after the Marsh Harbour airport opened, the Hope Town Harbour Lodge opened. It was another converted residence. As small as these hotels were, they provided employment.

Great Abaco Hotel opened in 1960 with 20 rooms which was a huge hotel then. The next year saw the opening of the White Sound Club on Elbow Cay which is now the Abaco Inn. The Treasure Cay hotel opened in 1961 about the same time of the Treasure Cay airport opened. There was no road between Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour at that time.

The period from the mid 1950's thru 1961 laid the foundation for the Abaco we see today.

The lumber industry returned to Abaco in 1959 with the arrival of the Owens Illinois pulpwood operation at Snake Cay which moved its operation from Grand Bahama. This was a continuation of the original Abaco Lumber company with Abaco roots and employees.

The pulpwood operation left a huge network of quality roads linking towns that were previously days apart by sailing sloops.

The 500 employees of the pulpwood operation gave Abaco a big boost with their weekly payroll. Some of this money was spent in the company store which was the biggest store on Abaco. Folks came by car and boat to get their first steady source of fresh milk and ice cream.

A good bit of the company payroll migrated to the small shops in Marsh Harbour as employees had the choice of patronizing other shops. The company store was no longer the only game in town.

The pulpwood operation moved its 500 employees to Andros in 1966. Their departure was offset by the sugar operation the company established on 20,000 acres of newly cleared land. This gave a big boost to the Cherokee settlement which was a traditional fishing village. Fishing was abandoned and boats were sold as men took good paying jobs at the mill. The men were with their families every night and had a weekly pay check. Those were good times.

For a variety of reasons the sugar venture failed several years later and was a major blow to the Cherokee employees and the Abaco economy in general. However, the ten-year growth period from 1960 through 1970 had given the Central Abaco area a head start on self sufficiency. Second homeowners, rental houses and the small hotels were able to sustain the economy.

Agriculture during the 1960s was an important element for Abaco. The S and M Farm which took the Crockett operation to a higher level was successful. This farm acreage was later absorbed into the Owens Illinois sugar project. During this time Edison Key and Morton Sawyer began farming in the Norman's Castle in a joint effort with Gulf Western, west of the Treasure Cay airport. That is the farm recently operated by the Egan Company of Fort Pierce as the Bahama Star Farm, a citrus grove with 3,000 acres of citrus trees.

Other large citrus operations are the Bahama Palm Groves 20 miles to the south and the recently revived B G Harmon groves south of Spring City.

Farming has a rich history on Abaco and has generally been successful for the larger

farms. It tends to be cyclical and at the mercy of weather conditions beyond our shores. Bad weather in the States is good news here, whereas a good year in Florida may cause commercial crops here to be dumped. Finding suitable labour can be challenging. Competition from Mexico and other low wage countries is hard to deal with.

The most recent disaster was the apparent devastation of our citrus industry by the infestation of the citrus canker discovered in the Bahamas Star Farm groves.

It was the farms in the 1960s that began utilizing the newly arrived Haitian refugees. They fit the model nicely of desirable farm help. They were not demanding of their living conditions and were grateful for whatever wages they could earn. It was not necessary to recruit labour as the Haitians just keep showing up looking for work. Their arrival coincided with the emerging Abaco economy which openings for their entry level work.

It was during this farm expansion in 1963 or 1964 that the first Haitians began building their houses in the Pigeon Peas area. During this same period the lumbering operation altered its harvesting style somewhat and formed cutting crews predominately of Haitians. They were given company housing in the Campbell Town site not far from Snake Cay. References to Campbell Town are heard now when Haitian resettlement options are discussed.

Following the announcement of the canker discovery on January 5, 2005, the Bahama Star Farm shut down in a matter of hours leaving 80 - 100 employees and their dependents wondering what the future holds for them. The employees are being allowed to remain in the company housing for the time being. Various government departments are now pondering this new dilemma. Initial government statements indicate the farm owners have abandoned the operation and the lease has reverted to government.

The future of large scale citrus groves

on Abaco is questionable while we wait for plant pathologists to make their surveys. However, without question, the citrus operation there is finished. The 3000 acres would be choice land for other agricultural crops as the canker only affects citrus.

Agriculture has a future here as we have suitable land, a good water supply and agreeable weather. We lack the initiative, financial resources and expertise for large scale agriculture. Although Immigration authorities might disagree, we appear to have an abundant supply of farm labour.

The Abaco economy fares well with tourism as the foundation. Small resorts and diverse ownership of the second home rental market keep the impact of failures to a minimum. Our diverse tourism base means no single resort or operation holds our future in their hands. While large operations are easier to showcase and brag about, the success of the community then hinges on the success of a single entity. Note the effects to area economies by the closure of

- the Treasure Cay hotel when it burned in 1961 and the effect to North Abaco employees
- the sugar mill in 1970 and the effect to Cherokee employees
- the second Treasure Cay Hotel displacing employees in 1992
- Walkers Cay in 2004 displacing 180 from neighboring Grand Cay
- Bahama Star Farm in January 2005 displacing 80 or more employees This last farm closure will minimally affect the overall economy. However, it is a very sad ending for a successful farm stretching back for three decades. Unlike annual crops, citrus takes years for the trees to develop and produce commercial crops. It is tragic that a plant disease can shut down a successful farm operation in such a very short time. The threat posed by the citrus canker could destroy the commercial citrus production on Abaco for years.



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Letters to the Editor

Passerine Development on Guana Cay

Ed. Note: This letter was originally sent to the Tribune in response to a front page story and a letter in the Tribune concerning the proposed development on the north end of Guana Cay.

Dear Editor,

Your recent letter from Mr. Bonds (Saturday, 18 December) and front-page report (Monday, 20 December) refers to a residential development on the northern end of Guana Cay. Although I have no direct connection with this development, I have been privileged to see the plans and visit the cay twice this year, and I would like to reassure your readers and also anyone else exposed to some similar remarks about Passerine in other newspapers, that this development has followed all the correct procedures for safeguarding the environment, has held public meetings and has presented an EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) to the BEST Commission. I should add that government restricts the developers from promoting their own projects and therefore they cannot reply directly to these published criticisms.

This northern section of Guana Cay is unoccupied at present but was previously used by Disney as a cruise ship destination which they subsequently abandoned for Gorda Cay. The remnants of this operation, which include a decaying jetty, a large number of service buildings and amenities onshore, and a dredged channel and island formed from the spoil heap, are all eyesores and existing blights on the environment. The 3.5 mile dredged channel was considered one of the biggest environmental disasters to reefs by reef biologist Dr. Judy Lang, who opposed its construction in 1988.

Major disturbance to the Baker's Bay shoreline included the bulldozing of sand dunes which has resulted in massive casuarina invasion which is causing beach erosion, and unless checked will continue to destroyed native plants and caused shoreline retreat.

The Passerine development intends to restore all these contaminated and disturbed areas and replant native vegetation. The channel and spoil island are not part of the development and this problem should be the focus of any "save the reef" effort. The spoil island continues to erode and destroy valuable fish habitats in the Sea of Abaco as well as increase sediment on the adjacent reefs.

As far as the reefs are concerned there is absolutely nothing in the development that will impact them on either shore, and they have been surveyed for the first time and will continue to be monitored by a professional.

The Joe's Creek area of wetland is by no means as pristine as is suggested in the reports as Disney had impacted it as well as visiting yachtsmen who proliferate in the area. Unlike the many parts of Guana Cay that have already been haphazardly developed and which continue to damage the shoreline, this area has been the subject of close scrutiny, as part of it will be used for the proposed marina.

The purpose of the marina is to provide boat slips for the residents who will not be permitted to build any shoreline structures including docks. As these are mainly small slips there are a relatively large number of them, but the marina itself will only cover about 33 acres.

However, Passerine has negotiated an agreement with the government to the effect that a larger acreage (89 acres) will actually be preserved and managed by an independent trust, funded buy a levy on the residents, so that it will remain an area pre-

served and protected for research and recreation by all Bahamians and visitors. In addition to this some 16 acres of mangrove mediation will be undertaken, and the setback for residences will preserve a further 53 acres of dunes. In total there are 158 acres designated "Eco" area, some 25 percent of the total 600-acre development.

The ignorance of those complaining about this development is particularly apparent when they complain that Passerine will increase the stress on utilities and waste management. The fact is that the other developments have not addressed the solid waste and sewage issues and Passerine has undertaken to build and operate a solid waste transfer station for the whole island. This will involve modern technology to sort the solid waste so that some 30 percent can be recycled as compost, glass, metal and paper can be separated, and the balance compacted for shipment off the island. Sewage will be treated in a central sewage plant similar to those in use in the Florida Cays.

Similarly the remarks about doubling the island's population being doubled are way off. Passerine if fully settled would have some 450 homes, while the Guana Cay settlement has 250, Orchid Bay 300 planned, and Kent Smith's development 550 planned.

I have had the opportunity to visit many developments in the Bahamas over the last 25 years and can frankly find nothing better than this development, which has a low housing density and has employed the most conservative measures to enhance and protect what is left of the natural environment. Most of this land is privately owned and can be sold for development to someone else if not to the Passerine developer.

I have visited the other private developments that are at present building houses on Guana Cay and cover a much larger area that Passerine. Critics would do well to examine some of these properties now under construction, which from direct observation are clearing natural vegetation unnecessarily, replacing it with exotics including the invasive Scaveola, and undertaking alteration of the shoreline, no doubt without the knowledge or permission of the authorities.

The well attended meeting in August, patronized mainly by native Abaconians, raised hardly any of these issues, and the matter of Joe's Creek when explained was accepted with approval. Perhaps the mostly anonymous critics of this development would help their cause if they were to identify themselves and their specific interests and investment in Guana Cay, and approach the developer with constructive suggestions about their areas of concern.

The people financing the "Save the Guana Cay" campaign include other expatriate developers on Guana Cay, not exactly working in the interest of the Bahamian people. Bahamians, and especially

Abaconians, should not allow themselves to be misinformed by persons with unspecified agendas who use emotive rhetoric to stir up mistrust in a sound development that will enhance a beautiful island.

Neil Sealey, Editor
Bahamas Journal of Science

Another View of the Passerine Project

Dear Editor,

As a relative newcomer to The Bahamas, I realize my opinion is unsolicited. However, so much controversy swirls around the development proposal for Guana Cay, I would ask to be allowed to add my thoughts to the mix.

The Out Islands are truly unique and should be considered an endangered species to be protected from large scale destruction. The type of development proposed does nothing but destroy - both physically and economically. An elite few will benefit. They will bring all their supplies with them. They will eat in their own restaurants, play their own golf course, shop their own stores, rent the company boat, use a private ferry service and the list goes on. If Bahamians are lucky they may get a token service job or get to do some gardening for the rich.

The gift of Crown Land is also unacceptable. In Canada our government routinely sells mining and timber rights on Crown Land to massive corporations, leaving clear cut wastelands behind for the people to "enjoy."

The Out Islands are small, let's think small. Small resorts and private home rentals put big dollars in the pockets of local business. As an owner I know when a guest arrives and spends \$1000 for accommodation that approximately 60 percent stays in the local economy. The guest spends another \$1000 while on vacation, of which 100 percent stays in the local economy. When Joe Millionaire buys a lot in a gated community and buys his golf club membership and private slip at the private marina, the vast majority of the money goes into the pocket of the developer and back to the U.S.

Maybe we should encourage a land swap. Move the development to the mainland where the damage will be less and the Out Islands can be preserved.

At the very least a seemingly short sighted government should respect the opinions of the local residents who will most impacted.

The rapid rise in real estate values due to this scale of development will force the Bahamian people off the land and leave future generations unable to afford a home in their own country.

Big is not necessarily better.

Thank you,
Andrew Hill

Thank You, Green Turtle Cay

Dear Editor,

On December 29th our children, now adults, Bo Koury and Alex Scott, were married on the beach below the Bluff House. The ceremony was stunning and the wedding was picture book perfect. Credit for making it possible goes to the Green Turtle Cay community.

A group of about 70 dedicated folks made their way from various corners of the United States to participate in the event. We accept complete responsibility for the shortage of golf carts on the island during the holidays - I think we rented them all, every last one.

Local merchants and grocers were able to fulfill almost every wish for the assembled multitude. They fell all over themselves to make every last request a reality, delivering it to the door of each house with a smile and a "thank you for the business." Try that in the States!

There was not a dry eye at the wedding, nor a dry throat on the island. The crew spent so much time at Sundowners and Blue Bee Bar that they were almost furniture. The place became the home away of home for the crew and Miss Emily's Goombay Smash the theme drink of the wedding. The McIntosh Restaurant kept the mother of the bride well supplied with dinners and snacks for the roving crowds of hungry family and friends.

The welcome from the business community was the talk of the wedding. There is business, and there is way beyond business - to friendship, caring and hospitality. The Green Turtle business community crossed that line. Brendal and Mary Stevens hosted the wedding party on a rehearsal dinner converted into an afternoon beach party cruise. Professional to a fault, the event was perfect mix of island fun and food.

The wedding formalities started with a unforgettable trip to Marsh Harbor in October to obtain a license. The process became even more daunting when the application forms referred to the lovely bride to be as a "spinster." The staff ladies were just great, guiding the prospective newlyweds through two sets of forms because they got them all backwards the first time. We left, license in hand, with the best wishes of officials, staff and bystanders cheering us out the doors.

The wedding itself came off without a hitch, in perfect island fashion - no one showed up until three minutes before the appointed hour! The beach was lined with a conch shell and flower aisle for the bride. Rev. Johnny Lowe ran the ceremony with just right mixture of charm and legal bearing to make it all official. The Anglican Church girls' choir was the crowning jewel

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Hundreds of North Abaco Children Received Gifts

The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham hosted Christmas parties for the children of North Abaco. He visited all the northern area on January 3 giving out gifts. The party in Dundas Town and Murphy Town was jointly co-sponsored with Mr. Robert Carron of the Nassau Tribune who was also present at the party.

After initiating the Dundas Town party, he went to Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Cooper's Town and Mount Hope. At each party there was an abundance of good food. The Green Turtle party even had ice cream. Several of the locations had jumping castles. The gifts were toys appropriate for the various age groups.

Mr. Ingraham looked very well despite having had a threatening health problem just

one week previously. At that time he felt a tightness in his chest. After phoning a doctor, he was soon hospitalized when doctors realized he had a potentially dangerous heart problem termed unstable angina. Tests showed that he had two blood vessels that were blocked. At Doctors Hospital in Nassau he underwent a successful balloon angioplasty which cleared one of the blood vessels. Doctors inserted a stent to keep it open. The other blood vessel was too small to treat. Because of his quick response to the initial symptoms, there was no damage to his heart muscles. He was hospitalized overnight.

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The Christmas party for the children of Wood Cay, Fire Road and Cooper's Town was held in Ingraham Park. A bouncing castle amused the children and food was provided.



There was plenty of good food at the Christmas party in Central Abaco. The party was held at the Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town and was for the children of Dundas Town and Murphy Town and any others that came. This was sponsored by Mr. Ingraham and the Nassau Tribune.

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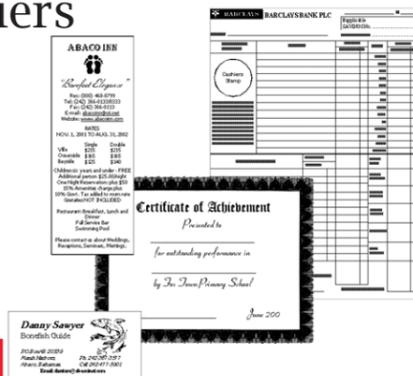
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Mr. Ingraham's Visited One Week After Medical Problem

Ingraham

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Doctors have recommended several changes in his lifestyle to improve his health. He is to give up smoking, change to

a low fat, low cholesterol diet, begin an aerobic exercise program and take medication to bring about improvement in his circulatory system.

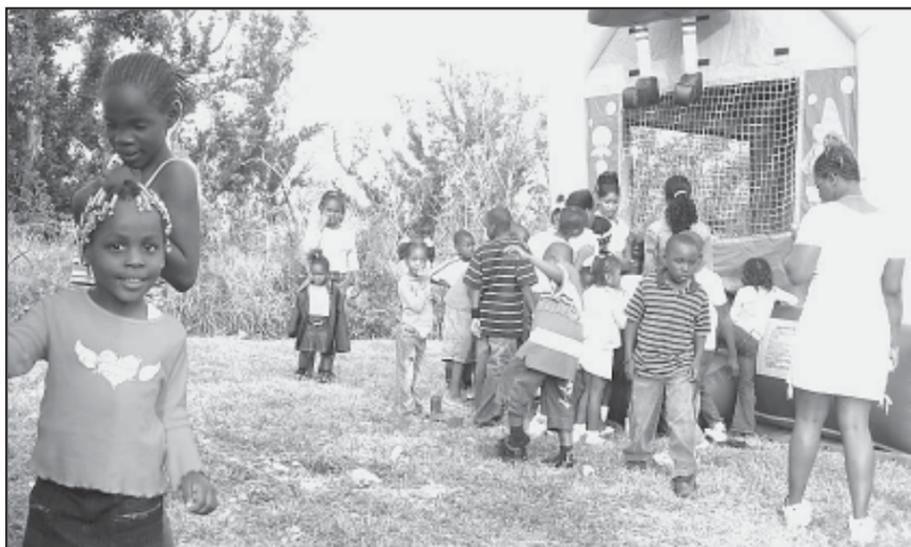
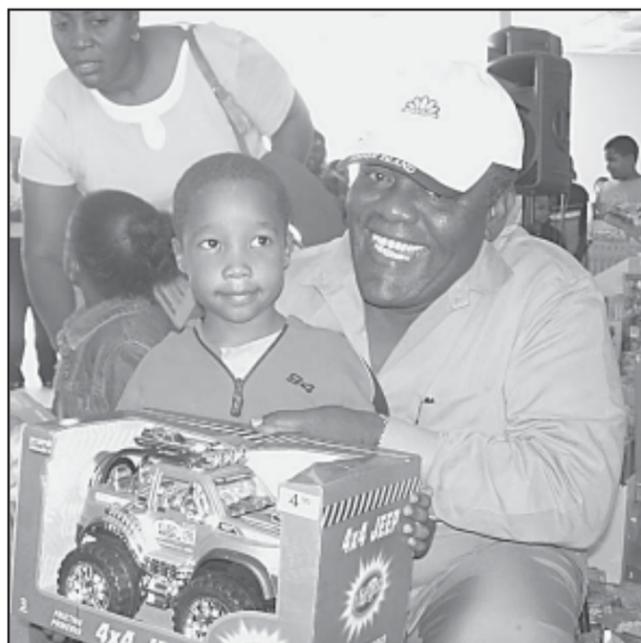
When Mr. Ingraham was on Abaco, he indicated that he was taking his doctor's advice seriously and would be making the necessary changes to improve his heart and general health. He plans to take it easy for a little while. Doctors will monitor his health regularly.

It is interesting to note that about ten years ago that he was instrumental in bringing the angioplasty procedure to the hospital. Special equipment was required along with foreign medical personnel to train local doctors in the procedure.



Mr. Ingraham personally handed out toys in each of the communities of North Abaco. This little boy in Mount Hope is being helped to open his gift. The party there was for the children of Cedar Harbour, Wood Cay, Mount Hope, Crown Haven and Fox Town.

On the right is Mr. Ingraham with a boy from Central Abaco with his new toy truck. Below are children of Little Abaco crowded around the bouncing castle waiting for their turn.



The children of the Cooper's Town area enjoyed a bouncing castle.

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Top News Stories of 2004

By Portia Jonsson

Let's look back at the news stories of 2004 to see which had the greatest impact. I have compiled a list of my choices for the top stories in Abaco for 2004.

• **Bush Fires** – The month of March 2004 brought many bush fires that threatened the communities of Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Spring City, Casuarina Point, Bahamas Palm Shores, Bahamas Coral Island, Little Abaco, and Sweetings Village. The fires also threatened schools in Marsh Harbour. On March 8th a family of five lost their home and belongings due to a bush fire in Spring City.

• **Body Discovered in Blue Hole** – On Good Friday last year the body of Jermaine Thompson was found floating in a Blue Hole off the S.C. Boodle Highway. The remains were discovered by tourists visiting the site. The body was wrapped in garbage bags, chained and secured to a concrete block.

• **Island Roots Festival** – Green Turtle Cay invited persons to *Come Celebrate Things Bahamian* at their First Annual Island Roots Festival held May 7th-9th. The festival celebrated the revival of the "sister City" exchange programme between Green Turtle Cay and Key West.

• **Plane Crash** – On May 27th a private Cessna Centurion plane carrying five persons from Florida crashed into the pine woods about 1000 feet off the runway at Marsh Harbour International Airport killing three.

• **Goombay Summer Festival** – *Groovin' in Abaco* was the theme of last year's festival and the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band got the festivities off to a roaring start on June 25th at the Goombay Park. Also providing entertainment were Abaco's own Stone McEwan and Thunder, Spring City Rockers and the electrifying New Wave Dancers from Grand Bahama.

• **Regatta Time in Abaco** – Regatta Time in Abaco completed its 29th year with a

series of five sailboat races over 9 days. Cruising sailboats participated in races, which began on July 3rd off Green Turtle Cay and culminated on July 10th off Marsh Harbour.

• **Hurricane Frances** – Hurricane Frances batters Abaco from Sandy Point to Crown Haven on September 3rd - 4th. The category 3 storm traveled four miles per hour as it made its way up the back of Abaco with hurricane force winds for probably 30 hours as it traveled to Grand Bahama. The heavy rains caused massive flooding throughout the island.

• **Hurricane Jeanne** – September 25th will long be remembered as the day Hurricane Jeanne passed through Abaco. The storm, moving about 14 miles per hour, crossed over Abaco with sustained winds of 105 miles per hour. Although leaving much damage in its path, there were no deaths or serious injuries. Parts of Marsh Harbour were flooded with three to five feet of salt water.

• **Closed Grouper Season** – The Department of Fisheries announced an initial closed season for the Nassau Grouper throughout the Bahamas from January 1st-31st, 2004. During this period the taking, landing, processing, selling and the offering of fresh grouper for sale was prohibited. A second closed season began December 15, 2004, and extended to February 15, 2005

• **Abaco Christmas Festival** – The first Annual Abaco Christmas Festival was staged on December 11th at the Memorial Plaza to provide Christmas cheer and a fun time for all. The festival showcased local arts and crafts as well as games, music, food and a good time.

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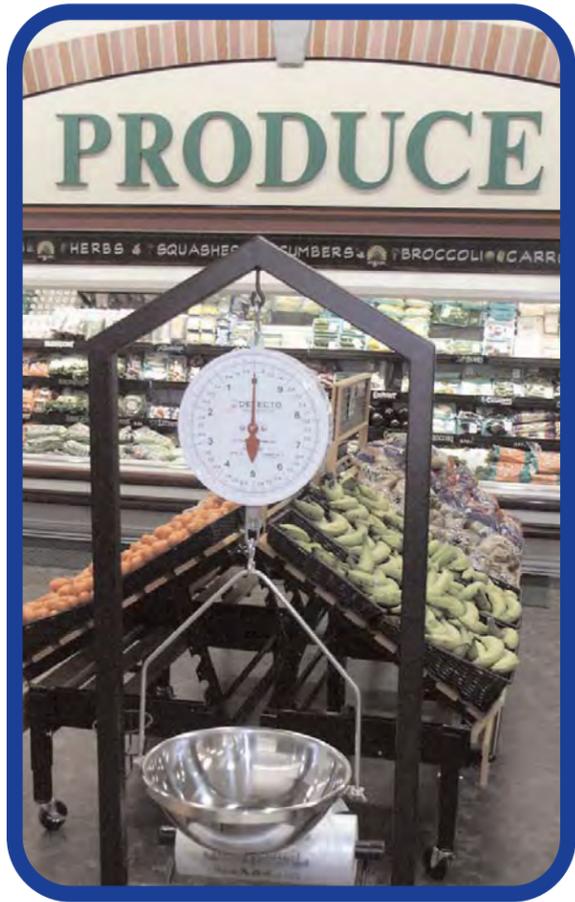
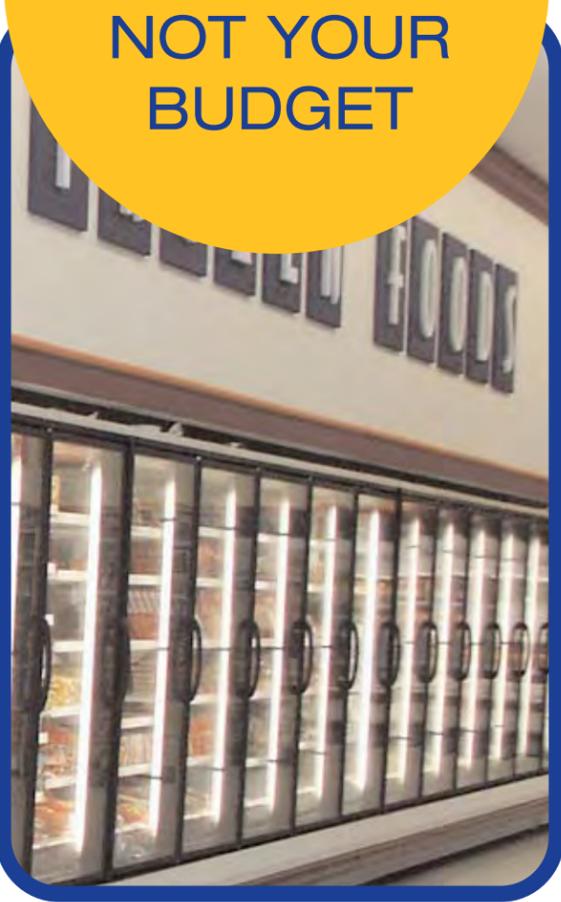
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Community Policing Program

“Working Towards A Better Community”

By Jennifer Hudson

In an effort to continually improve the quality of service it provides to the people of Abaco, the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Abaco District, has embarked upon a Community Policing project in order to become more in touch with the local residents and assess their needs and concerns. Community Policing has been working very effectively in Nassau for several years.

On his arrival in Marsh Harbour, Assistant Superintendent of Police Wayne Miller decided to introduce a Community Relations Division here as he saw how it could greatly assist the needs of this community. The project began last September with the communities of Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Pigeon Pea, the Mud and the downtown business area of Marsh Harbour. In the new year the project will be expanded to encompass the area from Memorial Plaza into Pelican Shores and Eastern Shores.

In charge of the Community Policing project is WPC Leisa Campbell, who has a friendly, outgoing personality ideally suited to the task of meeting with people and assessing their needs. She is assisted by Officer Higgs, who is also very approachable.

These two police officers have been going door to door in the various communities since the programme's inception and have heard a variety of different concerns. They have been handing out questionnaires for individuals to complete which will give the Police some guidelines as to how they can more efficiently deal with problems in the various communities. These questionnaires are designed to ascertain people's opinions on the attitude of the Police Station staff and the standard of service received and to get input from individuals on ways in which they feel improvements could be made such as additional staff, more privacy, more information or better decoration of the premises.

Some of the concerns which have been voiced in Dundas Town and Murphy Town are for a larger police presence in the area, better garbage collection and a recreation centre in Murphy Town. In Pigeon Pea the



ASP Wayne Miller

focus has been on hurricane repairs as many of the residents have not known where to seek help from the various authorities. The community policing officers forward these concerns to the appropriate departments.

The officers presented literature on safety tips to businesses and gave out pamphlets to holiday shoppers, especially women, on how to keep safe during the busy holiday season. WPC Campbell and Officer Higgs were joined by a few more police officers on their “walkabouts” during the Christmas season and ASP Miller joined the police officers on “the beat.”

WPC Campbell was very pleased with the results of the extra policing and handing out of safety tips as she reported that there was a definite decrease in crime over the holiday period from the level which was previously experienced. “It put persons on the alert,” she said, “and encouraged them to be more aware and not so laid back.” Also she noticed that businesses had made a greater effort to secure their properties.

Other leaflets have been prepared to assist persons with ideas for improving the safety of their homes and vehicles.

Home owners are offered the following tips:

- Invest in solid doors and windows with good quality locks.

- Whenever you are going outside, lock the door and take the key with you, even if you are only stepping next door or out mowing the back yard.

- Don't put valuables where they can be seen from the window.

- Don't keep large amounts of cash or valuable jewelry around the house.

- Don't hide spare keys under the doormat or in a flower pot; thieves know all the good hiding places.

- Plant thorny bushes under all windows; trim back trees or shrubs near doors and windows to eliminate hiding places.

- Don't leave ladders outside and keep any tools that could be used to break into your house safely locked away in a garage or shed.

- Always double check that all doors and windows are properly locked at night.

- Engrave all valuables such as stereos, microwaves, video cameras with your driver's license number.

- Video tape the contents of your home. Keep the video and list of valuables in a safe place such as a safety deposit box.

Tips for vehicle owners include the following:

- During the day park your vehicle in an area of clear surroundings.

- At night park in an area where there is proper lighting.

- After parking your vehicle, ensure that all windows and doors are properly locked.

- Before leaving your vehicle, ensure that all valuables, important documents or cash are removed from the vehicle. Leaving those items visible is an invitation for a thief to break into your vehicle.

- Be very careful with the persons you allow to clean or repair your vehicle; the keys could be duplicated for an easier method to steal the vehicle at a later date.

- A steering wheel club or alarm system are added security measures.

Any persons needing assistance or experiencing problems in their community are asked to contact their local police station and any persons having any information concerning crime in their neighbourhood are asked to contact the Marsh Harbour Police Station at 367-2570 or 367-3437.



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Sixty-Seven Species Identified in Bird Count

By Mirella Santillo

January 2nd was a long day for bird watchers who took part in the yearly bird count for the Audubon Society which is celebrating its centennial this year. Fifty-five thousand volunteers, from Canada to the West Indies, participated in a count, in defined areas between December 14th, 2004, to January 5th, 2005.

It was still dark when we met at the Friends of the Environment's office in Marsh Harbour at 6 a.m. Several of us, including Reginald Patterson, John Herald Bethel, David Knowles and others, were met there by Ron Pagliero, who was the organizer and the leader of our outing. We left Marsh Harbour around 6:30 a.m. and drove south to the "Y" located a few miles from of Sandy Point, where we met with the rest of the "watchers." One of the drivers had to cope with a flat tire on the way, but within an hour all 22 participants had arrived. The group included Dr. Ethan Fried from the United States, Abaconians Woody Bracey, Anita and Steve Knowles, Nassuvians Tony Hepburn, Freddy Schaller and Predensa Moore.

We were divided into four groups, one group less than last year, each with a grid to cover, starting south of Crossing Rock to the settlement of Sandy Point. My group was comprised of five people. They were Steve and Anita Knowles, well known in the community as environmentalists. Also Reginald Patterson and Predensa Moore. Ms. Moore said, "I joined the ornithology group in Nassau in 1997. It is one of my vices or rather a passion! I am as excited now at the sight of a bird as I was eight years ago!" Mr. Patterson, who was born in Nassau, is the son of the well known botanist and author Mr. Jack Patterson. He



This Cuban Emerald Hummingbird was resting when Ron Pagliero took the photo during the bird count taken on January 2.

shares his late father's interest for local flora and fauna, specially birds. Reg, as he is familiarly known among the residents of Marsh Harbour, moved to Abaco in 1968 and knows some of the best bird watching spots on our island, as well as the local and immigrant species.

Our grid was the southernmost one, covering most of the logging roads on each side of the highway all the way to the village of Sandy Point. We saw numerous Cuban Emerald Hummingbirds and Bahamas Wood Stars. We spotted Black Faced Grass Quits, a Red Tailed Hawk, several Turkey Vultures and Yellow Throated Warblers. However, the highlight of the morning was a trip to the dump!

Some people go to the dump to throw their trash away, some go there in the hopes of finding discarded treasures, but bird watchers go there to see birds. And many birds did we see. Swarms of beautiful green backed Bahama Swallows put on a show by sweeping back and forth in front and

around us. One had to wonder who was watching whom. Red Winged Black Birds were abundant at the dump, and spotted there was a Palm Warbler and several Yellow Rumped Warblers. It was a very rewarding stop in spite of the smell.

I had to leave my group at one p.m., but not before a well deserved lunch break that all of us enjoyed. The rest was welcome, and it was an occasion to get acquainted or reacquainted for some of us. We all met again in the evening in Marsh Harbour to record the final count from each group and discuss sightings of interest. A total of 1,078 birds belonging to 67 species were sighted. Only 34 Abaco Parrots were seen this year compared to 177 last year. However, they have been sighted in numbers in the Central Abaco area and, according to Ron Pagliero, will return to their breeding grounds in the spring. The count for the species was down by four, and down by

more than 700 for the birds themselves. Considering that there was one less team and that one less grid was covered, it was a successful count. The hurricanes probably had an impact on our bird population as the number of resident birds was down. The most exciting sighting for Mr. Pagliero was the large number of Sandwich Terns, 49 of them. Over 100 Laughing Sea Gulls were also seen; all and all a very rewarding day for the bird watcher.

The unusual sighting of an American Robin a few days later in the Marsh Harbour area was also commented on by several people.

Tentative dates for next year's count, which should take place in December, were mentioned and will be announced at a later date. The Abaco count usually follows those from Nassau and Andros. This is the 104th official count for the Audubon Society, and our count will be added to its records.

Tsunami Relief Fund Is Set Up

Sometimes tragedy half a world away touches very close to home. Two natives of Sri Lanka and long-time residents of The Bahamas have spearheaded a drive to support those hardest hit by the tsunami which struck their homeland without warning on December 26th. They

have set up an account where donations can be made to the "Tsunami Relief for Sri Lanka" account at the Bank of The Bahamas, account number 5265970. The money will be forwarded to the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society for effective deployment.

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ASP Clarence Russell Assesses His Tenure

Ed. Note: This is the assessment of ASP Clarence Russell on his transfer after having served on Abaco for almost two years.

Two years ago come February 14th, 2005, I was transferred to the Abaco District of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas with a view of fulfilling a two-year commitment to serving the people of Abaco, in the presence of the Policy Team of the Royal Bahamas Police Force headed by the Commissioner of Police Mr. Paul Farquharson. That time has come to fruition.

Since my arrival in this district much has transpired with regard to crime fighting and the reduction of the fear of crime which is often times associated and synonymous with the kind of growth and economic development currently being experienced on this island to include its many cays.

To this end, my administration pro-actively took immediately to building upon the foundation laid down by my predecessor in a positive way, in re-enforcing our commitment to the task at hand while strengthening the bond between the police and the community we serve. For this and every other opportunity to have served, I say a heartfelt thank you to this community and the hard working officers of this district who all shared in our successes and stuck by me when we were challenged, from Crown Haven in the North to Sandy Point in the South on the mainland but also to include the cays from Grand Cay in the North to Disney Cay in the South. No man is an island and a team is only as strong as its weakest link.

Just to name a few, the following noteworthy achievements were realized during this period:

- This District's vehicular compliment grew tremendously.

- Our compliment of neighbourhood Police stations increased.
- Our community policing efforts were regenerated.
- Our weekly education of our public in law practices became a reality on Radio Abaco's open line show
- Our biannual report to this nation became a reality.
- Our vehicular and motorcycle patrols became a reality of obvious noticeable consequence.
- Our district's downtown bicycle patrol became a reality, even among the cays.
- Our Police vessel patrol as mandated by the northern regions command became a reality with mandatory authorised monthly visits to the cays.
- The dog section of this district became a reality.
- The Police budget was increased for the first time in many years for the benefit of the public we served.
- The multi-agency approach to crime fighting became a reality.
- Private engagement funds became regularized in the district and returned for the first time since its inception.
- The Police welfare became a legal, democratic entity governed by an elected committee in accordance with government's force policy.
- Crime fighting and lawful raids when necessary became the norm in this District.
- Fairplay, morality and accountability became the watchword of this division which clearly had no room for corruption or unethical behavior.
- Internal discipline and accountability for officers' actions was given priority.
- Divisional policy dictated and adopted a zero tolerance to any and all forms of

discrimination.

- Police Reserve Supervisors got new office facilities for the purpose of conducting confidential, managerial functions for all Police Reserve staff.

- Our Police Station went within one year from being quite a mess to receiving the Ministry of Tourism's Cleanliness and Most Improved Government's Building Award prior to suffering both Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne.

- Local Police stations where affordable, from Cooper's Town in the North to Sandy Point in the South received basic computer infrastructural improvements.

- For this and so much more we stand proud.

While we did not profess to be perfect in any way, it is the opinion of this writer that ours is a record upon which we may stand proud and suggestively, one which my successor may improve upon for the much de-

serving citizens of Abaco, Bahamas. History shall judge us accordingly, as it shall for those who came before us and all those whom shall serve behind us in the future.

To all of you who have served this community from a policing and public safety perspective, we say a special Thank You on behalf of all those who served alongside me.

As we encourage you to lend your support likewise to the new and vibrant administration of Assistant Superintendent Wayne Miller, your newly appointed commander in the Abaco Division of the Northern Region, Royal Bahamas Police Force.

On behalf of my family and me we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Every Child Counts Program Helps Special Students

By Richard E. Fawkes

Before Hillary Rodham Clinton popularized the African proverb, *It takes a village to raise a child*, or President George Bush promulgated his *No Child Left Behind* education legislation in the United States, Lyn Major made the slogan *Every Child Counts* a reality in the form of Abaco's only institution for school students "who cannot succeed in a mainstream classroom because of physical, neurological or cognitive disabilities."

This alternative school, which is under the aegis of the Catholic Board of Education but receives no funding from that body, has an enrolment of 42 students ranging in age from three to 19.

"My husband and I adopted twin boys when they were three-and-a-half," said Mrs. Major, the school's founder and administrator. "We soon discovered they had severe developmental challenges that would require special education. We realized that no special needs programme was available on Abaco. We received some help from a friend, Dr. Sharon Kossack of Florida International University (FIU) and other parents with similar needs. As a result, Every Child Counts came into being."

Dr. Kossack, a professor of reading and literacy at FIU, is still on ECC's board of advisors and continues to assist the school in providing free professional, parent and volunteer training in the areas of reading diagnosis, targeted teaching and special needs recognition. ECC also provides free evaluations and recommendations for struggling students across Abaco, with funding from the Rotary Club, according to Mrs. Major.

Every Child Counts which transitioned from part-time to full-time status five years ago, is able to accept students up to the age of 21. The school has a dynamic pre-vocational programme for the older students which includes a two-day per week on-the-job apprenticeship placement with various businesses in the community. Abaco business persons, according to Mrs. Major, have been quite helpful in launching and sustaining that programme by providing apprenticeship positions and job placements for young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to obtain training or become productive wage earners.

The school has a staff of ten. "Four full-time, including myself, a part-time vocational teacher, and four aides," Mrs. Ma-

Major said.

ECC requires a minimum budget of \$170,000 per year, which comes mainly from foundation grants and individual donations. Fund raising takes up a great deal of time, she says.

"It costs \$5,000 per student per year," she said, "and the teachers take an enormous reduction in salary." Mrs. Major said tuition and materials are \$1,460 per year per child, not including other fees such as medical and transportation. "Most parents are not able to afford the tuition," she said, "but no child is turned away for financial reasons. Instead, we seek persons of means to sponsor children, which, fortunately, we

have been very successful at. We encourage parents to volunteer as a way of helping, which many of them have been doing diligently."

Mrs. Major said the school receives a great deal of volunteer help both locally and internationally. The school recently added a vocational building to its main two-storey centre. The new facility was constructed last year by Youth on a Mission, a volunteer group from Vero Beach, Florida, along with local parents and other volunteers. A local businessman engaged his employees to work on the project. There was also a generous donation from another local individual to help build the unit.

Nippers Will Host Barefoot Man Concert

Abaco was not the only target for hurricanes in 2004. Category five Hurricane Ivan smashed through the Cayman Islands on September 11th and 12 leaving 80 percent of that three-island nation's buildings either damaged or destroyed. The Barefoot Man's home, office and warehouse were part of the rubble left behind. But that's not stopping the popular shoeless minstrel from coming back to Abaco for the fifth Barefoot Man Nippers concert this March 6th.

In fact, when George (Barefoot) Nowak saw what was left of his home after Ivan hit, the first thing he said, "There's a song there." He then wrote the calypso *Ivan* which became a fast hit in the Caymans. He has donated all proceeds from that recording to Cayman's National Hurricane Relief Fund.

Barefoot's home away from home has always been Abaco. For the last 30 years he has come here to visit friends and family (his daughter lives on Green Turtle Cay) and, of course, delight in his favorite sport - fishing for mutton snapper. Barefoot's witty songs about Abaco are featured on his CD *In the Bahamas* which is a popular souvenir item in local gift shops and a regular feature on Radio Abaco.

Last year every boat slip, cottage, golf cart and bar-stool were sold out on Guana Cay for The Barefoot Concert so it's highly suggested to make your plans early. Barefoot Man will be backed by the duo Chuck and Barrie Quappe known as Sea n' B and also featured will be popular Bahamian singer Stone McEwan. If you need more information, contact Johnny at Nippers, phone 365-5143.



The 40-odd students of the Every Child Counts program are shown here with the staff. This school in Marsh Harbour draws students with special needs from all over Abaco. The school teaches the 3 R's as well as real life skills. As the students get older and are able to cope with real life situations, they are put into work situations in local businesses where they are supervised. This is another step toward full responsibility for themselves.





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Chief Councillor, "N. Abaco Docks Still Not Repaired"

Richard E. Fawkes

The Chief Councillor for the North Abaco District, Stephen Pedican, said he is disappointed that the central government has not yet rebuilt or repaired docks destroyed or badly damaged in the September hurricanes and is concerned that a stop-gap measure to shore up the Little Abaco causeway might become permanent. During an interview in Treasure Cay Mr. Pedican also urged improve-

ments at the Treasure Cay International Airport and more consultation of the local district by government ministries in restoring normalcy to North Abaco's infrastructure.

He said government docks in fishing communities like Cooper's Town, Mount Hope and Crown Haven were destroyed and have not yet been rebuilt. Local government, he explained, is responsible to minor repairs and upkeep of docks, but

nothing on the scale of what the hurricanes made necessary.

Mr. Pedican said the ferry service in Crown Haven has been able to use a little section of dock left there, and the Green Cay Ferry Service has repaired the passenger ramp at the Treasure Cay dock.

"The local fishermen can't use the docks to take care of or tie up their boats," he said. "It's unsafe and a hazard for kids. If there are any tourists coming through our waters, they can't stop in at the docks for fuel or any assistance from the shops in the towns."

Mr. Pedican said the causeway that connects Great Abaco to Little Abaco was recently repaired by Bahamas Hot Mix with boulders and fill to restore the second lane and shore it up. It needs to be replaced with a structure that would allow the free flow of water and fish to regenerate the mangrove ecology destroyed by the years of deprivation. Minister of Works and Utilities Bradley Roberts expressed his support for such ecological considerations when he visited the structure with Prime Minister Christie shortly after Hurricane Jeanne last year. Mr. Pedican said he hopes the temporary fix does not become permanent.

A Little Politics

Mr. Pedican said that with respect to the issuing of contracts for post hurricane repairs, the local government district is somewhat out of the loop because of what he calls a little politics.

"There's a little politics being played in there," he said. "I'm not concerned about it because I understand how it goes - the government, the PLP have their generals in place, and the generals are

the ones who are privy to what's taking place and who's getting contracts to do what. We only know when the work is started."

Mr. Pedican does not consider this any kind of political discrimination, but that it would be good for local government officials to know what is going on. They were fortunate one time when the contractor saw fit to advise the Council that he had been given the contract to repair the schools. He said the only repair work that went through local government was the work done to the clinic in Cooper's Town, when local government was asked by the Ministry of Health to assist in putting out tenders for the job.

"We were told what the scope of the work was and what was agreed on. So we were the eyes and the ears for the Ministry of Health. That wasn't done with anyone else," Mr. Pedican said.

Mr. Pedican said although the central government does not have to go through local government to tender or award contracts, it is somewhat unusual for it not to do so, and that it is not the way it should be done. He has not had any word with any ministers or permanent secretaries about this issue, but addresses his concerns to the local administrator, Mr. Donald Cash, who would pass them on for him. His District Council submitted a request through the department of local government for assistance right after the hurricanes, but got no response.

"Right after the hurricane, the Administrator and I went through all the town-

Please see **Pedican**

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Temporary repairs have been made to the bridge joining Great Abaco with Little Abaco. The road was badly eroded by the hurricanes in September and was reduced to a one way road. Bahama Hot Mix has put in boulders and fill, making it once again a two-way road. Government acknowledges the need to put into place a "bridge" which would allow water to flow. This would once again join the waters on the south where the fish nurseries are with the deeper water where mature fish are. This fishing area has been depleted as a result of the current causeway which was constructed in the 1960s. Allowing the free flowing of water will also mean that fishermen in small boats will have access to both sides.

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N. Abaco Chief Councillor Speaks Out



Chief Councillor Steve Pedican

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ships and spoke to the various chairmen. We took their concerns of what needed to be done. We have submitted amounts that we need to get everything back in order. To date we have not got back any response from any ministry with regard to what monies, if any, would be sent.”

Mr. Pedican said the North Abaco district did receive \$6,000 for clean up, but that was “a drop in the bucket. It came out to about a thousand dollars for each township. We had asked for \$70, 000,” he said.

Airport a Major Concern

“I am very much disappointed at what has happened to the airport down here,” Mr. Pedican said concerning the Treasure Cay airport. With respect to the hurricane, he said the fencing, “which was not constructed properly with the right material” to begin with, was blown down and has not been repaired or replaced. Beyond that, he explained, the Treasure Cay airport is plagued with some of the

same problems as those at the Marsh Harbour airport.

“The terminal building is inadequate for international and domestic needs. Security at the airport is a major issue. Customs and immigration areas are definitely inadequate; it’s like a little cubby-hole there. The airline booths are jammed in. It’s really a shame to see people having to stand outside waiting for their flights to depart.”

Government is considering whether to build one major airport for Abaco rather than maintaining two. For this reason no major work has been done on either airport. One positive outcome of nothing having been done yet by the government is that “the business houses here in the North, like Treasure Cay Limited, the Bahama Beach Club, Green Turtle Club, Bluff House have come together and formed a committee to look at what it’s going to take to improve the airport. They want to upgrade the Treasure Cay airport. They want to put in a new terminal for the international flights. They want to work along with the government in doing this.”

He said a group of international consultants working with the government has told them, however, that while the ideas to upgrade are well and good, the priority is bringing the airport into compliance with safety regulations as far as the United States government is concerned.

“Since then, just a week ago, we formed an airport committee to look into what it is going to take to bring Treasure Cay airport into compliance as far as security regulations are concerned, and also to upgrade the airport as far as a new terminal building is concerned.”

Priorities for Remainder of Term

Mr. Pedican, a native of Green Turtle Cay, has been in the hospitality business for over 25 years including eight years as golf course superintendent at Treasure Cay. He plans to run for a second term in local government elections in July as Chief Councillor. His priority is to see all of the hurricane repair work completed before his term ends. In addition to cleaning up and dock restoration, his list includes repairs to bus stops and public lavatories, and reorganization of the various garbage dumps.

Mr. Pedican was also concerned about the damaged police station and quarters in Crown Haven where the officer in charge, Corp. Sullivan, is “living in despicable conditions.” Mr. Jack Thompson, the NEMA coordinator on Abaco, has provided materials for repairs and his district is ready to assist with its limited budget but is awaiting a response from the police department on what it is willing to provide.

As to the future of local government in North Abaco, Mr. Pedican would like to see more participation in public meetings where people could voice their concerns and more interest in statutory boards. He is proud of the participation of residents in Little Abaco, who are much more active than residents in the rest of the district; he hopes the others will follow suit.

US Embassy Has New Visa Section

By Isobel Sherman

The U.S. Embassy in Nassau will open a newly expanded and renovated Visa section in January. The section will have a large waiting room and more interviewing windows. Mr. Taylor stated the U.S. Embassy in Nassau is one of the few embassies in the world where visa applicants can walk in, be interviewed without an appointment and can usually receive their visa all in the same day.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Abaco businessman and building contractor **Everette Archer**, 63, died in Nassau after an illness. He had been ailing from throat and prostate cancer. His funeral service was held in Nassau on January 8. Interment was in Nassau.

Mr. Archer owned a number of businesses on Abaco and New Providence, sharing residence in both places. His businesses in Abaco include Bustic Bight Resort and Liquor Store and D's Guest House in the Marsh Harbour area. In Nassau, he owned Archer Brothers Liquor Store on Paradise Island and E and D Laundromat.

A building contractor for many years, Mr. Archer owned Everette Archer Construction. At the time of his death, his company was contracted to repair Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town and the primary and secondary public schools in Cooper's Town. The schools were damaged in the recent hurricanes. His son, Lynden, said the contracts will be completed according to schedule.

Mr. Archer was a political activist. A stalwart Councillor of the governing Progressive Liberal Party (PLP), he was part of a delegation that included former PLP MP and Senator, Edison Key, who went to London to counter attempts by a del-

egation led by former MP Leonard Thompson to have Abaco remain a part of the United Kingdom when The Bahamas became independent.

Mr. Archer is survived by his wife of 42 years, De-Anna, sons Lynden, Wayde, Richard, and Everette, Jr.; daughter Ernestine Archer Albury; 18 grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Nigel Levi Mills**, 36, of Cedar Harbour was held on January 8 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Cedar Harbour. Rev. Samuel Mills officiated assisted by Rev. Edward Laroda and Rev. Clifford C. Smith. Interment was in the Cedar Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Rev. Dr. Allan and Movena Mills; paternal mother Cynthia Brown; wife Florence; children Devon, Nado and Nigel Jr.; sisters Thea, Tamara and Terria Brown, Paulette Nesbitt, Katherine Lynden and Stephanie Fernander; brothers Darrin Culmer, Elton and Steve Smith; aunts Pearl, Viola Joycelyn and Lillian Wells, Cleom Jenive, Judie Storr, Lydia Kaderi, Monique and Michelle McIntosh, and Nicola Smith; nephews Tanai, Tahj, Kentyn, Kahli and Darrin Jr.; nieces Tanae and Taleah; grandaunts, Gerald Russell, Selreta Gaskin and Eliza McIn-

tosh; granduncles Charlie Mills, Medius Edgecombe and Charles Jones; uncles-in-law Rossvelt Wells, Darnell Storr and Wellington McIntosh; cousins Marvin, Ian, Sherease, Kishlene, Davinci, Kishon, Shonell, Cedron, Latherio, Allantino, Jennifer, Jasmine, Jaunette, Vanessa, Andre, Daveen, Roseann, Davaghn, Antonia, Nekia, Nicoya, Samuel Mills, Austin Mills, Michael Russell, Erma Duncombe, Virginia Pincer, Zelma Albury, Clifford III, Joseph and Benjamin Smith; godparents, Rev. Edward and Nelda Laroda; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Hortence Bootle**, 72, of Fire Road was held on January 8 at the New St. Andrew's Baptist Church in Fire Road with Rev. Eulin McIntosh officiating. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Fire Road.

She is survived by her sister Rejoiner Rolle; daughters Judimae Neymour, Ruth Jones, Arlene Cornish, Althea Rolle, Claudine King, Ellanie Tenesaca and Daisy Ward; sons Basil Bootle, Freddie Ferguson, Anthony Armstrong and Joel Thompson; nieces and nephews; sons-in-law Michael Neymour, Lincoln Jones,

Eddison Cornish, Manuel Tenesaca and Harrison King; daughter-in-law Terry Armstrong; grandchildren; great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Cleveland Eugene Albury of Cherokee Sound passed away on January 2 at the age of 86.



The funeral was held on January 3 at the Assembly of God Church in Cherokee Sound. Bro. Bob Cornea officiated. Interment was in the Cherokee Public Cemetery.

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New Policies Affect Air Travellers

By Isobel Sherman

Since 9/11 the FAA and the United States government have implemented policies that pertain to airlines both foreign and U.S. flying in and out of the United States. These policies pertain to any airport in the U.S. and in the world, including our overcrowded Marsh Harbour International Airport. The regulations are not that difficult. It requires passengers who are traveling on an airline into the United States to check in two hours before departure time. This regulation has been in effect since 9/11 and yet it seems that many persons do not take the regulation seriously. On a recent investigative visit to Marsh Harbour International Airport I questioned some airline personnel on the regulation.

Lawanda Bootle of Continental Gulfstream told me check-in is two hours before departure and the passenger manifest is closed 30 minutes prior to departure. It is faxed to the United States and it cannot be amended for late arrivals. I asked her if most passengers comply with this requirement, and she said yes.

Marilyn Simms of Bahamasair told me that the airline must close the West Palm Beach flight 45 minutes prior to departure and must then fax the manifest to the United States. Ms. Simms stated that passengers

are to check in by 9:20 a.m. for the West Palm Beach flight and need to be at the airport by 10:20 if they check in early, then leave the airport. There is a problem as many persons think they can come at 10:45-11 a.m. to check in. The paperwork has to arrive in the United States 30 minutes before the plane departs from Marsh Harbour. Ms. Simms said that this is a very serious matter because if Bahamasair does not adhere to FAA regulations, the airline could be refused entry in to the United States at any destination they fly to. In addition, Ms. Simms stated they must search all luggage including carry-ons and must screen passengers with a hand held metal detector before they board the flight. She said all of this takes time.

The rules for domestic flights are different. Ms. Simms said check in is one and a half hours before the flight leaves and the flight closes 30 minutes before departure to Nassau.

Limited Parking

A visit to the Marsh Harbour International Airport between Christmas and New Year's found new places for persons to park their cars. The airport parking lot was full to capacity as was the side next to the taxi hut. Now persons are parking their cars between the two roads which lead to Abaco

and to Cherokee Air. Innovative persons actually were able to park three cars deep in such a way that no one was blocked in by another car. On one day during the Christmas holiday time there were 200 vehicles parked there.

We all know that Marsh Harbour is in desperate need of a new airport and termi-

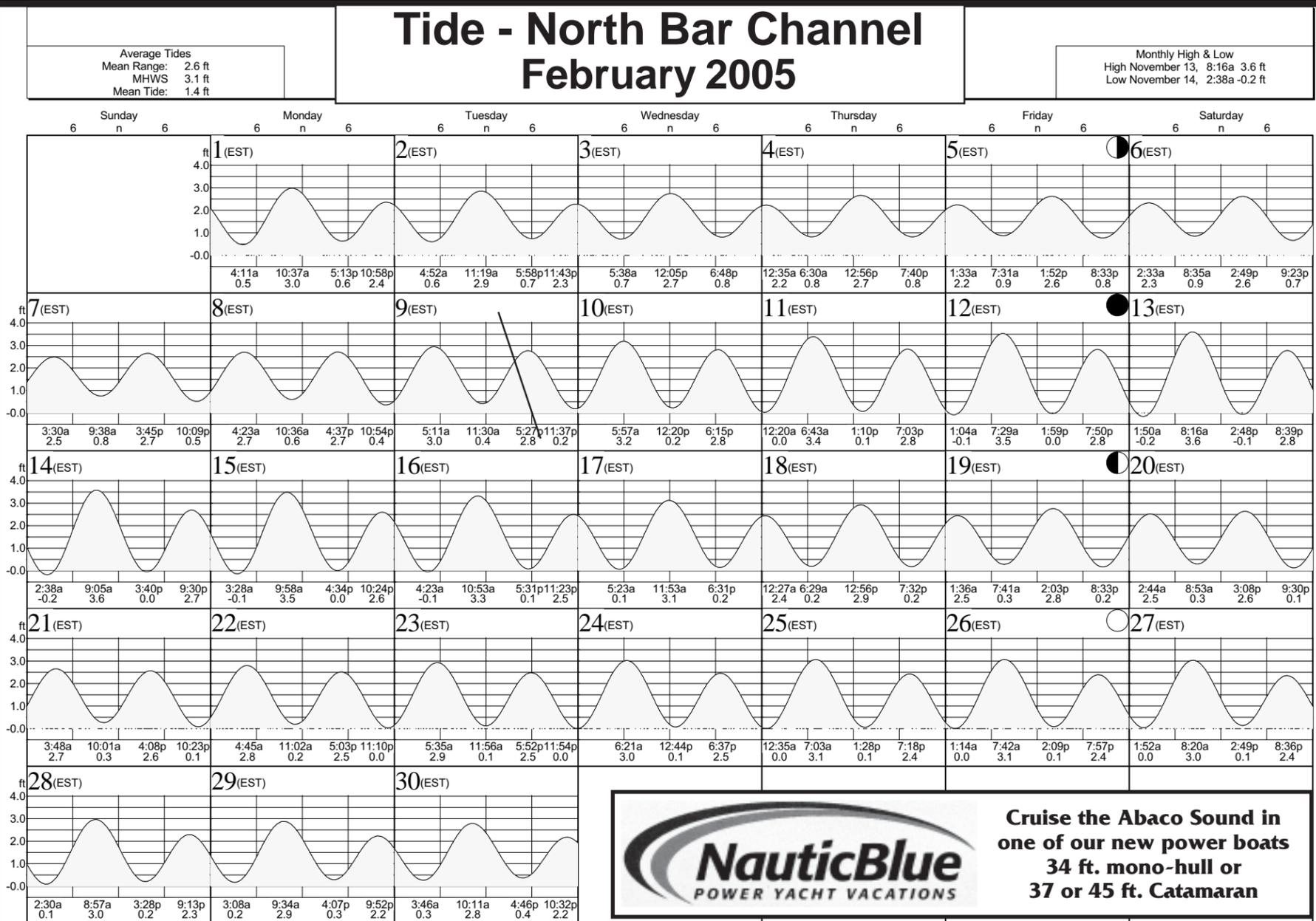
nal building. Maybe a parking lot could be constructed and persons would pay to park there. This could raise some money for the new airport, which is on the front burner to Abaconians and visitors alike, and either is on the very back burner or not on any burner at all by Central Government.

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New Haitian Community Grows



A new Haitian settlement is developing south of the Treasure Cay airport off the Bahama Star Farm road. The houses are well hidden in the pine trees. Several are being lived in, others are near completion and five others have foundations. Garden areas have been cleared and banana trees, pigeon peas, cassava and mango trees are already growing. According to one of the residents, the people building there are employed by businesses in Treasure Cay.

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From the parents and alpha adults (who had more fun than anybody): Dr. Tom and Alexia Scott, Donna and Lee Becker, and Danielle Koury

Robert Koury

Bahama Star

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not know where to go.

Jertha Pepe, a 43-year-old Haitian woman, was born in Port au Prince. She came by boat through Nassau and has worked on the farm for 21 years. She has a work permit which was in the process of being renewed. Jertha has one child who is now 24. She is very proud of him as he is a medical student at the University of Santo Domingo, thanks to the money that she has been sending him. She starts crying as she utters, "No job, no money to send. Don't

know what is going to happen."

The Haitians farm workers were told that they and their families could stay in their houses for a week or two until further notice. According to Mr. Knowles, the finding of this disease is a potential disaster which impacts not only the lives of several hundred farm workers, but also may have a negative effect on the agricultural economy of our island.

There are worries that several thousand grafted young trees have been stolen and have left the farm, possibly spreading the disease already. Mr. Knowles is very adamant about trying to avoid the spread of the alleged citrus canker. He is worried that people will try to harvest the fruits left and carry them out of the farm compound, thus spreading the disease. Adding insult to injury, stealing is also a concern. The production supervisor, Ms. Huyler mentioned the theft of a bus containing miscellaneous material and equipment by a 15-year-old boy. It has not yet been recovered. This is after the company recently invested thousands of dollars in fertilizing, hedging and trimming the grove to prepare the fruit trees for the Florida harvest.

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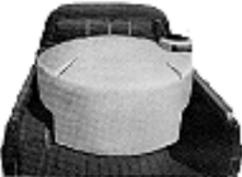
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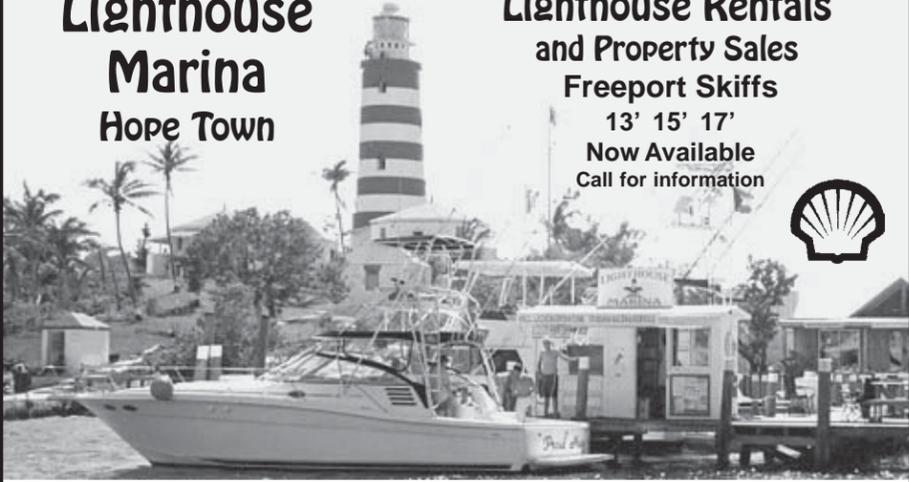
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Madeira Park		\$12 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock		\$6 + \$4
Moxy		\$16 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm		\$20 + \$5
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Joe's Creek		\$40 + \$6
Black Wood		\$16 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town		\$35 + \$5
Cedar Harbour		\$50 + \$5
Wood Cay		\$55 + \$5
Mount Hope		\$60 + \$5
Fox Town		\$65 + \$5
Crown Haven		\$70 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport		\$70 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour		\$60 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to G Turtle Ferry or Blue Hole		\$14 + \$ 6
T Cay Hotel to Marles		\$20 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek		\$30 + \$6
T C Hotel to Moxey		\$14 + \$5
T Cay Hotel to Banyan Bch Club		\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport		\$70 + \$10

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American Eagle - Miami		367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau & W. Palm Beach		367-2095
Bimini Island Air - Ft Lauderdale		954-938-8991
Calypso Air - Ft Laud & W Palm Bch		954-3594191
Continental Connection - Miami		
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach		367-3415
Fla Coastal Airlines - Vero B & Ft Lauderdale		367-0179
Island Express - Ft Lauderdale		367-0169
Major's Air Service - Freeport		367-4826
Southern Air - Nassau		367-2498
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Abaco Air		367-2266
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Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted						
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16						
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach						
7:15 (M-F)	9 am	10:30	12:15 pm	2	4	5:45
Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)						
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach						
10:30 am	12:15 pm (M-Sat)		2:30 (M-Sat)		4	5:45
Return 8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)						
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 40 min. from Conch Inn						
± 6:45 am	10:30	1:30 pm	3:30	5:45 (min \$40)		
Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm						
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8						
± Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Union Jack Dock						

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

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16		
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay	Sunday Lv 12 & returns	4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town	Wed 9:30 am, return	4:30 pm \$35 RT
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Cars, trucks and cargo • Call Sandy Point 366-4119 • Marsh Harbour 367-5250 • Nassau 323-2166		
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	Slips Fuel	Phone	
Walker's Cay			
Walker's Cay Marina	75	F	353-1252
Green Turtle Cay			
Bluff House	45	F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	12	F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033
Treasure Cay			
Treasure Cay Marina	150	F	365-8250
Man-O-War			
Man-O-War Marina	26	F	365-6008
Marsh Harbour			
Boat Harbour Marina	183	F	367-2736
Conch Inn	75	F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36	F	367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52	F	367 2700
Mangoes	29	F	367-2366
Port of Call	24	F	367-2287
Abaco Yacht Haven	7		367-3079
Hope Town			
Hope Town Marina	16		366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways			366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6	F	366-0154
Sea Spray	50	F	366-0065
Spanish Cay			
Spanish Cay Marina	75	F	365-0083
Guana Cay			
Orchid Bay	32	F	365-5175
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Abaco Dive Adventures		367-2963
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Froggies		366-0431
Treasure Cay		
Treasure Divers		365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures		365-8111
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Bay Street Rentals	477-5300	365-4070
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Cat's Paw Boat Rentals		366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals		366-0064
Island Cart Rentals		366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals		366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals		366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals		366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals		366-0069
Treasure Cay		
Alison Car Rent		365-8193
Cas's Carts		365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals		365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals		365-8623
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Rich's Boat Rentals		365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals		365-8761
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Justin Sands	367-3526	Edward Rolle	365-0024
Terrance Davis	367-4464	Green Turtle Cay	
Danny Sawyer	367-3577	Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Man-O-War			
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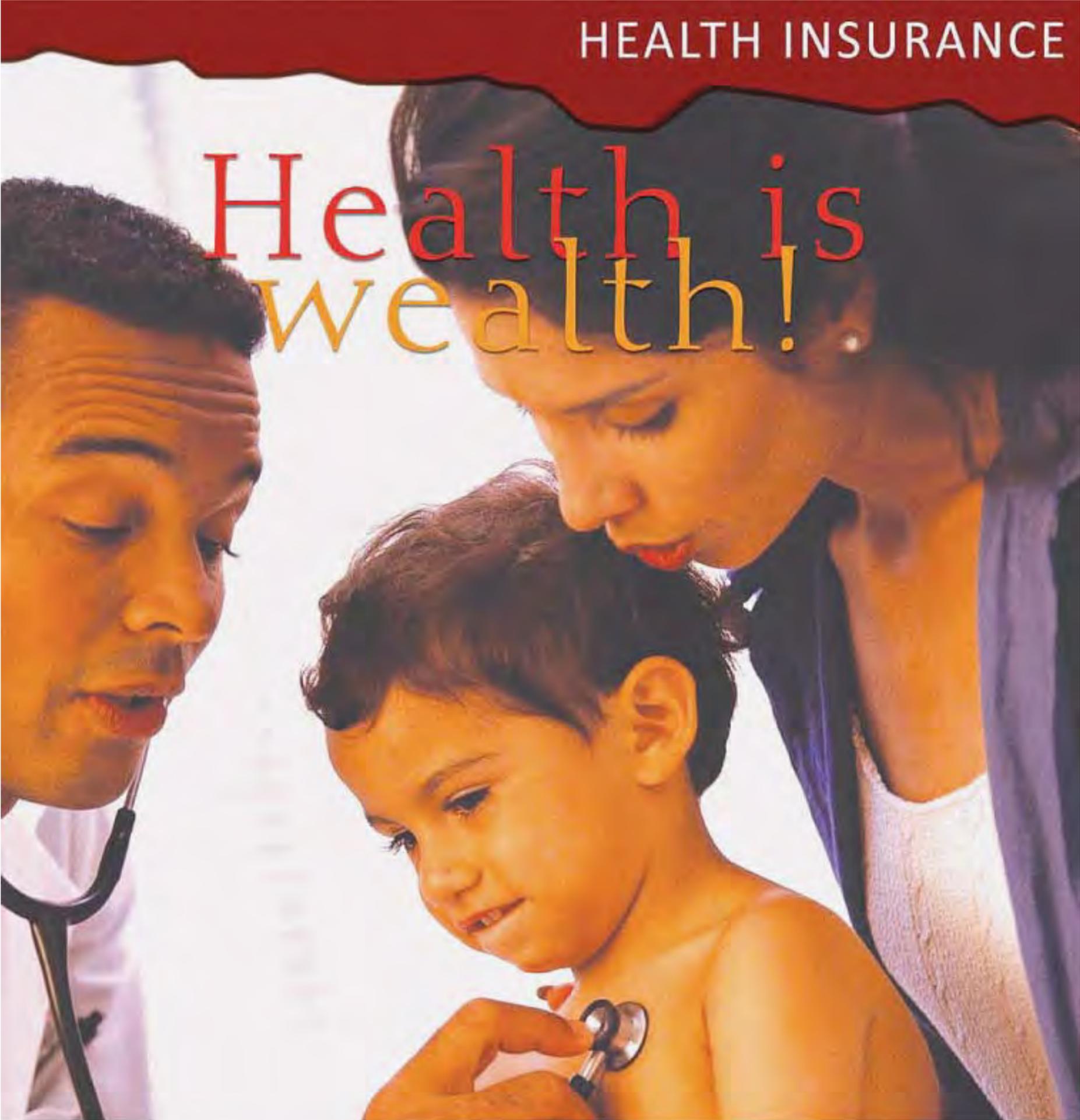
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Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)		
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Marsh Harbour		
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
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Hummingbird	\$\$	367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Jib Room	\$	367-2700
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Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
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Sapodilly's	\$\$\$	367-3498
Sea Shells	\$	367-4460
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Snappas	\$	367-2278
Subway		367-2798
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Ambassador Inn	\$	367-2022
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Abaco Inn	\$\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$	366-0247
Club Soliel		366-0253
Harbour's Edge	\$\$	366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$	366-0095
Munchies	\$ +	366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ ‡	366-0062
Sea Spray	\$\$ ‡	366-0065
Man-O-War		
Pavilion	\$	365-6185
Hibiscus		365-6380
Guana Cay		
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$	365-5230
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Green Turtle Cay Celebrates Junkanoo



Green Turtle Cay annually ushers in the New Year with a mid-day Junkanoo rush on January 1. The small community with its narrow streets is solidly packed for the festivity. The Junkanoo tradition has been carried on consistently in this town longer than any other town on Abaco.

By *Mirella Santillo*

Junkanoo started a few hundred years ago in the days of slavery. There are several theories as to where the word Junkanoo came from. Was it from the French "L'inconnu" (meaning the unknown) because of the masks worn during the parade or from the Scottish settlers stating, "Junk enoo" (junk enough) or, as a lot of Bahamians like to believe, that an African tribal chief, John Canoe, after becoming a slave, demanded the right to celebrate in the African tradition? Or perhaps it was named after a benevolent plantation owner, John Canoe, who granted his slaves that right so they could leave the plantation and rejoin their families to celebrate Christmas and the New Year with African music, dances and costumes. Whatever the origin, the tradition was carried on after emancipation.

On Abaco Junkanoo has suffered many ups and downs because of a lack of sponsors and funds. Organizers had to buy instruments and costume materials with their own money; and with no prizes awarded, the participants lost interest except for the community of Green Turtle Cay.

As far back as the older people can remember, there was a kind of celebration on New Year's Day in New Plymouth. In the 1930s, according to Mrs. Ivy Roberts, curator of the Albert Lowe Museum, a celebration was called "Old Skin," for the concept of getting rid of the "Old" to adopt the "New." The celebration of Old Skin was

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Abaco Club Celebrates Year End



The Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group were part of the entertainment provided for those partying at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay with their New Year's Eve party. The successful party was the first major event of the new development.

The members and guests of the Abaco Club on Winding Bay christened their new clubhouse in an exciting Bahamian New Year's Eve celebration that was filled with flamboyant international style.

Hosting its first major event at the recently opened 520-acre members' golf club and sporting retreat, founder and Chairman Peter de Savary ensured that members and guests were treated to a night of indigenous and international cuisine and drink accompanied by one hun-

dred percent local Bahamian entertainment.

About 80 people were in attendance and the combination of members, guests and specially invited guests combined to create a perfect ensemble for an incredible New Year's Eve event. Special invitations were extended to Abaco's government department heads.

The celebration began with members

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Crowds Precede the Dancers



Junkanoo Piece Is Wheeled



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replaced by the "Bunce," The "Bunce," wearing a scary costume or mask, was hidden in a wheelbarrow covered with a sack or a tarpaulin and wheeled through the streets by a group of participants. They would go door to door or among the crowd asking for money. When there was enough money, the Bunce would jump out of the wheelbarrow and scare the children or dance with spectators!

Mr. James Saunders, resident of Green Turtle Cay, was one of the Bunce parade's organizers there for 25 years and said that he "had his turn in the wheelbarrow once!" The money was usually used to buy candies or toys for the town's children. He and his wife remember when the Bunce was carried in a coffin on top of the wheelbarrow and how frightened people were when he jumped out! At that time costumes were very primitive with the men usually dressing up as women. Many years ago Junkanoo

was added to the Bunce celebration. Two years later Junkanoo took over and Bunce aspect was minimized.

Junkanoo on Green Turtle Cay always involved the whole community. Second home owners, residents and Bahamians all participated then, and still do now, in the making of costumes, putting on make-up and assisting with practice sessions. Returning tourists often plan their trip around that event.

Karen McIntosh, the owner of Abaco Ceramics, is a junkanoo passionate. She said, "When I moved to New Plymouth in 1971, the whole town was making its own parade; there would be a few people with drums and cow bells and the residents following in the streets. It was like a street party." Karen continued, "When Corp. Smith came to Green Turtle Cay from Nassau in 1984, he brought the parade to the next level, introducing the making of elaborate costumes." Karen's daughter, Jillian, who is now 23, has participated since she was five years old. That is the time when

Karen started to really get involved with Junkanoo.

Today Karen and Tanya Wells, another resident, make the girls' costumes. Karen does the face make up and provides them with a place to practice.

As the parade has become more elaborate, more funds are required to pay for fancier costumes and additional instruments for more participants. Fund raising throughout the year doesn't bring enough money, and she hopes that more people come forward with financial support. According to Floyd Johnson, the present leader of the Green Turtle Cay Rockers, it takes about \$7,000 to \$8,000 to pro-

duce a parade like the one which took place on January 1 in which over 60 people participated. Floyd says, "This year they even saved money as they did not need people coming from Nassau or Eleuthera to help with the costumes." Floyd was responsible for making most of the men's costumes.

Because of the popularity of the event, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Wayne Miller sent 20 officers to provide a police presence. Everyone had a good time and we were told that Mr. Miller enjoyed the parade incognito!

Community News

By Annabelle Cross

2004 is now history! Looking back over the events of 2003, we realize that it was a

year controlled by nature! For the first half of the year we had very little rainfall. The island looked all brown and wilted until July!

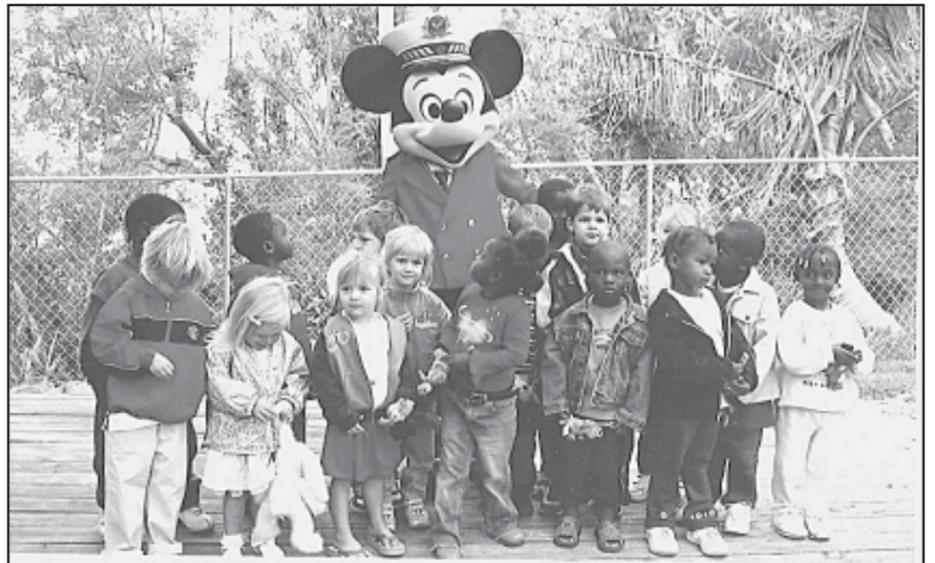
The first day of the crawfishing season was windy and rainy, a big disappointment to those who look forward to this day for sport and to earn a living. Then all the tropical systems that formed took no time before developing into major hurricanes and seemed to have us in their path. When the children should have been going back to school, they were experiencing hurricane Frances. As we cleaned up from Frances we kept an eye on Ivan, a monster storm.

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It was a beautiful day for the Junkanoo rush in Green Turtle Cay. Many people worked to make the day a success. The event is held mid-day, letting the bright colors show.



For the first time, Mickey Mouse visited Green Turtle Cay. It was a real surprise for the children of the Tiny Turtles Pre-school and for the students of the Amy Roberts Primary School. He is shown here with the children of the Tiny Turtles School.



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But it was Jeanne that came back to hit us just three weeks after Frances. These hurricanes left Abaco once again rebuilding. But we can also count our blessings because no one was seriously hurt and no lives were lost!

But there were other happy events that brought us together as a community. We celebrated our heritage at the Island Roots Heritage Festival in May and 31 years of Independence in July. We welcomed



All ages enjoy the rhythms of the Junkanoo beat, even the youngest.

Towanna Curry, Stefan Charlton, Jayden Reckley, Makai Cash and Chastity Cooper into our community. Wedding bells rang for Matthew and Melinda Reckley, Matthew and Ashley Driggers, David and Sharon Jones and Christopher and Tracey Russell. And sadly we said goodbye to Chester Lowe, Merlee Key, Alan & Trudy Andrews, Anthony Adderley, Colyn Russell and Lloyd Sawyer.

School News

The last weeks of 2004 were busy weeks as everyone prepared for the holidays. The closing date of school was extended to make up for days lost to Frances and Jeanne. But there were no Christmas exams to study for.

The children of Amy Roberts Primary and Tiny Turtles Preschool were asked to come to school early on December 15th for a surprise. They had no idea what to expect. It was a chilly day and they all sat eagerly awaiting the surprise that Ms. Felamese Sawyer had brought. Along with Disney Cruise Lines, Ms. Sawyer had brought Mickey Mouse to their school! Mickey arrived to loud cheering and applause - some crying, too! The children all lined up to have their picture taken with Mickey. It was a wonderful surprise and many thanks to Disney Cruise Lines for

including our children.

Holiday Happenings

Christmas was quiet on Green Turtle Cay, but the days following were busy as many visitors arrived to celebrate the New Year. 2005 came in to the sound of ringing bells, firecrackers and fireworks. The ferry

was kept busy all New Year's Day transporting people to enjoy the Junkanoo parade and all the food offered by vendors around town. Because of the hurricanes the Junkanoo committee lost about two months

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The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham is helping a little girl unwrap a Christmas present at a party he sponsored in Green Turtle Cay. Assisting him in the background is Floyd Lowe and Alex Sawyer.

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More News of the Cays

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and had to work "overtime" to get the costumes made and the parade organized. Their hard work paid off and the parade was a success. The costumes which depicted nature were beautiful. Visitors lined the street to watch and some followed the parade which ended at the basketball court with the appearance of the traditional "Bunce" character.

Children Receive Gifts

On January 3rd the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, MP, sponsored a holiday party for the children. The children gathered at the basketball court and were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and ice cream. The members of the volunteer fire department assisted with the food by doing all the grilling. Mr. Ingraham made an appearance during the party to present gifts to the children. He was looking healthy and relaxed just days after undergoing a surgical procedure. The little ones climbed onto his lap to receive and unwrap their gifts. A special thank you to Mr. Ingraham and all those who made the party possible.

People in the News

Mr. Lloyd Sawyer died in Nassau on December 21st. His funeral was held on December 27, exactly five years after he suffered a stroke that left him disabled. The service was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel. Mr. Sawyer is survived by his sister, brothers and their spouses: Lorna and Rev. Vernon Moses, Marcel and Myrtle Sawyer, Joe and Viola Sawyer and Peter and Laura Sawyer, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be remembered as a man who loved to tell jokes, fish and cook. When he approached you

with a twinkle in his blue eyes, you knew there was a joke coming! He became friends to many of the persons who visited Green Turtle Cay and enjoyed taking them fishing, cooking for them and telling his stories. Lloyd will be missed by those who knew him.

Congratulations to Brendal Stevens and Lynn Johnson on their nomination for Cacique awards. Brendal operates Brendal's Dive Center and Lynn Johnson is the Man-

ager of Green Turtle Yacht Club. Both Lynn and Brendal play an important part in tourism on our island. Good luck at the award ceremony which will be held in Freeport at the end of January.

Now we move into 2005 and we all have our own plans and hopes for the new year. One hope that we all share is for a hurricane free year. But when we see the devastation caused by the tsunami in Asia, we can all count our blessings!

Happy New Year to all. And congratulations to the editor and publisher on their nomination for a Cacique award!! Good luck!

Hope Town Recovers

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Abaco Inn Is Up and Running

After being closed for two and a half months due to hurricane damage, the Abaco Inn reopened in late November and is fully operational.

John Head bought the Abaco Inn in 1999 just before Hurricane Floyd struck. Renovations for the Inn were already planned, but Floyd got the process jump-started with the destruction he caused.

This fall Mr. Head also had planned to do some work on the Inn, a general face-lift and a coat of new paint for the outside. Mother Nature had other plans. "I didn't want these hurricanes," Mr. Head said with a rueful smile. "I didn't want the last one, but I really didn't want these two."

Hurricane Frances struck first from the ocean side. She filled the pool with sand, took out all of the ocean side landscaping, damaged roofs, the main building of the Inn, the ocean side rooms and flipped a deck

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It took group work to replace the sign welcoming newcomers to Green Turtle Cay after it was blown down during the September storms. The volunteers replacing the signs and flagpole were Reggie Sawyer, Keith Sawyer, Thomas Sawyer, Curtis Curry, Junior Roberts, Edison Sawyer and Arnie Visnick.

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More News of the Cays



Harbour's Edge still has its characteristic look but a great amount of work has gone into repairing the damage that Hurricane Jeanne caused. Apparently the surge that came in the harbour built up in that corner of Hope Town harbour destroying the deck and interior of Harbour's Edge while the wind did great damage to the roof. As soon as kitchen equipment arrives, the business can be fully functional once again.



After a tremendous amount of work the Abaco Inn in White Sound, Elbow Cay, is once more completely open for business. The small resort with 22 rooms, a restaurant, bar and otehr amenities is beautifully situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Abaco Sound. It took a terrible beating from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne but is now completely recovered.

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up on the kitchen. Mr. Head and the staff at the Inn tried to repair the roofs quickly, but due to lack of building supplies all they could do was cover the roofs with canvas in the face of Hurricane Jeanne. She struck on the Abaco Sound side making quick work of the canvas covers, : soaking the interiors of rooms, reeking havoc on the electrical systems and damaging the villas. When she left, she took the generator and the water maker with her.

"Whatever Frances didn't destroy, Jeanne did," said waitress Suzanne Sweeting.

Mr. Head had 30-35 employees working on the Inn for 45 days to repair the damage to get the Inn up and running as quickly as possible. It was able to reopen in time for the Thanksgiving holidays. It took a lot of work: the rooms have all been redone, the kitchen repaired, the deck around the pool shored up, the dining room re-tiled and a lot of new paint was applied. Although four people are still working to finish up details around the Inn, Mr. Head says everything looks good.

Opening of Harbour's Edge Is Still Unknown

No date has been set for the re-opening of Harbour's Edge. Although the Edge had a successful New Year's Eve opening of the bar, the entire kitchen area had to be redone, and they are still waiting for the kitchen equipment to be shipped before the Edge can reopen permanently. Owner Clay Wilhoye say he hopes the equipment will be shipped next week. Once it arrives, it will still be a few days to install the equipment and finish the work in the kitchen.

The work on the new roof, new deck and deck roof has been completed. The entire interior of the Edge has also been

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Business Briefs

By Portia Jonsson

The Natural You, located in the Colina Building, opened its doors on December 22nd just in time for Christmas. The Natural You specializes in health and beauty products such as Spirel Real for women, Spirel Gold for men, Spirel C highly recommended for children and Biosginreal, a natural energy supplement for men and women. Owner Pastor Stephen Knowles, President of the Abaco Christian Council, said this store came about because of his life changing experience with Spirulina found in Cuba two years ago. He wanted to share this product with persons here on Abaco. The health and beauty shop also carries natural Cuban honey, honey with royal jelly, honey and propolis candies and Bio3-Slim Body Tea. Assisting Pastor Knowles in the store is his wife, Judith Knowles, and you can reach them at telephone 367-0538.

Fine Dining Restaurant and Club Solid Gold is Abaco's newest place for dining and dancing. Located near the airport on Don MacKay Boulevard., this 6500 square foot building took two years to complete. The restaurant and club opened for business on December 31st and December 17th respectively. Owner, Mr. Marcus Duncombe, said they would have opened sooner if there were not setbacks due to the two hurricanes. The atmosphere at the restaurant is casual but elegant and their specialty is Bahamian and American cuisine. The Fine Dining Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Club Solid Gold is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 9 p.m. until. Admission is \$15 for men and

\$10 for women and no one under 18 years old is allowed. Thursday night is Ladies Night and all ladies are admitted free until 11 p.m. Ladies have a chance to win \$100 if their name is pulled from the grab bag. Dance the night away to the sounds of DJ Scarface. The classy club features a VIP lounge, two bars, a stage, dance floor and many disco and spotlights. If you think you have what it takes, then why not perform at Karaoke Night on Sunday. The dress code for the club is relaxed but no tennis shoes, hats, flip flops or bare-feet are allowed. Proprietors Marcus and Val Duncombe have worked in the restaurant business for many years. They are also the owners of Dis We Style restaurant. Telephone them at 367-0544.

On the S.C. Boodle Highway near the Bustic Bight Liquor Store is **Smart Concrete Creations**, which specializes in concrete tables, benches, birdbaths, stepping-stones and more. All products are made on the premise. The concrete can be painted in various colours. Business hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. The business is owned by Ms. Justina Winder.

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Flights Increase over Holiday Season

By Portia Jonsson

According to Faron and Claude Sawyer of Cherokee Air they have seen quite a increase of air traffic over this past holiday season. Cherokee Air Aviation Centre, located west beyond the Marsh Harbour International Airport terminal, had its first privately owned aircraft use its facility there on November 18th. Since then they have averaged 15 planes a day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Mr. Claude Sawyer advised that on some days Cherokee Aviation serviced as many as 24 planes.

The beautifully designed and decorated 3000 square foot aviation centre houses a VIP lounge for Winding Bay, Cherokee Aviation lounge, weather-room for pilots and Bahamas Customs and Immigration offices. The Abaco Club on Winding Bay rents a portion of the property and there has been interest by others who wish to use this facility.

The 60 foot by 75 foot hanger is used to house Cherokee Air's two aircraft: a Cessna Caravan and a Piper Aztec. The company is in the process of expanding its ramp for parking.

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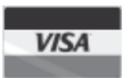


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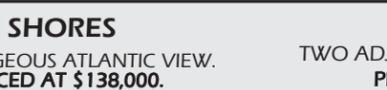
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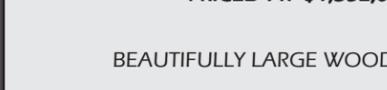
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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Quite A Show

Cherokee brought in the New Year with a really spectacular fireworks display that I'm sure could be seen in nearby Yellow Wood, Casuarina Point, atop Cherokee Hill and maybe even Winding Bay and Little Harbour.

Starting with the propping up of Guy Fawkes just before sunset (11 guys this year but in years past I have seen as many as 15) the evening started off with a real bang. Some of them are even given personal names such as Ben Laden, Fiddlestix or maybe even Lucifer. As the darkness sets in, the Guys are all set afire and the crowd patiently waits to see whose will burn the longest. Some may celebrate Guy Fawkes Day on November 5th each year, but traditionally it takes place in Cherokee on New Year's Eve. No one seems to know just when it got started and goes back as far as most people can remember.

Then comes the fireworks, and everyone was talking about how beautiful they were and what a great display they made in the night sky. We always seem to have a few tourists and visitors around this time of the year and, in fact, many make it a point to return every year just so they can experience this local happening. Some have come for the first time and this year they really had to admit it was quite a show. Before the evening is over, someone is bound to offer you a bowl of wild boar or chicken souse so you can see why a nice cold night really makes it a little more special, plus, it keeps the mosquitoes away. You'll see lots of people wandering about

in the crowd that gathers at The Spit. Before the night is over, everyone has a real pain in the neck from staring upwards to watch the fantastic fireworks being fired off.

Watch Night service at Epworth Chapel starts at 11 p.m. and gathers many of the faithful for the last church service of the year. Promptly at midnight our famous canon is set off to bring in the new year with a bang. The old year is past and a new one is before us and we are all hoping it will be a little better than the last one.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Millicent Lucille Russell who passed away on December 31, 2004. Born in Cherokee to James Austin and Annis Gertrude McDonald on the November 26, 1924, Ms. Millie married Richard Russell of Hope Town and they lived most of their married life in Nassau. However, since losing her husband over 20 years ago, she returned to Cherokee with her daughter Annette where she has remained active in the community and her church until very recently when she required in-home help. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law as well as a host of other family, friends and neighbours who will definitely miss Millie's cheerful disposition and bright outlook on life. May she rest in peace.

In addition, Cherokee lost another son of the soil, Cleveland Eugene Albury, who passed away on January 2, 2005. Born October 20, 1928, to Louise and Roly Albury, he was adopted at a very young age by his Uncle Horrace and Aunt Francina. Like most local boys he became a fisherman, but years later returned to the land to take up the trade of carpentry and

moved to Marsh Harbour. He is survived by his wife Bernicer and three sons Morrell, Wayde and Ross, three daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and many other family members and friends. His funeral was held at the local Assemblies of God Church where he was remembered fondly and was laid to rest in the Cherokee Cemetery. Our sincere sympathies to his family.

A Big Winner

Cherokee Food Fair held a local raffle for their customers over the holidays with



an 7.5 cubic foot chest freezer as the big prize. The lucky winner was 10-year-old Tyler Albury, the eldest son of

Evelyn and Terry Albury, a local construction worker and fisherman.

Weather Changes

Cool crisp "sweater" weather prevailed over the holidays and kept the fishermen

on shore. But the winds have shifted and we are again experiencing balmy breezes and lovely warm sunshine. However, again we are plagued by no rain; for some reason the skies threaten, then the clouds just move out and around us. Since the hurricanes Cherokee has received only about five inches of rainfall where normally we should have received twice that amount. It has not been nearly enough to turn the lawns green again. The garden keeps progressing with a little extra help from the garden hose, though, and I've never seen so many healthy lush tomatoes. And my herbs are taking over everything.

We still need to be mindful of our water usage and try to be conservative. Hopefully, government will realize our urgent needs for water before it is too late and bring in the water lines that we have been promised since before the PLP took office.

Fishermen Return to Their Traps

After the storms the sea was too churned up and muddy for the fishermen to make a decent voyage. Every few days they sent

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Port Director Took Course in Singapore

By Jennifer Hudson

Capt. Cyril Roker, Officer in Charge of the Port Department in Marsh Harbour, was recently selected to attend a course on Port Management and Operations in Singapore. Twenty five places were being offered and information was sent out to 50 countries. The best qualified applicants were accepted and Capt. Roker was selected on the strength of his qualifications and achievements in the maritime field. He attended the two-week course from November 29th to December 10th at a government owned training institute.

PSA Singapore operates the world's largest transshipment hub, handling about one fifth of the world's total container transshipments and daily sailings are made to every major port in the world. Capt. Roker was very impressed with the way in which business was carried out at this major hub and described it as "very advanced."

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The company lends all this expertise to assist small island development states in Port Operation and Management. To reach these high standards PSA Singapore has faced many challenges and it is their aim to show other countries their way of dealing with the problems along the way in order to reach that level. The Bahamian government has plans in motion to develop a Port Authority within one year which would include Nassau and Marsh Harbour under one umbrella as they have done with Civil Aviation. This will be patterned after PSA Singapore.

Update on Dock Fees

Captain Roker advises that there is no word from government at present to rescind the new dockage fees which were put in place last year and which have caused dissatisfaction among dock and marina owners.



Capt. Cyril Roker

Walkway Is Still Hazardous



Nearly four months after Hurricane Jeanne destroyed the boardwalk between Mangoes and Harbour View Marina, it still presents a danger to strangers at night. It has been barricaded with a rope at times helping to warn pedestrians of the hazard. It is in the "tourist strip" in Marsh Harbour which has heavy pedestrian traffic.



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Bedding Is Donated to Needy



The donation of a load of stoves and beds arrived for the needy residents of Central Abaco. They were donated by Mr. Wayner Huizengar, Jr., owner of the Miami Dolphins.

By Isobel Sherman

During the week of December 6th Cay Mills, Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District, took delivery of 50 stoves and 50 beds. The donation was the latest one from Wayne Huizengar Jr. to aid hurricane victims on Abaco. Mr. Huizengar is the owner of the Miami Dolphin football team. Previously, he donated \$20,000 worth of textbooks to Central Abaco Primary School. Accompanying the donation was Mr. Joey Damico, Mr. Huizengar's personal assistant.

The beds and stoves were distributed to persons residing in Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Spring City, Sandy Point, The Mud and Pigeon Peas. Mr. Mills stated he did his own investigation of who should receive the stoves or beds, and he asked the advice of the Social Services Department.

Mr. Mills was once again very grateful to Mr. Huizengar for this generous gesture of helping persons in their time of need without regard to race, color or nationality.

Fire Destroys House over Christmas

By Portia Jonsson

Around 6 p.m. on December 26th a wooden one-room house belonging to Roy Delancey of Old Town, Spring City, burned to the ground. At the time of the fire, Mr. Delancey was busy in the Junkanoo shack pasting costumes for the parade.

By the time he was told about the house fire and arrived at his home, it was too late. The house was completely destroyed and there was nothing he could do. Roy lost everything including his musical instruments. He now lives with his father in Spring City. It has not been determined what caused the fire.

Congratulations to Clara Alcime



Clara graduated from Barry University on December 19, 2004. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. In her last semester at Barry, she obtained a grade point average of 4.0 and graduated with honor of Summa Cum Laude and an overall GPA 3.92. Clara is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha Chi honor societies. She is also a member of the Delta Sigma Pi International Business Fraternity and served as the Vice President of the Chapter Operations for the Mu Sigma Chapter.

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Marsh Harbour, Central Cays and South Abaco

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- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - "Lightbourn" - Commercial - Almost 2 Acres - Prime Queen Elizabeth Drive Location, near stoplight - 3,600 sq.ft. Store or warehouse. # AB - AB99 - **\$1,400,000.**
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"Pelican Point"

Marsh Harbour - Pelican Shores - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home - 1 bedroom, 1 bath garage apartment - 1 1/2 Acres -private dock with boat-lift - Fabulous Views. - The privacy of a private island with in town convenience. Furnished. #AB67- **\$2,950,000**



"Casa Sirena"

Marsh Harbour - Great Abaco Club - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,474 sq.ft. Canal Front Home - Over 900 sq.ft. of porches and Decks. Two Car Garage. Private dock for 55' boat and 10,000 # Boat-lift for 25' boat. Fully Furnished and Equipped. #AB121- **\$1,035,000**



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- ★ **Great Guana Cay** - "Plum Loco" - 3 bedroom, 2 bath - 1,228 sq.ft. home - on almost 1/2 acre with 100' of beautiful beachfront. Furnished and fully equipped- #AB97- **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - "Son Burns" - 4 bedroom - 3 bath - 2,160 sq.ft. home on two floors, 750 sq.ft. of open sundeck on upper level, 750 sq.ft. of porch on lower. - almost 3/4 Acre on Galleon Bay Canal - Private Dock - Fully Furnished. # AB72 - **SOLD**
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - Treasure Cay Drive - "Steiner House" - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - 2,200 sq.ft. home on two levels - upper level deck - almost 1/2 Acre - Good Sea of Abaco Views. Short stroll to beach. Great family home. fully Furnished. #AB116 - **\$925,000.**
- ★ **Sand Banks Creek** - "Dammie's Den" - 2 bedroom, 2 bath new home + 80' Waterfront - Almost 1 1/2 wooded acres. - Private Dock - #AB73 - **\$355,000.**



"Final Approach"

Treasure Cay - Brigantine Bay - 6 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath - 5,500 sq.ft. Canal-front home on two levels - 100' Dock with 6' depth, Four car garage. Great family home or Corporate retreat. fully and tastefully Furnished. #AB120 - **\$2,290,000.**



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Treasure Cay - Galleon Bay - 4 Bedroom, 3 bath, 4,000 sq.ft. canal-front home with 1,280 sq.ft. of open and covered decks situated over 3/4 acre. 48" lay-along private dock. Beautifully furnished with great Sea of Abaco views. #AB124 - **\$1,395,000.**

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- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madiera Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - North End - Lot A. Pristine 135' of beach-front. 1.46 wooded acres. Good elevations. Minutes from clubs and town. #AB5182- **NEW LISTING - \$550,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Lot 60" 12,235 sq.ft., almost 1/3 acre. between Coco Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. mature native landscape. and trees. Convenient to Green Club and beach Last parcel remaining in the area. #AB 5183 - **NEW LISTING - \$73,000.**
- ☆ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Canal Front Building Sites
- ☆ #40 - 9,778 sq.ft. - AB5155 - Extra Large Corner Parcel - **\$299,000.**
- ☆ #41 - 7,070 sq.ft. - AB5156 - Good Elevation - Sea View - **\$360,000.**
- ☆ #45 - 6,968 sq.ft. - AB5066 - Good Elevation - Sea View - **SOLD**
- ☆ **Sand Banks Creek** - One Acre plus - Wooded lots with over 90' of water frontage on Bay - 3 miles south of Treasure Cay - Limited Number Available. #AB5069 - from: **\$63,700.**



"Point of View"

Elbow Cay - Dorros Cove - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq.ft residence with 2 bedroom, 1 bath - 1,100 sq.ft guest house. Southeastern point of island. Swimming Pool - Private boat slip. Superb ocean and bay views. Furnished - #AB112- **NEW PRICE \$1,750,000.**



"Surfside"

Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates 5 Bedroom, 3 bath home - set on over 1/2 Acre with 100' of Beach-front. Open decks for fabulous ocean views, elevation for Sea of Abaco Views. Fully furnished and equipped. #AB123 **\$1,379,000**

Local Government at Work



Central Abaco Council 5 Oct 2004

Council met October 5 after a three month lapse from the last meeting on June 29. The primary business was to review the \$639,440 budget allocated to Council for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. This amount does not include approximately \$360,000 allocated to Dundas Town, Murphy Town and Marsh Harbour townships for their routine maintenance.

Council members reviewed the amounts requested last spring for the various line items or cost centers without comment. Experience with the realities of two hurricanes may require some shifting of priorities.

Maintenance of the dump is a major contract item normally running over \$60,000 per year. Council is now three months into the new fiscal year but a contract for dump maintenance was not on the agenda and was not discussed.

The dump becomes congested quickly with all the excess hurricane and construction debris being taken there.

Councillor Carl Archer did ask that the Hope Town District contribute to the dump maintenance since garbage from Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay make up a substantial part of the dump workload.

Mention was made of the need to provide garbage collection of some sort for the Mud and Pigeon Peas settlements. Door-to-door collection would not be feasible but it was suggested that dumpsters or bulk containers could be positioned at several entrance points. No action was taken as there were no funds for this.

Questions arose to the large outstanding amount due Abaco Hardware as requisitioned by Chief Councillor Mills. Councillor Yvonne Key asked for an audit of the large amount owed to Abaco Hardware as requisitioned by the Chief Councillor. Mr. Mills explained that in the absence of a functioning Council (it has not met since June 29) he was obliged to make decisions related to the protection and safety of Dundas Town and Murphy Town residents as a result of the two storms. Since the budget does not provide for this type of expense, it was suggested that the bills be sent to NEMA for settlement.

Chief Councillor Mills objected to being given instructions from Mr. Gary Sawyer after the hurricane on various hurricane-related issues. He has no authority within the local government framework and the Administrator was asked to look into this.

A request was noted from the Airport Manager, Mr. Bobby Jones, for maintenance to the terminal building. The normal operating budget provides for \$1,500 per month for airport maintenance, and it was felt this allowance should cover routine maintenance there.

Routine maintenance at Abaco Central High School was felt to be neglected and Councillors wondered if they were getting their money's worth from the maintenance man.

Mrs. Key asked for Administrator Rolle's assistance in getting the documents from Crown Lands related to the land where the donated pavilion is to be located. She has all other documents in order ready to accept the gift and has been waiting 18 months to resolve the land issue.

Marsh H. Town Committee 12 Oct 2004

The last Marsh Harbour Town Committee meeting was over four months ago on May 4.

Chairman Yvonne Key asked to see the letter from Council by Chief Councillor Cay Mills retracting a statement made on Local Government stationery that Council objected to conditions at Abaco Beach Resort. It was only Mr. Mill's personal opinion and not a Council decision.

The issue of golf carts in Marsh Harbour was brought up again with suggestions for new measures to control them. It was generally felt that the carts were not appropriate on the Marsh Harbour roads.

Administrator Rolle suggested to Committee members that they look into forming partnerships with various businesses to improve the looks of Marsh Harbour. He noted the lack of plants, flowers and trees in much of the business section.

Quotations will be requested to cut and remove the fallen trees at the Crossing Beach and NEMA will be asked to assist with this cost.

Additional steps will be taken to elimi-

nate loitering and drinking outside a prominent liquor store in Marsh Harbour in late afternoon and early evening. Further, the conditions of operation for the business will be reviewed when the license is renewed at the end of 2004.

Combined Boards 20 Oct 04

Administrator Rolle convened a combined meeting of all the statutory boards to express government's desire to facilitate and expedite recovery of the business community. Mr. Rolle explained that it is the multitude of small businesses that make up the backbone of the economy. They may be small and inconspicuous but collectively they are very important.

A complaint was heard from a member of the Licensing Board that license applications are frequently deferred due to inaction by either the Police, Works or Environmental Health as each of these agencies must give prior approval.

It was brought out that each applicant must have a premise for his business

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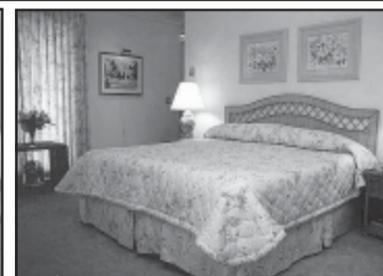
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An aerial view of the estate which overlooks the wide sandy beach. The house is complete with golf carts, bicycles and an outdoor bar-beque grill.

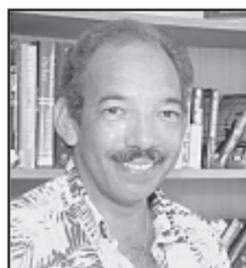
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which is then inspected for various elements by the relevant agencies. When those agencies do not act in a timely manner, the applicant is obliged to continue paying rent for space they are hoping to move into with a business venture but which is not productive during this period of vacancy.

Another board member asked for more meetings like this with all boards present to get a better feel for conditions. An example was given where Road Traffic may be having a problem with visibility at an intersection, then discovers that Town Planning approved a sign for that location.

Mr. Rolle asked board members to work with him and the business community to improve the appearance of Marsh Harbour. He noted that the town is rather stark with pavement being the main landscaping element.

Central Abaco Town Planning 25 Oct 04

Since the last meeting on July 29, twenty nine applications with a declared value of \$2,743,784 have accumulated for approval. Most were of a residential nature and 16 were approved. Three were deferred for further information.

Murphy Town Committee 27 Oct 04

A list of street names and corresponding signs was reviewed and approved. Another attempt will be made to get the signs from the Works Department in Nassau.

Committee Chairman Cubel Davis, Jr., complained to Administrator Rolle that Dundas Town was getting much more attention and relief supplies through the efforts of Chief Councillor Cay Mills than Murphy Town. He felt that the Chief Councillor was using his position for the benefit of his Dundas Town constituents to the detriment of Murphy Town.

Council 3 Nov 2004

The meeting opened with a request by Councillor Yvonne Key that all bills paid

by Council since the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 2004, be presented at this meeting for review.

Chief Councillor Cay Mills had prepared a file with the invoices but asked to present them at the next Council meeting as he had not reviewed them and did not feel comfortable discussing them without reviewing them so he could make intelligent comments on them.

A motion was made that the invoices be presented to Council members now.

Chief Councillor Mills objected to this saying he was not a dictator but in his position as Chief Councillor it was his right to review the invoices before they were presented.

The motion to table the invoices now was seconded. Mr. Mills objected to this dictatorial method of conducting the meeting. He took the the folder with the invoices

and left the meeting. Deputy Chairman Cubel Davis, Jr., took the position as Chairman.

Bids were opened for dump maintenance. They ranged from \$42,000 to \$132,000 annually. The bids were not consistent regarding the service they were providing.

It was agreed that the present dump requirements far exceeded the work load in normal times and any contractor awarded the contract would not be expected to bring the dump to an acceptable level. The two recent hurricanes have created a huge amount of debris to be contended with.

Additional debris is being generated by Winding Bay and Hope Town's new trash removal system which ends up in the Marsh Harbour dump. No decision was made on awarding the contract.

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Sports News

Abaco Youth in Action

By Isobel Sherman

Once again the teams of Abaco Youth in Action were victorious over teams on Grand Bahama. Last year the boys' teams in basketball and baseball traveled to Grand Bahama to participate in tournaments and came home winners. This year on December 17 an A and B team consisting of boys ages 15 and under traveled to Grand Bahama to participate in a soccer tournament. They have been practicing under the watchful eyes of Coach Patrice Charles every Saturday for over a month. According to Mrs. Elva Davis, who along with her husband Mr. Lynden Davis, began Abaco Youth in Action last year, both teams played extremely well. In her words: "We killed Freeport."

The first game was held on December 17th. The Grand Bahama Soccer All Stars were defeated by the Abaco Youth in Action A team 3-2. On December 18 games were played all day. These games were called "9 a side" since 9 players were on each team or side. Once again both A and B teams of Abaco Youth in Action dominated and took all of the games.

On Saturday evening once again the Abaco Youth in Action A team went up against the Grand Bahama All Stars. This time in Mrs. Davis' words, "Abaco destroyed the Grand Bahama team." The

score was a resounding 3-0. Mrs. Davis gave credit to the coaching of Coach Charles, who was unable to travel to Grand Bahama; but the boys carried out the skills they learned from Coach Charles to perfection.

S.C. Bootle Sports

By Jim Richards

It was a victorious win! The S.C. Bootle High School Dynamic Dolphins Boys Soccer Team defeated the Marlins of Abaco Central High School in a thrilling soccer match for the championship. S.C. Bootle's own Wesley Dermesthene scored two goals, standing up to the meaning of the word dynamic. The Captain, Nelson Joseph, also played exceptionally well. The school is also proud of the girls team which placed second. A special thanks goes to our coaches, Mr. Scott and Mr. Jose. We are expecting big

things from these teams in the year to come!

Abaco School Soccer

By Isobel Sherman

The first Abaco School Sports Association Championship Soccer games for both boys and girls were held on December 15. The Girls Soccer Team of Abaco Central High School played the girls' team from S.C. Bootle High School from Cooper's Town. The game was held in Treasure Cay. The Abaco Central girls won 3-0. This brought to a close the high school soccer season which involved competition between St. Frances de Sales School, S.C. Bootle and Abaco Central.

On the next day the boys' soccer team of Abaco Central played the team from S.C. Bootle for the Boys Soccer Championship. The Abaco Central boys won the right to the championship game after

St. Frances de Sales forfeited their play-off game. The championship was won by S.C. Bootle with a score of 3-0. The coach of both S.C. Bootle teams was Agricultural Science teacher M. Scott and the coach of both Abaco Central High teams was physical education teacher, P. Charles.

Body Building

The 2004 N/P.C. South Florida body-building championships was held on November 27 in Hialeah, Florida.

Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden was the winner of the masters over 60 heavy-weight division and went on to win the masters over 60 overall title.

This was the last competition for the year and Arthur's 47th year in the sport of body-building.



Boys' soccer team of S.C. Bootle High School won the Abaco championship this year.



Girls' soccer team of S.C. Bootle High School did very well in the Abaco championship games coming in second.

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Chief Councillor Mills Wants New Airport

By Richard E. Fawkes

Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District, Cay Mills, has two items on the top of his agenda for the New Year. He is working for a new Marsh Harbour airport and the integration of persons living in the Haitian immigrant communities of Pigeon Pea and The Mud into the broader society.

"If the central government can spend \$2 million to promote bringing visitors to Abaco, why can't they spend a million to make them comfortable when they arrive and leave?" he asked rhetorically in an interview at the busy Marsh Harbour International Airport.

"This location is too congested," the Chief Councillor said, adding, "when you're taking passengers into town around 3 o'clock, you run into the school traffic up and down this road. It is also a flood area. We can't do anything about that. So why not find a location where there is no flooding, and where there is room for future expansion, rather than patching this one up all the time?"

Mr. Mills, who is critical of what he calls central government's "lack of proper concern for Abaco," said he was "embarrassed" when a team of airport consultants visited the island from the United States a couple of weeks ago at the invitation of the government, but that they could not meet with local officials because the Minister of Transport and Aviation, the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, and Permanent Secretary Archie Nairn could not come to Abaco to participate.

With respect to The Mud and Pigeon Pea communities, Mr. Mills wants quicker action of facilitating resettlement of their residents in the wider communities than the pace at which it is currently being done. In a recent town meeting in Marsh Harbour, the Minister of Labour and Immigration, the Hon. Vincent Peet, said he was committed to sorting out the status of legal and illegal residents, and working with the Ministry of Housing to help those legally eligible obtain housing in areas such as the Central Pines subdivision in Dundas Town.

Mr. Mills said he, too, is opposed to moving the residents to other ethnic communities, but supports facilitating their

moving into locations such as Central Pines with the broader Bahamian community.

"One of my concerns in allowing the illegal housing to continue," Mr. Mills said, "is a trend by some Bahamians to build in violation of the building codes saying, 'If the Haitians can build as they please, why can't we?' This is totally unacceptable behaviour for Bahamians because we must uphold the legal process and standards of our country. But the government must also understand that the longer it takes to resettle the illegal communities and stop the illegal building, it opens up the society to this kind of lawless thinking."

Mr. Mills also complained that he was

having great difficulty communicating with the Minister of Local Government, the Hon. V. Alfred Grey, and his permanent secretary for consultations on issues facing his district. "Every time I put through a call to the ministry," Mr. Mills said, "I am told the minister or the permanent secretary is unavailable and will get back to me, but that never happens."

The Chief Councillor was displeased with the \$6,000 the Central Abaco area received from central government for hurricane clean-up. That area includes Marsh

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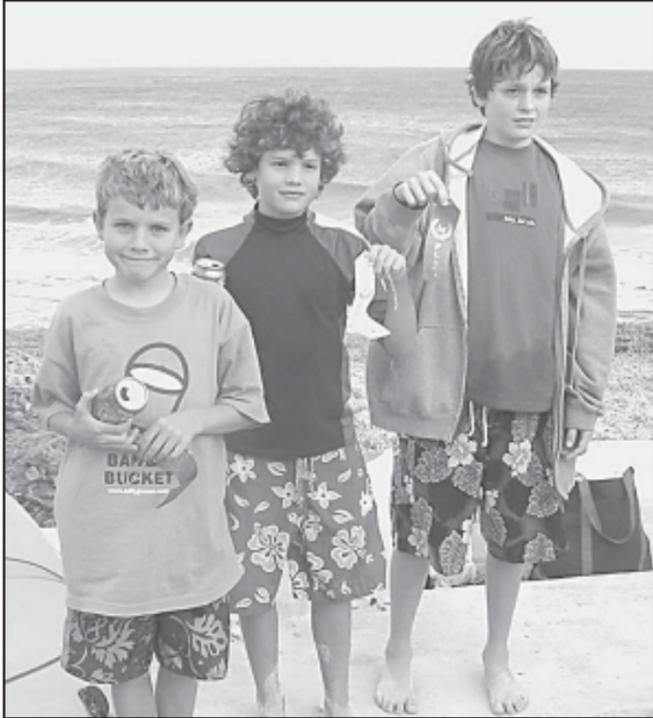
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Local Govt. *From Page 13*

Payment to a Council employee was discussed as his monthly pay has been withheld by the Chief Councillor while a group of young men had been hired at \$500 per month without Council approval. Money was withheld for any further payment and the youth were terminated.

A new woman had been hired by the Chief Councillor without Council's knowledge to assist in the Council office. This arrangement was terminated.

It was discovered that a used pickup truck had been purchased in the spring with Council funds for \$3500 without Council ap-

proval or general knowledge. High school students were driving it recently when it was involved in a minor accident at the dump.

Councillors agreed that it should be shared by the three townships as needed and the truck be parked at the Administrator's office each night.

It was recently discovered that an unauthorized fee was being charged for approving and stamping plans after being recommended by Town Planning. Council decided to empower the Council secretary to stamp plans for approval without charges beyond the normal published permit schedule.

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Viewpoint

Our National Anthem

By Jennifer Hudson

Over the past several months I have been present at various public functions at which the National Anthem has been rendered (I cannot say "sung" because the definition of "to sing" is to produce musical tones with the voice and the tones I have heard have not always been musical). It seems to be the trend these days for the person rendering the National Anthem to "rewrite" it, making it almost unrecognizable as the beautiful melody which the late Timothy Gibson wrote at the time of our Independence.

After one such experience in Marsh Harbour recently the niece of the composer, who is a resident of Abaco, came up to me and asked me what I thought as she was totally distraught at the way in which the National Anthem had borne no resemblance to the original tune. "My uncle would turn over in his grave if he had heard that," she bewailed. I abso-

lutely agreed with her.

As it happened, I was on my way to a function in Nassau which was to be opened by the Governor of the Bahamas, Dame Ivy Dumont. During the ceremony it became obvious that she, also, had been experiencing the same distortion of the National Anthem at functions she attends for on this particular evening she felt moved to comment on the beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The lady who performed not only had a beautiful voice but she sang the piece exactly as Timothy Gibson wrote it and it was a treat to listen to. After she commented on the lady's excellent voice, Dame Ivy said, "And thank you so much for singing it correctly!"

Why do so many of the people who are asked to perform the National Anthem these days think they can improve on that beautiful piece Timothy Gibson wrote for our country?

Police Take Precautions

There was a huge crowd attending the Green Turtle Cay Junkanoo parade on January 1. Ferry loads of people rode between the mainland to Green Turtle Cay. Everyone seemed to be in a jolly mood enjoying the day.

So it was a surprise to find the ferry dock on the mainland cordoned off by movable barriers. On one of them was posted a warning about carrying knives. Two police officers stood nearby. I was told by a Green

Turtle Cay resident that it was a measure put in place by the Assistant Superintendent of Police to ensure everyone's safety.

Checking with the police station in Marsh Harbour, I was told that the barriers were to separate the crowd coming from the ferry after the "fish fry" that had taken place earlier on the dock. "Nothing to report, everything has been very quiet during the long holiday weekend," said one officer, exactly what we all wanted to hear.

Mills

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Harbour, Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Spring City, Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay and Great Guana Cay. He claims that Central Andros, which was not hit by hurricanes, received \$8,000 for clean-up. Mr. Mills also charged that he was unsuccessful

in having clean-up crews paid for their services by the Department of Local Government.

Finally, Mr. Mills said he would like to appeal to all citizens of Central Abaco to speak out on issues affecting their communities and to volunteer to help improve the conditions in which they have to live.

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South *From Page 8*

out scout planes to overlook the fishing grounds and waited for the seas to settle down. Some tried to make a trip but had to return because of the poor diving conditions. Therefore, most of our fishermen have been doing their diving close to home and have managed to gather in some newly relocated spiny lobster that must have come in out of the deep. But now with the change in weather, the water is clearing the men have taken off again to their regular fishing grounds. From August 1 through the end of the year is when they have their best fishing trips, so they are getting a pretty late start to their normal fishing schedule

this season. And although most of their traps will have been lost or up-ended from the storms, let us hope they will still have a bountiful catch.

Art Heck of Delton, Michigan, passed away at a hospital during a routine medical procedure. A long time visitor, he and his wife Phyllis spent several months on Abaco each year. Art first came to Cherokee in the 1950s when Colyn Rees ran a fishing camp and he returned year after year to visit with the many friends he had made.

Being an avid fisherman, he was always trying to catch the big one. About 20 years ago the Hecks purchased a second home in Casuarina Point and often entertained guest from back home in the United States. They

always enjoyed the time they spent here. Although he had lived for many years in Michigan, he was born in Wilard, Ohio, and was returned there for burial. Always ready with a new joke to tell you and a big bear hug greeting, he will be sorely missed by his many friends in Cherokee. May he rest in peace.

Abaco Club *From Page 1*

and guests cheerfully dining and mingling through the first hour of the event. Executive Chief, Mr. Sam Favella, and Operations Manager, Ms. Tania Duncombe, planned an exquisite menu. Appetizers included caviar with buckwheat blinis and

crème friache, assorted tappas served on crispy bruschetta bread and sushi.

In addition, fresh grilled shrimp, lobster, vegetable and steak kebobs were featured, and guests delighted in the traditional Bahamian fare which included conch salad, cracked lobster and sweet plantain. The gorgeous dessert table boasted mouth watering white and dark chocolate mini-mousse, fresh chocolate-covered strawberries, assorted mini Crème Brulee and many more delicious delicacies.

Ms. Claire Basden, receptionist for The Abaco Club, graced the stage and serenaded all with her stunning rendition of the Bahamian National Anthem. Her performance was such that the crowd demanded an encore.

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