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## Three Abaconians Win Cacique Awards Seven Finalists Attended Awards in Freeport

*By Jennifer Hudson*

On January 27th a group of very excited people traveled to Grand Bahama for the 9th Annual Cacique Awards Ceremony to be held in Freeport the following evening. These were Abaco's finalists for the prestigious Cacique awards which are presented by the Ministry of Tourism each year "To Honour Tourism's Finest."

"This was the best year ever for Abaco," said Wynsome Ferguson of the Abaco Ministry of Tourism, who expressed how very excited she was that Abaco had "come out on top." This year Abaco produced seven finalists and three trophy winners topping last year's total of six finalists and two winners.

The finalists each year are selected by a Blue Ribbon panel in Nassau "in recognition of the roles played by those individuals and organizations whose performance or products have consistently made a positive impact on the quality and growth of tourism in the Bahamas." There are three finalists in each category and, following the same protocol as the Oscars, the winners are not announced until the envelope is opened on

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From all the Cacique award nominees three are chosen in each of seven categories. Those three are invited to the Cacique awards program held this year in Freeport at which the final winners are announced. This year seven from Abaco were among the finalists. Shown above is the group in Freeport. They are Lynn Johnson, Kendi Anderson, David Ralph, Johnny Roberts, Wynsome Ferguson, Joe Albury, Brendal Stevens, Harriet McDonald and Judy Johnston. Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Ferguson, both from the Abaco Tourist Office, were escorting the group. Ms. Ferguson is holding the Abaco banner. Mrs. Johnston was attending for Peter Johnston.

### Police Ask for Residents' Aid

On February 2 ASP Wayne Miller stood to face a standing room only crowd of about a hundred anxious Treasure Cay homeowners. They were meeting in the Treasure Cay Community Centre to hear what police planned to do about home security and to voice their concerns about a recent rash of burglaries.

The meeting had been organized by Mr. Ed Whitcraft, Chairman of the Treasure Cay Property Owners Association, who introduced Mr. Miller to the people waiting to

learn what might be done to safeguard their homes and property. Accompanying him were several inspectors, corporals and constables who were knowledgeable about the issues.

Mr. Whitcraft set the tone by complaining that the community of Treasure Cay has grown but that the presence of the police has not grown proportionately. He said,

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### Robbery Suspects Were Arraigned



A rash of burglaries in the Treasure Cay area which began in December ended on February 2 when two suspects were arrested. They are Deangelo Sawyer and Luke Aurilus, both of Dundas Town. They were arraigned in Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on February 3 where they both pleaded not guilty to charges of housebreaking, stealing and receiving. The robbers broke into homes, stealing mostly cash between \$100 to \$465 and jewelry with a value up to \$25,000. In the 22nd break-in on January 31, a safe was stolen and smashed open in a near-by field. Some of the jewelry has been recovered. The thieves targeted mostly second homeowners and rental properties.

### Cooper's Town Hosts Police Service



The police and other uniformed officers held their annual service at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town on January 23. Speaker for the occasion was Pastor Stephen Knowles, President of the Abaco Christian Council. On Abaco for the service was ACP Ellison Greenslade, officer in charge of the Northern Bahamas. In the front row, left to right, are Supt. of Police Clarence Russell, ASP Wayne Miller and ACP Greenslade. See story on page 4.

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# Cacique Honours Tourism's Best in 14 Categories

stage. The Abaco winners were Joseph Albury, boat builder from Man-O-War Cay in the Handicraft category, Lynn Johnson from the Green Turtle Club, Manager of the Year, and *The Abaconian's* very own Dave and Kathy Ralph in the Sports, Leisure and Events category.

## Artisan from Man-O-War Was Honoured

Mr. Joseph Uriah Albury was the proud recipient of the Cacique award in the Handicraft category. This very talented but humble man said, "I was very surprised that anyone nominated me." Then when he received a letter from the Ministry of Tourism telling him that he was a finalist he was amazed. "At the awards ceremony when my name was called as a winner, I could not believe it," he said. "It took me a second or two to realise that I was being called, but I am very honoured." Mr. Albury found it all very exciting being presented with his trophy by Miss Bahamas and then being interviewed by ZNS.

Atop each prestigious trophy is "the duho," an intricately carved stool which was the Lucayan Chief's seat of power.

Mr. Albury is a seventh generation descendant of Loyalists who lives on Man-O-War Cay where he is the owner of Joe's Studio. After finishing school at the age of 15, Joe worked with his father, Lewis, learning boat building skills which had been passed down from generation to generation for 200 years. In the 1950s Joe and his father built wooden runabouts that were sold throughout the islands and the U.S. but later returned to making sailing dinghies. Though many of the older men on Man-O-War Cay worked in Uncle Will's boatyard years ago building schooners, none of them built wooden sailing dinghies.

For years Joe had permission from the Government to cut timber on Crown Land so he would cut the roots of Madeira, Dog-

wood or Mastic for use as ribs in the sailing dinghies. However, with the stricter environmental laws, he lost the right to timber even on private property. Boat building had, therefore, to be put aside and instead Joe concentrated on boat models.

Joe has been making half models for more than 20 years which he would display, along with wooden bowls and vases, on tables in front of his boat shed. That was the beginning of Joe's Studio which has expanded through the years. Joe makes solid wood dinghy models in several different sizes and half and full ribbed models that are an exact quarter scale replica of the sailing dinghies he and his father once built together. He hopes soon to receive permission to timber again and plans to build more dinghies in the future.

Joe fears that wooden boat building will die out with his generation as most young people prefer crawfishing as a career and sadly none has expressed any interest in learning the skills that have been passed down through the years.

Joe is well known for his beautifully crafted boat models which are prized by tourists and other collectors. He was featured in the 1994 and 2000 Wooden Boat Calendar and has been written up in many sailing and cruising magazines. He has been interviewed by television stations in Tampa and by ESPN.

In 1994 Joe was asked to represent Abaco and the Bahamas at the Festival of American Folk Life at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., demonstrating boat building with a dinghy he had constructed to rib bands. When the boat was returned to Man-O-War and completed, it was named *Smithsonian* and sold to a man in Coconut Grove, Florida.

Joe is always happy to oblige the Ministry of Tourism whenever they call on him to do anything to promote the Baha-

mas. "In all these years I never thought of any reward or trophy," said Joe, "But it is nice to be recognized and I am very proud to have been honoured."

Other finalists who attended from Abaco were Harriet Thompson-McDonald in the Handicraft category, Brendal Stevens in the Sports and Leisure category, Johnny Roberts in the Special Awards category, and Peter Johnston in the Handicraft category.

Harriet said that although she did not ultimately win, it was a wonderful experience even to attend the ceremony and she felt honoured to have been selected as a finalist.

The Cacique Awards ceremony was preceded by the three-day annual Tourism Conference in which several Abaco tourism professionals participated.

## Green Turtle Cay Had a Cacique Winner

By Anabelle Cross

Congratulations to Lynn Johnson who received a prestigious Cacique award on January 28 in Freeport. Ms. Johnson, the general manager of the Green Turtle Club and Marina won the Manager of the Year award. Lynn was born and raised on Green Turtle Cay. While in her last year at the local school, Lynn went to work part time at the Green Turtle Club, starting in house-keeping and later moving to the office. Within three years in the office she was promoted to office manager. After working with and assisting many general managers, she was promoted to General Manager in 1999.

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The three Abaco winners are shown here, Joe Albury in the Handicraft category, Lynn Johnson named Manager of the Year and David Ralph in the Sports and Leisure Activities category.



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# Police Attend Annual Church Service

Jennifer Hudson

The Royal Bahamas Police Force, Abaco District, held its annual church service on January 23 at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Prior to the service members of the uniformed forces, led by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, marched in an impressive parade to the church through the main street of Cooper's Town. Moderator for the service was Rev. John McIntosh, Sr. Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and District Moderator for Zion Baptist Churches of Abaco. Guests were welcomed by the Rev. Archilus Cooper, Sr. Pastor and District Moderator for the Churches of God on Abaco.

This was indeed a mighty service, full of hearty singing and powerful messages. The sermon was delivered by Pastor Stephen Knowles, Sr. Pastor of the Strong Tower Community Church International in Dundas Town and President of the Abaco Christian Council. He spoke on the topic *Servanthood* and used the example of Nehemiah whose job was to not only purchase wine for the king but also to taste the wine to make sure that it was safe for the

king to drink. Nehemiah was willing to put his life on the line to ensure the king's safety. Pastor Knowles made the contrast with the uniformed forces and even the teaching profession and the church today by saying, "There are too many people leading in too many departments whose only interest is in themselves. A good servant must be willing to die to self."

He urged the officers to be people of compassion, sensitive to the needs of others, yet firm. "Serve the community," he said. "If you are having a bad day, ask for the day off instead of being rude to the public. When you find yourself frustrated with no more love, passion and excitement for the job, then tell yourself, 'It's time to leave.' Do not be miserable and make the whole department look bad, make space for those who want to come and serve. The mind-set of public servants must be 'We are here to serve the people' and your job must be to build up ALL," urged Pastor Knowles. He exhorted the forces to wear their uniforms with a sense of pride and integrity and to get their promotions by coming up through the ranks and leaving it to God instead of by unethical means.

Another powerful message came from Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ellison Greenslade, who said that he had been inspired by the words of Pastor Knowles and knows that there are some within the ranks who need to be convinced. He asked for respectability and accountability within the uniformed forces and the banishment of all dishonesty and fighting for promotions.

ACP Greenslade assured the members of the community that the police "work for you, care for you and

trust you," and he encouraged people to be accountable for themselves and to accept people who have done wrong in the past and are trying to mend their ways and to try to rehabilitate them. He urged the police to work hand in hand with the community and the people of the community to work closely with the police. He thanked the church for opening its heart to all who were there and thanked the community across the whole of Abaco and the cays, "For you bring a good heart to the table."

Mr. Robert Sweeting, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, and Bishop Clifford Henfield of Grace Baptist Church gave especial thanks to Assistant Commissioner of Police Greenslade on behalf of the people of Abaco and The Bahamas for his work during and since the two hurricanes.

A very moving part of these services is always the presentation of the Colours of the Bahamas and Police Standard and the Last Post and Reveille played by the trumpeters and drummer of the Police Band while the Police Standard is lowered in remembrance of deceased members fallen from the ranks whose names have just been read by officers of their respective departments.

Others taking part in the service were Pastor Bernell Parker, Sr. Pastor of Revival Time Pentecostal Church; Rev. Cecil Forbes, Associate Pastor of the Full Gospel Church and Overseer of the Abaco District of the Assemblies of God; Rev. A.B. Lewis, Sr. Pastor of Victory Tabernacle Church and Secretary of the Abaco Christian Council; The Church of God, Coopers Town Choir, and the Police Choir.

An offering was presented for the work

of the church on behalf of their departments by Assistant Superintendent of Police, Wayne Miller; Supt. of Customs, Gary Smith and Superintendent of Immigration, Frederick Bonaby. Bishop Clifford Henfield presented a cheque to ACP Greenslade to provide another bullet-proof vest for police officers in Marsh Harbour.

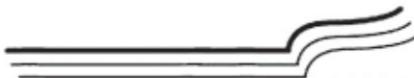
At the close of the service members of the uniformed forces gathered in formation outside the church for the final march to the Cooper's Town Clinic.

Also participating in the service were officers of the Bahamas Immigration Department, the Customs Department and the Road Traffic Department. Dignitaries in attendance were; ACP Ellison Greenslade, Assistant Commissioner of Police for the Northern Bahamas; Superintendents Leland Russell, Clarence Russell and Glen Miller; ASP Wayne Miller and ASP. Wellbourne Bootle; Mr. Fred Bonaby, Superintendent of Immigration; Mr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs, Mr. Derek Bowe, Administrator for South Abaco; Mr. Donald Cash, Administrator for North Abaco; Mr. Jack Thompson, Deputy High Commissioner for Canada.



The Police, Customs and Immigration Officers marched from the Cooper's Town clinic to the Church of God Cathedral before the service accompanied by the Royal Bahamas Police Band. After the service they marched back to the clinic. Shown, left to right, are Chief of Police for Abaco, ASP Wayne Miller; Chief Customs Officer for Abaco, Gary Smith; and Chief Immigration Officer for Abaco, Fred Bonoby.

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# News of the Cays

## Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

Mother Nature has smiled on winter lovers this year! No one can complain about not having any cool weather. It has been "cold" and windy for the past four weeks with what seems to have been back to back cold fronts. The weather has kept the fishermen home in what has to be their worst season in many years.

## Marching Band Practices Hard

The Green Turtle Cay Marching Band can be heard all over town each weekend as they practice with Mr. Taylor, who comes from Freeport each weekend to teach the band. The members of the band range in age from first graders to high school graduates. They are working hard to learn three songs in time to perform at the 2005 Island Roots Heritage Festival.

## Wine Tasting Will Raise Funds for Festival

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee is busy planning a wine tasting to be held on March 4th. The wine tasting will be sponsored by Burns House and hosted by Pat and Louise Green at their home on Black Sound. Tickets are available from committee members and at the door. The committee is planning the 2005 Festival to be held May 20, 21 and 22. Even though the hurricanes of 2004 caused a lot of damage, the spirit of the committee is still alive. With the support of the Ministry of Tourism and the entire community it is hoped that the 2005 Festival will be as successful as the first. So make Green Turtle Cay the place to be on May 20, 21 and 22.

## Town News

Congratulations to the proud parents of our newest Green Turtle Cay residents. Sarah Sams and Jody Lowe welcomed Ethan Sams Lowe on January 18th. Ethan is the first grandchild for Babs Sams.

Adrian and Kristina Lowe welcomed their second son, Brady, on January 28th.

Our community was saddened by the deaths of Mr. Alphonso McIntosh, Sandra Lowe and Leslie Sands. Alphonso McIntosh died on January 13th. He was 77 years old. A funeral service was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church on January 22nd. He was predeceased by his daughter Maxcine Toote. He is survived by his wife Patricia, children and spouses, Eloise and Michael Cartwright, Hilda (Jane) Johnson, Rex and Jackie McIntosh, Nora McIntosh, Kim and Kevin Lavine, Trent and Joyelle McIntosh, Maxwell and Leanier McIntosh and Miranda and Max Russell, stepchildren Regan Deal, Natasha Deal and Miquell Miller, son-in-law Ricardo Toote, 32 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous relatives and friends.

Sandra Lowe died January 28th. She was 61 years old. A funeral service was held at the Green Turtle Cay Gospel Chapel on February 5th. Sandra is survived by her parents Floyd and Zedith Lowe, brothers and their wives, Nigal and Ann Lowe, Larry and Una Lowe, Gene and Debbie Lowe and Fearnley Lowe, sister Judy Roberts and brother-in-law, Junior Roberts, seven nephews, eight nieces and many other relatives and friends.

Lesley Sands passed away on February 5th. Uncle Les, as he was affectionately called, has lived in Marsh Harbour with his

children for many years. He is survived by his children Paul, Curtis, Edwin, Cannis and Alice, their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to *The Abaconian's* own David and Kathleen Ralph on their prestigious Cacique award. For many years they have worked to organize summer's most popular event, Regatta Time In Abaco. Anyone who has had the pleasure to be a part of Regatta Time In Abaco knows what an awesome task it is to organize race events all over Abaco and be there for each race and onshore activity. They are very deserving of this award.

## Hope Town Museum Sponsors Art Exhibition

By Tony Bennett, Curator

The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum will host its second Winter Art Exhibition from February 12th through 19th. This year's exhibition of original watercolour paintings features Hermann Schadt of The Jib in Hope Town, where he paints a wide variety of local scenes. This popular artist has earned respect throughout The Bahamas and his reputation increases with each year. Paintings by Mr. Schadt have been shown at the Bahamas National Trust art shows in Nassau and are represented in galleries in Nassau, Harbour Island and Marsh Harbour as well as in Hope Town. His work is included in public and private collections in The Bahamas, United States, Canada and several European countries.

Dr. Hermann Schadt taught at the Staatliche Zeichenakademie, an internationally respected art school in Germany, and served as its director for many years. He has written and edited several books on art history. Ever since visiting Hope Town for the first time in the 1970s, he has stayed regularly at the home of his wife's parents, The Jib. While active in art all his life, he intensified his painting activity in the 1990s. In addition to local scenes, he enjoys painting colour fantasies inspired by the rich colours and intense light of The Bahamas.

Often asked how long it takes him to paint a picture, he explains that he usually works in periods of intense concentration and then "lives with" a new work, talking it over with family and friends, often adding or changing certain touches for about two weeks. Visitors interested in meeting the artist and viewing his work are welcomed at The Jib whenever he is at home in Hope Town, typically during the fall and winter months. Original paintings, prints and cards are available at several boutiques on Elbow Cay and in Marsh Harbour. The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, in the heart of Hope Town settlement is always worth a visit and is particularly interesting during this art exhibition from February 12-19. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many of the watercolour paintings on display may be purchased; the profit will benefit the museum and its continuing work.

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# More News of the Cays

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## Cay Topics Will Host US Ambassador

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The Hope Town group, Cay Topics, has invited the Hon. John Rood, U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas, to be their guest speaker for their monthly meeting in February. The Ambassador will be speaking at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on February 23rd and the event will be open to the public. Those interested in attending should call the Lodge to make a reservation. Due to the high demand, attendees will need to attend the lunch portion in order to hear the speaker. The cost for lunch is \$18.

Cay Topics was started by Ann Krout, who thought it would be a good idea to get women together and give them something to think about. "We've got a great committee together and we're having a good time."

Cay Topics started last year and hosted four lunches. Three were for women only and one was co-ed, with Dave Gale being the featured speaker. One of last year's highlights was Ruth Harkin, the wife of Sen. Harkin, who spoke about her career in international business. Mrs. Harkin runs the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, which assists American businesses in making foreign investments. It was Mrs. Harkin's husband, Sen. Harkin, who made the Ambassador's visit possible. The Harkins have been coming to Hope Town for years and have a house on the North End.

The Ambassador's visit will be a private visit, not a state visit. "He's only coming

to speak to our group," said Krout. Men are cordially invited to attend. The group is hoping to have Pete Johnston be the speaker for March, but that has not been confirmed.

## Sailing Club Announces Donations

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Each year the Hope Town Sailing Club makes it a point to give back to the community by putting their money where their mouth is - this year they are donating \$5,000 to local groups.

The Hope Town School will receive \$1,500 to purchase furniture for the preschool they expect to open in the near future. Although government has approved the preschool, no government funding has been made available.

Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue will receive \$1,500 towards digging a well at the dump. The well will be used to fight fires at the dump and will give the firemen an additional water source for fighting fires on the south end of the island. The fire truck's limited tank capacity makes fighting fires outside of town difficult, and this will go a long way to addressing that problem.

The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum will receive \$1,000 to support the creation of a "Pirate's Lair" in the expanded museum. The new exhibit will be designed for children.

The Lighthouse Preservation Society will receive \$1,000 towards repairing the weather vane on top of the Lighthouse, which has not been working for some time.

The Sailing Club accepts written requests from local groups and a committee selected

the recipients. The committee received 10 requests this year. Preference was shown to requests that were for a discrete project as opposed to general operating support.

Commodore Paul Gooding says the Club gives back about 40 percent of their revenues to the town through donations, the operation of a summer camp for Bahamian children and the maintenance of the town's dingy dock. The Club generates revenues through membership dues. The mission of the Sailing Club is to promote the sport of sailing in the area of Hope Town.

To that end the Sailing Club organizes races, regattas and cruises. They are always looking for more people to be involved in the races. They are currently in the middle of their winter racing season for cruising boats. In March, they will be sponsoring a series of races specifically for sailors of Abaco dinghies.

## Heritage Day Is Set for March 4th

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Hope Town Heritage Day will take place on Friday, March 4th - not Saturday, the 5th as previously reported. It is a day to celebrate the history of Hope Town and The Bahamas and to recapture important national traditions. The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum's planning committee has a lot of exciting things scheduled for the day. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

Hope Town school children will be singing the National Anthem as well as old Loyalist tunes. They will also be plaiting the May Pole which will be located in front of the government building. Principal Candace

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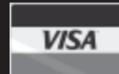
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# The Editor Says . . . A Lesson from Freeport



We hear occasional references to Marsh Harbour's status as the Bahamas' third city. It is interesting to think that 5753 people as shown in the 2000 census puts us in third place. It would probably exceed 10,000 if we were able to give credit to the Mud and Pigeon Peas subdivisions. Whatever the number, we are still in third place with an expanding economy.

Having just returned from a brief visit to Freeport, the country's second largest city, it is interesting to reflect on the differences between second and third.

Freeport was conceived to be an industrial area in the mid-1950s and early 1960s with activity centered around a deep water port. It was soon conceded that a tourism component must be included. They now have a mix of industry and tourism.

Freeport was designed and laid out on empty land with provision for an orderly mix of commercial, residential and industrial areas - much like a blank cross-word puzzle with empty squares waiting for appropriate content.

Compare this to our third place city which is growing fast but without benefit of an organized plan. Growth resembles a scratch pad with text, sketches and doodles scattered about wherever space permits.

With some foresight, the road between Marsh Harbour and the airport was constructed wider than normal for its time and is the best road Abaco has to this

day. Roads though town are narrow with no space for roadside parking. Parking is minimal at most of our smaller businesses, both in number of spaces and the size allowed each vehicle. We have parking spaces where the rear bumper encroaches on the street when the front bumper is nudging the building.

In contrast, Freeport has many generous two and four lane roads with wide verges and allowance for parking.

Our narrow streets coupled with buildings constructed as close to the road as setbacks allow are showing the strain of increased traffic. Who in the 1950s would have envisaged the growth we see today? The Marsh Harbour business district is doomed to perpetuate its haphazard growth with worsening traffic problems.

The Union Jack dock, where the ferry leaves with workmen for Guana Cay, is a good example of an area with the need for parking but which has little space.

The Crossing Beach area, where the Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries dock, is another site where parking is marginal for the amount of traffic. Several days ago there were over 100 cars parked at Crossing Beach mid-day. This did not include the cars whose owners pay to park in a private lot. Cars parking beyond the Eastern Shore gate were given a notice that they were on private property and subject to being towed away.

Parking is a mutual problem shared by the general motoring public and the business houses here. Without parking, customers go elsewhere to shop and the businesses are restricted in their ability to expand.

A few businesses have been able to acquire enough land to accommodate a building and provide adequate parking but many are on a marginal lot. Property sizes here are generally small, reflecting life styles of an earlier era. Many of these small residential lots are now being converted to busi-

ness sites and are frequently too small for the ambitions of the present owner.

Marsh Harbour is destined to grow as best it can with narrow streets, minimal parking and no planning. The business district will continue to grow by converting residential property in town to commercial uses with residential growth moving to the outer fringes of the area.

Developments on raw land can be laid out to accommodate orderly growth as seen in Treasure Cay and Central Pines Estates in Dundas Town. Both had the benefit of being designed prior to being occupied. Unfortunately, Marsh Harbour does not have that option. It is obvious that we are growing and managing with no planning at all.

Driving through Freeport gave time to reflect on Marsh Harbour's future and speculate where we are headed. There is not much hope that our roads can be widened. Property owners will defend their land against further intrusion by road-widening efforts.

We do have the potential to make two significant improvements to Marsh Harbour. A location should be found and developed to accommodate residents of the Mud, Pigeon Peas and other entry level homeowners. This will not be an easy pro-

cess but the basic concept has been acknowledged for years.

A secondary long range benefit then presents itself. Marsh Harbour would gain 15-20 acres of Crown Land suitable for commercial development - right in the middle of town. It might be 10 or 20 years before the land became available, but no matter, it would be a welcome boost to a growing town.

Perhaps the inspiration and lesson we should take from Freeport is that of long range planning. Freeport had the benefit of a parent group, the Port Authority, a private group focused on the future of Freeport. We are not aware of any such effort anywhere else in the Bahamas.

The attributes that make Abaco so attractive are things that we accept without much thought, the protected Abaco Sound with heritage villages. Abaco sells itself quite nicely. However, the physical improvements, roads, utilities, schools, new residential areas and commercial expansion would benefit from forward-looking planning which is totally lacking. Our only planning occurs in new projects generally of foreign origin and with all planning confined to the borders of the project.

Abaco can do better.



Vehicles at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour are jumbled everywhere. Well over 100 vehicles are in the vicinity during week days, blocking traffic and frustrating drivers.



This is an example of a parking space in Marsh Harbour which is inadequate. The rear end of the pick-up truck extends out into the road area and blocks the sidewalk, even though it is parked correctly.



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# Letters to the Editor

## Children Missed Their Lunches

Dear Editor,

Please allow space in your paper for this letter explaining a situation that weighs heavily on my mind.

One day I went to St. Francis de Sales School to carry lunch to my two cousins, as I have done in the past. I was advised by the principal that a new policy had taken effect, and I was not allowed to take it to the classroom. I was also told by the principal that she would make sure that the children would get it at lunch time. I had no prior knowledge of the newly enforced policy that parent/guardians could no longer deliver lunch to the kids. However, I put my mind to rest that the kids would indeed have lunch.

Imagine my outrage and total bewilderment when I discovered that afternoon that the principal had told the kids that they could buy cookies from the snack bar for their

lunch and pay the next day! Those children were handed their lunch at three o'clock when school was dismissed.

I don't understand why the principal would deny these kids their lunch and tell them to buy a cookie instead. It seems the sensible thing would have been to tell me that for future reference lunch cannot be delivered. But taking into consideration that this was the only lunch the kids had, why not let them eat it?

In my opinion, it is simply inexcusable. I can't imagine making a child go hungry when there was food there for them. If lunch deliveries were causing too much of a disturbance to the classrooms, I'm sure some sort of set up can be arranged that would make lunch deliveries possible and cause less commotion. Kids need a good lunch to help them learn throughout the day. This is the type of unjustifiable rules and behavior by a principal that caused me to move my child from that school.

## Still Baffled and Dismayed!

Dear Editor,

Please allow me, once again, a little space in your much read paper.

I heard on the radio this morning of the giving of hurricane relief packages to residents of Cooper's Town, Murphy Town, Dundas Town, Pigeon Peas community, Spring City, etc. by persons of the Red Cross Society and perhaps volunteers - food supplies, I presume.

Well, that's good and well, but why wait three months after Hurricane Jeanne and Hurricane Frances before that to give anything? Maybe, though, they are six months early before the next hurricane comes! Say what, I live in Marsh Harbour. You think any of us could get a pound of flour for a johnny cake? I never get nuttin' in my 54 years of hurricanes.

Thank God for the Rotary Club and Scurvy Few Toys for Tots. They may look bad but they're good to kids. I'm glad that they are not wasting my money for gas for them m'cycles, like the cars, power boat races, fireworks displays and noise.

Here's something else. Wish more people would 'weigh-in' on that. It's a waste of money that could be for better things, also loud noise that are hazardous to some humans, animals, etc.

Anyway, let's move on. This is de 'doctuh,' not maxi-priest or shaba. Say what? You read? Say or write something.

As the late U.S. President Ron Reagan once said, "Go ahead, make my day." Make it better if ya can. That country - U.S. song title says "Drop kick me, Jesus, to the goal post of life." Amen. Seems

rough but when the Lord whom we call Jesus was on earth in Israel, do you think they called Him by that name? In Hebrew or in Aramaic? No! Maybe in Greek or in Spain. Watch it John, from Greece.

Tonight I heard the song on the radio by one of "da bro's" singing. "Everybody plays the fool sometimes." And "There's no guarantee that the one you love is gonna love you," etc. Ain't that true. Jesus, as we call Him, said., "If ye love me, keep my commands."

What did I start with? Oh, yes, the Red Cross giving. Let the Red Cross Society keep on giving to the needy, whoever they are. I can manage without the pound of flour, the sugar and the kidney beans and rice. I made it so far. With God's help we can make it. Maybe one of these days I will move "over back," maybe "La Saline" (da Mud), not the Outback as in Australia, that's too far from home. If I move there, I may qualify for a pound of flour. Hurricane or not.

Well, like the song "Everybody plays the fool sometimes," there is a time for every purpose under the heavens. Eccl. 3:1 Hope you had a few laughs, some food for thought and maybe some philosophy, like "What goes around come around" and like hurricanes and fireworks. What makes school children laugh means death to frogs. Amen. Like plenty of rough water.

P.S. We received hurricane relief water a month after, apparently not government's fault but some relatives apparently couldn't decide whether to share or to deliver it. Whatever, we survived, thank God. I thank you, sir.

Yours truly,  
Lee Lowe

## Price Right Launches New Program

By Portia Jonsson

Last month Price Right launched its new Penny Per Point Program. This new program allows customers to get a cash rebate of their purchases. There are incentives that will be built in from time to time which will allow customers to receive as much as five cents per point as well as extra points on certain items on certain days. It is an easy program which is recorded and redeemed electronically verses licking and posting stamps.

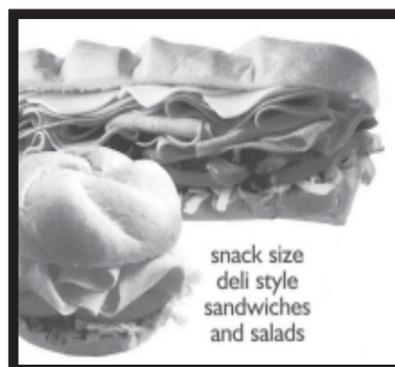
This new concept will allow every customer to be a winner and you can redeem your points for money whenever you need to and not have to wait until a certain date for a drawing as done in the past. For example, if you have 688 points, your rebate will be \$6.88. If you choose to use \$5 of

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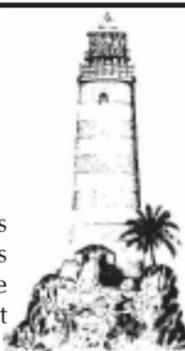
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# North Abaco News

## Treasure Cay Residents Enjoy Concert

By Barbara Hadley

On January 26 Treasure Cay residents were treated to a wonderful concert feature, the a capella group from Princeton University. They hailed from all over North America including Hawaii and Vancouver, British Columbia. They sang a beautiful selection of contemporary songs from Jewel to Snow and Garfunkel. Refreshments and desserts were served and the afterglow continued long after the concert. The Princeton group is traveling through Abaco with concerts on Guana Cay and Elbow Cay. Many thanks to Nan Gregory and her committee for a great concert.

The newly formed "Cay Events" committee on Treasure Cay will be having a series of monthly events through April.

## Humane Society Holds Fund Raiser

By Barbara Hadley.

A delightful fund raising event is planned for February 22nd at the Bahamas Beach Club in Treasure Cay to benefit the Treasure Cay Humane Society. It is Treasure Cay's *Tea By The Sea* which promises to be an enchanting afternoon when patrons will enjoy an authentic British afternoon tea with tea especially flown in from England and served in traditional tea pots. This will be accompanied by scones with clotted cream and jam, sand-

wiches and cakes. Jennifer Hudson, pre-eminent violinist of Abaco, will be the featured artist and a silent auction will also take place.

Tickets for this event may be purchased at the Treasure Cay Community Library for a donation of \$20 each. The library hours are 3 p.m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Treasure Cay Humane Society was created by Mr. Jerry Roberts several years ago and the work has been continued over the years by several volunteers. The society works to provide free spaying and neutering for dogs and cats whose owners cannot afford it. Also wild cats are trapped and taken to Dr. Bailey to be "fixed," then they are released. The so-

ciety tries to find homes for stray dogs and cats.

The money raised from fund raisers will enable the society to continue its work and also, hopefully, to build and run a facility connected to the fire station building where Dr. Bailey could treat the animals instead of them having to be continually transported to Marsh Harbour. The facility would be able to accommodate animals and a formal adoption programme could then be put in place.

The Society would like to begin a programme to educate people on how to better care for their animals and to encourage them to have their animals spayed and neutered.

## Shere Khan Visits Abaco

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Shere Khan, an a cappella group from Princeton University, spent a week traveling through Abaco, enjoying the sun and performing to benefit local organizations.

The group made its first journey to Abaco three years ago. The trip was originally organized by Princeton alumni and members of the group who had spent time on Abaco. Local arrangements were made through Mr. Sinclair Franklin of Treasure Cay.

"Two of us were here on the original tour and we had such a good time we wanted to bring new members of the group and let them experience it," said Dorian Needham, a senior at Princeton and one of the organizers of the trip.

Once again Mr. Sinclair served as the local contact and 14 Princeton students made the journey. The group was housed by residents of the local community in each place they visited. "This would not have been possible without the generosity of so many people," said Needham.

Having just finished finals, the students were enjoying a break from the New Jersey weather. "There's three feet of snow at home," said freshman Alex Arader, "and people here keep apologizing for the weather. We think its great." The group said they'd spent every day thus far in the water - in between concerts, golf cart races and a few Goombay Smashes.

Shere Khan, named for the tiger from the Jungle Book (Princeton's mascot is the tiger), spent three days on Guana Cay where they performed at Nippers to benefit Save the Reef and at the Guana School. "Unfortunately, we found out at 10:30 a.m. that we were singing at the

school at 9:15 a.m., but it all worked out," Needham said with a smile. "At first, some people in the group were a little anxious about not knowing what was happening until the last minute, but we've all relaxed a bit and we're having a great time."

After Guana, the group spent two days in Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour. In Treasure Cay they kicked off the opening of the Cay Event Series. In Marsh Harbour Shere Khan performed during lunch at Wally's to benefit the local humane societies in Marsh Harbour, Man-O-War and Hope Town.

Finally, the group spent two days in Hope Town, performing at the Abaco Inn, the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and St. James Methodist Church. Proceeds from these concerts went to the Hope Town Community Pool. Community Pool organizer, Carrie Cash, says they hope to have the pool open in March for the entire community to use. Although they'd hoped to fill the pool with fresh water, thanks to the current drought the cost of doing so is prohibitive. So the pool will be filled with salt water until the cost of fresh water declines.

In Princeton the group practices three times a week for two hours a session - all the hard work paid off. They performed current tunes in a cappella style including Ben Harper's *Steal My Kisses*, Extreme's *More than Words* and a Paul Simon medley to appreciative crowds throughout Abaco. They were selling their latest CD, *Khan Artist*, and donated a portion of the proceeds to each of the local groups.

When asked if they hoped to return again, the response was an enthusiastic "yes."



Sixteen members of the Shere Khan, an a cappella group from Princeton University, performed several concerts on Abaco to benefit humane society groups. They are shown here singing at Wally's Restaurant in Marsh Harbour. The concert in Hope Town benefitted the Hope Town Community Swimming Pool committee.



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# Construction Continues in the Mud



This is a recent photo of the Mud showing the density of houses. The building in the foreground is the administration building at the freight dock in Marsh Harbour. Construction is continuous in the area with several houses underway at any one time. Many of the houses accommodate more than one family.

By Portia Jonsson

Last month Chief Councillor, Cay Mills was riding through the dock area and saw a rather large structure not seen before and pulled his van on the side of the road to get a closer look. While walking toward this new building, he saw persons running away so he yelled for them to hold on and inquired who owned the building.

By this time Mr. Silbert Mills was on the scene with his camera and asked the Chief Councillor who the structure belonged

to. Chief Councillor replied that he believed it belonged to "a guy who looked like a Rasta." The "Rasta" guy said the house was not his, then disappeared.

Mr. Mills said he later reappeared from behind houses cursing and "carrying on" stating that he is a Bahamian and everyone is coming to investigate him rather than all the Haitians. Chief Councillor Mills told him that no one is talking to or entertaining him because earlier he said it was not his building. The Rasta then admitted that the

building was indeed his and showed Messrs. Mills the structure. He informed them that his girlfriend is about to have a baby and he is trying to make a better place for them.

Chief Councillor Mills remarked that the structure is a sound one and said to the homeowner that it appears as if he spent about \$6,000 to \$7,000 on his building. He further added that the "Rasta" has a legitimate argument that he is a Bahamian and would definitely not think of stopping him when they cannot stop the Haitians.

The Chief Councillor's advice was to spend a couple more dollars to buy some land and complete the structure on his own property so that his new baby could be born in a place that is more sanitary and he could be proud of his accomplishment.

Chief Councillor Mills and Mr. Silbert Mills left it at that. They have both spoken on the point raised by the Bahamian living in the Mud. Chief Councillor concluded that this problem has to be solved so that there can be law and order.



The house showing through the bushes is now nearing completion in the Mud. When authorities investigated, they discovered that it was being built by a Bahamian from Freeport who felt that if immigrants were allowed to build in that area, he could also.



On February 7 the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Mud to extinguish a house fire. The firemen were able to contain the fire to the one house, saving the surrounding houses. Houses in the Mud are spaced farther apart than those in Pigeon Peas. Houses in that area are so close that in some instances a person cannot squeeze between them.

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# Local Doctor and Sculptor Travel to Haiti

By Marc Binard

Marsh Harbour internist, Dr. Marc Binard, and sculptor, Pete Johnston of Little Harbour, traveled to Haiti the last week of January to work in a medical clinic in northern Haiti. Dr. Binard is no stranger to Haiti. He has worked in Haiti since 1971 when his father built a clinic in the remote mountain village of Marmelade.

Dr Binard and Mr. Johnston worked with a team of medical missionaries from the Haiti Mission which is associated with the Methodist Church. The team is composed of volunteer physicians from the United States and includes faculty physicians and nurses from the University of Virginia, Duke University and Washington University in St Louis. The team has staffed the

same clinics in northern Haiti for 20 years. The Haiti Mission includes one orphanage, two clinics and three churches and schools. Programs include preventive health, acute care and pediatric clinics for treatment of malnutrition.

Reaching the remote clinics proved difficult for the two from Abaco. The airline which serviced Cap Haitian, the nearest large city to the clinics, went out of business on the day of their arrival in Port Au Prince. Subsequently, the two men were forced to travel to Cap Haitian by private vehicle. Instead of a 30-minute flight, the trip took two days over rugged roads. The pair overnights in Gonaives, the port city which suffered over 4000 deaths in a flash

flood caused by rains from Tropical Storm Jeanne. Binard and Johnston visited Belgian missionary Father Josef Hendrickx who resides in Gonaives.

Fr. Hendrickx has lived in Haiti since 1960 and was instrumental in the completion of the Marmelade clinic as well as building schools for 2500 children and bringing electricity and fresh water to the village. Fr. Hendrickx showed the Abaco pair his home, complete with 12-foot-high water marks on the walls. Fortunately, he had a second floor so he and 50 other fortunate people were able to survive. His description of watching dead neighbors and animals float by was truly horrific.

The following day, Fr. Hendrickx drove Dr. Binard and Mr. Johnston to Marmelade. High in the mountains, Marmelade is a model Haitian village. Thanks to efforts by Hendrickx and resident ex-President of Haiti, Rene Preval, the town has paved roads, electricity and good schools. The clinic built by Dr. Binard's father in 1971 is still in existence. Staffed by two enthusiastic physicians and a nurse, the clinic is clean and busy but sadly ill equipped. On a visit on January 1, 2005, Dr. Binard was advised by the physicians at the clinic and President Preval about the most urgent needs of the clinic. Dr. Binard promised to return with some of the equipment. As promised, he returned in three weeks with Glucometers to screen for and monitor diabetes, a Doppler instrument to detect fetal heart tones, medications and resuscitation equipment. The costs of these essential supplies were largely covered by a generous donation from Guana Cay second home owner Charles Morgan.

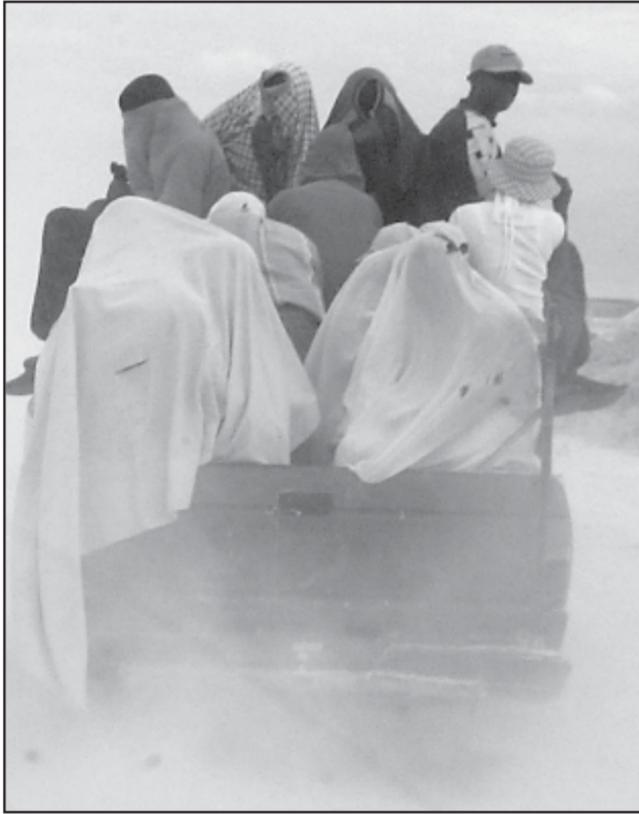
Later in the day, Hendrickx drove Dr.

Binard and Mr. Johnston to Cap Haitian, Haiti's second city. From Cap Haitian, the Abaco pair traveled to the remote riverside village of La Tannerie.

Here Dr. Binard worked in the clinic, his fluency in Creole helping immensely. While no doctor, Pete Johnston was able to provide technical assistance to the clinic's solar water pump. Armed with his gregarious personality, a few words of Creole and handfuls of candy, Pete was an instant favorite with the children.

Fortunately, Dr. Binard and Mr. Johnston were able to return to Port Au Prince by air, avoiding another two-day road trip.

Reflecting on their trip, they both noted that the most remarkable part of their experience in Haiti was witnessing the spirit of the Haitian people. "To witness the strength of the human spirit in spite of severe physical and economic hardship was truly inspiring," remarked Dr. Binard, who expects to return to Haiti again in May. A crowd of school children in La Tannerie hopes he doesn't come alone.



Traveling in Haiti is primitive. Here people in the back of a pick-up truck trying to protect themselves from the clouds of dust created by the truck. Dr. Marc Binard and sculptor Pete Johnston had to use local transportation such as this truck when an airline went out of business the day they were there.

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# Police Chief Suggests Crime Watch Groups

## T Cay Meeting *From Page 1*

"The green light is on for thievery in this area. People can steal, be arrested, but not prosecuted and be out on the street."

In response Mr. Miller first thanked every one for attending, then pointed out that many people might not be aware of a police presence in a community because the police are often in civilian dress or incognito.

He went on to announce the recent arrest of an individual who the police felt was responsible for many recent burglaries. They felt that because this person had many items of stolen property on his person when he was arrested. The announcement was greeted with applause.

To a question from the audience on the use of private security, Mr. Miller said that he recommended private security, that it has been used in the past and may be the way to go in the future. Private security guards can be additional eyes and ears for the police.

Leaflets were handed out urging residents never to stop searching, never stop looking and to partner with the police. He said that Treasure Cay is a vulnerable community because of large open geography, lots of building activity and lack of citizen involvement in crime prevention programs such as a Crime Watch.

"Even though a man was arrested," he said, "the community must not rest. While we arrest one today, there will be another tomorrow. Statistics show that once a house has been burgled, the chances that it will be burgled again is very great."

The whole community should band together and form a cocoon around a home burgled for the first time to prevent a sec-

ond. "Once a home has been broken into" said Mr. Miller, "the suspect has information and intelligence - he knows the weaknesses of your property. We need to work with each other better."

"The criminals work together better than we do. There are a number of people who come to Treasure Cay under the guise of construction workers. Some undesirables are able to find their way into a home posing as a contractor and then they case the joint." The police are issuing an appeal to contractors to partner with them by obtaining police reports on all of their employees. There are plans to visit every construction site to review who is working. Some have already been reviewed. Persons with criminal records have been found.

In the audience was a person who indicated that his home was involved in an incident. He said to the crowd that they need to report all incidents. "Many told me not to stand up and make a report but," he added, "it is the accumulation of this information that will make a big impact." These comments were also greeted with applause.

According to Mr. Miller, "Treasure Cay is a growing community and as such, has challenges with security. The thief and his friends and cohorts will continue to prey on our area. It might have been in the days gone by we could leave doors unlocked and curtains not drawn but now we need to put in added features to prevent this scourge from coming in."

"We are committed to bringing in the necessary resources to keep Treasure Cay the beautiful, quaint and treasured community that you believe it is." ASP Miller suggested that the residents consider setting up Crime Watch associations with public notices. This in itself acts as a deterrent.

Of the hundred or so in attendance 22 raised their hands when asked who lost some property to burglary over the last two years. ASP Wayne Miller closed the meeting by saying, "Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares."

He suggested a sign at the entrance to Treasure Cay informing that the community has a crime watch program in place. He said that a crime watch committee is

powerful if you have an effective crime watch program in place.

He urged everyone to work with the police to keep Treasure Cay safe. He said, "Report all suspicious activity to the police - all!"

As people filed out of the room, Nadine Sheeche, a second homeowner, said that a

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ASP Wayne Miller, Police officer in charge of Abaco, and Mr. Ed Whitcraft, President of the Treasure Cay Property Owners Association, discuss a crime watch program, a suggestion made by Mr. Miller after two months of break-ins in the Treasure Cay area.

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# Cacique Winners Join Six Previous Abaco Winners

## Cacique

From Page 2

A few months after her promotion she had to deal with her greatest challenge, rebuilding after a major hurricane. Hurricane Floyd caused major damage to the marina and most of the club property. The new millennium was just months away and repairs had to be made to reopen before the 2000 celebrations. With hard work and determination the goal was achieved and the Green Turtle Club hosted a celebration to welcome the new millennium. From 1981 thru 2003 Lynn worked with the original owners, the Charlesworth family.

In 2004 the Green Turtle Club changed owners and faced the challenge of rebuilding again after the two major hurricanes of September 2004. Lynn and her staff took on the challenge and the club reopened in time for Thanksgiving 2004. Lynn has seen the Green Turtle Club grow from a small clubhouse/pub to a 4-star resort with a large lounge area, elegant dining room, full service marina and luxurious accommodations with a staff of 38. Lynn has one daughter, Blair. After 24 years at the Green Turtle Club, Lynn is deserving of such an award!

### The Ralphs Were Recognized

Dave and Kathy Ralph were honoured for their work over many years in promoting the Regatta Time in Abaco sailing event. After receiving the award, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph said that while they felt very honoured to have been selected, "it was also kind of humbling. The work we have done was not ever with any thought of honour or award and is the result of a group effort over the years by multiple people with whom we feel we share the honour," they said. Dave and Kathy became involved with the Regatta with the goal of assisting in the betterment of Abaco which is the same goal they work towards with their paper, *The Abaconian*.

The Abaco Regatta Syndicate was formed in 1974, soon after Independence, and the First Abaco Regatta was held in 1976. The original idea of the Regatta was for work boat races but due to lack of funds cruise boats were invited instead. Dave and Kathy Ralph have been very hard working organizers of the Regatta for more than 25 years working tirelessly to ensure that Regatta Time in Abaco is organised, advertised and hosted every year but would like to pay homage to those who were involved in the formation of the Abaco Regatta from the start. These persons included Walter and Shirley Roberts of Green Turtle Cay whose work is continued by their daughter Annabelle Cross and their sons Gavin and Jimmy; William Soveral, the late Marcel Albury, Don Barnes, Van Stratton, Percy

Archer, the late Bill Pascoe and the late Lindsey Scott, Dave and Phoebe Gale and the late Cynthia Smith, who organized the food for the fund raising dinner at the Crossing.

The Ministry of Tourism began its patronage of the Regatta in 1981 after seeing its great success and now assists with funding and shore activities. The Regatta committee now consists of Barry Whiting, Wynsome Ferguson, Ann McFaden, Linda Leffleur, Ruth Saunders and, of course, Dave and Kathy Ralph. As the Regatta becomes larger it becomes more complicated and it is necessary now to supplement the local committee by bringing in a profes-

sional race committee chairman from the United States who has a full knowledge of the very complicated racing rules and who also brings markers, sets courses and works out the handicap system. This has the added benefit of also bringing in a larger crowd from abroad.

The Regatta started originally with just six or eight boats but it has built up over the years to include as many as 70 boats and Dave and Kathy Ralph feel that it has the potential to become even bigger. It has always been a tourist event and brings thousands of visitors to Abaco each summer in what used to be a slow period. The Regatta

is held each year at the beginning of July when schools are out and the weather is predictable. Though most boats come from the east coast of Florida there are others from all over the U.S. It is a 10-day event which brings much revenue into the coffers of Abaco. Many visitors come just to watch the races and participate in the parties which provides a great boost to hotels, restaurants and shops. Races are held not only off Marsh Harbour but off the cays so that the revenue will be spread around the whole of Abaco. Race days are interspersed with lay

days when people have a free day to sightsee and patronize businesses in the various communities. Some of the sailors and visitors even stay on as permanent residents and purchase second homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph's children were rather amused that their parents had won the Cacique trophy in the Sports and Leisure category as neither of them has ever been sailors or been involved in playing sports. However, as Dave and Kathy said, "They got into it because they wanted to assist in promoting Abaco." Their hard work has, indeed, paid off in making the Abaco Regatta a tremendous boost for tourism in Abaco and their award is very well deserved. Interestingly, it is the only Cacique award that went to volunteers; all other recipients receive remuneration in some way for what they do.

Dave and Kathy came to the Bahamas from the United States in 1957 and 1958 respectively, though not as Mr. and Mrs. Ralph. Dave came to work in the lumber camp in Grand Bahama and Kathy came as a teacher for the two-room, multi-cultural Port Authority School in Freeport. "This was a great challenge," said Kathy. "Conditions were very primitive at the time; there was no equipment in the school and food and other supplies only came in once every two weeks on the mailboat *Richard Campbell*. Both Dave and Kathy moved to Abaco in 1959 where they worked for the Owens Illinois Company, Dave with the lumber operation and Kathy as school teacher for the company school aboard the *Robert Fulton*. Here they met and married and formed the partnership which has benefited Abaco in so many ways.



David and Kathleen Ralph hold the coveted duho trophy awarded them at the Cacique award ceremony in Freeport. The duho was the ceremonial seat of the Lucayan Cacique or chief.

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# Teachers Attend Church Service



Teachers of the Central Abaco Primary School attended the morning service at Friendship Tabernacle as a group on February 6. They remembered the loss of their co-worker, Doris Hall.

By Jennifer Hudson

A group of 15 teachers from the Central Abaco Primary School accompanied by the school Principal, Mrs. Eunice Mills, attended the 11 a.m. service at Friendship Tabernacle Church on February 6th at the invitation of Pastor Silbert Mills.

In his welcome Mr. Mills said that Friendship Tabernacle Church was honoured and privileged to have the teachers as guests and wanted to show its appreciation. "These teachers are fine people who work tirelessly day after day. People do not take the time to recognize the wonderful work that teachers do," said Mr. Mills. "They put up with so much because of the love they have for their students."

Pastor Kenneth Knowles offered special prayers for the teachers, giving thanks for their faithfulness, kindness, love and patience and praying for inspiration to teach and lead our children and for encouragement in the

face of disappointments.

Mr. Mills presented a computer printer on behalf of the church to Principal Eunice Mills, as the school was in great need of one. He also gave books and inspirational calendars to the members of staff as another token of appreciation.

A moment of silent of prayer was observed for Mrs. Doris Hall, a teacher at the school who passed away the previous week. She was described by Mr. Mills, who knew her well as she had taught his daughter, as having been a wonderfully dedicated teacher who was a workaholic and who helped enthusiastically with school fund raisers.

The Church Praise Team sang a special song for the teachers.

The Friendship Tabernacle Church will begin its television ministry this coming week and will continue presenting messages on DVD.

## Cays

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Key says she hopes children from other schools will come and be involved in the day's activities.

The popular boat parade will be taking place, with all of the flags that have flown over The Bahamas on display. As usual, there will be a variety of informational booths and displays, including local shells and wood carvings. This year the museum will mount a photo display of the 57 buildings around Hope Town which have been deemed of "historical importance."

Others attractions include: a featured speaker; a sculling demonstration; book signings by Chester Thompson, who will be signing his new book, and Winer Malone, who will be autographing copies of a recent book written about his life; and games for kids. There will be food tables available to purchase lunch.

The museum will be hosting an Ugly/Beautiful Knee Contest. Contestants will stand behind a partition with only their knees showing and participants can vote for the ugliest or most beautiful knees. Proceeds will benefit the Museum.

## Flea Markets to Benefit Charities

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Hope Town residents are in the process of organizing a flea market to benefit the victims of the Tsunami that struck Asia on Boxing Day. Although the organizers have not yet selected a charity for the proceeds of the event, they believe it is an important cause to support. Plans are to hold the flea market in mid-February. Anyone who has items to donate or wants more information, should contact Christine McCully at 366-0309.

Friends of Abaco Animals will also host-

ing a flea market to benefit their organization which feeds, spays and cares for feral animals in Hope Town, Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour. It will be on Saturday, February 19, on Mar-O-War. For more information or to make a donation contact Jane Thompson at 366-3151.

## T Cay Meeting

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lot of good ideas were presented and that there was a great deal of interest in what was said. Jo-Ann Tobin, also a second homeowner, said, "The police are trying and putting more responsibility) on us ... which they should. Of course, it is difficult for people who live on the beach because we can't all see our neighbors. Also, there is so much construction. Why, we see people all the time around our neighbor's houses - people fixing up, people cleaning up. What do you do?"

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR !! 2005

## Little Harbour Raises Funds for Charities

The 11th Annual 50th Birthday Party will be held on February 12th at Pete's Pub in the heart of downtown Little Harbour. To add significance to this pig roast, Abaco Barefoot Relief, a non-profit relief organization, will conduct auctions and sell drinks to benefit Tsunami survivors and Abaco education. A local cast of characters will be conducting the auction of Camille's pies, bronze sculpture, gold jewelry and other donated treasures. Leigh Davis is busy concocting a Tsunami Rum Punch and Tidal Wave Jell-O shots. Proceeds from these auctions and Leigh's Libations will be donated in full to Doctors Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity and Abaco Barefoot Relief.

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Contact Heather in Little Harbour at 366-3503 if you have questions on how to contribute or if you have items you want to donate to the cause.

## Community Youth Marching Band Forms

Sharing the dream of ASP Wayne Miller, the Executive Committee of the Abaco Police Community Youth Marching Band came together on February 3 to elect officers, to plan for programs to make music and to start up this new program with the theme *An Act of Love*.

Mr. Miller made several remarks to the committee: "since coming to Abaco, from where I sit as officer in charge of policing this island, I have noticed that there are insufficient social activities for young people. My vision is to see a band of 200 to 300 members. Perhaps a band in the North, Central, and South of Abaco who could play independently, but also come together for special events.

"I would like to see competitions between bands and I think we may be able to invite a couple of the excellent youth bands from the U.S. and one or two from Nassau to play here. Can you imagine the excitement of all those bands marching down Don MacKay Boulevard? That can be really wonderful."

As a former member of the famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching Band, ASP Miller went on to say: "I know the power of bands. As a young person I was a member of the Boys Brigade Band. There I was taught about cleanliness and self discipline, how to take instruction, how to stand tall. To-

day young people often lack morals. In a band they can see young people leading an upright life. Community bands impact young people greatly. Music opens up one's mind - the power is so great."

The newly elected Executive Committee includes: President ASP Wayne Miller; Treasurer, Ms. Jacqueline Estevez; Assistant Treasurers, Ms. Cleola Cooper and Ms. Joyce Coleby; Librarian, Mr. Gentry Morris; Property Manager, Mr. Geoffrey Victor; Secretary/PR, Jo-Ann Bradley; Chaplin, Father Earl Hepburn; Fund Raising, Ms. Vanria Lightbourne and Mr. Jerry Wisdom. Assisting the Committee will be Community Police Officer Ms. Campbell, Mr. Lee Roach and Mr. Randy Key.

All donations towards the purchase of music books, instruments, or uniforms will be gratefully accepted by the committee members.

As Mr. Miller said in his closing remarks, "We have already 40 plus kids together and we are teaching them how to march. We want to have a band that reflects the complexion of the community. Abaco is the most diverse island in the Bahamas. It will be a big challenge to bring together all the community factions to form a band that will be reflection of Abaco itself. Music has no borders."

### Notice

Nelly Risberg wants everyone to know that her boat did have occasional malfunctions but it was not often as she indicated in the last issue of The Abaconian.

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# Story of a Successful Business Venture

By Mirella Santillo

In the Family Islands existing businesses are often in the family for generations. Children help when they are old enough to do so and take over when their parents retire. Young Bahamian entrepreneurs, out of college or trade school, often dream of owning their own business rather than working for someone else.

For young qualified individuals with university degrees but without the support of a parent or a family member, funding is often an obstacle towards reaching a career dream. Opening a business can be a complex process. For a retail business a location is needed which involves a lease that has to be guaranteed. The shop has to be furnished and goods for resale have to be purchased. In other words a large money investment is needed. Where does one turn to for financial help?

Commercial banks are usually very reluctant to lend money for a new business venture, even more so to an unestablished individual. When they do, the interest rate is high and repayment terms are short which are extra handicaps for a starting business.

Here is the story of a young Bahamian man, Mr. Ricardo Miller, whose dream was to open his own pharmacy. The interview took place in the Island Pharmacy which



Ricardo Miller at his pharmacy

Mr. Miller owns and where he is the pharmacist. He was born on Long Island. After high school he went to college in Virginia where he received a degree in chemistry. He then attended the University of the West Indies for a degree in pharmacy. As he related his story, he interrupted himself from time to time to take care of patrons needing help with prescriptions. "I was very determined, very motivated," he said. "I chose to settle on a Family Island because I knew there would be more opportunity for a new business."

Our conversation is regularly interrupted by customers needing assistance, a demonstration of the shop's popularity. As we resumed our chat, Mr. Miller said, "The

process of going into business was a struggle. I tried several banks which refused to help. As a last resort I turned to the Bahamas Development Bank that was very instrumental in my opening the pharmacy.

"After the application the longest process was putting all the required documents together. Along the way more information had to be submitted." But there was hope as his venture was positively accepted from the beginning. It was considered a viable business, a strong point for a lending institution. "Once all the documents were in and acceptance had been given, I was quick to get the money."

The Island Pharmacy has now been operating for two years. "I am doing well, but the struggle is not over yet. With the help of the community which has been very supportive, I know I will make it. I love my job; this is what I always wanted to do."

Soft spoken, Mr. Ricardo Miller says he enjoys helping and advising people as much as possible. "I am happy that I can be of service to the Marsh Harbour community." Asked whether he would recommend the Bahamas Development Bank program, "I would definitely recommend

it," he replied. "Its help was instrumental in my success, but you have to be motivated, have proper qualifications and a lot of collateral." The Abaco Branch of the Bahamas Development Bank is located on the second floor of the Auskell Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour.

## AA and Al Anon Meetings

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

The AlAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please call 357-6511 for information and location.

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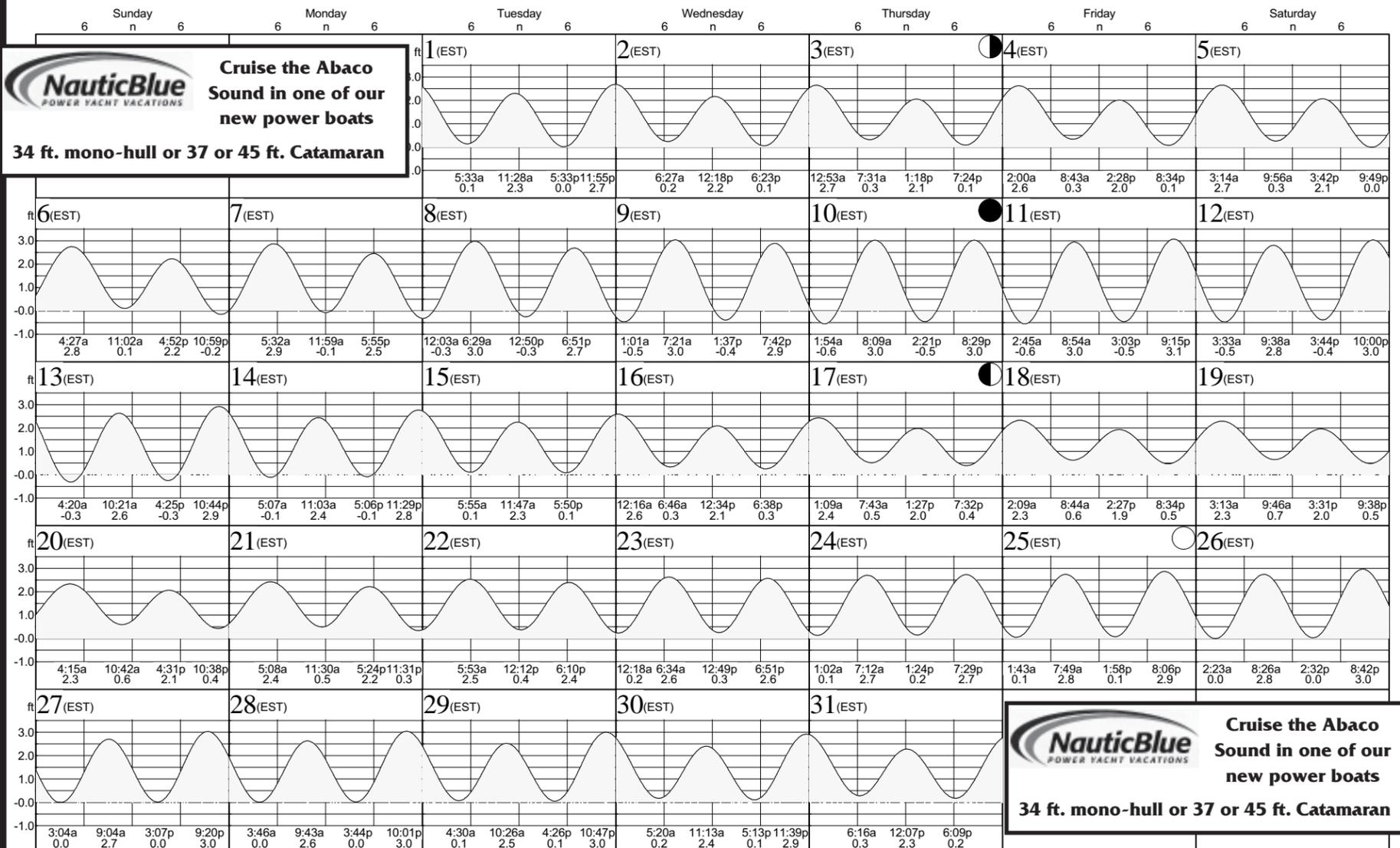
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# Can Marinas Survive the 600 Percent Tax Increase?

By Mirella Santillo

The government dock tax on marinas had not been increased in a number of years, but it went from \$.95 per foot to \$ 6.13 per foot in July 2003 but not made public until December 2004. What are the effects of such a high jump in taxes on the local marinas to which was added the devastation of last year's two hurricanes? Is the Government considering waving the tax during the temporary closing of these marinas while they are being repaired? Is there a fairer way to base the assessment than on dock footage?

The comments from the different owners or managers seem to concur on one point: the increase was too high, the tax was imposed without enough time to establish a necessary budget and the change of the fiscal year from December to July made the payments for the two years overlap.

After a temporary revolt and joint meetings under the umbrella of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Finance, in an attempt to have the tax renegotiated, most marinas operators paid it, but still have a bitter taste in their mouth!

Troy Cornea, owner of Harbour View Marina, argued the increase. He still has doubts that the amount he was charged is right. "They had to come and measure twice," he said and did not find the same footage on both occasions." He feels that the charges for his 30 slips do not reflect the size of his establishment. He mentioned, "My fees are half the amount of those of a larger local marina that has more than three times my number of boat slips." He sees that as a discrepancy in the rating. Mr. Cornea has promised to pay, but is now completely involved in rebuilding his docks that were completely destroyed by Hurricane Jeanne.

Mrs. Lisa Scott, manager of Mangoes' 29-slip marina, also had objections about the size of the tax increase. She said that Capt. Roker, Assistant Port Controller and local Port Administrator in charge of collecting the tax, worked with her company, giving them several months to pay. It still was a hardship since there was no anticipated notice for the new rate and the payments were carried into the slow season. The owner of the marina, Mr. Jimmy Vaughan, went to a couple of meetings, but since "there was no government official present to confirm that the tax could be disputed, I decided to pay."

The owner/ manager of the Marsh Harbour Marina, was also dismayed by the large increase, the six months retroactivity and the lack of notification. He paid, but went to several meetings at which suggestions were made about alternative measures. He is of the opinion that it should be an arbitrary tax based on revenues. He thinks the present rate was based on Nassau marinas which charge their customers a much higher dockage fee than the ones on Abaco.

Mrs. Robin Phillips, general manager of the Bluff House on Green Turtle Cay, feels that the dock fees "went up tremendously at a difficult time." Her company did not want to pass on that increase to the boaters and therefore had to absorb it as an un-budgeted expense. She said, "It was assessed incorrectly and the measurements had to be taken twice." Presently, the marina is not open. The insurance has not yet settled the payment for hurricane damage, and she is frustrated by the fact that the marina will not be ready for the season. She feels that this increase will put the small marinas out of business, depriving Abaco of its diversity.

Asked if he had any comments on last year's dock tax increase, Boat Harbour man-

ager, Mr. John Neophytou, said, "Am I happy about it? No, I am not! Do I understand why? Yes! The government has to have revenues. But it should have been planned differently. There should have been a proper plan whereby there are more frequent increases in smaller amount. The tax was not discussed, it was not proposed. It could not be entered into a budget amount of forecasted expenses. It is in addition to BEC's and Batelco's higher prices as well as the relatively new labor law of a 40-hour week. It is hard on businesses. We have no issues with the betterment of the Bahamian economy," he said.

Mr. Meophytou continued, "However, the main revenue of The Bahamas is tourism, so we have to take care of the tourists in a competitive Caribbean market." He feels, "We cannot keep raising prices without cutting ourselves out of this market. Dominican Republic, Mexico or Costa Rica to mention a few, offer five star hotels at a lesser cost of doing business. Abaco is basically a self supporting island from which more is being taken without anything being given back. The airport which needs to be enlarged should have a longer runway and night landing facility is a prime example of where tax money is needed. So, yes the tax increase was necessary, but it should have been assessed in a different way. Why not charge two per cent more to customers for the Out Island Promotion Board? It would increase that tax from four percent to six percent, an on going increase, easy to pass on."

Mr. Michael Albury, President of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Conch Inn Marina, agreed that the increase

was too much and needed to be revised. He thought that the tax should be based on revenue and not on footage. He said that as a result of several meetings held last year, a proposal with different options based on a two per cent increase, was submitted to the government. He has hopes that government will consider it seriously.

Captain Roker, the tax collector, who said, "I am not involved in pricing, only in collecting," mentioned that one more item had been overlooked: a boat lift. So, an additional \$120 yearly will be charged to marinas owning such a facility. He agreed that the increase was high, but was forthcoming since there had not been one in such a long time. "The government is not looking at the business side of the marinas, therefore no fees will be waved, even in case of destruction by the hurricanes."

He reminds people that applications to rebuild have to be submitted. If government's approval to rebuild has not been given or if the repairs have not been executed within the frame of time granted, the docks could be demolished. However, it is not an option that he favors, preferring to work with the local people.

He mentioned that he "facilitated payment by giving marinas operators up to one year to pay or a monthly payment option." In certain cases, back taxes were waved so the business would become current. He is of the opinion that government will not amend the tax. Any application to review the amendment or any proposal to wave or restructure the commercial dock tax should be addressed directly to the Ministry of Transport.

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Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065

Tanny Key 43 hse + 366-0053

Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

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Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

### Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048

Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241

Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

### Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158

Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719

Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227

Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460

Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022

Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980

Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000

D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980

Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

### Moore's Island

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### Sandy Point

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Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

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Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

### Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500

Banyan Beach Resort 21 rm 365-8111

Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

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Walker's Cay Resort 353-1252

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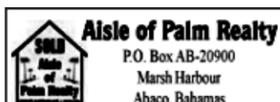
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Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
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Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5\* 6:15† 9:45+ 11:30+

**Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War** 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach  
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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 New full time route  
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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

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

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**Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:**  
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Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town ..... \$10 + \$3  
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market ..... \$10 + \$2  
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto ..... \$ 6 + \$2  
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town ..... \$10 + \$3  
Murphy Town to Shell Sta ..... \$14 + \$4  
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Spring City ..... \$15 + \$5  
Snake Cay ..... \$35 + \$10  
Treasure Cay ..... \$60 + \$ 10  
Casuarina Point ..... \$60 + \$10  
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores ..... \$70 + \$ 10  
Little Harbour or Cherokee ..... \$80 + \$10  
Crossing Rocks ..... \$100 + \$10  
Sandy Point ..... \$135 + \$10

**Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:**  
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore ..... \$ 2 each  
Jib Room ..... \$ 3 each  
Solomon's Super Center ..... \$5 + \$3  
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock ..... \$ 6 + \$3  
Government Freight Dock ..... \$ 7 + \$3  
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Green Turtle Cay ferry dock ..... \$6 + \$4  
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Bahamas Star farm ..... \$20 + \$5  
Sand Banks ..... \$22 + \$5  
Joe's Creek ..... \$40 + \$6  
Black Wood ..... \$16 + \$5  
Fire Road & Cooper's Town ..... \$35 + \$5  
Cedar Harbour ..... \$50 + \$5  
Wood Cay ..... \$55 + \$5  
Mount Hope ..... \$60 + \$5  
Fox Town ..... \$65 + \$5  
Crown Haven ..... \$70 + \$5  
Marsh Harbour Airport ..... \$70 + \$10  
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour ..... \$60 + \$10  
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T Cay Hotel to Marles ..... \$20 + \$5  
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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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Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale	367-5599
Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale	367-2800
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
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Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
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Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope Town	366-0431

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Black Sound Marina . 15 ..... 365-4531  
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Man-O-War Marina ..... 26 ..... F ..... 365-6008

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Marsh Harbour Marina52 F 367 2700  
Mangoes ..... 29 ..... F ..... 367-2366  
Port of Call ..... Closed  
Abaco Yacht Haven .... 7 ..... 367-3079

**Hope Town**  
Hope Town Marina ..... 16 ..... 366-0003  
Hope Town Hideaways ..... 366-0224  
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Sea Spray ..... 50 ..... F ..... 366-0065

**Spanish Cay**  
Spanish Cay Marina . 75 ..... F ..... 365-0083

**Guana Cay**  
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<b>Hope Town</b>	
Froggies	366-0431
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Divers	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
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<b>Man-O-War</b> Dive Shop	365-6013

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Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Laysue Boat Rentals	367-4414
Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
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D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
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T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

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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

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Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cas's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



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### Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
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#### Marsh Harbour

Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Conch Crawl	\$\$	367-4444
Gino's	\$	367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Hibiscus Cafe	\$\$	367-2782
Hummingbird	\$\$	367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm)		367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + .. +	367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$	367-3498
Sea Shells	\$	367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + .. +	367-4005
Snappas	\$	367-2278
Subway		367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

#### Dundas Town

Ambassador Inn	\$	367-2022
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#### Hope Town

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
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$	365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$	365-5143
Orchid Bay		265-5175

#### Treasure Cay

Florence's Cafe	\$	
Coconuts		
Harbour Cafe	\$	365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$	365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$	365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$	365-8195
Traveller's Rest		365-8654

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Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$	365-4271
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$	365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$	365-4625
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$\$	365-4161
Plymouth Rock Cafe		365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$	365-4066
Sundowners		365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant		
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ + .. +	365-8635

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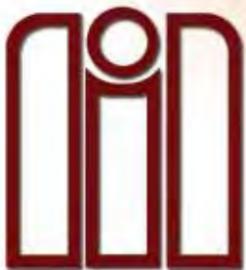
Big J's	\$	366-4020
Nancy's		
Oeishas		366-4139
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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## Artists Display in Annual Art Show

### Young Artists Showed Their Talent at the Abaco Beach Resort

By Jennifer Hudson.

The Abaco Beach Resort presented its eighth annual Arts Festival on January 29th and 30th. The exhibition was open to the public each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and was preceded by a cocktail reception on the evening of the 28th.

This show each year features fine art by local artists from across Abaco plus a few visiting artists from Nassau and the United States.

The exhibition opened with an evening of social interaction and festivity on the Friday evening as invited guests perused the exhibits while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wines sponsored by the Burns House Group of Companies along with a Junkanoo rush and music by Estin Sawyer.

There was an excellent diversity of work displayed by 17 fine artists, three fabric artists, four sculptors, two photographic artists and four jewelers. While a couple of the "regulars" were missing this year, their place was filled by new comers to the scene.

It was a pleasure to see the young artist, Zyandric Jones, doing so well. On opening night he sold three of his paintings. Zyandric made his debut at the show last year as a budding artist and recent graduate of the Abaco Central High School. He has since spent one year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau pursuing courses in painting and pottery. In April he will be heading off to Canada on a scholarship from the Computer Masters Institute of Technology for two years where he will study computer animation with the goal of eventually getting into film making. Zyandric is very excited about his future career and will continue with painting and pottery as a hobby.

A 13-year-old student from Abaco Central High School made his debut at the show this year. Javano Musgrove had his interest in art sparked by his teacher, Lori Thompson, about a year ago. He began with pencil drawings and has now added painting to his talents. Javano enjoys doing pencil drawings at home in his spare time and was kindly allowed space by Jeep Byers in his booth to display three of his drawings.

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Two sisters who share artistic talents are Harriet McDonald, left, and Collette Bootle. Although they work in different mediums, they encourage each other in their artistic endeavors. Their work is very popular.



Karen Curry at 12 years was the youngest artist at the show. She shared a booth with her father, Randy Curry of Green Turtle Cay and was thrilled to sell a painting. She works in acrylics.



Javano Musgrove, a 13-year-old student at Abaco Central High School, displays one of his line drawings. He was really surprised that he sold three of his drawings very quickly for \$50 each. Jeep Buyers gave his space at his booth.



Lakeisha Knowles is another young budding artist. She was encouraged during her high school days at Abaco Central High School by her art teacher, Ms. MacDonnell.

## Two Abaco Customs Officers Receive Awards

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs, Abaco, has been continuously recognized for his great contribution to the Bahamas Customs Department over the years as is evidenced by the vast array of plaques and certificates adorning the walls of his office. He received a further award on January 26th from the Secretary of the World Customs Organization in Geneva "In recognition of exceptionally meritorious services in the Customs Administration of the Bahamas." This was awarded especially for his contribution in the areas of narcotics and physical fraud.

Also being honoured was Chief Customs Officer Cleveland Dawkins, who

received a long service award. He was presented with a gold medal for 30 years of service to the Customs Department.

The awards were presented on the occasion of World Customs Day, a day which is celebrated by all member countries of the World Customs Organization. On this day the



Gary Smith

Bahamas Customs Department culminated its 90th anniversary celebrations by honouring its outstanding and long serving officers.

The ceremony took place at Government House in Nassau and the awards were presented by Her Excellency, The Hon. Dame Ivy Dumont, Governor General of the Bahamas. Dame Ivy



Cleveland Dawkins

thanked the awardees for their services to the country and encouraged them to keep up the good work. The ceremony was well attended by family and friends of the recipients.

Following the awards ceremony a reception was held on the Terrace at which the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band provided the music. The reception was attended by Mr. Paul Farquharson, Commissioner of Police; Ms. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development; Mr. Fred Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Public Service; the Treasurer of the Bahamas, Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentarians and other dignitaries.

# Art Show Displayed Local Talent

## Art Show

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These drawings sold very quickly which gave a great boost to this budding artist. Marjolein Scott, an artist well known both on Abaco and abroad for her vivid, elegant and often whimsical silk paintings, gave high praise when she commented, "Javano's compositions were excellent and well beyond his years."

Another young local artist showing for the first time was Lakeisha Knowles. Lakeisha lives in Murphy Town and attended Abaco Central High School where her art teacher, Ms. Maginell, encouraged her from ninth grade. Now Lakeisha paints in her spare time using very lively colours and enjoys painting parrots and flowers best.

It is pleasing to see so many young people being encouraged to utilize and display their talents. Another young artist exhibiting at the show was 12-year-old Karen Sophia

Curry from Green Turtle Cay. Karen's father is artist and photographer Randy Curry, who has taught his daughter the art of painting using a unique combination of traditional and digital painting called "hand enhanced giclee" and each of their paintings is a limited edition. Father and daughter both utilize the same method but whereas she enhances her paintings with acrylic, he uses oil. Karen became an entrepreneur at the age of eight by making crafts with sea shells which she sold by the roadside and she sold her first painting at the age of 11 (beating out her daddy by two years!) She will not let her father touch her paintings and often outsells him at art exhibitions.

The Every Child Counts booth offered the opportunity for people to create their own Valentine baskets with refrigerator magnets, Valentine picture frames and other arts and crafts made by students at the school. Monica Bianchi, a volunteer teacher at ECC school, displayed her line of dich-

roic glass jewelry and will be presenting a class in dichroic glass and silk painting at the school at the end of February from which part of the proceeds will go to the school. Details may be obtained from the school.

A first time exhibitor at the show was Gary Aldcorn, who sculpts busts in wax from a photograph, then casts the form in bronze using the cold-cast method which enables him to cast on his boat *Breakaway*. A portion of the funds he receives he donates to the local Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship fund.

A booth which always attracts a great deal of attention is that of photographer Colyn Rees. The crowd around his booth was, as usual, enjoying the wonderful history of Abaco and Nassau portrayed in his impressive black and white prints. Mr. Rees told me that his interest in photography began at the age of 14 when he started taking photographs and developing them in the bath tub. After a while he decided to take it more seriously and entered the New York Institute of Photography from which institution he graduated with a degree in photography. His career as a pilot afforded him

great opportunities to travel widely for his photography and he took many pictures through the window of his small low-flying aircraft.

Fine artists on display were Robert Zwickel, Collette Bootle, John Paul, Zyandric Jones, Randy Curry, Bridgette Bowyer Carey, Herman Schadt, Jeep Byers, Anne Ray, Michael Skinner, Marjolein Scott, Lakeisha Knowles, Beth Sweeting, Don Russell, Clifford Fernander, Karen Hewitt Hagan and Kim Rody. Displaying fabric art were Maureen Koepp, Kim Roberts and Sonya Weatherford.

Exhibiting sculptors were Gary Aldcorn, Don Wood, Andy Albury and Pete Johnston. Photographic artists were Tuppy Weatherford and Colyn Rees while jewelry artists Monica Bianchi, Peter Bradley, Marlee Mason and Linda Schleif displayed a variety of original work.

Patrons expressed their pleasure at the excellent layout of the show and diversity and high standard of the exhibited artwork while the artists themselves were pleased by the steady flow of customers all of which resulted once again in a very worthwhile and enjoyable show.



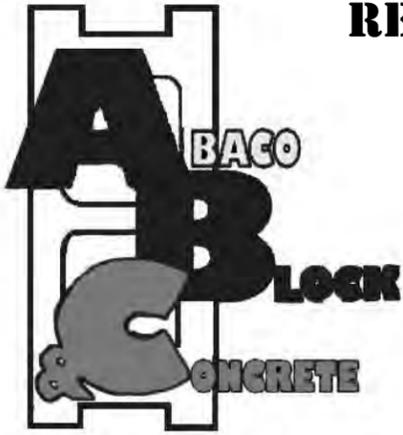
Marueen Koepp displayed her beautiful fabric art depicting sea scenes and landscapes. The intricate use of fabric to create these scenes makes for a detailed mosaic.

## Body Builder Earns Award

The Bahamas Body Building and Fitness Federation held its banquet and award presentation on December 19 in Nassau. Special guest of honour was Arthur Elden of Man-O-War, who was presented with the Hubert Wong Lifetime Achievement Award. Arthur has been involved in the sport of body building for 47 years.

Others receiving awards included James Darling and Gina Mackey for Male and

Female Body Builders of the Year, Dwight Palacios and Ray Whyly for long time involvement in the sport and Dela Thomas for here many years in the sport. In attendance was the Chairman of the Federation, Mr. Danny Summer, Paul Wong and the lifetime president, Mr. Hubert Wong. Arthur's wife Sally traveled with him to Nassau.



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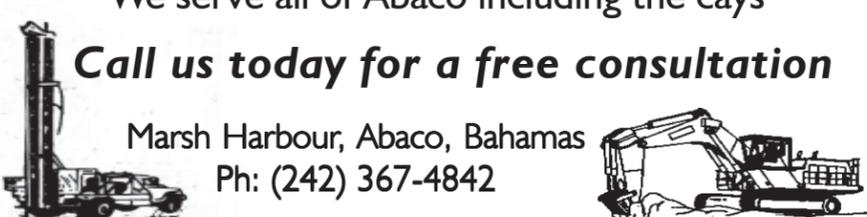
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# Albury's Ferry Promotes a Student Art Competition



Children's art work is displayed at Albury's Ferry dock for passengers to choose the winners. T-shirts will be printed with the winning art work.

By Jennifer Hudson

The owners of Albury's Ferry Service are organizing an art competition for school students and are asking members of the community and visitors traveling on the

ferry to be the judges. Schools throughout Abaco have been invited to send in art work produced by their students which will be posted in the ferry lobby. During the next few weeks ferry

passengers are invited to look at the art work, mark their choice on a slip of paper provided and drop it into the voters box.

The ballots will be counted on March 18th and a winner will be announced in each of the six divisions. The winning art work will be made into T shirts which will be on sale in the ferry office.

The schools which sent in the winning entries will receive 25 percent of the net profits from the T shirt sales.

The promoters of the competition hope that this will not only provide a goal for the students to work toward but it will provide an opportunity for them to help the schools and give back something to the community.



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# Remote Control Planes Land on Abaco

By Doug Evans

A bright yellow Piper Cub circles the flying field, ten feet off the ground. Flying in a graceful deep wide turn. Turning base, then final. Coming in to land. Power pulled back, she settles nicely onto the field. The grass flying field. Rolling out 30 feet until she comes to a stop. The pilot walks out to pick her up. Another plane is hand launched and climbs out to 200 feet high, then starts a nice wide turn around the field, in control - remote control to be exact. Controlled by a young boy holding the transmitter tightly in his excited little hands. He learns a bit about airplanes and flying. But mainly he has fun, flying fun, remote control flying. Remote control airplanes are now land-

ing on Abaco and they are fun.

A small group of dedicated airplane enthusiasts are enjoying the thrills and challenges of flying remote control planes. The planes come in two basic categories. Glow engine planes that need a large open space and a landing strip. The old farm road out to the Butler building, (20 miles south of Marsh Harbour) is being used now. And Park Flyers that can be flown at a large playing field. Like St. Francis's playing field. The pilots come in all categories: female, male, young and not so young. But all young at heart.

The planes themselves are as varied as the pilots. Some are scale planes, closely resembling real life versions. Some are sport

planes designed for aerobatics. Others look like gliders with upturned wing tips. A few look like dragon flies with a stick fuselage beneath the wings. They range in size from a wing span of 30 inches to over seven feet. Colours are also varied with custom trim schemes not uncommon.

I am one of those dedicated airplane enthusiasts and have been promoting the sport and teaching for almost two years. It is a wonderful sport that remains challenging no matter what level of flying you are able to achieve.

I am now learning pattern flying and 3D aerobatics with so much still to learn. Hopefully, I'll have many, many more years of flying fun and challenges - and the time to teach more pilots.

To truly fly in control you must learn how planes fly and their limits. So it is educational. You learn about airspeed versus ground speed, lift, stalls, turns, approaches. All the things REAL pilots learn. With your feet firmly planted on the ground.

You can build planes from kits or buy them mostly pre-built. Either way you become aware of airplane structures and features. Some even design their own air-

planes.

It is always recommended that you get the assistance of an experienced flyer to get you started. Plane set up is critical and can make the difference between a smooth flying airplane and an uncontrollable plane. Most planes come with great instructions. Follow them closely and get some flight instruction. The new generation of Remote Control simulators are also great ways to get started and practice flying when the weather is poor or windy.

My dream and goal for this new year is to make a proper flying field, big enough for Glow engine planes and Park Flyers. A large field will make learning easier and landings smoother. And easier and smoother is better. The field location has been obtained; now we must cultivate the land into a smooth grass field. This will cost about \$1,000 for the seed and materials. Plus machine time to level the ground. If you are interested in helping or in learning more about remote control planes, please contact me at dougevans@coralwave.com

Meanwhile, I will continue to learn and practice. And yes, teach. The group is getting bigger. Fly hard, land soft!



Doug Evans is shown with one of his remote control airplanes preparing for a launch. Watching the procedure is Lisa Evans, Doug's wife. Doug finds flying the airplanes quite challenging and educational. The planes come in an assortment of sizes. Doug would like to see more people interesting in flying them.

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# Sports News

By Mirella Santillo

Several sports events marked the last weekend of January

The Youth in Action soccer teams and teams from local schools of Central Abaco competed in Freeport for the last soccer tournament of the season.

Freeport also hosted track competitions in which local students participated. Moore's Island students were very successful in this meet, bringing home a number of honors.

## Soccer Teams Competed in Freeport

By Mirella Santillo

On January 27, 70 boys and girls from Youth in Action, Abaco Central High School and St. Francis de Sales School, traveled to Freeport, accompanied by coaches and teachers, for the last school soccer tournament of the season.

Soccer has become a very popular sport with the school children of Central Abaco as demonstrated by the excellent results achieved in the games played in December against Freeport. The girls' teams there have had several years of practice compared to only one year of practice for the Abaco girls.

On Friday evening the team of girls 12 and under tied 0/0 with Grand Bahama, while the boys 12 and under, lost to Grand Bahama All Stars. None-the-less, "they played extremely well considering their lack of experience," said Mr. Jeffrey Victor, coach for Youth in Action. "They have some catching up to do with Grand Bahama, but they did well." Don Dean was voted the Most Outstanding Player of the girls under 12 and Jasmin Ferguson was elected the MVP for the Youth in Action team and

received a soccer shirt.

K. Simmons was voted MVP for the boys under 12 and Tykuan Clark was elected the Most Outstanding Player, both of them played for the Youth in Action boy's team.

The Abaco Central Marlins girl's team in grades 7 to 12, coached by Mr. Patrice Charles, played against St. Francis on Friday evening and won 1-0. Agatha Curry, the goal keeper, was judged one of the six top players. Mr. Charles, science and physical education teacher and coach, said, "Only girls from Abaco Central went to Freeport because the boys did not have enough training." However, Mr. Charles mentioned proudly that the senior boys' team received invitations to play a tournament on Harbour Island in April and one in Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama, which hosts the best high school soccer team of the Bahamas.

Among the 70 children who went to Freeport were 13 senior girls from St. Francis, accompanied by Mr. Deihl, physical education teacher for St. Francis, and Mrs. Jessica Brown. They lost to Freeport and Abaco Central on Friday evening, but in the "nine versus nine" games they tied with Freeport and won against Abaco Central. However, the highlight of the outing for Abaco was the last game played on Saturday when the coaches combined the teams from Abaco Central and St. Francis to play an All Star game against Freeport. Shakita Davis from Abaco Central scored the one goal that won the game for Abaco!

In the "eleven versus eleven" competition Freeport won first place, Abaco Central took second place and St. Francis, the third. In the "nine versus nine" play offs Freeport came first again, St. Francis second and Abaco Central third. Since Freeport

had already won a first place, they gave the trophy to St. Francis. The Abaco girls won a special recognition for their efforts, team spirit and fair play as well as their friendly socializing with the Freeport girls. Mr. Diehl, praised Freeport for being a gracious host, treating its Abaco visitors to a party at the end of the games.

Jasmin Ferguson won an MVP for her Youth in Action team (girls under 12) and Shagera Edgecombe won an MVP for St Francis and was rewarded with a shirt.

The soccer season is ending for the Youth in Action and the Little League school teams, but it is only starting for the Marsh Harbour men and senior boys and girls. Ten teams are being formed and will start training shortly with games being played every Sundays from the end of February to the end of May, said Mr. Jeffrey Victor, Vice-President of the Abaco Football Association. Mr. Malcom Spicer, President of the Association, is looking forward to the season, but hopes that mild manners and non-violence will prevail amongst players and spectators alike!

## Neymur's Track Classic

By Mirella Santillo

A track meet was another big event in Freeport the last weekend of January with about 500 students participating in the

Neymur's Track Classic which has been held in Freeport for the last four years.

Mrs. Elva Davis, coach for Youth in Action, took five local students, three boys and two girls, to compete in that event. They were Traz Nixon from Agape Christian School, Zennia Miller from St. Francis de Sales School, Karem Parker, Kevin Altadedor and Tyronia Albury from Abaco Central High School.

Karem Parker, won the 100 meters and the 200 meters for the under 20 competition. Kevin Altadedor came sixth in the 800 meters and fourth in the 1,500 meters. Tyronia Albury placed second in the 800 meters and third in the 1,500 meters.

Traz Nixon came fourth in the 200 meters and second in the 100 meters. Zennia Miller, who also played in the soccer tournament, came second in the 100 meters and fifth in the 400 meters. Mrs. Davis was pleased with the results of the track club. It was their first meet as a club. She highly praised Karem Parker and Traz Nixon, who trained hard and are very interested in that sport. Both of them will be going to the Carifta trials on Grand Bahama in April to try to

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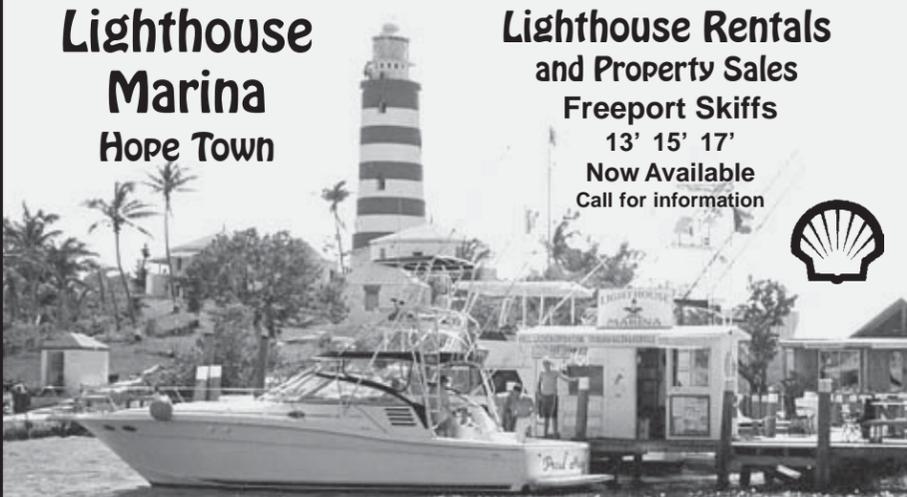


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# More Sports News

## Sports

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qualify for the national team.

### Moore's Island Sports News

By Mirella Santillo

Other very successful competitors in the Neymur's Track Classic were the students of Moore's Island. Twenty seven children aged 13 and under were accompanied to Freeport by Pastor Anthony Williams and two other adults, Mrs. Mashiva Davis and Mrs. Francina Heild. In the girls 12 and

under category, Francesca McBride won the Gold Medal in the 800 meters that she ran in 2:44:00 while Shandira Stuart, finished third in 2:52:00.

In the boys under 12 group Anton Davis won the 800 meters race in 2:39:55 while Alicia Ronard finished first in the 100 meters in 00:14:58 among the girls under 10. Vanessa McBride won the 100 meters race in 00:15:75 and Vateria Stuart finished second in 00:15:76 in the girls under 8 group. Vanessa Mc Bride also won the 200 meters race in 00:32:24 while Vateria Stuart finished third in 00:36:31.

In the under 10s, 200 meters competi-

tion Erin Davis took the third place for the boys in 00:33:04 and Jermeka McBride took first place for the girls in 00:30:44.

The second place in the 400 meters race for girls under 12 was taken by Fasha Davis in 00:30:44. Jamica McBride came first in the 400 meters in 1:15:60.

These fantastic results were matched by the relay participants. In the 400 x 400 relay race the boys under 10 took the first place as did the girls under 12 and the boys under 12. The girls under 12 also won the 400 x 100 relay, and the girls under eight came third in the 400 x 100 relay.

Mr. Anthony Williams, Pastor of the Soul Seeking Ministry, is the proud coach of the Moore's Island children track team.

### Five Athletes Competed in the Miami Marathon

By Mirella Santillo

On January 28, Ms. Judy Albury, Mr. Dale Hill, Mr. Brent Cartwright, Mrs. Layna Cartwright and Mrs. Rhonda Hull competed in the Miami Half Marathon and successfully completed it.

Five thousand nine hundred nineteen people took part in that Half Marathon. The 13.1 mile race, sponsored by Toyota, started in front of the American Airlines Arena and took the runners across the bay to South Beach where they ran on Ocean Drive, crossed the water back to Biscayne Boulevard to finish at Bay Front Park. "It was a great event and a lot of fun," commented Mr. Cartwright. "It was very well organized," an opinion shared by

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Five from Abaco competed in the Miami Marathon and all did very well against a total of 5919 competitors. The race was considered a Half Marathon which meant the run was 13.1 miles. The competitors are, left to right, Ms. Judy Albury, Mrs. Rhonda Hull, Mr. Brent Cartwright, Mrs. Layna Cartwright and Mr. Dale Hill, who came in 293rd place.

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# Volunteers Respond to a Variety of Fire Threats

By Mirella Santillo

On January 13th oxygen tanks exploded near Central Abaco High School endangering the lives of residents and firefighters. Thankfully school was out when the fire was at its height and no students were in harm's way. According to Mr. Michael Parotti, a volunteer firefighter for 18 years, the fire started behind Abaco Central High School, spread beyond the school to an abandoned gas station where several cars and a van were parked.

The van had been converted to storage and contained oxygen tanks used for welding. When the call reached the volunteers, several of the cars were already burning. Fortunately, somebody mentioned the oxygen tanks in the van, and the firefighters evacuated every nearby resident just in time before the tanks exploded.

"Less than one month into the new year, we have already witnessed nine fires in the Marsh Harbour area, all in Dundas Town and Murphy Town," said Chief Fire Officer Mr. John Hall, a dedicated fire fighter for 26 years. He explained that six of them were bush fires, one started in a building, one was a fuel fire and the last one involved the fire mentioned above.

Fire can be a powerful, devastating force of nature, difficult to overcome, which can endanger life. The fires in the Marsh Harbour area are controlled or put out by a team of some five to 10 or more volunteer fire fighters. These men and women, (five women are on the team) not only fight the flames but they have been involved in rescue missions. They have given assistance in missing diver searches, have rescued people from their houses during hurricanes, and retrieved the body of a murdered man out of a blue hole last year.

According to Mr. Parotti, some fires are nearly impossible to put out or there is too much danger to attempt to do so. There are numerous abandoned vehicles scattered about everywhere on Abaco. They often contain gasoline which together with the rubber of their tires produce a very hazardous smoke when burning. The best procedure to use in those cases, said Mr. Parotti, is to let them burn and keep people away. However, when a vehicle fire starts in an auto shop, every effort is made to extinguish it. There were ten vehicle fires last year.

Forest or wild land fires burn the most area. These are fueled by the resin in pine trees or by dry deciduous matter on the ground. There were 81 forest fires last year according to Mr. Hall. Such a fire is usually left alone unless it threatens residences or businesses. A change in wind direction will frequently shift the fire to a burned area and it goes out by itself.

A fire that is a threat to a community is another matter. The major problem regarding these fires, commented Mr. Hall, is "the lack of fire hydrants." In the Marsh Harbour area "there are five or six hydrants between the traffic light and the airport, two between Abaco Wholesale and the Tall Pines Estates, the new government subdivision on S.C. Bootle Highway, and two in new subdivision, four in Murphy Town and one in Dundas Town." There is none in Spring City and none along the forested highways.

Because of the lack of regular trash pick up, people tend to burn their rubbish or garden debris. These small fires can, and often do, spread out of control. Firefighters were called for six of these in 2004. One of the fires last year was caused by a plane crash, which fortunately, is not a regular

occurrence. Fifteen were caused by electrical short circuits in the aftermath of two hurricanes.

Structural fires accounted for ten of the 132 calls answered by the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department last year. They can be the most life threatening, especially when they occur in a densely populated area such as the Mud or Pigeon Pea. An added danger is the smoke produced by the construction materials used which are often pressure treated wood containing arsenic. The closeness of the houses and the multi-families living under one roof make it difficult to account for people to be saved. "There are hidden dangers in some of these communities,"

Mr. Parotti remembers unusual occasions during his 18 years of service. There was a big fire in The Mud several years ago at a time when open cesspits hidden in the midst of banana plants were in use. "When the banana plants burnt down, there was no more landmark for the cesspits," so he and another rescuer found themselves in the "mud" up to their knees! Another memory was being chased from the site of a fire by drunks throwing bottles at him!

Most fires are started by human negligence. A cigarette butt thrown from a car, hunters starting a fire to run down a hog, children playing with matches or deliberately starting bush fires, people burning rubbish without proper precautions, these are only a few of the many ways a fire can start and spread.

Unsupervised children are often the cause of devastating fires. Fire has a mesmerizing, hypnotic power on young and old alike, hiding the danger it represents. The fire department started an awareness program for local schoolchildren some time ago,

explaining to them the dangers of playing with or starting a fire. One of the schools recently visited was the All Age School at Cherokee Sound, and according to Mr. Parotti, this effort has proven to be successful with young people, since there has been a decline in the number of structure fires since the program began.

Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Parotti agree that the fire department is efficient and "well prepared." Some of the volunteers are first responders and have been trained in CPR and first aid. They have adequate equipment including good breathing apparatus (used mainly in structural fires) and safety equipment.

Last year they were given wild land fire suits during a training burn out and are in the process of acquiring "Indian packs" (five-gallon water containers with a hose and a pump carried on the back) that are "most useful for a lamp post on fire," said Mr. Parotti. Both men fear that a drought could be catastrophic because of the amount of dead trees, branches and brush left in the wake of the hurricanes. They advise people to be extra careful.

Mr. Hall feels that the fire department in Marsh Harbour has the capacity to fight fires. Apart from Marsh Harbour, which now has four trucks and a fifth on the way, some of the settlements and the cays have at least one fire truck. Winding Bay, which has a fire truck, has offered the use of two irrigation tanks whenever necessary. Mr. Parotti said that these tanks help control fire in a "back burn" which is a method of fighting fire with fire. There is excellent cooperation between the different fire depart-

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# Most Wild Fires Are Preventable

**Fire** *From Page 8*

ments and a newcomer from Nassau, Police Corp. Johnson, is putting in place new training guidelines for volunteers to improve the safety and performance of firefighters.

Why become a firefighter? "We do it because it is needed," said Mr. Parotti. Mr. Hall would like to see more day time volunteers, explaining that nearly every fireman has daytime commitments which accounts for the occasional delay in respond-

ing to calls. Mr. Parotti gives credit to two firefighters from the Mud, Gary Gurrier and David Joseph, who started as teenagers and have now been on the force for

nearly 11 years. He mentioned one volunteer from Murphy Town, Rodrico Albury. He would like to see more involvement there, as well as in Dundas Town.



This is a group of volunteers of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department who were honoured at the Jib Room last year for their service to the community.

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# This Artist Creates with Native Woods

By Mirella Santillo

A native of Nassau, Stephen Knowles and his wife settled on Abaco ten years ago in

the Bahama Palm Shores area where trees and wild life are plentiful. He enjoys roaming the forest and coppice in search of interesting trees.

Being an artist who works with wood, trees have a special interest for him. He likes to find small trees, transplant them and watch them grow and experiment with some of them as to what use they can be in landscaping. To day Steve talks about some of the trees he finds and uses for the making of his wood pieces..

Horse flesh, a tree endemic to the Bahamas, usually found in the coppice, is one of Stephen's favorite. A hard wood tree, it was used until recently by the local boat builders. This wood is also perfect for wood turning and sculpting. Steve makes bowl, pot-pourris dishes or fish billies out of it.

Madeira in the ma-

hogany family, another native tree, has a beautiful red tinge and lands itself to carving. Yellow wood has become a rare tree found along sandy area which has a warm satiny yellow color.

Steve started his hobby about 20 years ago, interested in seeing what could be done with the native woods. He bought a lathe and began caving. The process involves attaching the piece of wood to the lathe and spinning it while caving it with the proper

tools such as chisels. When the wood is hollowed enough or rounded enough, it is sanded, then finished with mineral oil or varnish. His very first piece was a spinning top. Steve finds his supply of wood in the forest, usually after a fire or a storm. It is rare that he needs to cut a live tree for his art work.

Mr. Knowles attends the local art shows and displays his pieces at Conch Pearl Galleries.



Stephen Knowles with some of his work.

## Central Abaco Notes

### ECC Received Donation

The Lyford Cay Foundation presented Every Child Counts with a donation of \$10,000 to be used for children and their families who lost basic necessities during the hurricanes last September.

Twenty-seven beds and bed linens were purchased through Lowe's Pharmacy that offered a substantial discount as well. Roofing materials for two other families were also purchased. The families were from across Abaco. Many of the children were still sleeping on floors as a result of hurricane damages and the gifts were greatly appreciated by all.

### Boardwalk is Repaired

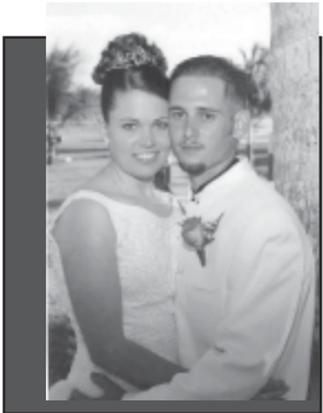
By Portia Jonsson

With Mrs. Yvonne Key's supervision and determination, she was able to collect sufficient funds from anonymous donors to repair the boardwalk between Mangoes Restaurant and Harbour View Marina.

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## Spotlight on Young People

# Anchor Club Finds Ways to Help Others

Jennifer Hudson

A group of 22 young people at Abaco Central High School meets at 3:15 p.m. each Thursday in the classroom of Ms. Farrington, mentor of their club. The Anchor Club is the youth arm of the Pilot Club and these students give their time and energies in order to assist others in their school and community. Each member pledges "To uphold the ideals and objectives of the Anchor Club; to work towards improving myself, my home, my school and my community and to practice thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others."

I attended their planning meeting on January 27th and was impressed with the businesslike way in which the committee led the meeting and with their earnest

desire to formulate plans whereby they will be able to help others. The meeting began with a prayer by one of the members, followed by the reciting of the Club's creed which states their commitment: "To work together in friendship and loyalty to render service to home, school and community."

The first project on their agenda shows their concern for students in Grade 7 who are struggling academically and they are making plans to begin a tutoring programme for such students in English and mathematics. Another project they hope to be able to accomplish is to purchase candies to put into little bags for a candy hunt which they would like to organize for students at the Every Child Counts School.

Club members have just completed the painting of the boys' and girls' bathrooms which they gave up their Saturday on January 15th to complete. The school donated the blue paint for the boys' bathrooms and the Anchor Club provided the pink paint for the girls' bathrooms from club funds. They have also painted words of encouragement on trees on the school campus and painted the garbage bins.

Their projects require funds so they have some fund raisers lined up to raise money to boost funds which presently are very low. Members plan to crochet and embroider gift items to sell and hope to be able to sell these items in front of Solomon's and Price Right before Valentine's Day. They are planning a valentine auction and picture taking. Students will be able to have valentine photos taken at the cost of two shots for \$2.

The Pilot Club (the Anchors' parent club) is planning a concert for March 9th in conjunction with the Men's Fel-

lowship of St. Andrew's Methodist Church at which the Anchor Club has been invited to perform so they are now busy preparing an item for that concert.

It is heart warming in these days when students are so often grouped together and receive a bad rap to see a group of young people like the Anchor Club concerned about others and willing to give of their time.

Executive committee members are Belinda Jacobs, President; Shedline Joseph, Secretary; Kathleen Joseph, Project Director; Luce St. Jacques, Asst. Treasurer; Duran Curry, Fund Raising Director; and Sheoka Cornish, Awards Director.

I was saddened to learn that one week after the these young people had given their time and energies to paint the bathrooms, they were once again covered by graffiti. It just shows how dedicated they are to soldier on.

Well done, all you young people. Keep up your good work.



Anchor Club members meet weekly at Abaco Central High School to organize ways to help others. The Anchor Club is the youth arm of the Pilot Club and is guided by Ms. Farrington. They have a total of 22 members.

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## S.T.C.W. Training Course Is Underway

By Jennifer Hudson

The S.C.T.W. training course for mariners commenced on January 10th and is scheduled to run through February 26th. Sessions take place in a training room at the Port Department facility in Marsh Harbour and are being presented by Mr. Glyn Lightbourne of the Gadite Maritime and Navigation Institute in Nassau which is the first Maritime Training Institution in The Bahamas. Mr. Lightbourne was formerly a Petty Officer with the Royal Bahamas Defense Force until taking up his position with the Gadite Institute. He has completed many training courses including leadership and management efficiency as well as advanced courses in personal survival techniques, fire fighting and first aid. The completion of these courses qualified Mr. Lightbourne to teach under the International Maritime Organization.

Mr. Lightbourne is carrying out all classroom instruction and tests first and following up later with practical classes including water rescue and fire fighting. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department will loan equipment and assist in the classes. The practical sessions will take place on Saturdays for persons who have completed the paperwork. Aspects covered in the four modules are: 1. Personal safety and social responsibility. 2. Survival. 3. Fire Fighting. 4. First Aid.

"The turnout for these classes has been rather disappointing," said Mr. Lightbourne.

"Nowhere near the numbers expected have been turning up. However, all persons who have completed the classroom lectures, though a little apprehensive at first, became very enthused and are looking forward to the practical sessions. These courses will not only equip persons for safety at sea but contain valuable information for safety around the home and for assisting in the community." Mr. Lightbourne stated, "Albury's Ferry Service is probably the only company which has expressed real concern and had all their captains attend the course."

"We must endorse safety in this country," stressed Mr. Lightbourne. "The U.S. Coast Guard spends much time and money assisting Bahamians who get into difficulties at sea due to lack of training, lack of experience in safety measures and lack of safety equipment. There is a small segment of people who make sure that they are fully equipped before going out but too many go out with absolutely nothing which is very irresponsible and causes other people a lot of time and effort."

According to Captain Roker of the Port Department there are 260 Abaco boat masters on file who are required to take this course in order to renew their licenses. Those persons who are required to become certified and do not avail themselves of the opportunity to take these classes being offered here in Abaco through the end of February will have to travel into Nassau to take the classes at a future date.

## Students Have Outstanding Records

Florida Southern College in Lakeland Florida has announced that two Abaco students have made academic records that the school is recognizing. Amanda Meagan Sawyer, a sophomore, was named as a President's Scholar for having a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer. Jamal Roosevelt McIntosh,

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# Viewpoint . . . What Is Souse?

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Now that On Da Beach has revived the Hope Town tradition of Sunday morning souse, I had the opportunity to try it for the first time. Although I admit I was too chicken to try it with the full pepper experience, I was intrigued by the ritual. It led me to wonder – what exactly is souse?

I asked around and found that are several varieties, from the popular chicken souse to wild boar souse, to sheep's tongue and pigs' feet souse. You don't see the last two on the menu very often. It seems any form of meat can be thrown in a pot and called souse. In fact, one guide book warns tourists of that exact fact. It says, "Souse: A thick soup or stew, often eaten in the morning. Any kind of meat can be added to souse; use caution when ordering."

Other guide books are more kind, listing souse as a unique Bahamian cuisine and something all visitors should try during their stay. One says, "One soup unique to the Caribbean and Bahamas is the souse (pronounced "sowse") — the only ingredients are water, onions, lime juice, celery, peppers and meat; no thickeners are added. The meat added to a souse is often chicken,

sheep's tongue, oxtail or pigs' feet — giving the souse a delicious, rich flavor, new to many visitors."

The dictionary has four definitions for souse:

- To plunge into a liquid.
- To make soaking wet; drench.
- To steep in a mixture, as in pickling.
- Slang. To make intoxicated.

It's hard to say which definition is the reason for the term being used for the soup we know and love today – probably a combination of factors. Especially since souse is a known remedy for being sousted.

In other parts of the world souse takes a different form. According to FoodReference.com, souse is actually another name for head cheese, which is a jellied loaf or sausage. "Originally, it was made entirely from the meaty parts of the head of a pig or calf, but it can include edible parts of the feet, tongue, and heart. The head is cleaned and simmered until the meat falls from the bones, and the liquid is a concentrated gelatinous broth. Strained, the meat is removed from the head, chopped, seasoned and returned to the broth and the whole placed in a mold and chilled

until set, so it can be sliced." I think I prefer the Bahamian version.

Local lore says that souse comes from the earliest days of the Bahamas when Europeans brought Africans slaves into the region. As the slaves' diet consisted of the leftovers from the slave owners' tables, they

had to be inventive. Over the years they introduced Fish Cakes, Pudding and Souse to the Bahamian diet.

Whatever is it and wherever it comes from, I'm thankful it arrived – especially after a rough Saturday night.



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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Washington Alexander Mackey, 70**, formerly of Old Place in North Abaco, was held recently in Nassau. Interment was also there.

He is survived by his wife Alma Mackey; sons Freddie and Samuel Mackey; daughters Debbie Dean and Sherry Mackey; brother Edmund Mackey; brothers-in-law Clive and Reynold Joseph; sisters-in-law Irish Smith, Drian Noel, Lorna Pascal, Lydia Lane and Iris Mackey; aunts Maryann Mackey and Sandra Rasmussen; nephews Sidney, Patrick, Ricardo, Rudolph and Tyrone Green, Adrian and Julian Mackey and C. Clarke; nieces Petlene Clarke, Zelrona and Hyacinth Mackey, Sylvia Green, Agatha Munroe, Cleola Mackey, Debbie Munnings and Jackie Mason; cousins Rev. and Mrs. Copeland Morley and Alice Morley, Gwendolyn Hall, I.G. and Grace Stubbs, Valerie Fields, Ena Mackey, Vemay Gardiner, Mae Harris, Ronay Cambridge, Rosemary Jones, Ellen Williams, Margaret Proctor, Charles and Franklyn Cambridge, Anthony Conyers, Emmanuel Mackey and George Proctor and many other relatives and friends.

**Sandra Zeddith Lowe, 61**, of Green Turtle Cay passed away in West Palm Beach after a brief illness. Her funeral was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel on Green Turtle Cay on February 5 with Evangelist Frank Perry and William Davies officiating. Interment was in the Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents Floyd and Zeddith Lowe; brothers Fearnely, Nigal, Larry and Gene Lowe; sister Judy Roberts; sisters-in-law Ann, Una and Debbie Lowe; brother-in-law, Junior Lowe; uncles Archie Lowe and Leslie Sands; aunts Ismae Lowe, Dorene Saunders and Nellie Cash; nephew Troy, Jason, Adrian, Matthew, Joshua and Steven Lowe and Cordell Roberts; nieces Julie Smith, Jennie Bethel, Lisa Roberts,

Lynn Pinder, Michelle, Breanna, Kelly and Diana Lowe; nephews-in-law Nehemiah Smith, Jason Bethel and Angus Pinder; nieces-in-law Nicole, Stacey and Kristi Lowe; great nephews, Christopher, Connor, Benjamin and Brady Lowe; great nieces, Leia, Alyssa, Shea, Hannah and Zoey Lowe and Kadya Pinder and many other relatives and friends.

**Leslie Edward Sands, 90**, formerly of Green Turtle, more recently of Marsh Harbour, passed away on February 5. His funeral was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel with Bro. David Cartwright and Br. Frank Perry officiating. Interment was in the New Plymouth cemetery.

He is survived by his children Paul, Edwin, Curtis, Cannis and Alice; daughters-in-law Beryl, Rosalee, Clio and Janice;

son-in-law Andre Albury; grandchildren David, Elvis, Tommy, Tammy, Justin, Shane, Crissy, Loretta, Grant and Corey; grandsons-in-law Ricky Albury, Danny Sawyer, Earl Smith, Harrison Pinder and David Elden; granddaughters-in-law Karen, Francis, Wanda, Beverly and Marilyn; great grandchildren Brooke, Dakota, Cassie, Madison, Drake, Elisabeth, Pamela, Andrew and Alex; great grandson-in-law Benson; great, great grandson Tristin; sister-in-law Nellie Cash and Zeddith Lowe; brother-in-law Floyd Lowe and many other relatives and friends.

**George Weldin Roberts, 78**, of Marsh Harbour, passed away on January 9. His funeral was held at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel with Pastor David Cartwright officiating. Interment was in the

public cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

He is survived by his wife Adina Roberts to whom he was married for 57 years; children John and Charles Roberts and Jeannie Symonette; grandchildren Tammy Cartwright, Lynn and Heather Symonette; son-in-law Geoffrey Symonette; grandson-in-law Christopher Cartwright; sisters Madge Bethel, Nettis Roberts and Katherine Weatherford; brothers Aman and Richard Roberts; brothers-in-law Albert Arlington, Berchenal and Roy Albury; sister-in-law Alice Albury; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

**Thomas Arnold Malone, 28**, of Hope Town passed away on February 2. His funeral was held at St. James Methodist

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# Dr. Bailey Attends Veterinary Conference

By Jennifer Hudson.

Dr. Derick Bailey and his assistant, Chamara Parotti, of the Island Veterinary Clinic in Marsh Harbour, attended the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Florida, from January 8 - 12. Dr. Bailey attends this conference annually in his desire to keep abreast of all the new technologies coming on stream to upgrade veterinary service and techniques. "I would like to get well equipped and offer a full range of services which will eventually include boarding," stated Dr. Bailey. "It is my aim to make this one of the best practices in the Bahamas."

Last year at the conference Dr. Bailey took a course in veterinary dentistry and as

a result purchased new equipment. This year he took a course in diseases of the ear which covered advanced management of difficult ear disease patients. He also attended a course on ultra-sound which will require continuing education of three to five years to become fully competent in its usage, and it is his aim in the future to have an ultra sound machine in his clinic.

A very large number of Dr. Bailey's clients are second homeowners who expect to receive a level of service here which is comparable to what they would receive in the U.S. The new technologies which Dr. Bailey is continually putting into place will offer his clients more options. When Dr. Bailey has diagnosed an animal's problem,

he will offer its owner several options for treatment, and they will then be able to make their choice according to the level they feel comfortable with.

Dr. Bailey's Island Veterinary Clinic has been on Don MacKay Boulevard next to Abaco Hardware for five years and in 2003 he opened his new clinic in the other half of the same building. He is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and travels to the cays to treat animals if the owner is unable to bring the animal to the clinic. He carries out all basic surgical procedures which include soft tissue surgery, orthopaedic surgery, basic dentistry, internal medicine, basic lab diagnostics and all emergencies. He works with all local humane societies in their spay and neuter programmes. His clinic contains an EKG machine, portable X-ray unit with automatic processor and developer, ultra-sonic scaler and polisher for dentistry and all other ba-

sic equipment which he is continually updating.

Chamara Parotti, Dr. Bailey's assistant, has been employed as a veterinary assistant for the past five years and her visit to the recent conference in Orlando was a first for her. Chamara attended classes in Anaesthetic Monitoring and Advanced CPR and an Animal Behaviour Training Workshop. "There was a lot of 'hands on' practical work during the course and it was all very interesting," commented Chamara. "The anaesthetic monitoring class was the most challenging as there were so many different pieces of equipment."

Chamara is able to use all the equipment in Dr. Bailey's clinic and does all the heart monitoring with a Doplar machine. She is equipped to handle most emergencies if the vet is not there and would like to let clients know that they should feel free to ask her their questions.



The Island Veterinary Clinic on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour is well equipped and offers a wide variety of services for all types of animals. Dr. Derick Bailey is shown here with a patient and his assistant, Chamara Parotti.

## Ocean View Park Needs Repair

By Portia Jonsson

The Ocean View Park in Dundas Town has been the venue of many events including gospel and reggae concerts, fundraisers, cookouts but mainly basketball.

According to Mr. Cay Mills, Chief Councillor of the Central Abaco District, since the two hurricanes in September, which destroyed the basketball court at the park, he has been writing and calling the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Hon. Neville Wisdom. Mr. Mills advised that he is having three proposals written on what it would cost to get the basketball court up and running again together with a proposal from the

Ministry of Works in Abaco.

Mr. Mills reports that he has secured a \$10,000 donation from Mr. Wayne Huizenga, owner of the Miami Dolphins, and another \$10,000 from a longtime supporter of the Abaco Basketball Association. These monies will be given when the government matches this amount but Mr. Mills has had no word from government yet.

Mr. Mills is upset that the Central Abaco area has over 3,000 kids, but there is no after school activity for them to embrace their talent.

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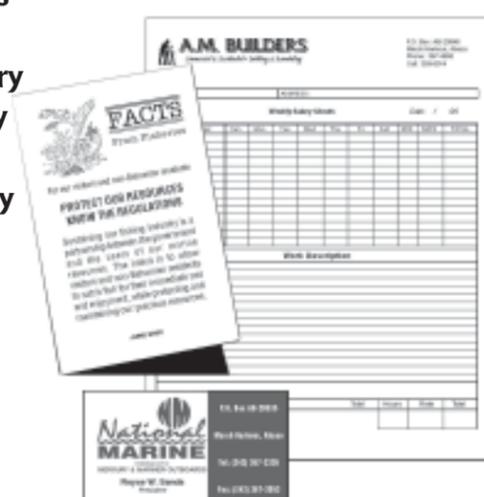
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Mr. Lowe continues to maintain his principle residence at his birthplace, Green Turtle Cay. His interest in his home island prompted him to found the Albert Lowe Museum at New Plymouth in 1976 and several years later the Loyalist Memorial Sculpture Garden. Other cultural projects over the years include lectures, concerts and theatre performances at the Garden Theatre.

From February 26 through March 2 the Nassau Beach Hotel will host Alton Lowe's one-man art exhibition. The exhibition of paintings will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. A special "by in-



*The Ministry of Tourism office on Abaco keeps busy promoting The Bahamas. The staff frequently hosts writers, travel agents and others who can influence people to come to the islands. On January 17 they hosted a group of writers from France and Belgium. They were on a whirlwind trip which included brief visits to Exuma, Grand Bahama, Bimini, Eleuthera and Abaco to see the situation after the hurricanes in September, if the islands were sufficiently recovered that visitors would be comfortable. They are, left to right, Mr. Francois Perruche, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson of the Tourism Office, Mr. Heive Durcruet, Ms. Karin Mallet, Regional Manager of the Bahamas Tourist Office in France, and Isabelle Amaliu*

2 on a cruise through the southern Caribbean. This trip of a lifetime was arranged for them by their son, Greg, in celebration of Hugh's recovery from his stroke and of Hugh and Sylvia's golden wedding anniversary. On December 20th Hugh and Sylvia, along with their son and his friend, boarded this stately ship in Fort Lauderdale, which is still in its inaugural year.

## A Truly Memorable Experience

By Jennifer Hudson.

Hugh and Sylvia Cottis are now trying to come back down to earth from what they describe as "an unbelievable experience." They were lucky enough to spend the Christmas holiday aboard the Queen Mary

2 on a cruise through the southern Caribbean. This trip of a lifetime was arranged for them by their son, Greg, in celebration of Hugh's recovery from his stroke and of Hugh and Sylvia's golden wedding anniversary. On December 20th Hugh and Sylvia, along with their son and his friend, boarded this stately ship in Fort Lauderdale, which is still in its inaugural year.

There were so many wonderful activities on board which Hugh and Sylvia took

## Jewelry Maker Holds Show



*Over 200 pieces of handmade jewelry by Yvonne Thompson of Artique were showcased*

*at Sapodilly's Restaurant on February 3rd. These pieces were created with semi-precious stones, pearls, crystals and precious metals. Ms. Thompson has been interested in jewelry making all her life and is new to the craft, having started creating her wonderful line of jewelry just six months ago. This was her first showing on Abaco and she was very well received. Her creations are featured at home shows, art shows and by custom orders.*

advantage of such as a Christmas concert put on by the crew on Christmas Eve, church services, a traditional Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, a Commodore's cocktail reception and New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball with countdown and singing of Auld Lang Syne. But their most memorable experience, I am sure, must be the renewal of their wedding vows on December 28th in anticipation of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 1st. The ceremony was performed by both an Epis-

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copalian and a Catholic priest and was followed by a champagne toast and reception in the Winter Garden Room, one of the very fine restaurants on board.

Hugh and Sylvia were amazed at the size of the Queen Mary 2 and is, in fact, currently the world's largest cruise ship. There are 13 decks in all, the top one containing all the sports facilities and swimming pools. In addition, there are among other amenities two theatres, casinos, a spa, gym, internet room, a plethora of shops including the famous Harrods of London and the only planetarium at sea. The magnificent Queen's room is the largest ballroom at sea.

Hugh and Sylvia greatly enjoyed what they did manage to fit in and especially enjoyed the relaxed traditional English afternoon tea each day complete with white glove service and very British cucumber sandwiches.

"All too soon," they said, "January 3rd came around and it was sadly time to disembark. It all seems like a dream now - almost too good to be true!"



Hugh and Sylvia Cottis took the trip of a life time over the Christmas holidays to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and Hugh's recovery from a stroke. They are shown here after they renewed their vows.

Davis is busy concocting a Tsunami Rum Punch and Tidal Wave Jell-O shots. Proceeds from these auctions and Leigh's Libations will be donated in full to Doctors Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity and Abaco Barefoot Relief.

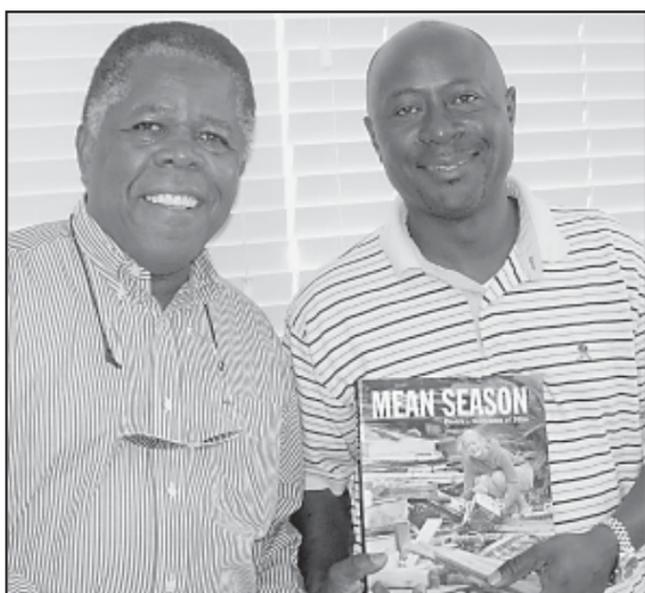
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## Silbert Mills Was Honored for Public Service



The Palm Beach Post recognized Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco for his outstanding coverage of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne this past September. On behalf of the newspaper, Mr. Felix Sawyer presented Mr. Mills with a book about the storms and newspapers pertaining to the storms. The presentation was made on January 31 at Radio Abaco.

## Birthday Party Will Raise Funds for Needy

The 11th Annual 50th Birthday Party will be held on February 12th at Pete's Pub in the heart of downtown Little Harbour. To add significance to this pig roast, Abaco Barefoot Relief, a non-profit relief organization, will conduct auctions and sell drinks to benefit Tsunami survivors and Abaco education. A local cast of characters will be conducting the auction of Camille's pies, bronze sculpture, gold jewelry and other donated treasures. Leigh

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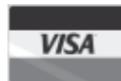
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# Moore's Island News

## Police Held Town Meeting

Jennifer Hudson

ASP Wayne Miller, Abaco's Chief of Police, Corp. Cash and Mr. Roderick Bowe, Administrator for South Abaco, paid a weekend visit to Moore's Island from February 4-6 to reach out to the community, listen to their concerns and offer advice.

On Friday evening, February 4th, the three officials headed a Town Meeting at the school in which they heard the concerns of the residents. Some of the complaints included certain residents not obeying traffic regulations and speeding and persons wanting to sell food without a vendor's permit. The proper regulations were explained to them. Of great concern was the high degree of drug and alcohol abuse especially among the men on the island.

On Saturday the officials met with 9th graders at the Moore's Island Public School and addressed various social issues such as teen pregnancy and drug abuse. They answered questions pertaining to law enforcement and issues to assist with BJC preparation.

The visit culminated on Sunday when ASP Miller, Corp. Cash and Mr. Bowe attended a service at Zion Baptist Church where they spoke to the congregation encouraging them to participate in the community and to reach out to young people.

## School Principal Is a Home Town Girl

By Jennifer Hudson

Ms. Ruthmae Rolle has just completed her first semester as Principal of the Moore's Island All Age School. It was with a great sense of pride and accomplishment that she accepted this post effective September 2004 as she is a Moore's Island girl. She is the daughter of the late Wellington "Dick" Davis and Vera Davis Williams.

Her formal education began at the age of four instead of five since her mother was a teacher at the school and she "just tagged along." In those days the school was much smaller than it is now, and instead of individual classes two grades worked together with a shared teacher. Life in general was very different as there was no electricity on the island but those lucky enough had a generator for their homes. Neither was there any running water and the majority of persons used holding tanks. Few people enjoyed the luxury of indoor plumbing.

Batelco did not provide more than private telephone service on the island until 1986 so during Ruthmae's early years there was only a single station with two telephones in a little wooden shed. The operator would dial the number and connect you with your party. There was absolutely no privacy as all the people waiting in line to use the phone could hear every word of your conversation.

Pastimes for the children were swimming, crabbing, picnics, fishing and a little basketball. A few families were fortunate enough to own a small television and crowds of children would all pile into those homes to watch. "There were less distractions in those days so children paid more attention to their book work," stated Ms. Rolle. "Nowadays the students' out of school time is taken up with Nintendo, Game Boys, CD players and the like."

The budding principal was advanced for her age and passed some BJC subjects at the school on Moore's Island at 11 years. At this point she was sent into Nassau to continue her schooling at the T.G. Glover Junior High School. She entered Grade 8 which was the appropriate grade for her age but after one month her teachers realized that the education she had already received in Moore's Island put her beyond

that grade level. She was advanced into Grade 9 where she passed additional BJC's.

The experience of going into the hustle and bustle of the "big city of Nassau" after the remoteness of Moore's Island was quite a frightening experience for the young student. "I was the first one from my family to go off and I stayed with my aunt, then my sister followed a year later. The size of the school was quite overwhelming with hundreds of students on one campus, 30 to 40 teachers and a host of different subjects after being in a school with less than 100 students and four or five teachers. However, although it was a challenge, I did not take long to adjust," said Ms. Rolle.

After completing junior high Ruthmae transferred to the Government High School for her senior years and graduated in 1986. She entered the College of the Bahamas and earned her Associate Degree and Teaching Certificate. Her



Ruthmae Rolle

first two and a half years of teaching were spent at the Marsh Harbour Primary School with Ms. Felamease Sawyer as Principal before she transferred into Nassau where she taught until returning to the College of the Bahamas to complete her Bachelor's Degree. Ruthmae graduated with distinction at the top of her class and received the Education Division award for that year. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree Ruthmae taught in Marsh Harbour for one year before returning to the island of her birth in 1999 where she was a classroom teacher until taking up her Principalship last September. "I am very honoured to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity," she said.

Ms. Rolle comes from a family of educators. Both her parents and two of her aunts were Monitors at the Moore's Island School. Later her mother went into Nassau and attended the College of the Bahamas to obtain her teacher's certificate and has now been teaching at the Moore's Island School for more than 30 years. She is, of course, very proud that her daughter is now Principal of the school. "Initially it felt a little strange to have my own mother on the staff but I feel very comfortable with it now," said

Ms. Rolle. "My mother is a very humble person who accepts instruction easily."

One of the factors which motivated Ms. Rolle to return to Moore's Island to teach was the problem of staffing on the island. "Moore's Island is classed as a severe hardship area which has always posed a problem in recruiting teachers and keeping them for any length of time," stated Ms. Rolle. "This year, however, the school is fully staffed for the first time in years; there is an enrollment of 10 teachers, excluding myself for a student body of between 140 and 150." Ms. Rolle looks forward to some big changes soon as she has been informed by the Permanent Secretary that the Ministry is working towards both a high school up to grade twelve and a government preschool on the island for September, 2005. This, of course, will require additional buildings and has been delayed owing to the two hurricanes last year. Ms. Rolle is looking forward to this growth.

The programme in the school is very different now from when Ms. Rolle was a student there with many extra-curricular activities and academic extensions past three o'clock. "The teachers are highly

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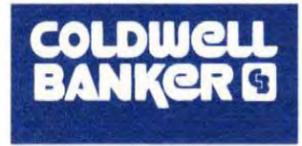
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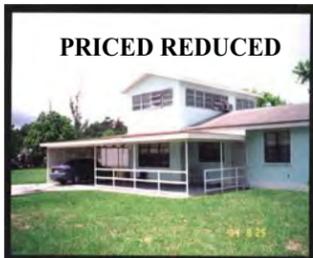


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# Citrus Canker Disease: Steps Towards Eradicating It

By Jennifer Hudson

The first step has been completed towards eradicating the devastating citrus canker disease which was first discovered at the Bahama Star Farm at the end of December 2004 and has caused its closure. The seedlings in the nursery have all been destroyed and are no longer viable to spread the disease. That action was carried out by the Department of Agriculture on Abaco. "The next stage will be to push the trees on this 3,000 acre farm into piles with as minimal damage as possible to soil and existing wells, a process which will require a particular type of equipment," said Mr. Knowles. "Then the piles will be burned." The government has put this work out to bid and is presently dealing with the matter.

Meanwhile Mr. Knowles has been doing what he can to help prevent the spread of the disease, and he goes personally to the farm at least once each day to look around and make his presence felt. A police officer patrols the area periodically though there is no one actually stationed at the gate. "This farm covers such a large area with several access points so that it

is impossible to keep an eye on the whole place but the government is trying to rectify this situation and the police presence is a deterrent," said Mr. Knowles.

On January 27th a training session was held for persons from the agricultural extension offices in some of the other major citrus producing islands, e.g., Long Island, North Eleuthera, Andros, Grand Bahama and New Providence to participate in training exercises to identify citrus canker in the field. A lecture was followed by field identification all of which was conducted by a USDA field officer. The purpose of this exercise was to train persons to recognize symptoms of citrus canker and to conduct surveys in various islands as an early detection system.

Mr. Knowles and the Ministry are still trying to impress upon Abaconians to refrain from moving any plant material from the area of Bahama Star Farm which has been identified as a quarantine zone. The Minister has put government orders in place that anybody found moving anything will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

Although all the seedlings have now been destroyed Mr. Knowles and the Ministry are concerned that some plants may have left the nursery prior to the discovery of the canker. "Plants may have been given as gifts or some may even have been stolen and sold to persons in the community," stated Mr. Knowles. He is asking any people who have received or bought seedlings from the farm to notify the Ministry of Agriculture so that their trees can be inspected to see if they are infected. No trees will be destroyed unless they are infected.

According to Mr. Knowles all preliminary inspections of the remaining groves and nurseries throughout Abaco have not shown any signs of the canker. However, the canker may not have manifested itself to date so continual surveys must be carried out to make sure it does not pop up. For the most part if the nurseries were not contaminated during the period that the citrus canker was confirmed at Bahama Star

Farm, it would have manifested itself already. Of concern to Mr. Knowles is the fact that trees which were stolen prior to the discovery of the canker may have been planted in areas near to farms and so may be able to infect plants nearby, thus the canker could pop up in another area. The bacteria which causes the canker and which is highly contagious can be spread by wind blown rain, insects, birds and human movement.

Mr. Knowles and his officers intend to carry out surveys of the island very soon in which they will go door to door inspecting all citrus trees in the yards. If one tree is found to be infected in any yard, all trees within a 1,900 foot radius will have to be destroyed. This follows the same protocol which is in place in Florida.

Mr. Donald Cash, Administrator for North Abaco, and Central Government are dealing with the social aspects of assisting the farm workers who have lost their jobs.

## Rotary Club Distributes Christmas Packages

By Jennifer Hudson

The Rotary Club of Abaco has been providing food packages to the needy during the Christmas holidays for over 25 years in keeping with the objective of Rotary International which urges all of its members worldwide to help people in need.

Due to the passage of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne the need was even greater than ever this past Christmas, so Rotary decided to deliver 150 food packages, twice the normal number.

"The amazing fact was that everyone who was contacted helped," said Bill Schweizer, member of the Rotary 's community service committee.

Distribution of the packages was island wide and packages were delivered to persons in: Spring City, Cherokee, Crossing Rocks, Sandy Point, Murphy Town, Dundas Town, Marsh Harbour, The Mud, Cooper's Town, Fox Town, Crown Haven, Man-O-War and Hope Town.

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# Citrus Canker Disease: A Flicker of Hope

By Mirella Santillo

A partial inspection of Bahama Palm Groves and BG Harmon farm and nursery revealed that no canker related affliction was found in the visited areas.

On January 27 Mr. Timothy Riley, an official of the United States Department of Agriculture, conducted a training session in Marsh Harbour for several officers of the Bahamas Ministry of Agriculture from the Family Islands. They came here from Andros, Long Island, New Providence, Eleuthera and Grand Bahama. The training

was designed to familiarize them with citrus canker so they could recognize it in the field. The team, led by Mr. Riley, conducted a survey in certain areas of Bahama Palm Groves and BG Harmon citrus farms, which are located south of Marsh Harbour. The areas visited were determined to be free of the pathogen.

The deadly citrus canker which invaded Bahama Star Farm and led to its closing at the beginning of January does not seem to have spread to the other citrus groves on the island. However, David Knowles, Of-

ficer for the Ministry of Agriculture on Abaco, said, "A proper survey of each grove, row by row, must be conducted before affirming that they are free of canker."

The outlook seems to be very positive. He said, "These remaining groves might be salvaged if the disease is controlled." To that effect, the Department of Agriculture would like to make an inspection of every citrus plant that came from the Bahamas Star Farm. A large number of plants was stolen and might have been sold or given away. Anyone who acquired or was given any citrus plants in the last few months should come forward the Department of Agriculture at the Port Authority so the plants may be inspected and disposed of if they are contaminated. No citrus plants or fruit produced locally should be purchased anywhere on Abaco until the canker free areas have been established. Moreover, absolutely no one must now receive anything from the Bahamas Star Farm. That facility has been quarantined and persons caught taking fruits, plants or equipment out of there could be subjected to the law.

These steps are the only way to possibly save the citrus industry not only on Abaco but in the entire Bahamas

Bids have been received and accepted by the Department of Agriculture to dispose of the affected trees on Bahamas Star Farm. They will be bulldozed together and

burned. Once the trees are destroyed, the farm will be ready again for agricultural endeavor for something other than citrus. The Department of Agriculture will determine which vegetables or fruits are best suited there, but there will be absolutely no citrus growing for a period of two years. However, the citrus canker does not affect any plants other than citrus.



The Bahama Star Farm in North Abaco had 3700 acres of beautiful mature citrus trees which produced very well. This photo of the trees shows that the grove was well maintained. However, the citrus canker would eventually kill the trees. To contain the disease, the trees will have to be uprooted, dried, then burned. Citrus will not be able to grow there for at least two year.

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Church in Hope Town with Rev. Carla Culmer and Vernon Malone officiating assisted by Patrick Bethel. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Hope Town.

He is survived by his parents, Winer and Joann Malone; daughters Brittany and Melanie Malone; brother Roderick "Roddy" Malone; sister-in-law Carolina Malone; nieces Felicia and Cailey Malone; girlfriend Gloria Cash; aunts Peggy Gates, Kathleen Bethel, Viola Bethel, Betty Pinder, Flossy Pinder and Sarah Cash; uncles Bobby Pinder, Chester Pinder, Richard Pinder, Donald Pinder, Ray Albury, Howard Cash; and many other relatives and friends.

**Sports**

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Mr. Hill, who said the water and drink stations were numerous, and the race proceeded very smoothly, considering the number of participants. Thousands of spectators watched the race and cheered the competitors as they ran by. It was a beautiful day, "perhaps a little too hot," said Mr. Cartwright.

Out of the 5919 runners, Mr. Hill took the 293rd place, Mrs. Cartwright finished 1427 and her husband, Brent 1428, while Mrs. Hull placed 1770 and Mrs. Albury 2516. The athletes returned to Abaco, some with sore feet, but extremely pleased with their success. With a half marathon successfully behind them, they are now thinking of going further to a full marathon. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Hull have already decided to participate in the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tennessee, which will take place at the end of April. It is most likely that the other two will go as well.

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motivated and willing to work until four o'clock free of charge tutoring the students in English and mathematics," Ms. Rolle proudly states. Extra curricular activities include a Writing and Newspaper Club, Choir, Track Club and a Dance Club which includes interpretive dance and cheerleading (or "Stomp" as the children call it). There is no physical education teacher on staff so the two police officers who are stationed on Moore's Island, Corp. Derek Ferguson and Const. Glanville Johnson, have happily taken on the task of teaching the P.E. classes. Pastor Anthony Williams is the coach and co-ordinator of the track club which participates in track competitions in Nassau and Grand Bahama and performs very well.

"The Ministry is very supportive of all we do," says Ms. Rolle. Each year the two top placing students from each grade are taken into Marsh Harbour to perform in the spelling bee there and in the last three years Moore's Island School students have achieved second and third placings.

In addition to being a busy school principal, Ms. Rolle is very active in her church, Zion Baptist, where she is Assistant Youth Leader and a member of the choir. She has a beautiful singing voice and in addition to singing solos in church and at the school (where I had the pleasure of hearing her during a school assembly), she also sings at weddings and funerals.

Ms. Rolle encourages young people to move into the area of education and return to their island to give back to the community. What better role model could they have?

**Kiwanis Club Donates to Sybil's House**



On January 26th the Kiwanis Club of Abaco donated blankets to the elderly at Sybil's House in Dundas Town. The Kiwanis Club of Abaco was able to purchase 17 boxes which contained over 200 blankets from funds provided by Kiwanis International. Blankets were also distributed to persons in Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Spring City, North Abaco and Moore's Island. Sybil's House provides 24-hours care to five senior citizens. From left to right: David Knowles, Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club; James Williams, Manager of Sybil's House; Anastacia Seymour, President of the Kiwanis Club; Roger Delancey from Spring City; Anita Rolle, President Elect of the Kiwanis Club; and Cay Mills, Chief Councillor of the Central Abaco District.

**Toys for Tots Was a Big Success**

By Portia Jonsson

The 7th Annual Toys For Tots Drive has been deemed a success. Mr. Sid Dawes, Treasurer of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club on Abaco, reported that over 1200 toys were distributed to children throughout the communities of South, North and Central Abaco and Moore's Island. Toys were sent for the first time to Grand Cay.

Many toys which were purchased by the club from a company in the United States just recently arrived in late January. The toys were divided and tagged by club members and distributed the week of January 24 to 30. These were in addition to the toys col-

lected locally before Christmas.

Mr. Dawes said the club's participation in the Abaco Christmas Festival was a big help. They raised more money and as well as awareness. It was a good event for the club and they hope to take part in the festival again. According to Mr. Dawes the local contributions were about the same as before.

Because of the problems faced after the past two hurricanes, Mr. Dawes advised that the club will order their toys a lot earlier this year.

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