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Heritage Day Celebrates Hope Town's Past Area School Children Have a Live History Lesson



Heritage Day is an annual event in Hope Town that draws a crowd from all over Abaco. It is organized by the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum and features special speakers, songs by school children, a Maypole dance, a sculling demonstration and new displays in the museum. The event raises funds for the buildings that have been constructed in the past few years. The second building still has interior work to be finished. Shown above is a Maypole dance with school children plaiting the ribbons.

By Mirella Santillo

For approximately 20 years, according to Mrs. Debbie Patterson, treasurer of the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Society, the settlement has celebrated the arrival on the cay of first settler, Wyannie Malone, with Hope Town Heritage Day. Wyannie Malone landed on the cay in 1785 with her children and all her possessions.

The annual celebration, besides being a day of reminiscence and a getting together for Abaconians, is also a fund raising event for the local museum which opened in 1977 and was named in her honor.

This year the event took place on March 3rd and was well attended not only by Elbow Cay's residents but also by many Marsh Harbour school children and residents who came by ferry load as early as 9 a.m. to be present for the opening ceremony scheduled to start at 10:a.m. At that time, a table loaded with all kind of goodies, pies, cakes, brownies and cup cakes was already set up in the

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Abaco Shipping Announces Expanded Service

Abaco Shipping Company, the joint venture between Marsh Harbour Shipping Company and United Abaco Shipping Company, announces the expansion of service within their Florida warehousing and receiving facilities, and additional sailings on two of their existing routes as well as the addition of a

new route. These routes will be serviced by the company's vessels: M/V *Duke of Topsail* and M/V *Triton Express*.

The new warehousing facility is located

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Surf Teams Competes Internationally



Nineteen Bahamians traveled to Lima, Peru, for a Pan American surfing competition. They did very well, coming in seventh among 14 countries. The bigger waves, the language barrier and a different culture were all challenges they faced. Pictured above are the surfers. They are, back row, Scott Patterson, Christian Wilhoyte, Joe Thompson, Robert McGinty, Pat McCully, Corey Engle, Nick Otton, Chris Chapman, Jeff Gale, Lou Kanitsch and Fred Smith from Freeport. In the front row are Brandon Sands, Bobby Vetta, Ashley Knowles, Christine McCully and Joshua Sands. See story on page 6.

Humane Society Benefits from Tea



Treasure Cay's Tea by the Sea was held on February 21 to raise funds for the Treasure Cay Humane Society. This successful event is very popular and brings out English traditions of dainty sandwiches, scones, tea cakes and English teapots and china. The money will go toward the fund to establish a facility to house stray animals and provide a place for a veterinarian to work.

By Jennifer Hudson

Treasure Cay's second annual Tea by the Sea, held at the Bahama Beach Club on February 21, was a resounding success. The function was held in aid of the Treasure Cay Humane Society, and the funds raised far exceeded the amount raised last year thanks to a capacity at-

tendance and a large silent auction. Business houses in Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay were very generous in donating items for the silent auction and raffle.

The weather was picture perfect for this

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Old Times Are Remembered Once Again

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library and more goodies were being brought in by local residents who donated all the baked goods. Dressed in long skirts and coiffed with bonnets were Mrs. Shelley Malone, Mrs. Lucille Russell, Mrs. Debbie Patterson and Mrs. Marie McKehe helping with the bake sale.

The ceremony started promptly at 10 a.m. with the Hope Town School Children singing the National Anthem followed by the presentations, prayer and more songs including one written 20 years ago by Hope Town resident, April Malone. Mrs. Suzanne Bethel welcomed the visitors and explained, "Today, we are celebrating Phase One of the museum's construction; next March," she added, "we'll celebrate Phase Two."

The Museum was moved to its present location in 2000 and will ultimately occupy

two buildings. A lot of interior details and furnishing still have to take place in the second building. These should be completed next year in time to celebrate the grand opening of the complex and the 30th anniversary of the museum's opening.

Mrs. Bethel was followed by Mrs. Martha Smith, who made a presentation on bush medicine. She is a home economics teacher at Abaco Central High School who brought eight students with her as well as several plants used in bush medicine. Her book on bush medicine, *Bush Medicine in Bahamian Folk Tradition* is on sale at Ebb Tide in Hope Town, the Chemist Shop, Natural You, Pinewoods Nursery and Abaco Treasures in Marsh Harbour. She was celebrated by three of her students, Sheldine Joseph, Sherline Philippe and Shanna Blunk, who sang *Give thanks to Mrs. Smith*, a song that they wrote in her

honor.

The high school students were not the only ones. Agape Christian School was represented by 80 students and seven teachers. Two teachers from St. Francis de Sales came with 19 grade 9 students. Nineteen grade 11 students from Forest High School were present accompanied by two teachers. Mrs. Richards, history teacher, explained that she brought her students because they were studying the Loyalists this year. And, of course, all of Hope Town Primary School's children participated in the function.

Mr. Chester Thompson, a native of Hope Town, spoke and Mr. Lfitte Alcime made a presentation on Loyalist architecture.

All through the day the weather was sunny and mild, perfect for an outdoor gathering, and the harbour was calm enough to

accommodate sculling demonstrations and the boat parade.

The 50/50 prize was won by a Man-O-War resident who in turn gave back half of the winnings to the museum. According to Mr. Tony Bennett, the Curator of the Museum, the event was a great success.

The Museum Society is set up as a non-profit organization operated only by volunteers. "The proceeds of the day are to go towards the mortgage on the new buildings, the finishing and beautifying of Balcony House and landscaping," explained Mrs. Debbie Patterson. She added that donations from United States citizens are deductible when over \$250. Mrs. Patterson is the daughter-in-law of Byrle Patterson, the founder of the museum.

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Homemade cakes and pies along with other delicious food was available at Heritage Day in Hope Town. These ladies, Debbie Patterson, Lucile Russell, Shelly Malone and Marie McKeag, are assisting at one of the tables in the library.



The Hope Town School children entertained the crowds with songs and special speakers made presentations giving details of life in the past.

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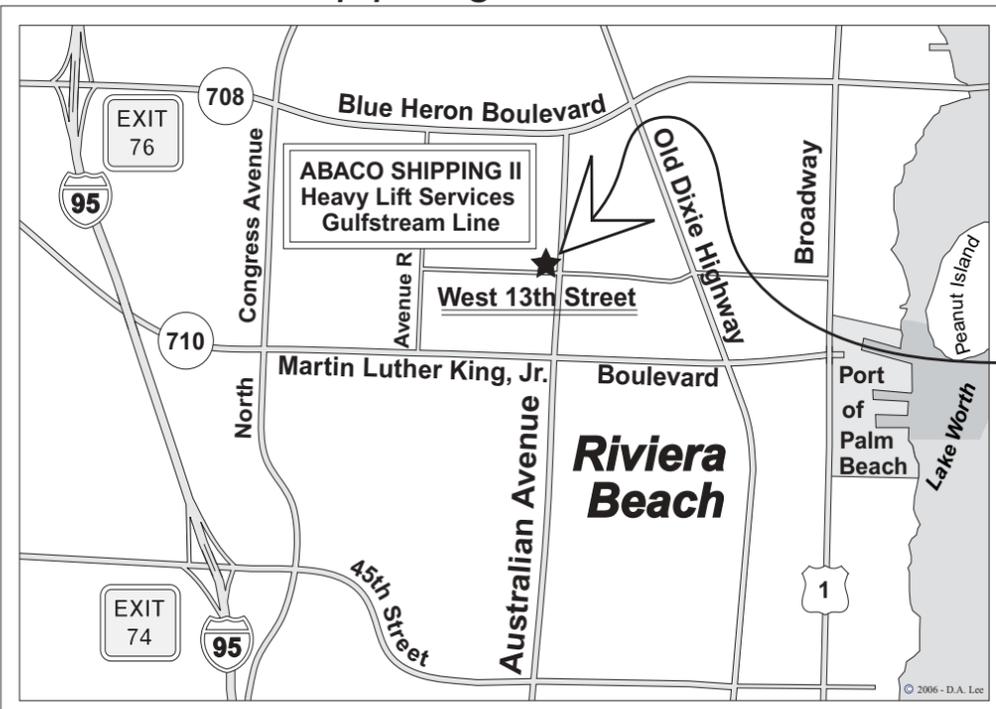
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elegant occasion when more than 100 ladies (and a few gentlemen) gathered to enjoy a real English tea of dainty sandwiches and delicious cakes. No proper English tea would be complete without fresh scones filled with cream and strawberry jam and tea served from traditional English teapots, and this tea party had it all.

Not only was the food delightful to the palate but the table settings were a de-

light to the eye and added to the atmosphere of the occasion. Each table was designed by an individual hostess, who donated her beautiful set of china for the afternoon and designed a special centrepiece for the table. The centre pieces were varied and exquisite, and it was a delight to just walk around and enjoy the table settings.

The person responsible for pulling this all together was Executive Director, Barbara Hadley, who thanked her co-chairs Christy Donahue and Ann Topper, Sandy

Hamill who handled ticket sales, and her entire executive committee.

Mr. Jerry Roberts, President of the Treasure Cay Humane Society since 1995, attributed the success of this fund raiser to the fact that people in Treasure Cay are really interested in the problem of stray animals; they want to handle the situation humanely and are very generous towards this end. He told the group

that last year the society administered to 60 animals. "The solution to the problem of excess animals in the old days," he said, "was to put out poison, but we hope we have put an end to this practice."

All funds raised will go towards the

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Tea by the Sea was a benefit for the Treasure Cay Humane Society that is raising money for a compound to house stray animals and a building for a veterinarian to use while caring for animals in Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay and North Abaco. Shown above are Sandy Hamel in charge of ticket sales, Jerry Roberts, President of the Treasure Cay Humane Society, and Barbara Hadley, Chairperson of the society.



The annual Treasure Cay Yard Sale is anticipated by people all over Abaco. Treasure Cay residents began years ago to have a sale to clear their homes of items no longer needed. It has grown over the years and now people from many towns set up a table and sell a variety of items. Bargains are everywhere. The sale benefits the Treasure Cay Humane Society and the society asks each seller make a donation to their cause.

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\$35,000 - \$50,000 needed to build a Humane Society facility in Treasure Cay which will include pens and cages to house animals until a home is found for them and space for a vet to use on a regular basis for spraying and neutering. It is hoped that this facility will be a substation for Green Turtle Cay, Cooper's Town and other neighbouring settlements.



The Treasure Cay Community Library, the outstanding library on Abaco, holds a book sale annually in conjunction with the Treasure Cay Yard Sale. The money raised goes toward buying new books and other material for the library. Book lovers from around Abaco look forward to acquiring hardback books and paperbacks at very cheap prices. While books are being sold outside the library, an art show was on display inside the Community Center with paintings by local artists.

Mimi Rehor, director of the programme for the preservation of Abaco's wild horses, brought with her a dog which she had found on the side of the road between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay and for which she wanted to find a home. The dog, which was sporting a little coat saying "Adopt Me" drew much loving attention.

Also present as invited guests were Dr. Derrick Bailey, veterinarian from Marsh Harbour, who is very generous in assisting the Treasure Cay Humane Society, and Jeritzan Outten, Bernadette Harding and Kendy Anderson from the Ministry of Tourism, who assisted in sponsoring the event.

Upcoming Treasure Cay Events.

The next concert to be staged by The Treasure Cay Events Cultural Committee will be on March 22 and will feature talented jazz pianist, Elizabeth Woodbury, and her trio.

On April 8 Doc Trudell (who sounds just like Bobby Short) will be featured.

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the community centre.

Yard Sale Attracts Sellers and Buyers

By Mirella Santillo

Wheeling and Dealing - That was the motto of a Treasure Cay Yard Sale vendor trying to coax people into buying her merchandise, and all for a just cause: to help maintain the local library.

An annual event now for 16 years, the Treasure Cay Yard Sale attracts hundreds of people from all over Abaco looking for bargains. This year's event took place on March 4th. Although the sale did not officially start until 9 a.m., by 7 a.m. the place was already packed with eager buyers.

Numerous tables were set up in the parking lot of the old hotel site next to the beach, and there was a treasure to be found by everybody. From furniture to china, from new to old and very old, from baked goods to art work, rugs, telephones, you name it, there it was! The vendors were mostly Treasure Cay second home owners, who were donating their time and merchandise to raise funds for the library.

"We arrived at 8 a.m.," said Lorna Firstbrook and Keates Whitcraft, who were taking care of a table loaded with bric-a-brac, but there were already people before

us." On that stand, a lamp shade went for \$2, so did an old leather briefcase, a small china ashtray or candle holder for less than a dollar.

In front of Gretchen Balch and Anders Ljungholm, all sorts of electronic equipment was piled up: telephones, printers, fax machines, answering machines, not of the latest model, but supposedly in working order. For \$5 you could go home with a fax or a phone. For \$90 you could walk away with a dishwasher! Asked how was the sale proceeding, "We have had a very good day," they commented.

A little farther Tuppy Weatherford from Blue Sky Gallery was selling beautifully framed photographs of local birds; next to her, quilts and homemade wood items were on display. As the morning wore on, sofas, chairs, even doors and rugs were being loaded on the waiting vehicles.

Up the road in front of the library were tables covered in books, mostly fiction; but one could find books in Spanish, Italian and German. For a few dollars you could buy enough reading material to occupy quite a few evenings. Inside the Community Center paintings by local artists were displayed. As the sale neared its end, rare was the visitor who left empty handed.

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Team Bahamas Takes Seventh in Pan Am Surfing

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The Bahamas Surf Team returned from the Pan Am games in Peru wiser, more experienced, and with their heads held high with an overall seventh place finish out of the 14 countries that journeyed to Lima, Peru, to compete. Facing up to the mighty waves of the Pacific was a whole new challenge for this team, but they pulled together and supported each other all along the way.

The opening ceremonies were held in a suburb of Lima called Miraflores. One of the more unique aspects took place when a representative from each team poured sand from their country's beach into one container. It was the 5th Pan American Surfing Games and had the largest field of competitors yet.

The competition got started at Punta Rocas, a beautiful beach where spectators had the option of watching contestants from the beach or taking a bird's eye view from the stands set atop the cliffs that overlooked the beach.

Christine McCully started things off right by winning her first heat but learned about fierce international competition the hard way when she was squeezed out by her competitors and was unable to catch a wave to get the two points she needed to advance to the next level. Corey Engle also scored high enough through some impressive, aggressive surfing to advance out of the first heat, but made it no further.

Guana Cay resident Joshua Sands also advanced in the Open Mens division, but had some tough luck catching a wave that didn't count during a fog delay, proving that one of the hardest things about competing outside of your own country is the language barrier. Joshua didn't understand from the announcement in Spanish that a

delay even existed.

Christian Wilhoyte failed to move forward only by the slimmest of margins, 1.2 points, but had some great rides. Up and comer Joe Thompson did not advance, but in the words of Christine McCully, "proved himself the one to watch for the next event." Ashley Knowles was awarded the team Medal of Courage for paddling out to face some of the biggest waves of the day. Brandon Sands didn't have the opportunity to compete due to a flu he caught along the way in an unfortunate case of timing.

Scott Patterson rode well, but couldn't put together the points to advance. Jeff Gale caught a bad break, literally. Jeff injured his knee in a shore break recharge round, eliminating him from the Longboard and Open Mens competitions. Lou Kanitsch, the other Longboard surfer, had some steep drops and long rides, but in the end it wasn't enough to advance.

Christine, Christian and Fred from Freeport, (who came as the team's videographer,) charged the Bodyboard division on a shore break that "broke boards as well as spirits," according to Christine. Trying to avoid doing damage to their bodies and their equipment Christine and Christian took it easy, saving their energy for the surfing competitions.

Coach Chris Chapman gave valuable help by providing feedback and advice for the surfers, both on the wave conditions and on their competition. Lisa Wilhoyte provided an important service to the team by taking pictures of each surfer as they competed. As Christine explained, "It helps so much to see yourself surfing. By looking at the pictures and the videos we can each learn what we need to do to improve our surfing



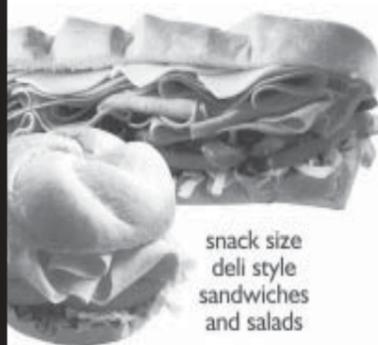
A surfing team from the Bahamas, mostly from Abaco, traveled to Lima, Peru, to compete in the Pan Am games. Joshua Sands of Great Guana Cay charged hard to get the score he needed to move to the next heat in his Open Mens Surfing. Photo by Lisa Wilhoyte

and increase our scores." And one of only two English speaking teams at the Games they wouldn't have gotten far without their translator/bodyguard Rudd McGinty, who was awarded the Team Spirit of Sportsmanship Award.

Upon their return from Peru the Bahamas Surfing Association had a change in leadership with Scott Patterson being elected

the new President. The BSA plans to focus on local and national surfing for a while and is investigating the possibilities of holding some intra-Bahamas competitions in the future.

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Meetings Cover Zoning for Hope Town District

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The third meeting in the Hope Town Council's White Paper series focused on proposed laws for zoning in the District.

After opening the meeting with a prayer, Councillor Hall explained that there will be two meetings concerning this issue. This one was more of an overview; the next meeting, set for March 15th, will focus on specific zoning for Elbow Cay. He promised to bring a map and markers so residents could draw out their ideas for the way the island should be zoned.

Mr. Hall explained the importance of zoning. As the three towns in the Hope Town District are some of the oldest communities in The Bahamas, it is important to protect them from thoughtless development that will rob them of their unique charm and character.

As a part of this process Mr. Hall wants to designate all three settlements as Historic Districts. This will mean each island will have a Historic District Committee to address issues that will affect the look of the settlements. As he explained, this will not mean people cannot build new buildings; it just means the buildings will need to be built in a manner that is consistent with the look and feel of the historic community.

In addition to the settlement, one area that will need to be considered at the next meeting is Centerline Road where many new businesses are establishing themselves. Mr. Hall said that residents may want to consider making that a commercial zone for businesses and light industry, although any zoning will have to take into account the residences that are already there and any covenants of the subdivisions that border the road.

Mr. Hall hopes to address the need for

more affordable housing in Hope Town so that the next generation of local residents will have a place to live and so all employees in Hope Town aren't commuting in from other islands. Already, according to Mr. Hall, over 250 people commute into Hope Town each day to work. In the White Paper there is a provision that would allow people with adequate land to build a second dwelling on their premises which they can rent out. This will allow for more housing and provide income to those families.

The White Paper suggests new, more flexible set backs for houses, based on the size of the lot and where the lot is located on the island. Set backs are important, not only for the appearance of buildings, but also for fire safety reasons.

New height restrictions are covered in the White Paper. The new language states that a building may not be more than 35 feet above the median grade of the land to the highest part of the building. The new zoning regulations will affect only established structures if modifications are applied for that will change the footprint of the structure. Mr. Hall explained that neighbors of any new construction will be given opportunities to give comment before any permits are issued by the Council.

One major proposal in the White Paper is the shift from Hope Town being a third schedule district to a second schedule district. This will mean that the three towns in Hope Town District will be able to appoint a separate town planning boards. Right now the Hope Town District Council is responsible for all town planning permits which is quite time consuming.

This would mean that the town planning board will review all applications and make recommendations to the District Council.

This would make the District Council the body to which appeals are brought, not the Ministry of Local Government, where appeals are currently directed. Any appeals from that point would have to go to either the Minister or the Supreme Court, depending on the appeal.

The Council is considering restricting the size of vehicles that can drive through various portions of town based on the size of the road. When questions were raised about the problem of parking, Mr. Hall explained that part of the problem is the lack of public land to designate as parking. He asked for any ideas about how to alleviate the situation.

Councillor Hall asked everyone to read the proposed zoning regulations which are available at the Council's website: www.hopetowncouncil.com, and to send comments to him.

Meetings in Man-O-War and Guana Cay

A similar meeting was held in the Man-O-War Cay School on February 27. The 10 - 12 persons attending generally approved of the zoning attempt and asked few

questions.

Mr. Hall stressed the need for affordable housing as land values are precluding younger persons from buying land to build on. He and the audience discussed the merits of maintaining the historic look and feel of the town and how this could be perpetuated, perhaps through the creation of an architectural oversight committee and by requesting a historic designation for the town. He did not advocate a strict application of historical guidelines but some measures to ensure that the future of the town maintained its historic look.

A Guana Cay presentation on this topic was attended by 10 - 15 persons who were much more vocal, although they generally felt the exercise was worthwhile. A recurring theme of their concerns related to their singular representation on the seven-person Council. This was mandated by Nassau when the Schedule Three Council was established giving Hope Town and Man-O-War three persons each and Guana Cay only one person to represent them. It was based on population figures for the three towns.

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The Editor Says . . . A Cultural Center Is Under Consideration



planned to add to the back of the building.

The building serves the needs of the New Vision congregation nicely with movable chairs, allowing multi-function uses of the auditorium. The congregation built the structure to suit its needs, and it is large enough to accommodate an indoor basketball court.

The building is rented occasionally when church activities permit and the use conforms to their standards. Requests to use the facility are often denied when schedules clash. However, the church elders are generous in allowing public functions to be held there. Church elders feel that the demands for their building would justify a similar building of this size, and that rental revenue would pay for its upkeep.

A recent funeral held there had between 400 and 500 people seated in the auditorium. The Abaco Central High School and Forest Heights Academy have held their annual graduation exercises there with similar numbers present. It has held 800 people for a prominent funeral several years ago and could probably hold 1,000 with tight seating.

It is understood that the New Vision Ministry building could be duplicated for under \$500,000 exclusive of land.

The Marsh Harbour Sporting Association just signed a lease for 18 acres of Crown Land between Forest Heights Academy and St. Francis de Sales High School. Long range plans by this group are for baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, a swimming pool and other sports facilities. They waited for over eight years for the lease to be approved.

An arrangement between government and a private organization could put a multi-purpose building in a large complex of ball fields and other sporting activities. Eighteen acres can be configured to hold many facilities with parking and landscaping interspersed throughout the area.

Alternately, there is a lot of Crown Land in central Abaco which would be appropriate for a building of this type.

In comparing the cost and usefulness of the two buildings, we must ask why not spend half a million dollars for a new building twice as big and with far more capacity and which is more versatile than the RND building. Using the largest room in the RND building would not come close to even accommodating a graduation exercise for Abaco Central High School. We find it hard to visualize the concept of a public function restricted to the first 170 persons to show up. The RND building will require extensive work to make it usable for anything but a theater.

If government is serious about providing a cultural center for Abaco, this is the time to hold a public meeting, present ideas and concepts, then get local feedback. A 10,000 square foot multi-purpose building for \$500,000 sounds like a better deal than a 4,500 square foot building for something approaching \$1 million plus extensive renovations.

It is interesting to note that Abaco has spent something over \$1 million on several work boat regattas as a matter of perpetuating this aspect of the Bahamian heritage. We do not want to quarrel with the community donating more than \$150,000 each year for this three-day event, but there is nothing left afterwards to show for the expenditure. We acknowledge that government contributes approximately \$30,000 each year to augment local funds for the regatta event.

Whether an auditorium could be built with government funds, private funds or a combination of the two, there would be a tangible building useful for years to come. As the demands grow, it could be expanded to be even more useful.

But back to the present - maybe the papers for the theater building have already been signed. In that case, we can thank government for their concerns for the cultural betterment of the greater Abaco community.

At the close of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee meeting on March 1, Administrator Revis Rolle announced that government was investigating the purchase of the closed RND theater building for a cultural center for Abaco. This building is located by the Marsh Harbour airport round-about.

As originally designed and occupied in July 1998, the 4500-square-foot building housed three movie theaters.

Apparently the larger of the three theaters would be left as a theater for movies or the performing arts. The 170-seat capacity is somewhat restrictive but with approximately 2,000-square feet it is better than any public building presently available. A second theater would be converted into a conference room for meetings while the third theater would be converted into a recreational room for youth. These two units are each presumed to be about 1,300-square feet in size.

Each of the two smaller theaters held seating for 100 persons. Modifying these for other uses would require that the sloping floors be leveled.

It was mentioned that the asking price for the building may have been \$1.2 million although it might be available for closer to \$800,000. Other sources suggested the matter may have been concluded and announcements will be forthcoming.

A facility of this nature is badly needed on Abaco. If the information is correct, we must applaud government for its recognition that a facility of this type is needed here.

Several years ago, probably before 1999 when Hurricane Floyd changed government priorities, Abaco and Eleuthera were each promised an auditorium similar to the Kendal Issacs auditorium in Nassau. Hurricane reconstruction, the Nassau straw market fire and a dip in tourism due to the terrorism attack in the United States changed a lot of government programs. Our auditorium probably got lost in the economic realities of the day.

Presently, the largest building in the area is the New Visions Ministry structure with a 7,000-square-foot auditorium. A 3,000-square-foot addition on the front contains a kitchen, restrooms and offices. The building now comprises 10,000 square feet. A 2,000-square foot addition for classrooms is



The attractive, versatile New Vision Ministry building is an example of a practical way for Marsh Harbour to have an auditorium/gymnasium which could be used in many ways. Abaco needs a large gathering place that could accommodate a variety of activities.

Letters to the Editor

Fowl Cay Will Not Be Made a Preserve

Dear Editor,

First, I would like to thank you for allowing me a space in your paper to express my thoughts on a matter of controversy involving my community. The matter that I am referring to is the proposed Fowl Cay Park. I would be remiss if I would allow Friends of the Environment's letter (in the last issue) to go unnoticed without a rebuttal. I now write this response, after the constant urging of many residents, of whom I have the privilege to represent on the Town Council.

As I begin, I must say that I do believe in and support many objectives and principles that the Friends of the Environment organization stand for. I believe that we must protect the environment. I also believe we need to take measures to preserve our marine resources for future generations. I think as citizens, we must be good stewards of the land and sea that God has entrusted to us. But at the same time we need

to respect certain areas that generations of Bahamians have always enjoyed and depended upon for fishing, conching, and other weekend leisure activities.

The Fowl Cay area, in the unlikely event it is made a park, would affect Man-O-War residents more than it would any other community. Because of its close proximity to our island, we use it far more than most others, and decisions that are to be made regarding the proposal, should ultimately be decided by our residents. The vast majority of Bahamian residents in Man-O-War, without a doubt, are opposed to any move to make Fowl Cay a park. This area is not abused or used for commercial fishing purposes by Man-O-War residents, but rather as an ideal place for our families to get a few conch for a "Saturday Scorch," or to spear a grouper or two for a meal. Reiterating the other letter writer, most families then use the beach while conch salad is being prepared, etc.

Whilst we appreciate that Friends of the Environment acknowledged that the proposal would not affect the land use of Fowl Cay, we remain resolute and steadfast in

declaring that we will not allow the land or sea of Fowl Cay to be snatched away from us. No one will deprive us of our way of life, and Fowl Cay is a place we have always enjoyed for many activities including moderate fishing.

One of the greatest concerns conveyed to me by residents was the dictatorial sentiment felt at the meeting. Many felt that "outsiders" or foreigners that were associated with Friends of the Environment were "trying" to introduce fascism of some sort to our community in order to achieve their objectives. I and others take much umbrage in the fact that people who are not native of Man-O-War think that they can impose on us on what will happen in our community.

Let me make one thing clear on behalf of most Bahamians in our community of like minds: We will not allow any outside person or entity to come and tell us what or how to run our affairs. We will decide how we will manage our land, sea, and marine resources. We in Man-O-War will continue

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A two-story addition behind Sunset Souvenirs on the "Tourist Strip" in Marsh Harbour will add more density, increasing its size, with no additional parking. That area already has very limited parking.

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to be masters of our own house. This is what separates Man-O-War from most other communities. We do not allow outsiders to run our affairs. Many surrounding communities, not all, have let persons who are not native to their respective community have monumental influence on their affairs.

To my friends who are second-homeowners who reside on Man-O-War, I respect you, you are welcome here, and I am sure you know that. There are times when we will call on you for your thoughts, your counsel and your opinions on issues. But at the end of the day the overall decisions in the community will be driven by the Bahamian populace at large.

As I stated in the beginning of this letter, I am all for protecting the environment, but Fowl Cay is not the location that would be best suited for this purpose. In the northern part of Abaco there are numerous uninhabited islands that are not adjacent to an inhabited cay. This would be a model territory for a park. Additionally, we have a park in the Central Abaco area already, the Pelican Cays Park.

As I end, I would like to echo the letter writer of two issues ago on this matter. The meeting that was hosted by Friends of the Environment was held when two of our churches had services. I challenge them to hold a meeting in our community on a Monday night, and you will have a great turnout and will understand about the great opposition that I am referring to. But either way, whether you come back or not, our resolve is firm and we are clear on this issue. United with one voice, we overwhelmingly reject this proposal. No debate will be entertained by us. I would recommend that you begin working on an alternative location because it won't happen here.

Bahamians must be respected, and Fowl Cay is something we enjoy. It belongs to us, and it can't be taken away.

Finally, I encourage Bahamians everywhere to always take a stand in your community and never allow any group, entity, government, investor, foreigner or anyone take what belongs to us. Always remember, this land is OUR land.

Thank you for your kind indulgence and courteous attention.

Jeremy Sweeting
Deputy Chief Councillor
Hope Town District Council

P.S. A copy of this letter along with a petition signed by over 90 percent of the voting population of Man-O-War will be sent to the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, and other Ministers whose portfolios fall in line with this matter.

Open Letter to the Central Abaco Town Planning Committee

Dear Sir,

The new construction next to Sapodilly's Restaurant keeps growing bigger. There is no building this tall in Marsh Harbour. It is out of scale with all that surrounds it. This building has consumed all of Sapodilly's parking lot which was already too small for their customer capacity, and now there will be no parking for both buildings.

A new precedent has been set - that is a very serious matter.

What are the regulations about a buildings size and the requirement for parking?

I am told that there are eight parking spaces at the back of this building and yet there are six tenants. Four of the businesses must not need any customers. The eight spaces at the back will not be possible once the six air condensers as well as gas tanks and dumpsters are located, not to mention the problem of delivery and garbage trucks.



Many are critical of the Central Abaco's Town Planning Board that approved a three-story building on the "Tourist Strip" that will not have adequate parking. The Town Planning Regulations specify clearly the parking requirements for normal businesses and are provided to assure that our towns develop in an orderly manner. However, these regulations were not followed.

Sunset Souvenirs a couple of doors down have tripled the size of their building but have not provided any additional parking. None is even possible.

The two storey building next to the Abaco Pizza is huge and has virtually no parking.

Why is the Town Planning Board so shortsighted? The members should all resign immediately for doing the community a disservice in failing to plan for future growth. The "tourist district" is fast becoming a mess and these problems will become more stifling with time. Ask those that live in Nassau how they feel about the stifled traffic.

Perhaps the Council would be good enough to answer some questions.

Did Marsh Harbour Town Committee give its approval to these projects?

Was a building application made to Nassau as required for commercial buildings?

Is there an architect involved in these projects as required by law?

What are the requirements for parking?

What is the height restriction in Marsh Harbour?

The Hope Town Council is currently implementing an eight week discussion on Town Planning and Zoning before a White Paper is enacted into law. In The Bahamas our legislators are very busy making lots of new laws, but their value is zero if we pay no attention to upholding the existing law.

Concerned Resident

Health Hazard: Pressure Treated Lumber

Dear Editor,

How damaging to our health is PT (pressure treated wood) that is being extensively used in construction?

As we all have noticed, construction is booming all over Abaco. On every street, road and water front lots are being cleared and new structures erected, most of these with the help of CCA treated wood, better known as "pressure treated." We know that pressure treated wood is stronger than regular wood and is termite resistant so it is used in framing masonry, in building roofs, door jambs, decks, playground equipment, outside structures and more. What we do not know, or choose to ignore, is the hazard it poses to our health.

What is CCA treated wood? The word "pressure treated" seems innocent enough. One may assume that the process involves heavy pressurization. Not so. The process is, in fact, achieved by injecting it with CCA or copper chromium arsenate, a mixture of copper and arsenic bound together by chromium.

An occasional user of pressure treated wood for various projects over the years, it was not until very recently that my attention was caught by a small sticker at the base of a 4 x 4. It read "This product contains arsenic. Do not burn. Wear gloves when handling. Wash contaminated clothes separately."

Countless times I had handled this material without observing most of these precautions. The first thought that came to my mind was the amount of pressure treated wood left over from construction sites taken to the dump every day to be burnt. And that, as residents of Marsh Harbour, we were all breathing the produced smoke on a regular basis at one time or another depending on the wind direction. But the seriousness of threat did not dawn on me until I actually read the label and subsequently went on line to obtain more information.

Then I recalled that a fatality had already taken place on Abaco when a business owner burnt material from damaged buildings and docks after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and later died of cancer caused by the arsenic.

"The treating process, begun with good intentions, was invented by an Indian engineer in 1933 and saved the lives of countless miners in India." explained a report by Dr. Sandra Steingraber.

Since arsenic, a known poison since the beginning of time, kills wood eating insects and copper kills fungus, the engineer, Mr. Kamesam, thought of using the two substances, injecting them into wood and binding them to the fibers with chromium to build stronger roofs in the underground tunnels of mines. The invention not only extended the lives of miners, but also saved trees and money. His work quickly attracted attention in the United States and a patent was granted in 1938. Soon pressure treated wood was used to make telephone poles.

"At this time arsenic was known to be

an acute poison, but its ability to cause cancer at low dose was not generally understood," continued Dr. Steingraber.

For a couple of decades pressure treated wood was a specialty product. Decks, fences or boardwalks were built out of cedar, cypress, fir or other rot resistant species until the 1970s when the price of wood soared. And so it happened that cheap pine injected with a pesticidal formulation became the favorite home-owner's construction material.

Soon pressure treated wood found its way into picnic tables, decks, gazebos and children's playgrounds. In 1978 the EPA began a special review, and ten years later decided to register CCA without restriction on the use of treated wood. This was done despite the fact that CCA treated wood exceeded the Agency's risk criteria for carcinogenicity and that all the other uses for arsenical pesticides had been canceled.

"At this point, almost no one in the general public was aware of the fact that pressure treated wood contained pesticides, nor that those handling it should wear gloves, masks or goggles, nor that food should ever touch it." Then it was discovered that chromium is not much of a binding agent and that the copper and the arsenic leached out, especially if the wood was rained on, adding a new aspect of the problem: water and soil contamination, soil around playgrounds where children often dug with their hands and water that we drank.

While the production of pressure treated wood in the United States has been banned since December of 2003, and most of the playground equipment in the U.S. made of it has been destroyed, on Abaco we are still using pressure treated wood for our constructions without the least concern about the risks involved. As early as 2001, Stauffer's Lumber, based in Pennsylvania and one of the largest producer of pressure treated lumber, had been preparing for the day that CCA would be banned by processing the wood with a new chemical, supposedly less toxic, called copper azole.

"In 2002 about 15 to 20 percent of our sales were the new chemical, copper azole natural select. In 2003 I'd say about 60 percent was the new chemical," said Rick Bare with Stauffer & Sons.

Since 2004 all of that company's wood has been treated with the new chemical.

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News of the Cays

Hope Town Fair Is a Rousing Success

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Overcast skies and blustery winds proved to be a blessing for the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad: It wasn't too hot and it wasn't too cool, and it seemed nearly everyone on Abaco made their way

to Jarrett Park to enjoy the Hope Town Fair on February 15.

There were lots of activity at the fair. One of the most popular booths was the NASCRAB races run by Kevin and Amy Poepelman and Judy and Bill Marx from Lubbers. Crabs with names like Dale Hardshell, Jr. were urged on by eager fans towards the checkered line surrounding the

track. Kids' races were run for prizes and the adults bet on hermits crabs for a 50 percent of the pot. Hope Town Fire and Rescue shirts, cups and key chains were all selling like hot cakes.

Local artist Christine McCully had her face paints out and a long line of clients, so Erika Russell joined in to help out. The town's fire trucks and equipment were on display, as was an update on the new fire station being constructed on the south end of Elbow Cay.

Fund raisers for the day included a 50/50 raffle, a highly successful auction hosted by auctioneer Jim Blumberg, who was not above asking people to top their own bid for such a good cause. The long awaited raffle finally took place around 3 p.m. with an ecstatic James Jocelin from the Harbour's Edge going home with the grand prize, a Rolex watch. Other prizes were a vacation package, a \$100 Bahamas gold coin, round trip tickets to West Palm Beach, gift certificates and dinners.

It couldn't have been a more successful day for a wonderful and very important group.

A Mishap at Hope Town

By Jennifer Hudson

One tends to think of Hope Town as a picture perfect little village, a tourist paradise, where everything is always hunky

dory. However, on February 16 a little jinx arrived to slightly rattle its bones.

I happened to be playing tourist for the day, escorting two of my former roommates from college days in England to see the sights of Hope Town. The first stop, of course, had to be the famous candy-striped lighthouse. After enjoying the wonderful views from the top, we made our way back to the ferry dock where the crew member had told us he would pick us up on his return at 11.30 a.m. to take us over to the other side of the harbour into town.

After standing on the dock for a few minutes, we heard a loud crash and saw some commotion over on the lower dock. We could not see exactly what was going on, but it was obvious something noteworthy had happened. Shortly afterwards, an Abacays barge, which was tied at the dock, began to list badly over to one side, looking as if at any moment it was going to disappear under the water. While all this was taking place, the ferry left the Post Office dock to begin its return journey to Marsh Harbour and soon arrived at the lower dock. After a few minutes, all the passengers got off the ferry onto the dock, and we thought they were just viewing the situation.

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The eager crowd cheers on the NASCRAB racers. The races were part of the Hope Town Fair held on February 15 which benefits the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue. The fair was well attended and added needed funds to go toward building a fire house in White Sound.

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However, we waited and waited for the ferry to come across for us as promised, but it remained where it was. One gentleman standing on the dock with us who had been vacationing and needed to get into Marsh Harbour for his return flight to the United States was becoming increasingly agitated as time went on, as he feared he would miss his flight. He was relieved when a gentleman who was going across on a little boat, gave him a ride over to the stationary ferry.

By that time, another ferry boat had been sent to take that gentleman and the other passengers on board to head full steam ahead for Marsh Harbour. Of course, they

had no time to stop for us as they were already way behind schedule, and people had planes to catch. It looked as if we would have to remain on the lighthouse dock for quite a bit longer until another ferry came along. However, Captain Bob and his family from Cincinnati, some very kindly tourists who were vacationing on a beautiful catamaran, very kindly offered to take us and another couple across the harbour. The other couple was from the States and had been married by Vernon Malone on Tahiti Beach on Valentine's Day.

On arriving at the other side the first thing I did, since I always have an eye open for a story, was to investigate the commotion on the lower dock. The captain of the barge pointed out to me a gaping hole in the

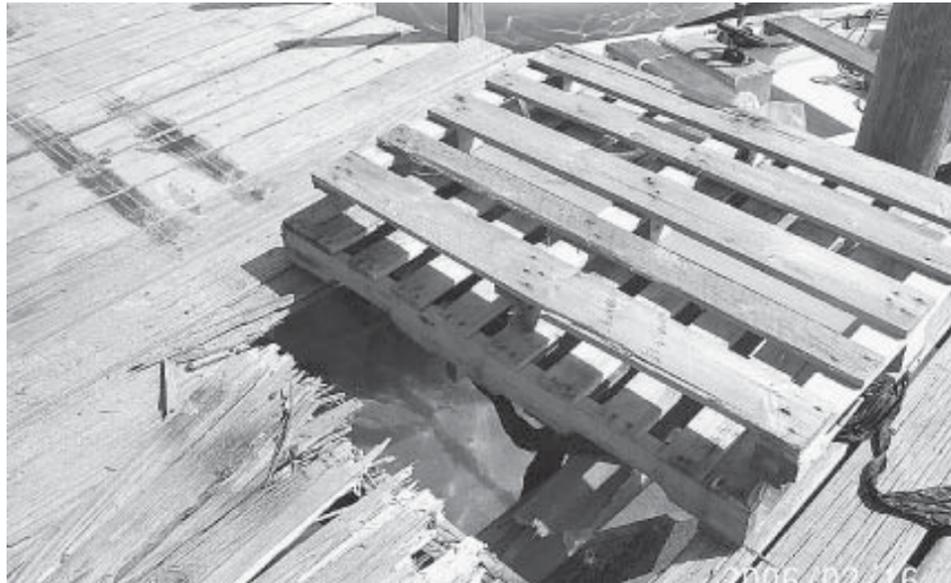
dock about three feet square into which a truck had fallen and become lodged. The truck was being loaded with bags of cement from the Abacays barge when the weight of it caused several of the rotted dock planks to give way. Since it was impossible to drive or push the truck out of the hole, the barge was pressed into service, and its crane was attached to the truck which was eventually hauled out of the hole. This procedure is what had caused the barge to list precariously to one side. Once the truck was out of the hole, the barge returned to its normal equilibrium. Pallets were placed over the hole and, hopefully,

the decking will soon be replaced before another such accident occurs.

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The Lower Dock in Hope Town was the scene of an accident when a truck being loaded with cement broke through the decking of the dock. It took a crane on the Abacays freight boat to raise it out of the hole. Both government docks in Hope Town need work.

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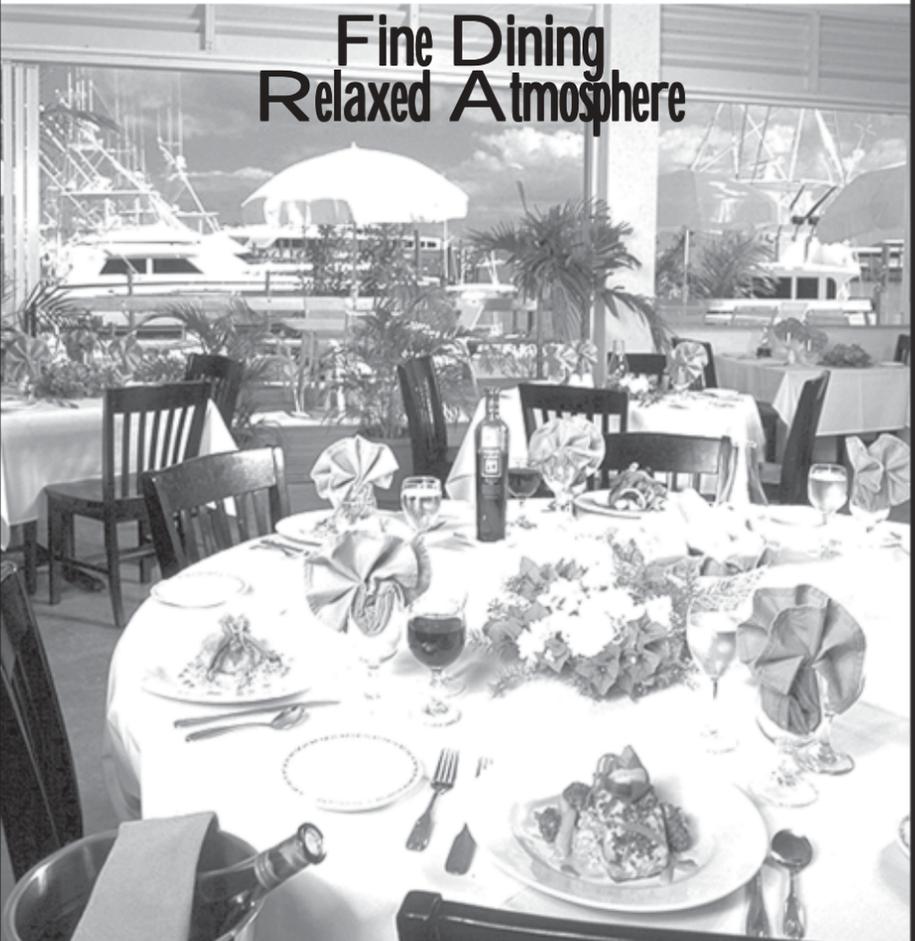
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Work finally began at the Hope Town Primary School. The old building needs much work due to age and hurricanes. The students have been holding classes in three other locations in town which as proved to be very difficult and frustrating. Parents had planned a protest to vent their frustration when a consturction began work.

Cay Topics Hosts Bush Medicine Author

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Cay Topics, Hope Town's luncheon series, hosted Mrs. Martha Hanna-Smith, author of *Bush Medicine* at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on February 28th.

Mrs. Smith kept the audience's attention throughout her talk with examples of a variety of local specimens and their uses. "This is real, not some fairy tale," she assured her listeners as she passed plants around the room. "Over 80 percent of the



Bush Medicine author Martha Hanna-Smith keeps the attention of her audience at Hope Town's Cay Topics luncheon with her knowledge of local plants and their uses.

world relies on herbal medicines." Mrs. Smith has personally done two studies on

the powers of bush medicine. She said that herbal remedies are less toxic than western medicines and have less risk of side effects.

Mrs. Smith extolled the virtues of everyday plants and herbs like garlic, aloe, shepherd's needle, dill seeds, castor tree, sailor's cap and the leaf of life. She can eat up to 10 cloves of garlic a day between meals and adds crushed garlic to teas.

Many of Mrs. Smith's herbal prescriptions can be taken as teas. The plants are boiled in water, strained and then sugar can be added to taste. But it is important to note that not all plants are meant to be taken orally; some need to be made into a paste and applied to the body; others should be used in a bath or applied directly. It is important to use the book as a reference.

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Her book is available in Hope Town at Ebb Tide and in Marsh Harbour at the Chemist Shoppe and Abaco Treasures.

Cay Topics' next speaker will be Dr. Marc Binard, who will speak about his experiences in Haiti on March 21st. To make reservations call the Hope Town Harbour Lodge at 3660095.

Protest Turns to Celebration

By Lindsey Delaplaine

A protest to express anger and frustration about delays on the reconstruction of the Hope Town School turned to a celebration when construction on the school finally started the day before the protest was scheduled.

Although an article about the protest had been featured in the Nassau Tribune on February 25, officials say work started because contract negotiations with a new contractor were finally completed.

The school has been in need of repairs for some time: the roof leaked, the school was infested with insects and the needs of the students had long outgrown the building. Protest organizer Tami Cash said that when she was helping to pack the school to move to their temporary headquarters, she could poke through the walls with her fingers.

The reconstruction will include an expansion which will house a new preschool, high on the priority list for local parents.

Instead of protesting, community residents met the workers with brownies to thank them for their efforts. Mrs. Cash

has suggested that, when residents have the time, it would be a nice gesture to take food or drink to the construction workers.

Baker's Bay Beaches Are Open - to a Limit

By Robert Wilson

"Boater's are always welcome to anchor and enjoy the beaches in Baker's Bay," according to Carter Redd, General Manager of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club. His comments came during an interview to "clear the air" and address apparent concerns that visitors were being chased away by the resort property's security personnel. An account entitled *Had A Bad Experience*, appeared in The Abaconian's Letters to the Editor section, March 1st edition.

"Our security guards are encouraged to be more like ambassadors than guards," he added, "and Baker's Bay is no different than anywhere in the Bahamas, where all beaches have public access."

When asked to comment on the company's reported "off limits" policy, Redd said, "We would like for everyone to enjoy our beaches, and we encourage visitors to join with us in protecting the dune structures as well. To that end our personnel have instructions to welcome all visitors and encourage them to enjoy the beaches. However, we do ask that for everyone's safety that any onshore activity be limited to those public areas at or below the high water mark."

"In response to the Letters report," continued the general manager, "challenging anyone's right to be on the beach is unacceptable and most regrettable."

No Carnival This Year

Timothy Roberts, local coordinator for the carnival, regrets that due to shipping problems the carnival is unable to come to Abaco. Various freight companies were contacted but no

boats were available to bring the equipment from Grand Bahama. Mr. Roberts sincerely regrets the disappointment that Abaco residents may have over this cancellation.

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Central Abaco News

An Evening Cruise on the Legacy

By Mirella Santillo

On February 25th over 200 people gathered on the M/V *Legacy* for an evening of fun at sea, according to Mr. Stretch Morley, one of the organizers.

Because it was very windy that evening, Captain Black kept the boat in water under 15 feet deep for a smoother ride. The ship left the government freight dock around 8 p.m. returning about midnight.

The price of the cruise was \$20 and for an additional \$8 the passengers enjoyed chicken souse prepared by Mrs. Greta Culmer of M & R Food Store. Mixed drinks for \$5 and beer for \$4 were available.

Senior Administrator, Mr. Revis Rolle, was one of the passengers enjoying the evening. Mr. Morley said the event was a great success and another cruise on the M/V *Legacy* might be planned in the near future.

The proceeds of the event will go to funding for the All Abaco Regatta planned for July 19th to 22nd. The All Abaco Regatta is the Bahamian work boat regatta which has been held in previous years in the fall off Green Turtle Cay. This year the regatta races will take place in the Marsh Harbour area including Parker's Landing in Dundas Town and the festivities will take place at the Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour.

In the meantime Mr. Morley is planning another fund raising event, a musical festi-

val at the Goombay Park on March 25. Bahamian celebrities including KB, Ronnie Butler and Basil, accompanied by a back-up band will perform. Tickets for that evening will be \$30. Mark your calendars.

Auskell Clinic Holds Open House

By Jennifer Hudson

Mrs. Angie Collie, Managing Director of the Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic,

and her staff welcomed people to an open house at the clinic on February 28. Mrs. Collie stated that while the open house was for anyone in the community, it actually came about as a result of the Healthcare and Emergency Services Seminar held on February 15 at the Abaco Beach Resort at which various medical service providers

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About 200 party-goers enjoyed a midnight cruise on the M/V *Legacy* on February 25. They enjoyed music, food and drink, all helping to fund the All Abaco Regatta scheduled for July 19-22. This regatta is for Bahamian work boats that come from other islands in the southern part of The Bahamas. Abaco boasts one of the boats, the *Abaco Rage*, which is based in Hope Town. It was constructed in Man-O-War in the 1970s.



Mrs. Angie Collie, manager of the Auskell Clinic in Marsh Harbour, hosted land-based visitors, boaters and locals in an Open House to let everyone know what the clinic offers in medical health care. She was proud of the extensive equipment that the clinic has. The clinic brings in many doctors monthly, most are highly trained specialists. The specialists who come to Abaco add to the medical expertise available here.

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spoke of the many services offered. As a result of several requests from boaters and winter residents to view the clinic, Mrs. Collie offered the opportunity to find out more at an open house.

In addition to bringing interested visitors up to date on all the facilities and services offered by the doctors and specialists, she also featured their newest equipment.

A new Doppler Ultrasound machine is now in use in the physical therapy room.



Solomon's SuperCenter manager, Mr. Deano Duncombe, presented Mrs. Anne Albury of Treasure Cay a gift card worth \$5200 during the course of a year. She had won the raffle that the store offered over the Christmas holidays.

Sandra Watkins, an ultrasound technician from Fort Lauderdale, sees patients here once a month and uses this machine which is also used by the physiotherapists on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs. Collie says that it is a very useful test that uses sound waves to create images and sounds of your blood flow. This test can detect narrow or blocked arteries or blood clots in the veins. A hand-held probe placed against the skin emits sound waves which bounce off the moving blood and echo back to the probe. The echo is translated into an image that appears on the screen; the test involves no radiation and is harmless. It is often used on diabetic patients and for patients with swelling in the legs (PAD). Abdominal ultrasound, pelvic ultrasound, and Transthoracic Echo for checking the heart are also offered.

Laboratory services are now offering new additional blood tests and results can be obtained the same day. Urine tests are now available for drug screening: marijuana, cocaine and heroin.

Mrs. Collie was pleased to point out the additional lines offered of Dr. Comfort shoes and boots, which she said are in great demand by diabetics, BEC employees and others who have to be on their feet all day. Anodyne therapy, another branch of foot care offered at the clinic, increases microcirculation and reduces pain.

A line of popular Maui Jim shades (sun glasses) is now offered and several new lines of designer eyeglass frames.

The Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic is located in the Garnet Archer Plaza, one block east of the traffic light. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 367-0020. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

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nature which secured her this super prize. "I feel you've put in great effort to do this, and I feel very grateful and will put this to great use."

New Abaco General Manager for Solomon's, Mr. Deano Duncombe, delivered the gift card which will be electronically filled with \$100 "fresh" shopping dollars every week for the next year. Mr. Duncombe proudly presented this mother of three and grandmother of five her gift card and explained the benefits of having won this first ever Solomon's Supersweeps. Ultimately, Mrs. Albury will win \$5,200

in FREE groceries.

Mrs. Albury enjoys taking care of family and will most likely keep doing what she has always been doing with the help of the bonus grocery dollars. "I'll probably be cooking and spend it with family as well. I already spend \$200 or more, so this comes in handy!"

Shoppers who spent \$50 or more were entered into the drawing which was held on January 31st, 2006.

Planning for a New Library

By Mirella Santillo

Librarian Mr. David Smith and Marsh Harbour Chief Councillor, Mrs. Yvonne Key, are making plans to build a new library.

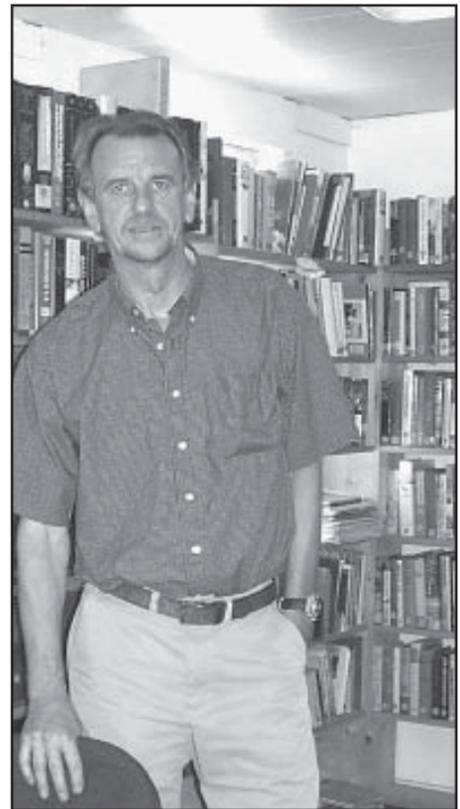
The present library is located on a parcel of Crown Land which was under a month to month agreement with the government until February 2006. Since the signing of a 99-year lease, more permanent plans can now be considered.

"The new building will house not only the library, but also a museum which Marsh Harbour is badly lacking, a thrift shop for the Cancer Society, a meeting place for AA and a conference room," explained Mrs. Key.

This is an ambitious endeavor which will require a minimum of \$200,000 dollars, according to Mrs. Key and Mr. Smith, the two people the most actively involved in the project. They are hoping for generous donations of the local residents and businesses to finance the enterprise, since no government funds are available.

The first Marsh Harbour library was located on Soldier Road by the side of the present day Memorial Plaza in a building housing Batelco, the jail and the police station. For many years Mrs. Sylvia Cottis opened it regularly. When the old building was demolished in 1989, the library was moved to the District Education Officer's office in Dove Plaza for a few years. However, the books were put into storage when the DEO needed to remodel his office to have more space for his staff sometime after 1992.

From that time the town remained without a library until it was reopened on February 28th, 1998," recalls Mrs. Key, who was instrumental in its re-



Mr. David Smith of Eastern Shores is shown in the Marsh Harbour Community Libirry. He assists Mrs. Yvonne Key in managing the library. Plans are being made to construct a new building that will house the library and other community organizations.

opening.

Operated strictly by volunteers from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., four days a week, the library is housed in a building built by Owens-Illinois as a clinic for its

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Car Wash Raises Money for Band



The Abaco Youth Police Marching Band is raising money that they need for uniforms, travel expense and instruments. On February 25 they orgnaized a car wash in the lot across from Memorial Plaza. They were pleased with the number of jobs they had.

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resident doctor, Dr. Ejnar Gottlieb. It shares the space with the Cancer Society and the AA. Located in a flood zone, it weathered several hurricanes which have left it in disrepair.

"The foundation sank, the roof leaks and we need a bigger space," explained Mrs. Key.

In spite of the decrepit state of the building, "The library is very well appointed with recent publications," said Mr. Smith. "Most of them are donated by second home owners or tourists when they leave."

It has many sections set up according to the Dewey reference system. The main room, which doubles as reception and reading room, contains the hardbacks, reference books and encyclopedias.

The second room is sectioned by book shelves packed with novels, classics, fiction and non fiction, and children books. The third room is the computer and internet room. It started with one computer donated by Abaco Wholesale. It now has eight computers and desks, all donated.

Mr. Smith mentioned that 80 percent of the members are students who come after school to study and take advantage of the help provided by the adult on duty. A teacher from Abaco Central High School, Mrs. Isobel Sherman, volunteers three days a week in the computer room, familiarizing children with the internet. Membership for students is a minimal \$4 per year; it allows them to borrow four books at a

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The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club held its annual Commodore's Ball on February 17th at Abaco Beach Resort. Commodore Dave Bluto welcomed over 90 members and their guests to an evening of dining and dancing which was the finale to an entire week of activities celebrating the club's 25th Anniversary. He is shown here along with Mrs. Cathy Sales in charge of ticket sales and Mrs. Sue Vallerie, organizer. The club holds monthly socials for the members who are in the area. The club also has several satellite clubs in the U.S. for members when they are in their home area.



The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club members enjoyed a dinner and dancing afterwards at the Commodore's Ball held at Abaco Beach Resort.

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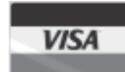


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More Central Abaco News

Entertainer Raises Funds for Anglican Church Women



Jessie Pearl, a Bahamian entertainer from Nassau, made her first visit to Abaco on February 25. She was brought to Abaco by the Anglican Church Women to raise money for their church which is undergoing repairs. She has been entertaining audiences since 1998 and made for a fun-filled evening attended by about 100.



Also appearing at the Anglican Church Women's program were several of Abaco's beautiful young ladies modeling clothes of their choosing. They were under the direction of Taka, a local beautician.

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time for two weeks without any extra charges.

"The other 20 percent of members are adult females interested in the romantic section," explained Mr. Smith. Membership for adults is \$10 per year; they are also allowed to borrow up to four books for \$.25 each for a two-week period.

Both Mrs. Key and Mr. Smith are very enthusiastic about the prospect of a new structure. Local architect, Mr. Tim Neal, has already provided preliminary sketches for the building which will be located on higher ground than the present one. A building similar to the New Vision Church's is being considered, but no decision will be made until the amount of money available is known.

Mr. Smith, a second home owner on Abaco since 1998 with a background in architecture has been appointed funds collector. "I will dedicate as much time as possible to fund raising," he said.

Mrs. Key commented, "The project is definitely in the making. We are very excited and anxious to move to a new location."

South Abaco

Moore's Island

By Ruthamae Rolle

The following is an up-date on our Sports Competition. The competition was held on February 22 and 23 among three house groups - Lobsters, Sharks, and Marlins. The students competed in both track and field events. The official opening was decreed by Mr. Rudolph Smith, District Superintendent. Mr. Frank Hepburn, President of Abaco Principals' Association, was also in attendance and delivered remarks. The meet was officiated by parent volunteers led by Pastor Anthony Williams. The crowd was entertained by lively performances by the cheerleaders from the various "houses." The students from the three preschools on the island also competed in the 50m dash. The Most Outstanding Female Athlete was Francheska McBride and the Most Outstanding Male Athlete was Antoin Davis. They are both athletes of Marlins house.

The winning house was the Marlins, champions for the past three years, followed by Sharks, and Lobsters came in third. The two days were very exciting as was anticipated. Parents and sports enthusiasts on the island came out and supported the athletes. Students are now looking forward to the district and national competitions.

We are also having a reading competition that is will be completed next week.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for *Firstina Simms*, 74, of Moore's Island was held on March 4 at Zion Baptist Church in Hard Bargain, Moore's Island. Pastor Nixon Simms officiated assisted by Pastor Preston Knowles and other ministers. Interment was in the Hard Bargain Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter Daisymae Stuart; sons Lealon and David Simms; step son-in-law Elmore Rolle; daughter-in-law Rosena Rolle; son-in-law Dudley Stuart Sr; grandchildren Masheva Davis, Dudley Jr, Melissa, Audley and Sharissa Stuart, Shawn, Shane, Jermaine and Sherise Simms, Debrah Stuart, Zelwin Smith Davincy, David, Leonardo, Ashron, Ashley, Davine and Shonere Simms; great-grandchildren Sasha, Marsha and Manic Davis, Oneil Stephon and Jaquohn Stuart; granddaughter-in-law Matthew Davis; brothers-in-law Alfred Simms and Roland Stuart; sisters-in-law Martha and Manoyva Simms; nieces Bulahmae, Patsy, Lucinda, Evalyn, Meltina, Shanty, Carolyn, Evane, Hilda, Sybiline, Emily, Glorya, Genaive, Sherly, Ulease and Loretta; nephews Alfred, Simeon, Roland, Jeff, Nixon, Isreal, Linton and Randol; godchildren Audrey, Sonamae, Freeman, Ronald and Trevor; and many relatives and friends.

The funeral for *Elizabeth Saunders*, 74, of Treasure Cay and formerly of Mangrove Cay, Andors, was held on March 4 in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, John Saunders; sons, Edward, Johnny, Nathan and Bertram Saunders, Joseph Sweeting, Kent, and Terry Hodgkins;

daughters Rudell Swain, Joan Knowles, Sandra Smith and Alice Higgs; brothers Allington and Hubert Morrison, Cardinal Green and Busta Morley; sisters Maria Cox, Paula Bell, Rosemary Dos Santos and Francois Rolle; brothers-in-law Eric Cox, Clifton Rolle, Matias Dos Santos, Bertell Pratt, Harold, Ralph and Henry Saunders; sisters-in-law Ida Morrison, Pearlee, Ethel Green, Zeldia Gray, Marian and Beauty Saunders; sons-in-law Adrian Smith, Johnnie Knowles and Jerome Higgs; daughters-in-law Joyclyn and Jennifer Saunders, Christine Swain, Katie Hodgkins and Melonie Hodgkins; grandchildren Stacey and Leanqusha Swain, Linke Pinder, Harriett Bain, Daniel Stuart, Edwin Greene, Sandra and Jill Sweeting, Terrell, T. J. and Timesha Russell, Deangelo, Denyel and Alicia Turnquest, J. J. Jayvado and Joniece Knowles, Oquendo and Sandrian Smith, Javoun and John Saunders, Bertrinique and B. J. Saunders, T.J. Hodgkins, AJ, Chelson and Crashanda Swain and Andy Moxey; great-grandchildren Pria, Olivia, Darius, Jayquan, Kal Janea, Reineka, Bruce, Bre, L.J and Dandre; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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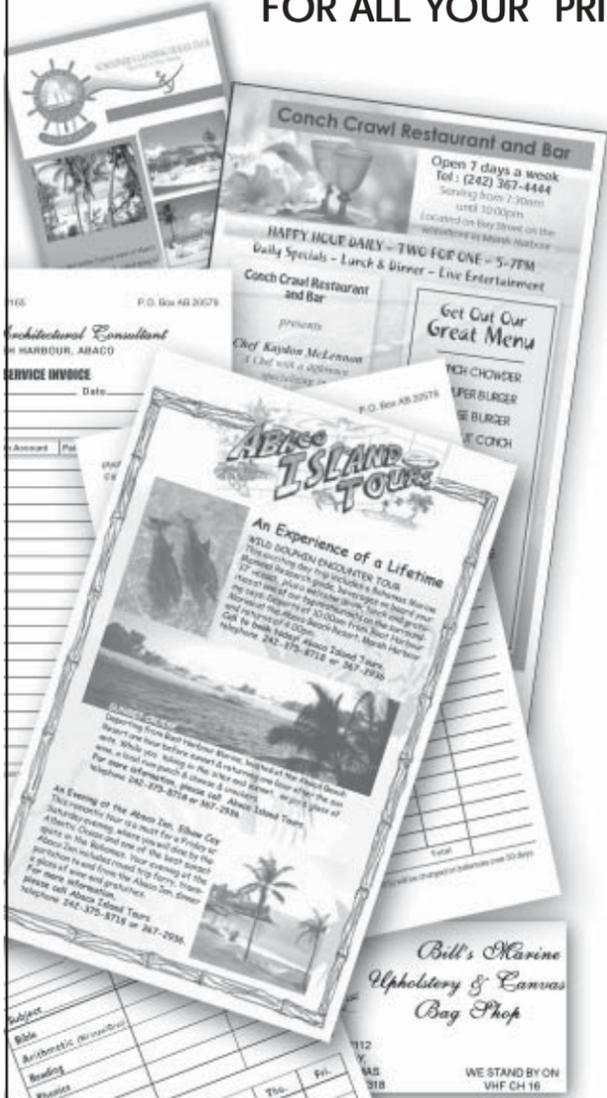
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The People Behind the Cruisers' Net

By Robert Wilson

In Marsh Harbour many Abaconians and visitors get out of bed slowly with the morning light streaming in their windows or port-holes. Some may even hit their snooze alarm for a few extra winks. This does not happen at Blue Dolphin, Pattie and Bob Toler's villa and home of the Abaco Cruisers' Net on VHF marine radio.

Almost everyone who lives on Abaco or visits Abaco is familiar with Pattie and Bob Toler by name. However, very few can appreciate how orchestrated and demanding their morning routine has become. As hosts of the morning Abaco Cruisers' Net, they rarely have time for a relaxing morn-

ing cup of coffee or enjoying the beauty of a sunrise as it quietly rises above the neighboring cays and Abaco Sound.

Pattie says, "Everyday, it's up at 5 a.m., opening the house and updating the website by 6 a.m. Bob is gathering the weather from a variety of sources and that has to be completed before we go on the air at 8:15. But people start calling or sending faxes with community announcements or upcoming events around 7." According to Bob, "When we came to Abaco, we were looking for a place to retire; and now we usually have five hours of work in before ten o'clock, seven days a week!"

Cruising Nets are not new to cruisers, but the Abaco Cruisers' Net has a long standing reputation as being somewhat of a VHF-radio version of television's popular Today Show or Good Morning America. It has excelled in integrating the needs of visitors and Abaconians with a welcoming spirit of the community, presenting weather, news, invitations to local events and restaurants, greetings of arrivals and departures and emergency communications. "It's like from

8:15 until 9 in the morning everything stops or at least everybody is listening," a first-time visitor recently commented.

The first local net began in the mid-1990s as a voluntary effort among those cruising the area. In fact, when Pattie and Bob ventured to Abaco from Solomons Island, Maryland, aboard their Ted Hood 38 *Candide*, they volunteered to help out. That was the only thing she ever volunteered for, and since then the couple has been invited to get involved in one thing after another. Pattie's avocation of community support was born. After years of world traveling and searching for an ideal spot to retire from the aerospace industry, where Bob and Pattie met, they decided Abaco deserved serious consideration.

Like so many others, the Tolers felt that the area had everything they ever wanted. Pattie said, "At first, we were at Man-O-War Cay. English was the language, and we were in close proximity to the U.S. in case of an emergency. When we first arrived, the anchorage was so full you could literally walk from boat to boat across Eastern Harbour."

Cruising activities were then focused around Marsh Harbour and at night one of a variety of restaurants would feature an evening special. Pattie, operating aboard *Candide*, would announce these specials and announce upcoming events of interest to

cruisers on the Net.

Marsh Harbour was, and still remains today, the hub for taking on provisions, commercial activities and the picking up of guests. The Tolers decided to dock the boat there.

"I guess it was Christmas Eve day during the winter of 1997 that we began the Abaco Cruisers' Net as it's known today," Bob explained. "I had tried my hand at doing the weather on Radio Abaco with my friend Silbert Mills, and it was there the name Barometer Bob was coined by an old military pal of mine, Sinclair Frederick. After a couple of broadcasts, it was decided that I didn't have the radio voice they were looking for, and I was fired. About that time computers were becoming common place and Sinclair helped me put together my own website." Thus BarometerBob.com was started.

In 1994 their pet dog broke its back. Getting on and off the boat became a chore. Recognizing that Abaco had met their expectations of paradise, they purchased Blue Dolphin, a lovely and peaceful villa on the Eastern Shore overlooking the gorgeous aquamarine Abaco Sound to the north with Man-O-War and Elbow Cay to the east. Blue Dolphin is also the VHF call-sign used by the couple.

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Pattie and Bob Toler spend hours every day to produce the Cruisers' Net. It is on the VHF every morning at 8:15 giving information, weather, announcements and news of interest. Boaters and landlubbers alike listen to it for information.

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"It wasn't necessarily the extra room, but Blue Dolphin has enabled us to get better organized," relates Pattie. They now have hi-speed internet access courtesy of OII.net and Cocotels.net which permits them to receive emergency email messages for cruisers 24-hours a day. According to Pattie, "We encourage cruisers to leave the < cruisers @ o i i . n e t > or < cruisers@cocotels.net> as an emergency email contact address for their friends and family should that become necessary." Pattie said, "We can always reach them on the VHF radio during or after the Net or request the marinas to check their records and assist us in locating them."

Bob has been able to extend his weather gathering capabilities. For the 8:15 a.m. morning Cruisers' Net he develops his forecasts from a variety of sources. Coupled with his personal knowledge and visual observations, he is then able to prepare a more detailed local forecast. Their website, < www.barbometerbob.com> provides local weather and updated forecasts based upon information gathered from various weather instruments and cameras remotely located on Man-O-War, Guana Cay and Elbow Cay. Cruisers are able to have 24-hour access to his reports which are updated throughout the day via the internet.

Almost everyone on Abaco will tell you that the Tolers have "totally committed themselves" since retirement and have become a vital link to the communities outreach to visiting yachtsmen. In 1999 when Hurricane Floyd lingered for

days over Abaco as a Category 3 storm, they housed a group of Ham radio operators and helped conduct an emergency net until communications were restored. Authorities in Nassau could not compre-

hend the barometric pressures Bob was reporting and, until his report, had no plans in the works to provide support on Abaco. Pattie made arrangements for local pet owners to take their animals to

Blue Dolphin as there was no other safe haven. Pattie said, "I told them we pre-

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New Track Club Is Formed

By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco Flyers Track Club was founded in October of 2005 by Mr. Jerry Wisdom for the purpose of training young people in Track and Field competition with the ulterior goal of acquiring college scholarships in United

States universities.

"I started with one student," said Mr. Wisdom, "Karem Parker, then came Zinnia Miller, now I have about ten athletes." The group practices at St. Francis de Sales School every day after school.

Mr. Wisdom, a Nassuvian by birth

with strong family ties to Abaco, said, "I belonged to the Bain Town Flyers Club founded in the early 70s and was a coach there. Out of that club came several Olympian athletes such as Frank Ruhterford, Pauline Davis, Savetheda Fynes and Troy Kemp, the later to become world champion in high jump."

So far, the first two athletes participated in two meets. At the Neymour Classic in Freeport Zinnia placed third in the 400m and Karem second in his category. At the Star Trackers in Nassau on February 4th Zinnia won the high jump and placed fourth in the 400m. Karem placed sixth in the 400m and ninth in the 200m races which were held as open competition. He ran these two races with athletes older than he is and even some olympian participants.

Mr. Wisdom is presently preparing them for the National High School Championship which will take place in Nassau on March 16th to 18th. He said that there are very promising new young athletes on Abaco, one of them is Daren Bethel in the under 20 category, and among the Haitian youth Nadaige Dumercy, Rosena Jonassaint and Edline Dumercy in the under 17. The club dues are \$2 per month and members are looking for sponsors to cover traveling and other expenses.



The newly formed Abaco Flyers Track Club had a table at the Treasure Cay Yard Sale on March 4 to raise money for travel expense. The club is under the direction of Mr. Jerry Wisdom, who feels that there are quite a few very promising athletes on Abaco. He is hoping to train them so they will be able to earn scholarships to U.S. colleges and universities.

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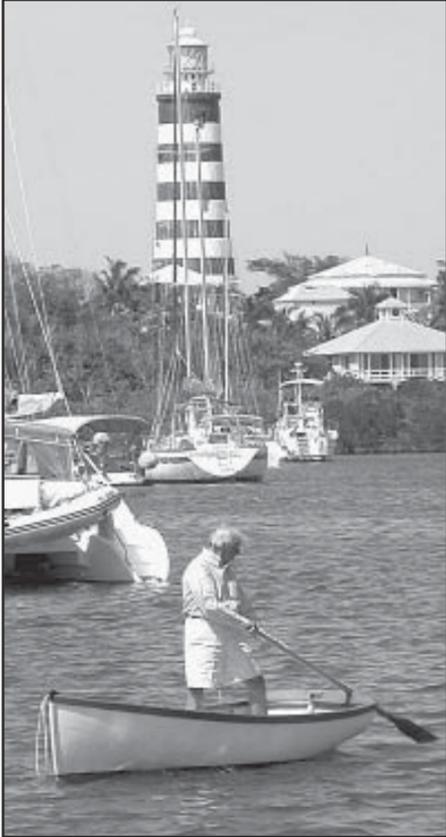
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This year's celebration was organized through a joint effort of the board members Curator and Vice president, Mr. Tony Bennett; Secretary Mrs. Elaine Bennett; Chairperson Mrs. Suzanne Bethel; Vice President of the museum's functions Mrs. Candace Key; and Mrs. Debbie Patterson.

The celebration was blessed with the brief presence of an unusual visitor, a brown pelican that flew majestically over the assembly.



Hope Town native Chester Thompson demonstrates sculling to crowds watching on the dock during Heritage Day on March 3

Town Meetings *From Page 7*

Mr. Hall echoed each town's desire to control its own affairs. The Guana Cay residents were generally satisfied with the representation of their one Councillor, Mr. Glen Laing. However, they felt that it was not fair representation when Man-O-War and Hope Town can control the affairs of Guana Cay. Mr. Hall suggested they lobby their politicians for changes to the Local Government Act.

To Mr. Hall's zoning proposals related to major developments, a Guana Cay native wanted large developments banned all together. He noted that the successful growth of the three cays has been based on slow small incremental investments. He wanted this proven economic model to continue rather than the huge "anchor resorts" which government seems to prefer for each island.

Those present asked for measures to prevent the Baker's construction workers from speeding through town at all hours of the night. They also alleged that most of these vehicles are unlicensed.

At one point Mr. Hall was obliged to defend his position as Chief Councillor and justify the work he and the Council members had put into the White Paper. He explained that this exercise was an attempt to give the residents control of their affairs and that they were free to pursue other methods that they thought would be fruitful. They conceded that this attempt was worth continuing. They emphasized the need for local Town Planning decisions and either to have their own Council or to have equal representation on the existing council.

The fourth meeting in each of the three towns will delve into proposed zoning and ask for suggestions from the residents of each town.

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ferred those in cages, but for those that didn't have them, we would make do." And they did.

Bob and Pattie were invited to actively involve themselves in the areas Emergency Preparedness Group, and they take these responsibilities most seriously. According to Bob, "With a hurricane you know it's coming and you can make plans, but it's the waterspouts and tornadoes that come up occasionally that scare me. We now know that our home and base of operations will withstand a Force Four storm, and that our generator will keep us up and let us do what we can to help others on Abaco."

Some may wonder why anyone would commit themselves to such a lifestyle. "Every morning something is funny, there's a giggle everyday, and we've made a very long list of lifetime friends," say Pattie. "From time to time visiting cruisers will volunteer to report sports scores, gather news headlines and will handle the entire Net when I lose my voice or need to sneak out of town for a day or two." And speaking about the Net, she adds, "We've never missed a day - Never!"

She offered an example. "One morning a lady called into the Net wanting to know what kind of paperwork she would need to fill out to get her pet chicken back to the U.S. My initial reaction was to tell her to call the Colonel."

On a more serious note, a sailor involved in a transatlantic offshore race telephoned Pattie very late one night using his cell phone. His boat was dismantled. Knowing that he could no longer continue in the race, he was attempting to make way to Abaco. He had heard of the Cruisers' Net but had never visited Abaco. "Abaconians came out of the woodwork when I called them," Pattie related. "The community enthusiastically responded with everything conceivable to assist the man. When he finally arrived and witnessed the community outpouring, he just broke down crying."

"We've seen a lot of changes in 20 years," she adds, "And because we love what we do, we still sleep with the VHF on. Here on Abaco it is still possible to address things on a personal level. When you come here, you will find that it is the interaction the cruisers have with the community that can lead to some of life's most important experiences. Bob and I enjoy watching it happen."

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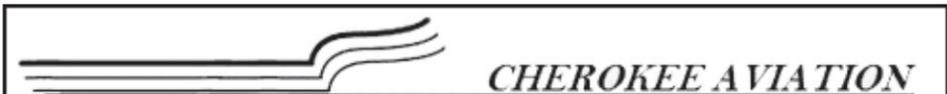
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Notice Concerning Goombay Park

We wish to advise that Goombay Park will be ready for the 2006 Goombay Summers Festival under the Management of the Marsh Harbour Management Board. The Board will further advise on clarification of Rental Agreements for all concession stands.

Because of the numerous complaints lodged with the Town Committee concerning the traffic congestion of the roads along Queen Elizabeth Drive, it is our recommendation that the 2006 Christmas Festival be held at Goombay Park.

We also wish to inform that The All Abaco Regatta will be held at Goombay Park and July 19-22, 2006 and that consideration should be given to those dates in your planning for Goombay Summer.

Also the July 4th Regatta Party that was previously held at the Crossing Beach will now be held at Goombay Park.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Yvonne Key,
Chairperson, Marsh Harbour
Town Committee



The dock at Goombay Park will be used for the ferries that have been using the Union Jack dock to transport workmen to Guana Cay and Scotland Cay. The Union Jack dock area has become too congested to accommodate the traffic and parking.

Marsh Harbour Shore Line Clean-Up Challenge Is Set for April 1

By Niels West on the West Wind

The Marsh Harbour cruising fleet is being challenged to clean up the town waterfront. Someone must have observed how much "stuff" has accumulated along the shore line. Much of it remains from two hurricanes in 2004 and one in 2005. We think it would be a good contribution to the community and visitors alike.

We have taken the liberty of speaking to the Ministry of Tourism representative in Marsh Harbour as well as Lindsey McCoy and Anita Knowles at the Friends of the Environment organization. The Ministry of Tourism has promised support in terms of plastic bags, gloves and a couple of chain saws. Friends is supporting the effort by mass producing a

flyer.

We propose that those willing to contribute a few hours meet at the government dock (Union Jack dock) at 9 a.m. With a little luck we should have the job done by noon.

We hope to have support of the local community and in that regard plan to contact the manager of Marsh Harbour Marina, the editor of The Abaconian, community churches, Governor General's Your Award organization and others. Please contact me if you have other ideas of possible contacts.

You can reach me at the Marsh Harbour Marina and Jib Room or e-mail <niels_West@yahoo.com>

Hope to see you on April 1.

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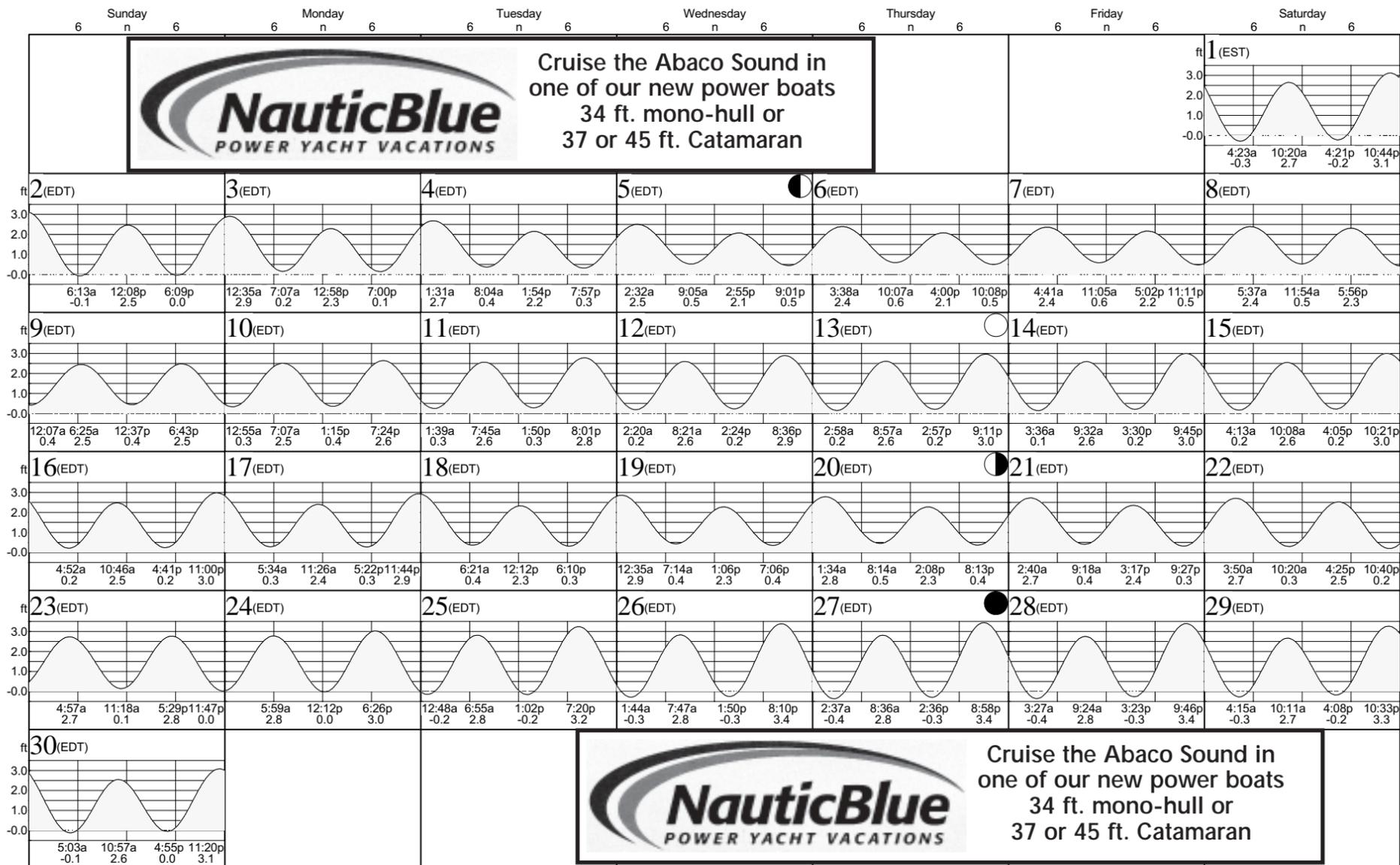
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Letters

From Page 9

Are we aware of these facts here on Abaco?

Has our water been tasted for arsenic content? Or is the limestone a good enough filter? Should not there be stronger regulations about its importation in our country and its disposal? Unless disposed of in lined landfills, arsenic will leak into the ground and contaminate the water system.

Our lives are endangered, the lives of our children are endangered, and we let it happen.

Would it not be worth it on the long run to use safer woods, even if more expensive and maybe not as long lasting? Cancer has become rampant on the islands. Has anyone associated this fact with the mass importation of chemicals during the last decades: pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, genocides?

While waiting for the government to ban the importation of wood treated with CCA, measures should be taken to dispose of it safely and not burn it. Construction workers who are exposed to it on a regular basis should wear gloves and breathing masks when handling, sawing or nailing the wood.

Also keep in mind that the popular red and green-dyed wood chips used in landscaping mulch are made from salvaged arsenic-treated lumber. The dye is used to cover up the greenish tint of treated lumber.

A concerned Abaconian

A Letter to Batelco

Bahamas Telephone Company, Limited
Attention: Mr. Leon Williams, President
Dear Sir,

Re: Internet Service Interruptions

Once again, I find myself unable to access my Batelnet account. My efforts to log

on over this entire weekend have been met with the message "unable to log on - invalid user." This is very curious, as my account is paid up to date.

This is a recurring problem, and calls to your so-called 24-hour customer service line have resulted in my being informed "There's no one in that department now, please call back after 9:00 a.m. the next working day." That is of little comfort to my preparing my lesson for the next school day or my son seeking to complete an assignment for school. On average, I find I am unable to access Batelnet 25 percent of the time - a poor record by any standard. So far, letters to Batelco have gone unanswered - not even the courtesy of an acknowledgment.

As I use the Internet for personal and professional reasons, it is, indeed, greatly frustrating that this message is received much more frequently than it should, and the subsequent call for service is met with an equally decrepit response. Previous complaints to corporate management have never elicited a response. Regrettably, I live in Treasure Cay where we do not have access to Coralwave, or I would have changed my Internet service provider long ago.

I should be most grateful, Sir, if this matter is investigated and the necessary corrections made at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Carey

cc The Public Utilities Commission, the Minister of Works and Utilities, the Press

Quo vadis, Marsh Harbour?

To the Editor:

As we chug along into 2006, one cannot help but wonder just which direction we are headed.

At a quick guess it would seem that there are twice as many houses as in the Peas and Mud as there are in the rest of Marsh Harbour. Perhaps officialdom could supply the total number of houses and the number of persons living in these two areas.

The reason for this is pretty obvious. If I were unfortunate enough to be in Haiti, I'd be on whatever means of transport was leaving for wherever. Anywhere would be preferable to there. Regardless of status on arrival things could only be better (even if by the smallest of margins). The "survive at any cost" would, of course, still apply just as it did in Haiti. Lessons learned in the school of Hard Knocks aren't ever forgotten.

Somewhere these figures come to mind. In its 200 plus years as an independent nation, Haiti has had some 40 governments. There have been more than 30 dictatorships and more than half of these have been dictators taking over from dictators! How can these people be expected to have any idea whatsoever about the rule of law?

The situation in the Peas, Mud, Sandbank and other areas have come about because these "survivors" have taken advantage of housing codes and land ownership not being enforced. They have been allowed to do this by those elected to use the rule of laws, which they have passed to regulate housing, land ownership and employment laws. Also those who employ these "survivors," with few exceptions, do not see that their employees have legal housing.

The Bahamas have never really had to "survive at any cost." Yes, "tings tuff," but we have come from a colony to self government to independence without blood

shed. We had Burma Road and the mace through the window (moments of political frustration) but by comparison to the so-called elections in Haiti, the Bahamas has always been a paradise.

• So where do we go from here? Wherever it is, let's get started.

• How about an essay written by each prospective applicant for permanent residence, written in passable English of course!

• Let's get this subdivision going. Each lot could be leased to the proposed occupant and his or her employer for a period of five (or ten) years. Number of buildings and/or total square footage should be incorporated in the lease. There should be specified scheduled improvements. If these aren't met, the lease would be cancelled - right now. When the improvements have been made, the lessee and/or his employer could purchase the land.

• How about odd surprise visits to work sites by immigration officials? A couple of substantial fines would get everybody's attention - particularly if this was in addition to a one way ticket to Haiti for both employee and employer!

• This is by no means the total answer, but it's a start.

• The alternate - lessons in Creole and a change in the language used in both of those houses on Bay Street.

The facts - there are 8,000,000 of them and less than a half million of us. That makes the odds 16/1. Not good if you are on the one side.

A Concerned Resident

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Guana Beach Resort 6 units 365-5133
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Harbour View Haven 365-5028
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Lubbers Quarters

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Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
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Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

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Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
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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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Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
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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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Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
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
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Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
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Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
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T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
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T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Points of Interest	
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Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
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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 > Man-O-War 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach	
10:30 am	12:15 pm 2:30* (M-Sat) 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* (M-Sat) 4:30
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Hope Town	
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Man-O-War	
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Barefoot Man's Concert Draws 2000 George Novak Held His Tenth Concert at Nippers

By Robert Wilson

The much anticipated concert of George Novak, known as the Barefoot Man, was held at Nippers Beach Bar on Guana Cay.

Johnny Roberts, owner of Nippers, had a smile on his face as party goers turned out in large numbers on March 5th to enjoy what has become the Annual Barefoot Man Concert at Nippers Beach Bar. The weatherman cooperated and the crowd estimated at more than 2000 had a beautiful day to enjoy the food, music and dancing along one of the most picturesque stretches of beach on Abaco.

In the company of Sea n B' (the Chuck and Barrie duo) and Abaco's own Stone McEwan, the Barefoot Man created the momentum to keep many of the beach side revelers dancing into the late hours as he continued to demonstrate to his fans his fun-loving wit and humor and the calypso-reggae beat that got him started some 30 years ago.

Two hits from his latest *Gone Coconutz* CD, *Ivan* and *My Insurance Man*, were enthusiastically received. The songs focused on the songwriter's personal experiences dealing with Hurricane Ivan in which he personally lost his home as the Category 5 storm slammed into Grand

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The Barefoot Man performs yearly at Nippers Beach Bar on Guana Cay to a very dedicated enthusiastic audience. This year's concert was held on March 5 to a capacity crowd at the oceanfront restaurant and bar. He came with Sea n B and included local musician Stone McEwan in his concert.

Don't Miss These Events

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| Abaco Inn's Annual Artists' Luncheon | March 18 |
| Forest Heights Academy Fling | March 25 |
| All Abaco Regatta Concert - Goombay Park | March 25 |

Disaster Response Workshop Trained Volunteers



A group of 24 volunteers from every part of Abaco took part in a five-day workshop to train them in responding to any disaster that could come to their community. Training included response to fires, rescue operations, basic medical training and hurricane disasters. Their training included a simulated hurricane disaster with injured persons.

By Portia Jonsson

On February 23rd - 27th the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy held an intense and informative five-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Workshop at the Parish Hall with over 24 participants from all over Abaco including the cays.

Opening remarks came from Navy

CERT

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Visitors Were Welcomed at People to People Reception



Regattas of Abaco in Marsh Harbour was a festive site as the Ministry of Tourism, Abaco office hosted visitors and second home owners at a reception on March 2. The crowd was entertained by special music, a fashion show and even a Junkanoo rush.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism's Abaco Office hosted a People to People Reception for winter residents at the pool side of Regattas of Abaco on March 2. A capacity crowd enjoyed the occasion, which took on a different format from the People to People receptions previously held.

Ms. Shelley Austin, M.C. for the evening, welcomed the guests encouraging them to have fun and telling them, "This occasion is for us to get to know you and your getting to know us." Mrs.

Kendy Anderson, Executive People to People Co-ordinator, also welcomed the guests, thanking them for their contribution to our economic growth and saying, "Evenings like this enable visitors and Abaconians to share friendships and a lifetime of memories."

Mr. Revis Rolle, Senior Island Administrator, expressed gratitude to the winter residents saying, "Your interest in Abaco has caused it to become a model of tourism throughout the world. You have

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People to People Program Brings Visitors and Bahamians Together

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caused the growth of generational tourism, as many of your own investments come as a result of first coming with grandparents years ago, and the economic engine continues to be primed by your presence. Our economy remains stable and continues to grow because you come."

The guests enjoyed a varied programme which included the sounds of Gary McDonald, a talk on Bush Tea by Martha Smith, who has just published a book on the subject, and two short Is-

land Theme fashion shows by Philippa Farrington. The first showcased ladies modelling Androsia fabric outfits by Agatha Simms accessorised by jewellery by Marlee Mason of Silver Moon Designs and sisal and straw bags by Lovely Reckley. Later in the evening the models revealed a selection of evening attire.

The highlight of the programme, which was obvious from the applause of the audience, was the performance of several lively selections by the Abaco Youth Police Marching Band. These young people put on an amazing performance under the direction of their Assistant Director, De-



The Abaco Youth Police Marching Band, just recently formed, performed for the winter visitors and were well received. They looked quite smart as they went through their maneuvers and showed their musical talent, particularly with their drums.



A wide selection of Bahamian food was offered along with favorite drinks at the reception held to show Abaco's appreciation of our winter visitors. This annual event brings together the visitors to showcase Bahamian fashion, culture, music and entertainment. Shown here are Wynsome Ferguson, Judy Johnston and Michelle Mikula preparing to one of the food tables.

tective Constable Smith.

Though this band is still very young, their performance was of a very high standard, their instruments were well tuned, and they were extremely well disciplined. Ten of the 40 or more instrumentalists who performed were drummers who showcased their various drumming techniques in a special selection. One could feel the enthusiasm of these young people who were delighted to be showing off their new skills to the public, and they looked very smart in their navy blue pants, crisp white shirts and gold epaulettes. (Their well groomed appearance was, in fact, so impressive and their shirts so snow white that they would make an excellent advertisement for any top rate laundry detergent). A raffle for a large variety of excellent prizes donated by businesses in Marsh Harbour was held

during the evening to raise funds for the band and was very well supported.

The guests enjoyed a wonderful array of Bahamian appetizers including conch fritters, crack conch, lobster salad, conch chowder and johnnycake, guava duff and coconut pie. Cocktails were partially contributed by Burns House Ltd.

It was obvious that the guests had a great time and were very appreciative of the efforts the Abaco Tourist Office had made to make them feel welcome and introduce them to life on Abaco. Ms. Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism on Abaco, returned from a business trip just in time to give a vote of thanks to all who had turned out to participate in this wonderful event and a Junkanoo rush out by the Stingers brought the festivities to a close.



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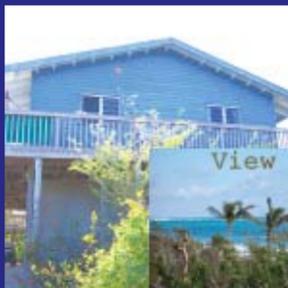
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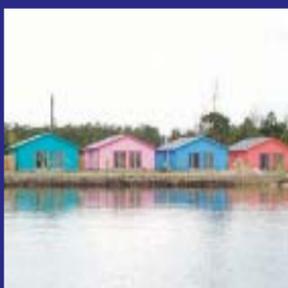
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Community Emergency Response Team Training Held

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Liaison Officer, LCDR Delong Bonner saying the Community Emergency Response Training is an outstanding concept and program because disaster response begins at the community level. The training from this workshop will better equip citizens of The Bahamas with the knowledge to assist family members, neighbors and the community with recovery, maintenance and survival skills until professional responders arrive.

He added that due to the unique geography of The Bahamas response by professionals could be complicated and therefore delayed. In such situations, there could be no better comfort than knowing what to do when disaster strikes and having the training to do it.

LCDR Bonner thanked Administrator Revis Rolle for his support of this project and challenged all to grasp all that is offered by the Community Emergency Response Team

Training workshop

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. T

he training program that the Fire Department initiated proved to be so beneficial that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) felt that the concept and the program should be made available to communities nationwide. The Community Emergency Response Team program is designed to help communi-

ties prepare for effective disaster response through training and planning.

Sessions for the five-day training workshop included Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression Techniques, After Action Report, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations, Team Organization and Management, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT Response and the CERT Simulation Exercise.

The CERT Simulation Exercise, which "wrapped up" the program, involved the staging of a Category 4 hurricane to hit the island, leaving many dead, stranded,

injured and hysterical. The participants were divided into various groups and sent out to investigate reports of fire, persons trapped in homes, collapsed buildings and flooding. The response team was timed on how quickly they got to a scene once a report was given to them.

With the help of primary and high school students made up with fake blood, bandages, wounds, cuts and the like, a very convincing disaster was staged causing many concerned motorists to stop and

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A collapsed building had its share of victims, this time dummies. The participants learned how to extricate victims and practiced basic medical survival techniques. They worked in small teams as they would in a real disaster where fully trained personnel would not be easily or immediately available.



The major test for the participants in the disaster response workshop was a simulated hurricane disaster with deaths, injuries and extensive damage. High school students were used in this dramatic realistic drama.

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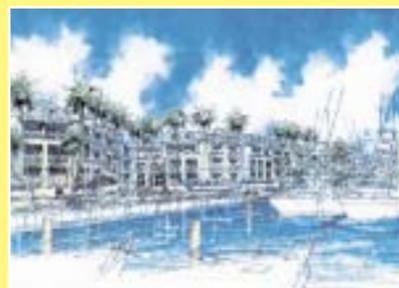
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Disaster Training Participants Were Certified

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inquire what happened. All CERT participants received certificates. With training and practice and by working as a team, each one will be able to do the greatest good for the greatest number of victims after a disaster, while protecting himself from becoming a victim.

Training instructors were Jeremy Galoway - St. Croix Rescue Academy, Nancy Bennett - Navy Liaison US Southern Command-US Embassy, Gayle Outten-Moncur - Training Coordinator NEMA, Mike Stubbs - Chief Meteorology Office, Sgt. Charles Charlton - Royal Bahamas Fire Department and Sgt. Timothy Saunders - Prosecutor for Abaco(Royal Bahamas Police Force).



The volunteers were trained to respond to any disaster that might happen in their community. They were taught basics of fighting fires. They are shown here learning to use a fire extinguisher properly.

Police Crime Report

A Treasure Cay woman was arrested on February 16 for stealing from her employer. She was arrested and subsequently released on \$20,000 bond.

An elderly woman living in Hard Bargain, Moore's Island, was found dead at her home in the morning of February 18. She was suffering from cancer and foul play is not suspected.

Three Bahamians and two Americans were arrested shortly after noon on February 18 at their room in the Abaco Beach Hotel. While executing a search warrant, four bags of suspected cocaine were found.

Someone stole ten pairs of Oakley sun shades when breaking into Rainbow Boat Rental in Marsh Harbour sometime between noon on February 18 and the morning of February 19.

The St. Andrews Methodist Church office in Dundas Town was broken into sometime between Sunday night, February 26, and the evening of February 28 with approximately \$2000 being stolen.

An elderly resident of the Bahama Star Farm settlement was discovered dead around midnight during the night of February 28. He was believed to have died in his sleep.

A boat docked at Little Harbour was burglarized during the afternoon or night

of February 24. Stolen was a \$1500 dive regulator, a \$400 Pentax camera, sunglasses valued at \$290 and a wallet containing \$400 and credit cards.

A clerk in a Dundas Town store reported on February 28 that someone entered the store during the noon hour while she was in the restroom and stole \$100.

A Treasure Cay resident reported he was held from behind by a dark male and the assailant took \$150 from his pocket. This happened while he was out walking near the taxi stand area about 11 p.m. during the evening of February 28.

A cashier at Solomon Brothers Wholesale was found to have taken \$260 from a cash register about 5 p.m. on March 1. The cashier was arrested, charged and released on bail.

A Marsh Harbour woman reported that her boyfriend took her ATM card out of her purse about 7 a.m. on February 25. He subsequently withdrew \$1,000 from her account.

A Central Pines Estates man was with his girlfriend at a night club on March 3 when a man he know pushed him twice from behind.

A Ford truck owned by a police officer burst into flames outside his home in Great Cistern about 9 p.m. on March 4. It was parked at the time of the incident.

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#2136

**'Peek-A-View'
Hope Town**



UNDER CONTRACT

\$868,000

One of the finest homes on Elbow Cay & overlooking the beautiful crystal blue Atlantic Ocean. Centrally located on the island, 'Peek-a-View' is a great choice for a second or retiring home. The property is beautifully landscaped & the home is open & spacious. This 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath home has a large, open kitchen, Jacuzzi tub & his & her closets in the master suite.

#1852

**'West Wind'
Buttonwood**



\$1,500,000

Beautiful home overlooking the Sea of Abaco. Private dock permit already approved. Ideal family hideaway w/ private water access. 2 of the 4 beds have private quarters & baths. Ideal for entertaining, there is a bar set into the living room & a cosy fireplace to enjoy on those cooler tropical evenings. Wraparound decks are the perfect spot to enjoy the ocean view.

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NEW LISTING!

#1883 'Ekali Estates' Elbow Cay

\$6,200,000

Ekali Estates is a magnificent commercial property, situated on 463 ft of beachfront, with a private 60 ft dock. This vast estate is home to 7 vacation rental properties including 5 upscale villas & 1 cozy cottage. With only 1/3 of the 7 available acres of property developed, the Estate offers lots of room to expand. An excellent investment property & is currently being operated with very little overhead, hence is strictly a profit making venture. Ekali lies in a lush tropical setting on the Sea of Abaco. Beautifully landscaped & laden with mature fruit trees, one can marvel at the spectacular views & sunsets from this choice location. You can find further details of each of the 6 properties that make up 'Ekali' at www.grahamrealestate.com choose by reference number, MLS #1883. This unique island estate is spectacular, must be seen to be appreciated!

#2175

**Tamarind Hill
White Sound**



\$1,200,000

Incredible hilltop home named for the ancient Tamarind tree that stands proudly surrounded by the breezy wraparound verandah. Beautiful, fully furnished 2 bed 2 bath home with one bedroom apartment and one acre of land in very private Lucayos Subdivision. Awesome view of the Sea of Abaco. Community dock steps away.

#2147

**'Clifford Sawyer House'
Hope Town**



UNDER CONTRACT

\$692,000

This magnificent property is comprised of three lots. A gorgeous 2 bed, 2 bath cottage w/ all new quality furniture, state-of-the-art kitchen appliances, computer, television & new laundry facilities. The house also has new septic, cistern, IPE decking, & new hurricane windows. The entire house has also been re-roofed. Must be seen to truly appreciate all of its wonderful features.

#2168

**Beautiful Wooded Lot
Elbow Cay**



UNDER CONTRACT

\$144,000

This lot is located near Fry's Mangrove on Elbow Cay. It is situated between the Sea of Abaco & a creek making it an ideal location for nature lovers & boating enthusiasts. The property is approx. 41,000 sq. ft. & is just a few minutes from Hope Town. This is a great investment opportunity for those that want their own little piece of paradise.

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School News

Insurance Companies Support ECC

Every Child Counts was pleasantly surprised last month by not one but two donations from the local business community. Abaco Insurance Agency made a donation to ECC for its new school building. Royal Star Assurance (represented on Abaco by Abaco Insurance Agency) doubled that amount in an effort to assist Lyn Major and ECC in reaching their goal of raising enough funds to complete their new building.

Both Abaco Insurance Agency and Royal Star are committed to Abaco and to improving our community. The donations will

help ECC continue teaching challenged children so that they can become valuable members of our community. The new building is needed because as our Abaco community grows, so does ECC.

We take this opportunity to salute Lyn and all the staff of ECC. Their dedication and care given to our youth is exceptional. We appreciate everything they do and encourage the rest of the Abaco business community to join in and pledge financial assistance to help ECC reach its goal.

Forest Heights Honours Students

The past two months have been busy

ones at Forest Heights Academy, producing honours for many students. On February 27th Britney McKenzie and Avery Thompson competed in the district portion of the National Spelling Bee. They made an excellent showing with Britney going 16 rounds into the unseen list and Avery tying for fourth place.

Then on March 1st the Rotary Club held its annual Speech Competition. Taj Anderson and Nasasha Bootle represented the lower school with the topic of their *Dreams for the Future of Abaco* with Taj bringing home the third place trophy. Antonia Wright and Brittany Symonette dealt with the relevant topic

of *Conflict Resolution, How Anger and Violence Impede Learning*. Antonia came in first place and will go on to represent Abaco in Texaco's National Speech Competition which will be held in Nassau in April. It must be said that competitors from all schools were eloquent speakers, and the Rotarian judges and spectators were amazed by the poise and maturity of these young speakers, recognizing them as future leaders of the Bahamas.

It was announced in February that 10th grader, Gabrielle Manni, won 1st and 2nd place in the photography contest held by

Please see **School** Page 10



Royal Star Assurance, represented by Mrs. Victoria Albury, left, and Abaco Insurance Agency, represented by Mrs. Ginnie Sawyer, presented Mrs. Lyn Major with donations to assist with the construction of a new building for Every Child Counts. ECC depends entirely on donations from the public to continue its work with children who are unable to cope with normal classrooms. The school now has 45 students.



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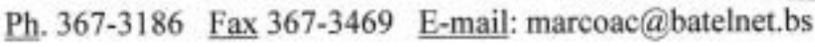
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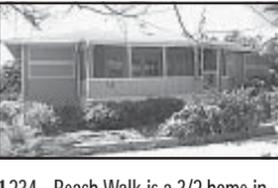
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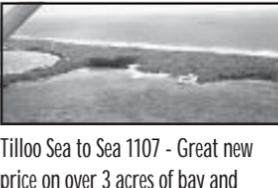
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YELLOW WOOD CREEK

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SANDY POINT

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HOPE TOWN

50' waterfront 300' deep in Hope Town Harbour on Back Creek **\$570,000** gross

LUBBERS

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More School News



On January 5th the Science Department at S.C. Bootle Secondary School received a gift from the Ralph Moore Science Fund. Computers and a printer/scanner/copier machine were installed by Abacom. This was in response to a request from the Heads of Science in the school to "bring the Internet into the Science Department." Mr. Malcolm Spicer of Abacom, center, is shown with Mr. L. Rolle, Principal of S.C. Bootle High School, Ms. P. Young (Head of Science), Ms. S. Baptiste, Mrs. K. Fletcher and several students. The Science Fund was created at the request of Dr. Ralph Moore of Treasure Cay. A chemist, Dr. Moore wanted to encourage and inspire the children of Abaco to explore and enjoy the world of science as much as he had during his life. The foundation is currently undertaking the purchase of calculators for the schools.

School

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the Ministry of Tourism. Her photos may be seen at the Forest Heights Spring Fling which will be held on March 25th. This annual event will include a car wash, games, bouncing castle, great food and a raffle with wonderful prizes. Be sure to stop by!

Finally, as a culmination of all their achievements, the Students of the Month were named for January and February. The Juniors are Donovan White and Faniella Gounga and Seniors, Shikita Deveaux and Kerri Sawyer, respectively.

These students and their parents should be congratulated for all these accomplishments. Well done to all!

National Spelling Bee

By Samantha V. Evans

Twelve students from Moore's Island, Forest Heights Academy, Abaco Central High, St. Frances de Sales, Cooper's Town Primary and S.C. Bootle battled to become the National Spelling Bee Winner for the Abaco District.

The competition began shortly after 10

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Dolphin Beach Estates - #5572- 2 bed/2bath home, 768 sq.ft
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 \$307,000.00-Call Mailin



Green Turtle Cay -#5532-Beach house on Bita Bay features 2beds/2bath and panoramic views of the turquoise ocean. Ideal spot for great snorkeling just off shore. Central A/C, fully equipped kitchen, water maker and more. Great rental history-Call Chris



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Green Turtle Cay - #5191 Luxurious home located on a 2.5 mile sandy beach. Consists of five bedrooms, four bathrooms with wrap around verandas. Careful craftsmanship and attention to detail describes this villa. Offered at \$2,300,000-Call Chris



Man-O-War-#5439- 2/bed/bath island home. 1,280s q.ft. Features generator, tool shed, wrap around covered porch. Partially furnished and awaiting its new owner-\$399,000-Call Mailin



Green Turtle Cay -#5347 - This island dream is a rare find for the discerning yachtsman who's looking for privacy and all the amenities the island has to offer. 2 bed/2bath home also has a private dock and dredged channel. Offered at \$2,300,000.00-Call Chris



Man-O-War Cay # 5509 3 bed/3bath, two story home. Short distance to the Atlantic Ocean. Features an upstairs loft, 17.5 KW generator, several outdoor patios, basement, manicured lawn.
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Man-O-War Cay -#5451-Two cottages, both with 2beds/2baths located on 16,000 sq. ft. of waterfront property. Features 60,000 gallon rain water cistern, generator house and 15KW generator. Endless views of the Atlantic Ocean. Great vacation getaway. Post card pretty view. \$1,100,000.00-Call one of our agents.



Yellowwood-#5484-Large waterfront lot available. Comprising 37,368 sq.ft of property, this parcel commands endless ocean views and runs 184' on the Atlantic. Great lot for your dream ocean front home. Close to The Abaco Club on Winding Bay and only minutes from Cherokee Sound-\$275,000-Call Mailin



UNDER CONTRACT

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 \$55,000.00-Call Mailin



Yellowwood-#5492-Vacant property features elevations and views of Cherokee Sound. This 33,690 sq.ft. lot is in a great location for a home.. Close proximity to Cherokee Sound and Little Harbour-\$82,000-Call Mailin



Leisure Lee-PRICE REDUCED #5366- 3 bed, 2-bath home in quiet neighborhood. 1,600 sq.ft. living space, extensive wrap around screened in porch and central A/C. All lots have beach access. \$325,000.00 - Call Mailin



Man-O-War-#5475-Vacant property from sea to sea on Eastern Harbour. Total of 160' of waterfront. One can enjoy views of Sea of Abaco and surrounding cays as well as Man-O-War's picturesque harbour. Rare offer.
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Yellowwood-#5263-2B/2B cottage newly built. on large lot -100' x 150'. Features a laundry room, outside patios, and a hobby room.central A/C, and all appliances are included. Close to Cherokee Sound. A MUST SEE!-\$219,000 -Call Mailin



Vacant Lots for Sale Green Turtle Cay

- Three lots situated on the Atlantic Ocean with over 90 ft. of beach front each . Offered at \$440,000 each.
- Sea to Sea Lot on White Sound. Lot has a cottage already built, and is ideal for a dock with good depth at the shoreline. Offered at \$550,000
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BAHAMA PALM SHORES



#10202: Gorgeous, generously-sized home site on Eight Mile Bay beach. Encompassing approx. 1.7. acres of nicely elevated land. Thickly treed with native hardwoods. Wonderful views, wide sugar sand beach and community offers underground utilities, telephone and internet access **\$615,000.**

LYNYARD CAY



#9297: Bordering the Sea of Abaco with the Atlantic Ocean to the east, this expansive parcel boasts 77 fabulous acres, including high elevations, a pond, dense native coppice, numerous coconut palm trees and pristine white sand beaches. **Serious inquiries only, please.**

GUANA CAY



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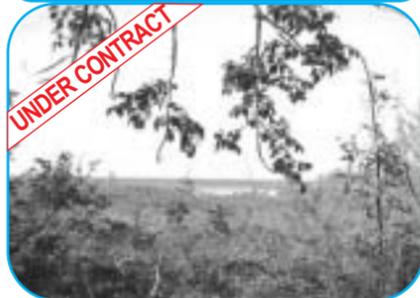
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a.m. on February 20th at the Learning Resources Center in Marsh Harbour. These students made it very clear at the onset that they were the best as only two of the twelve students were eliminated as they spelt from the Seen List of spelling words.

The competition really began once words were called from the unseen list. The words were extremely hard even for adults so everyone was all on pins and needles as these students did their very best to make it to Nassau to represent Abaco. However, it was obvious that only the best of the best would indeed be declared the winner.

The competition became fierce as S.C. Bottle High School and Cooper's Town Primary battled it out for the winning trophy. In the end only one student could win. Charo Williams, a 7th grade student of S.C. Bottle High School, won the competition after a succession of spelling rounds.

The second place trophy went to Antwanee Smith, a grade 6 student of Cooper's Town Primary School. She is an excellent speller and the only primary school speller to make it this far. She is to be commented. The third place trophy was claimed by Santrecia Hield, a grade 8 student of Moore's Island All Age School.



Winners of the Abaco competition for the National Spelling Bee are, left to right, Santrecia Hield, third place winner from Moore's Island; Charo Williams, first place winner from S.C. Bottle High School; and Antwanee Smith, second place winner from Cooper's Town Primary School.

Mrs. Felamease Sawyer commented that this was the longest competition yet and encouraged Charo to begin preparing right away for the National Spelling Bee Finals in Nassau because it will be fiercer than this one. She encouraged Antwanee to continue spelling because she did extremely well, out spelling the majority of the high school students there today.

Trophies for the Spelling Bee were donated by the Ministry of Education, IBM and The Nassau Guardian. Special thanks go to all of the sponsors, judges, the announcer and other supporters of all competitions held.

Abaco Central High Students Experience Work

By Samantha V. Evans

Over the week of February 20th-24th twelfth grade students of Abaco Central High School went on work experience at businesses on Abaco. Students were assigned at businesses where they had an interest so that they could get first hand experience of what it is they claim they want to become. Students were placed at the Police Station, the airport, Ministry of Education, Customs, Batelco, BEC and many other places. There was one student who aspires to become a dentist so he was placed at Agape Family Dental with Dr. Therese Bonamy. She had only great things to say about him.

I am very pleased with the performance of the students. Over all, they represented themselves and their school very well. Some of them were even offered summer jobs as a result of their great performance. Planning and preparation do pay off.

Finally, we wish to thank all of those business places that supported this program. Your support has made a great difference in the



Quintince Williams worked with Dr. Therese Bonamy at her dental office.



Ashley Simms assisted with security checks at the Marsh Harbour airport.

lives of these seniors. The majority of the students now know what they want to pursue and are making plans to make their dreams a reality.

Catholics Attend Ash Wednesday Service

By Samantha V. Evans

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. An Ash Wednesday church service was held

at St. Frances Catholic Church on March 1st attended by students of St. Frances School as well as devote Catholics. Catholics all over the world observe 40 days of penance and sacrifice in preparation for holy week and

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the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross.

Lent makes us aware that death will come and many people see Lent as a time to repent. Father Roger, who conducted the service, spoke about our becoming one with Christ through the cross. We must be pre-

pared to make a change in our own life. A Christian who wants to go to the cross without going through Jesus is a Christian only in name. He concluded by encouraging all to make a decision to make Jesus the first choice in their life.

Sports Day at St. Francis

By Mirella Santillo

For two days prior to the mid-term break, St Francis de Sales School held an intra-school

sport competition.

Divided into three houses: red for St. Paul, green for St. Patrick and blue for St. Peter, the students, wearing the colors of their house, ran potato races, jumped, threw balls, pulled tractors, sprinted and raced in relays.

The weather was beautiful during the two

days of the event and the children enjoyed being out of the class rooms supervised by teachers, parents and volunteers.

February 21 was Primary Sport Day. The

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Governor General's Youth Award groups from Forest Heights Academy and St. Francis de Sales School went on their first expedition to Bahama Palm Shores over the weekend of February 18th-19th. The students gathered at Forest Heights Academy parking lot where they were transported to the site. The students went hiking and camping, all a part of the requirements to earn their bronze award. They were accompanied by Mr. Simon, St. Francis Leader; Mr. Richards, Forest Heights Academy Leader; and Mr. Ajero from St. Francis de Sales. Other persons meeting them at the site were Ms. Riviere and a Defense Force Officer. One more expedition will be needed if they are to receive the bronze award by June 2006.

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Red team won on that day. On February 22 it was the turn of the high school students to defend their title. Again, the Red team won.

The results were combined at the end of the second day, the winner being St. Paul's house, followed by St. Patrick and St. Peter.

The top athletes mentioned P.E. coach Mr. Dielh, were Sherman Kemp and Zinnia Miller among the junior high students and Donald McIntosh, Semarja Baillou and Phylcia Bootle in the high school grades. Among the younger students the top boy was Kadeem Gibbs for the Green and the top girl was Sheila Martinez for the Red.

Long Bay Gets on the Tracks

By Samantha V. Evans

Long Bay School broke out of the blocks on February 22nd, and it was unusual as there were no field events. Any passerby that day could see the house spirit displayed by the different colored house shirts proudly worn by the students. The day started at 10 a.m. as Blue Marlins, Yellow Barracudas, Red Sting Rays and Green Dolphins all ran around the field to gain as many points as they could to be named the winning team. Some parents showed up to support their favorite houses and their children by sitting on the side lines

cheering them on.

This was a hot day; perfect for outdoor activities. Races ran included the 1500m, 400m, egg and spoon race, sack race, shuttle race and the relays. There was a spirit of togetherness on this day as things ran very smoothly. As I looked at the motto on the T-shirts which read *Working Together in Harmony*, it made it very clearer why the atmosphere was the way it was. Indeed, they live up to their motto.

Leading up to the Sports Day events, the students were involved in inter-house games such as volleyball, basketball and cross country. The elementary school cross country was held on March 3rd.

Abaco Central High School

By Samantha V. Evans

Arawaks Win – Again!

Arawaks, Caribs, Lucayans and Tainos battled for the winning post over a two-day period February 16-17th. Thursday was a very sunny day, a great day for the field events to begin and be completed. Friday began wet and cloudy. It was uncertain whether the final day of sports would take place especially since this was the day that all races would be run.

Around 12 noon the weather cleared and students and staff made their way to the track.

This was a hot race day. Caribs dominated the relays, leaving only smoke behind for the other teams to inhale. Even though the teams ran hard, a few hours still had to be used on Monday afternoon before the sports event could come to a close.

In the end the scores were as follows: Arawaks win again with 913 points, Caribs come in a close second place with 841 points, Lucayans come third with 819 points and Tainos bring up the rear with 718 points.

Congratulations go to all teams, especially the leaders who motivated their team to do the best they can. Special thanks and recog-

nition go to the Leader of Carib House, Ms. Cindy Ambrister, who did a fabulous job ensuring that her team was in place.

Coach Charles commented that sports day went very well especially since they got off to a late start on Friday due to rain. He continued that students performed well; especially the field events Under 15 boys. Two of the boys jumped over 16 feet in long jump. This gives him a great incentive to take them to the National High School Track and Field met in Nassau. He has one boy who can medal in the Under 20 category.



St. Francis de Sales held its Sports Day on February 22 for the younger students and February 23 for the high school students. The students participated in a variety of sports and games to determine which house would win top honors. The Red team was the final winner.



The employees and management of Price Right Supermarket in Marsh Harbour raised money to donate to the Every Child Counts School. The school works with challenged students and has a new building under construction. More money is needed to finish it. Shown above are students of the school along with adults who are Mrs. Irene Wallace, a volunteer helper; Mrs. Lyn Major, Director of the school; Mrs. Rochelle Lightbourn and Mr. Andrew Evans from Price Right; and Mrs. Ellen Hardy, a teacher at the school.

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Realtor Attended Education Conference

Local real estate agent Bill Thomdycraft, BRI, said he was excited about the opportunity to work with more than 1,000 of the nation's top residential agents who recently attended the Council of Residential Specialists' 2006 Sell-a-bration education conference in San Antonio, Texas.



In addition to having extensive networking opportunities, Bill Thomdycraft of Sandra Evans Real Estate Sales participated in training sessions focused on website marketing, pricing strategies, referrals, global real estate opportunities, luxury properties, healthy competition and working with buyers.

“In today's changing real estate market, it is really important that we are aware of changes in our industry that can better serve

our clients,” says Bill. “Attending Sell-a-bration gave me the opportunity to learn new strategies and exchange ideas with many top-producing realtors.”

The Council of Residential Specialists is the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors with more than 46,000 members. This annual three-day event is one of the foremost education and networking programs for Realtors at all levels of experience.

This was Bill's first attendance at Sell-a-bration. “This conference is a great way to start off the year,” says Bill “I returned with renewed assurance that I can help my clients buy with confidence and sell with ease.”

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Barefoot Man

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Cayman Island. He has composed about 2000 songs of which about 500 have been recorded. He's also a writer and a photographer.

He continues to draw the crowds wherever he goes and along with Sea n B', he is a regular at the Royal Reef Resort in Grand Cayman. “I love the fishing here

on Abaco,” the Munich-born balladeer related. “And we've been doing the concert here at Nippers for about 10 years now, and everyone seems to have a good time.”

The Abaco Community Board has been buzzing for weeks with “news” relating to the concert. Hotels in Marsh Harbour were reportedly “sold-out,” and the marinas and anchorages in and around this normally quiet, seaside community had been reserved for weeks.

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(Ref #466) Fully furnished, topsider home, 3 bedroom, 3 bath with 2,600 s/f on 2 levels located on peninsula with 360 degree waterfront views, canal front dockage for 100'+ yacht, boat ramp, lots of amenities includes vehicle and boat. Price: \$986,000.

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Youth News

Abaco Teens Attended JA Conference

By Samantha V. Evans

Two Abaco teens attended the Junior Achievement (JA) Conference in Nassau over the weekend of February 23rd-27th. The conference was very exciting as students went on corporate tours, attended workshops and various fun activities.

The students with their counselor arrived in Nassau and prepared for the welcome party that evening. The students from Abaco, Grand Bahama, Eleuthera, Andros and Bimini all mixed and mingled. The JA team really made them feel welcomed.

Friday was the first full day of events that began with a tour of the College of the Bahamas. Students were able to see the many changes being made to the campus as they work to achieve university status in a

few years. Later that morning the students were assigned to various business sites to tour their facilities.

On Friday night a banquet was held for Family Island Delegates. Advisors, sponsors and island coordinators were recognized for their service to the youth of their island at this time.

Saturday was the conference day at the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Felix Stubbs, President of IBM, congratulated JA for hosting there 27th Bahamajac Conference. He has visited most of the companies in Nassau and is convinced that these young people are ready to take over the leadership of the Bahamas.

He continued that five areas are needed to have a productive life: contact with a caring adult on a regular basis, a safe place to learn, a healthy start and marketable future, and the opportunity to give back through their own service. JA provides all of those opportunities.

The guest speaker for the morning was Mr. Leon Williams from Batelco. He told the group that the world is changing around us and it is important to manage their GPA. Graduating with a 2.0 GPA is no longer acceptable because they are competing with students with 4.0 GPA. At this rate they will be denied employment. Through JA they are learning to be employers. They must use this opportunity to

become business owners.

Later that day the students and advisors had workshop sessions, the judging of the company products, followed by the speech competition. Saturday night was exciting and very competitive as 14 companies showcased their talent in the Step Show. The conference ended on Sunday with a church service at Grace Community Church.

Mr. Lionell Elliot is looking forward to having a training session for advisors on Abaco sometime in March. Once the advisors have been trained, a six-weeks training program will be held for the first 30 potential Junior Achievers of the first company slated to begin in September of the new school year.

Anchors Attend District Convention in Nassau

By Samantha V. Evans

On February 25th members of the Anchor Club of Abaco Central High School traveled to New Providence for the first Anchor Clubs of the Bahamas District Convention. The district includes clubs from Abaco, Nassau and Grand Bahama.

Under the guidance of club advisor, Ms. Phillipa Farrington, the Anchors have dedicated much of their time to serving their school and community. Their efforts did not go unnoticed. The Anchor Club of Abaco Central High entered all six of the

District competitions and walked away with four trophies.

Trophies they received were as follows:
1st Place in the Health and Safety Award
1st Place in the Anchor for Kids Award
2nd Place in the Year Book Competition
3rd Place in the Most Outstanding Anchor Competition which was won by Ms. Sherline Pierre, Club President.

There are presently 18 active members in the Anchor Club of Abaco Central High and additional membership enrollment looks promising. Other Anchor Clubs attending the convention were Forest Heights Academy and St. Francis de Sales School.

Anchor President Shares Convention Experience

By Samantha V. Evans

Eden McIntosh, President Elect of St. Francis de Sales Anchor Club, gave a report of their Club's experience at the first Anchor Club Convention. The event was held in Nassau on February 25th. The group was accompanied by chaperones Mr. Simon, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Rosalie Stubbs and Mrs. Cindy Charles.

While in Nassau, they socialized with Anchors from other schools. They were educated on the importance of conflict resolution and abstaining from gang activities

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Two students from Abaco Central High School attended a Junior Achievement Conference in Nassau. They are shown here with Mr. Lionel Elliott, the Executive Director of JA. They are Ashton Brown, left, and Henry Mareau. Mr. Elliott expects to train advisors so a JA group can be organized on Abaco by next fall.



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Captain Vague and His Boat Projects

By Carolyn Wilson

"Have you seen that tool I used in the cockpit?" barked "Captain Vague." He had been up since 6 a.m. climbing all over the boat, opening and closing one cabinet after another in search of one of his precious tools. Visions of a variety of tools passed through my mind as my body, in a useless protest, grasped the bed covers for a few more minutes of needed sleep.

Our daughters had affectionately come up with the name, and it was never more appropriate. "What tool? What is it used for?" And more importantly, "Where did you put it?" He finally found the tool, but today's scenario had become almost a weekly occurrence.

Gypsy Common, our Island Packet 38, has plentiful storage, and before our departure each compartment had an assigned purpose. Bulk food stores were placed below the starboard settee. Paper products went in an area on the port side behind the most forward settee back. The Captain's tools were on the port side with his spares in an out-of-the-way compartment. Everything had its place and everything was in its place when we left for Abaco.

All the best made plans came to an end

when the fresh water pump quit pumping. The captain was certain he had the replacement parts, and it would only take a few minutes to repair. I knew from previous experiences that the only thing for certain is that it would take most of the day, and it would be a major ordeal.

Our new settee cushions and the underlying compartment access lids were moved to the forward berth. Then he removed the two vacuum cleaners, trash bags, two oscillating fans, some paper towels and a small heater from the compartment in order to have better access to the water pump. "There's water down here! Get me something!" I handed him a paper towel but soon learned it should have been a sponge, or better yet, a hand pump. "Get that green turkey thing," he barked. "It's in the orange box!" My mind is racing, what has a turkey got to do with the water pump and which of the three orange boxes - the one marked Electrical, Drill Bits or Misc. Parts.

He managed to get the water cleaned up, but now the cabin sole was strewn with three opened orange boxes, a cordless grill, a rechargeable flashlight and two fishing tackle

boxes full of electrical fittings and stainless steel bolts and screws. Parts were everywhere and the sponge, a multitude of soaking paper towels and a dripping turkey baster were now in the galley sink.

On bent knees the Captain examined the pump and soon determined it had to be rebuilt. He climbed over the boxes stacked along the cabin sole looking for his tool bag, grabbed a screw driver and removed the pump. I had given up on the galley counters a long time ago, and with the assurance that towels be used to protect the counters, they had become the workshop.

"Honey, get me that blue box, would you?" I removed two other cushions on the port side and added them to the stack on our

bed. "Which one - there are three?" To save time I pulled them all out and added them to the stack of boxes on the floor. "Here's one marked Spares," I responded, just as one of the boxes on the floor tipped over emptying its contents. At that point I had had enough and the frustrated "engineering department" decided to work alone. You couldn't walk on the floor. Boxes and tools were everywhere. With no room to sit down below, I grabbed my paper back, *Angels and Demons*, and headed for the safety of the cockpit to join Maggie, our six-year-old border collie, who had long ago decided that down below was no place to be. "Speedy the Plumber" continued on for an hour or more.



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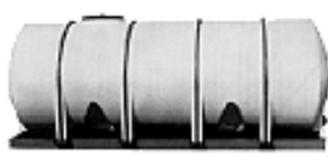


Mr. Dwight Bradley King, Acting Deputy Building Control Officer from Nassau, held a meeting in Marsh Harbour on February 21 to discuss the handling, storage and safety issues related to liquid propane (LP) gas. Attending were persons in the business from Hope Town, Man-O-War, Green Turtle Cay, Marsh Harbour and other towns who store, distribute, install and otherwise deal with LP gas. Issues related to legal requirements, insurance and certificates of competency were discussed. Problems were brought out specific to the archipelagic nature of Abaco, that it is not realistic to require dealers to handle every installation. However, safety issues were stressed with those present. Questions were raised about cylinders less than 100 pounds as used on boats, barbecue grills, and the like. It turned out that cylinders less than 100 pounds can be transported and installed by persons not licensed although the same hazards and safety issues are present. Shown above is Mr. King with the Ministry of Works chairing the meeting.

Marsh Harbour Acquires a New Fire Engine



The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department acquired another fire engine. It was donated by the Sloop Point Volunteer Fire Department in Sloop Point, North Carolina, to the Hope Town Fire and Rescue but was too big to be on Elbow Cay's roads. Those firemen gave the truck to Marsh Harbour. The donation was arranged by Betty and Charlie Schoonmaker, second home owners on Elbow Cay who are part of the fire department in Sloop Point, a volunteer service similar to the fire departments on Abaco. The truck is a 1973 gas-powered Ford truck with a 750 gallon tank. This brings the total number of engines in Marsh Harbour to five.



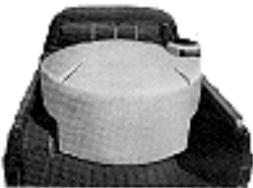
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Work Is Progressing on Sanitary Landfill



No official statements have been made about the sanitary landfill that will replace dumps in most towns on Abaco. But many cubic yards of rock have been moved in preparation and the road has been paved to the site inland from Snake Cay.

Youth

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and sex. They participated in an open talent show and were taught some basic waltz dance steps. Prizes and trophies were won by the Anchors from Forest Heights Academy and Abaco Central High in the areas of the Anchor Year Book, Anchor Spirit, and the Health and Safety Award.

On Sunday they attended church with their chaperones. Later, they visited the Children's Ward at Princess Margaret Hospital where they distributed a teddy bear and a book to each child. While visiting the Ward, they realized how truly blessed they are to be completely healthy and how much they should appreciate their lives. Mr. McIntosh thanks all of the chaperones for a job well done. Sixteen Anchors made the trip to Nassau for the Convention.

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