Christmas Festival Attracted Thousands
Abaco Came Together to Prepare for the Christmas Season

The Christmas Festival held in Marsh Harbour on December 10 was a great success despite showers throughout the day. They did not dampen the festive spirit of the event. This second annual fair was again held across from Memorial Plaza and combined several groups coming together to create a day of fun, relaxation and a chance to see friends from other communities.

One of the highlights was a performance of the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band. This popular group executed their fancy maneuvers while playing Christmas music. Their pop band played again during the evening. Following in their footsteps was the Abaco M arching Band. This group of youth has been practicing only two months, yet they performed very well under the direction of Abaco’s police chief, ASP Wayne Miller.

Toys for Tots, an annual program of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club, collects gifts for needy children. The group held its parade, escorted by the police motorcycle with its siren on, accompanied by a fire truck with a horn blowing to bring attention to its Toys for Tots efforts. The Scurvy Few also served the biggest hamburgers in town - ones that required at least two napkins to cope with.

Santa took time to visit the Festival and allowed children to have the photographs. Please see Festival Page 6

Holiday Dates Are Announced
The Cabinet Office has announced that the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays will be observed on Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, 2005. The Cabinet Office also announced that New Year’s Day will be observed on January 2, 2006.

Block Party Appealed to Shoppers
Five shops at the entrance to Abaco Beach Resort held a Christmas Block Party on December 9. Shoppers could browse for Christmas presents and see the newest jewelry, clothing, art work, perfume and upscale crafts offered. The wide variety of merchandise guaranteed that everyone was pleased. The mahogany marlin shown above was sold at Conch Pearl Gallery for several thousand dollars. Additional photos on page 24.

PM Attends PLP Banquet
The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister, was the keynote speaker at an induction ceremony on December 3 naming 140 Abacoians to the Progressive Liberal Party Council. The banquet was held at Abaco Beach Resort and was attended by about 400 persons. See story on page 2.
The Progressive Liberal Party held a banquet to commemorate the induction of 340 Stalwart Councillors. This event was to honor their many faithful party members who have been committed over the years to the PLP goals and aspirations and have worked tirelessly for the party. The banquet was held on December 3 at the Pavilion on Abaco Beach Resort with about 400 in attendance.

The keynote speaker, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister and the Party Chairman, addressed the group. He spoke about the indomitable spirit of the people of Abaco who are able to overcome whatever obstacles they encounter. He urged the group to continue to believe in the expanding economy. He expects to be the prime minister for the next seven years and will work to keep the economy growing. He enjoys coming to Abaco and takes pride in watching the surging growth that cannot be held back. Mr. Christie is amazed that wherever he goes abroad, someone knows Abaco on an intimate basis. He is fascinated that the whole world knows about Abaco. Mr. Christie emphasized that the infrastructure must keep pace with the growing economy. He mentioned that the 100 lot subdivision in Sandy Point is completely sold out and his government must consider a new section. He mentioned the M and R Harbour airport and said that a team would begin geophysical studies on December 8. A Design Build team would be arriving on Abaco on December 12 and bids for paving the runway would be accepted a few days after that. A taxiway will be constructed to relieve the confusion at the airport now when planes must use the runway for a taxiway. All international airports must be upgraded with security measures by January 2006, and his government is working to meet that deadline. Special security must be in place which applies to the Treasure Cay airport also.

Improvements to the Marsh Harbour airport will be a joint venture to be issued on December 12 on a design-build basis with construction due to begin in January 2006. Both the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports will be assessed and studied and made with a goal of finding a site midway between.
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The Prime Minister is comfortable doing what is right with the support of people like those present who put him in as the country’s leader. Even if he is defeated, he will be comfortable in knowing that he has done the right thing for The Bahamas. He was proud of the diverse representation of the group at the banquet. He told the group that he is considering many investments which would put billions of dollars into the economy.

Mr. Christie mentioned the opposition FNM party only once when he told of the 700 low cost houses that the FNM built in five years versus more than 1400 houses built by the PLP in just three years. Accompanying Mr. Christie was the Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mr. Raynard Rigby, the National Chairman of the PLP. Mr. Gary Sawyer, National General Council Representative for the South Abaco Constituency, introduced Mr. Christie. During the induction ceremony, each recipient received a medallion and certificate affirming their loyalty to the party.
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Festival Offered a Variety of Activities

The Abaco Police Community Youth Marching Band performed for the first time at the Christmas Festival held in Marsh Harbour on December 10. About 40 youth demonstrated their musical abilities after only a couple of months’ practice. Their goal is to rival the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band.

Sapodilly’s

New Year’s Eve Dinner

Saturday December 31st, 2005
Served 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Starters
Lobster Bisque
Classic Caesar Salad with Applewood smoked bacon

Entrees
Your choice of one of the following:
Roasted Pork Loin
topped with fresh mango & pineapple salsa
Prime Rib
cooked to your liking and served with horseradish cream
Baked Hog Snapper
stuffed with crabmeat and spinach and topped with creamy garlic sauce
Frenched Rack of Lamb with mint jelly
Chicken Breast stuffed with goat cheese, sundried tomatoes and basil topped with roasted red pepper sauce

The above entrees served with your choice of:
Garlic mashed potatoes, baked potato or wild rice pilaf and vegetable medley

Dessert
Fruit Cake with brandy rum sauce
Guava Duff, Key Lime Pie
Coffee or Tea

Party Favours and One glass of Champagne
$70.00 per person - gratuity not included

New Year’s Eve Dinner

abaco inn

Christmas Evening Menu

December 25th 2005
Sitting: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00
Your Four Course Dinner Will Include the Following...

Soup
Roasted Tomato with Fontana cheese pot stickers
Your Freshly Tossed Salad Is Offered with...
Mixed field greens with feta cheese, grapes, and spicy pecans with our house dressing

Entrees
Dijonaise Crusted Rack Lamb
Oven roasted New Zealand lamb in a Thyme and Mint Jus with whipped potatoes
With sweet butter chives cream sauce and fresh vegetables
Chef Davies Jambalaya Pasta
Linguini with grilled chicken, shrimp, sausage, Chicken, green and red peppers, in a light tomato sauce
Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Choice Standing Rib Roasted to Perfection in its own natural juices, served with whipped potatoes & a sweet butter chive cream sauce
Baked Shrimp & Crab Stuffed Grouper Filet
Fresh local grouper filet stuffed with crab and shrimp and finished with a lemon
Cream sauce served herb rice pilaf with sliced almonds & steamed buttered baby carrots and asparagus

Desserts
White Chocolate Bread Pudding with brandy sauce & vanilla cream
Lemon Cheesecake with raspberry sauce
Coffee or Tea

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The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club paraded through Central Abaco escorted by the police and a volunteer fire department truck. The club organizes a Toys for Tots program to collect new toys to give to needy children throughout Abaco.
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This past year has seen many disasters throughout the world. The day after Christmas last year saw one of the greatest disasters in our lifetime - the tsunami. Thousands of lives were lost, and millions in that country in turmoil. The war in Iraq continues, leaving terrorism in our lives. There are so many other blessings in our lives - family, friends, the freedom to live our lives the way we want - the list goes on. At all let us come to worship the Baby, the one who came into the world with one purpose in mind, to give His life for us. We take so much for granted, but let us remember this Christmas to be thankful for the greatest gift the world has ever known, the Baby born in the humblest of circumstances. If we truly worship, we will be able to point ourselves to speak for us as "the people of Guana Cay." We will reach out to others in need. We will appreciate our fellow man and have respect for him. If we truly love our neighbour as ourselves, we want to work to resolve our differences, we will build a community that has a strong foundation. We try to work together to make our great island even better than it is now. It will take all of us working in unison. Keeping Politics in Perspective We are privileged to live in a democratic country. It is a privilege that few in this world enjoy. However, along with this privilege come responsibilities. The freedom which we enjoy means that each individual has to be in control of himself. In many ways their platforms are similar. Many of their supporters are strong in extolling the policies of their party while knocking the opposition. Many times their feelings are so strong that it causes rifts within communities and even within families. This was very evident after the 2002 election and in some communities it still exists.

Letters to the Editor

SGCR Does Not Speak for All Dear Editor,

In light of the ongoing controversy of Guana Cay’s Bakers Bay development we want to say the following.

The lawsuit against the government of the Bahamas is NOT being brought on by “the people of Guana Cay” as Save Guana Cay Reef association keeps saying. It is only the supporters within SGCR. We haven’t given these people our money or our support. Most of those involved in SGCR are not citizens of the Bahamas. We are upset that time and time again, their lawyer, their statements, the newspapers say “the residents of Guana Cay are vehemently against the Bakers Bay development.” This is not the case.

We are embarrased by the bullying tactics of SGCR even so far as telling others that one M ember of Parliament Robert Sweeting, to his face, that “he is not welcome on the island.” There have been many more unavailing carrots tossed out by these people. We are tired of the ugliness.

We are upset that Bahamian men have been laid off at Christmastime because this is the case.

We are upset that people mistake our quiet, hardworking ways as people that need saving from this development and then attempt to speak for us as “the people of Guana Cay.”

We are upset that Discovery Land and Company thinks we are all hostile neighbors. We are upset that many of us already have good working relationships with their people who have been very fine people to deal with. We look forward to a full time doctor on the island for us, a community clinic for us all, they have offered us.

A couple years back, a petition went around that want to live in Spring City and be against development at Bakers. Of course, none of us wanted it developed, but it has happened. While we think that the project is big and is something that will be a problem to a lot of people, we are upset that the project is the best we could have hoped for and the Discovery Land Company cannot deliver. We are upset that they are not there for, too. We think they will be good neighbours and we look forward to a bright future for Guana Cay.

We cannot sign our names because we do not want any more conflict. It is time for healing.

Guana Residents

What About Spring City?

Dear Editor,

For years now Spring City has been forgotten. Who cares about Spring City is what I want to know. I am from Spring City and I want to live there again. But the government does not care about us. Yes, the young men and women who grew up in Spring City are now adults. I want to say the following.

It is not the case. There are so many other blessings in our lives. There are so many other blessings in our lives - family, friends, the freedom to live our lives the way we want - the list goes on. At all let us come to worship the Baby, the one who came into the world with one purpose in mind, to give His life for us. We take so much for granted, but let us remember this Christmas to be thankful for the greatest gift the world has ever known, the Baby born in the humblest of circumstances. If we truly worship, we will be able to point ourselves to speak for us as “the people of Guana Cay.”

I'm just saying Spring City people want to live in Spring City. We are and always have been free people. We have our freedom and not giving us our own subdivision, we are forced to move from the community we love so much.

So our cry and plea is for our own subdivision. It doesn't have to be 400 lots or 200 lots but enough for us, the young Spring Cityans who are now men and women. I’ve talked to lots of other Spring City people who want to live in Spring City or be able to buy land there.

And that’s our cry and plea so please, government, don’t forget us so we won’t forget you in the next election.

We want a subdivision! A Spring City

Critical of the FNM

To the Abaconian

PLP allow me a space in your letter section.

In listening to the FNM rally last night by way of Radio Abaco, I was very disheartened. I understood that how men in this Bahamas can be so childish in this serious time in which we live. These are men who are seeking for power to run our country. What a shame!

I will continue to support the PLP. “All the Way”! In fact, how I see it, “It is only the way.” We don’t have men and women in the PLP acting in this manner. I don’t know how the Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Christie, got it all together with such a nice team of ladies and gentlemen. Some of the nicest people in our country. We are a pleasant people.

I was hurt and ashamed the way that the rally was conducted last night. They had not a good word to say about the achievements of this PLP government. I thought the FNM came to Abaco to deliver. They delivered a bunch of junk. Just want to remind my friends for the FNM who did not hear it over Radio Abaco.

1. The first minister who spoke I always thought to be a pretty nice gentleman. The first thing he said that sometimes government could do was lie, lie, lie and that they had done nothing. Now he knows if ever he told one that was one then. He sounded like a stuck record in my ears.

2. Another former minister said all he had heard from the PLP convention was cursing. I spent three days at the PLP convention and I don’t recall hearing any cursing. Maybe this minister got the conventions mixed up where they were so close together. (No wonder he lost in the 2002 election.)

3. I was hurt and disgusted when I was told of the crippled people brought in from Grand Bahama in wheelchairs. To my knowledge I only saw three wheelchairs in the convention and they were on Thursday. He said all you could see coming off BahaMar in Grand Bahama after the convention was wheelchairs. The few
The official opening ceremony was attended by the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, who wished everyone well for the season. It was a fitting occasion to publicly acknowledge the great strides that Abaco has made.

The Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band performed in the afternoon, then the Pops band performed that night. Showers during the day threatened and occasionally dampened the festival site.

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Sorbet
Watermelon sorbet to cleanse your palate

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Dessert
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Cheese
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Cherokee Sound
By Lee Pinder
Grass For The Ball Field
The Abaco Club at Winding Bay has put new grass clippings onto our ball field and rolled it out for smoothness and together with these recent rains should do a lot to anchor the new grass and give it a good start. By the time spring rolls around the field should be in stable condition and ready for the first ball game of the season. Our thanks to The Abaco Club for its generosity in helping us to re-establish our Ball Field which has long been neglected.

New Public Toilets
The new public toilets are open now and located just behind the Library/Post Office. Large signs have been posted letting visitors know their whereabouts.

Antiques Roadshow
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Goofy came to visit the students of Cherokee Primary School on December 7 and brought each of the children a little Christmas present. Everyone wanted to have his picture taken with the popular cartoon character. Some were even a little shy. But most couldn’t believe their eyes and were thrilled with the opportunity to meet one of Mickey’s best friends. Shown here are, left to right, Tyler Sawyer, Alpheneauasia Kemp, Donovan Hepburn, Brandon Sands, Brianna Sweeting, Tiffany Albury and Juliet Weatherford.

Merry Christmas to all from Staff at Iggy Biggy Boutiques

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Our Antiques Roadshow will be on December 29th from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. with a program that will include our four antique appraisers and a storyteller talking about growing up in Cherokee. There will also be some old-time games and competitions reminiscent of bygone years, even a Maypole dance. Our hope is to take you back to another time and another place in history. Friends of the Environment is interested in setting up a Historical Register that it hopes will keep a recorded history of resources here on Abaco. Members of the

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This aerial view of the Mud area of Marsh Harbour shows the burned out area where a fire destroyed about 60 houses on November 17. The area is outlined in black. Looking carefully one can see that the houses are densely situated and few roads access the area. The burned-out area had no roads leading directly to that section. Several recommendations made by central government are under consideration. Lights are proposed as well as some access roads. But some houses will have to be relocated. Clean up of the burned area began and when it is complete, that section will be fenced to preclude rebuilding in that area. Government is wanting to stop further construction but finds that difficult. Central government has asked for local recommendations for locating a low cost subdivision for Bahamians. Many of the immigrants qualify for status under Bahamian law but they have experienced difficulty in having their papers processed. This photo was taken by Claude Sawyer of Cherokee Air.

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Youth at the Christmas Festival

Cotton candy was popular at the Christmas Festival. This generously sized cone provided the girl with plenty of pleasure. Face painting, hoop-la, basketball throw, bouncing castle, homemade ice cream and lots of food kept everyone happy.

A singing group from S.C. Bootle High School was one of the many groups that provided live music entertainment. These boys sang beautifully.

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Christmas is a special time of year for Christians everywhere; in Abaco, as in so many communities around The Bahamas, we use this season to gather with family and friends and to welcome those who may be away from their own homes into our homes and hearts.

Some of our communities have been particularly hard hit by misfortune; we remember those still recovering from the ill effects of last year's hurricanes whose difficulties have been compounded by the impact of Wilma this year in Grand Cay.

And, we remember those displaced by fire in The Mud where the continued inadequate response to conditions in one of our poorest communities creates strains upon residents and indeed on the wider community.

Generosity of spirit and friendship typifies Abaconians and so I hope that once again this year many of us will use the season to share with friends and neighbours and also with the less fortunate.

I take this opportunity to thank the many individual and businesses who continue to respond positively throughout the year to those in need. Your untiring support and contribution of time and money for worthy causes are inspiring to us all.

And, I thank those in government service, in the uniform branches, in our schools, in our clinics, in social services and in the wider administrative and technical public service for their continued efforts to serve the Bahamian people here in Abaco.

I also take this opportunity to especially thank the many Abaconians and residents of Abaco who have supported me throughout my political career and who have once again rallied to my side in recent months as I was drafted to return to leadership of the Free National Movement. With your support we will prepare our Party to return to leadership in Government where it will remain our sole purpose to make a better Bahamas for all, but most especially for our children who embody our future.

On behalf of the Free National Movement, my family and myself, I am pleased to wish you a blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas, and the joy that only Christ can bring.
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Abaco Bridal Extravaganza Is Staged

By Portia Jonsson

The Destination Weddings market is one of the fastest growing specialty markets in the Travel and Tourism Industry today. Brides and grooms select The Bahamas for their wedding and honeymoon destination for the purpose of enjoying the islands, romantic scenery, warm sandy white beaches and water sports.

According to Modern Bride, destination weddings now account for ten percent of the total number of weddings in the United States, over 230,000 weddings each year. The average number of guests attending destination weddings tops 46.

In an effort to expand Abaco’s promising growth in recent years as an attractive wedding and honeymoon destination, the Ministry of Tourism hosted The Abaco Bridal Extravaganza, its first bridal trade show, on December 1st and 2nd at the Abaco Beach Resort.

This event brought together local promoters of international weddings in Abaco including resorts and wedding planners as well as travel agents, travel writers and bridal magazine representatives from throughout North America. The trade-show also included exhibits from local service providers and other promoters along with workshops on various aspects of wedding and honeymoon planning and promotion.

The extravaganza introduced the Abaco Signature Wedding: A Wedding in a Conch Shell in a bridal fashion show during the first evening featuring the creative designs of local seamstress, Margel Smith.

Director of Tourism, Ms. Jeritzan Outten, said travel to Abaco to celebrate nuptials has recently accelerated and her office is happy to report that the size of wedding parties ranges from the individual couple to over 150 persons.

International guest speaker, Mrs. Lois Pearce, Master Bridal Consultant and Director of Ethnic Diversity, spoke directly about marketing to other cultures and special wedding customs and traditions for specific ethnic cultures. Did you know that in certain cultures the choice of a particular color is very significant at a wedding? The color black is associated with death in China and Eastern India and yellow is a lucky color in India while in Mexico it represents death and signifies youth and humor in England. Mexicans consider red offensive, Indians consider it lucky and Koreans only write a person’s name in red at the time of their death. Blue is the color of warning in Hong Kong and brown is a funeral color in Persia.

Second guest speaker, Ms. Janet Albury, Certified Wedding Specialist, covered the importance of becoming a certified wedding planner and planning a destination wedding. Attendees also heard from Mr. Tyrone Sawyer of Des....
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Hope Town Junior Sailing Takes Delivery of Sailing Dinghies

By Sue Holloway
November 29th was an exciting day for Hope Town Junior Sailing. In less than a year a dream has become reality with the delivery of six Optimist Sailing Dinghies. Optimist dinghies are a 7-1/2 foot fiberglass boat with one sail and positive flotation. These sailboats are currently sailed and raced in over 110 countries by over 150,000 young people. At the Athens Olympics 60 percent of the skippers and 70 percent of the medal-winning skippers were former Optimist sailors.

The program that the Hope Town Sailing Club is setting up hopes to encourage the young people of the community to learn and enjoy the traditional Bahamian skill of sailing. Other communities in the Bahamas, Nassau and Long Island, have similar programs and Green Turtle Cay has some boats and an interest in starting a program. So there will be opportunity for inter-island competition as the boys and girls improve.

The purchase and delivery of these sailboats was achieved due to the hard work and generosity of many people. Donations from local individuals and businesses, second-home owners and boaters made it possible to order six sailboats in this first year. Two Optimists already on the island, donated by individuals in the past, bring the fleet to eight. Services were donated by Tropical Shipping with transportation from the Port of Palm Beach to Marsh Harbour and Frederick’s Agency for Customs Brokerage service, drastically reducing the expense of delivery. McLaughlin Boat Works, the manufacturer, gave a generous discount for this start-up program and sent along many free spare parts. In addition, Bahamas Sailing Association in Nassau assisted with advice and support right from the beginning of the project.

Regular instruction will begin in January with an experienced Head instructor and volunteer aides. For more information contact a member of the Hope Town Junior Sailing Organizing Committee: Monica Cook, Kitty Donnan, Ron Enge, Paul Gooding, Sue Holloway, Harold Malone, Doug Moody or Jane Patterson.

Alex Findlater Honors His Ancestor
By Mary Balzac
On March 25th, 1836, Capt. John Findlater ordered his crew to hurry their 13 passengers on board the 166-ton brig, James Laurie, bound for Liverpool, England. There looked to be a storm brewing, and he wanted to get out of the harbour without delay, as the wind was fast veering to the westward, which might detain the vessel in port for several days, the passengers, with their luggage, hurried on board, and the bar was passed, only a few minutes before the wind had come round to northwest... The weather throughout the night was wild and stormy.

Alex Findlater, left, with his good friends, Caroline and John Hamilton, visited Hope Town recently to see the area where the brig James Laurie was ship wrecked off the Abaco coast. The ship was captained by Mr. Findlater’s ancestor, Capt. John Findlater, who perished along with all the crew and 13 passengers. He came to honor the memory of his great-great-grandfather.

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and in the morning fears were expressed for the safety of the James Laurie; and these fears were, some days afterwards, increased by several articles which had been on board being found on the shores of Abaco. No less than thirteen passengers, besides the master and crew, were hurried into eternity, it must be presumed, in a very short time after their departure from hence, who, it is reasonable to believe, perished that night or the day after.”

Some of the passengers mentioned in the article titled Melancholy Shipwreck and Loss of Life were the Hon. William V. Munnings, a native of England who had been involved in the governance of The Bahamas for 30 years, and his wife taking with her two of her grandchildren, daughters of the then Chief Justice, Mr. Lees. Also on board was Mrs. Kitson, a recently widowed resident of the island traveling to Liverpool with her three children. The article does not show names of the other five passengers.

Capt. Findlater, age 34, left a wife and four children in Liverpool, England. His wife died within the year, and the children were raised by the Irish branch of the family with his son, John, later entering the Findlater business enterprises. In the days of Capt. John Findlater, Capt. John Findlators conveyed general merchandise including rum and sugar as well as passengers across the Atlantic.

Recently, Alex Findlater, retired managing director of Findlaters and author of the well researched history of his celebrated merchant family in Ireland and great-great grandson of Capt. John Findlater, was on Abaco and relaxed at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. He came expressly to honor his ancestor lost at sea so long ago somewhere off Abaco. The next morning Alex, with his good friends, Caroline and John Hamilton, stood ankle deep in white sand in the gentle Atlantic surf, a soft breeze whispering off the turquoise sea, to honor the memory of Capt. John Findlater this 170 years after the tragic loss of the James Laurie with all aboard somewhere off Abaco. Alex poured rum into the sea that claimed his great-great grandfather and stood back, hat to heart, eyes closed, appeasing the spirit of his ancestor with a few private words.

They will be returning to Hope Town next March after participating in a bonefishing tournament on Andros.

New By-election Will Be Held

By Nicholas Roberts

Green Turtle Cay will be holding a by-election for local government on December 13, when it will be decided who will take the place of the late Roswell Sawyer on the council.

There are two candidates for the position on the board: Maxwell McIntosh and Donnie Adderly, both well known Green Turtle Cay natives. They both express a desire to better Green Turtle Cay. “I have a few issues that I want to deal with,” says Mr. McIntosh, a construction worker on the cay. “As a people and as a community, we must come together to face these issues and any others that rise on the cay, and we as the governing body must promote that. I want to reach out more to the young people on the island, involve them more in the community.”

Mr. Adderly, a well-known electrician on the island, echoes those sentiments and puts forth a few more of his own issues and opinions about Green Turtle Cay. “I love this island,” he says, “and I believe that we should never give up on trying to make it better, if we want to badly enough. One of the issues I would address is the problem of our descendants – our children, grandchildren, young people – having to pay high prices to buy land here. This is their home, and it’s not fair to them to have to pay that...
kind of money because most of them simply don’t have it to spend.”

A nother thing that Mr. Adderly will address, should he be elected, is equality. He believes that something built for recreation on public property, such as a dock on a beach, should be open for enjoyment by everyone, Bahamian or otherwise.

Both men say that they believe that the voters, who know them and their work and reputations on Green Turtle Cay, will go by that knowledge to vote for whom they think will do the better job.

By this time next week, we will have a new member on the local government in GTC. It will be interesting to see what happens in the coming months, as the new member begins to contribute suggestions and opinions on matters on the island.

New Subdivision Will Start in 2006

By Nicholas Roberts

As someone who grew up on Green Turtle Cay, it has been fascinating to watch this little island grow to be the ideal tropical vacation for thousands of tourists from all over the world. Some of these visitors find Green Turtle Cay so much like their liking that they decide to acquire or build homes here and become a part of the community or make plans to do so in retirement.

The old “Turtle” will add another piece to its shell when construction begins on the Leeward Yacht Club subdivision, which hopefully will be this month.

Headed by developer Douglas A. Poland, the new project will include 22 homes built on two parcels of land along the shore of Black Sound Harbour, considered to be one of the most secure anchorages on Abaco. Seven homes will face the harbour, while the remaining 15 will be in the surrounding property.

The project will include a 40-slip dock, the outer face of which can accommodate boats up to 120 feet long, and the inner

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By Portia Jonsson

It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas during Wrackers, John Bull, Abaco Gold and Conch Pearl’s Christmas Block Party held December 9th. Holiday shoppers strolled from store to store enjoying good cheer and the night’s festivities including a Junkanoo rush-out along the main street and eats and drinks at every stop.

Patrons were able to browse and shop two of the newest stores in the Royal Harbour Village, Fine Living Home Collection and Russell’s Fashions. Fine Living Home Collection, owned and operated by Ms. Colette Bootle and located next to Java Coffee House, opened its doors just minutes before the block party started. Russell’s Fashions specializing in ladies, men and children clothing as well as gift baskets, shoes, handbags, hats and costume jewelry opened right in time for the Christmas party. Regular store hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. During this Christmas season the store hours are 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Customers were intrigued by a new line of Bahamian coins enameled into very attractive pendants that are offered at Wrackers in Marsh Harbour. Shoppers enjoyed the leisurely browsing during the Block Party on December 9.
Bodybuilder Wins Again

In 1957 at the age of 15 Arthur Elden began the sport of bodybuilding. In 1960 he entered his first competition, placing third in the Mr. Bahamas competition. In 1962 he and Kingsley Poitier became the first Bahamians to compete in an international bodybuilding competition. In the 1962 Mr. Universe held in New York Arthur placed fifth in his division and in 1963 placed fourth. and second in the Mr. West Indies. Now 48 years later Arthur is still competing in Master Competitions. At the age of 63 on November 26 in Hialeah, Florida, Arthur placed second in the Master Over 60 at the South Florida Championship.

In the year 2005 Arthur won the Over 50 Division of the Grand Bahamas Championship and the Bahamas National Championship. He placed second in the Middle Weight Division of the Over 60 Southern States and now second place finish.

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wheelchairs and persons who could have been carried in a small plane like Bahamasair. No need for a big plane like Bahamasair!

4. Another minister with a stuck record kept saying: Roll them out. Roll them out. Roll them out. He said this so many times in his speech it made me sick. I told my wife that if I know who he is he’s a stupid fool. He will talk in his sleep and you guess what he will be saying. My guess is what he will be saying is this: Roll them out. Roll them out. Roll them out.

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We have not recovered. By Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne, and from which so many families in West Grand Bahama; an impact which only conscious of the terrible impact of Hurricane Wilma upon some of our communities have been particularly hard hit by misfortune. We in the Free National Movement are especially conscious of the terrible impact of Hurricane Wilma upon many families in West Abaco, Grand Bahama; an impact which only compounds the damage inflicted on Grand Bahama last year by Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne, and from which so many have not recovered.

We are especially grateful that the relief offered has been insufficient to relieve the growing number of unemployed in Grand Bahama.

In Abaco, we are plagued by the continued inadequate response to the conditions prevailing in our poorest communities in Mud and Pigeon Pea, and to resulting increased strain on the wider community.

The stresses and demands of modern living continue to inflict unacceptable costs on our communities around the country. Our country continues to be marred by an unacceptable high incidence of traffic fatalities, domestic violence, and murder.

The campaign to improve the well-being of people throughout our land.

And, we recognize the dedication of doctors, nurses, health care workers, social service workers and assistants who labour to improve the well-being of people throughout our land.

To public officers generally, we remain in your debt; we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the service you render.

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Two of Abaco’s Nurses Are Honoured

By Jennifer Hudson

Two pioneers of nursing on Abaco were honoured at a luncheon in Nassau along with several other “outstanding nurses who have been deemed trailblazers in the healthcare system in general and the nursing profession in particular within the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.” Minister of Health, the Hon. Marcus Bethel, referred to these care givers as “Bahamian Florence Nightingales who often laboured under great difficulties with limited resources.”

Nurse and midwife, Shirley Saunders of Sandy Point, holds the distinction of being the first nurse in the Bahamas to study and establish Family Planning Services in The Bahamas and was the first nurse to study Family Life and Adolescent Fertility and Behaviour. She was also a participant in the first Community Health Nursing Programme in The Bahamas.

Nurse Barbara Reckley earned a certificate in General Nursing, Psychiatry and Midwifery and obtained a Teaching Certificate in Teaching Methods, London, England. She trained as a Community Health Nurse and worked as the only nurse in the Marsh Harbour community delivering babies and caring for emergencies from 1973 until her retirement.
Christmas Traditions and Their Origins

By Jennifer Hudson

There are several stories about the origin of the Christmas tree, but one of the nicest, I think, is the legend of the pine tree, which goes like this. When the holy family was pursued by Herod’s soldiers, many plants offered them shelter. One such plant was the pine tree. When Mary was too weary to travel any longer, the family stopped at the edge of a forest to rest. A gnarled old pine which had grown hollow with his years invited them to rest within its trunk, then it closed its branches down and kept them safe until soldiers had passed. Upon leaving, the Christ child blessed the pine and the imprint of his little hand was left for ever in the tree’s fruit - a pine cone. If a cone is cut lengthwise the hand may still be seen.

German and English immigrants brought the Christmas tree to America. Fruits, nuts, flowers and lighted candles adorned the first Christmas trees, but only the strongest trees could support the weight without drooping; thus, German glass blowers began producing lightweight glass balls to replace heavier, natural decorations. These lights and decorations were symbols of the joy and light of Christmas. The star that tops the tree is symbolic of the “star in the east.”

The Advent wreath is a Lutheran custom that originated in Eastern Germany. The wreath is round as a symbol of God’s eternity and mercy of which every season of Advent is the new reminder; it is made of evergreens to symbolise God’s everlastingness and our immortality. Green is also the church’s colour of hope and new life. Four candles, which represent penance, sorrow, longing expectation and the hope and coming joy are placed within to represent the four weeks of Advent. Wreaths are an ancient symbol of victory and symbolise the “fulfilment of time” in the coming of Christ and the glory of His birth.

The 12 Days of Christmas is actually a catechism song. Between the years 1558 and 1829 English Catholics were not permitted to practise their faith openly. Without regular mass, sacraments or catechism lessons from the priest there was little parents could do to help their children learn and remember all of their faith. This song was created to keep the Catholic faith in their lives, even though hidden for the time. Instead of referring to a suitor, the true love in the song refers to God himself. The “me” who receives the presents symbolises every baptised person.

The “partridge in a pear tree” is Jesus Christ. A mother partridge will feign injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. The children hearing this song would know that and would understand the parallel between the acts of a mother bird and the sacrifice of Christ. The other symbols contain the following symbolism:

- 2 turtle doves - the Old and New Testaments
- 3 French hens - faith, hope and charity
- 4 calling birds - the four Gospels
- 5 golden rings - the first five books of the Old Testament, which gives the history of man’s fall from grace
- 6 geese a laying - the six days of creation
- 7 swans a swimming - 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8 maids a milking - the eight Beatitudes
- 9 ladies dancing - 9 choirs of angels
- 10 lords a leaping - the 10 Commandments
- 11 pipers piping - the 11 faithful Apostles
- 12 drummers drumming - the 12 points of belief in the Apostles’ creed.

It is believed that the first modern author of this interesting historical tidbit was Fr. Hal Stockert, based on casual references to the song found in letters from the 16th - 17th centuries.
group will be looking to our residents for assistance in this endeavour. In addition, we will have Cherokee’s genealogy records to trace your family tree.

We are planning an exhibition of some of Cherokee’s local antiques and treasured keepskates and hopefully some other antiques from around Abaco that our visiting appraisers can value. A authentic island food, a beer and wine bar, baked goods, plus arts and craft stalls will be available. A silent auction and a mystery item that we want you to “Guess What It Is!” will keep your interest. For the tourists as well as the residents of Cherokee, live music and a Junkano parade will be presented for your entertainment pleasure.

Tourism has arranged for special taxi service from Crossing Beach or from any of the Marsh Harbour hotels for the tourists, and we suggest you call them at 367-3067 to make your own personal travel arrangements.

This event is another first for Abaco as well as Cherokee, and we are hoping for a good turnout and a very enjoyable day for all who attend. So come out, join in the fun, participate in the games and visit with some old friends and make some new ones.

Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Cherokee Primary School for its new window fund as well as their general repairs fund.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Here we are at the end of another year for which there has been many changes on our islands. If you are a frequent Abaco visitor, a second-home owner or this is your first time here. The Abaconian newspaper is a vital addition to our community. It tells us what has happened and often informs us of what is to come. It is a record keeper and our best form of recorded history, a service all small newspapers have provided in their communities over the years. I’m proud to call Kathy and Dave Ralph my friends and deem it a pleasure to have written this paper over the years. Here’s wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – and I’ll see you in 2006.

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This newest project has been approved through the appropriate authorities in Nassau, and now the only issue pending approval is if the subdivision will be considered privately owned or Bahamian in nature. This subdivision will be landscaped and will be available for residents of the subdivision and for residents of the island who are interested in the destination wedding business. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and next year’s show promises to be bigger and better.

Hats off to Mrs. Kendy Anderson, Co-ordinator of the Abaco Extravaganza, for a job well done!
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Approximately 20 area fishermen met with a representative from the Fisheries Department in Nassau. This was a fact-finding mission to get first-hand information from those in the industry on the problems and possible solutions. Fisheries Officer Gilford Lloyd introduced the topics and noted the responses. The response from those present was orderly with a few spirited outbursts.

Mr. Lloyd began by stating that compression permits are expected to be issued on Abaco in the near future. He asked the fishermen for their help in identifying persons and boats breaking the law. Specific information to identify boats and the location of the offense would be welcome. Enforcement of Bahamian fishing laws extends to Florida as officials there cooperate with Bahamians when vessels are identified and found.

Abaco has a greater range of challenges for the Department of Fisheries than any other Bahamian Islands. It has more marinas, more rental boats and more yachting visitors scattered over a larger distance than any of the other islands.

Those present were unanimous that the fishing laws must be changed with more protection for the fishermen. Their view of protection relates to the unfair competition they face from those visiting here.

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Some fishermen wanted the crawfish harvesting banned altogether to foreigners as is the case in most other countries. They felt that any loss of visitors due to restrictions on crawfish or fishing in general would not materially affect tourism figures. A question was asked if tourism suffered in the Florida Keys because visitors are not allowed to catch crawfish.

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Fishermen Voice Their Thoughts

Both Goofy and Pluto visited the Every Child Counts school in Marsh Harbour. The students there are special ones who cannot cope with a normal classroom situation. The children were excited and happy to pose for their picture with the characters. Schools in North Abaco were visited for the first time by Disney characters.

Hubert Ingraham Leads FNM Rally

By Jennifer Hudson

Inclement weather on December 8 did nothing to dampen the spirits of the large crowd which gathered in the Abaco Shopping Plaza for the FNM rally under the banner Restoration 2007. Supporters were eager to welcome their returned leader and other delegates amidst a sea of red shirts and red, white and blue waving pom-poms.

A huge welcome was given to the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, newly re-elected as the FNM leader, who looked extremely happy to be back saying, “I am here tonight not as a local lawyer or representative for North Abaco but as leader of the FNM; together we can complete what has to be done. Our party is united, and all Bahamians have a role to play, whether they are white, black, Haitian, male or female. I will work to restore faith and confidence in our country.”

Mr. Ingraham spoke of a long list of achievements under the FNM government throughout The Bahamas and particularly improvements to clinics and major roads on Abaco, contrasting this to the way the PLP have wasted money on such things as huge ceremonies for the opening of the one-room police station in Crown Haven and the clinic in Dundas Town. He also referred to the recent firing of the C.E.O. for Batelco, Mr. Michael Symonette, and proposed firing of Mr. McCarthy from the National Insurance Board to illustrate how the PLP government does not let people do what they are paid to do.

He spoke at length on the situation at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. Before he left office in 1992, a new airport had been designed and a bidder had been selected. Ten thousand dollars had already been spent for a deposit on the steel frame. However, when the PLP did not continue with the airport project, the deposit was lost. Mr. Ingraham...
Thousands Showed Support for New Party Leader

Despite rainy weather the crowd responded well to the leaders of the FNM party at a rally held at Abaco Shopping Centre on December 8. This was the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham’s first official visit back to Abaco since being made the party leader at the FNM convention in November. Party supporters from all over Abaco cheered to see him back in a leadership role.

Mr. Ingraham called Mr. Edison Key to the podium, saying how happy he was to have Mr. Key in the FNM party. Mr. Key responded by saying that it took him only two months to realise that he was in the wrong place after the last election, but he knows that he is in the right place now.

The Hon. Brent Symonnette, newly elected deputy leader, told the crowd that this nation is at a crossroads and asked, “Do you want a new decisive leadership or more of the same?” Several times he had the crowd chant “Roll them out, roll them out.”

After a rousing welcome from the crowd, Mr. Tommy Turnquest vowed to remain faithful, committed and ready to serve. He praised Robert Sweeting, representative for South Abaco, saying that he owes a great debt of gratitude for service not only to Abaco but the whole of The Bahamas. Mr. Sweeting was also thanked by Frederik Gottlieb for the fantastic job he has done in representing the people all the years. “It is not an easy task, and I am sorry we will not be representing us again.”

Mr. Sweeting said that although he had tried to step aside last election circumstances did not allow it to happen. He is proud to be a part of this organisation and proud of the people of Abaco for electing him on three different occasions. “I am pleased and honoured to have served under the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham. He is the kind of prime minister we need in our country today.”

Also addressing the gathering were Loreta Butler Turner, Carl Bethel, Dion Foulkes, Alvin Smith and M. Bethel, daughter of Everette Bootle of Cooper’s Town, all of whom expressed the underlying theme of unity. Also travelling as part of the contingent were Johnlee Ferguson, Talia Johnson, Alvin Russell, Frank Watson, Neo Grant and others from Nassau and Grand Bahama.

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of the problem is due to lax enforcement which foreigners and Bahamians take to mean they are free to fish as they wish. The wife of a fisherman who looks after rental cottages stated that all through the busy summer when her cottages are cleaned after guests leave, crawfish shells are often seen in the garbage. The manager of a local fish house, Mr. Gurth Russell, asked that consideration be given to banning the sale of crawfish during the closed season to reduce illegal fishing out of season.

Other concerns were raised over poaching and owners or crew of sport fishing boats who often exceed their fish allowance of 20 pounds of fish per person on board. Visitors using Abaco’s vast fleet of rental boats contribute to out-of-season harvesting of crawfish.

Hope Town people regularly complain about foreign commercial fishing boats that fish in close at night and retreat beyond the horizon during the day. They often see the lights at night or find evidence of the long lines the foreign boats use. Other problems were brought to light.

The fines and penalties levied by the courts for fishing violations were universally felt to be too lenient. The fishermen wanted fines to be much more severe and equipment to be confiscated more frequently.

The present fishing license applies to a boat, but it was suggested that it be revised and apply to the person wanting to fish. It was suggested that the licenses be easier to obtain by visitors, particularly those arriving by plane who use rental boats. It was said that Bahamians wanting to hunt in the States must buy a hunting license costing $300 which is valid for seven days. This example was given to show that paying for a hunting or fishing license is an accepted practice. Foreigners must pay for some privileges. There, license fees were used to fund enforcement and conservation measures.

A stronger suggestion was to allow visitors to fish only on the reef or in deep water and be prohibited from taking crawfish from Bahamian man-made condos. A stronger problem relates to foreign boats finding Bahamian condos and moving them to new locations. They note the location on their GPS receivers. This amounts to theft of the condo which a fisherman had to build, move and set in place.

Throughout the condos are recognized as a common aid used by Bahamian fishermen for harvesting crawfish. Mr. Gifford Lloyd said they are illegal. A condo is a shallow open-ended box, perhaps four feet square, set on the sea bottom and used by crawfish as daytime shelters as they are night feeders. The fishermen visit them regularly and take legal size crawfish found inside. They are not traps and crawfish move freely in and out.

Adding value to Bahamian resources is a goal often mentioned by government. To this end the fishermen suggest prohibiting foreigners from taking any marine resources, requiring that they buy fish and crawfish from either the fishermen or in a market. A stronger suggestion is to curtail out-of-season crawfish sales and harvesting, is to prohibit restaurants from serving them when out of season. This would parallel other items often seen on restaurant menus... “available when in season.”

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Mr. Billy Andrade, a top PGA golfer, was in house at the Abaco Club just prior to the golfing event. He is the third esteemed world-rated certified golfer, who has visited the Abaco Club and played the Scottish-style golf course in the past three months. It was just recently that Mr. Ernie Els and his family stayed at the club. The Els expressed immense satisfaction with the entire facility. Then weeks prior to the Els visit, Mr. Lee Trevino and his family did the same.

Golf is not the only game in town at Winding Bay. Tennis is riding high as a favourite sport with members and guests. The Abaco Club courts are quickly becoming a desired venue for the game by some of the best players globally. The Bahamas own Mr. Mark Knowles, one-half of the world’s male doubles tennis champions, and Britain’s number one tennis player, Mr. Tim Henman, hosted an exhibition clinic at the Abaco Club in late November and invited many of the local children.

The clinic attracted local’s and in-house players alike. They all were ecstatic to have Mark and Tim as mentors. Also taking place that weekend was the interviewing of Mr. Peter de Savary, the Chairman of the Abaco Club, by Bloomberg Television. Its shows are about the most exquisite properties on the planet and success business persons the world over. This equates to more mega advertising and exposure for Abaco and The Bahamas.

Mark Knowles was so impressed with the facilities that he decided to include the Abaco Club in his Tennis Pro Am Tournaments. The Abaco Club held its first Tennis Pro Am Tournament on December 1st concluding on the 2nd. In attendance was the world male doubles champions, Mr. Knowles and Mr. Nestor. They were both accompanied by their wives, Mrs. Dawn Knowles and Mrs. Natalia Nestor. Ms. Nicole Vaidisova, who emerged as Wimbledon’s newest rising star in 2005 and is rated number 15 among the female tennis players in the world, was also in attendance. Her coach, Mr. Alles Kodat, and her two brothers, Oliver and Tobias, accompanied her. Mrs. Vicky Knowles, Mark’s mother, and Mr. Peter Andrade, were also present.

The pros elated the spectators and non-professionals alike with their brilliance on the courts, further advancing the tennis clinic.

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Central Abaco Primary Book Donation Will Benefit Grade One Students

By Portia Jonsson

On November 17th Ms. Clare Symonette, Area Manager with Harcourt International, visited Abaco to personally deliver and introduce grade one teachers to the Harcourt Trophies Books purchased by the Ministry of Education with the generous donation of $20,000 from Bakers Bay. These reading books will be implemented in the schools in January 2006.

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Trophies is a developmental reading/language arts program. Explicit phonics instructions, direct reading instruction; guided reading strategies, phonetic awareness instruction; systematic, intervention strategies; integrated language arts components and state-of-the-art assessment tools ensure every student successfully learns to read.

The teachers were very excited about the new books and can hardly wait to begin using them in the classrooms.

Abaco Central High School
New Computers Are Donated

By Gladstone "Stone" McEwan

"We are overwhelmed by the gifts. Since being devastated by the fire a few months ago, The Abaco Club on Winding Bay is the second organization to contribute assistance. The first was the Bahamas Union of Teachers," said Mr. Euthal Green, the principal at Abaco Central High School, when the school was presented with two new computers by the Abaco Club with partial assistance coming from Mr. Malcolm Spicer, owner of Abacom Computer Services in Marsh Harbour.

"This is the type of corporate spirit we need to see more of on Abaco," Mr. Spicer said. He further went on to say, "I taught at this school for 12 years and can relate to not having efficient tools to effectively educate the children. This is a great example the Abaco Club has displayed by taking the varied interest it has in the local communities."

This was the second consecutive year the school has rendered assistance to the Abaco Club by allowing some of the male students to become caddies for a weekend during one of its annual golf tournaments. "The involvement of the young men was the brainchild of Mr. Peter de Savary, Chairman of the Abaco Club on Winding Bay," said Mr. Floyd Swain, General Manager at the Abaco Club. "I myself am an Abaconian and appreciate all that the good club is doing on Abaco. I wish there had been persons such as Mr. Malcolm Spicer available when I was the principal of the school."
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Apart from the young men receiving adequate compensation for their services as caddies, they also unknowingly gave something back to the school. This came in the form of a commitment that was made to the school by Mr. Mark Scott, Project Director for the Abaco Club, and Stone McEwan, Public Relations Officer, to Mr. Green to provide the computers as an extension of goodwill for allowing the students to participate.

Pastor Steven Knowles, the school’s PTA president said, “This is a wonderful gesture by the Abaco Club and Abacom; they are much needed because the computer plays a pivotal role in today’s world and education. I also can say with all certainty that all of the parents and students are more than grateful.”

Students attend a Conclave in Nassau
By Portia Jonsson
Eleventh grade student Tajah Devaux and tenth grader Brittany Taylor of Abaco Central High participated in an intense three-day Adolescent Health Conclave sponsored by the Ministry of Health, the Department of Public Health and the Pan American Health Organization in Nassau on November 14th - 16th.

The conclave’s overall goal was to raise awareness about complex issues surrounding the adolescents in The Bahamas as well as provide participants with specific intervention skills.

It brought together almost 100 students from schools throughout The Bahamas including Eleuthera, North Andros, San Salvador, Acklins, Exuma, Long Island, Grand Bahama, Crooked Island and Rum Cay. Ms. Samantha Evans, Guidance Counselor at the school, accompanied the students and said it was very encouraging for her to know that she had the full support of their parents. The girls’ parents felt it was a God’s send and blessing for their daughters to be exposed to positive events. Ms. Evans saw this opportunity for the students as an extension of their training as peer counselors and a way for them to interact with other positive teens in The Bahamas.

During the conclave Tajah gave a presentation...
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St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour held a school spelling bee. The winners shown here are, front row: Melik Moultrie, Chandra Mackey, Mona Burrows, Natalia Sawyer, back row: Brittaney Mcdonald, Aila Dieli, Fieasha Johnson and Tourissa Pierre.

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grade students: Avery Thompson and Shannon Marino Albury; and 9 grader students: Taj Anderson and Stefan Curry. All

worked very hard and made a good show-
ing with Taj coming in Second Place in the 9th Grade District Competition.

Several different clubs have been very busy since September. A new unit of the

Governor General’s Youth Award currently has over 20 participants being led by Up-

per School Science teacher, Mr. Jim Rich-

ard. To receive their awards, the young

people must complete a two-day, 15-mile

Adventure Journey, perform community

service, develop a skill and participate in

scheduled physical recreation over a three-

month period. The GGYA has already taken

a trip to Cross Harbour where they studied mangrove ecology and did a beach clean

up.

Meanwhile, the Anchor Club has re-
grouped with 24 students. The major

goal of their club is to serve their commu-
nities, beginning with projects such as col-

lecting bags of clothing for the victims of Hurricane Wilma on Grand Bahama and Grand Cay, providing Thanksgiving des-
serts for the students at ECC and serving at the Pilot Club’s barbeque. Their advisor is History and Social Studies teacher, Mrs.

Leazona Richard.

In addition, the Drama Club began its 8th year with auditions for the spring play, Tales from the Bookstore. Mr. Richard has joined Mrs. Leslie Kennedy as co-director.

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Awana Club Attracts Youth

By Sandra G. Elden

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

The name Awana is an acronym taken from 2nd Timothy 2:15, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” It is a ministry of Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel. They average about 100 youth ages five to 11 in attendance now and are planning for some exciting things to happen in the New Year. On Tuesdays during the school year from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., they meet for a challenging time of skills and fun.

The time is divided into three segments, Bible Time, Handbook and Awards, half hour each with the last segment playing A wana games. They also have special nights like Pajama Night and Funny Hat Night.

Boys and girls ages five to seven are called Sparks. The next groups of girls and boys ages eight to 11 are called T & T (Truth and Training).

Troy Albury is the Commander of the club accompanied by three Directors, Leah Pinder, Farrah Cartwright and Andy Stratton along with about 25 Leaders. The games are formed in the unique A wana circle and the girls and boys are divided into four groups who wear the A wana colours, red, blue, green and yellow. Throughout the year they compete against each other and the winning team will earn the Marvin Higgs Memorial Floating Trophy. The winning team will have their name on it and will give them bragging rights for the year.

Focusing on Bible Time, they have singing and counseling within that segment. They learn memory verses and have a good foundation of the Gospel and Bible truths. Within the Handbook they have eight sections on lessons based on the Bible and will complete them within the year. Early in the year there are plans for a gymnasium to be built on the site in which the Awana group are excitedly looking forward to.

Awana Club members are shown here with their leaders at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel. They meet weekly for recreation and devotions.
New Vision’s Cross Venture Youth Group

By Sandra G. Edden
Cross Venture Youth Group at New Vision Ministries is marching ahead.

They average about 65 to 70 young people whose ages range from 11 to 18. Chris Pinder is the Youth Pastor and in charge of the group with about ten rotating volunteers that help with the group. They meet Friday nights 7:30 to 9:30 and have a variety of games, ping pong, checkers, four square, volleyball and hiking. On special occasions there are scavenger hunts, movie nights and center court basketball. They organize wet nights involving balloons, hay rides, medieval dress up and play justing. Time is spent discussing and sharing different topics. There is also Bible Study time on Wednesday evening 7:30 to 9:30 and they are hoping to begin focusing on a Praise Band in the New Year.

There is also a group called Adventure Seekers with about 15 boys who go camping and hiking. On one of their trips, they went hiking to Cross Harbour and hiked to a blue hole, which was about five miles away. An exciting trip is being planned for July 7th that will involve ten days at a Christian camp in Tennessee at Doe River Gorge. There is certainly plenty for young people to get involved with! In the New Year they are hoping to have the Police and Fire Department come and talk and insight about their community efforts.

In the future much needed space will be provided for volunteers that will teach music, sewing, carpentry, arts and crafts and more. The young people will be encouraged to produce their own short films in a very creative way. Ground is being prepared at the back of New Vision and will be part of a ball field that the young people are excitedly looking forward to. Keep up the good work New Vision!

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DUNDAS TOWN

#9298: Modern triplex with efficiency apartment. Well-built, split concrete construction, tile floors. Spacious back yard. Convenient to Government Primary school and all amenities. Nice quiet cul-de-sac location. Fully furnished, this won’t last long! $285,000. REDUCED!

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#9306: “Out There” Island cottage situated on 1 acre, spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Sea of Abaco. Carefully designed encompassing 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and wide open plan living area. Open beam ceilings, spacious screened and open deck. Tile floors, tongue & groove cypress walls/ceilings. Includes 6800kw Honda generator, ample rainwater cisterns, golf cart. Direct access to beaches and soon to be built dock on Sea of Abaco. Offered fully furnished. $534,000.

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

#9307: NEW! Almost new! Nicely elevated cottage overlooks the Sea of Abaco and catches every tropical breeze. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, hobby room, laundry nook, home is wired for generator power. Tiled living areas, carpeted bedrooms. Sturdy cement construction, tongue and groove ceilings. The perfect first home or retirement cottage! Move in condition! $290,000.

#9308: Just built and never lived in! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, nicely detailed with arched interior doorways, tile and modern fully equipped kitchen. The perfect starter home for a young family. Near Government high school and all conveniences of town living. $150,000.

SWEETINGS VILLAGE

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BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND

#9319: Lovely home site in secluded Bahama Coral Island; just 10 minutes north of Marsh Harbour. Elevated and just across from natural wildlife area and 5 minutes to the secluded beach area. Great views if "built up"! Buy now for the future! $21,000.

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BAHAMA PALM SHORES

#9325: Secluded 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located directly across the lane from Eight Mile Bay and its gorgeous beach. Rooftop deck enjoys some of the best views in the area. Room to expand and put your personal touch to this promising home. $422,000.

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Police Crime Report

A bout 7:30 a.m. November 6 a Dundas Town man went into his room-mate’s bed- room, called his name, Lional M.C. Sweeney, but got no answer. Police and a doctor were called and he was pronounced dead. He was known to have a heart condition and an autopsy will be performed on the 38-year-old man.

A search warrant to a resident’s house in the Pigeon Peas on November 7 about a block away in the bushes. A stereo system was stolen.

A Spring City woman was assaulted in a night club on Don McKaye Boulevard when a young man threw a drink in her face. The incident happened about 1 a.m. on Saturday, November 12.

A Dundas Town woman was assaulted while driving with her boyfriend in the area of the Treasure Cay airport on November 13 about 6 p.m.

A Grand Cay man was arrested on November 13 about 10 p.m. for possession of marijuana.

A resident of the Bahama Club in Treasure Cay had her apartment entered in the afternoon of November 13. Stolen was a bag containing $600, a cell phone, credit cards and a U.S. passport.

Island Development in Marsh Harbors was broken into during the night of November 13 and a burglar stole $50 in cash. A stereo Bookkeeping Service in Memorial Plaza was broken into sometime between November 10 and 15. A stereo system was stolen.

A Dundas Town man was arrested on November 15 for assaulting a woman. A 12-foot dinghy with a 15 HP Mercury engine was reported missing sometime between November 12 and 15 from the Hope Town Sailing Club dock.

Breach of the Shop License Act.

New listing! Family estate located on Gillsam Bay and Black Sound consisting of one two story furnished house with three bedrooms, three baths; two kitchens and two living areas. Sits on rise of land with spectacular views of both Gillsam Bay and Black Sound. 1.67 acres. Two vehicles, 2 car garage. Caretaker’s cottage with one bedroom and one bath. House has 120’ dock on Black Sound in hurricane sheltered water. 3 acres of property with 340’ of beachfront on Gillsam Bay. Estate can be sold as two parcels. $1.99 million for 2 story house, $3 million for beachfront parcel. Viewing by appointment only.

New listing! 118 feet of beachfront on north end of Bight O Bay. 174’ deep, 13 acre. Gorgeous beach cove lot with stunning views of Atlantic Ocean. $620,000 (all closing costs included)

New listing! 12,500 sq. ft. island lot. Waterfront location. Two walking distance of GT Club; Coco Bay Beach and Ocean Beach. Electrically supplied nearby. $100,000 (all closing costs in).

New listing! Two newly constructed three bedroom, two bath 4,000 sq. ft. furnished cottages plus porch on approximately one half-acre of land each on the Atlantic Ocean beach on the north end of Bluff Harbour. “Shell” and “Conch Pearl” are landscaped and feature an 18’ vaulted living room ceiling; 9,000 gallon rain water tank, and a ground floor room for golf cart storage. Use of shared private dock on Coco Bay included. Dock has 4 1/2 ft. draft at low tide. July 16 yards wide shoreline incredibly snorkeling reef. Amenities include: Central A/C; W/D; hand painted cabinets by local artist; and storage shelves. $1.55 million each (closing costs included)

New listing! 90’ of beachfront on south end of Bight O Bay. 560’ deep. One acre of spectacular white sandy beach. $840,000 (all closing costs in)
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Don’t Give Thieves a Christmas Gift

By Portia Jonsson.

This holiday season don’t let the spirit of giving lull you into giving into crime. Thieves like the holidays as much as we do, but mostly because it is an opportunity to commit crime. The holiday season from Thanksgiving through New Year’s Day always promises to be a busy and exciting time for everyone. Let’s make sure it’s a safe and happy season, too.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that criminals sometimes prey upon holiday shoppers. Those who are careless or preoccupied make the easiest targets, so we all need to be careful and alert to keep from becoming victims of crime.

I would like to share some tips with you to keep our holidays bright, cheery and safe for all.

Don’t display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Be extra careful to lock doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you’re only gone for a few minutes. Always lock your vehicle and roll up the windows even at dusk. Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. If you’re going to be out of town, leave a vehicle in your driveway. If you are leaving town for a few days, plan to give your home a lived-in look while you are gone. Leave radios on in different rooms of your home, purchase timers for lights and set them to go off randomly during hours of darkness. Have a trusted neighbor keep a watch out for your house. Neighbors can ensure that we have plenty to celebrate during this joyous time of year.

By remembering simple safety tips and practicing common sense precautions, we can ensure that the criminal activity is occurring, they should call the police if they suspect a crime is in progress. It is better to stop a crime before it occurs rather than to make a report after a crime has occurred. By remembering simple safety tips and practicing common sense precautions, we can ensure that our holiday season will be one of fond memories.

Consider using a cable secured to your home or a ground anchor to secure valuable Christmas lawn ornaments and decorations.

Avoid loading yourself down with packages. This will mark you as a good target to thieves. Instead make several trips to your vehicle and place items in your trunk or other places out of view. Avoid paying with large amounts of cash, use cheques or credit cards whenever possible. Beware of strangers coming to your door. They may go door-to-door to collect charitable donations when no charity is involved. The holiday season is a good time to form a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. This first line of defense against crime enhances security in our homes and the areas where our children play. It consists of good neighbors watching out for each other and making their neighborhoods better and more secure places to live. In a neighborhood watch area, neighbors are expected to call the police if they observe suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. No one has to know that criminals are occurring, they should call the police if they even suspect a crime is in progress. It is better to stop a crime before it occurs than to make a report after a crime has occurred.

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Avoid loading yourself down with packages. This will mark you as a good target to thieves. Instead make several trips to your vehicle and place items in your trunk or other places out of view. Avoid paying with large amounts of cash, use cheques or credit cards whenever possible. Beware of strangers coming to your door. They may go door-to-door to collect charitable donations when no charity is involved. The holiday season is a good time to form a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. This first line of defense against crime enhances security in our homes and the areas where our children play. It consists of good neighbors watching out for each other and making their neighborhoods better and more secure places to live. In a neighborhood watch area, neighbors are expected to call the police if they observe suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. No one has to know that criminals are occurring, they should call the police if they even suspect a crime is in progress. It is better to stop a crime before it occurs than to make a report after a crime has occurred.
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The funeral for Denis Ernest Absolu, 70, of Marsh Harbour was held on December 3 at the Friendship Creole Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Antoinie Joseph assisted by Pastor Edgar Geffard officiated and interment will follow in the Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his son Jean Robert Absolu; adopted son Filador; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for Estilla Faustin, 47, of Marsh Harbour was held at the International Mission Gospel Church in Marsh Harbour on December 2nd. Rev. Robinson Weatherford officiated and interment will follow in the Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons Makinson, Sergot Faustin and Jamison Arty; sisters Medilia, Yslande and Kathly Faustin; brother Altes Faustin; nephew Medilia, Yslande and Kathly Faustin; nieces Cilianne Jacques and Denise Arty and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for Greta Curry, 68, of Crown Haven was held at St. Anne’s Anglican Church in Crown Haven on December 3rd. Fr. Dwight Rolle officiated assisted by Canon Ivan Ottere and Fr. Feque LaPlante. Interment was in the Crown Haven Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Ednal Curry; children Elvis, Michael, Lloyd and Glenn Curry, Curline Russell, Caroline Major, Dianna Bain, Joycelyn Rolle and Rosalie Maxceant; adopted children Nicole Rolle and Torey Forbes; daughters-in-law Bethany, Debbie and Laura Curry; sons-in-law Joseph Russell, Paul Major, Brad Bain, Donald Rolle, Marc Maxceant and Romeo Rolle; grandchildren Monineka, Mellisa, Gretel and Shannay, Micha, Colton, Katrina and Karem Pinder, Kimiley, Paul Jr. and Lamusica Major; Vantaisha Collie, Anastacia Gelin, Uganda, Stacy, Tracy, Dustin and Angel Russell, Alicia Rashad, Janauree and Aaliyah Bain, Gabriella, Donald, Faith Miracle Clara Rolle; grandsons-in-law Leslie Gelin; sister Gertrude Smith; sisters-in-law Verdella Sergot Faustin and Jamison Arty; nieces Cilianne Jacques and Denise Arty and many other relatives and friends.

William Davis Lee, 70, passed away on December 10 at the First Assembly of God in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Keith Evans officiated, assisted by other ministers. Interment was in the Spring City Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his children Ruthmae Davis, Kenneth Nathaniel Davis, Kenneth Hanchell Jr., Olga Robinson, Japhus Hanchell and Fairbell Hanchell; grandchildren Paula, Henry, Paul and Tiffany Theagene, Kately Bovery, Nora Trelley and Lav-aughn Stabb, Adrian, Emmerson, Claudia and Brian Hanchell, Ke’shawn Hanchell, Shandra, Shaynn, Winchester, Indeo and Troy Robinson, Sonia and Ashley Stuart and Lorin Brown; great-grandchildren Candace and Michel Trembley, Tyreek Evans, Shaquok, Henri and Her pomiędzy Theagene and Payton and Paige Stabbs, Donata, Shae and Emmerson Hanchell, Iri and Rashad; daughters-in-law Deborah and Carlene Hanchell; son-in-law Lou Robinson; sister-in-law Pearl Robinson and Mable Taylor; brother-in-law Japhus Harvey; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for Cedis Edgecombe Sr., 68, formerly of Dundas Town was held on Grand Bahama. Interment was also on Grand Bahama.

He is survived by his wife Monica Edcombe; sons and their wives Philip and Lorraine, Cedis Jr. and Jacob Edgecombe; daughters and their husbands, Sandra and Ray Laing, Evelyn and David Nesbitte, Juliette and Joseph Thomas and Joanne Edcombe; adopted daughter Deann Lotmore; grandchildren Caroline, Robyn, Jacob Jr, Felicia and Philippa Edgecombe, Chadwick, Channen and Chelsea Laing, Natisha (Alisee) David Jr and Daavia Nesbitte, D’angelo, Justin, Julian and Jovainah Thomas; great-grand daughter Jasmine; brothers Marcus, Anthony and George Edgecombe; sisters Louise Crumblle and Kathleen Garvey; sisters-in-law Anna and Helen Lewis, Isabell Russell, Rosalie Miller and Ethel Edcombe, brother-in-law Welbon Miller; aunt Peggy Aderley; nephews; nieces and many other relatives and friends.

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William Davis Lee, 70, passed away on his home on Man-O-War on December 3 after a very long illness. He was a second home owner from Harwich, Massachusetts. His father and uncle are believed to be the first second homeowners on Abaco when they built a home here in 1948.

The funeral for Kenneth Nathaniel “Pa” Hanchell, 80, of Spring City was held on December 10 at the First Assembly of God in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Keith Evans officiated, assisted by other ministers. Interment was in the Spring City Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his children Ruthmae Thagene, Claudius Hanchell, Kenneth Hanchell Jr., Olga Robinson, Japhus Hanchell and Fairbell Hanchell; grandchildren Paula, Henry, Paul and Tiffany Theagene, Kately Bovery, Nora Trelley and Lav-aughn Stabb, Adrian, Emmerson, Claudia and Brian Hanchell, Ke’shawn Hanchell, Shandra, Shaynn, Winchester, Indeo and Troy Robinson, Sonia and Ashley Stuart and Lorin Brown; great-grand children Candace and Michel Trembley, Tyreek Evans, Shaquok, Henri and Herr Nezine Theagene and Payton and Paige Stabbs, Donata, Shae and Emmerson Hanchell, Iri and Rashad; daughters-in-law Deborah and Carlene Hanchell; son-in-law Lou Robinson; sister-in-law Pearl Robinson and Mable Taylor; brother-in-law Japhus Harvey; and many other relatives and friends.

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Spread a Little Love This Christmas
By Samantha V. Evans

It’s Christmas time again and all of the Christmas decorations are out on the tree. Christmas carols are playing and gifts are being bought. Children have made their list and checked it twice. All in preparation for Christmas Day!

Even though many of you are excited to see what Christmas day will bring, there are many children on Abaco whose parents cannot afford to buy them food to put on the table so you know that it not likely that there will be a gift under the tree.

This may not be the reality for a lot of you, but there are many families who cannot afford to give a purchased gift to a loved one nor purchase the turkey, ham and other trimmings that make this celebration day great.

Christmas time is supposed to be a happy time. It is about spreading love, about being together, a time of fellowship. However, it is very difficult to be happy and to spread love when you are hungry, cold and alone.

A baco has been through a lot of disasters this year, and God has seen us through so we have a lot to be thankful for. If you have breathe, that is something to say thank you for. So, this Christmas, why not spread love by “Adopting a Family” to share this yuletide season with. Christmas is a time to give love and to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so let’s chose this Christmas to open our hearts and our homes to a family in need.

Let us remember that God did not call us to in-reach, He called us to outreach so reach out to a family in need this Christmas and spread a little love.

God bless you and your family this Christmas, and have a blessed New Year.

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By Craig A. Layman

Response of wintering Kirtland’s warblers to patch dynamics: An emerging view of Kirtland’s warbler winter habitat use in The Bahamas
By Joseph Wanderle, Jr., Dave Currie and David Ewert

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Abstinence:

"To do it or not to do it?"

By Samantha V. Evans

Part one of a two part series

Abstinence means waiting to choose the right person, time and place to have sex. A decision to abstain may be for one day or for years. There are many reasons to be abstinent. Only you can decide what’s right for you. If you feel that now is not the time for you to have a sexual relationship, that’s a good enough reason.

Abstaining has many benefits. Besides preventing unwanted pregnancies and STD’s, you can abstain because of religious convictions or because you do not feel emotionally ready. Sex can affect your feelings in powerful ways. Waiting until you are ready to deal with these strong feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. It can also give you time to get to know your partner better and develop strong feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. It can also give you time to get to know your partner better and develop stronger feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. It can also give you time to get to know your partner better and develop stronger feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. It can also give you time to get to know your partner better and develop stronger feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. It can also give you time to get to know your partner better and develop stronger feelings can prevent you from getting hurt. 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Yacht Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Pat Bowlds

The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club celebrates its 25th anniversary in December, 2005, and throughout the following year. Founded in 1980, the purpose of the yacht club is to provide fellowship, information and support services to cruisers, landholders and others who enjoy visits and extended stays in the environs of the Hub of Abaco. At present, there are more than 950 members in the yacht club with four active port chapters in the United States. It is the additional purpose, when circumstances permit, to provide equipment, grants and other services to persons or community organizations in the Marsh Harbour vicinity for the benefit of the cruising community. The 25th anniversary theme will continue throughout the coming year including at the Commodore’s Ball on February 17, 2006, at the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour.

For additional information on the yacht club and its activities, check the website at http://www.rmhyc.com/.
Cars with Junk Titles Are Arriving on Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

Insurance Agents and Road Traffic Authorities are concerned about the number of cars coming on the island with junk titles. These cars have been deemed unfit to be on the road in the United States but are being purchased and brought here for parts. “However, once here,” she explained, “instead of being used to that effect, they are rebuilt and put back on the road. Some have been in a serious accident, some have been written off after being in a flood or in a fire.” A consumer warning published jointly by the Bahamas Motor Dealers Association, The Bahamas General Insurance Association and the Clearing Banks Committee relating to these vehicles stated, “These rebuilt vehicles are generally unsafe. Since they have been structurally compromised, they may fall apart... if a deal seems too good to be true, be cautious or you could be sorry... These vehicles are unsafe and have a very low resale value.”

“The caution,” explained Mrs. Albury, “refers to possible danger. If the chassis has been bent or damaged the real value of the car, less affluent people may buy it because they think it is a bargain. People get a loan and come to insure their new vehicle only to find out that the insurance company will not insure the car or in some rare cases will offer only third party which is unacceptable for a bank loan,” she added.

None of the insurance agents I contacted will knowingly insure cars with a junk title. Mr. Michael Knowles, Manager of J.S. Johnson Insurance Company, stated, “Whether or not the junk title is the result of hurricane damage or a total in an accident, once a vehicle has been pronounced unfit to be on the road, we will not insure it.” Mr. Robert Pinder with Insurance Management shared the same opinion, “Are these cars really road worthy, once fixed, he questioned? Do we really want them on our roads?” Mrs. April Stratton, owner of Van Stratton Insurance Agency, feels, “These vehicles should be stopped at the port when they arrive with such title.”

Once a used car owner requests insurance coverage from one of the local companies for a vehicle that had just been brought in from the U.S., every insurance company on Abaco will run a check on the vehicle through Car Fax, a service that will disclose the previous history of that car. If there is a recorded defect on its title, insurance may be refused or third party might be offered subject to the car being inspected by a reliable engineer. Such an engineer, Mr. Rowan Humes, employed by Bahamas First, visits Marsh Harbour once a month to inspect newly landed vehicles. “We inspect all the cars we insure,” said Mrs. Albury, “whether they have a good title or not.”

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A Red Cross container from Nassau arrived in Marsh Harbour November 26 with over $10,000 worth of relief supplies for recent fire victims. Included were 500 food parcels, 170 blankets, pampers, baby food and sanitary kits. Abaco Central High School students assisted in unloading and repackaging the various items as part of their community service requirement. The following day the items were given about 5 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist church parking lot which is close to the Mud settlement. Students from Long Bay School assisted Barbara Johnson, local Red Cross Group Leader, with the distribution.

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Mr. Jason Quashie took fourth place. When asked about their future projections, Mr. Nestor said, “Our goals are to once again secure the number one position and improve our performances in other future tournaments.” Mr. Knowles said, “It was a great event and the level of the players was excellent. But most important, I had fun and enjoyed myself on the courts.” He further said, “I will be back next year and will be promoting the event during my travels.”

This was Ms. Vaidisova’s first visit to Abaco. She summed up her experience in these words, “The event was close and personal for all who attended. It is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen.” Mr. Naupin, who spends four months out of the year on Abaco, said, “It was a delight to exchange volleys with the pros. They all were so nice and involved. Next year when the event is held, I will invite more of my friends to attend.” The pros all raved about the Abaco Club and committed to spreading the word about this picturesque piece of paradise.

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So readers, the message has been delivered. The old adage “Buyers beware” remains truer than ever. If you are bringing in a car or a truck, check its history or have it inspected before you ship it. If you knowingly buy a rebuilt vehicle, think of the possible consequences: no insurance, a monetary loss or worse, a possible accident endangering lives.

Individuals can research the history of their car by going on the Internet to www.carfax.com and entering their vehicle serial number known as VIN. There is a $20 fee which can be paid by a credit card.

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Samantha V. Evans pursues what she considers to be the mission of educators throughout The Bahamas today — "We must reclaim our schools" — with a combination of compassion for students, creative teaching methods, clear expectations, unequivocal discipline that requires acceptance of responsibility for individual behaviour and an abundant supply of energy.

"I try to provide a safe environment in which students feel free to express themselves, to voice their concerns in a respectful manner," Ms. Evans said of the life skills classes she conducts with students in grades nine through 12, "and where I can teach them factual things to help them get rid of the myths and false information they concoct themselves by, especially with regard to sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases."

Ms. Evans, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and educational leadership from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, chose to take on the extra load of teaching classes, rather than just having students come to her in her office, so that she can be able to interact more directly with them on a more regular basis.

"I had to think long and hard before accepting this posting in Abaco," Ms. Evans, a nine-year-old son, said of her being asked by the Ministry of Education to come here to Abaco, "and I have very high expectations of them and work them hard," Ms. Evans said. "At first, the students, especially the young men, would complain that they had never been given so much work and assignments to do, but now they're coming around and meeting the challenge."

Ms. Evans, considered to be the mission of educators by her beliefs as a Christian, "I try to teach based on God's way of doing things," she explained. "I utilize Scripture and try to challenge the students to appreciate that God has a plan for each one of them, and that they should respect themselves as such and try to live according to that plan. A lot of adults, particularly from a group of girls, "There was some sassiness," she said, "some rolling of the eyes that seemed to say, 'Who do you think you are?' Not so much from the guys, although some of them did try their bopping into class late. But they have come around to seeing what I am about and that I will not let them get away with negative behaviour."

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**Wish Him A Happy 30th Birthday!**

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By Mirella Santillo

On December 3 Hair Express held its second annual hair show at St John’s Parish Hall. In front of a packed audience, 52 young ladies performed musical steps and dances, group by group, while showing the hair styles that had been two days into the making. Salon owner and hair stylist, Taka Russell, worked through the night of Friday to Saturday to have the models ready. The salon had the use of two rooms, compliments of the Bistic Bight Motel, one of the show’s sponsors, where Taka and another stylist created their masterpieces. Woven through natural hair with colorful yarn, ribbons or synthetic hair, hairdos included such exotic names as Twitter, Pink Peacock, M orange Glory, Y allow, Hoops, Christmas Curly, Cotton Candy, Pink Panther, Sassy Loops and Caribbean Puff. The girls ranged from eight to 20 years of age. Most of them are students of local schools: A ppe Christian School, Long Bay, St. Francis de Sales, Central Abaco Primary and A baco Central High School.

The show started with groups of six or seven girls performing dances, showing casual wear clothes, singing solos or performing step dances and, of course, exhibited their hairdos. The evening passed quickly under the watchful eyes of parents and a few police officers. Conch fritters, soft drinks and beer were available. M. S. Russell was pleased with the outcome of the evening which was intended to promote her business. She mentioned that part of the proceeds from the function will be donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund, to help the victims of Hurricane Wilma on Grand Bahama and Grand Cay. Local business people helped with the decorations and donated the door prizes.

These attractive girls modeled fancy hair styles for the Hair Express Hair Show held at the Anglican Parish Hall on December 9.
COUNSELLOR

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the students attend church and see themselves as Christians, but are amazed to admit it because of peer pressure. I try to encourage them to be proud of who they are and what they believe and not to hide it.”

She said working with parents on Abaco is an even greater challenge than in Nassau. She said parents need to be educated about their role in the education and upbringing of their children, of the value of seeing education as the vital tool it is for their children’s success in life and their involvement as parents as necessary for their children’s success in education.

In addition to her classroom and individual counselling activities, Ms. Evans learns a lot about the students by visiting them in their various groupings during lunch.

“The quiet boy who acts like an angel in class could very well be one who is active in the gangs,” she said, acknowledging what she has learned about the various neighbourhood gangs that students join. She said parents, teachers and administrators must be sensitive to the way students who cannot communicate with adults gravitate toward gangs for affirmation and advice, usually bad advice.

“I get to see how a lot of the big boys make puppets out of the younger boys who are looking for role models,” she said. M.S. Evans consults regularly with Principal Ethal Green on her observations and discusses ideas with him on improving the situation. One activity the school approved was an all-day event on November 25 designed to highlight some of the challenges and expose students to expert advice. The school brought in professionals from Nassau that day to address such issues as safety in the schools and the psychological effects of deviation behaviour on Bahamian teenagers. A former gang leader from Nassau, who was once on death row for murder but whose sentence was commuted, addressed the students in an effort to give them a strong understanding of the true dangers of gangs and violent crime. Students engaged in peer teaching and making cultural presentations on that day.

TALENTED ARTIST

is a talented artist who is renowned for her paintings of the natural landscape and the people who live in it. She has been featured in several exhibitions and has received numerous awards for her work. Her paintings are known for their vivid colors and attention to detail, capturing the essence of the Bahamian environment. She shares her passion for art and the environment through her workshops and community events, inspiring others to appreciate the beauty of nature. Her art pieces are highly sought after by collectors and art enthusiasts, making her name a recognizable figure in the art world. The Abaconian Page 31 B

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