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Country Star Performs for 500 Concert Will Benefit Abaco's Wild Horses

By Jennifer Hudson

Country music sensation Aaron Tippin drew a crowd of almost 500 to the pavilion at the Abaco Beach Resort on the evening of February 4 for the Ministry of Tourism's First Country Music Celebration, a benefit concert to aid the wild horses of Abaco. Since his entire childhood was spent around horses, Mr. Tippin jumped at the opportunity to assist this cause.

Aaron Tippin is a very lively performer with great audience interaction, and the crowd quickly warmed to his charismatic personality. Among the numbers he performed were his first single hit *You've Got to Stand for Something*, which cracked the top 10 in 1991 and *There Ain't Nothing Wrong with the Radio*, which stayed at number one for three weeks in 1992. He was joined on stage by his wife, Thea, for their number one hit *Kiss This* which she co-wrote. Their two young sons also stood on stage and clapped along with their parents during this final number. Mr. Tippin, earlier in the programme, explained that he and his band recently came up with the idea of actually putting a bicycle together on stage



Aaron Tippin, well known country music star came to Abaco to perform for the benefit of Abaco's wild horses. The production was held at the pavilion at Abaco Beach Resort on February 4 to an audience close to 500 people. While he and his group were here, they visited several communities, all of which were filmed to be made into a television show that will be aired soon.

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Plane Crash Report Is Believed False

An early afternoon alert by the U.S. Coastguard on January 27 put Central Abaco's rescue groups in full swing. Initial calls indicated an ELT transmitter had signaled indicating distress three miles off the north west tip of Guana Cay. Although an initial distress signal was reported, it was not persistent as it should have been.

The wind was high and sea conditions were quite rough, but local boats and a Coast Guard helicopter combed the area and found no signs of an oil slick, debris or other indi-

cations of a downed aircraft.

Residents on Scotland Cay checked the landing strip there and reported the three aircraft parked there were not transmitting on their ELT radios and were not the type of aircraft being looked for. The search was called off shortly before sundown by the Coast Guard, BASRA and local boaters.

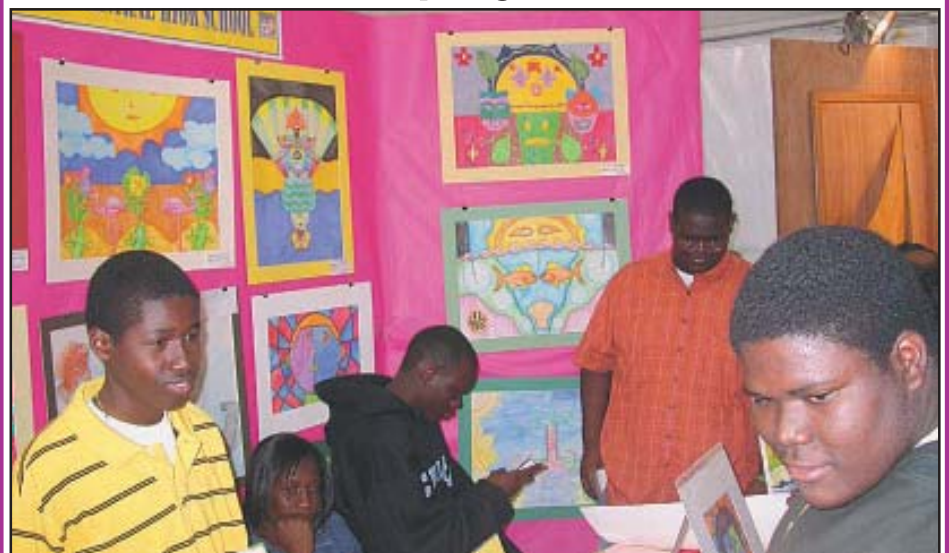
The signal gave the name of the aircraft owner, Bahamian James Wells, and aircraft type, a single engine Dragon Fly with registration No. N50433.

Min. Gibson Speaks to Homeowners



The Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing, was on Abaco on January 27 to meet with the new residents of Spring City who received government-built houses last June. They were not given the houses but must pay rent or get a mortgage. Two families have already gotten mortgages but several others were not making payments of any kind. They have been given 30 days to make rental payments or arrange for a mortgage. Mr. Gibson, center is discussing the situation with Ms. Sheila Greene, Permanent Secretary, and Mr. Melvin Seymour, Director of Housing, while Bishop Clifford Henfield looks on. See story on page 5.

Students Display Art at Show



The Ninth Annual Art Festival held at Abaco Beach Resort featured many new artists. For the first time Abaco Central High School students displayed art and several pieces sold during the show. Art work of the Every Child Counts was also on display. The art show was held on January 27-28 with a preview wine and cheese tasting reception on January 26. This annual event is anticipated by the artists and viewers alike as an opportunity to showcase the talent of our residents and visitors. A wide range of art work was displayed, paintings, watercolors, fabric art, jewelry and photography. Two Abaconians showed outstanding photography for the first time. Shown here are Arsenio Burrows, Kanusha Mackey, Watson Francius, Sekeron Dorsette and Delmar Saunders. See story on page 6.

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Concert Attracted Audience from Many Towns

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during the singing of one of the songs. The bicycle was constructed during this performance and was donated to the Every Child Counts School.

Accompanying Mr. Tippin on this visit was his fun loving six member band, his producer, Mr J. R. Davis, and colleagues. The concert was filmed for a television segment which will air shortly on the Country Music Across America Show on the Great American Country Network, a cable network that reaches about 50 million homes throughout the United States. Mr. Davies, along with Mr Tippin and family, spent three days on Abaco prior to the concert. During that time, they were hosted by members of the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco office and taken to all the points of interest

throughout Abaco. Mr. Davies will be producing a show about Abaco for the network.

Abaco's own Stone McEwan opened the programme with a selection of good down-home Bahamian music accompanied by a talented bass guitarist from Blackwood. Mr. McEwan is to be praised for also bringing some young talent to the stage, affording them valuable exposure and allowing the audience to see some of the great young talent Abaco has to offer. Kyshara Adderley, a 16-year-old student at Abaco Central High School, provided vocal backing for Stone on two of his songs and had the opportunity to showcase her mature voice in a stirring solo.

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Kyshara Adderley, a student at Abaco Central High School, sang with Stone McEwan, left, and Wes Cornish from Blackwood, who performed at a concert featuring Aaron Tippet, well known country music star. The concert raised funds for the wild horses of Abaco.

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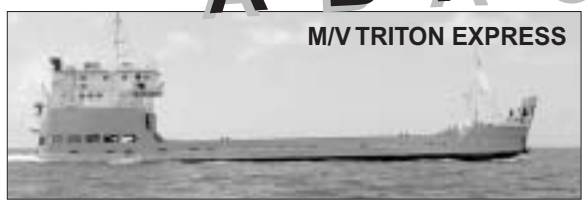
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Country Concert Included Local Musicians

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Thirteen year-old Avery Thompson, a student at Forest Heights Academy, is a very talented young man with a love for stringed instruments. He already plays about 12 and is now endeavouring to mas-



Avery Thompson, a talented 13-year-old, performed at the concert featuring country musician Aaron Tippin. Avery enjoys learning to play many instruments. He was well received by the audience.

ter the art of the violin. Not only does he have a talent for playing any instrument he picks up, but he has also been blessed with a beautiful singing voice. The audience was greatly impressed by his performance of country hits and rewarded him with a standing ovation.

The pavilion was very colourfully decorated for the evening with balloons, posters and country western motifs by the Ministry of Tourism staff. Straw hats and bandannas were in evidence, adding further to the atmosphere of the occasion.

Guests were welcomed at the beginning of the evening by Mrs Bernadette Harding, who introduced the MC for the evening, Mr Arthur Eldon, "Country Bob." Ms. Jeritzan Outten, Director of Tourism on Abaco, introduced Ms. Milane Rehor, Managing Director of WHOA (The Wild Horses of Abaco Preservation Society), who spoke briefly on her work with the wild horses of Abaco,

noting that it is an endangered breed of Spanish barbs. "It is not known exactly how they got here, but their DNA shows that they are definitely Spanish," she said. Since the horses are urgently in need of financial assistance to prevent extinction, she thanked everyone in attendance for making a contribution to assist this project.

The Hon Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism, a great country music fan, was scheduled to bring remarks but was prevented from doing so by extremely bad weather detaining him in Grand Bahama. Ms. Outten presented his apologies.

At the close of the programme Mr.

Tippin was presented with several gifts in appreciation of his visit and as a reminder for him of his visit to Abaco. He was quite moved by this token of generosity and said that his whole trip had been "extra special." He thanked the Ministry of Tourism and the people of Abaco for making him and his family feel so welcome, saying, "I had never been here before but found it to be incredible." and he loved being here.

Ms. Outten thanked Bahamasair and the Abaco Beach Resort for their generosity and said that the Ministry is already looking forward to next year to another celebration, which will be even bigger.

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Four families living in new government houses in Spring City were given eviction notices effective January 24, 2006, for non-payment of rent. These four and two more had been notified several times earlier to initiate rent payments or arrange for a mortgage if they wanted to buy the houses. Two families subsequently made arrangements to obtain mortgages.

On delivering the recent notice demanding immediate eviction, the Abaco Christian Council appealed to government to seek a peaceful end to the problem, and a 14-day extension was granted.

The houses were built in Spring City for families squatting in government-owned houses at Snake Cay which were severely damaged in recent hurricanes.

The new houses were offered on generous terms. Monthly rent was to be paid, or

the occupants could obtain a mortgage leading to eventual ownership.

Since officially accepting their houses in early June of last year, government officers had seen no effort made to either pay rent or obtain a mortgage. As a result, warning letters were issued last year to the occupants on August 15, September 26 and December 6. A final notice on January 24 of this year requesting immediate eviction got everyone's one's attention.

The occupants met with the Minister of Housing, the Hon. Shane Gibson, on January 27 in Marsh Harbour. They agreed to begin paying rent and were allowed to continue living in the houses. Terms were extended to allow the back rent to be paid. One of the occupants pledged to pay the entire \$36,750 within 30 days.

The land was provided free with only the

subsidized cost of the house to be paid for. Purchase prices were \$36,750 for a three-bedroom house and \$28,500 for a two-bedroom unit. Monthly rent payments were equally minimal at \$250 for a three-bedroom house and \$200 for a two-bedroom house.

Rental terms were to be worked out for an occupant of a single bedroom house who was receiving disability payments and without a job.

The other occupants have the option of

paying the stipulated rent each month or obtaining a mortgage. This could be from an institution of their choice or from the Mortgage Corporation of the Bahamas.

Renting would not allow heirs to eventually take possession whereas purchasing the house would contractually give full ownership rights.

Mr. Gibson emphasized that the agree-

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New Subdivision Is Weeks from Inception

While on Abaco on January 27 to resolve a dispute with occupants of government houses in Spring City, the Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing, made a few general comments on the long awaited low-cost subdivision and on Central Pines in Dundas Town.

He expected that phase two of Central Pines would begin in four to six weeks as the existing subdivision is sold out. This would extend from the dual carriage road at Central Abaco Primary School to the border of Marsh Harbour. This begins at the circle at Crockett Drive and Forest Drive and extends to the marles (swamp) on S.C. Bootle Highway.

More interesting was his statement that the long awaited low-cost subdivision could begin in two to four weeks. Land on the

S.C. Bootle Highway immediately west of the BEC power station is now being studied for this site. Details were not given, but Mr. Gibson hoped the cost of a lot could be kept within a \$5,000 - \$7,000 range.

A second area for a similar subdivision is being considered for an area on the highway south of Spring City.

Both of these would be for Bahamians and others who qualify. Illegal immigrants would not qualify, but discussions are underway for the inclusion of those with residence permits and perhaps work permits. The intention is to provide low cost lots for those who are not now property owners and need help getting started on home ownership.

Both areas would include recreational areas and provision for churches and businesses.

Construction Begins At Abaco Beach Resort



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Art Festival Attracted Hundreds

By Jennifer Hudson

The ninth annual Abaco Art Festival was held January 27-29 at the Abaco Beach Resort, and public opinion rated it the best yet. Mr. John Neophytou, General Manager of the Abaco Beach Resort, stated shortly after the event that he had received many positive comments about this year's show. People were impressed by the increased originality and individuality of expression, plus the general presentation of the show.

Twenty-eight artists showed their work, and selections of students' work from the Every Child Counts School and Abaco Central High School were also displayed. Along with the artists from Abaco, with whose work we have become familiar, it was good to see artists from Nassau and Grand Bahama, bringing a new dimension to the show.

The work shown this year was varied and encompassed oil, acrylic and water colour paintings, photography, fabric collage and quilted fabric art, water colours on silk, pencil and pastel art, historical fine art, sculpture and handmade jewellery. It was interesting to note the number of artists this year who have branched out into an additional style. Jeep Byers has always been known as being very versatile in his art forms creating impressionistic water colours and colourful dreamlike contemporary paintings inspired by the beauty of the Abaco islands but the paintings he showed this year were strikingly different, more colourful, simple and fun. He explained that his new style is the result of his recent tour of all the islands of The Bahamas which inspired him to want to paint pictures which

express happiness and jollity and the liveliness and colour of life in The Bahamas. "These have proved very popular," he says.

Bob Zwickel has experimented with colourful pastels and has received very favourable comments. Marjolein Scott, who is well known for her delicate water colours on silk paintings featuring whimsical nature scenes and mermaids, also displayed her very bold and striking new pieces featuring black Bahama mamas.

Kim Rody, an artist from Florida, who shows her bold and colourful fish paintings each year, displayed very different abstract pictures this year. "It is healthy for artists to change and come out with something new," she said.

Maureen Koepp, a very talented fabric artist, has become well-known for her extremely detailed quilted art pieces which are constructed "using hundreds of fabrics and thousands of stitches to bring the beaches and reefs to life." This year it was interesting to see that Maureen, in addition to her underwater marine studies, has expanded to encompass beach-scapes which are truly delightful.

Kim Roberts is another fabric artist who is always looking for new ideas, and this year introduced three-dimensional collage artwork and a fun line featuring her "Moody Mamas."

Making his debut at the art show this year was Tim Higgs with his underwater photography. Tim is an avid scuba diver and instructor whose interest in underwater photography grew out of his desire "to capture the beauty of God's creation beneath the

seas." His incredible framed pieces of underwater life drew much attention from the crowd, and he was very pleased with the response he received at his initial showing.

Jo-Ann Bradley was a first-time exhibitor. Though she has a bachelor's degree in fine arts and studied under Daniel Green, whom she describes as "the best portrait artist in the United States," she had never before shown her work. She was delighted with the response to her oil paintings of Cherokee Sound and other Bahamian fishing villages, selling most of her pieces and receiving her first commission.

Five artists from Grand Bahama partici-

pated in the Abaco Art Festival this year for the first time. They tried spreading their wings further afield since the market in Grand Bahama has been very depressed since the recent devastating hurricanes. Also they wanted to make people more aware of artists on Grand Bahama. All of these artists are very talented and amazingly, all but one are self-taught. Nicole Angelica works in oil on board, and her work was most impressive. As a child she was always sketching with crayons and pencils and her father recognised an innate talent and en-

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Tim Higgs of Marsh Harbour showed his underwater photographs for the first time at the Art Festival. Brilliant colors and striking portraits of fish and turtles proved to be popular with the festival goers.



During the wine and cheese reception at the opening of the art show at Abaco Beach Resort, the Spring City Rockers rushed through the pavilion, entertaining the guests and artists.



Malcolm Rae, well known artist from Nassau, frequently comes to Abaco for the Abaco Beach Resort art show. He is discussing the show with Bridgitte Bowyer Carey, an Abaco artist who regularly displays her work at art shows.

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32 Artist Displayed a Variety of Work

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couraged her, she said. As she grew older, she purchased books and DVD's from which she studied, fast developing an incredible talent. Today, she runs her own studio on Grand Bahama.

Sheldon Saint first realised that he had artistic talent at eight years when his teacher asked the class to draw an Easter Bunny. On seeing his drawing the other children realised it was something special and all asked him to do theirs. After graduating from high school, he began drawing all day and studying books on art and was especially influenced by Rembrandt, Renoir, and Monet. His incredible patience shows through in his outstanding portraits and figures, and his art work is so exquisite that it is hard to believe that he has had no formal training.

ist who lives in Freeport, specialises in primitive art and abstract with acrylic on canvas. His work is currently on display at the Artists International Exhibition in Lyford Cay, Nassau, which has been organized by Princess Azamat Guirey, herself a renowned museum artist. Sean Connery is an admirer of Rupert's work and recently purchased one of his pieces.

Terry Lord Rolle, though self taught, inherited her talent from a family of artists and bases her work on Bahamian history. "I like to remember the way things were as a child growing up and capture this for the future," she says.

Alisa Streather was the only artist from Grand Bahama who is not self-taught. She has a degree in art and teaches at the Jack Hayward High School, having previously taught for four years at the high school in Cooper's Town. She recently took four

years off to dedicate time to her painting and won second place in the Discovery Cruise Line competition two years ago.

For the past two years an invitation has been extended to high school art teachers to bring groups of students to the show so that they can meet with the artists who are always happy to discuss their work and techniques with students and encourage those with talent and interest. Mr. Neophytou was disappointed that no school groups attended to view the show but was very pleased that the Abaco Central High School had a booth.

Mrs. Lori Thompson, art teacher at the school, is to be greatly commended for encouraging her students to take part in the show where they were able to not only display their work but also have the opportunity to sell some. Several of the students sold pieces of their work and altogether raised \$565; 20 percent of that went as com-

mission to the resort along with the cost of the booth all of which totaled \$153, 30 percent to the school to purchase materials for the technical drawing and carpentry departments and 50 percent of the remaining money went to the students who sold their work which was very exciting for them. As a result of persons seeing the school's work on display at the show some donations have since been received and these have been placed on account at Bellevue for the purchase of art supplies.

While Mrs. Thompson herself was at the booth for the cocktail evening on Friday, art students Anthony Newman grade 9, Watson Francis grade 10 and Delmar Saunders grade 10 ran the booth on Saturday. They had high praise for their teacher

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Bridgitte Bowyer Carey, left, is showing her work to an admirer. One of her special features is fish and nautical scenes painted on driftwood.



Sonya Weatherford, left, and Kim Roberts, both Abaconians, are discussing the show. They both produce popular art work.

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The Editor Says . . . Can Local Rules Prevail?



We discussed various elements of Abaco's progress in our last editorial and the push and pull between Local Government and Central Government in Nassau. We were unaware of the program that Hope Town's Chief Councillor, Wayne Hall, is undertaking to provide for orderly growth in an acceptable manner with rules and ordinances developed at the local level. [See *Hope Town Council Proposes Regulations* in this issue, section B, page 1]

Mr. Hall has laid out an ambitious program for the residents of the three towns in his district to ponder with five meetings in each town spaced two weeks apart. He and his six Councillors are not telling people how to manage their towns but rather are asking for their ideas. He has put together a White Paper of more than 100 pages of ideas culled from small towns across America and Canada that are facing similar growth challenges.

The White Paper is being presented and discussed in town meetings to see if zoning, wetland protection, garbage collection and other issues can be spelled out for those communities to follow or modify as conditions change in the future.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the laws originating in Nassau are broad in scope and apply to the entire Bahamas. Hope Town observes them just like Marsh Harbour does and like Cooper's Town does. They can be modified to be effective for a particular area but that is a cumbersome option which Nassau is not particularly keen on.

An interesting example of this is the Road Traffic Act which applies to the entire Bahamas. However, due to an incident in Hope Town in the mid-1960s, a law was formulated just for Hope Town, prohibiting motor vehicles on the town roads beyond the Methodist Church. A previous Hope Town Council used this to their advantage to enforce the law with the installation of a locked gate near this junction to slow the escalating traffic running through Hope Town.

Recognizing the need for a fire truck, a garbage truck or perhaps a delivery truck with a load of water to drive

through town, keys to the lock are issued to qualified individuals allowing them to pass the gate. The Council is careful that they do not give permission to drive through town, only pass through the gate. If anyone driving in town is challenged by some authority, he is on his own.

In Mr. Hall's presentation, he was careful to point out that few laws stand forever but are often subject to change and modification as society and circumstances change.

The course which he has embarked on will be interesting to watch for several reasons. To a casual observer, the three main cays which make up the Hope Town District, Elbow Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Guana Cay along with some lesser cays, may look similar at first glance but they are distinctly separate in their outlook. We will let an social anthropologist mull over the differences as they are too profound to be presented here.

However, the three towns may end up

with three different versions of the proposed White Paper. At the conclusion of the public forum, Mr. Hall will assemble the various suggestions into a master plan for approval at a referendum by Bahamian voters in the affected areas. Although everyone, Bahamians and foreign second homeowners, are invited to participate in the initial process, by current law only Bahamians on the voting register can vote on the issues.

If the White Paper is accepted by popular vote, it will be sent to Nassau hoping that Parliament will accept it and make it law.

What will actually happen when Nassau receives it is anyone's guess.

Is Nassau apt to allow the Hope Town District to have a 100 or 200-page rule book of its own choosing? Are the authorities apt to congratulate Hope Town and use these rules as the basis for giving all the Family Islands their own set of rules? Or will they take the White Paper and study it to death, effectively de-

laying any decision into oblivion. Nassau will probably be too polite to tell Hope Town that they have wasted their time.

While the existing rules are being pondered and changes contemplated, people are beginning to understand that collectively they can stand up and be noticed - that changes can be made. Historically, it is activists which cause laws to be changed.

This is not just a Hope Town phenomena but is happening to different degrees in other parts of the Bahamas. Harbour Island is objecting to a boat ramp being taken over with Nassau's approval, overriding a local decision. Bimini is beginning to use stronger language and actions in resistance to a huge development there which is seriously altering a large mangrove area.

If the Hope Town District is successful, and it will probably be years before we know if they succeeded, other districts will follow in Hope Town's footsteps.

Letters to the Editor

Keep It Small, Quaint and Bahamian

Dear Editor,

Progress is defined by Webster's dictionary as to move forward, to develop to a higher, better or more advanced stage.

It's great that scholars can tell us what words mean from their point of view. I happen to believe words can be much more personal and local.

Progress can be very different for politicians, developers, landowners and, sadly, last of all, the regular people who work every day, raise their families and love the islands we live on.

When big money for super projects is available, many people will jump on the "bandwagon."

The little people who often have a much purer view have a hard time being heard. They can't hire connected lawyers, wine and dine "consultants," and hire "experts" to make their case.

I take my hat off to the people who have lived on these islands for over 200 years who still can appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

The Family Islands can remain fantastically beautiful and retain their getaway-from-the-crowds atmosphere if they resist large developments.

There are many other places people can go to enjoy "super luxury," French-trained chefs and caviar. What makes Abaco special? Could it possibly be small quaint locally-owned restaurants and resorts where people know your name? Maybe it's because there is so little crime. Most houses for rent can't find keys they have never used. Local people and tour-

ists who get to know each other over many years of return visits see each other's children grow to adulthood. The small rental agencies that can always make person adjustments work out - "no problem."

Everyone coming here can't have a \$50,000 wedding party, but you can still have a romantic beach wedding or in the church for the "regular people" and not spend enough to buy a small house.

The government has finally decided that the Family Islands are where it's "really happening." I hope local people do not let them decide in what direction the islands should go.

Big resorts generate mega bucks but where do these mega bucks go? No one that I ever heard of wants to put millions of their cash into something that can't get more millions in profit to themselves.

They do not pour millions into any project to "make work for locals." They do not come to a project with the basic idea of improving the economy or least of all the environment.

Local, small, personal resorts can all have a distinct appeal to visitors who return frequently. Over the 12 years we have lived here I do no recall anyone saying anything about the Hilton, Ritz, or the Biltmore hotels. They fall in love with Nippers, Cracker P's, Capt. Jack's, Sapodilly's, Pete's Pub, on and on, all small quaint spots.

Don't forget big isn't always better. The most important thing is that these are your islands you have been here for 200 years. Don't let anyone ruin what your generations have made a very special place in this world.

Money counts but people count much more.

Old Mr. Curly Tail

Comments on the Hope Town Council Meeting

Dear Editor,

I have been reading about local government meetings and all the problems they seem to be having - poor attendance, bickering, mishandling of funds and equipment.

I decided to visit our meeting at Hope Town. Contrary to popular belief in the past, visitors are welcome to sit in and listen. I was very impressed with the businesslike manner in which the meeting was held. Chief Councillor Wayne Hall had an agenda prepared that obvi-

ously took a considerable amount of time.

The meeting was well attended, minutes were read from the previous meeting and the agenda followed. There was a lot of material to be covered and all properly prepared applications were decided upon. A special problem of trash burning at Man-O-War was discussed and acted upon.

Meetings can be very frustrating and time-consuming when they are not run in a businesslike manner. Members go away with no feeling of accomplishment or satisfaction of doing their job. I feel this causes them to become discouraged, miss meetings and eventually quit altogether.

I have great respect for people who get involved in their community organizations especially those in local government who have to deal with extremely limited funds.

Thanks to the Council of Hope Town for letting me attend a well run meeting.

Dan McCully

A Plea to the Min. of Transport

Dear Editor:

I write on behalf of my constituents about the oil-rig ship that is grounded on our reef east of Man-O-War Cay, Abaco. This ship was exploring for oil in the Walker's Cay, Abaco, area for a few years prior to Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne of 2004.

I spoke with the Minister responsible for the issuing of licences for this operation, prior to 2004, and expressed our concerns about this matter. On a few occasions this ship was partially submerged at its mooring.

The Minister, Hon. Leslie Miller, informed me that the owners of this operation had no working capital and that their licence would be revoked.

I heard no more until the ship broke its mooring in one of the hurricanes of 2004. For the next several months this ship cruised The Bahamas unattended, mostly between Exuma and Long Island, causing much concern to mariners as a navigation hazard. Environmentalists were also concerned as it threatened the reefs off Stocking Island.

Eventually, this rusting eyesore was towed back to Walker's Cay, Abaco, and re-moored. Along came Hurricane

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Wilma, and the ship took another cruise in the Atlantic before coming ashore in its present location.

This now becomes the responsibility of the Minister of Transport and Aviation. After this matter was brought up in Parliament, the Minister's response was that the ship was secured, and they were waiting for weather conditions to improve to have it moved.

I visited the ship this week, and it remains firmly stuck on our beautiful reef. This is outrageous. Minister, we need help, not promises and excuses.

Sincerely,
Robert P. Sweeting, M.P.

Man-O-War Resident Is Opposed to Proposed Park

Dear Editor,
This letter is in response to the article *Friends Host Community Meetings* in your last issue. A statement was made, and I quote, "In general, most of the people who attended the meetings supported the creation of the park." I MUST point out that "most of the people" referred to were NOT local, native Man-O-War Cay people, and some were not even Bahamian! The vast majority of locals at the Man-O-War meeting were STRONGLY OPPOSED to the idea.

Picture this, about eight or nine miles to our south, there is a protected park. We can no longer enjoy family camping and cook out trips. Now, less than two miles to our north, "they" want to protect that, too! We will have nowhere to enjoy catching a meal of fish or conch and cooking it "on the rocks." Sure, we can travel further away (some can't afford this) But where can we take our catch to enjoy it? Not to the park area, we will be fined. What are we to do?

Why not protect the Fowl Cay reef area only. Don't take away the cays and the fishing bars. Why not go further north; there are other areas rich in mangroves, turtle grass, shallows, etc., prime area for species to reproduce and increase in number. Protecting resources is well and good, but so is protecting our Bahamian heritage.

These cays surrounding the Fowl Cay area have been enjoyed by locals for

many, many years. People here look forward to catching a meal of fish and conch and enjoying a swim while they wait to eat their catch.

To any government officials who might be reading this, PLEASE help us to protect our Bahamian heritage, and don't let "them" decide what we can and cannot do. Our kids will have nowhere to go to enjoy what has been passed down from generation to generation. Also, I would like to finish with the questionable timing of the Man-O-War meeting. It was held while two of the three churches on the island were in service, and most of the younger men were away at a softball tournament. Was this intentional? Makes us wonder.

From a very disappointed local who enjoys family time at the "cays" and would like to keep it this way.

Very Upset

Let's Appreciate the Good Service We Get

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Abaco and I would like to say that I am very appreciative of the service the locals and tourists alike receive here.

I visit our neighboring island, Freeport, often enough and I must say I am certainly not pleased with the service I receive while I'm there. I recently went to visit my family, and there were very few cashiers who made you feel welcome. However, my biggest problem was with a saleswoman in Port Lucaya.

Now, let me first say, every other jewelry store I have been to in my life the salesperson takes notice of you regardless if their helping another customer or not. She smiles at you and says, "I'll be with you in one minute." That makes you feel satisfied. Well, I was admiring a showcase with some lovely rings and I saw the older saleswoman helping a couple look at some rings. Since she did not appear to be too busy talking or anything, I said, "Excuse me."

Well, the couple glanced in my direction, but the older woman didn't stir one inch. I repeated myself about five more times and still no motion from the saleswoman. By this time, I as well as everyone else in the store wondered if she was deliberately ignoring me or just deaf.

Finally, the man whose wife the saleswoman was helping said, "M'am?" and she finally turned my way. She looked like stone. If looks could kill, I'd be dead. She did not smile, not anything at all. I felt like a small child who did something heinous. Well, I said to her, "Um, I just wanted to know the price of these rings here." And she didn't change her expression when she replied, "When I'm finished helping these people, I'll deal with you." Then she went back to what she was doing.

I was infuriated! I wasn't wasting anymore of my time in that store. Before I walked out the door, I simply said, "You're very rude." I guess I could have handled it in a more mature way, but I had never had anyone act that way to me as a customer before and I was insulted.

Lastly, I would like to say to everyone, appreciate the service you receive here, because when you go away its always such a relief to be back home.

Yours truly,
DRW

Critical of Local Government Proposal

Editor, The Abaconian

Having been involved in Local Government for several years in the 1990s, I know very well that it is often a thankless and tough job. You have to put in hours of your time and most of what you get is complaints rather than thanks. For that reason, I am very hesitant to criticize anyone in Local Government, even when I disagree with something that they might have done. However, I think that they are currently making such a huge

mistake, I feel that I must speak up.

When Local Government was created, one of the most important things that was done was that they were not given the authority to raise any sort of taxes. It's not that I think they would be less irresponsible with our tax money than the central government is, but the simple fact is that the more people who have the ability to yank money out of our pockets the less well off we will be. Unfortunately, the Marsh Harbour Town Council is trying to do an end run around this and impose a tax on us. Even worse, they are choosing to target the least wealthy citizens.

Using a blueprint from a successful (and voluntary) scheme based in Man-O-War, the Town Committee has set up an unelected shadow board called the Marsh Harbour Management Board (hereafter referred to as the Marsh Harbour Tax Board).

They have twisted the language in the Local Government act to suggest that if you are renting a house monthly, this is somehow a "business" and that they will no longer pick up your garbage. The end result is that if you are unable to afford your own home, you will now be charged an extra fee of \$300 per year on top of everything else to have your garbage hauled away.

So what if you pay the same taxes as those who own houses and you are trying to save up to buy your own property - they will not pick up your garbage unless you pay extra taxes to them. The idea

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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

A Belated Happy New Year to all! We are already into the second month of 2006!

After a busy holiday season, Green Turtle Cay has settled into a quiet start to the new year. As is the tradition, we welcomed in the new year with the traditional Junkanoo parade. Once again the Junkanoo committee must be commended for its hard work and producing a beau-

tiful parade. Crowds lined the street to wait for the first sounds of cowbells and goat skinned drums. The parade started right on time and made a one and a half laps around town. It was then onto the basketball court for more Junkanoo music, dancing and the arrival of "Bunce." The children are always eager to see Bunce, but usually run and hide after "he" is released! (Bunce is a very old tradition. A frightening looking character is rolled around town in a wheelbar-

row and after the wild story of "his" capture is told, "he" escapes into the crowd. There is a great effort to subdue "him" and the good guys win!

The first few months of the new year are usually quiet on GTC. Not many outdoor events are planned because everything depends on the weather. The cold fronts this year have brought windy weather to Abaco. This is not good for the fishermen who are experiencing a bad season. Hurricane Wilma destroyed the habitats that replaced the ones destroyed by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004. Many of the fishermen are discouraged and have had to look for other employment. With only weeks left in this season, they can only hope for a better start in August. Hopefully, the weather will be better and the laws will be enforced to protect against poaching.

It's quiet around town, but there are plans in the making for upcoming events. Amy Roberts Primary is planning its annual fund raiser for April 8th to be held at the school. There will be food, games and the drawing of the grand raffle. The 6th grade students of Amy Roberts are raising funds for their field trip. It has become a tradition for the graduating class to take a trip to Nassau during their last months of Primary school. It is a small class this year, so they are working hard to fund their trip. The school will also host a Road Race on February 25th for primary school students. Mr. Williams, the physical education coach is organizing this event.

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee is busy with plans for the 3rd

Island Roots Heritage Festival to be held May 5, 6 and 7th. Their wine tasting fund raiser held at The Green Turtle Club and sponsored by Bristol Wines & Spirits was a huge success. The Brilanders from Harbour Island entertained the crowd of approximately 300. There was a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres prepared by committee members and friends. The committee is grateful to all who helped to make the event a success and to all who support their efforts. The proceeds will fund the festival!

The Green Turtle Cay Volunteer Fire Department is planning the second annual Fire Man's Ball to be held February 25th at the Green Turtle Club. For further information and tickets please contact Fire Chief Junior Roberts at 365-4133.

Congratulations to Christopher and Pamela Roberts on the birth of their son Carson Riley, who was born on December 20th in West Palm Beach. Big brother Reagan is also very proud of his baby brother!

Congratulations to our local cacique award nominees and winners. Brendal Stevens of Brendal's Dive Shop won in the Sustainable Tourism category. Brendal has operated his successful dive operation for many years. He is concerned for the environment and has a great interest in the preservation of the reefs and marine resources. Raymond Lowe has worked himself up to his supervisor position at the Green Turtle

Work Continues on New Fire Station for Elbow Cay



Construction work continues on Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue's newest fire station which is located adjacent to Sea Spray Resort and will service the southern end of the island. The 640-square-foot building will accommodate one pumper truck and have sufficient space for a workshop area and storage. The new fire station is being built largely by volunteers from local construction crews working on Saturdays. It is hoped that the building will be completed by the end of March.

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More News of the Cays

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Club. Raymond is a very friendly, helpful person and deserving of recognition as supervisor of the year. Mr. Floyd Lowe won in the transportation category. Everyone who lives or has visited GTC knows what a valuable service the Green Turtle Ferry Service provides. Mr. Lowe has owned the ferry service since 1970, when he began with two wooden boats for two scheduled daily trips. Now the service provides reliable, safe transportation in comfortable fiberglass boats to tourists, locals, day workers, government officials and high school students. Our community is

very proud of our winners!
In the upcoming months there will be new babies to welcome, newlyweds to congratulate and other events around town to enjoy. For now some of us will enjoy the "cold" months and others will dream of warm, humid days!!

Wine Tasting Leads to Crowded Club

By Nicholas Roberts

January 21st was a pleasant night - light breezes, a perfect, moderate temperature and a clear sky. It was a perfect setting for the 3rd Annual Wine-Tasting Fund Raiser held at the Green Turtle Club.

The event was held to raise money for the forthcoming Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival, which is to be held this spring. This event not only celebrates our rich history and culture, but also celebrates our special relationship with Key West, our sister city. This year's Roots Heritage Festival committee is headed by Mrs. Karen McIntosh and has Mrs. Annabelle Cross as co-chairman, Mrs. Leslie Dames as Treasurer, Ms. Kola Wells, Ms. Amanda Roberts, Mrs. Julie Farrington, and Ms. Trina Cooper.

"We're hoping to raise at least \$5,000 tonight," Ms. McIntosh said, "The Min-

istry of Tourism gives us \$15,000 and we raise the rest of the money through selling T-shirts and other such souvenirs." The money from the Guy Fawkes day in November will also go toward expenses for the festival.

More than 300 people crowded into the resort that evening to taste the four types of wine and to enjoy a table full of hors d'oeuvres and desserts including such appetizing foods as baked brie with pecans and apricots, tomato bacon cheese on rye, ham puffs and Moroccan chicken with

Please see **Cays**

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The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee organized a wine and cheese tasting party held at the Green Turtle Club to raise funds for the May festival. Some of the committee members at the wine tasting are shown here. Standing are Lesley Dames, Julie Farrington, Tina Lowe and Annabelle Cross. Seated are Trina Cooper, Leainer McIntosh and Karen McIntosh.



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Local Students Displayed Art - Their First Showing

Art Festival *From Page 7*

who is an extremely accomplished artist. "She is a good role model and inspires us,"

they said. "One day we want to be as good as she is." Mrs. Thompson said that the students were well received by both the public and the artists, and it was another

positive experience for them helping to continue the momentum begun by their Junior Junkanoo win. These students study under difficult circumstances as they have no supplies to work with. They were very excited recently to receive a donation from the Abaco Art Guild, which enabled them to buy new paint and paint brushes.

The students enjoyed the show, and they felt that it changed their outlook of their future. They will look more seriously at careers in art. They appreciated their experience.

It was pleasing to see the Every Child Counts School represented again this year with a good selection of students' artwork

displayed on note stationery and other items.

The majority of artists who took part in the art festival were very pleased with the turnout and felt that it had been a good show for them. The event began on Friday evening with a very well attended cocktail party with fine wines complements of Butler and Sands Co. Ltd. The Junkanoo parade, while perhaps adding to the party atmosphere, was felt by many to be far too loud and cumbersome for the venue. That was the only negative remark I heard about the 9th Annual Art Festival which was not only a great social event but brought people from all of the cays together to appreciate good local art.



Jeep Buyers from Elbow Cay is another local artist whose work is very popular with those attending the Art Festival at Abaco Beach Resort. He works with acrylics and watercolors.

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Local Government at Work



North Abaco

North Abaco District Council Meeting on January 24 With Ministry of Works

Stephen Pedican, Chief Councillor

The North Abaco District Council met with the supervisor and staff of the Ministry of Works for North Abaco to discuss concerns and complaints about upkeep and maintenance of roadside verges of the highway and equipment. Complaints were made to the Council that the roadside from Treasure Cay to Crown Haven has not been cut on a regular schedule as it should. Also staff were reportedly arriving to work late and leaving early and the equipment was not being properly maintained which led to frequent breakdowns.

The Ministry of Works' crew denied these complaints. However, they could not convince Council otherwise. The Ministry of Works' crew were congratulated and praised for the good work in the past and were encouraged to step it up so as to minimize complaints from the residents of North Abaco. Presently, all Ministry of Work tractors are down so as it stands roadsides are not being cut. North Abaco Ministry of Works does not have a budget from Central Government and the little that is allocated through Local Government is insufficient to meet the growing needs of North Abaco.

District Council has brought this concern to the attention of the Minister responsible for Ministry of Works and the Minister responsible for Local Government.

There has been no increase in the overall budget. It is believed that the budget for North Abaco is combined with Central Abaco through Central Government but North Abaco does not receive any funding from this combined account. Councillor Gary Smith is assigned to Ministry of Works in order to assist with needs and complains and report back to Council.

Meeting on January 24 With Garbage Collectors

The North Abaco District Council met with the two contractors for garbage collection in North Abaco on January 24. They both were told that complaints were made due to the irregular collection of garbage. There have been instances when for two weeks garbage was not collected or was collected only once per week when the collection schedule is twice per week. Complaints were made of garbage falling off the truck or being blown off into the streets. These allegations were also denied by the contractors. They did agree that the collection of garbage was not being done twice weekly. They were both advised to get back on schedule as they were being paid for twice weekly pick-up. The contractor, who does not have the proper garbage truck, was advised to put a tarp over the garbage while in transit and was encouraged to invest in a proper garbage truck as his counterpart had recently done. The garbage contractors said that the settlements have grown tremendously and that the money they are being paid is inadequate when you consider staff, staff insurance, vehicle insurance, license and inspection annually. One contractor compared what he makes compared to what a garbage collector makes in Central Abaco.

He also went on to say that residents must be made aware that they are only responsible for contained household garbage, not building material, trees, appliances or garbage scattered about by the animals.

District Council Meeting

On January 24 the North Abaco District Council was given a capital budget of \$82,000 which was divided four ways among the Council, Treasure Cay Township, Cooper's Town Township, Fire Road/Blackwood Township and Little Abaco Township. In a specially called meeting the Council will revisit the budget to see what special projects each township is expected to carry out and determine how much fund-

ing each township is allocated.

Also District Council has assigned portfolios for all Council members in an effort to assist with and minimize concerns from the various ministries and departments of Central Government. They will then to report back to Council.

The portfolios are as follows:

- Stephen Pedican, Chief Councillor - finance and statutory boards, NEMA, Road Traffic
- Eric Collie, Deputy Chief Councillor - Social Services and Security
- Wilfred Curry - Agriculture, Fisheries and

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The government dock in Crown Haven is heavily used. The ferry to MacLean's Town on Grand Bahama uses it regularly as well as Little Abaco fishermen. However, it was badly damaged by the two hurricanes of 2004 and has not been repaired. It is dangerous to use but is the only dock available. Min. Bradley Roberts has said recently that someone is to come to repair all government docks in North Abaco.



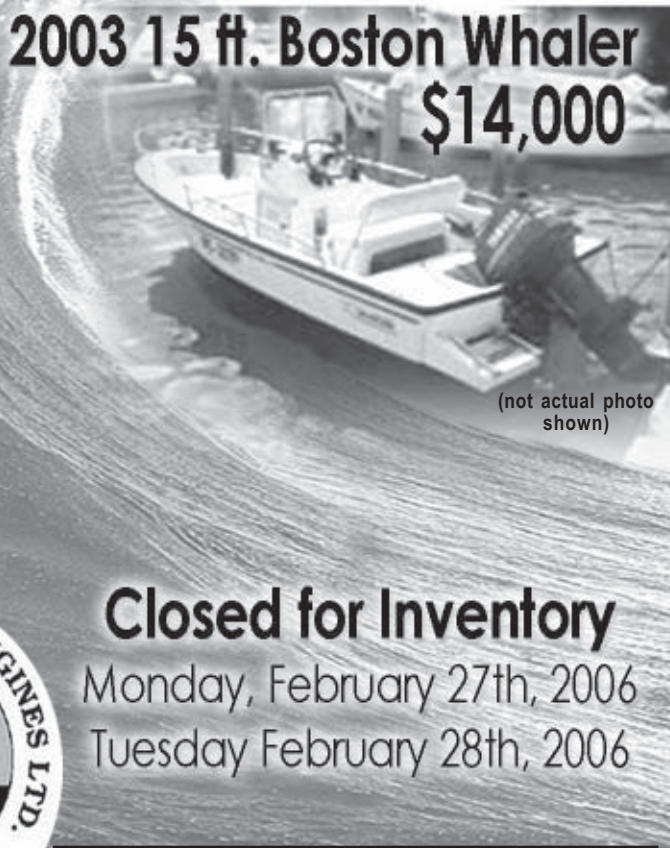
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Treasure Cay Town Meeting Antonio Fawkes, Chairman

The Treasure Cay Township held its first meeting for 2006 on January 25 at Full Gospel Assembly. The Committee made it a town meeting in order to address the concerns of the residents and inform the residents of its plans and special projects for the year 2006. Despite airing the time and place of the meeting, the attendance was disappointing. However, the feedback from the few attendees was informative and positive.

Planned capital projects are the following:

- Securing the graveyard with a higher

wall in order to discourage residents of Sand Banks from using the graveyard to park vehicles, to clean vehicles and use as a playground which is left littered with garbage. Graves of residents buried cannot be found. There is total disrespect for the graveyard. A planned meeting with residents of that area will be held in the coming weeks.

- Repairing fencing of the basketball court
- 300 feet of new fencing for the Treasure Cay Primary School
- Clearing of land in Madeira Park for a community playground
- Continuation beautification of the entrance to Treasure Cay
- Community clean up in Madeira Park and Sand Banks to collect and dispose of unwanted appliances and debris
- Dump site attendant's booth to be built.
- Improvement to Treasure Cay dump site, clearing a new area for dumping.
- Removal of all abandoned vehicles along roadside in Sand Banks.

Residents attending the town meeting commended the township members for the direction it is headed in addressing the con-

cerns and issues.

Cooper's Town/ Fire Road/ Blackwood Township Eric Collie Chairman/Deputy Chief Councillor

The Cooper's Town Township is looking to rename streets in Cooper's Town, in particular, making the street running north and south next to the Church of God a one way street, naming it Saunders Street. The township is also looking to put stop signs at all the streets. Small scale capital projects discussed were construction of a new library, continued work at the new park in Fire Road which was bought and donated by the Cooper's Town/Fire Road Heritage Committee in partnership with the District Council.

The drainage canal in Blackwood is in need of cleaning and building a system to prevent future clogging from rough seas which bring in debris and sea grass.

Street lighting is a continued concern. Most of the street lights are out and residents are complaining.

Little Abaco Township Wilfred Curry, Chairman

The Little Abaco township discussed the construction of a basketball court in Wood Cay. Wood Cay and Fire Road are the only two settlements in the north that do not have a basketball court.

Other concerns discussed included fencing the Crown Haven park which was cleaned up by residents.

Other projects are the fencing upgrade of the Mount Hope park, upgrade of the fencing in the park in Cedar Harbour and restoration of cemeteries in Cedar Harbour and Wood Cay. Another concern is the Crown Haven dock which was extensively damaged during the last hurricane. To date no repairs have been made and it is very dangerous for ferry customers boarding the ferry, walking over a plank to get on the boat. Last word from the Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister of Works, is that someone is on the way for all dock repairs in North Abaco.



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South Abaco News

Pete's Pub Benefit Party

By Heather Moore

For the second year, Pete's Pub and Gallery held a Birthday Benefit Pig Roast Party. The Birthday Party, complete with cake, was for Pete Johnston. The Benefit Party was to raise funds for the Cherokee Primary School and Hurricane Katrina relief via Habitat for Humanity of New Orleans. This three-ring circus was held on January 28th. Local artists, businesses and a few visitors donated over 30 items to be auctioned. Local wholesalers donated items to go towards Katrina Kocktails and Camille's Pies. The Pub served Pig Roast with Orleans-style Bourbon cocktails while

Thomas Bethel mastered the music mixes.

Auctioneer Extraordinaire, Tania Duncombe, conducted the bidding among a couple hundred pubbers throughout the day. The items contained a wide array of choices from a one day golf cart rental from Donna Sands, books written by visiting author Andrew Lindstrom, dinner for two at the Green Turtle Club, bronze sculpture by the birthday boy himself and on and on.

Before Saturday, I doubt one bidder ever thought he'd pay \$450 for Christine McCully's children's colouring books. As always, Camille's pies, coconut cream, chocolate and lemon, went to the highest bidders. The highest bid for a pie was from Adam Laurence of Bali Hai for \$600. Four hours and a couple sun showers later, the items

flew off the deck to generous bidders raising over \$10,000. This one day alone doubled our fund raising efforts from the past year. Thanks to the unexpected sum raised, Every Child Counts will get a cheque as well.

Peter Johnston and crew are graciously appreciative. Camille's pies are available by order any time and these pie profits are

added to our year round fund raising.

On an unfortunate note, a bronze sculpture of two sperm whales mounted on driftwood meant for the auction swam away shortly after the sun shower. If anyone has seen them, please let us know. And thanks to Batelco, our 366-3503 phone is back in operation.



Pete's Pub was the scene of a birthday party that raised money for several worthy causes, the Cherokee Primary School, Katrina hurricane relief through Habitat for Humanity and Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour.

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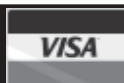
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Good Samaritan Sails Into Abaco

By Robert Wilson

It's often said that good things happen to those who wait. And for many of our visiting boaters the sailing vessel *Rejoice* arrived just in time with Capt. Forest Golden and his wife Susan aboard. Some referred to it as a "Golden" opportunity.

Capt. Golden is a 100-ton licensed captain and hails from Newport, Rhode Island. More importantly, he serves as a Vessel Examiner for the U.S. Power Squadron with the Newport Sail and Power Squadron and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and boating experience.

As a service to yachtsmen visiting from the U.S., Capt. Golden announced on the Abaco Cruiser's Net that during his stay he was offering a complimentary inspection of vessels in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Coast Guard. The inspection includes a review of the safety equipment and proper procedures while operating

a vessel and insures everyone aboard that the minimal standards have been met.

"About half of the vessels we check do not pass the first time," said Golden. "It's usually something minor like an outdated fire extinguisher or flare that's been overlooked by the owner." Once the on-board equipment has been updated and the vessel meets the standards established, a certification sticker is awarded.

Marine insurance companies recognize the value of the USPS inspections, and most will discount their premiums for the vessels certified.

"This is our third trip to The Bahamas



and I know how easy it is to overlook something," commented Capt. Golden as he inspected a sailboat at Boat Harbour. "I have

enjoyed being around boats for much of my adult life, and this is a way I can do something good for the boating community."

Black Sailors Will Enjoy Abaco Waters

Abaco Beach Resort will be hosting the 9th Annual Black Boaters Summit, Abaco Edition. This is a group of African Americans who will charter boats from Moorings and sail the waters of Abaco Sound.

Capt. Paul Mixon, a long time sailor, got into the event planning and charter business by accident eight years ago when a yacht charter company offered him the use of four boats for one week in the British Virgin Islands. The event proved so popular that he ended up with a flotilla of ten yachts filled with African American vacationers, most of whom had never set foot on a yacht. All of the catamarans were skippered by U.S. African Americans.

Last August, the 8th Annual Black Boaters Summit hosted 24 yachts with 192 sailing participants and 84 landlubbers in the British Virgins.

Sixteen BBS sailors will arrive in Marsh Harbour on March 24 for seven days of sailing on two chartered Moorings boats.

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spicy tomato sauce. Among the desserts included were mini-cheesecakes, rocky road Rice Krispies Treats and grasshopper brownies.

Speaking for myself and most of the attendees that evening, it was the biggest crowd I had ever seen at the Green Turtle Club. Bahamians, our adopted Bahamians and visitors alike came from all over to sample the wine and food being offered. Green Turtle Ferry transported three boat loads of people from the mainland to the club for the event that night; it's estimated that between 90 and 100 of them made up the total attendance.

The wine was supplied by Bristol Wine and Spirits, a prestigious international wine distributor. Available for tasting were five different types of wine from three suppliers. The wine tables were manned by representatives from Bristol Sellers, and attendees were urged to buy wine or were given a list of places that sell the beverage.

The live entertainment for the night was the Harbour Island based group, the Brilanders, whose song *Party in the Backyard* is a huge hit right now. Originally, the band was supposed to play from 6 to 9 p.m., but they proved to be so popular with the attendees that a collection plate was taken up for them to extend their per-

formance to 11. By the time the night was over, the dance floor was packed.

Larry Cleare, lead singer of the group, took a few moments to speak to me about the experience and reception they've had on Abaco. "Two of us got here yesterday, and three got here today," he said, "and the reception we've gotten on Green Turtle has been great. We're having a wonderful time."

During the evening Mr. Victor Cooper was presented with a door prize – a gift basket filled with, among other things, a bottle of champagne. During a

speech, mention was made of the fact that three Green Turtle Cay residents – Mr. Floyd Lowe, Mr. Brendal Stevens and Mr. Ray Lowe – recently won three of the prestigious Cacique Awards, which recognize excellence in the Bahamian tourist industry.

It was a wonderful night for all involved. Though it's not yet known just how much money was raised by this event, it's a safe bet that it will go a long way toward funding the Heritage Festival. A toast to the organizers and the Green Turtle Club for a great evening!



The Wine and Cheese Tasting party held on January 21 raised funds for the Island Roots Heritage Festival that will be held on Green Turtle Cay in May. The planning committee brought a band from Harbour Island, Eleuthera, for the occasion. The band is named the Brilanders, after the nickname of the island, Briland. The evening proved to be a very enjoyable event.

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Visitor Donates Beach Find to Museum



Hope Town visitor Joe Dawes from Michigan, here with his mother, father and seven brothers and sister, recently found a treasure washed up on the beach. After many days of rainy conditions, an antique, coral-encrusted surveyor's instrument obviously broke loose from a wreck on the barrier reef and washed ashore. Our picture shows Joe presenting this instrument to the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum curator, Mr. Tony Bennett. The museum will present its annual Heritage

Day activities on March 3. All schools, community members and visitors are invited to attend on that day from 10 a.m. - to 1:30 p.m.

Eviction

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ments signed when the occupants were given the keys to the houses in June must be upheld. He said it was never government's intention to give free housing to those able to pay. Government could not set the precedent of providing free houses to those squatting in houses they had not invested in.

There have been instances where a house was replaced to a deserving victim of a hurricane and who was unable to provide for themselves. However, it was always a re-

placement for one which they owned and on land they owned. This was not the case at Snake Cay where the land and the buildings were government owned and the occupants had jobs.

It was noted that these families were not served by electricity or other utilities, and government wanted these families to live in a normal community and enjoy a higher standard of living.

It is believed that one family is still living at Snake Cay, and efforts are underway to provide housing at Spring City.



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Customs Celebrates International Customs Day

By Jennifer Hudson

The Customs Department celebrated its 17th International Customs Day on January 26 along with approximately 157 other member countries of the World Customs Organisation with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. This day is set aside each year for all member countries to honour and give awards to long serving employees. Officers go to church as a family and set aside a week of activities, both social and civic. The Abaco Customs Department celebrated with a luncheon on January 26 and those persons to be honoured travelled in to Nassau.

The awards ceremony was held at the Radisson Cable Beach Hotel on February 3rd with the Governor General making the presentations. Family members of the honorees also attended the presentation ceremony.

Persons who were honoured this year for 25 years of service were Senior Customs Officer Cleophas Smith, Superintendent at the airport; Senior Customs Officer Ricardo Toote, Superintendent at Treasure Cay; Chief Customs Guard, Donald Burrows; and Grade 1 Officer, James Davis. Honoured for 20 years of service were Grade 1 Officer Molly Davis and retired Grade 1 Officer Collette Bootle who resigned from the service last year.

Urban Renewal Holds Workshop

By Portia Jonsson

A timely and informative one-day workshop was conducted by the Department of Urban Renewal on January 21st at the

Learning Resource Centre in Marsh Harbour.

Presenters for the day included Dr. Sue Fairclough, General Practitioner and Psychiatrist, Nurse Iris Fernander, Mrs. Sandy Edwards and W/Cpl. Jennifer Rolle who sought to educate and heighten the awareness of domestic violence, sexual abuse and anger management.

Domestic violence is a widespread problem and Abaco, like other places faces a major challenge in putting an end to it. Domestic Violence or Spouse Abuse is physically or emotionally harmful acts between husbands and wives or between other individuals in intimate relationships. Domestic violence is sometimes referred to as intimate violence. It includes violence that occurs in dating and courtship relationships, between former spouses and between gay and lesbian partners.



During the month of January the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic observed Health Month. This included a walk-a-thon which was very poorly supported. Shown above are Nurses Iris Fernander and Susan Lil and Environmental Staff Ms. Greene and Ms. Stubbs.

Abuse between intimate partners can take on many forms. It may include emotional or verbal abuse, denial of access to resources or money, restraint of normal activities or freedom (including isolation from friends and family), sexual coercion or assault, threats to kill or to harm and physical intimidation or attacks. In extreme cases, domestic violence may result in the death of a partner.

Domestic violence cuts across lines of race, nationality, language, culture, economics, sexual orientation, physical ability and religion to affect people from all walks of life. Domestic violence is serious wherever and whenever it happens.

Attending the workshop were Social Services officers, guidance counselors and high school students.

Marsh Harbour Clinic Holds Walk-a-thon

By Portia Jonsson

The month of January was designated *Physical Activity and Goal Setting Month* on the 2006 Healthy Lifestyle Initiative Calendar. In an effort to empower individuals to make healthy lifestyle choices and encourage community action, the nursing staff at the Marsh Harbour Govern-

ment Clinic staged a Walk-a-thon under the theme *Get Up and Move* on February 4th from the traffic light to the clinic.

The walk-a-thon was open to all ages and participants were eligible for free flu vaccines, blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screenings. Those behind in their immunizations were encouraged to come out and be immunized for Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and Tetanus.

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Chat and Chill is the new name of Mackerel's Restaurant in Dundas Town. Kathy Adderley is manager with Chef Joe Johnson offering a variety menu.

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However, the turnout for the walk-a-thon was very disappointing.

The nursing staff thanks Mr. Eugene Weatherford and Standard Hardware for their donations to the clinic and would like to remind everyone of their daily clinic schedule.

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- Tuesday Antenatal AM
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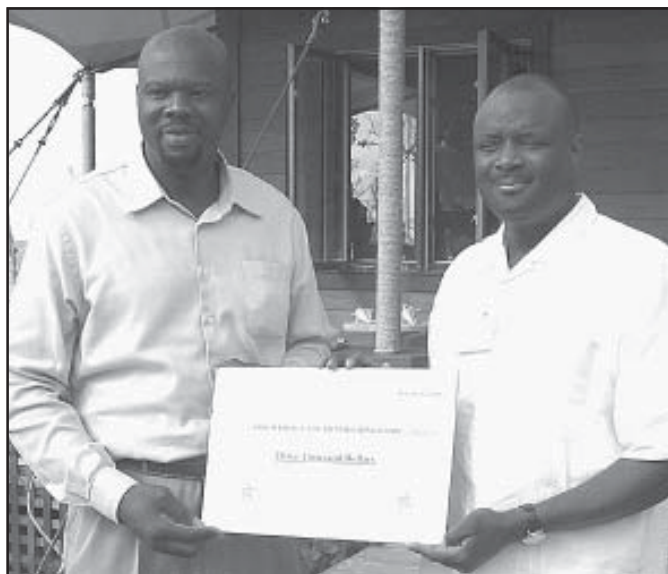
Restaurant Opens with New Management

Mackerel's Restaurant in Dundas Town was damaged in the 2004 hurri-

canes and did not re-opened its doors until New Year's Eve 2005, this time under new ownership and with a new name: Chat and Chill Native Grill. For a satisfying dining experience outside Marsh Harbour, try this new eatery located on the Front Street in Dundas Town.

The restaurant has been completely refurbished in bright burgundy and pink with comfortable wicker armchairs. Wood paneling, tile floors, silk palms and attractive prints complete the elegant tropical decor. The dining room is separate from the bar area while a side room, sitting approximately 20 people can be used separately for parties. Owner-manager, Kathy Adderley greets customers while Chef Joe Johnson offers an international menu with Bahamian, French, American and oriental dishes. A lunch buffet with a good variety is offered or one may still order from a regular menu. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays lunch continues through the afternoon.

Dinner, served from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.,



Dr. Livingston Marshall, left, Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club's Senior Vice-President of Environmental and Community Affairs, presented a check for \$3000 to ASP Wayne Miller, Officer in charge of the Abaco District, for purchasing instruments for the Abaco Community Youth Marching Band.

dishes are available and Chef Joe will cater to your special request if the ingredients are available." He also offers a few exotic dishes as well as traditional desserts. Chat and Chill has a full bar.

The restaurant is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A complimentary station wagon will shuttle people without transportation. On Thursday evenings one can enjoy karaoke.

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Marsh Harbour Plans Major Projects

By Jennifer Hudson

Yvonne Key and Gurth Russell are two people with a vision for the future of Marsh Harbour. For many years Mrs. Key has had a dream for a well equipped library and Mr. Russell's goal has been a ball field. On January 23 these two community-minded citizens were able to take a huge step closer to their goal when, in the office of Senior Administrator Revis Rolle, Mr Russell, President of the Marsh Harbour Sporting Association, signed a 99-year land lease agreement. Also present at the signing were Shannon Albury, Vice President of the Sporting Association, Yvonne Key, Deputy Chief Councillor; Neil Campbell, Deputy Island Administrator, and Kandy Pinder, Town Committee member.

Mr. Russell has been trying to obtain a lease for this land since 1992 and stated that the Rt. Hon Perry Christie, Prime Minister, assisted greatly in making it possible. The land obtained will encompass three projects: a ball field, library and memorial garden. The area which has been assigned as a ball field is Crown land and consists of an 18-acre parcel between Forest Heights Academy and St. Francis de Sales school. The remainder of the land, formerly BGAIL property leased by Owens Illinois and then returned to the government when the com-

pany left Abaco in the 1970s, has been sub-leased to a group headed by Yvonne Key for a library and park.

Sporting Goals Are Ambitious

Mr. Russell stated that softball has always been big on Abaco. This year the Abaco softball team in competition in the United States won four out of five games and was only beaten by the United States' team. Gurth himself has played softball for 25 years, but is now more interested in bringing it to the young people. He is, therefore, delighted to have received this lease on the land for a ball field and has drawn up an impressive plan.

The long range plans encompasses a softball field, basketball courts, volleyball court, tennis courts, a building with an indoor Olympic-size swimming pool, concession stands, bleachers, parking lot and entrance and exit roads. The initial stage will be the construction of the softball field which Mr Russell hopes to have completed by the end of this year. The total cost for this sporting complex is expected to be \$1.1 million; \$750,000 of this will be for the pool and building alone.

Trees will be cut out for the entrance and exit roads and softball field but Mr

Russell states firmly that the area will not be bulldozed and as many trees as possible will be left in place for landscaping and shade. "The completion date will depend upon how people respond with assistance and donations," he says. He is pleased with the initial response and says that people are eager to start. He is willing to accept any assistance, good advice and donations of bleachers and fencing in addition to monetary donations. Anyone who would like to assist with the ballpark is asked to call Gurth Russell at 359-6871 or Shannon Albury at 367-2655.


Mr. Russell feels that this project will be a tremendous success for the use of private individuals and all schools. He will shortly be sending letters out to business places seeking donations and assistance and organising fund raisers for which any help will be greatly appreciated. People from Europe, Canada and the United States have offered to help and Mr. Russell does not intend to ask government for anything at present. Churches in Abaco are interested in assisting with the project because they are looking for constructive and healthy activities for the youth of Abaco.

A New Library Is PLanned


Mrs. Key stated that she has always wanted the people of Marsh Harbour to have their own library and park so she joined with the 45-year-old Marsh Harbour Sporting Association which has the advantage of strength and continuity. Mrs. Key established a library five years ago in the small building which was once the office of Dr. Ejnar Gottlieb on a monthly lease basis from the government. This library, which is run by a group of volunteers, is a much-needed entity in the community and is especially useful to students for research projects and access to computers as well as borrowing books for pleasure.

The building is old, however, in need of much renovation and is too small. Mrs. Key is pleased that she has now been able to obtain sufficient land on which to build a new more substantial library before having to demolish the old one so that its service will be uninterrupted. It is hoped that plans for the new library complex will include a separate room for meetings of the Cancer Society and its thrift shop, which is presently accommodated in a room adjoining the library. The new building will offer facilities for the use of Alcoholics Anonymous, which meets in the present library twice a week and per-

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Projects *From Page 24*

haps other civic groups.

A Memorial Park is Planned

A section of land on Queen Elizabeth Drive, opposite Regattas of Abaco, has been designated as a Memorial Park. Mrs. Key's aim is to have the land bulldozed, grassed over and benches placed for people to sit and relax. This vision of a peaceful garden, which will be for the enjoyment of both local residents and tourists, will also provide a children's play area and an area for boaters to walk their dogs with perhaps a floating dock to make it easier for them to come ashore. In the Memorial Garden at Green Turtle Cay bronze busts memorialise distinguished Bahamians, but in the new Marsh Harbour Memorial Park, Mrs. Key

envisions plaques in honour of people who have "made" Marsh Harbour. Any family member of a Marsh Harbour descendant who has passed on may apply to place a plaque in remembrance of that person.

Now the major task will be to raise the money for these projects and Mrs. Key is seeking the support of interested persons who would like to make donations for either the library or park. She would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to serve on the committee for the park or the library and may be contacted at 3672243 (H) or 3673623 (W).

Since the ball park, library and memorial park will each have its own separate committee and fund-raising account, persons wishing to donate must specify which project they are donating towards. Cheques may be made out to The Marsh Harbour Sporting Association and should be marked either Ball Park, Library or Memorial Garden.

Central *From Page 23*

Abaco's Marching Band Receives Donation

The youth of the Abaco Police Youth Community Marching Band will soon be playing to the tune of \$3,000 worth of additional instruments and music, thanks to a recent corporate donation. In a check presentation to ASP Wayne Miller, right, officer in charge of the Abaco District, Dr. Livingston Marshall Jr., left, Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club's Senior Vice-President of Environmental and Community Affairs, said that the financial donation represented the company's commitment and support for the youth of Abaco and the country. "We look forward to their continued growth and the police's continued

stewardship of the young people of this country and the safety and security of us all," Dr Marshall said. ASP Miller responded to the kind gesture by thanking the company's executives for honouring a commitment that they made a few months ago. "We are so grateful that they have come to the fore, and I am sure that this will go a long way toward the further development of the Abaco community youth band," added ASP Miller. "The band has already made its debut and is experiencing resounding success and applause throughout Abaco. The additional funds will go a long way toward helping the little ones."

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GUANA CAY

Location: All Age School

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Day: Thursday Night

Dates:

February 2nd, 16th, 2006

March 2nd, 16th, 30th, 2006

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Location: All Age School

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Day: Monday Night

Dates:

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February 13th, 27th, 2006

March 13th, 27th, 2006

ELBOW CAY

Location: St. James

Methodist Church

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Day: Wednesday Night

Dates:

February 1st, 15th, 2006

March 1st, 15th, 29th, 2006

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- ⊗ Week One: Introduction
- ⊗ Week Two: Waste Management and Wetland Protection
- ⊗ Week Three: Zoning - Open Spaces and Residential
- ⊗ Week Four: Zoning - Business and Commercial
- ⊗ Week Five: Conclusion

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More Letters to the Editor

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is that this is a tax on the rich – that the fee is charged to those who own rental property, but there is a serious flaw in this argument. Nearly all monthly rentals do not include utility fees – and garbage collection is certainly a utility – so the renters will have to pay it. This is totally unfair and must not be allowed to stand.

Upon further inspection, this idea has several other flaws. The fee of \$300 per house will get your garbage hauled away, but this money will not actually go to pay for the garbage removal. Instead, it will be used to do projects around the town

such as landscaping and what not.

Excuse me, but if there is not enough money to pay the garbage company, shouldn't they be the only ones to get paid out of this money? Or if they only need an extra \$100 for each house, why is the charge \$300? The answer is because this is an illegal tax and it MUST not be paid. Until this situation is resolved, I call on every responsible citizen to refuse to pay one penny to the Marsh Harbour Tax Board. Until Local Government is made to fulfill its obligations to the taxpayers of Marsh Harbour, we must find alternate means to have our garbage removed. This experiment cannot be allowed to succeed.

The root of this problem is that Central Government does not send enough money to the Local Government to even meet the minimum needs of the community, much less to carry out any discretionary work.

I understand the frustration of the local boards at this, but unfortunately, this is the worst possible solution. Imagine the greedy tax collectors in Nassau rubbing their hands together in glee over this scheme. How long before they stop sending ANY money for garbage and all of us have to pay \$300 a year?

Abaco sends millions of dollars in tax

revenue to the Central Government. It is not right for Local Government to penalize us for the failures of Central Government to send us our fair share of money back. We must not just make sure that this idea fails; we must get a public commitment from both the PLP and FNM during this election cycle to properly fund Local Government.

Once again I would like to say that I very much appreciate the people who serve in Local Government. They work very hard and do not get much appreciation for it. But this is a huge mistake and I must oppose them on it.

Respectfully,
Victor Patterson

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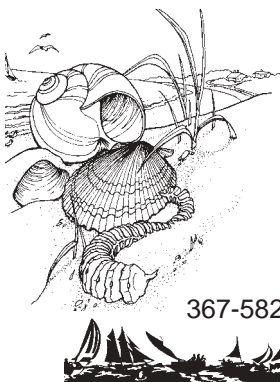


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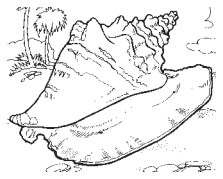
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Green Turtle Cay ferry dock \$6 + \$4

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Crown Haven \$70 + \$5

Marsh Harbour Airport \$70 + \$10

T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour \$60 + \$10

T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry or Blue Hole \$14 + \$6

T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles \$20 + \$5

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Ferry Schedule

Departure times shown • Daily unless noted

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16

Marsh Harbour > Hope Town 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach

7:15 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45 9+ 10:45+

Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 6:15 9:45+ 11:30+

Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach

10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30* (M-Sat) 4 5:45

Return 8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* (M-Sat) 4:30

Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) 40 min. from Conch Inn

6:45am± 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45

Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 6:30

Same day fare • Adult oneway \$15 / Round Trip \$20 • Kids 6-11 half fare Free under 6

† From Union Jack Dock * Except holidays † Hope Town late trips Fri & Sat only

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16

Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport

8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30

Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay

8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

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Memorial Sculpture Garden Green Turtle Cay

Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Hope Town

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Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone

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Black Sound Marina 15 365-4531

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Man-O-War

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Bargain Car Rentals 367-0500

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Concept Boat Rentals 367-5570

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Pier One Boat Rentals 367-3587

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Munchies \$ + 366-0423

Sea Spray \$ \$ \$ + 366-0065

Man-O-War

Pavilion \$ 365-6185

Hibiscus 365-6380

Island Treats Snack Bar 365-6501

Guana Cay

Blue Water Grill \$\$\$ 365-5230

Guana Seaside \$\$\$ 365-5106

Nippers \$\$\$ 365-5143

Orchid Bay 265-5175

Treasure Cay

Florence's Cafe \$

Coconuts

Harbour Cafe \$ 365-8635

Hudson's Delight \$ 365-8648

Spinnaker Restaurant ... \$\$\$ 365-8469

Touch of Class \$\$\$ 365-8195

Traveller's Rest 365-8654

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House \$\$\$ 365-4200

Jolly Roger Bistro \$\$ 365-4200

Green Turtle Club \$\$\$ 365-4271

Laura's Kitchen \$\$ 365-4287

McIntosh's Restaurant \$ 365-4625

Plymouth Rock Cafe 365-4234

Rooster's Rest \$ 365-4066

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Four Abaconians Won Cacique Awards

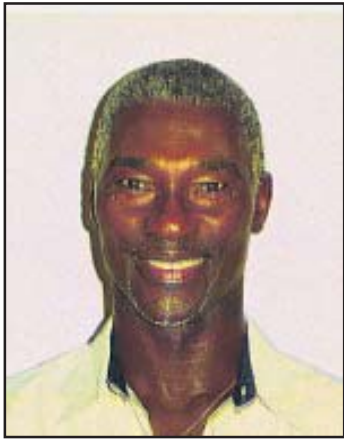
Three from Green Turtle Cay and One from Treasure Cay Were Honoured

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaconians once again this year received a large portion of the spotlight at the 2005 Cacique Awards ceremony held in Nassau. Eight persons from Abaco were finalists in seven of the categories and won four out of the seven. The purpose of the Cacique Awards is to recognise "tourism's finest," and each year the winners in the publicly nominated categories are determined by the decision of an esteemed Blue Ribbon panel of judges. This year, the winners, Avis Miller, Manager of the Year; Raymond Lowe, Supervisor of the Year; Floyd Lowe, Transportation; and Brendal Stevens, Sustainable Tourism, were all from North Abaco. The people of Green Turtle Cay must be extremely proud as three of the winners hold positions on the cay which is, indeed, quite an achievement for such a small community.



Ms. Avis Miller



Mr. Brendal Stevens



Mr. Floyd Lowe

The Ministry of Tourism selects top people from many nominated in seven categories for their contribution to tourism. They are honoured at a banquet and receive a trophy in recognition of their work.



Mr. Raymond Lowe

Avis Miller

On receiving the distinction of becoming a winner of the prestigious Cacique Award, Ms. Avis Miller, Manager of the Treasure Cay Hotel, said that she was truly honoured to have been selected as Manager of the Year. When she heard that she had been nominated, she at first declined as she describes herself as being a person who does not like the spotlight but just likes to go about doing her job well. She did, however, eventually agree to the nomination and apologised to her nominators for her reticence. When she actually won the award, Avis said that it was "totally overwhelming and an awesome feeling and was worth it all in the end." Normally a retiring sort of person, Avis said that on the night of the awards she was so excited she was definitely not herself. Her little six-year-old niece who saw her on television asked her afterwards, "Why did you act crazy like that?" Her award will be mounted in a glass case and placed in the hotel lobby, along with her finalist's plaque as she would like to share it with all the other workers.

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St. Francis School Celebrates Special Day



St. Francis de Sales School celebrates the Feast Day of its patron saint. After a church service, the students marched from the church on Don MacKay Boulevard oo Dove Plaza where they were picked up by bus for the trip back to their school. Their fledging marching band accompanied the group.

The Carnival Is Coming

February 24 - March 10

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H.T. Council Proposes Regulations

The Hope Town Council, which includes Elbow Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Great Guana Cay, has embarked on a new avenue for local government. Its Chief Councillor, Wayne Hall, has combed the Internet and taken development and zoning guidelines from other towns of a similar size and disposition to the three in his jurisdiction.

Armed with this information and adding items that might be more appropriate for concern here, he and his Council members are holding a series of five open meetings in each of the three towns. A White Paper is being presented in four sessions as a working plan to amend and not as a "done

deal." Verbal comments are noted in the meetings, and he is encouraging written suggestions.

The Hope Town Council has a web site where the entire White Paper available for view. Provision is made on the site for returning comments by Email. Those with an Internet connection can visit www.hopetowncouncil.com. At the town meetings, the White Paper is handed out in sections as relates to that evening's agenda.

The fifth and final meeting in each town

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Reception Honors Music Star



A cocktail reception was held on February 3 at the exclusive Abaco Club on Winding Bay for invited guests to meet Mr. Tippin and his crew. Guests were given the opportunity to pledge donations to the Abaco Wild Horses fund. The relaxed reception on the deck of the club house overlooked beautiful Winding Bay and the setting sun while Jamming Jan provided a musical background. Mr. Tippin expressed his thanks to The Abaco Club for hosting a lovely reception.

Abaco Showed Well with Cacique Awards

Cacique Awards

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Avis began her career in the hospitality industry in the late 1970s, when she joined the staff of the Ambassador Beach Hotel in Nassau. After working there for several years, she moved to Abaco and worked in Marsh Harbour for Marsh Harbour Power and Light, the company that preceded the Bahamas Electricity Corporation. She moved to Treasure Cay in 1981 to take up the position of front office cashier/clerk in the 38-room hotel and rose through the ranks of front office supervisor, front office manager, assistant hotel manager, until finally accepting the post of Hotel Manager in January of last year.

Avis appreciates working in the hospitality field as she enjoys meeting people and making them happy. She likes to provide a Bahamian flavour for her guests as she feels that they want to get away from what they always see at home and taste our culture. It is a strong belief of hers that more Bahamian culture should be offered to guests especially in the Out Islands.

It is Avis's desire that more people become dedicated to jobs in the hospitality field, and she would like to see more young people entering the field.

Avis would like to thank the community for its support and for showing just how happy and proud they are for her.

Raymond Lowe

Mr. Raymond Lowe was surprised enough to even be nominated for a Cacique award. But when he was announced as the winner in the Hotel Supervisor of the Year category, he said, "I was even more surprised and enjoyed every moment of it." Mr. Lowe's award makes the third Cacique trophy for the family as his father, Vertrum Lowe, won

a Cacique award recently in the Handicraft category for his boat building skills, and several years ago his uncle, Alton Lowe, well-known artist, won for Creative Arts.

Raymond Lowe has been a full-time employee with the Green Turtle Club for the past 33 years but actually started working there part-time at the age of 12 assisting his father as a dockhand until leaving school. His father, Vertrum Lowe, has worked at the Green Turtle Club for 40 years and Raymond says that he owes his success to his father and to Earklin McIntosh, who has worked 38 years at the club. These two men have been his mentors and taught him all that he knows. "We have always worked as a team," he says.

Mr. Lowe has acquired endless skills and is proficient in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting and tile laying, garnering him the title Mr. Everything. He became Maintenance Manager/Supervisor at the Green Turtle Club in 2003 and oversees all the property upkeep and maintenance of the buildings. He carries out all the ordering of supplies for the restaurant and assists with other administrative functions. "In fact, I have done everything at the club from fixing beds to pulling weeds," he said. In her letter of nomination for Mr. Lowe, Ms. Lynn Johnson, Manager of the Green Turtle Club, who herself won the Cacique award last year as Hotel Manager of the Year, had high praise for her "right hand man" stating, "Ray has exemplified the type of employee all managers wish they had."

Mr. Lowe was accompanied into Nassau for the awards ceremony by many members of his family, including his wife and his daughter, who flew in specially from Florida where she is at college. Unfortunately, his father was not able to attend as he fell ill.

An active church member, Mr. Lowe donates his time and skills to assist with the upgrading and repairing of facilities within his community.

At the beginning of February Raymond travelled into Nassau to be honoured at a luncheon sponsored by the Hotel Association since he has also been nominated as Hotel Supervisor of the Year for the entire Caribbean.

Floyd Lowe

The winner of the Cacique Award in the Transportation category was Mr. Floyd Lowe, President of Green Turtle Cay Ferry, who was recognized for the ferry company's outstanding service to the public. Mr. Lowe bought out the Green Turtle Cay Ferry service in 1971 from his brother Harold, who had begun the service in the early 1960s after predicting a tourism boom but later wished to sell the operation in order to move to Florida. At the time of its inception the ferry service consisted of just a couple of wooden boats, but Mr. Floyd has upgraded the fleet to a total of four fibreglass boats, each with a capacity to hold 40 passengers. A few years ago Mr. Lowe sold out a part of the ferry service to his sons and grandsons, though he

himself still takes an active part in its day-to-day running.

Mr. Lowe is justifiably proud of the many praiseworthy comments he has received over the years. He has been congratulated by both visitors and locals who have described the Green Turtle Ferry Service as the best of any of the ferries they have experienced anywhere. In 1987 Mr. Lowe received a personal letter from American Ambassador, Mrs. Carol Boyd Hallett, praising the service she experienced. Travellers are most impressed that schedules are never missed. Mr. Lowe stated that there has never been a cancellation except when a hurricane is pending. Mr. Lowe's ferries have transported people to Treasure Cay in the middle of the night in the case of emergencies and extra ferries are laid on for special occasions such as the New Year's Day Junkanoo. The ferry service has remained accident free even throughout all its night runs.

Mr. Lowe's son, Nigel, went to receive the trophy at the ceremony in Nassau on his father's behalf as Mr. Lowe did not feel up

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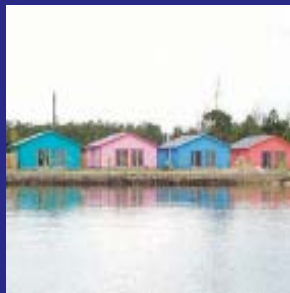
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Zoning Will Be Tested by Hope Town Council

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will summarize the recommendations. Mr. Hall then anticipates a vote by registered voters on whatever is concluded. He is asking for input from all residents whether registered or not as all must live with the rules. However, there is no provision in Bahamian law for voting by anyone except registered voters.

Mr. Hall admits that this approach is breaking new ground for local government but says that he has permission from Central Government to continue to see where it leads. There is no assurance that Central Government will accept the results as binding local rules or ordinances.

The first session began on January 30 in Man-O-War. Similar meetings were held on February 1 and 2 in Hope Town and Guana Cay, respectively. See the announcement in this paper on page 25 of section A

for dates and topics.

Man-O-War Residents Took It in Stride

The 11 residents attending in Man-O-War were generally in favor of the attempt although they were skeptical that it would come to pass. They asked if one set of rules would apply to all three towns and were told that each town is different. Each should make suggestions as it feels appropriate. In general terms, it was said that uniformity is beneficial.

Hope Town Had Many Questions

As might be expected, the Hope Town meeting had the largest turn-out with about 50 people in the Methodist Church on February 1. They were receptive to the concept but had reservations on how it would be implemented and enforced.

A question on who initiated this process disclosed that the Council undertook it on its own although Central Government is

aware of the exercise. It is believed this is a unique process and not being undertaken by other islands or districts.

Several comments were made by the Hope Town residents which relate to traffic and vehicles:

- Large cars are not appropriate on small roads and should be banned.
- A pre-paid disposal fee should be collected on vehicles to assist with their removal when junked.
- Heavy equipment moving through town and damaging roads should be controlled better.
- It is presently illegal to drive through Hope Town, and the law needs to be

amended relative to present conditions.

Topics that residents felt warranted further discussion were:

- Protection of the coastal dunes.
- Noise and lights bothering nearby residents at the basketball court at night.
- The possible formation of an architectural oversight board and a historical preservation board.

Items needing attention now on Elbow Cay were:

- Make it easier to register to vote.
- Install one or more public notice boards.

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Man-O-War residents listen to Wayne Hall, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council, as he explains the White Paper he is putting forward for their consideration. Mr. Hall is holding a series of meetings in Hope Town, Man-O-War and Great Guan Cay asking for suggestions so future development can be orderly.

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#2136

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#2147

**'Clifford Sawyer House'
Hope Town**



\$692,000

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Residents Showed Interest in HT Council Proposals

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- Repair the public telephones.
- Repair dock damage due to ferries and freight boats.

Many comments related to Council's new authority under these rules and their ability to enforce the new rules

- How would complaints be handled.
- Who would judge the nature of the complaint.
- Who would enforce the new rules.

Mr. Hall stated that if the white paper is amended locally, accepted by a local vote and accepted by Nassau, the authority to take complaints and enforce the rules would be with Council to be dealt with locally. Presently, Council has no authority to enforce anything, and this exercise is an attempt to bring some control to the local level.

Zoning issues were mentioned. However, this topic is expected to bring the most public response, and two future evenings are devoted in each town to residential and commercial zoning. That portion of the White Paper was not yet available. Specific zoning issues brought out were:

- The need to plan for orderly growth in the future and not dwell on errors of the past except to ensure they are not perpetuated.
- Present conflicting situations would be left alone although a change of ownership might allow a review of marginal situations.
- Rental cottages were acknowledged but not discussed further.

A Bahamian asked how do you control influential or wealthy persons who may be for or against development to the detriment of the greater community. Mr. Hall's answer was that clear-cut rules based on com-

munity input would assist Council, which has final authority, in making decisions. He felt that large projects would have to be presented at a town meeting.

The Council was repeatedly thanked for its effort to clarify these issues in a public forum, then document them in the form of ordinances or rules.

Guana Cay Residents Were Outspoken

The Guana Cay meeting in the school house on February 2 was the most contentious with a majority of the 30 persons attending doing their best to focus the issues on the Baker's Bay development rather than on town issues in general.

It was obvious that they felt left out of the governing process both locally and nationally. They wanted more representation on the Council than the one vote they now have versus the three each for Hope Town and Man-O-War. Mr. Hall explained that this representation was determined by Nassau. He suggested they lobby their representative and others to have this changed.

Residents complained about the lack of a Post Office and a central bulletin board. A request was made for a notice board at the grocery store. A common complaint was that development plans of any nature are not posted, and they have no fore-knowledge of what is happening to their island.

Several asked how the Baker's Bay project could build on land they did not own, referring to Crown or Treasury Land. On this issue and many others raised, Mr. Hall could only take notes and promise to research the issue, then report back. He was at a disadvantage as many of their questions related to issues which arose before he took office last July.

The audience was not satisfied that none of the six Councillors was taking ample notes on the issues raised. Kathleen Frederick volunteered to take notes so there would be a record of the evening.

There was dissatisfaction with the building permit process where local applications take forever but the Baker's Bay people are able to get quick permits.

The Baker's Bay employees were accused of speeding through town during all hours of the night and using unlicensed vehicles.

Residents told of earlier attempts to establish zoning rules but which failed.

It was sometimes difficult to gauge the mood of the audience, but they seemed to

be in favor of zoning, if their guidelines were used.

Questions were raised about Nassau issuing permits allowing some persons to bypass the local permit process. Mr. Hall was not aware of this happening during his seven months of office.

A request to Mr. Hall for a record of all permits issued affecting Guana Cay was partially answered by Dr. Livingston Marshall of the Baker's Bay organization who said these documents were now before the court and would soon be public

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Where will you stretch
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More South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Water Will Be Piped in

After our last Town Meeting on January 24, the Department of Water and Sewage quickly sent their workmen to Cherokee to measure the streets to see how much pipe would be needed to supply water to our residents. Let us hope this is not just for show and that they are serious about their promise and that we will soon have the much needed water in our settlement.

Newest Arrival

Born to Cynthia and Peter Roberts, a daughter, Tattiana Dimonique, in Nassau on January 25. Mother and daughter doing fine and are already back home. Congratulations to the happy family.

Winter Birds Return

Our winter birds are flying south once more. I'm not speaking of the little feathered ones, but our second-home owners who come our way every year to escape the cold north winds back home. Many of them have been a part of our community for over 30 years. They've experienced our births and deaths, our heartaches and our joy and are just as much a part of this settlement as our famous Long Dock (which, by the way, they

have seen destroyed and rebuilt many times). They came to Cherokee and Little Harbour, too, long ago, long before we were ever on a tourist map or so internationally renowned as we are now. We're happy to have them back and happier still to welcome them once again to the sunny Bahamas.

New Access Road

There is a new access road for the residents and property owners at the top of Cherokee's Hill. Cut out and adjoining onto Colyn Rees' road, it runs along side for approximately 100 yards, then turns at a 90 degree angle about half way up the hill and travels south and runs for another 100 yards to join onto the old road. It consists of hard packed quarry but may need additional work to survive the rainy season.

Eye-Winkers

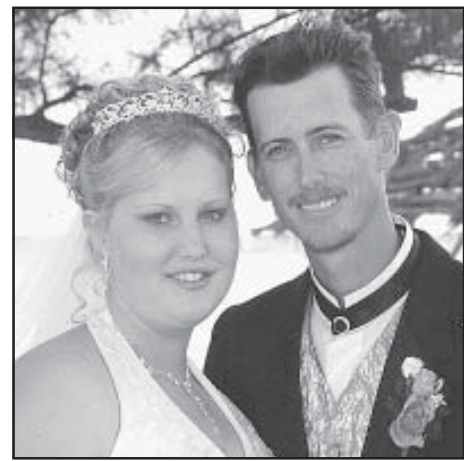
It has been suggested that "we should not forget the past," so for want of a better name at this time, I shall call us the "Eye-Winkers" (a nostalgic reference to our old timers). To start off, we shall attempt to meet once each month on the third Friday evening in the month at the old schoolhouse at 7 p.m. We shall look for lecturers or speakers (or just plain folks) who want to reminisce about days gone by. We hope to

share some videos, photos and keepsakes from the past. I guess our recent Antiques Roadshow spurred some of us into thinking about old times and how much we miss those good old days.

If you think you may be a potential "Eye-Winker," we would love to have you join us. We all have something we can share, and sharing is what it's all about. Our first meeting is set for February 17. At this time we are still awaiting confirmation on our first speaker, but I guarantee you, it will be an evening well spent, interesting and provocative. Please come and join us.

New Rentals Are Available

Kim and Simon Rhodan have almost completed their five new cabins for rental to visiting visitors and fishermen within the settlement. Located off the creekside entrance road and behind the cemetery they are colourful and quaint, but at the same time completely modern with all amenities included. They were built to accommodate a single person or a couple, but there is room for a small child in the loft area. With the increased interest in our area and more and more persons discovering Cherokee every day, these new rentals are certainly a welcome addition.



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pinder were married in Cherokee on January 7.

Sand Bar Will Reopen

Ellen Sawyer, the manager of the Sand Bar, tells me she plans to reopen the second week in March but only on weekends, weather permitting. A great meeting place with an unbelievable ocean view and ambiance, this little seaside restaurant has been a positive addition to our area and, needless to say, a great miss while it has been closed over the winter. I'm sure I'm not the only one who is anxiously awaiting its reopening.

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St. Francis de Sales Celebrates Feast Day

By Samantha V. Evnas

On January 24th the family of St. Francis de Sales celebrated the feast of its patron saint in grand style. The parish priest, Fr. Rogelio Madrazo, better known as Fr. Roger, along with the parishioners and the St. Frances de Sales school body, celebrated holy mass at the church. Fr. Roger provided the congregation with a short biography of St. Francis and cited examples of St. Francis's great intellectual prowess and

his contribution to Catholicism.

After the mass everyone joined in a parade from the church to the Dove Plaza with the lively accompaniment of the school band. Students carried flags, banners, placards and balloons. On reaching the Administrator's office, the students released the helium balloons into the air with loud cheers. The school was very proud of the band's performance as it is still in its infant stage and continues to improve by leaps and bounds.

On returning to school after the parade, the students participated in a mini-

fun day. The day ended with an exciting basketball game between Agape Christian School and St. Francis. St. Francis won with a score of 47-18.

Mrs. Kumar, Principal, expressed how grateful she was to Mr. Revis Rolle, the Island Administrator, for granting permission to hold the parade. She expressed gratitude to the Royal Bahamas Police Force for the police escort provided to ensure everyone's safety. The St. Francis de Sales community is planning to make this celebration an annual event.

Parent Night at Strong Tower

By Samantha V. Evans

On January 26th Parent Night was held at Strong Tower Church to provide parents with information to help prepare their children for college. Mrs. Hinsey, representative from the Lyford Cay Foundation, saw Parent Night as a necessity because parents have to sign the checks and ensure that students are equipped for college.

She stated that globalization and FTAA are coming and students have to be pre-

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The Main House on 2 levels is "Ekali", a beautiful 3 bed, 3 bath house that has a rich English flair. The Guest Quarters is on the ground level & boasts another 2 bed, 2 bath with full kitchen, open dining & sitting room.

Villa San Paulo is a spacious, beautiful, 3 bed, 2 bath villa resembling a Swiss chalet. Only a step away from the villa is a beautiful 27 ft swimming pool edging the sea with a cabana at one end which affords spectacular views to those relaxing within.

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pared. She continued that it is now necessary for every student to have at least one degree under his belt in order to compete. Even if students plan to go straight into the work place after they graduate, parents must explain to them the importance of having their qualifications on paper. Work experience is good, but it alone will not secure a position or a job nor will it open doors for promotion.

Today, students who complete college make 67 percent more in salary than students who never go to college. College costs a lot of money. On average, college tuition

is \$30,000 per annum. State colleges are cheaper costing about \$16,000-\$18,000 but the disadvantage of this is that a student cannot get a scholarship. In addition, only if the student is a resident of that state can he take advantage of cheaper resident feesget a tuition cut.

Scholarships and grants are available but students must qualify, even to play sports. Students need to know that once they get a scholarship, they must maintain the criteria or their funding will be pulled.

Parents have the responsibility to monitor their children's grades and activities to ensure that they maintain their grades, or they will miss out on opportunities. She contin-

ued that parents must not deprive children of hard work. They must realize that they have to work to earn whatever it is they want. It is all right for them to clean the classroom and to clean up the school grounds or to volunteer to help others in need.

Mrs. Hinsey stressed the importance of students building experience and being exposed through volunteering. This is what colleges are looking for. Students have to be well-rounded. Parents are encouraged to equip kids with skills to survive when they are no longer with them.

Parents are reminded to encourage their children to be the best they can be and to embrace opportunities that are available. When they are serious, support them in going to get whatever degree they want to pursue. Encourage children to read and to do research so that they can find out what the demands are in the country.

She stated that the professions that the The Bahamas need more of are the following: pharmacology, radiology, diesel technicians, economists, skilled carpenters, financial analysts, engineering, aquatics, marine biology, education and all technical fields.

Students need to have a sense of direction; they need to know their purpose. The majority of the students in grade 12 who attended the Thursday morning session could not answer that question nor could they say what they will do after graduation. Even more of them did not have a resume, had no idea what the SAT is or score cut off, did not research colleges or jobs nor had the college-bound students filled out application or scholarship forms as yet. Planning and preparation are very important. Students need to get the ball rolling now and not wait until they graduate or until August to start looking for jobs or re-searching colleges.

Parents were encouraged to play an active role in the scholarship search. Mrs. Hinsey encouraged them to start spending money on college catalogs instead of polo jackets, Timberlands and Jordons. She stated that they should spend money on things that will change their children's lives for the better instead of throwing money away.

Finally, she told them to seek out what

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Hope Town Students Enjoy Musician



Dr. Robert Krout, music therapist from Houston, Texas, spent his annual visit to Hope Town School recently singing and playing his guitar to the children's delight. He always has the children clapping and dancing as he performs their favorite songs and adds new ones to their repertoire.

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scholarships are available in The Bahamas. Our students are competing with kids all around the world. She encouraged parents to continue to push. Even though much is expected and much has to be done, all is not lost.

Students Away Are Doing Well

By Patrick Smith

Several Abaco students are enrolled in high school in the United States. We have recently heard from Patrick Smith, who used to teach at Abaco Central High School. He has given us information about several of these students.

Patrice Smith is an 11th grade student at the Coyle High School in Coyle, Oklahoma. She is five feet ten inches high and is the starting Center/Forward for the Lady Blue

Jackets Basketball Team. Despite the team's disappointing season, Patrice is the leading scorer and rebounder averaging 13 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game. She has also excelled academically with a GPA of 3.42. Patrice is the daughter of Patrick and Vinita Smith and attended the former Dundas Town Primary School.

Brandon Williams is a 10th grade student at the Coyle High School in Coyle, Oklahoma. Brandon is six feet and the starting guard for the Coyle Blue Jackets Varsity Basketball Team. The Blue Jackets are presently ranked # 8 in class B with a record of 16-4. Brandon is averaging 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, and 5 assists per game. He has a GPA of 3.0. Brandon is the son Ms. Maxine Ferguson of Spring City and is a former student of Abaco Central High School and the Mighty Marlins Basketball Team.

Anton Parker is a graduating senior at the Coyle High School. Anton stands six

feet five inches and is the starting Center for the Coyle Blue Jackets Varsity Basketball Team. Anton is averaging 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game. He is on the superintendent's list with a GPA of 4.0. Anton is a former student of the S.C. Bootle High School and the S.C. Bootle Dolphins Basketball Team. He is planning to further his education and a basketball career at Rogers State University or Langston University in the fall. He is the son of

Calvin and Patrice Parker of Fox Town. Students Visit with the Minister of Education

By Samantha V. Evans

Several students of Abaco Central High School along with the School Counselor and Police Officer Deveaux visited with the Hon.

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Alfred Sears, Min. of Education, at the end of the December school term. They were very pleased that the Minister gave them nearly two hours of his time. He told the boys his life story and his experience at the Boys Industrial School, stating that as a young person he skipped school, stole and got into trouble. As a result of that, he was sentenced to four years at the Boys Industrial School. While there, he read a lot of books and because of his love for reading, he was able to learn about countries all around the world. He told them that this experience made it possible for him to turn his life around. As a result of his reading and improving academically, he was released a year earlier when he was accepted into St.

Augustine's College. He encouraged the boys to dream, to have a plan. He told them that it doesn't matter where they were born, but they are old enough to determine where they will end up.

He told them that he had overseers who encouraged him but some were negative. He made it a part of his life to read and better himself. He told them to stay determined and encouraged them to get involved in some activities or sport that would help them to become determined. Practice will help them to become determined.

He encouraged them to prepare for success like they prepare for a game. He encouraged them to set goals, to be persistent and to persevere. He told them that educa-

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A winner of the logo competition held at the Abaco Central High School from November 1st to December 2nd last year was crowned on January 16th. The competition not only showcased the artistic talents and boosted the self-esteem of the students but also served as a means of discovering a new logo for the life skills text, Quiet Reflection Series written by Ms. Samantha Evans and approved by the Ministry of Education. Some of the rules and

guidelines set out for the students' artwork were to depict a Bahamian fruit or vegetable and Bahamian culture, be fun and pleasant to look at and name of the text book represented. Winning the first place prize was 10th grader Kanisha Mackey, followed by Karon Johnson of Grade 11 and Jasmine Bodie, an 11th grader took the prize for third place. All three received trophies, gifts and certificates of participation for their efforts.



This group of Abaco Central High School boys went to Nassau in December and visited the Hon. Alfred Sears, Minister of Education. They appreciated the time he took to talk with them. Shown above are Officer Deveaux, Wayde Archer, D'Neco Cleare, Min. Sears, Leslie Parker, Stanley McIntosh and Counselor, Ms. Samantha Evans.

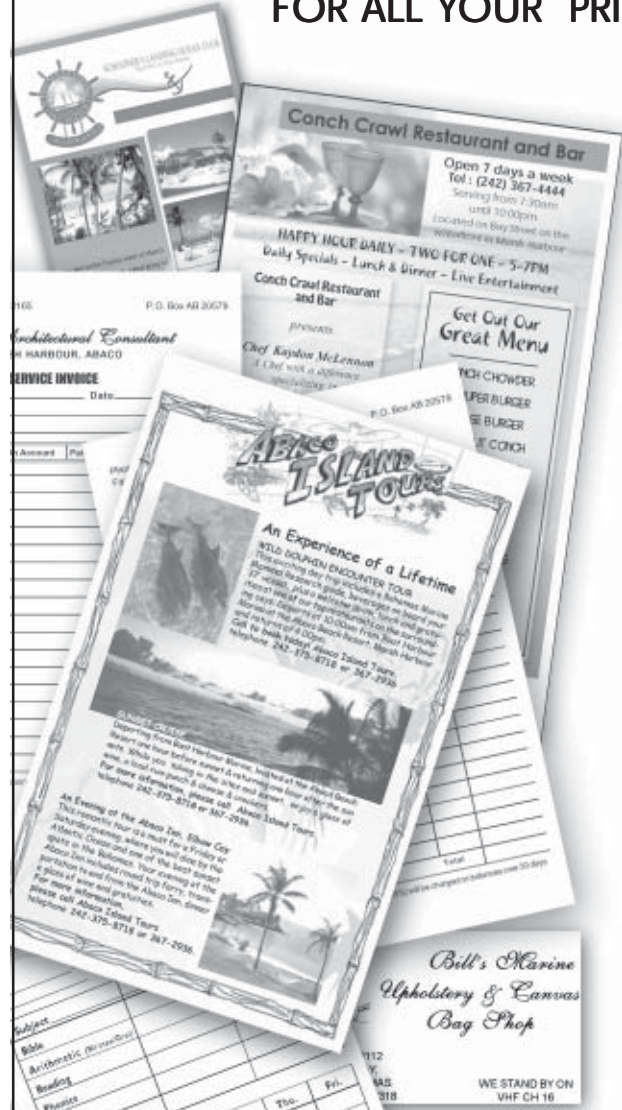
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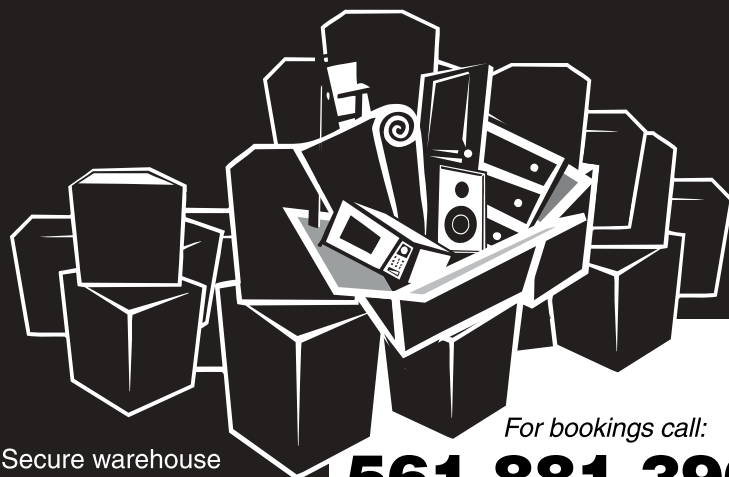
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tion is needed know matter what they plan to do because they need to know how to count their money, how to invest it, how to speak good English and to write. He told them that they must make wise decisions and plan for growth and change. All of this will prepare them for life.

He allowed the students to ask him anything they wanted but a few of them played the shy role. One of the boys asked him to explain his portfolio as Minister of Education and Attorney General which he did. The day was great! He told the group that they have his full support and to keep him abreast of their progress. Presently, the students are in school and programs are in place to help them to make wise decisions and to take their education more seriously.

Scholarships Available from the Lyford Cay Foundation

By Samantha V. Evans

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All Bahamas Merit Scholarship - Worth \$100,000 over a four year period this goes to the most outstanding student graduating from a Bahamian high school.

Chevening Scholarship - For graduate students studying in the United Kingdom.

The Abaco Scholarship Fund - Established in 1998 by Abaco residents to provide financial assistance for students from Abaco.

College of the Bahamas Endowment Fund - started in 1996 for students attending the College of The Bahamas.

These scholarships were discussed in detail at Parent Night held at Strong Tower Church on January 26th. The Foundation continues to grow and to establish new initiatives that will further advance the opportunities for higher education for citizens in The Bahamas. Parents are encouraged to check the deadline of these scholarships and to apply early.



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School Club News

Pilot Club Installation of Anchors and Pilots

On January 28th the Pilot Club celebrated the installation and initiation of new Anchors and Pilots at Abaco Youth Ministries on Forest Drive. Abaco Pilot Club president, Claudius Rolle, gave the official greeting and stated that even though a lot of negative things are said about the youth, he is overjoyed to see so many Anchors who are making a positive difference.

The program began with the initiation of the new Pilots. Four new members were initiated: Carol Johnson, Rosalie Stubbs, Cindy Charles and Cecil Simon. This part of the ceremony was led by Mrs. Adrienne Spicer. The new members read the club pledge which stated that they will serve the club and help in all activities. They agreed to be loyal and to work as one. They were

presented with their pins and certificates by the president of Abaco Pilot Club.

Mr. Simon stated that they are governed by a Code of Ethics and they will consider themselves worthy of the task at hand, to improve self, enlarge their vision, to be ambitious, honest and fair, to give as well as to take, to be generous and loyal to pilot members and others.

The chartering of new Anchor Clubs at St. Frances de Sales and Forest Heights Academy followed. Advisor for St. Frances is Mr. Simon and Forest Height's advisor is Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Veronica Nairn led this part of the ceremony and stated that the first Pilot Club meeting was held in 1921 and the first Anchor Club was established in 1952. The main focus of the Pilot Club is brain disorders and each club has one fund raiser to raise money for this cause every year.

Members being installed from each Anchor Club signed their charter. They were told that the charter must be displayed at every meeting and official functions. Afterwards, they were presented with membership certificates by their school advisors. Abaco Central High School Anchors were presented with membership certificates as well but they were chartered since 1998.

Mrs. Cindy Charles presented them with their certificates. All members repeated the anchor club pledge.

Mrs. Charles read a poem called *The Candle* which explained that life is like a candle string. It gives light and makes dark

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Members that were installed in the Anchor Club at Abaco Central High School are shown above. That club was chartered in 1998.



These are the members of a new Anchor Club chartered at St. Francis de Sales School. Members from three clubs were installed on January 28.



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places bright. Samantha Baillou followed by singing the song *Light your Candle*. Afterwards, Anchors read the creed which stated that they will work together, serve community and listen to teachers and par-

ents. Each member lit his candle from that of his club president's candle.

Installation of Anchor Officers

All officers were presented with their keys. The keys symbolize leadership, trust, love and honor. These are the highest honors. They open new doors to the human

soul. Keys were presented to the Fund Raising Directors who are viewed as the source of energy and excitement, Projects and Awards Directors who are to uplift and encourage, Secretaries who are public relations officers and diligent, Treasurers who are to have integrity, Presidents-Elect who are to understudy the president, Presidents who are the ones to inspire, lead and to keep the peace amongst members.

The president of each club gave remarks promising to make a difference in the community. Congratulatory remarks from Cindy Weaver of a Pilot Club in Georgia were read which encouraged students to

serve school and community and work with advisors. She congratulated new Pilots and thanked them for giving of their time, helping hand and leadership and mentoring skills to encourage and serve the people in the community.

The ceremony ended with the vote of thanks by the President of the Pilot Club Abaco, Mr. Claudius Rolle.

Rotary Club installs New Interact Club Members

By Samantha V. Evans

Rotary Club is a worldwide organization

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These are the members of the newly chartered Anchor Club at Forest Heights Academy.

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The Rotary Club of Abaco is a part of that great organization. One of the goals is to build membership so that they can assist with more programs and earn more

money to help people, not only on Abaco but within the ten Caribbean countries in the District.

Just as Rotary is a worldwide organization, so is the Interact Club. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. Interact gives young people the opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and

meeting new friends. It was with great pleasure that these two significant service clubs, Rotary and Interact, met on January 17th, 2006.

The Interact Club has a number of plans for this school year. Its plans include 35 hours weekly cleaning Don MacKay Boulevard and cleaning Sybil's House bi-weekly. The members have started the legwork on the Adopt-a-pet. They assisted Rotary members in ringing the bell at the Christmas Festival to purchase food baskets for the needy and collected canned food for Christmas Holiday baskets. They are presently working on a number of other projects.


The persons installed as new Interact Club officers of the St. Francis de Sales

club were Club President, Elsie Bain; Vice President, Alisha Williams; Secretary, Eden McIntosh; Treasurer, Lisa Kemp; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Samantha Baillou. The club directors are Simone Pedican, Director of Club Service; Brittany Archer, Director of Community Service; Nekhira Saunders, Director of International Service; and Randolph Humes, Director of School Service. The Club Advisors are Samantha Alfred Duverny and Barbara Plossl.

The Interact Club meets every Friday afternoon in the Computer Room at St. Francis de Sales School. The Rotary Club meets every Tuesday night at the Back Street Café at 6 p.m. The president of the Rotary Club is Jo-Ann Bradley.




Members of the Interact Club of St. Francis de Sales School are cleaning the verges of Don MacKay Boulevard. The Interact Club is a service-oriented club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Abaco. Members are shown here with their Advisor, Ms. Barbara Plossl.



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information as a court decision was expected in mid-February.

It was stated that 11 acres were recently bulldozed, and it was asked how this was allowed. A request was made for the rules related to beach use and access as overzealous security guards for the Baker's Bay development are chasing people off the beach. Mr. Marshall was adamant that the beach could be used.

In the absence of notices being given to Guana Cay residents by the Hope Town Council on items coming before Council, Troy Albury of the Save the Guana Reef organization, asked Mr. Hall to

notify him personally of all items coming before Council related to Guana Cay.

The garbage issue was more in common with the other towns although Guana Cay has no staging area to hold the bins or to collect appliances and larger trash items. The residents noted that the dump site they had used for 40 years at an inland mangrove swamp had been closed and given by government to the Orchid Bay development without making any alternate provisions. It was noted that the Guana Cay Freight Company takes garbage to Marsh Harbour six days a week. More bins will be needed in March when the season picks up.

The volunteer secretary, Ms. Kathleen Frederick, kept asking if the issues could

come to a vote. She was reminded that this and the next four meetings are for discussions on the issues to seek recommendations, and a vote may be arranged in late April. She did volunteer to send a written list of the residents concerns to Mr. Hall for consideration in the White Paper.

Although skeptical of Mr. Hall's success with this White Paper, the Guana Cay residents attending did feel it was worth a try.

Thanks to Kent LeBoutillier for her helpful notes on the Hope Town meeting.

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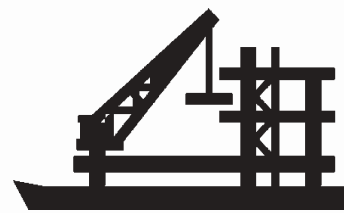
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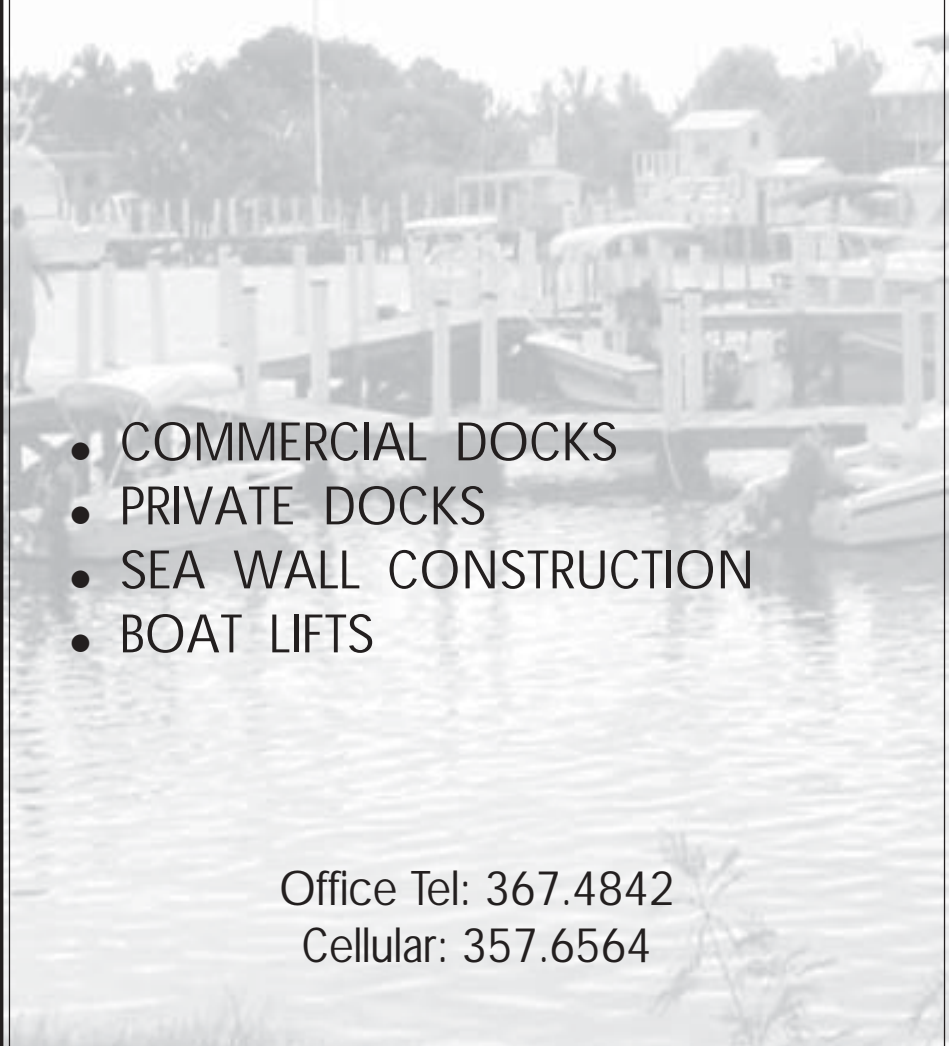
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Americans Feast on Ocean Delicacies

By Robert Wilson

When you cruise in foreign countries, there are some things that you miss. Recently we visited the quaint, New-England type settlement on Elbow Cay of Hope Town, which is noted for its historic lighthouse and home-made bread from Vernon's Grocery. We were hungry for some American food. In particular, I wanted a good burger with all the trimmings and Carolyn wanted a BLT.

After glancing at the menu, we ordered. "My wife will have a BLT toasted and I'll have a burger with fries." The Bahamian waitress asked, "What kind of burger would you like, sir." Somewhat surprised, I responded, "I only thought there was one kind of burger." "No, sir," she explained. "We have a chicken burger, a grouper burger, a conch burger, and, of course, a hamburger, but that is made with beef." Blasphemy! We have been gone less than a year, and they are already trying to destroy an American institution!

I ordered an "American-style" hamburger and Carolyn's BLT. We hadn't had breakfast that morning so I also decided to try one of those conch burgers as an appetizer. While waiting for our food, we pondered over the origination of the term "hamburger," fully aware that they were not made with ham.

My conch burger was made with pieces of conch, battered and lightly fried. Somewhat chewy, but it was good. The only time I could remember hearing the word conch was when Jimmy Buffet talked about his time in The Conch Republic in the Florida Keys. I was strangely curious and asked the waitress if she would permit me to peruse the

menu once again.

I discovered Bahamian's do all sorts of things with conch. They love it! They fry it and crack it; jerk it and blacken it. They make salads with it and even dress it up with a little coconut. "Is this some Bahamian form of catfish?" I asked the waitress. Trying to keep from laughing in my face, she gave me a quick lesson in why you would never want to come back to this world as a conch.

Conch are snail-like mollusks which crawl along the seabed protected by a shell (the type you buy at the beach and use for a door stopper). When threatened, they quickly retreat inside the shell. Their bodies are somewhat slimy and very muscular. Browntip, an Abaconian fisherman who also plays the saw in a local bar, says the conch hide in the grassy bottoms of the ocean using the grass to hide from predators. "Don't find da conch in dee sand," he explains.

And when the meat is harvested from its shell, there are two techniques. The most prevalent means of removing the muscular creature is to break a small hole in the shell, insert a knife to cut the muscle from where it is attached and then pull the snail-like creature from the "horn" of the shell. Browntip says he removed the conch from the shells by biting them and physically pulling them out with his teeth until an elderly Bahamian woman taught him the former, more esthetic technique.

We have eaten conch prepared various ways and in some of the finer ocean-side eateries. Plymouth Rock Liquors and Café in New Plymouth was one of the more memorable. It has only five chairs

at the bar and no tables. Since 1969 it has been the primary breakfast and luncheon establishment on Green Turtle Cay. Their patrons apparently like to spice up their conch, so sitting on the bar are 70 different hot sauces that would embarrass anyone from Louisiana.

Carolyn and I sampled Jump Up and Kiss Me, Pain 100% and Tongue of Fire. We were enamored with the names Colon Cleaner, Don't Be A Chicken and a sauce labeled, Rectal Revenge. David Letterman would have assigned a Number 2 to any list he had of favorite names with the sauce labeled Bush & Dick, complete with pictures of George Bush and Dick Cheney. But our Number One Hot Sauce at the Plymouth Rock Liquors and Café Bar had to be the Burn In Hell Osama.

I doubt we will ever entirely change our diets and forget about hamburgers and catfish, but we have enjoyed the food on Abaco.

We had previously met the crews from a number of Florida sportsfishing boats. Recently, *Dire Staits*, and *Hey Daddy* returned to the marina after a day of offshore fishing. Later that evening, over a game of dominoes, I said "Being sailboaters and all, what does dolphin taste like anyway?" That is all it took. Our freezer is now full of dolphin, snapper and grouper. And tonight, as sun-down approaches, we are blowing a conch horn salute to show our appreciation to Mike and Henry, the crew from *Hey Daddy* and wish them well as they head back to Appalachicola, Florida. Until next time guys!

Ordinance Prohibits Golf Carts in Marsh Harbour

The use of golf carts on the streets of Marsh Harbour has been an annoyance for several years to the Central Abaco District Council members and the motoring public. Different methods to curtail the use of these vehicles by Administrators and the Central Abaco Council over the past several years were not successful.

During the Central Abaco Council meeting of 25 January 2006, an ordinance was proposed to ban the use of golf carts and similar vehicles on the downtown streets of Marsh Harbour. After a short discussion, it was accepted. Administrator Rolle explained that it became effective immediately

and would be forwarded to Nassau to be formalized.

This ordinance is a result of the growth of vehicles on the area roads and the general feeling that the carts impede the orderly flow of traffic.

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High School Teachers Take Legal Action

A press conference was held at Abaco Central High School by teachers, officials from the Bahamas Union of Teachers and their attorney at noon on January 31. A public statement was made that legal action will be taken against Parliamentary Secretary Veronica Owens in the Ministry of Education.

This action stems from a visit Ms. Owens made to a school assembly on November 25 of last year and her approximately three hours at the school. Her observations during that visit were put into a report to Mr. Creswell Stirrup, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, then on to the Minister, the Hon. Alfred Sears.

Ms. Owens alleges that the principal has no leadership ability and was disrespected by school staff, that some teachers do not teach, that some teachers leave the school grounds randomly during the school day and some teachers displayed negative attitudes towards

the students.

The teachers have repeatedly asked, through their union representatives, for a retraction and apology by Ms. Owens. However, she appears to be steadfast in letting her statement remain on the record.

When asked if the teachers would strike over this issue, it was said a strike was not being considered. Satisfaction will be resolved through the courts. The union, teachers and school administration will demand a compensatory settlement for damages to their character.

Representing the teachers at the high school press conference were Freeport Attorney, Mr. Fayne Thompson, and Bahamas Union of Teachers President, Ms. Ida Poitier. Other members of the union present were Ms. Belinda Wilson, Secretary General, Mr. Terrance King, Vice President, and Mr. Rudy Sands, Area Vice President from Grand



Teachers of the Abaco Central High School are upset about a negative report about the school made by Parliamentary Secretary, Ms. Veronica Owen. Union officials announced that the teachers and administration will bring a lawsuit against her and the Ministry of Education if a retraction is not made. Shown here are Mr. Rudy Sands, Union Area Vice President, Mr. Fayne Thompson, Union lawyer, Ms. Ida Poitier, Union President, Mr. Euthal Greene, School principal, Ms. Belinda Wilson, Secretary General, and Mr. Terrance King, Union Vice President.

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It was brought out that the school suffered damages from two hurricanes and two fires.

Portions of the school were without electricity for nearly a year which created a poor environment for the students and teachers.

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Sports News

Planning for the 2006 Sport Year

By Mirella Santillo
Youth in Action

As students settled in the second semester of school, sports programs resumed. On January 14 Youth in Action started its second session with basketball. The association is now using the Dundas Town court at Ocean View Park for its Saturday mornings practice.

Mr. "Stretch" Morley said that "about 50 children registered for the program in spite of the bad weather that Saturday." Youth in Action is planning to travel to Freeport in May to defend its title in the Hoytes Tournament won by the 14 and under boys and the 12 and under girls. The program, founded with the help of Mr. Lyndon Davis, who has returned to Freeport, has continued actively under the supervision of "Stretch" Morley, one of the

founders, and community members such as teacher Mr. Patrice Charles, Mrs. Anita Rolle, Mr. Jude Hart, Ms. White and several parents.

The soccer game that was to end the soccer session in December had to be postponed because of bad weather and a make-up game between Nassau and Abaco was planned for the end of January at the Murphy Town Park.

Basketball

The Abaco Basketball League held its first game on January 13. The league comprises of 11 teams made up of adults and teenagers.

North Abaco: Treasure Cay

Central Abaco: The Murphy Town, a mixed team of older men; The Fantasy Parrots; Murphy Town, Dundas Town and Spring City, a joined team; The Jam Rocks Brawlers from Dundas Town; The Elvis McIntosh Construction team; The Frigid Ballets, a Haitian team; The Police Crime

Stoppers, the local police team

From the South: The Winding Bay Parrots; The Crossing Rock Cobra; The Sandy Point Royals

Games are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings for the first two weeks and thereafter Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for the Abaco championship. The National championship will take place at Easter time.

Youth Month

The Youth Coordinator, Mr. Morley, is planning for Youth Month in May and he mentioned recruiting for the Bahama Games which are tentatively planned for the week of July 16 to 22. A definite date will be set at the next sport conclave that will take place in February. Athletes in the following fields are invited to register: basketball, soccer, volleyball, weight lifting, track and field, swimming, sailing, boxing, cycling, net ball, body building, lawn tennis and power lifting.

Basketball

Disappointed spectators left Ocean View Park when the basketball game in process was interrupted by heavy rain. On January 20th the Abaco Basketball League met for the second time this season. Two games were planned: the Marsh Harbour Fantasy Pirates against the Winding Bay Parrots and the Frigid Ballers against the Jam Rocks Brawlers.

The first game was full of action under the close evaluation of referees. The third quarter was nearly over when the rain came pouring down. Disappointed organizers, players and spectators rushed to their cars.

"A proper gymnasium is what we need," muttered the demoralized league's president.

At the time the score was 66 for the Fantasy Pirates to 52 for the Winding Bay Parrots. The last quarter of that game was rescheduled for January 31st in the evening, as well as the game between the Frigid Ballers and the Jam Rocks Brawlers.

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Caique Awards *From Page 2*

to it and was pleased for one of the younger generation to accept it. However, when he watched the complete ceremony on television a few days later, he said that he really wished he had gone. He intends to gather together all of the 10 people involved in the ferry service for a group picture which will be placed with the trophy in the ferry office for all to see.

Mr. Lowe has been involved in many community projects throughout the years and is a well-known, respected and very generous member of the community.

Brendal Stevens

Brendal Stevens was first nominated for a Cacique Award 10 years ago and has also been nominated for the past two years in the Sports and Leisure category. Although he was delighted to be nominated, he had never been an actual winner. However, this year he was nominated once again, this time in the Sustainable Tourism category. He was excited to attend his fourth ceremony as a nominee.

When he was actually pronounced the winner in his category, he became so emotional that he could not deliver his speech. "To win was really the icing on the cake," he said.

Mr. Stevens has being involved in tourism for over 40 years and has turned his love for the environment, and particularly the ocean, into a thriving tourism-based business. He established Brendal's Dive Centre on Green Turtle Cay in 1985 and the company offers many different services in addition to diving. These include eco-tourism adventure trips, snorkeling, kayaking, dolphin encounters, sunset sailing cruises, glass bottom boat rides, island hopping by boat and seafood picnics where people can hand feed stingrays.

Mr. Stevens began his career as a diver at Small Hope Bay on Andros where he worked for seven years as a dive master and instructor. One of his students during this time was the late Sir Lyndon Pindling. He teaches first aid and life-saving and his dive shop is universally recognised as a centre where anyone can finish his scuba training begun somewhere else and complete their open water dive. In 1993 Mr. Stevens was named one of

only 150 instructors in the world to have certified over 5000 divers. He has instructor ratings from seven different organisations and is director of the Bahamas.Dive Association. He has assisted Jacques Cousteau as a technical safety diver and his business has been featured in many international magazines and television shows.

Another of Mr Steven's hobbies is wood-carving, and he has made a beautiful stand from redwood to encase his treasured trophy which now sits above the counter in his dive shop. He hopes that the recognition afforded his business from the honour of his Cacique

trophy will serve as an example and encouragement for many Bahamians. "Tourism is a business for the future," he says. "Some of the best diving in the world is here, but there are few diving instructors since people feel they can make more money from lobster fishing." He encourages people interested in eco-tourism to work at it and be dedicated to the industry.

Other finalists from Abaco were Patrick Roberts, bonefishing guide; Peter Johnston, sculptor; Leanne Russell, artist; and Kim Roberts, crafter.

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 <p>NEW "Surfside"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 3,000 s.f. Residence - Open Decks. - 100' of Beachfront - Over 1/2 Acre - Superb Ocean Views - Fully Furnished. #AB123 - \$1,425,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "New Plymouth Inn"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth - 10 Rooms - 40 Seat Restaurant - Pool - Patio - 12,723 s.f. of land - 0.29 acre #AB27 - Price on Request</p>	 <p>NEW "Summer Camp"</p>	<p>Scotland Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,300 s.f. Residence - 300' of Ocean Beach - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - Guest House - "Playhouse" with Bar - Covered & Open Decks - Fabulous Ocean Views #AB160 - \$2,315,000.</p>
 <p>NEW "Coco Di Mama"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 930 s.f. Residence - 750 s.f. of Decks - 250' on Sea of Abaco - 47,930 s.f. - 1.1 acres - Ample space for additional Residences - Great elevation - Fabulous Views - Dock Permit approved #AS - \$1,385,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "Viking"</p>	<p>Man-O-War - Dickies Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence. - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock. - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #PS10693 - \$2,000,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "Casa Bueno"</p>	<p>Scotland Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,470 s.f. Residence - 124' of Ocean Beach - 2,000 s.f. of Decks - Central A/C - 30,000 gal Fresh Water - Fabulous Views - Furnished #AB161 - \$1,100,000.</p>
 <p>NEW "Watch Hill"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 1,686 s.f. Residence - 725 s.f. Open Decks. - 80' of Prime Beachfront - Over 1/4 Acre - Superb Ocean Views - Semi-private Dock - Fully Furnished. - Great Rental History #AB142 - \$1,380,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "Sunsplash"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views #AB150 - \$1,840,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "Treasure View"</p>	<p>Treasure Cay - 2 Lots offered as a single parcel - 24,140 s.f. - over 0.5 acre - 174' of water frontage - Overlooks entrance to Treasure Cay Marina - Cleared and ready to build - All utilities available #AS10592 - \$739,000.</p>
 <p>NEW "Pura Vida"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths. - 2,100 s.f. Residence - 670 s.f. Raised Decks. - Over 1/2 Acre - Great Views - Beach & Dock Access - Furnished. #AS10668 - \$838,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "British Colonial"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay Settlement - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,400 s.f. Residence. - 330 s.f. Screen Porches - Land - 15,000 s.f. Parcel - 25,000 gals Fresh Water - Beautifully Landscaped - Furnished #AS12429 - \$695,000.</p>	 <p>NEW "Villa Gladys"</p>	<p>Wood Cay Little Abaco - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,147 s.f. Residence - 124' of Ocean Beach - 9,849 s.f. of land - 12' easement to water to build dock. #AS10593 - \$211,000.</p>

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