

HERALD

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HOME COMING

Michael Bain

Only nine years old, Michael, son of Trevelyan "Lenny" Bain of Nassau and Queen Street, Port Nelson, succumbed in Nassau Wednesday evening, 9 June. He had been rushed to the hospital on 3 June because of viral-like symptoms that appeared to be caused by the same intestinal virus that afflicted many in the previous few weeks. It was discovered, however, that he was suffering from an inflamed and infected appendix that was promptly removed, but to no avail. Michael, may you be resting in the peace of the comparative innocence of your youth and in the arms of the LORD.

NEWS BITS

On Saturday the third of July the congregation of **St. John's Baptist Church** put on a great traditional-menu cookout on Sir Milo Butler Park. Well attended and patronized, it raised funds to continue the really noteworthy renovation project which has been ongoing for several months.

Visitors to Rum Cay will be surprised and they surely will not recognize **St. Christopher's Anglican Church**.

Except on the inside, it is no longer the same church that was historically built originally in 1842. On the front end facing King Street has been added a porch, enlarged vestry, toilet and a tall sturdy bell tower, all of which together radically alters and beautifies the profile and exterior appearance of the old building. The rusty antique bell will be renovated to restore its tone. The Venerable Keith N. Cartwright, who weekdays is the project supervisor, truck driver and general roustabout, celebrated a gala evening Patronal Festival in the far-from-finished nave on Sunday, 25 July, the first service conducted there since it was closed for restoration and renovation. Work will shortly be temporarily suspended, with much unfinished, as most of the volunteer off-island workmen return to their homes, with copious heartfelt gratitude from local parishioners, in time for Homecoming Weekend and will be resumed, it is hoped, later in the year when funds and credit will have had a chance to catch up. (Any North Americans wishing to contribute may do so [tax-deductible] by making cheques payable to the Protestant Episcopal Church USA or the Anglican Church of Canada and sending them to Archdeacon Keith N. Cartwright, St. Christopher's

Church, P O Box N7776, Nassau, Bahamas.)

Just as Rum Cayans were deciding that the only pirates around were actually real estate sharks, early July saw the arrival of the American pirate vessel, Meka II from well beyond the horizon. Unlike pirates of old, **Capt. Horatio Sinbad** and his crew are “friendly pirates”, the kind that Mr. Jack Heyser immortalized by carving the expression in stone at Cotton Field. This pirate, happily, seems to be making Rum Cay a fairly regular port of call. And this trip he was filming the daily activities of his crew, consisting totally of teenaged girls. Our friend **Nevadith ‘Cinnamon’ Davis** from Peru, New Mexico, Colorado and Rum Cay, was part of that crew until she abandoned ship here and flew home. We did not get to interview her but we guess that life on the bounding main singing “Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum” is just not her cup of tea.

Rum Cay’s **Emergency Fund** received a big boost through the efforts of **Jackie Nottage** and her extensive, industrious crew. Many people contributed to the success of a rummage sale held on Sir Milo Butler Park on Saturday, 24 July, to benefit the fund. Contributions were in the form of items to be sold, pricing, cooking, serving, selling, trans and other forms of hard work. Special recognition and credit belong to **Bridgetta Adderly, Bridgette Johns, Brittany Kelly, Elivia Rolle, Frances Missick, Judymae Knowles, Nadine Knowles, Pearl Maycock, Shernell Scavella** and **Terry Strachan**. Congratulations to each and everyone who helped in any way. The result of all that effort is that the fund is about five hundred dollars richer than it was before.

NUPTIALS

David Bascom and Diane Gedymin have announced their wedding to take place at The New York Aquarium on Coney Island, Brooklyn, this Saturday, 31 July. It is reported that former Governor-General Tommy Turnquest and former film star Sidney Poitier will attend and participate. The couple will continue to reside at 150 Summit Street, Brooklyn 11231. Some twenty years ago, Ms Gedymin was introduced to Rum Cay and her future husband when, an avid diving enthusiast, she arrived as a guest at the former Rum Cay Diving Club. May they enjoy many years of wedded happiness together!

Special August Days

Ervan and **Ervamae Saunders** jointly celebrate the first birthday of the month on Wednesday the fourth when they complete fourteen years. The very next day, their mother **Frances** reaches forty and **Roger Cox** forty-eight. Monday the ninth is **Dickie Cash**’s day as he attains 29, the day before **Josie and Novi Harding** commemorate their second year of marriage. We jump ahead a week to the seventeenth when **George Bain** completes 34 years and **‘Tasha and Collingwood** mark the end of the second year since their wedding. And the following day is **Rubini Strachan**’s thirty-third natal day. On Sunday the 22nd, **Roshado Bain** completes 18 years and that next Wednesday, **Bernadette Strachan** reaches 32. **Margaret Phelan** becomes a septuagenarian on the twenty-eighth, the day before **Fabian Pratt** (15) and **Sergio Henfield** (20) celebrate their mutual birthday.