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National Environmental Awareness Week (NEAW) 2007 in Retrospect.

Jamaica is committed to mitigating the impacts of global warming on the country. This was the word from Devon Rowe, Permanent Secretary in the former Ministry of Environment and Local Government. He was speaking at the St. Andrew Parish Church on Sunday, June 3, where he deputized for Dean Peart, Minister of Local Government and the Environment, in delivering the World Environment Day (WED) Message to the congregation during the church service, which traditionally kicks off the annual National Environmental Awareness Week.

Mr. Rowe said that even though Small Island Developing States (SIDS), like Jamaica, were not directly responsible for the effects of global warming Government was currently adapting several strategies to suit the specifics of the Jamaican situation, in order to ensure the country's ability to cope. Mr. Rowe's presentation focused on the significance of the theme selected for marking National Environmental Awareness Week (NEAW) in Jamaica this year: "Climate Change...A Hot Topic", a modification of the international WED theme. He also reminded the congregation of the importance of NEAW as



"Let Me See It!" - Students gather round Phillippa Mills to have a closer look at the displayed turtle shell which she shows them, at the recent NEAW Mini Expo and Concert, at the Hope Zoo and Botanical Gardens in St. Andrew.



Students perform at the recent NEAW Mini Expo and Concert, held the Hope Zoo and Botanical Gardens in St. Andrew, on World Environment Day on Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

well as some of the major achievements of the Environment and Local Government Ministry, to date. The Church service got underway at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Leary Myers, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), emphasized that his Agency is continuing its mission to ensure the sustainable management of Jamaica's environmental resources.

This was the main theme highlighted in Dr. Myers' WED Message, which was published in the Gleaner, on Tuesday, June 5.

Dr. Myers pointed to the establishment of an air quality sampling unit in Discovery Bay, St. Ann; improvements made in the Applications Processing System and the Applications Management System AMANDA as some examples. He also said that the new air quality regulations which were recently drafted, further highlighted NEPA's commitment to continue this important work.

Dr. Myers also used the opportunity to underline NEPA's commitment to the goals of WED and NEAW, especially in keeping with the (international) theme: "Melting Ice: A Hot Topic?". He agreed with the Minister's original position by emphasizing NEPA's role in working to meaningfully address the impacts of climate change on Jamaica.

Other activities during the Week included: an Environmental Expo and concert held at Hope Gardens, a Mini Expo and Awards Ceremony held on Wednesday, June 4, at the Montego Bay Civic Centre in St.

James, by the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA). June 6 has been observed as National Solid Waste Day in Jamaica since 2004. World Oceans' Day, Saturday, June 8 marked the end of the Week. Though there were no formal celebrations to mark this event in Jamaica, the various activities throughout the week emphasized some related details.

NEAW 2007 celebrations were observed in Jamaica from June 3-8. June 5 is celebrated annually as World Environment Day (WED). It is an international event which had its origins at the United Nations (UN) 1972 General Assembly held in Sweden.

NEAW originated in Jamaica the early 1980s under the auspices of the former Natural Resources Conservation Department (NRCD), because it was felt that a week would be a more appropriate way to mark the importance of WED.

The NRCD later became the Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA) which is one of three agencies which later formed NEPA. The others are the Town Planning Department (TPD) and the Land Utilisation Development Commission (LUDC).

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Editorial

From all indications, the date of this publication, originally scheduled to coincide with the opening of the new school year, has now been delayed. Due to the passage of Hurricane Dean, the loss of electricity as well as other factors beyond our control our publication date has been delayed and some of our original features put on hold. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. The circumstances were truly unavoidable.

Having said that, though, we would like to focus on a number of new developments. News coming out of the recent Management Retreat indicates that the Agency is currently seeking to emphasise Protected Areas Management in the ensuing three-year period.

During this time, it is felt, that the Agency will be able to effectively mobilize critical resources to ensure the success of these initiatives. Many activities have also been planned in terms of making the Agency more visible as it relates to

these and other issues.

Elsewhere, collective concerns ensue, in part, due to personal and other tragedies which have occasioned anxieties. We think for example; of our colleague Ainsley Henry, whose recent encounter with the scourge of crime and violence is real, if not altogether chilling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. To all the others who have also endured similar and related difficulties, you are always in our thoughts in a positive way.

These are, indeed, challenging times. Nonetheless, we persevere as we are reminded of the story of the Phoenix's mythical rise from the ashes to soar to new heights. Indeed, the talk of a development of core values seems particularly relevant under these circumstances. Let us resolve, then, to persevere in our patience even as the road ahead branches into new and unplanned adventures. Surely, this too is part of the process. Easier to say, we are

aware, than to actually practice. But, the popular saying "hope springs eternal in the human breast!" might well come in handy, at this time.

Notably, a group of our colleagues have demonstrably offered some measure of hope through a gesture of compassion. They have banded together to invoke Divine intercession for as well as on behalf of the survivors – all of us really, as we walk this most difficult journey towards change. Our Monday morning Staff Devotions are, without question, a welcomed respite at this time!

Unreserved congratulations must also be extended to the timely interventions of the Corporate Management Division and, in particular, the Human Resources Management and Development Branch. Their recent staging of the first annual NEPA Wellness and Health Fair was a resounding success.

The Fair was especially beneficial for those who availed themselves of the opportunity to take that very

necessary 'physical' we have been meaning to, but have not got around to doing just yet! Our praises to the organizers are real and heartfelt. Many thanks!

Finally, as we look ahead to the new school year we implore parents, guardians and other caregivers to make all the adequate preparations for the your charges as they go out to school.

First time 'parents-in-school' are, naturally, a little anxious at this time as they prepare their youngsters for this important event. What will happen? We are not sure. However, from what we are told the process only becomes more interesting.

So, take heart! Save your energies for the important things – home work, researching assignments, examination and the much talked about graduation ceremony. It will get better...by and by! Until next time, best wishes and pleasant reading!

Agostinho Pinnock,



5 Minutes With... The Doc Centre!

Do you know how to use the Documentation Centre? Could you find your way around it in five minutes? Well, **NEPSETTER** set out to establish this (new) record. You be the judge.

Seated at the back of the ground-floor located 'Doc Centre' Yolanda Mittoo, NEPA's Senior Librarian, is getting ready to take a break. From what, you ask? 'Libraring', of course! At least this is what we think until she sets us right, glasses perched on her nose, a modest series of braids piled atop her head. "Miss Mittoo", as she is affectionately referred to by many, is all business now. She begins in earnest:

"Well, first off, there are different types of libraries. These include Public (Kingston and St Andrew Parish Library) Academic (UWI Main Library) and Special Libraries. NEPA's 'Doc Centre' is a Special Library. We are open to the public from Tuesdays to Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. However Staff may use the Library any

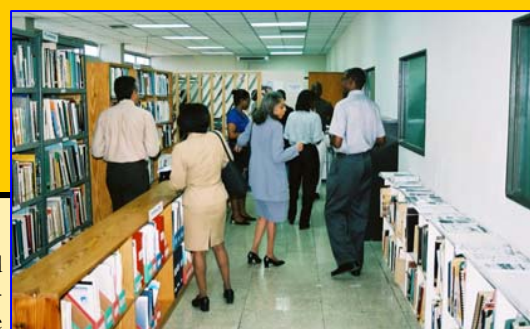
time during normal working hours."

But there is more. "You may also find Special Libraries in Private Sector organizations. Some Special Libraries are not open to the public. An example of this is the Supreme Court Library which is only open to Attorneys-at-Law and only to those who are subscribing members."

She pauses, then begins again. "However, we (NEPA) do so...as part of our information sharing mandate."

Unflappable in her commitment to service, the energetic Miss Mittoo outlines with a smile that: "given the nature of the work we do (here at NEPA) and in keeping with the practice of Special Libraries to provide material according to the subject area of the institution they serve, the range of material which is stocked deals mostly with technical information about environment and planning."

Thanks to contributions of documents from staff members who attend Multilateral Conventions, Conference of Parties and other such meetings, Miss Mittoo notes that the



The reopening of the Doc Centre in 2001

'Doc Centre' is able to supplement its information.

According to Miss Mittoo, "a user of the 'Doc Centre' wishing to get more comprehensive information on an area outside of NEPA's immediate responsibilities could do so by using one of the other Government agency libraries to supplement their information needs."

Books are divided in to two main groups – those which are classified as reference and those which are lending." Miss Mittoo points out that, reference books are determined based on currency, availability and even price in some instances. External users are required to first make an appointment since there are seating restrictions and limited materials.

Miss Mittoo went on to explain that persons

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may request photocopies and these are provided based on photocopying and the Copyright Law.

In the back of the library which houses the books which are displayed on varnished wooden shelves, stands a cabinet with glass doors. It contains the Laws of Jamaica which Miss Mittoo ruefully points out, "are not updated." Like the supply of books in the collection, budgetary constraints have also impacted this process.

The card catalogue to the left, itself, inherited from the former Town Planning Department's (TPD) Library is a further reminder of the types of information available in the 'Doc Centre'. There are some shelves bearing the

tell tale signs of heavy usage over the years.

These Miss Mittoo says were part of the TPD acquired stock. She explains that some of the material will have to be discarded, however, not before consultation with the Planning staff.

The collection is separated into Jamaica, EIA's, Caribbean and general documents. Miss Mittoo points that staff may also avail themselves of a free vacation-adventure via the various colourful picture books of exotic animals and places that form part of the collection.

To the right, 'study carrels' offer prime com-

fort for staff members who want the privacy and peace of mind to prepare that ever necessary report or to undertake important research. This service is complemented by various types of technical information, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports as well as other sundry information. So there you have it, the 'Doc Centre' in five...Well, almost!

By: Agostinho Pinnock



Access to Information

The Access to Information Act was promulgated in June 2002 and came into effect in 2003. Between 2003 and 2005 several government ministries were brought under the auspices of the Act. On June 15, 2005 the ATI Act became operational at the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), and since then a total of 79 ATI applications have been received by the Agency as at July 31, 2007. Requests have covered several subject areas including matters relating to: Natural Resources Conservation Authority's (NRCA) Permits and Licences, policy documents, reports and memoranda, as well as Board minutes and documents.

The ATI Act aims to foster transparency within the Government, provide greater accountability of Government to the public, increase public influence on and participation in national decision making, as well as making the public more knowledgeable of the functions of Government. NEPA welcomes comments and queries from the public through the ATI process, as this assists the Agency's consultative exercises which seek to foster participation from various interest groups and stakeholders from a wide cross-section

Jamaica about issues which affect them.

The process has not been as smooth as initially anticipated, however. There have also been hiccups along the way. Two tribunal hearings were also brought against the Agency. On March 26, 2007 the Jamaica Environment Trust (JET) brought two Notices of Appeal against NEPA for documents relating to: "*Application for a nature tourism project, wetlands modification and a beach licence*" and "*Size of enclosure at Dolphin Cove*".

The former applies to documents for a proposed captive dolphin facility in Paradise, Hanover, while the latter relates to dolphin facilities in Ocho Rios and Montego Bay. The ATI Tribunal has not yet a decision in regards to the documents relating to the proposed dolphin facility in Hanover. They, however, ruled that JET should receive documents for the Ocho Rios and Montego Bay facilities.

Since June 31, 2007 a total of 79 ATI applications have been received by the Agency. They are as follows:

- 1- Business/Company
- 5- Media
- 13- Individuals
- 60- Non-Governmental Organisations

Under the ATI Act (2002) the public has the right to peruse documents held by Government Ministries, Executive Agencies, Statutory Bodies, Parish Councils, the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC), and any company that is wholly owned by the Government or any agency in which Government holds more than 50% shares. Right of access is however denied for matters relating to the Governor General in relation to the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him by order of the Constitution; the judicial functions of the court and the holder of a judicial office or an office connected with a court; security or intelligence matters as it relates to strategic or operational intelligence gathering activities; and any statutory body or authority.

Despite resource constraints, NEPA welcomes all ATI requests and will work to ensure that it fosters an open and transparent Government, through the spirit of the ATI Act.



Correction

The "What Makes You Tick: The Secrets in a Signature, Resume Writing and Career Development Workshop" conducted by Beverly East on March 8, 2007 was organised by Christine Sutherland and not the HR Branch as may be inferred in our last publication. Apologies for any inconveniences caused.

NEPA/JIS Television Features



The National Environment and Planning Agency collaborated with the Jamaica Information Service- Television Division, to produce two television features, which were aimed at promoting the work of the Agency. The television features: *Jamaica's Endangered and Protected Species* and *NEPA: Sustainable Development, Protecting the Environment*, were funded by ENACT and the NRCA.

Jamaica's Endangered and Protected Species and *NEPA: Sustainable Development, Protecting the Environment* were aired on May 2, 2007 and June 13, 2007 respectively, during the JIS' magazine programme *Jamaica Magazine* which is aired on Television Jamaica (TVJ) at 5:00 p.m., CVM Television at 5:30 p.m., and Love TV at 8:00 p.m.

The feature on Jamaica's endangered and protected species highlighted both local and international laws that protect our flora and fauna. The twelve minute long programme sought to provide the public with insights on how to protect our natural treasures, by stressing the dos and don'ts when purchasing and exporting protected and

endangered species from our shores.

Jamaica's Endangered and Protected Species was aired at an appropriate time as Jamaica was one of the 9 Caribbean countries hosting the seventh staging of the ICC World Cup Cricket. Manager of the Biodiversity Branch Yvette Strong was featured as the key technical personnel interviewed. Ms. Strong provided insight into the CITES regulations, as well as the overall framework that governs the Wildlife and Protected Species Act and its importance particularly in light of the Cricket World Cup.

Meanwhile, the fifteen minute long feature *NEPA: Sustainable Development, Protecting the Environment* explained the core functions of the Agency, as well as explored some common misconceptions of what NEPA can and cannot do under law. The television feature examined planning and environmental legislations, and gave details on the ways in which the Agency balances its planning, land use and environmental portfolios.

Chief Executive Officer of NEPA Dr. Leary Myers, discussed the key legislations and regulations that are the foundation on which NEPA operates. The CEO also stressed that in order for the Agency to fulfil its mandate of encouraging and facilitating sustainable and orderly development in Jamaica, everyone has a critical role to

play in the process. Marc Rammelaere, Acting Director of the Applications Management Division explained the applications process by outlining all the steps that must be taken when applying for permits and licences. Joy Alexander, Director of Integrated Planning and Environment Division discussed how the Agency balances its planning, land use and environmental portfolios, the core functions of the Agency and the government entities with which NEPA works. Winsome Townsend, Director of Strategic Planning, Policies and Projects spoke about the key policies that dictate the how the Agency operates, while Roger Williams, Manager of the Enforcement Branch gave detail about NEPA's enforcement procedures and clarified some of the public's misconceptions of what the Agency can and cannot do under the law.

The Agency is optimistic that other features will be produced to highlight work being done in the Agency, Jamaica's protected areas, the various ecosystems, and the role of the public in preserving our natural treasures. Persons interested in owning copies of the NEPA/JIS television features can purchase them from the JIS at a cost of \$1,000.00 each.

By Nicole Hayles McGowan



ENACT Programme Assists in School and Community

Part of the ENACT Programme's model for building the capacity of key organizations in the use and management of Jamaica's natural resources is partnering on existing programmes with an aim to enhance the organizer's efforts through technical, financial and other forms of support. In 2007, the ENACT Programme has supported and partnered with local and national agencies in hosting a School Competition as well as a Community Competition.

The Primary Schools' Environmental Health Competition held during April and June 2007, was organised by the Clarendon Health Department under the theme "Working Together for a Healthy School Environment". The competition aimed at promoting sound health and environmental practices among 13 pilot schools in Chapeltown, Clarendon. The final judging took place on June 20, at Clarendon College with an award ceremony marking the end of the competition.

The competition comprised four segments including: the best kept school facilities assessment, a

poster competition, a composting project and DJ contest. Schools were presented with trophies and a host of educational and awareness materials such as posters, pamphlets and books provided courtesy of ENACT which also compiled other literature produced by NEPA and the Forestry Department. Given the success of the programme, it is hoped that this will become an annual competition, nationally.

The ENACT Programme and NEPA have also collaborated with the Cabinet Office and the Social Development Commission (SDC) on the **BEST (Better Environments for Social Transformation) Community Competition**. This is an annual national competition aimed at involving civil society in achieving sustainable development of their communities and, ultimately, Jamaica. Approximately 180 communities from all 14 parishes entered the competition this year, conducting activities in a range of areas such as, the built environment; natural environment; socio-economic; hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness; education; health and waste management and heritage and culture.

It is felt that the categories together will encompass the varied community-based organizations and overlapping activities found throughout the country. The parish-level judging started on Monday, June 11 using a cadre of over 200 volunteer judges with a wide range of expertise. National judging will take place in July and August to select the overall winners.

For more information about the BEST Community Competition, please contact the Cabinet Office at 930-1358 or 920-9177, or the SDC at 930-4184. Please contact the Clarendon Health Department at 986-7869 or 986-4548 for more information on the Primary Schools' Environmental Health Competition.

By Michael M. Myles



The NEPA Sports and Social Club (NSSC)

Social

The NEPA Sports and Social Club (NSSC) kicked off its Sports and Social Programme in earnest with the staging of the First Half-Year Birthday Party in April. Persons who celebrated birthdays between September 2006 and March 2007 were feted at an evening of Bar-B-Que and Karaoke. Well received by the staff, the momentum continued with the launch of 'School Daze' in May, which commemorated Child's Month. Several persons wore their uniforms, representing as best as possible their primary, secondary and tertiary alma maters. 'School Daze' turned into a celebratory Games Evening, which was again very well received. Fines were instituted for staff members who were out of uniforms. The funds collected were used to celebrate children of staff members at a May event dubbed 'Kids Daze'. The children were treated to a fun filled day of stories, games, balloon art, face painting and movies.

The NSSC in association with the Human Resources Management & Development Branch also launched what is hoped will be an annual Health and

Wellness Fair, promoting healthy lifestyles within the Agency.



Assembly Time!



Angels at Devotion Time? You be the Judge.



'School Boyz' waiting to enter 'class', at NEPA's Head Office.



And the winner is....!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aerobics Instructor: Kapleton Hall	Body Sculpting Instructor: Kapleton Hall	Pilates and Danceaerobics Instructor: Michael Myles	Tae Bo and General Self Defence Instructors: Kapleton Hall Michael Myles David Reid	Open Instructional videos led by one of our Instructors
<i>Aerobics involves High Impact Cardio and muscle toning</i>	<i>Body Sculpting involves Muscle Toning, low cardio and strength training</i>	<i>Pilates involves improving flexibility and strength for the overall body using stretching exercises. The Instructor will also teach us modern dance moves from genre such as Soca, Reggae, Calypso, Dancehall, etc... to get the hearts pumping</i>	<i>Tae Bo is an intensive exercise routine invented by karate champion Billy Blanks. The Instructors will also be imparting some basic self defence techniques.</i>	<i>This will involve the learning of other exercise techniques such as Cardio Boot Camp, Turbo Jamz, Yoga, etc...</i>



Story Time with Auntie Paula -Kidz Daze

Table 1: Sports

The Health and Wellness Fair culminated with the launch of the Agency's Exercise Programme, which was then developed into a

daily activity. Table 1 outlines the Weekly Exercise Schedule.

All classes begin **promptly** at 4:45pm EACH DAY and will run until 5:45pm, except on Thursdays when they run until 6:00pm.

NEPA Health and Wellness Fair a Resounding Success!

By all appearances, the many glowing reviews of the July 5 staging of the first annual NEPA Health and Wellness Fair was proof positive the event was a resounding success. From display booths teeming with multiple bodies crushed into small holding areas, to lines snaking their way through open doors into hallways of varying descriptions, there was no shortage of personnel on hand to witness as well as participate in the Fair.

The chattering voices and, occasional, raucous laughter could be heard some distance off as staff members took time out to do ECG, diabetes and cholesterol tests, among others, all in the name of that ever necessary 'health check'. The brave availed themselves of the opportunity to determine their overall health by utilizing the services of the Rapid HIV Testing Unit.

Still, group bonding would be a more appropriate description of the mood which characterized the July 5 event.

In between jokes about the effectiveness of the numbering system instituted by the Fair's coordinators and the requests for information about what to expect from those who had already completed their checks, all seemed refreshed and rejuvenated at day's end.

Aerobic techniques were demonstrated by resident instructor Kapleton Hall and meditation exercises by Mrs. Sonita Abrahams. A schedule of exercise classes including aerobics and Pi-

lates was circulated to staff, subsequently. Instructors Michael Myles and Hall reportedly have taken their colleagues through the paces with much enthusiasm and attention to details.

The supplementary workshops on: spirituality, finding balance in the workplace and eating healthily were highly commended by the attendees, insisting that this was 'just what the doctor ordered'.

Mr. Gervaise McLeod, Manager of the Human Resources Development and Management Branch, and Mrs. Candace Harris, Environmental Management Systems Officer also spoke with RJR 94 FM's Barbara Gloudon, host of Hotline, about the Fair. They told her that, among others, the objective was to increase staff awareness of health issues in the workplace and to kick-off NEPA's Corporate Health and Wellness Programme.

Mrs. Karlene Hamilton Reid, Senior Personnel Officer and one of the event's coordinators, was full of praise for those who participated as well as the overall success of the day's events. According to her, "the Fair could not have been the success it was without the input of various groups, agencies and sponsors."

The National Health Fund (NHF) was specially acknowledged for its sponsorship of the event as well as the contributions of Health Corporation Limited, the HIV Unit, the Regulations, Standards & Guidelines and the Public Educa-

tion and Corporate Communication (PECC) Branches.

Mrs. Hamilton Reid said that, "the issue of wellness was always uppermost in the minds of the Human Resources Development and Management Branch." She pointed out that the Fair was amongst the first in a series focusing on health and wellness at NEPA and indicated that in the coming months, and as part of the Agency's Corporate Wellness Programme, health personnel from various disciplines will conduct presentations to help reinforce these messages.

Mrs. Patricia Wright-Martin, Director of the Corporate Management Division, said that, "the total health of the employee is an important objective to the Agency's management. We felt, therefore, that this would be a very useful opportunity to demonstrate our commitment in this regard. We are very pleased that the staff responded as well they did."

Health and Wellness (at NEPA): Checked!

Editor's Note:

On Monday, July 23, the Dental Health Unit from the Ministry of Health, headed by Dentist Dr. Irving McKenzie, conducted cleanings and other dental checks with forty pre-selected members of staff. Initially down to participate in the July 5 Fair, the Dr. McKenzie had to reschedule due to an unforeseen emergency.

The Buzz on Technology



2007, and released on 29 June 2007.

The iPhone's functions include those of a camera phone, a multimedia player, mobile phone, and Internet services like e-mail, text messaging, PC like web browsing, visual voicemail, an industry first, which allows you to go directly to any of your messages without listening to the prior messages so you can quickly select the messages that are most important to you, iPhone input is accomplished via touch screen with virtual keyboard and buttons. The iPhone is a quad-band GSM phone i.e. it will work on frequencies of 850, 900, 1800 and 1900 MHz

select and listen to voicemail messages in whatever order you want — just like email. Unfortunately, AT&T is currently the exclusive provider of the iPhone in the United States and it comes with a minimum two-year contract. A 4GB iPhone will cost USD\$499 and an 8GB iPhone will retail for USD\$599. Apple intends to make the phone available in Europe in later this year and in Mexico, Australia and Asia in 2008.

Your guess is as good as mine as to when this sleek gadget will be released in Jamaica.

Source: <http://apple.com>
<http://en.wikipedia.org>

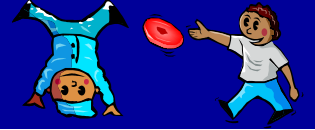
The **iPhone** is a multimedia and Internet-enabled mobile phone by Apple. The device was announced by Apple CEO Steve Jobs during the keynote address at the Macworld Conference & Expo on January 9,

iPhone is a revolutionary new mobile phone that allows you to make a call by simply tapping a name or number in your address book, a favorites list, or a call log. It also automatically syncs all your contacts from a PC, Mac, or Internet service. And it lets you





Youth corner



FROM THE "DOC" Centre

On Friday June 22, 2007, the Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA) held its regular meeting in Falmouth. It was hosted by the Trelawny Parish Library. As is customary guest Dr. James Parrent, Executive Director of Falmouth Heritage Renewal and Chairman of Falmouth Resort Board made a PowerPoint presentation on the work of his Agency in the restoration of the historic buildings of the town.

Dr Parrent explained that young Jamaicans from the HEART/NTA Programme were being given additional training in specialist skills which are also used in the Programme. Through this Programme HEART/NTA Lecturers were also exposed to and are currently receiving training in specialist areas. If you are interested in Jamaican heritage, remember this year emphasis is being placed on "heritage and culture" in all forms. You can learn more about this very historical and interesting town, by obtaining information from the "Doc. Centre".

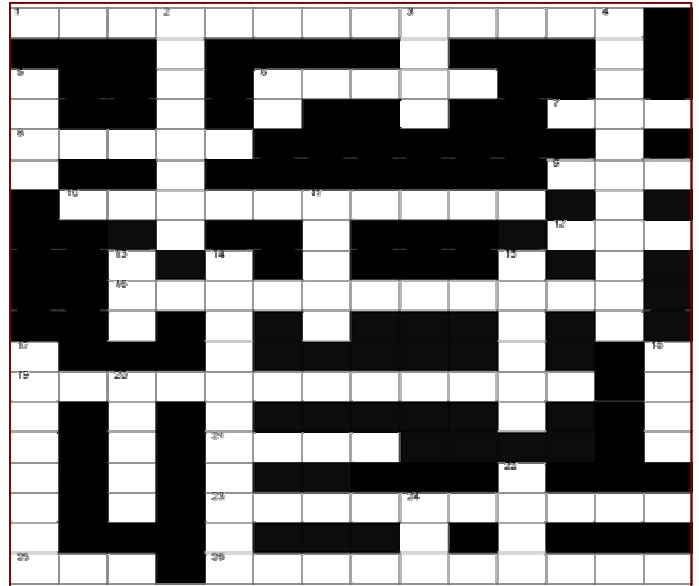
One such document is "The Greater Falmouth Development Plan" prepared by the Town Planning Department in 1998.

Additionally, how much do you know of the town or district in which you were born?

Check out these other documents:

- ♦ Kingston Jamaica by Colin G. Clarke
- ♦ Parish of Portland: sustainable development profile
- ♦ Pre-feasibility study for the restoration of Greater Falmouth
- ♦ Parish of Manchester: sustainable development profile.

Copies of the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) "Nyam News" are now available. This is a monthly bulletin on various types of food, their nutritional value, origin, dietary uses etc. We have received so far, "Honey", "Avocada" and "Ackee".



Across

1. A common pollutant
6. Below
7. Pass with flying colours
8. _____ bulb
9. Noah's _____.
10. Symbol signifies less energy is used
12. Very cold
16. Name of better lightbulb
19. Name of older lightbulb
21. In addition
23. Brighten with light
25. A light brown
26. A type of emission causing our climate to change.

Down

2. Not dimmer
3. Above
4. A type of power
5. Light _____
6. Not down
11. That which belongs to you
13. Abbreviation for compact fluorescent lightbulb
14. The measure of light output
15. Peaceful
17. Unit of power equals 1,000 watts
18. A body of water
20. Trick or Treat sweets
22. To the inside of
24. An older boy

DID YOU KNOW



Queen conchs are herbivorous, feeding primarily on algae, but also on decaying plant and animal material called detritus. Frequently, they graze in seagrass beds, eating algae that grow on blades of seagrass. Among the predators of queen conch, man is clearly the most significant - in some places queen conchs have become rare due to over-harvesting. Quite a few predators eat juvenile conch: fish, such as porcupinefish (*Diodon hystrix*) and permit (*Trachinotus falcatus*), and spiny lobsters (*Panulirus* argus) prey on juveniles, as do a variety of crabs, sharks, rays and snails. Adult conchs, owing to their larger size and thicker shells, have fewer predators (aside from humans). These include horse conchs, octopus, and Loggerhead Turtles.



New in the Doc Centre



Change : Adaptation of Water Resources Management to Climate Change
Communicating Protected Areas

Education and Sustainability:
Responding to the Global Challenge

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, 2004

Marine and Coastal Protected

Areas: A Guide for Planners and Managers

West Indian Iguanas: Status Survey and Conservation Action Plan

World Atlas of Coral Reefs