

# BERMUDA SHORTS

## \$37,000 raised for Kathmandu Kids Club and Kiwoko hospital in Uganda

More than \$37,000 was raised for children in need in Nepal and Uganda during the Kathmandu Kids Club and the ISIS Foundation's recent charity auction, 'A Little Help, A Little Hope'.



Of that sum, the Kathmandu Kids Club - formed last year to specifically raise funds to support the ISIS Foundation's work in Nepal - raised over \$20,000 which will go directly to the ISIS children's homes in Kathmandu.

Children from one of the ten Kathmandu children's homes run in Nepal by The ISIS Foundation have been internally displaced due to war, as well as providing health services to more than 6,000 locals who would otherwise not receive any healthcare at all.

The remaining approximately \$17,000 - proceeds from the auction and sale of Ugandan goods - will go directly to ISIS Foundation projects in Uganda, which include support for a neonatal intensive care unit at Kiwoko Hospital. The funds will enable a container full of urgently needed supplies to be shipped from the US to Kiwoko.

## Prankster fined after sneaking onto cruise ship

A gambling Warwick man who bet \$1 that he could sneak onto a cruise ship docked in Hamilton - won his prize - and then spent 32 hours in jail.

At Magistrates' Court, Crown counsel Paula Tynedale told the court that Ronald Hook, 46, of Spike Hill Road, made the wager with friends on May 23, while walking along Front Street at around 11 p.m.

After betting he could board the *Azmarra* without a ticket - and make it to the top floor - he hopped a fence at the Number Six dock and entered through a staff doorway. He made his way up to one of the ship's balconies where he waved down at on-lookers friends. However, suspicious crew spotted him and asked him to produce his credentials and he told them his wife was waiting outside with his ticket.

When staff did not buy the story, they called security after Hook admitted "Look, I'm a Bermudian citizen and it's just a joke."

Police were called and Hook was arrested for boarding the vessel without the permission of the Director of Marine and Ports. He asked officers "are the handcuffs really necessary?" as they lead him away to the Hamilton Police Station.

"It was just a joke," he said. Hook told Senior Magistrate Archibald Warner he was drunk at the time, saying, "I'm very sorry, I did something very silly, had some beers and I've spent 32 hours in jail."

"How much was the bet?" asked Mr. Warner - "About \$1," he replied. Mr. Warner fined him \$200 or 20 days default.

## Sentencing delayed for cursing cops

A 19-year-old Pembroke man admitted last week in Magistrates' Court to charges of assaulting a police officer and using offensive words.

Crown counsel Paula Tynedale told the court that Stefan Durrant was seen talking loudly at Parkville Park by Police on May 23, when they responded to a report of several youths causing a disturbance. When approached, Durrant of Panton's Drive, told officers: "F---k

# Queen of the East de-listing called an 'outrageous assault' on history

By Amanda S Dale

Conservationists have called for the Environment Minister's resignation following the de-listing of a Grade One historic building during Heritage Month.

Historians and campaigners have reacted with anger to the decision of Neletha Butterfield to remove the Queen of the East from protected status.

The 18th century merchant's house, which features a water-front warehouse, is located in Crow Lane, Pembroke - an area of prime real estate along East Broadway.

Conservationists fear the Queen of the East will now face the bulldozer to make way for commercial development.

Andrew Trimingham, a former chairman of the Historic Buildings Advisory Committee, said: "I am willing to bet that someone is going to build an office block there now."

"This is an outrageous assault on our history and environment and the people who own it should be made to keep up its condition."

The 'Queen of the East' not only has a colourful history, it's an extremely important historical survivor. It precedes Hamilton itself - it is much older.

"I think Neletha Butterfield should resign," he said. "They should restore its listing - this is inexcusable. For her to call herself Minister of the Environment and then do that is outrageous. She doesn't care about Heritage Month."

## Ship surveying scholarships offered

By Robyn Skinner

the Queen of the East' and of flood goods into the ground floor warehouse. "There really isn't another building like it anywhere in Bermuda," he said.

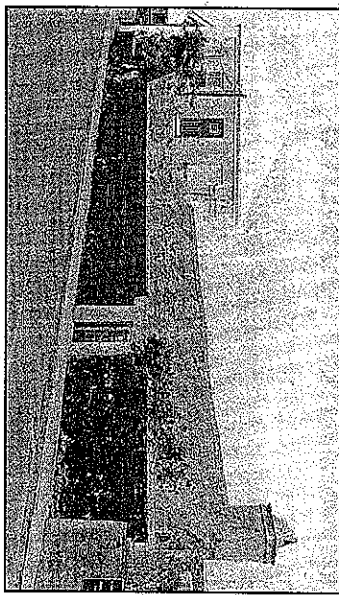
A Government spokesman said Ms Butterfield acted on a request by the owner's agent, who claims the property is in a state of decay and can no longer be rented due to a lack of on-site parking. The Minister consulted the Historic Buildings Advisory Committee, which was split between those wanting to retain the listing and those who had no objection to its removal.

"The rationale for the proposal was that the building is no longer viable as a residential building within a commercial area on the outskirts of the City of Hamilton," said the spokesman.

"The owner's agent argued that the property had become an eyesore at the entrance to our Capital City."

However, in a file in the Planning Department's office the 'Queen of the East' is described as "a very important landmark on the main road into Hamilton."

The house remains in the listed file of buildings of special architectural or historic interest despite its de-listing. The Government paperwork describes it



The Queen of the East at 26 Crow Lane, Pembroke. Photo By Akil Simmons

as an "outstanding example of an 18th century merchant's house".

It states: "The 'Queen of the East' is a very important landmark on the main road into Hamilton and on Hamilton Harbour. It survives with only minor alterations - a small North wing added by Bayfield Clark in the 20th century adds to the attractiveness of its roof line."

The house was built in the 1740s and has served as a bakery (1857), a laundry and a brothel (early 20th century), and then a Soldiers and Sailors Club. It became the home of Mr. Bayfield Clark, an architect, and his interior designer wife from 1938-1960. The couple renovated the building to such "great skill and taste" that it became "one of the showplaces of Bermuda."

Ms Butterfield did not return *The Royal Gazette's* calls yesterday. But Heritage Officer Bill DeGrace said he was "not aware" of any applications to develop the property or any other historical buildings about to be de-listed.

"There hasn't to my knowledge been anything coming forward," said Mr. DeGrace.

"The Bermuda National Trust is actively seeking partners, by way of a corporate entity, in a bid to save the 'Queen of the East' as a vital component of East Broadway's landscape while at the same time preserving it as an active component of a local business," said Mrs. Roberts.

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