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### Show gets skiers ready for sport in snow time

Alpine, Blue Sky, Boyne, Grand Traverse, Jackson Hole, Killington. If you don't know the subject of this column, you have never zoomed down a ski slope aumming "she'll be coming around the mountain when

she comes.

Those are just a few of the names on the list of exhibitors in the 1991 Detroit Ski Show, to be Nov. 15 to 17 at the Ladbroke DRC at I-96 and Middlebelt in

ivonia. Mount Brighton, Mount Holly, Pine Knob, Nubs Nob, ≥archmont, Shanty Creek-Schuss, Sugar Loaf. You get

Mount Brighton, Mount Holly, Pine Knob, Nobs Nob, Searchmont, Shanty Creek-Schuss, Sugar Loaf, You get the picture.

T've just come home from the Caribbean, and I still have sand between my toes, so I am having a little trouble getting use to this idea of SNOW.

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Ski Country, National Sat Association, Sat Dentify Law Louise, Ski New England, Ski Ulah, Wildermess Lodging.

It will showcase airlines like American Airlines and Midway, tour operators like Colorado Ski Tours, Great Expectations, Lans Ski Tours, Streat Expectations, Lans Ski Tours, Streat Expectations, Lans Ski Tours, The highlights will be at the Freestyle Sports Ski Deck and Trampoline Show, bosted by former freestyle Olympic team member Bruce Bolesky and including performance by Olympic and world class skiers Chris-Seeman, Ellen Breen and Kris Fedderson.

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John Strand, Adesson to Jef for adults. Check coupons of Jering \$1 off in newpaper adv.

Lassume that all you akters will be there, and that you will do a little homework for our Winter Page, coming up Nov. 28. We're going to let you write this page, so send me a postcard or a one-page letter telling me where you like to akl and why.

Where do you aki to Michigan? Do you ever go to Canada or New England? When you go west, what's your favorite skipes to we mone?

Send your tips immediately, and we will continue to run them through the rest of the year.

# It's better in Bahamas with natives

By iris Sanderson Jones special writer

he photograph shows Annis and Emma on the beach in Eleuthera, Bahamas, but it only tells part of the story of my day with the People-to-People Program in the village of Savannah

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Sound.

It doesn't show the children in their white dresses
waiting for me at the African Methodist Episcopal
(AME) Church, the crawlish served in the small thise
painted house or the moment when I was introduced to
Live the first traveler hosted by the people of Savannah Sound, but more than 1,400 Rahamians have hosted
visitors for a day or an evening since the People-toPeople program started 12 years ago in Nassau and
Grand Bahama Island. It has only recently spread to the
family islands, as the other Bahamian islands are
called.

A single road, which locals call The Street, runs the
110-mile length of the family island of Eleuthers; the
island is less than one mile wide so the road gives alternating views of the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the
Caribbean Sea on the other. The people of Savannah
Sound live on both beaches.

My hosts Annis Bullard and Emma Sands picked me
up in Governor's Itarbor, in the center of the island, in
time for the morning service at the Bethel AME Church,
terror of young people with scrubbed black faces waited
outside the church door; young girls with beaded hair
and white frilly dresses, older girls in green, boys in
white Sunday shirts.

About 30 pathshoners rose in the small church when
the youth came clapping and singing up the red carpetde siste to the raised platform that held the altar and
the choir loft. They rocked from side to side singing "He
has done great things for me."

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Emma's daughter Mary started the service, although three dignitaries sat behind the altar: the Rev. Daniel Scott, presiding elder from Nassau; Commissioner Harrison Thompson, chief government officer of central Eleuthera; and the Rev. Alexander Bethel.
You don't need an organ when senior choirmaster Vermal Gibson is in church. When Mary announced the hymn, Vermal's voice rose from the pew behind me "I am so glad that our father in heaven..." Annis and Emma picked it up in resounding voices and the rest followed.

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I turned my head and saw several tiny children in pink Sunday dresses asleep on the second pew or watching the service while the fans blew the wildflowers piled in front of the altar.

"Hymn 461." Vernal's voice began. The congregation rose and moved, singing, from one pew to another, shaking hands and bugging in the spirit of the Lord.

Thompsoon's sermon raised the roof and set the congregation rocking and stamping and shouting. The prodigation has never had such a storyteller.

"I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU ..."

"Yea!" "Yes!"

"HAVE COME TO TELL YOU ABOUT GOING HOME TO THE FATHER. ..."

"Amen!" "Amen!"

When the service ended, Scott and I were invited back to Annis' house for lunch. Only two places were set at



Above, the youth choir performs at Bethel AME Church in Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, Baha-

mas. Below, Annis Bullard walks along the beach in Savannah Sound.

the table. While we ate crawlish and grouper and macaroni and rice and other lasty Island foods, Annis and Emma sat a few feet away in the living room. I protested, uncomfortable, but the two women just smiled. "These two ladies are used to serving others," Scott said. "They are both cheft at the Windermere Club. Emma served Prince Charles before he was married." After lunch we drove past the houses in the Windermere Club where the British royal family stays in Eleuthera. Emma and Annis told stories about Prince Charles and Princess Di. They had the same pride in their voices when they stopped beside the road to introduce me to Lillian Culmer, the oldest lady in Savannah Sond.

Sound.

Is People-to-People always like this? I have heard stories about families sharing dinner in Nassau and other stories about guests who sat alone while their hosts cooked behind closed doors in the kitchen. I highly recommend that you try it, however. It is a great way to

recomment that you'try it, nowever, it is a great way to experience the world.

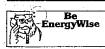
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