

Tribal People Contributed Greatly to American, Jamaican Cultures

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ties, the Tainos and the Chippewas were both quite organized. The political leader of the Chippewa tribe is called the "gimaa," or "ogimaa," meaning chief. The ogimaa used to be a man chosen by tribal council members, often from among the last chief's sons, nephews, or sons-in-law but today, ogimaas can be of either gender and are popularly elected in most Chippewa bands, just as mayors

and governors are. Taino communities, on the other hand, were loosely grouped and democratically organized. Each had its own chief, who in turn owed allegiance to a paramount or regional chief. They lived together communally, sometimes several families to a hut. Men and women shared administrative and domestic activities equally, and danced and played games together.

Taino philosophies of creation and of eternal life are simi-

lar to those held by most societies. They believed in a superior being, a creator of the universe, rather how Native Americans refer to the Great Spirit, or how Christians speak of God. This life-giving force they called the Ancient One or Yucahu. They also engaged in a form of ancestor worship, as many people in Asia and Africa do. They deified a number of lesser gods, called *zemis*, which were expected to watch over their daily lives and protect them from harm. They

Painted their impressions of the *zemis* on the walls of caves or carved them out of wood, stone, or bone. Some they wore as ornaments and others they kept in special niches in their huts or caves. The Tainos believed in immortality and life after death. When an individual died, they believed that the spirit journeyed north to purgatory, to a land of ice and snow-covered mountains, then south again until it reached the happy hunting ground, *Coabay*. The evil spirit was forever damned and sent to purgatory. *Maquetauri Guayaba*, whose image sometimes formed the handles of utensils, was their Lord of the Underworld.

The Tainos lived from day to day in a world that knew no change. When old men and women died, younger men and women took their places and continued in the way of their fathers before them.

It is quite amazing to see how the cultures, customs, and traditions of two separate Native

Indians still hold so much in common despite being divided by a great distance. Just as the Chippewas have contributed greatly to North American history, so too the Tainos have left a mark on the rich history of Jamaica.

I look forward to any comments sent to me at blairyou@hotmail.com.

Until next time, Stay Irie!

Ralston Blair is a Jamaican writer and journalist who has worked the past several summers on Mackinac Island. He is writing this year from Jamaica. Ideas and comments about his column can also be delivered in care of the Town Crier.

Mackinac Island Yacht Club Bridge Results

In Mackinac Island Yacht Club Bridge League games for the week ending Wednesday, September 14, Howard Burdett placed first, Jan Ernst placed second, and Susan Bankard placed third.



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\$349,900

PINEWOOD CONDO #4, 5 & 6 Waterview condo with main living area & 2 lock-off side units, good rental income, fully furnished.

Reduced to \$339,000

OAKWOOD BLDG. Unit 10 - Efficiency condo, fully furnished, storage shed, jacuzzi, good rental.

Reduced \$149,500

VIOLET RESIDENCE



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MACKINAW CITY CONDO



MACKINAW CITY The Shores of Mackinaw - 2BR, 2 bath 1,336 sq. ft. fully furnished condo with great views of Mackinac Island and Straits. Featuring fireplace, 1 car garage, appliances.

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VACANT LOTS

STONEBROOK

Located approximately 2 miles northwest of town. Five beautifully wooded back lots and one waterfront lot. Shared common areas with 2 waterfront decks for back lot owners. Paved, lit streets with City water and sewer.

Lot 9 sp

Lot 18 Waterfront 70'x240' \$450,000 sp

Lot 24 140'x250' sp

Lot 25 138'x225' \$158,900

Lot 26 120'x260' \$139,900 sp

Lot 27 180'x290' \$139,900 sp

FOREST RIDGE - Semi-wooded homesites located on West side of Island overlooking Lake Huron, Mackinac Bridge and Straits. Paved streets, city water and close to Woods Golf Course and Restaurant.

Lot 8 90'x161' \$219,000

Lot 10 130'x150' \$219,000 sp

FOREST BLUFF - Large beautifully wooded homesites with views of water and bridge. Some adjacent to golf course.

Lot 1 \$225,000 Lot 5 \$199,000

Lot 2 \$225,000 Lot 6 \$250,000 sp

Lot 3 \$225,000 Lot 7 \$145,000

Lot 4 \$225,000

WOODBUFF SUBDIVISION

4 Lots for Sale - Nicely Wooded - 2 with Waterviews Near Woods Golf Course & Stonecliffe.

Lot SOLD \$000 Lot 14-\$120,000

Lot SOLD \$000 Lot 25-\$315,000

Lot 37-\$299,000 sp

STONECLIFFE MANOR GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY

Beautifully wooded homesites located on the Woods Golf Course at Stonecliffe Resort. Featuring lots of various sizes; also included are city water, sewer, electricity, and telephone.

Manor I-Lots 8, 11, 16, 26, 39

Manor II-Lots-13, 16

Manor III-Lots 10, 18 sold,

20, 21, 29, 31

Manor IV-Lots 4,

13 sold, 15 sold, 16 sold

Manor V-Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 10

Several lots to choose from between \$56,000 to \$165,000

sp: Indicates sale pending

ISLAND HOMES



East Bluff "Cottage" East Bluff home with spectacular waterviews! This "quaint" cottage comes fully furnished and has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, front living room, kitchen, utility room, large wood enclosed front screen porch and an open wood deck in the back. This is a rare opportunity to own truly one of the unique "Bluff Cottages" on Mackinac Island. **\$1,095,000.**



HARRISONVILLE HOME Immaculate 3-bedroom, 1 bath ranch on 75'x75' lot centrally located on Hoban Street in Harrisonville. Fenced in yard and fully furnished. **\$239,000**



Family home close to town, Jewel Golf Course & Boat Docks. 3 BR, 1 bath. Guest house (for Grandma) 1 BR, 1 bath, 12'x14' workshop (for Grandpa)! **\$695,000**

STONEBROOK HOME



Mackinac Island home on Lot 8 in Stonebrook, nicely landscaped, featuring a double garage large decks, 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Limited water-views, lots of storage and shared beachfront property. **\$785,000**



LAKE MICHIGAN - Custom built salt box style home on approximately 3-1/2 acres with 150' sandy beach located only 32 miles west of Bridge/St. Ignace. Features, 3 BRs, 2-1/2 baths, open living area with beautiful lake view. Many extras **\$599,000** fully furnished, **\$575,000** unfurnished.

JUST LISTED - Hubbard's Annex property, approx. 3/4 acre, suitable for home and stable. **\$449,500**

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