

**SUPER BOWL
COVERAGE**



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YOUR WEATHER

77°F
Times of clouds and sun

SUNRISE: 6:58 a.m.
SUNSET: 5:59 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 7:33 a.m. - 7:42 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 1:06 a.m. - 1:49 p.m.
WINDS: NNW at 8 mph

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**STOP
LIKIN'
NASTINESS!**



TRAGEDY AT SEA

Bodies of lifeless Haitian nationals recovered in waters off Marsh Harbour, Abaco



RESCUE AND RECOVERY –The lifeless bodies of some 30 Haitian nationals were recovered from a sunken vessel that was spotted near Fowl Cay, six miles off the coast of Marsh Harbour, Abaco Saturday (February 2) morning. Officials are pictured transporting the bodies.

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The lifeless bodies of some 27 Haitian nationals were recovered from a sunken vessel that was spotted near Fowl Cay, six miles off the coast of Marsh Harbour, Abaco Saturday (February 2) morning.

Police reports confirmed that shortly before 9:00 p.m. Friday, February 1 an alleged human smuggling trip at sea turned tragic.

It is believed that the vessel the Haitian nationals were on, hit a reef sometime around 9:30 p.m. Friday and subsequently sank.

This daily spoke with Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) Public Relations Officer, Chief Petty Officer Rolle, who shared an update on the fatal voyage.

In a statement, Rolle noted that the RBDF and counterparts conducted a dive operation on Saturday and again, earlier Sunday (February 3) morning.

“Yesterday (Saturday), 15 Haitian nationals were rescued on a cay off Abaco and 13 lifeless bodies were retrieved from nearby waters during a joint effort consisting of local authorities (police, Immigration and Defence Force) and Abaco boat operators.

“Eight of the lifeless bodies were recovered from a sunken vessel that was spotted near Fowl Cay, six nautical miles off the coast of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, by a U.S. Coast Guard aircraft. Crew members aboard HMBS *Durward* (Continued on Page 3)

Grand Lucayan Hotel Casual Workers to receive severance packages

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Grand Lucayan casual workers can look forward to receiving their severance pay as early as this week.

This daily spoke with President of the Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services and Allied Workers (CUHSAW), Michelle Dorsett, yesterday – Sunday, February 3 – who confirmed that the workers will be receiving their severance payment packages.

While she could not give further details of the payout, Dorsett noted the process is currently ongoing, adding her excitement over the proposed payout for workers.

Speaking with attorney for the union, Pleasant Bridgewater, last month she too noted that payments for the workers were “on the way.”

“We have reached an agreement and now it is just a matter of them crunching the figures and then paying the staff.”

“I would just say that we had a private and intense meeting, we don’t believe in fighting our battles in the media. That would be counterproductive, but we have reached an agreement just before the holiday.

“Of course, the agreement had to be (Continued on Page 3)



LOCAL PASTOR FULFILLING THE MANDATE OF REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

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Residents in the Freeport area were treated to free groceries and a fun day at the ‘Feeding the 100’ event hosted by Quinty Sears Ministries International, Sergeant Major Road on Saturday (February 2).

Pastor Quinty Sears along with other

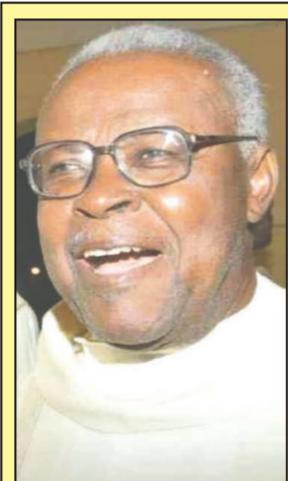
members of the community organized the mass feeding and mini fair to assist less fortunate residents.

Attendees were able to bring their families to the event to enjoy free food – hotdogs, hamburgers and popcorn – and bouncing castle entertainment for the children.

Sears spoke about the importance of this initiative, during an interview at the event.

She revealed that her ministry, Quinty

MEETING NEEDS – Pastor Quinty Sears, through her ministry, intends to feed 100 residents monthly. Over the weekend she and her team packaged 134 grocery bags to be distributed to residents in need. She also took the opportunity to appeal to members of the public to help one another, through these difficult economic times, by making monetary donations or donating groceries. (PHOTO: ABRIA COOPER)



CATHOLICS MOURN PASSING OF BELOVED PRIEST

Catholics throughout the island and by extension the country are mourning the passing of beloved priest, Father Remy David. Father Remy served as the rector for St. Vincent de Paul’s Catholic Church for many years. He was well known and loved for his encouraging words, passion for education, seeing young people succeed and for culture.

Sears Ministries International, began hosting Feed the 100 over 11 years ago. “This year we took to a wider capacity due to the fact that a lot of people are hurting to a severe extent.”

Sears added that they wanted to come together as a community to alleviate major issues throughout the communities.

“This is not a church effort, this is a global effort,” she noted.

She revealed that persons from all over (Continued on Page 2)