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SHOWER POSSEE LEADER DEPORTED TO JAMAICA

Concerns still hover in Jamaica as it saw on Thursday 29th Jan 09 the return of the alleged leader of the infamous JLP Shower Possee Mr Vivian Blake. After being sentenced to 28 years in 2000 for racketeering and conspiracy, Mr Blake never faced a jury after accepting a plea bargain which resulted in his time which

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he served incarcerated in Jamaica being deducted from his sentence. After his eight years absence from the Jamaica Mr Blake has now returned to his island of birth as a free man.

The Shower Possee is believed to have been originated in the West Kingston regions of Tivoli Gardens and its supporters are avid supporters of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP). During the 1980's the Shower Possee's international violent criminal network kicked into effect from Kingston to places like New York, Miami, Newark, New Jersey, Atlantic City, Camden and Vineyard. To date the possee has been blamed for as many as 1,400 murders and its name shower is symbolic of the terror that it brought upon its victims with the use of automatic weapons that they are infamously known to have used.

After being escorted on a special US Martial flight to Jamaica Mr Blake was processed at the Central Police station and then released to live a freed life in his native island.

Criminal deportees have been linked with the rise in crime on many of the Caribbean islands especially Jamaica.

IS HARRY A RACIST


In previous months the Prince has been shown in a new light.

Above Prince Harry The News of the World Claiming an Exclusive exposed the Prince in using a racist term. However this is not the 1st time Harry's views on racisms has been questioned. Some time ago, in poor taste Harry chose a Nazi uniform as a fancy dress outfit for a party he attended, sparking controversy and it has recently come to light that the Prince said to renown Black British comedian "you don't sound like a black person."

SYLBOURNE SYDIAL: A MAN WITH A SERIOUS MOTIVE



Dr Lorna Bennet

On Tuesday January 20th Operation Black Vote proudly hosted a Barack Obama inauguration celebration in Central London to mark the ascension of the first African American to the highest office of political power.

With speeches from several key speakers, including Labour Deputy Leader the Rt Hon. Harriet Harman QC MP, Trevor Phillips OBE, and Liberal Democrats Deputy Leader Vince Cable MP, the joy of seeing this momentous milestone reached, was matched only by the hope that this will become a catalyst for change in the U.K.

Conservative Party Leader David Cameron showed support by attending and spending a considerable amount of time talking with many of the guests and invited school children. In doing so he acknowledged that Obama's win has wide reaching implications for all of us. The victory for Obama holds a special significance for those people, and organisations that have campaigned tirelessly for equality for many years.

Sylbourne Sydial who was introduced to Conservative Party Leader David Cameron by Simon Woolley, Director of Operation Black Vote, discussed with the party leader the need for more ethnic representation and that Sylbourne shadowed senior Conservative Members of Parliament when he was on the Shadow

MP Scheme. Sylbourne who hails from Ocho Rios Jamaica is now the Chairman of the of the Whitefoot Ward Conservative branch in East Lewisham Constituency and also member a prominent member of Dulwich & West Norwood Conservative Association and a member of the Society of Conservative Lawyers. Sylbourne is not ruling out being selected as

a Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the 2010 general election.

Sydial encourage ethnic minorities to get involved in the political sphere of Britain by getting registered and exercise your voting franchise as this was an ideal avenue for cries and achievements to be heard and accomplished.



Left: Sylbourne Sydial



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Not everyone that says to me, 'LORD, LORD' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
ST. MATTHEW 7:21



X Factor Winner Alexander Burke, Brother in Immigration Row.



Alexander Burke

Burke moved to England in 2003.

A spokesperson for Miss Burke said, She knows nothing of his immigration status, work and only see's him occasionally.

A spokeswoman for the UK Border Agency said, Bosses employing workers without correct immigration documents can face up to £10,000 in fines per illegal worker. The Agency is currently cracking down on illegal workers as this undermines honest UK businesses.

'Illegal workers will be arrested and removed from the UK'

It has been reported that Alexander's Half-Brother Travoir Burke, has been working as a cleaner in an office block illegally without the correct paperwork. Originally from Jamaica, Mr



Firstly let me start by saying a late Happy New year to all my Big eye readers as I have been absent for some time now, to all the people who have called and expressed in their e-mails how they greatly miss my articles I want to say miss me no more as I have several teasers for you.

I must start by saying how incredibly overwhelmed I am by President Baracks Obama victory, it feels for me like life it self has just begun for the human race, as mankind has now being faced with choices that only we can change and when I say mankind I mean every race as President Obama represents all of us. We have the choice to choose between greed, envy, covetousness, wickedness to happiness, peace, joy, or love your.

President Baracks Obama



For me President Obama is God sent, God always comes through for his people even though we might think he is not watching and listening but I am convinced that GOD will always come through for his people. Many may not realize but we are living

HELP YOURSELF

in a time of prophetic fulfillment and we are reminded by scriptures of old to "look to the East for the coming of a king" God made a promise to his people stating that "the land they took you to for the purpose of enslavement will become your land," we have seen the unthinkable happen in our life time a black man him residing in the "White House" which slaves helped to build not by will but by force, should we now not call it the "Black House"? Just a question given the history!

The future which I see can be the most amazing journey for mankind as life is a journey a revolving journey, we are tired of the poverty, the enslavement mentally and physically, as Sir Martin Luther King Jr said," a man should not be judge by the colour of his skin, but by the content of his character, we are all equal when will mankind see this? You cut me and it bleeds the very same way that you bleed.

Life could be so beautiful if only mankind was not so selfish, if

Presidents and Prime Ministers looked out for the welfare of mankind and not there cabinet and galfriends then we would be in a much better position as a race. Economical strategies and infrastructures needs to be put in that ever country no matter how small needs to manufacture and become self reliant in their own production so that labour and profit can benefit the country. If we rely only on few countries to produce then the resources will

deplete.

Take my little Jamaica for example, we have lots of wasted land that would turn over a great deal of profit if utilized the right way, not just planting foods but we can plant cotton (oh hear we go again slavery that's what

we did for the white man) we should learn from countries like Pakistan, they have a \$85 million yearly profit form cotton as they need it to produce textile, don't everyone where clothes? you need to produce cotton to produce paper money, yes it's being said we tried and failed but in the words of President Obama "yes we can".

The return on Jamaican produce is greater than what is reported here in the UK one can get a tin of ackee produced in Jamaica priced between £3.99 to £4.99. The world constantly stands in need of thyme, pepper, banana, plantain, yam, rice, just to name a few and to think that our island can produce all of these an yet our production level is so small, it makes me think that we struggle not because we have to but because there is no one responsible enough to put the infrastructure in place for us to work our way out of the struggle. Back to the government that only plans for their pay day whilst their in power, STOP! selling the people short START! planning and looking after your countries welfare no one else can do it for you set your self up to better the people and there environment.

Jamaica can manufacture all kinds of needed commodities like computers import the parts and manufacture them because as we know there are already a number of training centres around the island that are set up to teach the youths to build there own PC's. Jamaica has the ability to manufacture, sell and make a small profit why should people have to buy these necessities on higher purchase when that is that's the greed that got us in to this economical crisis.

All I'm saying is we can do better, we have come a long way and we have learned a lot, we are educated now more than ever before and I am convinced that we can do it, I pray and hope that President Obama gets us through this and we in turn learn to help our selves as he can only do that which is in his power, we must do that which is in our power, he has vision and the ability, so lets help him, for by helping him we help ourselves.

KELLY CHIN

Eye Care - BME Communities Neglected

Various projects have been run across the country in 13 cities have been cited as Good Practice, amongst eye care services for the Black Minority and ethnic Communities.

“THE GUIDE” A Good Practice Guide, was published in December by the sight loss charity, Thomas Pocklington Trust, this is an important new resource for those who commission and provide health and social care. It provides an overview of what's going wrong and real examples of what's being done to improve it.

This project looks for

long-term solutions, as eye problems are life long. People from BME communities are more likely to not seek any medical help, which is unfortunate as ethnic minorities are more likely to suffer eye problems. People from African-Caribbean descent are 8 times more likely to develop glaucoma than the general populations. If caught in the early stages Glaucoma is treatable, however without treatment is the most common cause of Blindness.

Diabetes is more dominant among ethnic communities and untreated can lead to Blindness.

The guide summarizes the need for statutory and voluntary social and health care providers. It highlights their responsibilities and suggests that too many social and health care providers are failing.

Services can be poor and monitored inadequately within ethnic communities. The result is various eye care

problems and Diabetes are not picked up soon enough resulting in irreversible effects.

However these 13 cities, (Birmingham, Devon, Derbyshire, Tower Hamlets, Bradford and Sheffield etc) have created long-term projects to tackle this problem and take vision services to the people. Birmingham hold Sight-Loss information Fairs.

the services to the people. But still this is not enough, these problem need to be tackled in every city and every community.

These projects need to be main streamed into the UK health service and until it is, the Black, Minority and Ethnic community will continue to lose out.

Another project called the 'Expert Patients Programme' trains people with eye-conditions to be tutors, to pass on their knowledge and experiences, to help others identify the symptoms.

These programmes have been classed as excellent, as they bring

Eye On Mixed Raced Britain

By Julie Jones

THE POLISH PEOPLE'S ASSISTANCE TO BRITAIN

Dear readers, Mixed race is not just about Black and White!

For instance mixed race could be white British mixed with white Polish, Black Portuguese mixed with Jamaican or Black African mixed with white German and so on.

Our World is a 'Melting Pot' as the song goes by Blue Mink. In other words cultures today from all over the world are creating relationships which are broadening our mixed race society. To highlight this point there are a number of European workers who emigrate to Britain to work and prosper. There are a number of Polish people who have come to Britain to work and settled into relationships with a variety of nationalities in Britain.

I have a Polish friend who is in a relationship with a Jamaican man. It's so

nice to see them sharing each other's culture, there are always delicious Jamaican meals being cooked and Polish dishes too. They also share the love of each other's music, it's wonderful to witness.

I am aware that there are a minority of people who criticise the Polish people living in Britain. A family member was campaigning for the labour government when she was approached by a member of the public challenging her about the Polish living in Britain.

His argument was of the opinion that the Polish people were taking his 'jobs'. The Politicians reply was, "There are a number of Polish people who work hard in slaughter houses, would you work there Sir?" The gentleman's response was, "No".

I would like to remind the minority of people who have these opinions, that the Polish people helped Britain win the war in 1944. The prime minister at that time, Sir Winston Churchill made it clear that the Polish people are welcome in Britain forever more, for what they did for our country. It's a coincidence that the Polish people are integrating with the British pub-

lic, it's like it was meant to be.

Five decades on from 1944, there is a small community of Polish people living in the South West of England. Many who survived the war are still there to this day, they have their own family history in this country and have developed a peaceful community integrating their wonderful culture within Britain. They have their own grocery, coffee and gift shops.

If more British people were aware of this history they would not be so hard on the Polish people. One way to incorporate this would be through the use of a television documentary of how the Polish helped Britain win the war. Wider publicity on this history would help stamp out racism against them. As I've stated before we must be on our guard because racism is a light sleeper so let's not tolerate it.

Take care until next month, JJ

I would like to pay tribute to a local



business man and friend, Alan Jones aka "Bronko", who sadly passed away January 2009.

He was a young 55 year old, a man of courage and determination who mixed with all cultures. He loved to travel, his real love was India. His other passions were music and sport especially boxing and football.

He was a dedicated fan of Cardiff City football club and was a well known and respected man within our town and inner Cities. He introduced the height of fashion to our town, a man of true style.

My son worked for him, in his de-

signer clothing shop. I am grateful for his attitude towards my son as he was like a father figure to him, teaching him strong values, discipline, self-respect and above all not to worry about peoples idle gossip and to rise above any obstacles that life can throw at you.

Raising a son as a single parent is hard and I always hoped someone would be there to talk to and guide my son. Bronko was that someone.

Without even knowing it, he meant the world to me.

Rest in Peace Bronko

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PROVERBS 14:3





THE ESSENTIALITIES OF MAKING A WILL Pt2

Lasting Power Of Attorney

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a document you complete which gives somebody of your choice the power to deal with your financial affairs and/or your medical decisions, if for any physical or mental reason you were unable to. A Lasting Power of Attorney is the only document which gives this power after mental incapacity such as a stroke, provided it is registered with the court of protection. A Donor is the person making the Power of Attorney. An Attorney is the person the Donor appoints to act.

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- Anyone who has assets in their sole name or owns any share in a property
- Owns any investments like Tessa's or Peps or ISA's
- Or has Bank or Building Society accounts in their own name ...

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In the event of an accident, illness or a problem abroad:

- All assets are frozen

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- Delay in dealing with bills
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Explanation

The lasting power of attorney differs from a simple power of attorney, in so much as the lasting form, allows the attorney to run the affairs of the donor, even if the donor has been confirmed to be, or is about to become, mentally incapable of running their own affairs. Simple powers of attorneys have to stop when a donor becomes mentally ill. The Act came into force on the 10th March 1986. Anyone eighteen years or over can be a donor provided that they are mentally capable at the time. The donor when deciding on powers to confer on the attorney or attorneys should think carefully. It is possible to allow the attorneys to have general powers OR it is possible to restrict them to limited powers. This will of course depend on the circumstances of the donor.

TYPES

- A **general authority** enables the Attorney(s) to carry out any transactions on the donors behalf which the donor is legally able to delegate to the Attorney(s)
- A **Specific authority** enables the Attorney(s) to deal only with those aspects of the Donor's affairs which are specified in the power. For example you can appoint an Attorney to deal with a specific Bank account.
- A **general or specific power** with restrictions and conditions authorises the Attorney(s) to deal with all the donor's property and affairs except specified aspects; for example, the power may exclude the Attorney(s) right to sell the house in which the donor lives; or it may direct that the Attorney(s) is/are not to act until the power is registered.

It is possible to appoint different "sets" of Attorneys to deal with different affairs, in which case a separate lasting power of attorney form has to be drawn up for each circumstances. Each Donor however must make their separate lasting powers of attorney, there is no such thing as a "joint lasting power of attorney". A Donor can cancel or revoke a Lasting Power at any time while he remains mentally capable; but a Lasting Power cannot be cancelled or revoked once it has been registered unless and until the Office of the Public Guardian confirms the revocation. To cancel or revoke a Lasting Power (whilst still unregistered) the donor should sign a Deed of Revocation. The format of this form is not mandatory. If however the Lasting Power has already been registered then the donor has to make an application to the Office of the Public Guardian for its revocation, accompanied by the original Lasting Power and the Deed of Revocation.

Do you need one?

The Married Couple

If the clients have any assets in there own name or if any account requires both signatures then the clients need Lasting Power of Attorney!

Mr Client: You have your savings in your Wife's name which is saving you some tax, however if your wife became incapacitated for any reason your money would be tied up indefinitely. You need Lasting Power of Attorney!

Every thing is in Joint Names :
Mr Client your house is in joint

names which is not unusual. However if either of you became mentally or physically incapacitated for any reason then you would not be able to sell the house. You need Lasting Power of Attorney!

Lets say one of you had a stroke and you needed to move into a bungalow. You would not be able to sell your home without the others signature, obviously this may be difficult and you may not be able to move without going through the courts. You need Lasting Power of Attorney!

Signing

With regard to the signing of the Lasting Power. The Donor must sign first and his or her signature must be witnessed by an independent witness.

In the case of a Donor who cannot sign their name due to illiteracy or physical handicap or blindness then the attestation clause would need to be amended to reflect the circumstances at the time of signing.

If you can't sign your name because of illness, accident or mental impairment - **YOUR ASSETS** are **FROZEN** - nobody else can access them for you. Try asking your Bank for a balance on your spouses account ?

If you appoint someone with a Lasting Power of Attorney, they can sign for you and carry out all your financial affairs on your behalf if you should become unable to until you recover.

If you become mentally impaired (even if only temporary) they can act for you in your best interests.

You can not make a Lasting Power of Attorney after you become mentally incapable and no other form of Power of Attorney is valid in such cases.

The only alternative is for a relative or friend (who you can trust) to apply to the Office of the Public Guardian to be appointed as a Receiver or a solicitor could be appointed to act for you.

This can be costly - up to £1000 in legal & court fees

A bond costing many £1000's may be required

A Receiver has to keep annual accounts of financial dealings

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Eye On Jamaican Politics

By Jeffery Foreman

WHAT WILL 2009 BRING?

If you paid any attention to developments in the world economy throughout 2008, your outlook for the New Year ought to be bleak. You may have partied away the end of 2008, sang Auld Lang Syne and woke up in a fit of drunken stupor. But when you came to consciousness the reality hit you once more. The year 2009 will likely be a rough one for everyone around the globe.

In developing countries, exports will slow down as developed economies weaken. The ability of governments to spend money in the local economy will suffer from lower consumer spending due to lingering high food prices; limited opportunities for financing from external sources due to the reluctance of banks to lend; reduced exports of raw materials; and fewer tourists populating pristine sea shores.

Given this context, it is necessary to take account of the outlook of our political leaders for 2009. The Prime Minister in his new year's message took time to acknowledge the world financial crisis. He recognized that it will be long lasting and the period of recovery uncertain. The Prime Minister is also aware of the critical role President Barack Obama will play, in restoring stability and growth to the American economy and by extension the world economy.

As for domestic concerns, the Prime Minister has pledged to do all his government can do in order to deal with the challenges the country faces. It was reassuring to hear him hint at a new economic strategy to replace a status quo that, to paraphrase his words, wasn't cutting it. One can be forgiven for not being overly optimistic that something new will actually happen. After almost two decades



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to turn around the country. He proclaimed fearlessness in the face of challenges to come and expressed confidence in Jamaicans' ability to shape their own destiny.

The opposition leader delivered a thoroughly optimistic message to Jamaicans for 2009. Her central call was for unity in the face of difficulties presently faced by the country and for those to come. Mrs. Simpson-Miller used the words of Buju Banton and Desmond Dekker and the Aces to convey her message of togetherness in the face of all odds stacked against the nation. She tapped into the teachings of Marcus Garvey to inspire hope in the country's ability to move forward despite adversity and hardship. The new year, says

in opposition and well over a year in office, we should have heard of new policies already.

Nevertheless, Golding is optimistic about the government's ability

the PNP leader, is a battle for "equality and respect...freedom from injustice... [and]... pride and empowerment of all our people."



Simpson Miller and Prime Minister Bruce Golding (pictured in this 2005 photo)

A truly inspirational start to 2009 would have been a joint message from Bruce and Portia. Their individual messages appeal to separate but complementary desires. On the one hand, there is a desire for an honest debate about the economic structure of the country. On the other, there is a yearning for a dose of inspiration to alight that flicker of hope about the future which is embedded in us all.

May our leaders find the right formula to take us through the turmoil of 2009.

NUH WANGA GUT!

Through Reese's Eye's

By Therese Morris



I'm not too sure how Jamaica can have a legitimate and properly regulated sand mining industry since we are a small island, but hey, some a wi manage fi tek wi hand and mek fashion. In any case the matter of stolen sand, is round table talk in parliament as a result of sand miners' complaints. Which begs the question... how does one steal 500 truck loads of sand without anyone noticing? I don't know but try asking our former government senator, Kern Spencer, he has a knack for making things disappear.

Kern's first indiscretion was during his years at The University of the West Indies, Mona as President of the Guild of Students. I will not go into too much detail on that matter but lets just note that it involved raffle tickets and the prize Benz was a no show... hmmm can you say "misrepresentation and fraud?" Surprisingly he escaped serious repercussions in that affair allowing him the opportunity to move on to bigger and "badder" things.

More recently under the previous PNP government Spencer was a member of the Ministry of

Industry, Technology, Energy & Commerce, and was in charge of distributing the free energy-saving light bulbs donated by the Cuban government. However somewhere along the line, he found a way of turning this great gesture from our closest neighbour into national indignity. Spencer used his new-found glory to commit yet again another "white-collar crime" as it was eventually discovered that 176,380 of the four million bulbs could not be accounted for, and no real budgetary control was established thus incurring \$185.3 million worth of expenditure & debts. Upon further investigation Mr. Spencer is charged for fraud, corruption and money laundering while his trial is continuously being postponed. Jah kno star, Kern too brave fi a mess wid Castro tings dem suh.

Another previously "hush-hush" industry is the Scrap-Metal Industry. Metal parts from equipment owned by The Jamaica Public Service (JPS), Cable & Wireless (C&W) and The National Water Commission (NWC) have been reported stolen. Can you believe that someone

actually lifted an essential piece of equipment from NWC during our last hurricane, causing a number of communities to be without water supply for a considerable length of time? Imagine, you thief a few metal pipes... sell it for whatever the rate of metal is... then go home to find your yard without light and water for days. Come to think of it



I hope that's exactly what happened to "nuff a di thief dem."

It's easy to see that greed is the core factor of our societies' ills. From street boys to so-called "Dons," turn to lifestyles contrary to what they preach to get a KFC Meal Deal. Male prostitution is now where the money is at, and if you think their clients are women you better think again! It's very ironic that homosexuality is openly tabooed

in Jamaica, yet it thrives as an income generator and not merely due to sexual preferences. I mean, gosh, don't be gay just for money and high life. Then again maybe they secretly enjoy a good buddy and their economic crisis is just a façade.

This extreme level of greed is orchestrated even through the pettiest of things. A classic example is of a young man whom almost severed the arm of a supermarket security guard, as he shoplifted a packet of chicken paste and a Red Bull. Honestly now, if it was a tin of baby feeding and pampers in his hands, I would have felt a smidge better about his crime.

Crimes of any degree are not justifiable but in Jamaica, it at least, use to make sense. Our crimes have become, dare I say white. Be as wrong as it may, there use to be some sick logics behind it. Broke Man + Hunger = Thief food... "Wifey" + "Matey" = Cat-

Fight. There use to be some clear understandable motive for our actions but not anymore. People are found burned and dismembered by total strangers. "Wah dat fah?"

This "red-eye", "bad-mind", "hurry-come-up" complex is putting Jamaicans nowhere but in jail. The amount of ganja that has been compressed in the middle of dutch pots, pumpkins and canned ackee proves how much our ingenuity has been misguided. It's even said that some people can thief milk out of coffee, crazy I know but guess what... I was told that if you squeeze lime in coffee you can scoop the milk out when it curds on the surface. Now, "big man ting," is only great minds could think of such a simple yet profound solution, and of course it had to be a Jamaican.

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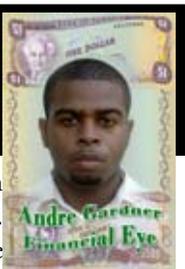
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2008 was not such a good year for most of us. Many amongst us lost our jobs, some lost their houses, and others lost their savings (or most of it). Couple that with the drastic rise in the prices of oil and food commodities globally, and many might say that it couldn't have gotten much worse. Could it? Well, bearing in mind the spillover effect, the year 2009 will be full of challenges, some of which we might not successfully tackle. However, somber the future might look, lets approach the New Year with enthusiasm to see how better off we will be,

come year end. Looking back at last year's achievements and failures, I ask myself if I am better off today than I was in January last year. Many of us find ourselves asking the same question. For some, the answer might be yes while for most it might be no. Our answers depend on our own particular experiences and how we interpret being better off. If you analyze our spending habits over the last year what does it say about you? What does your credit card debt look like? How much did you save

Financial Eye By Andre Gardiner



over the past year? What assets or long term debt did you acquire over the last year? Answering these questions will help you to have a clear understanding of where you were last year and where you are today. It should also help you to decide where you want to be or should be next year.

After appraising your financial situation you should then contemplate, what you would like to achieve over the next 12 months and how to achieve them. This should not just be about setting a goal but it should be about identifying with something that will make you better off financially. Everyone was affected by the downturn in the global economy; the rich, the poor and everyone in between. Your resolutions should not just be about saving more and spending less. Make specific references such as paying off your credit card debt and reducing your dependence on credit (for the credit-crazed spendthrifts). Lets not just save more this year;

we should aim to invest more. We should bare in mind that out of every disaster comes an opportunity. The general rule in investing is to buy low and sell high, so take this opportunity when equities are fairly cheap to buy more stocks so that when the economy recovers we will profit. Over the past year a lesson well learnt is to stop thinking of our homes as our private lender. The truth is that if you see the house that you live in as an investment property then you should rethink your position. Your house should be seen primarily as a place to live.

It is very easy to forget that given our particular situation, there are always other individuals who have it much worse than us. Everyone should give a little each month to charity this year. No matter how little it looks, it always looks bigger to someone else. Let's seek advice from those who have done

it before. We should surround ourselves with positive people as this will have a positive effect on our lives.

Let us hope that 2009 will be a better year for investors. Don't be afraid of failure. If all my financial resolutions for 2008 were achieved, I'd be on a yacht somewhere in the Mediterranean. Many economic factors are out of our control, therefore, we should ensure that we get the basics right and we will be better off in time. A new year does not necessarily mean a new you. Let's just not hope that the grass is greener in 2009, wishful thinking will not make situations better. We should spend more time watering our grass to financial success and we should have the same results.



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CRIME, THE NATION'S PRIDE

Janice Ramkissoon

Part 1
"Repay no one evil for evil."
(Romans 12:17)

As a Christian nation, too many of us are focused on self-advancement and love for money; instead of showing love one to another. There is no love in our hearts for our fellow brothers and sisters. Our hearts are hardened and bitter, poisoned by the build up of resentment. But surely, this mentality will only find our nation deteriorating. The fruit of the Spirit is not being exercised among us according to Galatians 5:22. Judge, jury and executioner—that is the position we have assumed, as a nation.

Yes, in many cases we have been wronged and injustice seems to prevail. But we are reminded in Romans 12:17 to "Repay no one evil for evil." Rather we should "Have regard for good things in the sight of all men." The next verse goes on to say that, "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." Because the Lord is the One who decides on punishment, Paul reminded the Romans of His words as we read in verse 19: "I will take vengeance, I will pay back, says the Lord." However, today we seem to have forgotten the words of the Lord and have assumed the position of Judge, jury and executioner.

Prior to going on maternity leave, I would purchase two particular weekly newspapers, in addition

to viewing contents online, to keep up with the events on the Island of Jamaica. But according to these papers, the only thing that seems to be the nation's pride is CRIME. Over the years, a regular column in one paper and the editors' letters in both newspapers seem to leave a lasting impression that would have me go through every emotion: I cry for the youth who are losing their lives to knives, guns and drugs as my heart weeps for their parents and loved ones. I hang my head in shame following the stories of young female prostituting their bodies just to make a living, and

for those who stay in abusive relationships so that their children can have a roof over their heads and food to eat. However, the one emotion that seems to become more prominent is ANGER.

With each issue I read, I come to the conclusion that being so affected, I need to do something. I didn't know what I could do (being a single voice) but I wanted to do whatever I could, to make a difference. I'll write my views down with the intention of it being an editor's letter then it became more of an article and I refrain from sending it. Or I'll

think of an idea, make notes then do nothing about it. Eventually, I became angry with myself for not doing anything, so I started to write my thoughts down and looking into ways that could help.

I'll share with you some of my thoughts over the next few months/issues as I present this document in parts. As I shine my light I pray other candles will be ignited and together we can make a difference.

Part 2 looks at 'The Survival Game.'

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

FEB: SUN 1st:

Let not your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.

PROVERBS 23:17

FEB: MON 2ND:

Everyone who does evil hates light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

ST. JOHN 3:20

FEB: TUE 3RD:

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

ST. MATTHEW 5:48

FEB: WED 4TH:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PSALM 136:1

FEB: THURS 5TH:

Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

PROVERBS 23:9

FEB: FRI 6TH:

It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.

LAMENTATIONS 3:27

FEB: SAT 7TH:

I know that the LORD is great, that our lord is greater than all gods.

PSALM 134:5

FEB: SUN 8TH:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

ST. MATTHEW 6:19

FEB: MON 9TH:

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

PSALM 116:7

FEB: TUES 10TH:

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your words.

PSALM 119:16

FEB: WED 11TH: O LORD,
you took up my case, you redeemed my life.

LAMENTATIONS 3:58

FEB: THURS 12TH:

Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need before you ask him.

ST. MATTHEW 6:8

FEB: FRI 13TH:

A poor man pleads for mercy but a rich man answers harshly.

PROVERBS 18:23

FEB: SAT 14TH:

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offence.

PROVERBS 19:11

FEB: SUN 15TH:

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I call to you all day long.

PSALM 86:3

FEB: MON 16TH:

May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

PSALM 87:2

FEB: TUES 17TH:

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

PSALM 108:1

FEB: WED 18TH:

A malicious man disguises himself with his slips, but in his heart he harbours deceit.

PROVERBS 26:24

FEB: THURS 19TH:

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

PROVERBS 19:20

FEB: FRI 20TH:

For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make

victory sure.

PROVERBS 11:14

FEB: SAT 21ST:

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

PROVERBS 12:1

FEB: SUN 22ND:

Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10

FEB: MON 23RD:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

PSALM 46:1

FEB: TUES 24TH:

Do not withhold your mercy from me O LORD, may your love and your truth always protect me.

PSALM 40:11

FEB: WED 25TH:

I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

PSALM 18:3

FEB: THURS 26TH:

My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding.

PSALM 49:3

FEB: FRI 27TH:

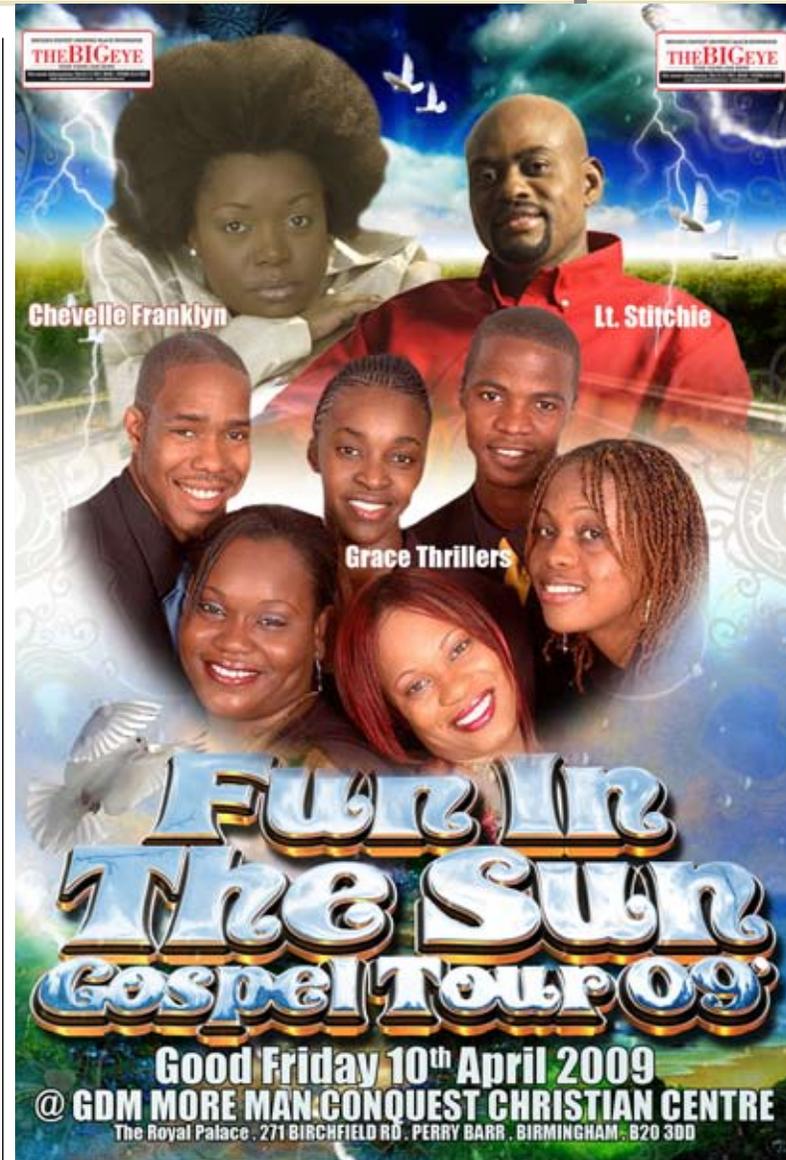
A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

PROVERBS 14:3

FEB: SAT 28TH:

Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

ST. MATTHEW 7:1



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'Love is the key to unchain you'

Love is the highest vibration because it is the greatest emotion, the greatest feeling that we can ever experience or express. When you love or you receive love you will feel good inside. Love is an emotion or an energy that is contagious; others will feel your peaceful energy and act accordingly. If we start to express love in everything we say and do, then it will serve as a barrier which will block out all negativity and we will not be affected by the problems of the world. We will not be affected by any form of negativity because our minds will be clear of all negative thoughts. Think positive and tell yourself that all perceived negative experience is for a greater good and know that nothing is a mistake; everything that happens is as it should be. When we exercise love in our everyday existence our eyes will become open to the things that were hidden due to the ignorance, hatred, envy, lust and all the negative human emotions.

'The highest vibration is Love'

When we begin to realise that everything on earth shares the same origin, then we will start to appreciate all things in existence. Love is the antidote for all the suffering in the world. If we all express love then there will be no war, poverty and hunger. There will be no other worlds (third world) in this world; it would just be one world because we would share our resources with each other and we will embrace the future together, no country would be left behind. We would not be bounded by boundaries or borders, we would become world citizens, and the world would become an open range. We would be able to travel anywhere we want as long as we have the strength to get up and go. The expression of love will break down the colour barrier, the class system and the feeling of inferiority. Start expressing love to yourself, at home and in your immediate surroundings and the positive vibration of love will bring forth a higher level of conscious within you.

Money is one expression of wealth, but it is not complete without a heart and mind filled with love.

Wah Gwaan

By Gebre Morgan aka Ras Negus



THE BIBLICAL DIET

After the earth was created and furnished with all living things the great architect, The Master Creator said to man, your meat (**not flesh**) shall be herbs bearing seeds, basil, cannabis, sativa, marigold and fruits of the tree yielding seeds papaya guava coconut, basically fruits nuts and vegetables. We now in this modern age refer to the carcass of animals in a semi-decomposed state, chicken, pork, beef, snail, frog, snake., that furnishes our plates on our tables as meat Many people are actually working on going to heaven, will there be any dead animals consumed as food NO, even the lion will be feeding on straw. Man has to do away with the wicked act of taking life to satisfy his greed and lust towards the flesh and return to the biblical diet: as it was in the beginning so shall it be in the end Many people swear over the bible yet refuse to acknowledge the basic truth that are written there in.

We were given a specific nutritional guide line, because we were created spiritually, anatomically, physically and psychologically to tolerate and consume a particular type of food. When we looked at the digestive system of a cow or sheep, *herbivores* and we analyze the structure of the bucal cavity **mouth** it can be obviously noted that they are very similar to that of man. The bucal cavity of the sheep will contain predominantly molars, premolars and a few incisors which is ideal for the cutting, crushing, and grinding of seeds, fruits, vegetables and herbs. When we then look at the bucal cavity of the man we see that the arrangement of the different types of teeth is almost identical. We can then infer logically that man should consume as the bible says fruits yielding seeds and herb yielding seeds; nuts grains fruits and vegetables, the

leaf of the trees shall be used for medicine as the book of Ezekiel says: the digestive systems of humans, dogs, mice, horses kangaroos, and great white sharks are to a first approximation virtually identical. When carefully scrutinized however, it becomes apparent that each of the species has certain digestive specializations that allow them to consume a particular diet. These differences become particularly apparent when you compare a carnivore like a cat with a herbivore like a sheep or a horse sheep and horse feed on plants and there digestive tracks have massive fermentation vats which enables them to efficiently utilize cellulose the major carbohydrates of plants. In contrast cats feed on other carcasses of animals and have digestive systems that have enhanced interactions with enzymes and microbes that aid in the breaking down of nutrients and eventually absorption. A dog is a carnivore which will eat anything predominantly carcasses. Thus it has a very simple digestive system and a short large intestine to minimize the length of time food takes to move on the alimentary track. The carcass of animals usually contains lots of worms and other parasites which continue to strive even when these carcasses are cooked in extreme heat.

We do give thanks for those who take time out to read and learn something for the upliftment of themselves there community and nation. For more information visit THE GREAT PHYSICIAN INTERNATIONAL website or email k_leonce@hotmail.com, theherbalmanual@yahoo.co.uk., gebremorgan@yahoo.co.uk. We leave with seven words of love **JAH IS LOVE LET US ALL LOVE**

LAUGH TIL YU DROP

The Jamaican Ginnal

A Jamaican guy walks into a whorehouse in New York and asks, "You have a girl work here from Jamaica name Arlene?"

"Yes," answers the madam. "Go on up to Room 6." So the fellow went up to Room 6 and knocked on the door. When the woman answered, he asked "Yu name Arlene, don't it?"

"Yeah man, a me dat," replied the woman.

"Well, a have a couple Hundred dollas..." he proudly announced. With that, the hooker interrupted him, grabbed the money, opened the door wide and hauled him by the shirt into the room. After a little rest from the vigorous sex, the fellow got up to leave. "Will you

be here tomorrow?" he asked. "Yeah Man," Arlene said, "Me will deh yah."

The next night, the fellow comes back and gives up \$200. When they were done, he's sitting on the side of the bed, and asks. "Will you be here tomorrow night?"

"Honey," replied the hooker, "Mi deh yah every night fi you".

Night comes and the fellow was back in action. When they were done, they are both sitting on the edge of the bed.

"Tell me sumthin'," Arlene said, "what part of Jamaica yu from?"

"Portmore," replied the fellow with a satisfied grin.

"True? Me have one sister live inna Portmore yuh know!" the hooker exclaimed.

"I know dat," the fellow replied, "She gimme six hundred dollas fi gi yu!"

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The birth of a New Year! What fitting time to ask that all-important question, "What do I want?" I believe deep within the human spirit is a desire for fulfillment and purposeful living – a longing to achieve our aspirations and dreams.

For some, that longing is often suppressed by fear, doubt and uncertainty – not feeling good enough. I share an example of a client, who found the courage to step outside his own uncertainties to pursue his dream career.

Client A spent the past twelve years working in what he termed "dead-end jobs." His self-confidence had taken a battering and he felt frustrated that his life lacked purpose.

For some time now, he had been thinking about going after a career as a lawyer, but was hesitant to commit himself. His biggest challenges were, returning to study and the fear of failing – not measuring up.

In order to regenerate his personal power, the focus over a few weeks was doing the inner work of building his self-esteem and self-confidence.

Your thoughts and emotions play a major role in goal achievement. Before you start setting meaningful goals, you need to free yourself from all negative emotions and thinking. He learned to replace limiting self-beliefs with positive, empowering ones like, "I am good enough"

He was encouraged to write down his long-term goal, and then set up short-term goals towards achieving the "bigger picture". Short-term goals keep you motivated while you are working towards your long-term goals.

An Access to Higher Education was identified as a first stepping-stone – an ideal course that prepares adults for study at university, in particular those who

left school without A levels.

A good goal can seem overwhelming. If you keep thinking about it, it will forever remain in the thought process. However, if you're willing to TAKE ACTION towards its achievement, eventually you will make progress.

If you're walking down the right path and you are willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress"
Barack Obama

The key to discovering yourself requires the willingness to step outside your comfort zone. How else will you know for sure what you are capable of, if you're not willing to explore your God-given potentials?

"There's no passion to be found in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living" Nelson Mandela

Is there something that you long to do? Be bold! Harness the spirit of courage. Make a decision to take ACTION in going after your dream. When you leap, the net will appear. Remember, there are no magical formulas for success - only opportunities.

In moments of doubt, remind

yourself - nothing ventured, nothing gained. NEVER give yourself a chance to say, "I could've" should've." You control your future, so put it in good hands – your own. Happy New Year! Ruth Taylor is a Personal Development Life Coach and Trainer.

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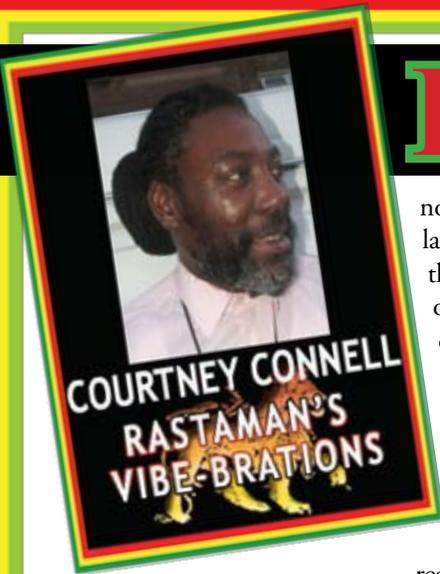
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Rasta Man's Vibe-brations



'Obama' beware of them

Hope African family

Praises unto the most high, greetings in the name of our Ancestors, hope all is well with each and everyone out there, those young and old and those yet to be born. First of all I hope all of you out there are as elated as I am, to wake up to the news of the 7th black president of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama, and I must apologise African family for misleading you in the last edition of the Big eye, at the time I had only mentioned five previous presidents who had black ancestry, but I forgot to mention John Hanson he was the first black president 1781—1782 AD, before George Washington 1789---1797, he was the 9th president of the United States of America, but he became the 1st president after the constitution.

Also John Hanson gave his brother Samuel Hanson 800 pounds sterling to give to George Washington so he could buy shoes for the soldiers during the revolution, now back to the matter at hand, like myself many of you out there, (correction,) the whole world witnessed what I witnessed on the 20th of January 2009, an African at the helm of the White House, a White House built by slaves, oh yes African family, I say African because that's what he is, through his father a Kenyan, while at no time may I add, will he deny the Mother that carried him, because like all of us without the Woman we would

not be here, and as I wrote in my last article, in African tradition the son always takes the legacy of the father, may the Almighty creator guide his conscience on the right path.

We have all seen and will be seeing for a long time, (as long as the Almighty creator will's it to be so,) this well read, superbly educated, elegant African and by his side, the equally well read, superbly educated, classy dressed, beautiful African princess Michelle Obama, equal in height and stature, just like our Ancestors of old, that's why I believe they will do what is right, but there will be obstacles along the way, the hawks and the warmongers, the banksters (bankers), who will stop at nothing to keep their fear, war, death and destruction going, (maximise profits at all cost,) this is their motto, but as I sit writing this article with Sky news playing in the background, on comes President Obama ridiculing Wall street for the irresponsible way in which they are behaving, he called them shameful, and to return the bonuses they awarded themselves last year, 18. 4 billion dollars to be exact.

But I'm afraid these are the kind of people he will have to deal with, the few who hold so many across the world in economic slavery, remember African family, when our Ancestors were held in physical slavery the slave master had to feed and house them, but now in this time we are held in economic slavery by the few, and it doesn't matter what colour you are, we are all just cattle fodder. Also with this new form of slavery we have to feed and house ourselves, while being kept in debt, some of you may have two jobs trying to make end meet as some of you might say, meantime the debt keeps rolling on with his hidden tax friend inflation, and tax friend's secret companion interest, so we keep working and working to pay those debts, and the debts keeps coming, we are nothing more than hamsters on a wheel controlled by the few.

A hidden war is being waged against us by the few, and debt is the weapon and the ammunition for that weapon is interest (economic warfare). Senator

John Adams 1735—1826, wrote **"There are two ways to enslave a nation, one is by the sword, the other is by debt.** But I wonder African family how many of you knew that this was the same John Adams who defended the slaves who were found on the slave ship Amistad, these same slaves after been freed, went on to start the country of Liberia, but it is my belief that the Ancestors will not let president Obama go astray, as I have said in other articles, we are the physical and spiritual keepers of this planet, we know pain and suffering, and the lash of the whip, being ridiculed, called derogatory names, and all manor of negative acts thrown against us, why? Because we are the sons and daughters of Africa, and Africa holds the key to the history of the world, and President Obama is a son of Africa.

I have to say again African family, as I sit writing this article the breaking news is that the Republican party in America has just elected their first African American leader, his name is Michael Steele, many of these governments are starting to realise that no longer can they prosper on this Earth without the help and spiritual wisdom of the African, it is my belief that we have now reach a crossroads, the Western World has been stealing and pillaging the natural resources, the artefacts, the people, the sacred writings, making it look like it all began with them, they have been doing this for far to long, they now realise that without the African at the helm all that they have tried to keep through lies and deceit will be lost. But fear not, because we have not come to destroy, only to fulfil.

Many people are asking is it now possible for England to have a black Prime Minster? Well I say it will not be possible, as long as black people in England sit and allow white do-gooders to speak for them, it will not be possible as long as black people keep praying to the Roman Jesus, it will not be possible as long as black people refuse to use the education system to its fullest extent, it will not be possible as long as black people sit on the fence hoping that everything is given to them, it will not be possible as long as our youth keep killing each other,

just like the young man who was stabbed to death at a bus stop in front of his three year old daughter, and most of all it will not be possible as long as some black people in England keep denying their African heritage, no African family it will not be possible as long as we keep our peniel gland closed.

In the case of president Obama, he will have to call on all his wisdom, the teachings of the Ancestors, the books he has read, Marcus Garvey, Arthur Schromburg, J.A Rogers, W.B Dubois, C.L.R James, Sheikh Anti Diop, Josef Ben-Jochannan and many others, because without the Ancestors, we have no future. They are many black people out there who would not pick up one of these books and read, they would rather read Ok magazine, or hello, or black beauty, teaching you how to lose your culture, remember African family we are a spiritual, cultural, loving, forgiving people, we know how to fix the aches and pains of the troubled peoples of the world, you will hear many of these Western leaders saying the world is in peril, well African family there is nothing wrong with the world, but there is something terribly wrong with the people that's in the world.

President Obama knows of this, after all he was in the congregation of Rev. Wright for over twenty years, he would have learnt a lot about our ancestors while in the congregation and also privately, but as we all saw, the powers that be made President Obama denounce Rev. Wright, otherwise he would not have been President today, but the fact that he had to denounce Rev. Wright in public, does not remove the knowledge, the spirituality, the morality of the Ancestors from President Obama, we all are the sons and daughters of African survivors, we all have these traits in us just like President Obama, but as I have said we need to re-open our peniel gland, open up that third eye.

Reference to our peniel gland can be found in Genesis vs. 32 chapters 30-31, (And **Jacob called the name of the place peniel, for I have seen god face to face and my life is preserved. And as he passed over peniel, the**

sun (not the son) rose upon him and halted upon his thigh. If you want to see physical evidence of this, then you need to see the temple of **Tut-Ankh-Amen** (Tutenkamen), carved at least five inches into the stone, where he sits upon his throne the sun rises strikes him on the forward and rest upon his thigh, but take note African family, the temple of Tut-Ankh-Amen was long before the existence of Jacob, but as I have Said our spiritual story and beliefs were robbed from us and turned physical, we now find our story littered across the bible with white faces portraying our spiritual story.

So remember African family, especially our youth who seems hell bent on destroying each other, we have the power and capability to do what's right, there's nothing we can't do of we put our minds to it, President Obama is now trying to correct some of the many thousands of wrongs created by warmongers of the Western World, and we must not forget the corrupt and misguided leaders in Africa, they too need to step up and put their house in order, and show the rest of the peoples of the World, that Africa truly is the home of civilisation, but do not get it twisted for one minute that President Obama can solve all the problems of the peoples of the World, because he can't, the warmongers and the Banksters (Bankers) will not let him.

We, the sons and daughters of African survivors who reside here in England and the Caribbean, we also need to pick ourselves up and dust ourselves off, start to move as one mind, one spirit, one body, let us bring to the forefront that which has been locked down in us through slavery and its son Colonialism, that spirituality and knowledge we have had from the dawn of time, let us show that we are truly the spiritual and physical keepers of this planet, the change has started African family, may that change continue in a spiritual and peaceful loving manor, for as it is said, (**What was in the beginning, must be in the end.**

RASTAFARI.



JAMAICA

JAMAICA FINDS COCAINE ON SHIP THAT SAILED FROM GUYANA

Police in Kingston, Jamaica busted a ship that arrived in that country from Guyana with over sixty million Jamaican dollars in cocaine. Reports out of Jamaica stated that the vessel, MV Rothen arrived at the Kingston Wharf on Tuesday from Guyana. It was confirmed that the ship docked at the John Fernandes Wharf on January 23 and sailed out the following day. It is believed that some 81.5 pounds of cocaine worth J\$62 million was found on the boat which was scheduled to leave for Panama after picking up cargo.

The ship's five-member crew, a German captain and four Filipinos, were arrested but not charged and was later returned to the ship, which is being held by Jamaica's customs department, where they continue to be detained. Sources say it was more than likely that the cocaine was loaded onto the Rothen from a boat which pulled up alongside it while it was moored at Port Georgetown. The source said this is something that occurs and necessitates the presence of the coast guard in the port area. The sources say the cocaine was found in bags in the hull of the vessel.

AIR JAMAICA TO END SERVICE TO MIAMI



Air Jamaica, which has flown to Miami since its founding in 1969, will exit the airport in late February, as it suspends unprofitable routes amid the global economic downturn.

MIA, flies three daily flights each, to Kingston and Montego Bay. In addition to ending service to Miami on Feb. 26, Air Jamaica will also stop flying to Atlanta, Los Angeles and Grand Cayman. The airline said it will continue flying to Orlando. Air Jamaica will also discontinue service between Jamaica and Barbados and Jamaica and Grenada.

The government-owned carrier will continue its service to Fort Lauderdale, where nearly four times as many of its passengers to and from South Florida already fly, said Air Jamaica Chief Executive Bruce Nobles. "Will we ever come back to Miami? I can't say," Nobles said Wednesday. "The economy right now is not in very good shape. Not many people are going on vacation and we are trying to put our resources in the places where we have the most strengths and where we can make money."

In Fort Lauderdale, Air Jamaica flies four daily flights, as the main carrier to Jamaica. The airline carries 275,000 passengers in and out of Fort Lauderdale a year, versus 75,000 to and from Miami. Fort Lauderdale is profitable, while Miami is "losing money -- a lot," Nobles said. "The airports are 30 miles apart and the vast majority of our traffic are Jamaicans who live in both places and go back and forth," he said. About 18 Miami employees will be laid off, unless there are job openings in Fort Lauderdale, he said.

In Miami, where Air Jamaica operates two daily flights that connect between Montego Bay and Kingston, the carrier faced steep competition from American Airlines. American, the dominant carrier at

BARBADOS

BARBADOS GETTING OVER RACE ISSUES

THE decision by Government to go the route of managed migration is receiving strong support from professional commentators and others who worry that the previous open door policy was putting a strain on Barbados' social services, not to mention the competition it created in the job market.

It is entirely within the authority of any Administration to set standards for an influx of non-nationals while responding to the manpower needs of the domestic business sector. This does not always seem acceptable to some critics, including those who took issue last week with the present Government for insisting that the interests of Barbadians must be served before all others.

It is wrong to state or imply as was done recently that the move to managed migration was racially inspired. The reality is that, in the view of historian and trade unionist, Robert "Bobby" Morris, some parts of the world are gradually losing their traditional ethnic distinctions. This feature is well recognised across the Caribbean, thanks to decades of free movement among the countries and the intimate relationships that naturally resulted.

Consequently, there is a declining

basis for arguments to project every controversy in purely racial terms.

According to Morris, extremes which exist in many parts of the world and which cause great problems, especially in terms of foreign policy ... will recognise the need "to live together and to share this world that God has provided for us".

He even goes so far as to suggest that newly elected United States President Barack Obama's ascendancy will inspire artistes and people with highly creative imaginations to forge ahead, and that the new administration in Washington will transform the way people of different ethnicities relate to one another.

Further, the historian invites optimism that the time will eventually arrive when such distinctions will loom less large than they do in some countries today. We can see that a change in that direction would give critics less cause for pointing out those differences to excite public opinion and misrepresent Barbados' attitude to citizens of other countries.

Few places on Earth have been more receptive to non-nationals than Barbados.

TRINIDAD

URP LABOURER SHOT DEAD

A 25-YEAR-OLD URP labourer was shot dead yesterday morning while sitting in his car at Covigne Road, Diego Martin yesterday.

Police said that at about 8.15 am, Akiel Bernard was in his car parked in front of his home after dropping off a relative, when two men walked up to him and opened fire. Bernard was shot several times and died in

the car. His body was removed to the Forensic Science Centre where an autopsy was scheduled to be carried out yesterday.

A relative of Bernard said the deceased complained recently of threats to his life by persons involved in a URP project. No arrests have been made and investigations are continuing.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GUYANA



GUYANESE RAPIST IN BELFAST GETS 18 YEARS

A Guyanese man who admitted raping a woman and attacking two others within 48 hours in Belfast, Northern Ireland has been sentenced to 18 years in prison.

A BBC report said that Ryan Subryan, 25, was sentenced yesterday in the Belfast Crown Court by Justice Hart who said that the evidence suggested that the young man remains a serious danger to women. In imposing the sentence the judge also recommended that the defendant be deported back to Guyana upon his release from custody since he was in that country illegally.

Subryan, who allegedly committed a similar offence in Guyana back in 2005 and was placed on \$75,000 bail before absconding, committed the attacks in June of 2007.

According to the BBC report Justice Hart said since there were no previous sexual offences on Subryan's record, he was not imposing a life sentence.

He told the court that he had made the decision "not without some hesitation."

The court was told that in the first incident, Subryan forced a Polish woman into his car and held her against her will as she walked home from a city centre bar towards the Lisburn Road on June 28, 2007.

He told the woman to get into his car as it was unsafe walking on her own before bundling her into the passenger seat.

While in the vehicle he produced a gun and held it to her head and threatened to kill her.

The BBC reported that she was held in the car against her will for about 20 minutes but she managed to escape and ran into a nearby alleyway where she rang her boyfriend.

Subryan met his next victim while she was in the Skye nightclub with her friend.

The woman later realised that she had lost her phone and Subryan offered to help her to look for it

and he rang the number then told the woman a "bogus story" about someone at another club having her mobile phone.

He then offered to drive her to the other venue to retrieve the phone but instead drove to the docklands where he indecently assaulted her and tried to have sex with her in the early hours of June 30.

The prosecutor said that Subryan "threatened that if she didn't have sex, he would put a gun to her head and shoot her."

The report said that she got out of the car in a "distressed state" and the alarm was raised when she met a couple coming from the Odyssey Arena, one of whom heard her say "he tried to rape me."

About 30 minutes later, a woman was walking home from a birthday party when a man approached her in the Albert Bridge area and told her she was beautiful.

She was subsequently knocked out on the street and when she came round, she realised she had been raped.

Subryan was linked to the rape by DNA evidence.

When the father of two was arrested he initially denied all the charges put to him but later pleaded guilty to two counts of threats to kill, kidnapping, assault with intent to rape, indecent assault, rape and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Back in 2005 in Guyana Subryan was a 21-year-old taxi driver when he was charged with raping a female passenger before robbing her at gunpoint of a quantity of cash.

Subryan was not required to enter a plea for rape, but entered a not guilty plea for robbery under arms.

He appeared before then acting Chief Magistrate Cecil Sullivan who released him on \$75,000 bail. Subryan reportedly skipped bail and never returned to court for the matter.

The case against him was that

around 2 am on the day of the incident, the complainant, a 22-year-old woman hired Subryan to take her from Sheriff Street to the Stabroek Market area.

When they were in the vicinity of Mandela Avenue, he reportedly began taking another route. About 200 metres off the main road he al-

legedly stopped the car and raped the woman.

After committing the unlawful offence he placed a gun to her neck and relieved her of \$5,000 and US\$250 which she had in her possession.

CUBA



CASTRO DEMANDS OBAMA TO RETURN GUANTANAMO BAY

Fidel Castro on Thursday threw his first punch at President Barack Obama after several weeks of praise for the new leader, demanding the U.S. return Guantanamo Bay military base to Cuba and criticizing the U.S. defense of Israel.

Castro's latest essay, published on an official Web site, came one week after he called Obama "intelligent and noble" and said he would cut back on his writings to prevent interfering with Cuban government decisions.

The missive Thursday raised new questions about what role he maintains in policy-making, especially coming while his brother, President Raul Castro, was in Moscow on an official visit.

The ailing 82-year-old former president wrote that if the U.S. doesn't give the U.S. base at Guantanamo back to Cuba, it will be a violation of international law and an abuse of American power against a small country.

The U.S. president must "respect this norm without any condition," Castro wrote.

Obama has ordered the prison for terror suspects on the U.S. base to be closed within a year, but Cuba also demands the return of the 45-square-mile territory the base occupies in the island's east. Raul Castro and other government officials have called for the return of the base, but with less critical words and tone.

The U.S., which acquired Guantanamo more than 100 years ago, considers it strategically important to maintain. The treaty granting its

use remains in effect unless both Cuba and the U.S. abrogate it or the U.S. abandons the base.

In his Thursday essay, Castro also criticized Obama for backing Israel's defense against attacks by Palestinian militants. He said it demonstrated "the abusive character of the empire's power" and insisted it would contribute to "the genocide against the Palestinians."

Castro stepped aside after undergoing abdominal surgery 2 1/2 years ago and has not been seen in public since. His 77-year-old brother permanently replaced him as president nearly a year ago.

In an essay last week, Castro had praised Obama for "the sincerity of his words" and as "a living symbol of the American dream."

Castro wrote on Jan. 22 that he was cutting back on his occasional columns, known as "Reflections of Comrade Fidel," so he won't "interfere or get in the way of the (Communist) Party or government comrades in the constant decisions

they must make."

He also said in that essay that he is unlikely to live through the end of Obama's four-year term, and that Cuban officials "shouldn't feel bound by my occasional Reflections, my state of health or my death."

Fidel Castro's essays have continued to carry weight and are diligently read in full at the top of midday and nightly radio and television newscasts before other national or international news. Thursday's essay arrived too late to make the evening news, which focused on Raul Castro's visit to Russia.

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CHIEF JUSTICE DEMANDED TO RESIGN BY GHANAIS

Some Ghanaians are demanding the immediate resignation of the chief justice for what they described as arrogating powers exclusive to a sitting president. They threatened to petition newly elected President John Atta-Mills to sign an executive order to begin an impeachment process of Chief Justice Georgina Woods if she fails to resign Monday. The Chief Justice came under heavy criticism after allegedly ordering a Fast Track Court to adjudicate a lawsuit filed by the New Patriotic Party (NPP) on a public holiday, an act they claim is only reserved for a president under Ghana's constitution.

But supporters of Chief Justice Woods have described the resignation demand as a witch-hunt vendetta calculated to soil her impeccable judicial reputation. The law suit sought to prevent the Electoral Commission from declaring results of the December 28 election run-off.

Political analyst Alhaji Idrissu Bature told VOA the chief justice's action nearly plunge the country in a constitutional crisis.

"If you would recall, prior to her appointment and subsequent vetting and approval by parliament, a lady sent a petition to parliament on how the chief justice helped her (chief justice's) father to annex the lady's father's land. But the parliament of Ghana refused to hear this petition. You would also

recall that this lady (chief justice) was the chairperson of a committee constituted by the government of the then NPP administration to look into the missing of a 72 parcels of cocaine onboard MV Benjamin (ship). And those who were very active on the committee realized that there was a massive cover up by the then government to unravel the missing cocaine," Alhaji Bature pointed out. He said Chief Justice Woods was accused of working in collusion with the past administration led by former President John Kufuor. "Georgina Woods being the chairperson of that committee played a significant role in the massive cover up to the extent that some of the willing witnesses who appeared before her committee were jailed even though no exhibit of cocaine was found on them," he said.

Alhaji Bature said some Ghanaians believe the chief justice was given the job by President Kufuor not based on merit. "She was a judge of the Appeals Court, and immediately after this job that she did (investigating the missing cocaine) she was rewarded by the government by being appointed as Ghana's Chief Justice. She also overlooked while the executive interfered in the judicial process under her supervision, which is contrary to the tenets of the constitution of Ghana," Alhaji Bature noted.

NIGERIA



BROTHER ABDUCTED YOUNG GIRL SHOT DEAD

Gunmen shot dead a young girl and abducted her brother as they walked to school in the southern Nigerian oil city of Port Harcourt on Thursday, a police spokesperson said.

Gunmen in a car opened fire as they kidnapped the boy in the

Rumuokwuta area of central Port Harcourt. Initial police reports said the girl who was shot was the family maid.

"The two children were actually of the same parents. The girl we thought was the maid is actually the sister of the boy who was ab-

ducted," said Rita Inoma-Abbey, police spokeswoman for Rivers state, of which Port Harcourt is the capital.

She said the ages of the children were not yet known. There has been a surge in kidnap-

pings in recent weeks in the oil-producing Niger Delta, targeting both foreign oil workers and prominent or wealthy Nigerians. Many of the hostages have been released unharmed after payment of a ransom.

SOMALIA



NINE COUNTRIES SIGN AGAINST AFRICA PIRACY

The first regional agreement between Arab and African countries on combating piracy has been signed in Djibouti at a special meeting organized by the International Maritime Organization. The agreement resembles another multinational regional deal struck in 2005 to fight piracy in Southeast Asia.

Nine countries in the region affected by piracy - Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, the Maldives, the Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, and Yemen - signed an agreement Thursday to cooperate in preventing ship hijackings and apprehending suspected pirates for arrest and prosecution.

The Djibouti Code of Conduct - as the agreement is referred to - allows one signatory country to send armed forces into another signatory country's territorial waters to pursue pirates and, in some cases, to jointly conduct anti-piracy operations. The nations have also agreed on the creation of piracy information centers to be set up in Kenya, Tanzania, and Yemen, and an

anti-piracy military training center to be established in Djibouti.

Last year, pirates attacked more than 110 vessels off the coast of Somalia, successfully hijacking 42 ships and crew, including an oil-laden supertanker and a freighter loaded with Russian tanks and other arms. The United Nations estimates that pirates also earned more than \$100 million in ransom money, driving up shipping and insurance costs to record levels.

The worsening situation has prompted more than a dozen

countries, including the United States, China, Russia, India, Iran and countries in the European Union, to send warships to patrol the region. But the intervention has had limited success because there are no international laws or treaties that can be used to determine the fate of pirates arrested by foreign navies outside of Somali waters.

The Djibouti Code of Conduct is viewed as one of the first steps toward finding a way to transfer pirates to stand trial in a near-by country.

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REBEL SALUTE'S SWEET SIXTEEN WAS BIG!!!

BY PRUFF

In January, Rebel Salute celebrated its 16th anniversary, with a huge turnout and stellar performances. One cannot deny it was a long concert but, it was definitely worth the trip for many who travelled far to see their favourite conscious artiste perform. There was a huge backdrop on stage with now President Barak Obama's face, mixed with red, green and gold. Some performances were very outstanding, while some performances were mediocre and some the crowd could have done without.

However, Flames Productions did a good job of mixing the older performers with the younger ones, making the show appeal to a wide audience.

At minutes to midnight the venue was echoing with the man of the night, Tony Rebel. He did the crowd favourite **Jah By My Side**, and recent hit **Another Bill Again**. Lady G represented well as a veteran female artiste in the industry. She held her own, and had some harsh words for child molesters. Rootz Underground was well received by the crowd, especially the ladies who seemed to be very interested in the guys. Abdel Wright proved to be a brave and

persistent soldier, as it seems that not even an asthma attack could stop him from taking the stage to perform **Revolution** and **Quicksand**.

Sanchez was at his best, and had the ladies screaming and wanting to hear more songs. He did hits such as **Live It Up** and closed with **Amazing Grace**. Comeback performer for the night definitely had to be Mykal Rose. He delivered songs such as **Shoot Out** with such a powerful voice, and his set was well received by the crowd. Cherine Anderson also did pretty well with **Coming Over Tonight** and **Against The World**. She also promised to represent Jamaica with pride, at the inauguration performances for President Obama. Legends in their own right Wailings Souls, Leroy Sibbles, Gregory Issacs and John Holt all did well. Especially Holt who was onstage as the sun was rising declaring **Police In Helicopter**.

I have never seen Luciano give a disappointing performance, and it was no different at Rebel Salute. Arguably one of the best dressed performers for the night, his delivery was also in top form as he did **Sweep Over My Soul**, **Messenger** and **It's Me Again Jah**. Morgan Heritage was one member short but they still held their own delivering **Down By The River** and **Nothing To Smile About**.

Capleton was clearly in 'fireman' mode as he made

it clear that he came to 'bun dung di place.' He got notably one of the biggest reactions from the crowd for the event, and he was one of the most energetic performers for the event creating rawkus with hits like **Or Wah**. Newcomer Konshens seemed a bit nervous at first, as he declared that it was the first sun ever caught him onstage but, he fared well with hits such as **Winner**, **Rasta Imposter**, **Handle A Scratch Mi** and **Mama**.

I Wayne was cool but forceful as usual with hits such as **Book of Life**. Tarrus Riley performing great as usual with **She Is Royal** and reminded battered ladies to **Start A New**. Rebel Salute is Queen Africa's playground and she had fun delivering hits **Daddy** and **Keep It To Yuhself**, while introducing one of Alton Ellis's son to perform renditions of his father's work and he did great.

Beenie Man performing officially for the first time at Rebel Salute was hailed as Ras Moses. He took the stage at minutes after 8am in his usual style as Beenie Man but then stopped and announced 'this is the show you guys came to see,' and went into **Kette Drum** and **Murderer**.

Rebel Salute was a long but exciting concert, and the Big Eye team rates it 4 out of 5 eyes. Make it a date to be there next year!



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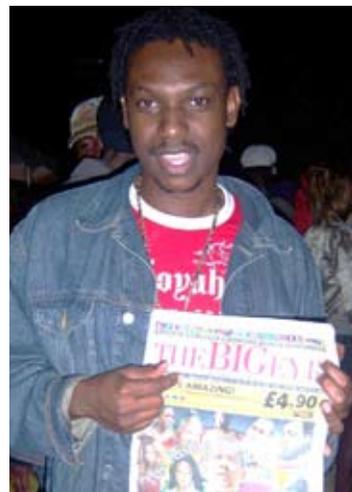
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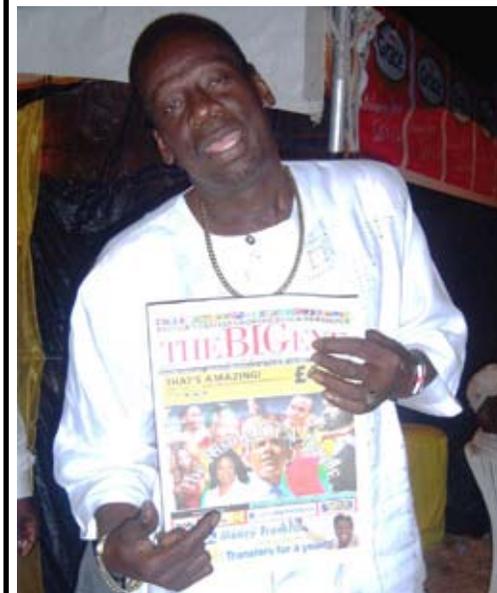
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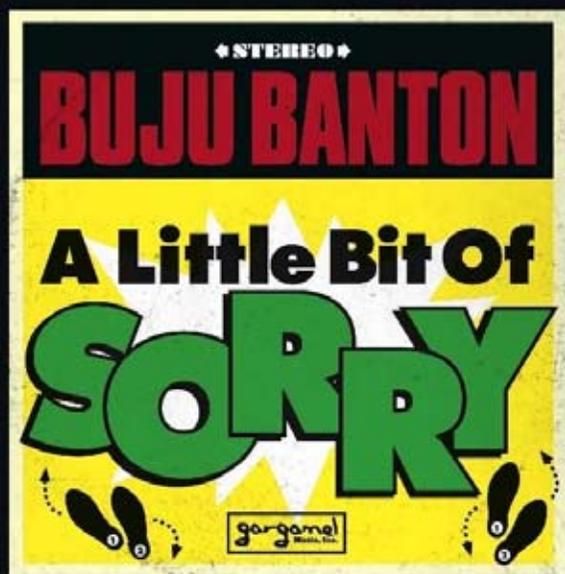
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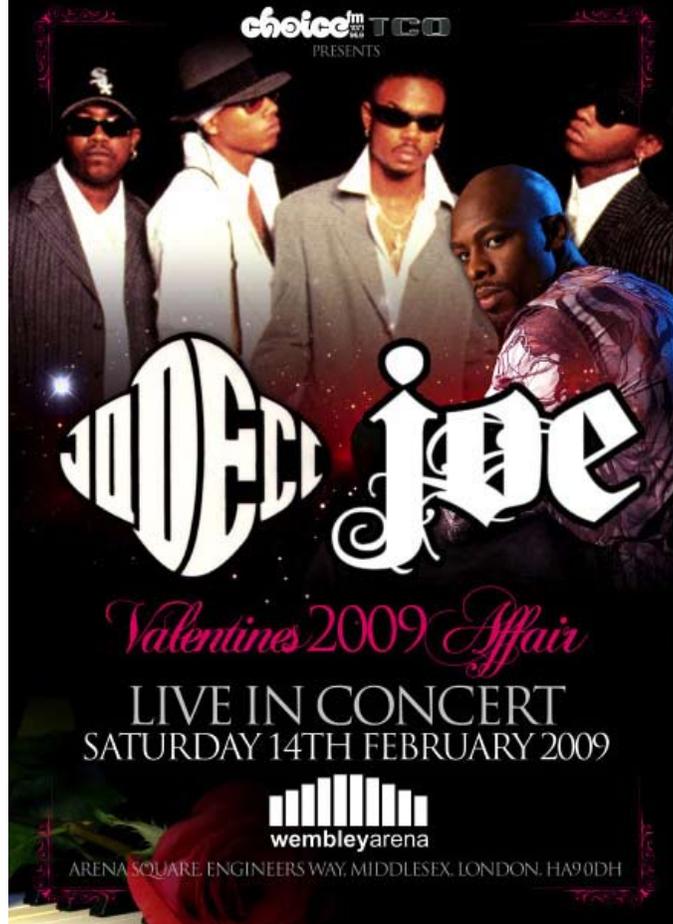


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Sabrina Weathers aka "Mizz Teejah". WOMAN ON A MISSION

Mizz Teejah was Born in England on the 23/01/78, she grew up between London, England and Kingston, Jamaica. At the tender age of 11, she sang in her local gospel choir and by 15 she had recorded her first song. Mizz Teejah attended the Hammersmith and West London College (London) where she studied Performing arts, She passed the course, awarding her with a B-Tec National diploma, She then went on to study Sound Engineering and electronics and also passed the course awarding her with 3 certificates.

In 1997 she had auditioned for an all female vocal group and successfully became apart of the project who later signed a record contract to Wildstar records.

The trio known as the famous girl group "Fierce", had four U.K top ten hits, one which was a cover of the Anita baker track "Sweetlove" which entered the uk charts at no.3!! As a growing artiste Teejah had already supported superstar artistes such as Whitney Houston and P.Diddy with the Bad boy family. She has also toured with Smash hits, The Disney channel, and has been a regular face on

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many TV stations. Fierce had also worked with many renown producers such as Stargate (Ne-yo, Mary j Blige, Brandy and Ray J....).

After the success of the group, Mizz Teejah took a musical career change and entered the world of Reggae/Dancehall.

To kick start her new career change, she entered many showcases to be seen and heard, it just so happened there was a independent company called "UK Unsigned" who had a Dancehall/Reggae competition going on and with out a doubt Mizz Teejah took it upon herself to enter it. (you can view this on the youtube link given above)

2006 Mizz Teejah had won the UK's best dancehall unsigned act at the UK unsigned talent showcase which awarded her to go to Kingston Jamaica and represent UK unsigned at the "Tastees Talent Show" as a special guest artiste. Prior to the Taste show, Mizz Teejah accompanied her cousin (Althea Hewitt) at the Java celebration in new Kingston where they were celebrating Motown's greatest artistes, Mizz Teejah was apart of the amazing pointer sisters!!

After a great night on the town, Mizz Teejah headed to Portmore to do a local cable Tv Interview about Jamaica and the Taste show.

Alongside Althea, Mizz Teejah was approached by two people representing shocking vibes and was invited to come down to the studios, where they ended up doing some backing vocals for the runners up of the Digicel rising stars.

Not only did she do the Tastees Talent show, but also was invited to tour on the KLAS radio Schools tour in conjunction with shocking vibes (formerly home to Beenie Man), other artistes included on the tour: Althea Hewitt

(Vp records newest signing and also cousin to Mizz Teejah), Mr Peppa "Talk", Red Rat "Oh, No", Lexus "Cook", Voicemail and John Hype" One of Jamaica's biggest dancers, plus many many more.....!

2007 Back in London, Mizz Teejah performed at The Boroughs United showcase, a showcase against Knife and Gun crime and uniting the London boroughs together.

2008 In April/May 2008, in Kingston-Jamaica, Mizz Teejah launched a project called "The Mizz Teejah Jamaica Peace project".

The project is aimed at young people who are deprived and can't afford to be seen on a performing arts platform. As this was the first time, this was done in two weeks!!

one week to go in and out of meetings seeking sponsorship for the project and towards the event and the other to teach performing arts and have the young people performing what they had learn't whilst on the project, which included vocal training, and dance classes. The project is officially called "Peace N Love United"

Five garrisons were deliberately united in a football tournament-Greenwich Farm, Denham town, Duhaney park, Waltham park and Delacree park where everything took place.

Sponsors for the first project who were responsible for getting us to Jamaica and supplying things for the young people, included Grace Foods, The crib (a young peoples youth project who are the founders of London's "Boroughs United" showcases and also celebrity hair salon "Schemeical". Guest artistes who blessed the stage and also made there presents in the scheme were: Althea

Hewitt, RDX, Nahswitch, and Baby Chris. Due to the heavy schedule in the studio, The Portmore Empire unfortunately were unable to close the stage as scheduled, but a personal phone call from Geoffrey Hype assured me they will be there for the next one!!

2008 In September the Mizz Teejah London Project took place in conjunction with UK Unsigned and the metropolitan police. As September was peace month, and just coming back with the Jamaica peace project, we were already on a high with many ideas for the September project which was also called "Peace N Love united", but with a twist all entrants had to write or perform anything around the word Peace!

2008 In November after kicking off the year with two successful projects, we tried to raise funds for a Christmas special which unfortunately couldn't happen.

2009 In January Teejah was featured on a project for a UK independent record label (Erra records) due to be out in the summer!

2009 Currently: seeking an artist management and also sponsorship for the Jamaica peace project for March/April.

In addition to all this Teejah's career as also led her to tour with or share stage with renown artistes such as Vybz Kartel, Mad Cobra, Assasin, Spragga Benz, Buju Banton, Mavado, Third World, Freddie Mc Gregor and Elephant Man. The events took place both in London and Jamaica. THE BIG EYE endorses Mizz Teejah and compliments her on her achievements in this industry.

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entertainment news

JANISA IS HEADING TO THE TOP!

Holding the #1 position on up-to-the-minute Panamanian Reggae site Maddradio.net, Janisa's Hard-hitting lyricism in the sultry "Big Up" now boast over 12 Weeks at the top spot on Maddradio.net Singles Chart with thousands of downloads to date.



The fierce Dancehall anthem continues to gain air-play at credible underground radio stations state-side such as Red Hot Radio NYC, STAR 99.3 FM NYC, Latina Explosion90.5FM NYC and countless others in Miami, Connecticut and the United Kingdom. In demand, Janisa continues to prep new material for an early 2009 release as "Big Up" & Get You Up" pull rank at #3 and #4 on the Songvault.FM Reggae Charts, Janisa is unfazed by her allure. Declares the Dancehall rookie about her very victorious musical introduction, "I was born for this."



NOTORIOUS" THE MOVIE OUT NOW!

"Notorious," a biography of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., transcends gangster-flick cliches because of the outsized talents of the artist and the actor who portrays him. B.I.G., aka Biggie Smalls, was an artist of unique skill and charisma — all of which is captured in a pitch-perfect, and at times, even moving performance by the obscure rapper Jamal "Gravy" Woolard.

This story begins in the late 1980s, when a young Christopher Wallace (played by Biggie's real son, Christopher Jr.) is seduced by the easy money being made by crack dealers in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. When his mother (Angela Bassett) discovers what the white stuff under his bed really is, she kicks the teenage hustler out, accelerating his criminal exploits.

Wallace does a quick jail bid and returns home with an assortment of potent new rhymes and a new name: B.I.G. His demo cassette ends up in the hands of a brash record exec named Sean "Puffy" Combs (Derek Luke), and a rap phenomenon is born.

Unlike recent music biopics such as "Ray" or "Walk the Line," whose audiences may have been unfamiliar with some biographical events,

most "Notorious" viewers will know exactly what comes next: The classic hits; the illogical beef with Tupac Shakur, birthing the East-West feud; the twin killings of these gifted storytellers. But "Notorious" manages to add something new to Biggie's exhaustively chronicled story.

The interwoven stories of the women in his life give fresh insight into Biggie's music and personality. No matter how bad his behavior, they always gave him one more chance: his mother, Voletta; his baby's mother; the girl who Biggie plucked off the corner and Svengalied into the sex bomb Lil' Kim; and his wife, the singer Faith Evans.

With Voletta Wallace as a producer and Combs as executive producer, you might have expected the worst of B.I.G.'s life to be blacked out. But it's all there and it makes the film that much better.

Woolard, who hails from Biggie's old neighborhood, could have coasted on his physical likeness and Brooklyn swagger, but director George Tillman Jr. ("Soul Food," "Barbershop") wrings struggle, charm and triumph from Woolard's expressive face. The film drips with authenticity, from the Coogie sweaters to the actual Fulton Street corner where Biggie sold his dope. And the script, written by Cheo Hodari Coker and Reggie Rock Blythewood, has laughs for days — just like Biggie did. In the nearly 12 years since his death, Biggie has never been more alive than in "Notorious."

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THE BIG EYE'S VERSION ON CHRIS BROWN & RIHANNA'S CLASH

Well damn it every one seems to be coming up with their own version on the happenings between Rihanna and Chris Brown. Since the incident that allegedly left Rihanna too wounded to face the cameras and so serious that it got Chris Brown locked up, it's amazing that to date the world media is still at its speculative state in regards to what really happened. Speculations have gone far and wide, with some reporting that it might have been because Rihanna saw Chris talking to Leona Lewis recently at a party and that old Bajan jealousy kicked in so much that whilst Chris was driving she boxed him and he lost control of the steering and that's what caused Rihanna's injuries. Others have said it happened because Rihanna cheated on Chris and caught some kind of STD which was passed onto Chris and that's what caused that moment of insanity which left Rihanna bruised physically and emotionally.



It has been reported to THE BIG EYE that it was all Paris Hiltons fault because at Timbalands Grammy Party she was all over Chris and once again that Bajan jealousy kicked in which ended up with her kicking Chris where it really hurts.

We all since everyone is coming up with their version of what happened we at THE BIG EYE think it is only right for us as Britain's Fastest Growing Black Newspaper to join in on the assumptions until the truth is out on what really happened in this domestic dispute that took place on Sunday. We assume that while they were about to make passionate love with each other Rihanna's phone began to ring and simultaneously Chris received a text message they both looked at each other and walked apart to get some kind of privacy to respond to the text and the call. On Rihanna's line was Jay Z making a call from New York saying "I just love how we have managed to fool everyone into thinking that we are not together because we have used Chris to put the rumours of our relationship to sleep" Whilst at the same time Chris was reading his text sent from Beyonce in California stating "tell your bitch to leave my man alone or I'm gonna get crazy up in here" at the end of the phone talk with Jay Z and at the end



of reading the text sent from Beyonce both were in an aggressive mood, Rihanna because she felt the need for Jay z not Chris Brown and Chris was in an hot head mood because he just learned via Beyonce's text that the relationship between his woman and JayZ was still in high gear. Both individuals in the heat of the moment ran at each other in a fury Chris got in the 1st punch and said "that's what you get for cheating on me, which caused a swelling on Rihanna's left eye but Rihanna was still able to see out of the right eye well enough to kick him in his gooleys after many more punches, kicks and "you motha f..ing Barbadian cheat and "you stupid nim dick American boy" they came back to sanity and started to reason one with another.

Chris said "girl I love you but how can I breathe without air" he then went on to say I'm sorry. Rihanna responded and said "Don't tell me your sorry cos your not baby your just sorry you got caught" Chris Brown said "well may be if you didn't bring another man under your umbrella I would n't have to punch you in your left eye. Many arguments later ended up with many kisses and just like magic the fairy tale relationship was back on track.

A BIG EYE message to Rihanna and Chris is STOP! The foolishness and go make some music that's what you guys do best. 

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EYE ON FASHION

What does it take to become a beauty queen? The answers would be predictable- ravishing beauty, hour-glass figure, glamour, style, poise and intelligence. There are a lot of differences between perception and reality, as many contestants do not have this combination, and they make it to the top but then sadly, slide from the top.

Over the years it is evident to see that possessing beauty brains and having a lighter skin complexion works in your favor if you have hopes of being the next Miss Jamaica World. We can trace it to as far back as 1977 when Sandra Kong was given the title or in 1988 with Christine Straw as our new queen, or to bring it a bit closer so some may recognize these names 2002 Danielle O'Hayon, 2008 Brittany Lyons. Let me ask a question? What is the one thing that all these women have in common? Well, my answer is apart from the 2B's they most importantly are

graced with the 3rd of being a brownin.

Let's face it, Jamaican's frighten for color! No matter how we try to sweep it under the rug, its like AIDS we just can't find the cure! I am not attempting to undermine the beautiful qualities which these beautiful brown women possesses but the fact of the matter is, that there is no beauty queen darker than Ms. Terri- Karelle Griffith our 2005 winner who Jamaica seemed to greatly adore- possibly because she broke the stereotype.

Zahra Redwood, Jamaica's first Rastafarian Beauty Queen represented the country in Mexico in April's Miss Universe Pageant. But will there ever be another Zahra? That's the trick question.

Ultimately though the truth of the fact still remains that possessing all 3B's will get you to become Jamaica's next Beauty Queen!

LOOK OUT

JUST IN TIME JUSTINA



Could this be the catchiest song to ever come out of Nigeria? Or Africa? What the hell, maybe even the world?? "Omo 2 Sexy" must certainly be a contender for the title. This super-infectious pop song is an ode to the sexy guys. With the track already on heavy rotation on Nigerian radio, the brand new colourful, fun video to go with it, is bound to make a household name of the emerging singer/songwriter behind it: Justina.

Twenty-two year old Justina, one of Nigeria's most promising new talents, started singing as a child (in church choirs amongst others). Her star qualities were first officially recognized when she came second place at the Nokia First Chance music competition in Nigeria in 2007. A newcomer to many people, Justina is an old pro when it comes to being a live performer: internationally, she has graced stages in Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Austria, UK and Kenya (in Switzerland she also fronts a covers band called The United Nations) and has

developed into a charismatic, confident live performer who amazes audiences with her boundless energy and her creativity. Live and on record, her powerful and versatile voice perfectly compliments her music, a modern and original mix of R'n'B, Soul and hip-hop – not forgetting a generous helping of Afro-pop.

In the autumn of 2008, Justina signed a management/production deal with Mr Skillz aka JJC (Big Boyz Entertainment) and Ilka Schlockermann (ilkamedia), the team behind JJC & 419 Squad, the successful Afropean group whose hit songs included "Gbao" and "Atide". Her forthcoming album, "Oju Mi (My Eyes)", is currently in the works.

The "Omo 2 Sexy" video, shot in some London's best West End night spots and directed by Mr Skillz, of course features a number of sexy, hot guys, as praised by Justina in the song, including London-based model Zane Harrison (sure to become a favourite with ladies watching the video).

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SOME MAN FI GO BADE

Some man ah wonder why dem kyaah get nuh quality gyal inna dem life, but a tru nuff ah dem narsy an nuh luv bade. Gentle men who di cap fit wear it, some ah oonu fi learn bout hygiene oonu fi bade a marning time an stop mek excuse bout time too cold listen man ah England dis an every house ave hot water so go bade. Nex ting some bwouy need fi kno sey outta di mouth proceedeth bad scents if yu nuh tek care ah yu teeth an yu tongue.

Hear mi man if yu nuh brush yu dam teet an gargle out yu throat den yu mouth a go STINK some bwouy need fi walk wid a bottle of Listerine bcos

GYAL YU AH APPEN

It's about time now wi fi BIG UP! Di gyal dem weh a try fi hold up dem head, mi ah talk di goodas gyal dem weh nar deh wid any an any man, di gyal dem weh nuh frighten fi pretty car, di gyal dem weh nar lie dung jus tru dem waah deh wid name bran man, mi ah talk di gyal dem weh try fi keep up appearances so although time hard dem spen dem money an do dem nails, dem spen dem money an do dem hair, di gyal dem weh go window shoppen although dem kno dem kyaah afford di expensive dress

SOME GYAL IS MAN CONFUSE

Tell mi suppen oonu eva si one gyal weh man confuse mi mean gyal weh lucky fi get certain quality man but dem jus kyaah satisfy so dem go fuck down di place wid some likkle unda privilege bwouy weh kyaah gi dem nutten. Mi ave a new name fi dem gyal deh wi fi call dem "MAN SHOES" bcos man nuh stop walk over dem.

Mi kno one pritty gyal weh have good shape, shi ave good looks an har hair style eva up deh but shi ave one big problem, shi ah one ah dem "MAN SHOES" bcos shi ave har proper top man but wen him nuh deh bout ah some likkle hungry belly

trus mi nuff ah di time some bwouy ah talk mi affi dress back jus tru mi nuh waah drop dead sake a di mouth scent?

An yu ave some weh can dress good, yu ave some weh ah try, an jah kno yu ave some bwouy weh jus nuh mek it nuh matter wah dem put on dem still kyaah fava somady.

Yu ave a nex set weh luv gwaan like dem ave money an wen yu run a check dem bruk like dawg, dem wi go a dance an a dem fren affi buy liquor gi dem, dem wi ave a gyal an kill har wid promise but dem neva deliva, dem man deh a some scuminar dem mean an tight like vice grip not even prayer dem man deh nuh gi weh so mi ah encourage di gyal dem fi nuh gi dem man nun a di pretty p.

yet dem go look pon dem an two twos dem walk out a di shop wid itdon't worry wi kno sey likkle teefing affi gwaan but mek sure dem nuh ketch yu otherwise yu fart. Mi ah talk di gyal dem weh can cook, di gyal dem weh ave dem washing machine but still dem use dem han fi wash dem draws, di gyal dem weh nuh only tidy dem house wen people ah come but dem house eva tidy, di gyal dem weh mek sure dem pickney bran out from head to toe, di gyal dem weh tek care ah dem motha. To all ah dem girls on behalf ah di BIG EYE tall up unu self becas GYAL YU AH APPEN.

bwouy di gyal ah gi di nooky to. BUT! Dutty gyal yu fi memba sey mi kno yu secret an any day yu mash mi corn ah gwime mek di big man kick out yu 32 teet bcos yu too rarse fool mi waah kno how yu fi ave a good man weh ah deal wid yu so good an yu ah dis him fi some likkle non progressive bwouy. To all ah di woman dem weh read di BIG EYE mi kno sey nuff ah oonu ave oonu man pon di side but fi oonu ave a good man weh a tek care ah bizniss oonu fi stoppi bcos due to how oonu want everyting oonu can lose everyting. In life wen it come to man mek di right choice don't be a "MAN SHOES" bcos man wi use yu abuse yu an den refuse yu an at di end ah di day ah yu lose so memba dis readers don't be a "MAN SHOES."

PLEASE STOP DI COCK FIGHT

Laard wat a way di woman dem ignorant ova dem man, di way dem last a days gyal dem jealous a nex gyal affi careful how dem a call to di people dem man odderwise a big war.

Mi an mi fren a walk out inna di city centre di odder day an shi a tell mi how shi feel sey har man ah give har bun an shi sey any day shi find out who him ah deal wid shi ah go dig off di gyal face, any way lo an behold guess ah who wi si inna di mall, nuh mi fren man ah walk wid a nex woman wid shopping bag inna dem hand like dem a do some big shoppen.

Right away mi start hold on pon mi fren bcos har head nuh too good an mi kno sey a straight war shi a defen, but mi couldn't hold har bcos di way

YU AH MAN AR WOMAN?

Mi really waah fi kno ah wah tek some guy, dem walk like woman, dem talk like woman, dem lap frock tail like woman, dem set dem hand like woman, dem always inna people

shi mad it look like shi find some extra strength. Wat happen nex should neva be printed inna newspaper BUT! Like how ah di BIG EYE mek mi tell oonu bcos di whole ah oonu mix up jus like di BIG EYE.

Mi fren nuh ask nuh question shi jus run an box di gyal inna har face, shi grab di bag dem outta har han, di nex ting mi see is wig start fly, den coat, den accessories, den blouse an by now yu kno sey big crowd start gadder until di security man ave to grab di two ah dem off dem one an nedder by now yu mus ah ask weh happen to di man. Well di way him frighten not even mi nuh si which way him tun. Di lesson in this is any woman weh a tek a nex gyal man be careful how yu a walk wid him pon road bcos yu might walk into di owner fi di man an guess wat it's a nex COCK FIGHT dat.

bizniss like woman, dem carry news like woman, dem keep malice like woman, some ah dem all ah a ben down an pee pee like woman so hold on if dem ave so much ways of a woman den dem mus be a bloodclaat woman.



"STING" GAZA AR GULLEY SIDE WHICH SIDE YU DEH PON?

STING 08 proved that the best reggae dance hall stage show promoter of all times is the undisputed Mr Laing, after 25 years Mr laing as still managed to keep the shine on what is definitely the most anticipated reggae event of the year. I sat at home and watched on dvd as the saga unfolded between Mavado & Kartel and I must say that I was.....(INTERUPTION) h i h i h i who yu tink yu is a come talk to BIG EYE readers bout what yu si pon DVD listen ya nuh mek mi haffi cuss bad wud inna dis bloodcl..... place yu nuh. Why yu feel sey di people dem warnt hear bout weh yu si pon TV dem nuh warnt hear nutten from yu cos yu neva deh deh.

Pardon my interruption BIG EYE readers but ah me name MR SEH SEH an dis dam bwouy him eva ah get pon mi nerves cos him luv talk like him kno everyting an wen yu check it out him nuh kno nutten. Oonu can tell mi weh him did deh wen Super Cat and Ninja clash ah STING ar weh him did deh wen Shabba clash gainst Ninja ah stadium, ar weh him did deh wen Papa San an Stitchie bring dem ruption come ah STING, ar weh him did deh wen Bounty an Beenie did first clash pon STING stage, mi sure kno sey him neva deh deh wen Merciless heng Bounty, Ninja and Beenie inna 2000, an mi neva si him ah STING wen Kartel dem box dung Ninja. Suh since him neva

deh a nun a di STING show dem mi nuh feel sey it is right fa him to comment pon di show, yu haffi lef dat to somady like mi bcos me deh right in front ah di stage anna watch di saga . Suh to all who neva deh deh ar to dem weh nuh watch di dvd yet mek mi tell oonu how it go. First comment is Bounty disappoint nuff ah him fan dem by backing out ah di war by seying some bwouy garn too far by talking sey dem f.k Mavoda motha, yet wi kno that dat was only ah excuse fi him nuh face Kartel inna di war. Di second comment is Kiprich mek him name dat night as a warrior bcos him tek on Ghost, Roundhead and General B, an people don't ask if him nuh handle dem good yu nuh. Third comment is Monster Shack should neva come on stage an sey dem want fi war Bounty bcos if dem kyaah handle Kiprich how dem ah guh handle di 5 star general. Fourth comment is Mavado and Kartel war did ave di whole a Jamaica a talk bout it but it honestly did not live up to di hype as most will agree sey di best an most entertaining war eva to grace di STING stage was wen Merciless beat up di three big artiste dem inna 2000. Fifth comment Flippa Mafia prove to all di world dat him is really di hapest DJ in Jamaica right now as his performance at STING lifted him to another level. Di ladies segment showed off a number of women but Lady Gee's performance was di most outstanding and it was good to si di vet in action showing dat she still deh ya an nuh pop dung like some a dem . Di real war dat night was won by Merciless bcos ah him come pon stage an dis every man from ,Killa, Ninja, Beenie, Mavado, Cobra and Kartel an yet nuh man nuh come fi defen it in so much dat merciless did haffi declare dat dis war really nuh crowdy.



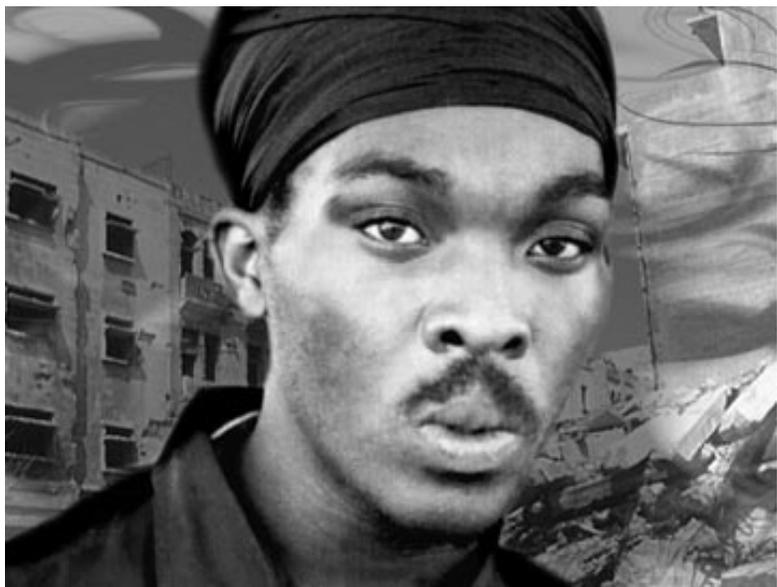
Beenie Man

As usual di decision as to who win di war at STING always lie wid di people an wen Ninja ask who win di war di majority sey Mavado. Yet all over di dancehall worl people ah express dem own opinion some ah sey Kartel an some ah Mavado some ah sey Gulley Side an some ah sey Gaza but ah one ting di BIG EYE ah sey an dat is remember "MUSIC IS A MISSION NOT A COMPETITION" Oonu betta learn dat.

heart at peace gives life to the body but envy rots the bones.
PROVERBS 14:30

FIRE PON ROOM

ANTHONY B



Intro:

Black people don't get weary,
Dem tek off the shackles an
face we,
But still we under mental
slavery,
Unno sing with the Startrail
posse (My Lord)

Chorus:

Fire pon Rome,
Fi Pope Paul an him scissors an
comb,
Black people waan go home
A Mount Zion a di righteous
throne
Repeat
Verse 1:
Well, this is my question
To Issa and the one Matalon
How unno get fi own so much
black people land
After dem slave, achieve nut-

ten inna hand
Check out greater Portmore,
Braeton
One room unno build a sell fi
one million
Dem dey studio house nuh
worth a hundred gran
Thru mi a lick out dem waa
mi keep quiet
But mi a bun fire fi di one
Butch Stewart
Who buy out di plane an all di
pilot
Thru mi nuh inna Jamaica,
love fi tan
Mi haffi bun fire fi the one
Naree Azan
Everybody know how down-
town a fi di poor man
How dem claims it an sey a to
dem it belong
No more hustling, dat mean no
food inna hand
One help wi have is the Al-

mighty One
Jamaicans chant mi song
Chorus
Verse 2:
My Lord, don't talk jus listen,
Mi haffi bun fire fi P.J. Patter-
son
Him mek certain move an wi
nuh too certain
How much black youth behind
iron curtain
Thru mi naw go trod inna
Babylon order
Mi haffi bun fire fi one name
Seaga
Everyday cost a living get
harder
Have more seller more than
buyer
Oh my Lord , what a pressure
Chorus
Verse 3:
So many things politician have
stolen
Still them return with the one
Bruce Golding
Saying a brand new party dem
forming
But a part dem a part we with
dem politics meeting
Out A politics poor people get
them beaten
Look who dem have a tun met-
ropolitan officer
Fi tek yuh hustling out a yuh
hand
When yuh look pon dem face a
yuh own black man
Well out of the slum di poor
people send mi
Fi look what a gwaan and
don't disagree
What is the benefit of GCT?
It benefit you but it never fit
me.
Chorus



TRAILER LOAD OF

MONEY

VYBZ KARTEL



Intro:

Avalanche mi no born rich
but mi nah dead poor
and if u really know me
u otta know by now

Verse 1:

Mi nah mek mummy suffer
wen she tell me sey she broke
that greave me
because mi watch har a raise
six pickney pon her own
and mi know dat no easy (
yea)
nuff youth a suffer like dog
no eat last night
and a cry seh dem hungry
mi nah waste no time
mi a go fi mine
get rich or die tryin

Chorus:

Whe can satisfy me
a trailer load a money
whe di shatta dem need (whe
dem want)
a container load o money
mi nah go dead poor
mi waa fast cash, grab di
stash
touch di road, mek money
like mi print it, print it, print
it, print it
mi waa fast cash, grab di
stash
touch di road, mek money
like mi print it, print it, print
it, print it

Verse 2:

Mi waa pounds and Euro
full up inna mi clothes
money fi blow like two nose
infront a every ghetto youth
a two roads

mek sure a nuh di one wid
distruction u chose
choose di one wid di mansion,
yachts, few rolls
badness was di ting now mi
have new goals
mi wan rich fi bring mi family
go ski trip
or go world cup go watch Bibi
score a few goals

Chorus:

Whe can satisfy me
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whe di shatta dem need (whe
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Verse 3:

Woman mek mi feel good
but mi no put me trust inna
dem
me love mi family (Craig Den-
nis say)
but mi no put me trust inna
friend
money mi love see
and if mi blind like stevie
Bramma, no matter which
language yu speak
money a di universal gramma

So whe mi wan

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GREGORY ISAACS



So you check that me a
criminal

Rumours dem spreadin' ...

I keep a dance jus' to nice up
the place
Me buy nuff liquor and red up
dem face
Mek man an' man have
money to spend
And all de youth them know
me a dem friend

Rumours dem spreadin' ...

Don't matter bout, dem nuff
jewel mi wear
Cos me pants, it nuh have no
tear
Shoes cost a few hundred a
pair
An' me have money all
through the year

Rumours dem spreadin' ...

Rumours and rumours..
Whole lotta propaganda
Rumours a gwaan....
Can't stop it....

Rumours dem spreadin'

Claim, that a sensee me
plantin'

Bout I-man a de Don ina de
jugglin'

A pure rumours a gwaan,
(rumours a gwaan)

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hand

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TOP FIFTEEN DANCEHALL SONGS

TW	LW	WC	SONG	ARTIST
1	1	14	SWEEP	ELEPHANT MAN
2	3	13	ROLLING DEEP	FLIPPA MAFIA
3	6	9	DAGGA	BRAGA DAT
4	7	8	NO GAME	SERANI
5	8	9	BURNIN BURNIN	MISS. TRINITY / BEENIE MAN
6	2	14	MORE MONEY	HARRY TODDLER
7	10	3	TIME TO SHINE	LADEN
8	11	3	MILLION BY A MORNING	VYBES KARTEL
9	4	16	SO SPECIAL	MAVADO
10	13	2	I'M SO BLESS	MAVADO
11	5	20	TRAILER LOAD A MONEY	VYBZ KARTEL
12	14	5	KNOW FI WINE	BEENIE MAN
13	14	3	LIFE SWEET	VYBZ KARTEL
14	NEW		REAL KILLA	MAVADO
15	9	17	DEM YAH & DEM YAH	FLIPPA MAFIA

TOP FIVE BOBBLER

1	NEW	BUBBLE	CHARLIE BLACKS
2	NEW	ROMPING SHOP	VYBES KARTEL & SPICE
3	NEW	HUNDRED STAB	IDONIA
4	NEW	DIP AGAIN	ELEPHANT MAN
5	NEW	THUGS ANTHEM	BLACK RHINO

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Artist to watch



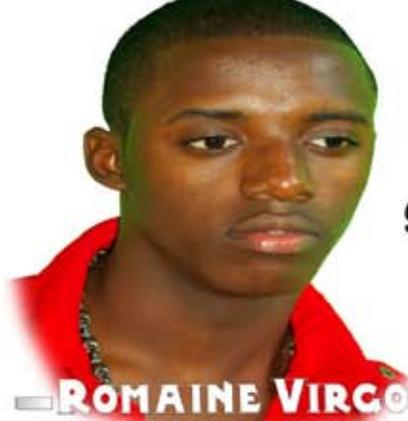
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TOP FIFTEEN REGGAE SONGS

TW	LW	WC	SONG	ARTIST
1	1	8	TELL IT LIKE IT IS	STEVIE FACE
2	3	14	BETTER MAN	TERRY LINNEN
3	6	8	STRONGER	D'ANGEL
4	4	12	I LOVE YOU ANY WAY	BARBEE
5	5	7	CALM DOWN YOUR NERVES	BESCENTA
6	8	9	LOVE REIGNS	TAURUS RILEY / BUGLE
7	7	9	SO IN LOVE	HEZRON
8	2	19	KEEP IT TO YOUR SELF	QUEEN IFRICA
9	12	4	AMBER ALERT	MERCILES
10	15	2	CAN'T SLEEP	ROMAINE VIRGO
11	NEW		MISSING YOU RIGHT NOW	DAV'ILLE
12	13	3	JAH JAH SEE DEM A COME	SUGAR ROY & CONRAD CRYSTAL / GYPTIAN
13	14	3	MY JAMAICAN GIRL	PRINCE PANKI
14	10	26	ONE OF A KIND	LEROY SMART
15	11	18	FAR AWAY	TAURUS RILEY

TOP FIVE BOBBLER

1	NEW	BAD MAN DON'T CRY	SHAGGY
2	NEW	GOOD MORNING BEAUTIFUL	MARK-ICE
3	NEW	IM A JAMAICAN	GOWDIE RANKS
4	NEW	MONEY FI MEK	LEROY SMART
5	NEW	TALK IT OVER	LT.BROOKSIE



— ROMAINE VIRGO —

Single
"CAN'T SLEEP"

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 FROG SEY WAT IS JOKE TO YU IS DEATH TO ME.
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 DI HIGHER DI MONKEY CLIME AH DI MORE HIM EXPOSE
 — — — — —
 WHO NUH FE NUH FA
 — — — — —
 FIRE DEH A MUSS MUSS TAIL HIM TINK A COOL BREEZE
 — — — — —
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By Pruff

Shaggy dared Jamaica and raised \$27 million for The Bustamante Children's Hospital!!!



for the very beautiful Tessanne Chin to grace the stage. Attired in a lovely green dress, she belted out **Messenger** and **Hide Away** reminding the crowd that they need to take care of the children as they are the future. Big Yard's Christopher Martin was up next and he drove the ladies wild with **Take My Wings**. Tarrus Riley was in top form performing **Stay With You** and **She Is Royal** and entertained the crowd with Dean Frasier.

hits such as **Down By The River**. Buju was mystical, singing **Liberate The People**, **Driva** and **The Lord's Prayer** with Gramps of Morgan Heritage.

Macy Gray started off a bit shaky but got a grip of herself in the end, connecting with the crowd with her hit, **I Try**. Lady Saw was very lady like doing **No Less Of A Woman**, before the Energy God Elephant Man took the stage. It was like a dance class onstage as Ele did **Nuh Linga**, **Sweep** and **Gully Creeper**. Elephant expressed that he was pleased to see so many people turn out for a worthy cause and ended his set with a rendition of **We Are The World**.

International recording superstar Shaggy dared his peers in the music industry to assist him in providing first class entertainment, in aid of raising money for the Bustamante Children's Hospital and they responded well. He also dared Jamaican citizens to spend between \$5,000 to \$20,000 in aid of the same cause, to view over a dozen artistes performing at what many may argue as one of the best concerts Jamaica has witnessed. In January the Shaggy and Friends I Dare You concert was a mega success! Over 3000 patrons turned out for the stellar event, helping Shaggy and Friends to raise over \$27 million for the Bustamante Children's Hospital.



Shaggy graced the stage again in a complete different attire, to perform **Oh Carolina** and **Summertime** with long time partner Rayvon. Dancehall superstar Sean Paul gave a very energetic performance with hits such as **Give It Up To Me**. The energy was kept flowing by the Queen of Soca Allison Hinds who did **Roll It** and **Togetherness**.

Daville closed his set with a beautiful duet with veteran Marcia Griffiths on **All My Life**. Marcia continued going into hits such as **I Feel The Fire Burning**, and Freddie Mcgregor replied with **When Push Come To Shove**.

Shaggy was onstage again doing **Angel** after which Luciano sang **Sweep Over My Soul** and **Lord Give Me Strength**. Etana had the crowd's attention as she did **I Am Not Afraid**, **Roots** and **Warrior Love**.

Morgan Heritage was without Mojo, but did a good set with



LADY SAW

The show ended with all the artistes who performed, doing a new song **Save A Life**, specifically made for the cause.

The Big Eye gives this event 4.5 eyes out of 5, and this is only because of the absence of J.Holiday and Sean Kingston who were advertised to perform.



ALLISON HINDS



OLIVIA 'BABS'Y' GRANGE



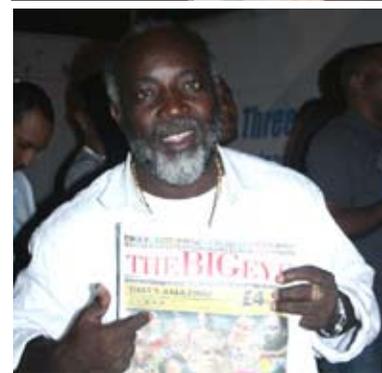
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“JAMAICA CUSTOMS INTRODUCES NEW REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS SHIPMENT TO JAMAICA”

By Beverly Johnson, Managing Director, JLB International (Shipping) Ltd

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For my over 25 years in the freight and shipping business I have seen some odd commodities being described as personal effects. I once had a customer who was shipping a mobile home and called it personal effect. It is for this reason that Jamaica Customs introduced new requirements for the description – Personal & Household Effects, as they contend it a vague description.

Effective February 1, 2009 the Jamaica Customs Department will no longer accept the vague description “personal and household effects” without a supporting rider or packing list to the Manifest and Bill of Lading; detailing the content of the consignment. All Carriers, Freight Forwarders, Consolidators and Shippers are advised that for the purpose of cargo reporting and manifesting the Manifest and Bill of Lading must now give details of the description of the consignment, quantity, weights and measurement. Where the description on the Manifest and Bill of Lading reads Personal & Household Effects (as in the case of a full container for a returning resident) each items should be clearly numbered and a detail packing list is presented to Customs and the Shipping Line or agent.

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SPORTS IN 2008

Horace Hyde

The past 365 days were simply incredible for the sporting arena. There were many highs and lows and even many in between moments, but they all played a part in what was a dynamic sporting year. Football, golf, tennis, athletics and all others sports for that matter had their fair share of disappointments, triumphs, upsets and failures all of which was enough to satisfy any sports lover's insatiable sporting appetite.



SPANISH TEAM

In football long time under achievers Spain finally broke their jinx as they won the European championship in quite a spectacular fashion, out scoring the likes of many time champions Germany and World Champions Italy on their way to clinching the title. On the courts the reign of Sir Roger Federer was ended by his rival the Spaniard Rafael Nadal who snatched not only the world number one ranking but also the Wimbledon trophy in one of the most thrilling finals ever played. Formula one racing was blessed with its first black winner as Britain's Lewis Hamilton outclassed all his rivals to claim the driver's title. There was also



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a big first in the Champion's League as the first all English final took place between Chelsea and Manchester United with the Red Devils winning after penalties. The N.B.A saw the rebirth of its most renowned rivalry when the Lakers and the Celtics met in the finals and after six games it was Boston that had the last laugh. The U.S.A won the rider cup over their European counterparts despite being without the top golfer Tiger Woods who was injured for most of the season.



USAIN BOLT

The toast of 2008 however was without a doubt the Beijing Olympics which was exquisitely coordinated, and had the entire world glued to their television to witness the performances of the best athletes on earth. Throughout the competition every venue was packed with vocal fans cheering on their country of choice thus bringing out spectacular performances on the courts, in the pool, on the field, on the track and in every other domain as well. The overall winner at the end was the host nation China having amassed the most medals, other big winners were America's swimming sensation Michael Phelps with 8 gold medals

and of course Jamaica's sprint phenomenon Usain Bolt with 3 gold medals. The entire Jamaican track team had an incredible Olympics as they dominated the sprint events, leaving the mighty American sprinters as well as all the other challengers in their dust. The team won an historic 11 medals with

6 golds, 3 silvers and 2 bronzes, this success brought great joy to Jamaicans at home and abroad and on their return to the island there were big celebrations to commemorate their achievements as they were during the games.



REGGAE BOYZ

The year did not bring all smiles to Jamaican sports fan as while the track stars shined the Reggae Boyz endured a dismal qualifying campaign that started off poorly and could not be made good despite three consecutive wins in their last three matches. The team finished in third place on the same amount of points as Mexico who had a better goal difference and qualified second behind group winners Honduras for the final qualifying



MICHAEL PHELPS

round. Despite the campaign ending in failure there were still great moments during, especially the three consecutive home games where the fans turned out in their numbers, to help create a very festive environment in an effort to encourage the team and though they were disappointed they vowed to continue their support. With the new year already upon us we are expecting even greater things from the sports men and women of the world as we know that anything is possible for them so bring on the sports 2009 overdose.



MANCHESTER UNITED

Batting To The Top

Michael Harrison



Shivnarine Chanderpaul

At present the West Indies boast the top batsmen in the world. Veterans Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Captain Chris Gayle are currently ranked as the best in test and one day internationals respectively. For a team that lost over 80% of their matches last year, Gayle and Chandepaul have shed some light on what looks like a gloomy future.

The world can hardly debate the unique talents of the two men but, one has to question how they managed such a feat in the face of adversity in what is a disappointing dressing room.

Chanderpaul has been the top ranked test batsman for the majority of 2008: In 13 Test matches played during 2007 and 2008 he has averaged 104, with six hundreds and 10 fifties in 23 innings. Gayle climbed from the number five spot after the recent tour of New Zealand in December, where he demolished the host bowling attack over five ODI's and two 20twenty matches. He toppled India's mercurial captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni to reclaim top spot since April of 2004. Chanderpaul languishes in a

commendable fourth spot. Despite their rich vein of form, the West Indies lost the one day series 2-1.

The English tour of the Caribbean is next and the West Indies will desperately depend on Gayle and Chanderpaul, and it will be interesting to see how the Windies stand against firmer opposition. The English played the first of four test matches at Sabina Park on February 4th. The remainder of the tour consists of one 20/20 and five ODI's.

The rest of the squad with Ramnaresh



Captain Chris Gayle

Sarwan lacks depth in the batting department, hence the top order will be under pressure to get the majority of runs. But the English, led by newly appointed captain Andrew Strauss, are themselves under pressure to do well. The English press heavily questions Strauss's ability as a captain, and the team needs a good series to build confidence ahead of their Ashes series clash with Australia.

The form of Gayle and Chanderpaul can be a mode of inspiration to spiral the rest of the team, to challenge competitively and get a positive result at the end of the tour.

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP IN A NUT SHELL



Anelka



Robinho



Bent

It's amazing to see the world's best and most watched football league (the English Premiership) boasting so many skilful BLACK players, yet it is even better to know that the top goal scorers in this league are also BLACK. Yes my fellow BIG EYE readers we as BRITAIN'S FASTEST GROWING BLACK NEWSPAPER are proud to let you know that the days of liberation are truly here, for the English Premiership which occupied the place of the 1st Division, which less than two decades ago could count on one of its hand the number of BLACK players in that entire league, yet in early 2009 we can say that the players demanding the most money in the world today are BLACK and that is not by chance but by SKILL.

Today in the English Premiership 6 out of the top 8 goal scorers are BLACK namely Chelsea's Anelka, Man City's Robinho, Aston Villa's Agbonlahor, Tottenham's Darren Bent, Sunderland's Cisse and Tottenham's Defoe. Yet with all of this I am positive that each player as at some stage in their career experienced some form of racism directed towards them in this beautiful game. But still let's be grateful that things are not as bad as they used to be for although racism is still very much in the game there are more laws in place to counteract the abuse and the abuser, yet little comfort it must be to the abused just to consider that the heart of man hasn't changed it's just the law that prevents them from showing there true colours.

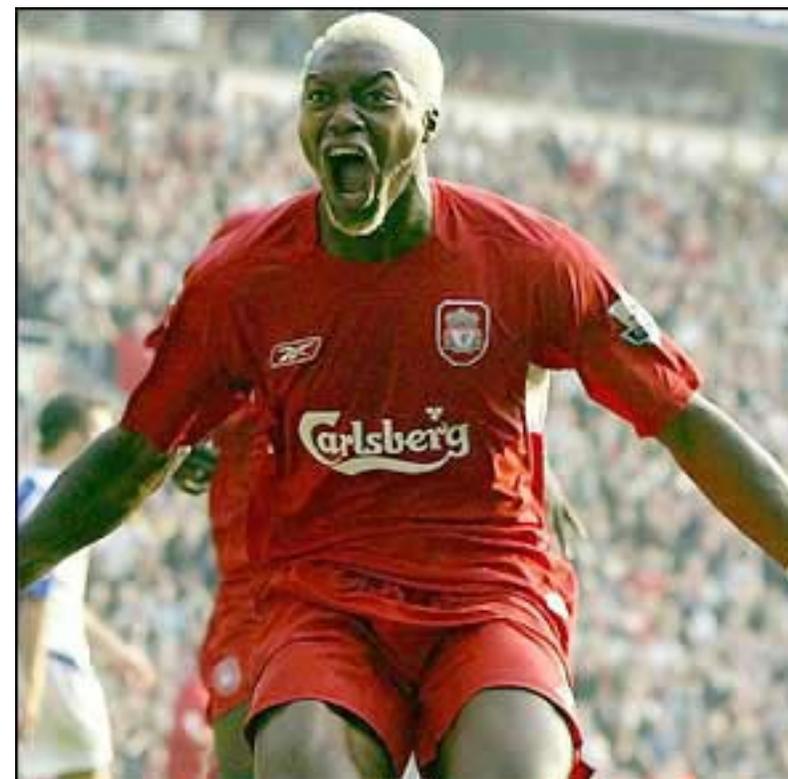
THE BIG EYE urges all of our readers to support our BLACK players out there because being a star definitely comes with a price when your BLACK, and in this world some things are not always BLACK and WHITE as some would like to think but just like the top goal scorers in the premiership some things are just BLACK.



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