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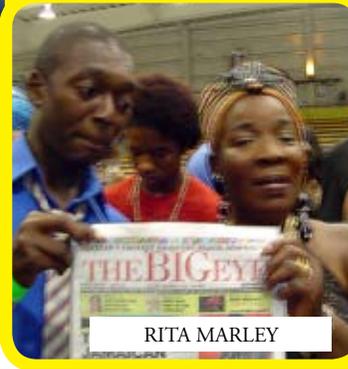
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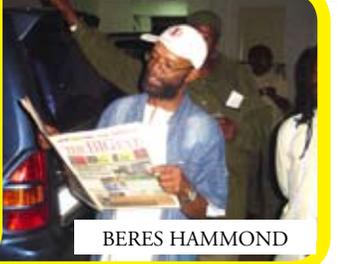
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It was Saturday 14th June 08 the sun was shining and motor cars and coaches from around the country were gearing up destined for Bristol, yes it was the historical day that all DOMINOE lovers had anticipated THE BIG EYE in association with JAMAICAN NATIONAL "One Day Knock Out Dominoe Tournament." The Event was held at the Malcomn X Centre in St Paul's Bristol and was also co sponsored by Jewel Isle Rum Punch, Heineken Beer, Grace Ken-

nedy Food Products & JWray & Nephew.

As the best Dominoe teams in the country made their way into Bristol followed by their loyal fans the atmosphere was guaranteed to be explosive. BY 1.30 pm the Malcomn X Center was filled to it's capacity as most of the coaches had arrived. Every where you looked you could see hundreds of yellow & white BIG EYE /JN Tshirts worn by players & spectators
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Businesses fail to recognise the spending power of the BME communities.

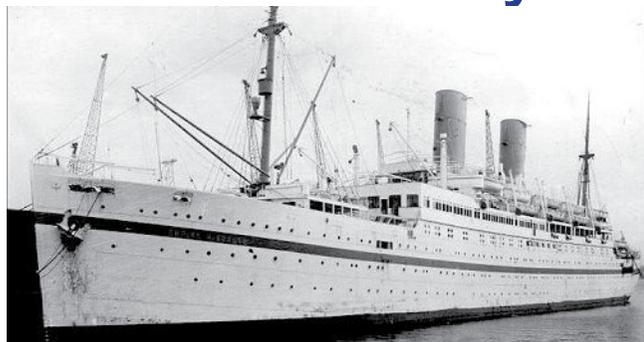


The spending power of BME communities continually grows immensely each year, however businesses fail to take note of this in the UK. Tapping into this market has proved lucrative in the US. Bright Star Public Relations, a UK's PR consultancy will be hosting a seminar to address what UK businesses are missing out on and to highlight the business case for engaging with black and minority ethnic

consumers. Communicating in Multicultural Britain takes place on September 2 2008, with one aim in mind - to help communication practitioners and business leaders to adopt a heterogeneous approach when it comes to reaching out to consumers in the UK.

On average 10% of the population is ethnic, with an expected spending power of £300 billion in 2010, which is a considerable amount considering the size of the population. Bieneosa Ebite (MD Bright Star Public Relations), said: Unfortunately there isn't enough cultural diversity at seniors levels to influence the market, which explains why the UK is slow to catch on.

Windrush 60th Anniversary.



On 12 June, former passengers on the MV Empire Windrush attended the opening of From War to Windrush. A new special exhibition at Imperial War Museum London, to mark the 60th anniversary of the first arrival in Britain, by telling personal stories. The exhibition was opened by Diane Abott MP Sam King MBE, Born in Jamaica in 1926, Sam King returned to Britain on the MV Empire Windrush after serving with the Royal Air Force in Britain from 1944 until 1947. After serving a further four years in the RAF, King went on to become a Labour councillor in Southwark and in 1983 became the borough's first Black mayor. Allan Wilmot, born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1925. Wilmot joined the Royal

Navy at the outbreak of the Second World War and served on board HMS Hauken until 1943 when he was transferred to the Royal Air Force. After a brief period in Jamaica after the war, Wilmot returned to Britain in 1947 and developed his career as an actor and singer. He was a founding member of the singing group the Southlanders, who enjoyed chart success in the 1960s. These veterans were at the exhibition to share their stories and achievements. The exhibition shows historical and personal memorabilia, some of which has been displayed in public for the first time. The exhibition also shows how black women and black men contributed to the establishment of Britain's Caribbean population.

Ethnic mortality Rate Higher



for white babies. The death rate was quite high in the 1st month amongst Caribbean babies and quite high in the 1st year for Pakistani babies. This is the 1st report that has been broken down into ethnicity. Michael Head (Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Spokesperson) highlighted

On average 3,200 babies die in infancy each year. The death rate amongst Pakistani and Caribbean communities born in 2005 was reported as twice as high as infants born amongst white communities. This information was reported by the office of national statistics, in comparison the death rate amongst Caribbean babies was 9.8 per 1,000, Pakistani babies 9.6 per 1000 compare to 4.5 per 1,000

why these figures were not surprising. He said 'The problem is people in ethnic communities do not always access the health care effectively, however, there might be a specific cultural reason to explain the differences. For example cousin marriage - raises the risk of congetial abnormalities, found more common amongst the Pakistani Communities where abortion is not an option.



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showing appreciation to the organisers that put on the event.

The atmosphere was as good as the liveliest carnival, with sweet Reggae music being played on the inside, Jerk Chicken on the outside, in almost every hand you would see, a bottle of Grace Tropical Rhythm juice drink, or a bottle of Heinek- en, or a bottle of Jewel Isle Rum Punch, or a bottle of Red Stripe or a glass of JWray & nephew Rum mixed with coke.

After all the coaches arrived and old friends ended their greetings of each other the MC for the day Mr Naptalie called for attention and the eleven team captains were given the order of play. The eleven teams were BradField, Wolver- hampton, Tottenham All Stars, Cosmo, Bristol, Clapham Eagles, Croydon, Brixton, Leicester Ti- gers, Hampton Hawks, Tooting & Balham. With all the best teams in the country battling for supremacy it was not surprising that the com- petition took nine hours to end.

With nine teams knocked out all attention was drawn to the finalist Brixton & Clapham Eagles, both teams shared the desire to win this 1st annual BIG EYE / JN CUP but at the end of play there could only be one winner and that was Brixton.

Prizes given out on the night were cases of Jewel Isle Rum Punch, 15 baskets filled with Grace Kennedy Food Products, Cases of JWray & Nephew Rum, a total of five tro- phies and thousands of pounds of cash paid out between all the com- peting teams.

Mrs Rhoda Lee the operational manager of Jamaica National stated "it was a good event the turn out was overwhelming and we look forward to an even bigger event next year."

Mr and Mrs Witter who were very instrumental in the organising of the event stated "this is definitely a brand new day in the joyful game of Dominoe and they can sense

that others are feeling the same way.

Mr Mitchell CEO of THE BIG EYE simply said "to GOD be the glory Great things HE has done" he also went on to thank all the sponsors that joined with him to make this day a grand success and then publicly announced that there will be a BIG EYE One Day Knock out Dominoe Competition three times a year to be held in different parts of the country. The next competi- tion will take place in Leicester on Saturday 8th November 08. For more info contact 07947511065 or 07930361578



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THE ROAD TO SALVATION

There are many different religions in the world, therefore; there are many routes to salvation or the destination of pure spirituality. Most religions have their own prophets and doctrines and as a result each takes their own path to find salvation and inner peace. Most religions have their prophets that are an example for the members to follow. The Christians have Jesus, the Muslims have Mohammed, and the Buddhists have Buddha, while other religions such as Hinduism do not have a prophet. The different religions in the past and present are the main cause of human suffering even though they are suppose to offer mankind some sort of guidance to find the Supreme Being. Many wars have been fought over religion from the crusades where the Christians and the Muslim were engaged in a very bloody war over the Holy Land to the Spanish inquisition when Catholicism tried to dominate the

other religions and as a result many people lost their lives. Religion is one of the main causes of racism and inequality, it was used as an argument to justify slavery and as a result the Africans went through four hundred years of hell during which millions died. Religion also caused the American Indians to be almost extinct; it also contributed to the total annihilation of the Arawak Indians in the Caribbean. Many would also suggest that the war that is now going on in the Middle East is another Christian crusade. Religion has caused hatred against the Jews and as a result millions died in the years of world war two. Religion in the past was forced upon people, it wasn't a choice, free thinkers and independent spiritual persons were branded as witches and wizards and as a result many of these persons were executed for their own personal beliefs. Looking back at all the negative occurrences in history that was

say that I am my religion for God resides within me, you don't have to go into a church or a mosque to find God all you have to do is look within. Seek and you shall find, knock on the door of your soul and it will open the way to spiritual consciousness. We came into this world with the secret of the universe; however, we lost it through our own ignorance and the mentality that human beings must be led. We are programmed in the way we think; even our own personal beliefs are an element of things that were taught to us. Due to this programming, it is very difficult for us to have independent thoughts that will enable us to once again find ourselves back to the source of creation, the energy that governs the universe and every living aspect of it. This hidden knowledge lies within each and every one of us, to find this source of wisdom and knowledge we have to search deep within our minds so that we can remember that which was forgotten. Religion is the starting point for the long spiritual journey home, but the real guide lies within your own consciousness. In order to start seeing your real purpose on earth or the reason you exist you must dig deep, meditation is essential for reaching this level of enlightenment. It wouldn't hurt to study all the different religions maybe you can take an

element of each that will help you on your spiritual journey. **The minute you start thinking that your religion is the one true access to God, this is when you literally block the knowledge the other religions offer.** If time was taken to study the Native Americans way of life and how they live in harmony with nature and their fellow man instead of massacring them, the pilgrims who themselves were fleeing religious persecution would have been more enlightened, but they instead tried to force their beliefs on the Native Americans and as a result most of the knowledge and wisdom got lost forever. Religious and racial segregation is the main barrier preventing us from uniting as human beings. We need to merge our understanding of spirituality; we need to develop a universal thought pattern that encompasses the beliefs of every one. We need to look beyond the color of skin and gender. The universal mind set will allow us to be more innovative and more productive as humans, we need to celebrate our perceptual differences and appreciate the diversity of life, we need to see each other as spiritual beings and not the shell of the body and we need to unite spiritually so that we can gain full knowledge, wisdom and understanding of all that was, is and is to come.



GREGORY ISAACS ROCKS CARDIFF

the multi – cultural crowd, all there to see one man – Gregory Isaacs.

The club was filled to such a capacity some people had to be turned away. Gregory said to one of the promoters Mr Paul Bowen, "Man gonna get a show tonight" and boy he was right!

Fans came from all over the UK. The highlight of the night was when Gregory sang "Night Nurse" one of his greatest tunes of all time. The crowd went wild and all sang along. Supporting act Live Wyya rocked the venue to fever pitch into the early hours.

I was fortunate enough to catch up with

both stars as a writer for the "Big Eye News" to have a chat. They told me they loved Cardiff and could not wait to come back as the atmosphere was electric. Both stars were supportive of the Big Eye newspaper and will keep a look out for it in Jamaica where it is also read.

The last time Gregory Isaacs performed in Cardiff was 25 years ago at Sophia Gardens alongside Aswad, Misty and Roots, The Specials and many more. This was a special event entitled "Rock against Racism".

I believe we should have more events like this especially in Cardiff as it is a multicultural city and has been for as long as I can remember.

The one club that sticks in my mind was called Casablanca which was located in Cardiff Bay. As Casablanca played some of the best Reggae and Ska music around, people travelled from all over the UK to enjoy a night out there. Unfortunately the club is now closed even though they had a reunion this April it would be wonderful if they could reopen.

We can also look forward to Sanchez and many more Jamaican artists coming to Cardiff and if we're lucky enough Gregory Isaacs and Live Wyya will return soon.

and bou I better say bye for now as you've got mi goin talking bout all dis music!

Until next month, peace and chill to your music.

Love and God bless

JJ

P.S.

I dedicate this column to an old friend of mine Paul Wickens, who grew up in a predominantly white area and idolized Gregory Isaacs all his life, he also owns every one of his records.

It was a busy bank holiday weekend in Cardiff city centre. People had enjoyed the sunshine and were now ready to party the night away. As the night progressed into the twilight hours people were getting more and more excited about an international reggae stars appearance at Q bar. The atmosphere outside the club was breathtaking due to the amount of excitement created by

Insert: Julie with live wyya band member



Above: Julie promoters & gregory isaacs

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THE POWER OF PERSUASION

honey, as the side effects are rushed with the closing line "... and in rare cases death".

If someone walked up to you saying "yow try this, it wicked but be careful, it can kill yuh", surely instincts won't allow you to accept such an offer. Nonetheless, presenting that very same idea in a more polished manner then attaching it to promises of yielding magical results at unprecedented speeds tends to seize the lifting of red flags and thoughts of concern that would usually follow such proposals. Then again, maybe the word "death" has simply lost its discomfoting effect.

Why not place that infamous line at the end of all political campaigning slogans? "JLP- free public health care... and in rare cases death". How about "PNP- toll roads for the poor... and in rare cases death". Ok, that was a bit corny, but the point remains that similar to so-called beneficial products that lure unwitting support, the side effect of almost every political decision does result in death. For instance, numerous amounts of persons have died on the spot via car accidents along Jamaica's "grand" Highway 2000 project, especially on the Portmore Toll Road in St. Catherine. The previous PNP government made the decision to destroy a sufficiently functional infrastructure namely the

Causeway Bridge, which once served the Portmore Community, then labelled it obsolete in order to tax citizens on a new toll road, that Jamaica doesn't even own. So now Jamaicans pay \$60 to \$200 to race over a bridge to see who can reach home without dying – a local version of Russian roulette. A classic case of "the greatest good for the greatest number" one could surely argue, right?

Evidently society has come to accept the devaluation of human life and the ending of life is merely an event that will and does happen everyday. The global community has become desensitised to death thus ascribing slight value to life. Concluding that such a

sad phase of human existence must have taken little persuasion since society strangely bestows changes on itself then complains as the concept of "belief kills and belief cures" unfolds.

But wait! There's more... No need to fib or tint the facts. The cigarette industry has proven that the truth can set you free. Cartons of cigarettes are sold like hot bread despite the packets' bold warning: "SMOKING KILLS". Research after research has been published by both tobacco companies and external organisation attesting to the negative influence smoking has on the body yet people persist to crave these harmful products. Legally no crimes have been committed – consumers have options and the capacity to exercise freewill – so after all, the tobacco industry is too a business set on making profit just like any other. So to get your daily dosage of daunting honesty, look no further than to a box of cigs.

Things and times change they say, this is not excluding the evolution of human ability to persuade. It's absolutely fascinating how companies, especially in the pharmaceutical industry, use a flamboyantly lavish language to sway minds and pockets in their direction. Easily the healing properties of exotic herbs with unpronounceable names are boosted to be mixed with the highest standard of



Proof of Vaz's culpability bore out in his admission to having applied for and travelled on a US passport during his adult life. The evidence therefore spoke for itself.

The ruling has effectively disqualified Vaz from sitting in Parliament. He will however remain fixed in his seat until further legal wrangling by Dabdoub ends. The self dubbed 'guided missile' has appealed Chief Justice McCalla's decision not to hand him the seat given the fact that he was the only legal candidate on the ticket. A lack of clarity and definitiveness in Dabdoub's notices of Vaz's unsuitability were cited by the Chief Justice as reason for her decision in this respect. Mr. Dabdoub views that rationale as an error in interpreting the effect of his notices. We must wait on the Court of Appeal in this matter.

This landmark ruling does present the country with a dilemma. Jamaica has the vast majority of its citizenry outside of its shores. Individuals settle abroad to seek a better way of life. A desire that is difficult to satisfy locally given the socio-economic difficulties we face.

These Jamaicans do not abandon 'yard' entirely. Every year they send billions of dollars in foreign exchange to family members struggling to subsist in the cities and the country side. By disallowing them to participate in the highest levels of political representation do we send the wrong signal about the extent of our appreciation for their contributions? Given the skills and expertise they acquire while abroad do we short change ourselves by excluding them from participation?

Perhaps not, but as Paul Ashley has pointed out in his blog 'there are certain positions within the administration of a nation-state which should be held by the people having undivided allegiance to the nation-state involved'. If an individual decides to run for public office or even serve as its Chief Justice the people should be confident that said individuals are as bound to their laws and verdicts as the people are. The people don't want to be abandoned in the boat when the seas get rough.'

It is time the country review the relevant provisions in the constitution with a view to fashioning a modern and more practical constitutional framework. While we're at it we should rework the constitution in its entirety. An untouched imported constitution from 1962 may not serve us as well as an updated one.

In the meantime PM Golding faces a political dilemma of his own. Three more of his MPs have been carried to court over the same matter. Even if Dabdoub's appeal fails Daryl Vaz will have to vacate his seat for a by election to be called. He has renounced his citizenship and has said he is ready to face the people again. His unqualified colleagues are not. With an already slim margin in the House the PM may be tempted to call a general election to settle the matter.

The electorate however is no mood to return to the polls. Moreover, ever increasing food prices and a spiralling murder rate has instilled a palpable anti-government sentiment. Recent polls have suggested that the PNP is ahead of the JLP in popular support. The PM is in quite a bind.

DUAL CITIZEN ROW DABDOUB VS. VAZ

'The first respondent has by virtue of his own act, acknowledged his allegiance, obedience or adherence to the United States of America'

The preceding are the words many expected to hear. That sentence is the core of the ruling handed down by Chief Justice Zaila McCalla in the Supreme Court case of Abe Dabdoub vs. Daryl Vaz. Vaz is of course the respondent in the case. The current MP for Western Portland was slapped with a suit by Dabdoub immediately following the last general elections. Dabdoub lost that seat to Vaz by 933 votes.

Dabdoub, who has used the court to enter Parliament twice before, challenged Vaz's eligibility to become an MP based upon section 40 (2) (a) of the constitution which ostensibly prohibits non-Commonwealth dual citizens from sitting in the House.

New discrimination Law is a Joke

Harriet Harman (equality Minister) is in favour of allowing business discriminate in favour of whom they feel is better

sued for the job. Talk about two steps backward, I can see it now, 'Receptionist wanted to work

in all white call centre would not suit individuals from ethnic communities'. I don't think so, this one needs rethinking.

Vogue Italia to only feature Black models



You don't see black models grace the front pages of the fashion magazines, apparently they just don't sell.

July sees only black models to grace the pages of the July's edition of The Italian Vogue, in a statement against decimation in the world of fashion. With over 100 pages, you will see only black models, including the front cover.

Throughout the magazine the pictures will accompany articles on successful black women in the arts and entertainment.

It will only be the Italian edition to take such a stand, the US edition will only feature an article on the lack of black models in the fashion world.

Italian Vogue's Editor Franca Sozzani, explained her decision was influenced by Barack Obama's success and the various leading black figures, models, designers and agents that have formed a group in protest to this discrimination.

Steven Meisel photographed one of the models feature in the 100 page magazine, he has also photographed the black fashions world's biggest names such as Naomi Campbell, Iman, Tyra banks etc. Meisel said: 'I thought, it' was ridiculous, this discrimination. It's so

crazy to live in such a narrow narrow place. Age, weight, sexuality, race – every kind of prejudice.

I have asked my advertising clients so many times, 'Can we use a black girl? They say no.' He told the New York Times.

Models have spoken about the exclusion. Naomi Campbell has voiced her concerns that black models are 'sidelined'.

The business has grown increasingly discriminatory, towards black women and is now at it's lowest since the 1960s.

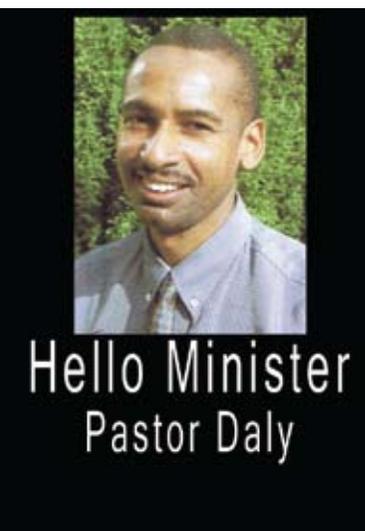
The lack of ethnic models on the catwalk and in magazines has long been a concern and needs to be addressed.

British designer Vivienne Westwood went so far to demand a quota so that fashion magazines would be forced to use more black models. Unfortunately there is a demand for a certain look and currently the demand is for mostly Caucasian models – especially Russians and middle Europeans.

I also think the problem stems from photographers not knowing how to effectively enhance/light the skin of a black model.

Prime example, for weeks I and my family were looking forward to my 'professional' graduation photos, but when I got them, we were all so very very dark, they didn't know what to do with the photos. Money well spent.

This edition would have already been release in Italy, reaching the UK in a couple of weeks, for your copy you will need to visit your nearest WHSmiths. The support in the UK has been immense, change is coming.



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Hello Minister
HOW CAN I TEACH MY
CHILDREN ABOUT JESUS
AND IN WHAT WAY CAN I
MAKE IT FUN AND INTER-
ESTING FOR THEM?

Pastor Daly

Teaching children about Jesus is a positive way in instilling good moral values that will enable them to live an upright life. This can be done in many ways through spending time with them in reading a children's bible, taking

them to church, buying Christian cartoon DVDs about bible stories but most of all teaching and leading by example.

Hello Minister
HELLO MINISTER
WHO IS AN ARCH
ANGEL?

Pastor Daly
 An arch angel is a highest form of angel created by God, who reigns in the heavenly realms ministering to God.

Hello Minister
WHAT'S THE BIBICAL
MEANING ON JESUS WEPT
AND WHY DID HE WEEP?

Pastor Daly
 The fact that Jesus wept shows how he became in tune with human emotions. In this incident Jesus was called to heal Lazarus whom by the time Christ had arrived was already dead. On his arrival Christ met many who were mourning for Lazarus. Christ felt for the anguish of these people and likewise wept. The fact that they also never fully understood that he was the resurrection and the life and able to bring Lazarus back to life brought a sense of sadness of their lack of understanding of who is was.

Hello Minister
HOW DID THE WORD VAL-
ENTINE COMES ABOUT?
WHAT IS YOUR BIBICAL
VIEW? IS IT JUST ONCE A
YEAR ONE SHOULD LOVE
THEIR LOVE ONES?

Pastor Daly
 The celebration of Valentines Day has no biblical support. The ethos of the day however i.e. highlighting the importance of relationships is a positive biblical principle which indeed should be encouraged throughout the entire year.

The bible does not tell us what colour skin Jesus had, neither any of his other physical features. Based on assumption, the area in which Christ was born (the Middle East) alludes to the fact that Christ may have been olive/brown in complexion and appearance. For a true follower of Christ however it is the person of Christ and what he represents that proves to be more important.

Hello Minister
WHY IS PORK AN UNCLEAN
MEAT? HOW CAN IT BE UN-
CLEAN WHEN GOD IS THE
ONE WHO MADE IT?

Pastor Daly

In the book of Leviticus 11 the bible outlines what is clean and unclean to eat. Not everything God made was designed for human consumption. Some animals like the swine/pig have a specific purpose in its life as that of a scavenger-to devour waste and decaying material. God who created us knows what's best for our bodies and we would be wise to take counsel on foods that are fit for purpose.

Hello Minister
IF THERE IS ONE GOD,
WHY THERE IS SO MANY
RELIGIONS?

Pastor Daly

This could take all day to answer-unfortunately we do see so many different faiths, and religions all professing to be the truth. There is indeed one God and those religions that ascribe to this usually refer to him by different names. Variation in what religions belief comes down to varying interpretation of scripture and holding in esteem other holy books that are considered the true book.

Hello Minister
GREETING TO YOU
I AM A RASTAFARIAN THAT
WANTS TO BE A CHRIS-
TIAN, BUT I WON'T CUT
OFF MY LOCK. HOW CAN
YOU EDUCATE ME ON
THE REASON WHY THE
CHURCH CONDEMNS
RASTAFARIANISM AND
WHY IS IT AN ACTIVE CR-
TERIA FOR A CHRISTIAN
MAN TO HAVE A LOW CUT
HAI? I FIND IT DIFFICULT
TO BELIEVE IT IS NECES-
SARY FOR ME TO CUT MY
HAIR TO ENTER THE KIG-
DOM OF HEAVEN. BORN
AGAIN YES BUT TO CUT
MY HAIR NO.

Pastor Daly

You mentioned that you were a Rastafarian who wants to become a Christian and that is commendable to you. Coming out of one faith into another is never easy and no doubt many of your associates will look to you to see if there are any changes in your lifestyle and behaviour as you adopt a Christian faith. Because long locks is often associated with the

Rastafarian movement it will always be difficult for other people not to assume that you are still a Rastafarian by keeping your locks, If you are able to portray yourself as a changed person by your actions and conduct there is no real reason why you would need to cut your locks, but how others perceive you by your appearance may not be in line with what you want to profess in your faith. For this reason some choose to cut their locks so as not to portray a former lifestyle which they no longer embrace. The most important thing is that as you grow in your faith and become guided by the word of God and His leading you will know without anyone telling you what is the best way forward.

Hello Minister
I AM A CATHOLIC MEMBER
AND I AM IN LOVE WITH
A BROTHER FROM A DIF-
FERENT RELIGION. HE
WANTS TO MARRY ME BUT
MY QUESTION TO YOU IS
DO YOU THINK IT WILL
AFFECT OUR MARRIAGE
SINCE WE HAVE DIFFER-
ENT BELIEVES?

Pastor Daly

Relationships between people of different faiths will always bring its differences in beliefs and ways of doing things. This could lead to incompatibility within the relationship. Especially if it's across religions. There will be challenges to contend with that will arise as a result of conflicts in how you perceive the way forward ought to be. Any relationship entered in this situation must be prepared for these impending conflicts and be prepared and committed to work through them. If both parties are totally committed to each other there ought to be a mutual respect for what each other belief. The biblical guidance however is not to be 'yoked together with unbelievers'

TALK TO
PASTOR
DALY

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What a Wonderful Thing!

Janice Ramkissoon

I am still getting used to the new voice recording equipment, given to me by my husband. After my latest recording I accidentally hit the exit button and a blank screen appeared. Later I tried accessing the stored files and on the screen were the following words: 'NO FILES' so I panicked, believing all my files were deleted. Normally, this would make me fume but I felt no form of anger. I found myself smiling, as it reminded me of how God's grace works:

As humans, we constantly make mistakes but when we acknowledge our shortfalls and ask for God's forgiveness, that's like hitting the exit button. Instantly, He takes our sins away; the slate wiped clean and we are freed.

There are reminders of His saving grace stamped all over the bible, for example: Quoting from Isaiah chapter 1 verse 18, the Lord says:

"No matter how deep the stains of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow, even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool".

So if you have allowed the enemy to enter into your life, be reminded of God's promise and allow Him to wipe the slate clean.

Are you carrying any unnecessary burdens today?

Are you carrying the guilt of yesterday's mistakes?

Why not take them to God? He'll erase them and release you from the bondage of sin. You'll then be able to join with the saints singing: "Oh Happy Day, when Jesus washed my sins away". Only then can you experience true freedom from sin and can sing with the writer:

"Oh what a wonderful thing, a very wonderful thing, To be freed from sin and have Christ within; Just to be a joint heir with Jesus my Lord; What a wonderful, wonderful thing."



DAILY MEDITATIONS

TUES 1st:

The LORD is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9

JULY: WED 2ND:

But God demonstrates his love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

JULY: THUR 3RD:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:19

JULY: FRI 4TH:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PSALM 136:1

JULY: SAT 5TH:

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

PSALM 40:11

JULY: SUN 6TH:

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

JULY: MON 7TH:

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

PSALM 134:5

JULY: TUES 8TH:

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

PROVERBS 12:1

JULY: WED 9TH:

A heart at peace gives life to the body but envy rots the bones.

PROVERBS 14:30

JULY: THURS 10TH:

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

you ask him.

ST. MATTHEW 6:8

JULY: FRI 11TH:

O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.

PSALM 38:21

JULY: SAT 12TH:

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

ST. MATTHEW 5:48

JULY: SUN 13TH:

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

PSALM 38:18

JULY: MON 14TH:

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

PSALM 86:3

JULY: TUES 15TH:

I am 'Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is and was, and who is to come the ALMIGHTY.

REVELATION 1:8

JULY: WED 16TH:

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

PSALM 87:2

JULY: THURS 17TH:

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

PROVERBS 19:11

JULY: FRI 18TH:

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

PROVERBS 26:24

JULY: SAT 19TH:

We who are strong ought to bear the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

ROMANS 15:1

JULY: SUN 20TH:

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

PROVERBS 11:14

JULY: MON 21ST:

The LORD is my shepherd I shall

not be in want.

PSALM 23:1

JULY: TUES 22ND:

He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Saviour.

PSALM 24:5

JULY: WED 23RD:

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

PROVERBS 19:20

JULY: THURS 24TH:

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:21

JULY: FRI 25TH:

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

PSALM 18:3

JULY: SAT 26TH:

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

PSALM 49:3

JULY: SUN 27TH:

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

PROVERBS 14:3

JULY: MON 28TH:

Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

ST. MATTHEW 7:1

JULY: TUES 29TH:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

ROMANS 12:9

JULY: WED 30TH:

Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

ROMANS 13:10

JULY: THURS 31ST:

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

PSALM 51:10

VERBAL SLAUGHTER

(WATCH WHAT YOU SAY)

If you find pleasure in another's downfall, I hate to be the bearer of bad news but the shackles are still on. You are bound and sitting in the enemies camp. Insensitive conversation that comes under the umbrella of verbal abuse or what I would like to term 'verbal slaughter' has far outstayed its welcome in our fellowship.

There's nothing to contribute to the edification of the body, during bible study, yet when placed in direct conflict with another, memory floods with bible verses and contributes to the tearing down instead of the building up of the body.

Sticks and stones can break bones but harsh words will crush the spirit of a saint. So choose your words wisely. What you do to the least of His children, you do unto Him. Watch your tongue! God is listening! And though you quote the scripture with clarity, when you use it to slaughter your brother or sister, it doesn't give honour unto God.

Watch what you say...

...about the PASTOR:

They too are saints, chosen to be your leader and their spirit can be crushed too. Show them love and respect. The bible teaches us to obey/respect human authority. So encourage them towards spiritual growth instead of helping to tear them down. Our response to their leading can either motivate or demotivate them.

...about the NEW-BORN believer: He/she has just been introduced to the faith. Our behaviour can contribute to the building up of him/her or it can contribute to their spiritual death.

...about the YOUTH:

Yes, they can be rebellious, at times, but they are our future. Treat them with respect. We can chastise without the harsh words. They too are God's beautiful creation and we are responsible for taking care of them. They will practise what we preach and if our sermon is a legacy of contempt/ abusive words which only de-motivate them, they will grow up lacking the confidence they need to move forward. And they will view the church in the wrong image. Let them see Christ in you and want to keep coming to



church beyond their teen years.

...about your BROTHER and SISTER:

We are all at different level in our growth so do not judge. Help those who are weaker than you are and be open to receive help from those who are further along the way. We were all babes at one stage, so let us remove selfishness from our lives and share with each other so we can all continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ.

Imagine the Christian life as a coach journey. Some are seated at the front, others at the back and the rest in the centre. We are all heading in the same direction (working towards the same goal). The difference is that the coach is only meant to pick up passenger. However, our actions or reaction to certain situation can find someone hopping off the coach when it stops to pick up a passengers.

Today is a new day -- a gift no one deserves, so make a start today. God desires praise from a pure heart. Love covers all. Let us love one another like we ought to.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. So, obey the command to love thy neighbour as thyself. Even the individual who present or represents the stumbling block in your path, was created by God. They may, at the time, be living in darkness but it is not God's desire that any of us should perish, so don't be glad when they hurt and don't add to their pain. Though God may have removed them from your path, it may be the beginning of a process for them. So pray for them, that their eyes will be opened and that they too will come to know Christ as their personal Saviour and worship Him as King. We were also once in darkness but now that we have seen the light, we need to keep growing and be a beacon in the little space that we occupy.

**My heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing and make music
with all my soul.
PSALM 108:1**

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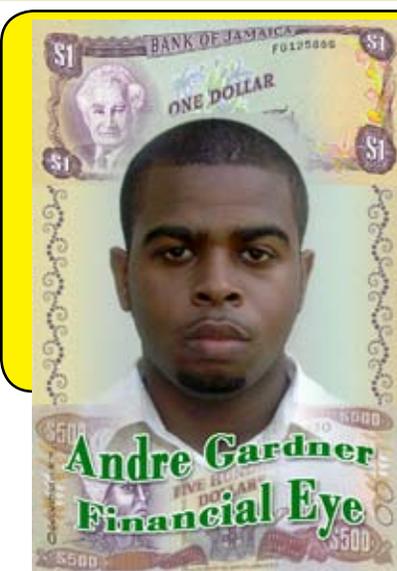
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OIL PRICES: WILL IT KEEP RISING?

Oil prices have been spiraling out of control over the past year. So much so that it is now hovering around US\$ 140 a barrel with predictions that it will reach around US\$ 150 by July 4th. Many individuals may ask if it is a problem of demand exceeding supply, however, the root of the problem lies deeper than mere supply and demand.

Supply and demand is a major problem that contributes significantly to the rise in oil prices. Since oil is such a necessary commodity in most, if not all, industries, a rise in its price will lead to a downturn in most industries in both the developing and developed countries. Hence, it will lead to a downturn in the consumption.

The only way to counter that is by increasing the output of oil. However, is there sufficient spare capacity in oil producing countries, particularly OPEC, to satisfy the demand? Another major problem is that two of the largest countries in the world, India and China are undergoing massive development in their respective countries. As a result of this, the demand for oil is considerably high with little room for a possible decrease anytime soon. Why? The massive amount of construction taking place in both countries as a result of their economic boom is one reason. Another is the upcoming Olympic Games in China. China's economy has been growing so rapidly that the demand on their energy grid is outpacing any increase in capacity. Hence, they have an unstable energy grid system and as a result they are buying up large reserves of oil so as to ensure they don't run out when the games come up

later next month.

The speculators are another set of individuals who impact on the price of oil. They are the ones who profit most from a rise in oil prices other than the suppliers themselves. It should be noted that they are not the only ones who contribute to a rise in the price of oil. However, through their speculative activities they induce further rises in the price of oil. Also, most of these same speculators lost billions in the sub-prime mortgage crises and as a result are looking to make a comeback by speculating against oil futures.

The instability in Iraq is also contributing negatively to the supply of oil and further helps to fuel speculation against oil supplies. Insurgents are very aware that attacking one major pipeline in Iraq can lead to a dramatic increase in oil prices the following day, whether or not the attack was

successful or did major damage. This knowledge has led to many attacks on oil pipelines across Iraq which has led to an increase in the price of oil based on fears of limited supply.

Oil is such an important commodity. So much so, that the smallest change in supply or demand will trigger a dramatic change in its price. That's the law of demand and supply at work. The governments across the globe and especially those of the large developed and developing countries, who are the major consumers of oil, will have to develop ways to curb their appetites for the commodity. They will also have to develop alternative energy resources because world oil supplies are predicted to decrease even further in the future. This is very important because oil affects almost every other commodity. So when its price increases, food, utilities and service costs also increases.



JAMAICA GONE TO DI DAWGS!!!

Jamaica we do things differently, we see someone in dire need of help, contemplating to end their life and what do the people do, they encourage the man to kill himself by shouting, "JUMP!" in a uniformed chorus.

One now has to wonder if Jamaicans are becoming so insensitive to human life that we find it funny and amusing when someone is in need of dire help. We have been accustomed to hearing of people being murdered, raped, kidnapped, and children being molested that we hardly express genuine shock and sympathy anymore. We have even started to blame the victims and in some cases smile and say, "a good fi him, him get whey him deserve". As a nation we need to stop and look and ask how did we reach here? Or was it always like this, is it nothing new? Are we so crazy as Jamaicans that our gun men do not respect women and children anymore, that they jus kill them whenever they cannot catch who they want? What is that proving? That you are a bad man? As far as I am concerned vuh a lady bad

man! Yuh a punk! No man in his right mind should be able to take up a gun and aim at a lady who is 78 and shoot her dead! Even gun men use to have morals in that aspect but it seems no more. Too many teenagers are gunmen now and most of them did not attend Sunday school so there is nothing in them that bites their conscience. **And where are the police in all this? Oh yea parked in some corner, stopping motorists to extort them!** Patrol officers should be doing this, I see all sort of policemen stopping vehicle now and their excuse is that they have intelligence of criminals traveling. All lies! You know where these criminals are, stop accepting bribes and man up and go for these criminals you bunch of cowards, and leave people to drive in peace on the roadways.

I cry at nights to know that Jamaica land we love has reached this stage. Is it a bad mind thing that we have to rob and kill? Why can't a man jus rob and allow a person to live? Whatever might be the answer, we need to change our ways. We need to start having manners,

not only to the elderly, the young, poor and even the rich. We need to stop depending and waiting totally on the government to tell us what to do, as far as I'm concerned these politicians on both sides are living a better life than you and I. They have 24hr security on watch, they can afford to make certain degrading statements to each other in public and get away with it. That does not work for the simpletons; we have to watch what we say and what we do.

I've come to the conclusion that the best thing for us to do is treat each other with respect, nuh care if them own a 2008 Range Rover or them very own ten toe Bimma. Whatever the case and scenario might be we need to stop pretending that we are the baddest, toughest and roughest Jamaicans. This is not a movie, this is real life, we need to start thinking about our children's future, and where we want to be. Jamaica overall at all levels need to change! So the next time we see someone in dire need of help, remember, "A soft answer turneth away wrath but greivous words stir up anger".

Cash Is King

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Outdated plaid short-sleeved shirt and washed-out Khaki pants

Badly needing a shave
Really unkempt
Here to do business
With me!

Is he for real?!

What a horrible looking man!
Do I really have to attend to him?!

Just my luck!

Wants to find out his balance before he withdraws
Withdraw?! Ha!

Maybe I should just save myself the time, from troubling to look, and just tell him – "Zero"
But hey...whatever...the quicker I check, the quicker he goes

Looks at me steadily
Sees my obvious annoyance
Don't care – wanted him to, anyway!

Hold on! Must be looking at the wrong account!
Check the I.D.

Same name...same person
His account!

So many millions?!

US!

Him?!

Looking like that?!

Come to think of it...
That name!

Isn't he the one who owns the Supermarket Chain
The Construction Company!
That 100 room hotel?!

The Pharmacy?!

Oh my goodness!
Money Royalty!

Return his I.D. and give him the information with my most courteous self
Broad smile
Ready to serve a valuable client

Who would have known?!
Not with him looking like that!
Guess when you are worth that much, you can wear whatever you like
Whenever
To wherever
Everything becomes ok, because..money talk!

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OPEN MIND**Success is an Inside Job****Pt1: Developing an Unstoppable Positive Self-image****Ruth Taylor**

Your life is shaped by the way you see, feel and think about yourself. If you want a happy successful life, you must first create it on the inside - see and feel yourself as a happy, confident, successful person. Developing a positive self-image and self-esteem is the key to attracting the success you deserve, both in your personal and professional life - as within, so without. A positive self-image affects your physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual well-being.

Your self-image and self-esteem are closely linked and are established primarily in childhood. Parents and other significant role models have the most influence in shaping a child's self-image and self-esteem - negatively or positively.

For instance, a child spoken to in a positive, loving way; listened to; praised for doing well, and

encouraged to perform his or her best, develops a positive, healthy self-image and self-esteem attitude.

In contrast, childhood experiences of being harshly criticised; spoken down to, or poorly mistreated, reduces a child's sense of worth. Self-limiting beliefs such as, "you aren't smart enough" or "You can never do anything right," creates internal confusion and a poor self-image in such a young mind.

It's important to clarify, that no parent deliberately sets out to hand down a low self-image or self-esteem attitude to their children. Many simply, repeat the mistakes of their elders. As a result, the cycle gets passed from generation to generation.

You have the ability to change any negative self-image you've come to accept about yourself. Is it true, that you aren't smart enough? Answer - No!

If where you are with your life,

right now, is where you want to be - fine. If not - then it's time to upgrade your self-image.

Most of us are quick to upgrade our mobile (cell) phones, computers, cars, or any other material possessions, yet we cease to update the most powerful thing in the world - your mind.

Your mind is the master power which moulds and creates your self-image. The goals you're going after are far less likely to be achieved if your self-image is outdated with the negative beliefs handed down from way back when.

You are the author of your own life. If you're unhappy with the script, know that you have within you the power to re-create your own magnificent version.

The good news is!

There's a powerful force deep within you. When it's channelled and used daily - WILL destroy the effects of low self-esteem:

LOVE - the most powerful force

in the universe.

You cannot develop a positive self-image unless you love yourself. Loving yourself is the most powerful thing you can do towards creating a successful life.

Meditate on love. Feel this energy flowing through your mind, body and spirit. When you mix the energy of love with your vision you create the most powerful outcome possible. Love is a powerful magnetic force for attracting anything which is a righteous desire.

Your inner world does create your outer world. The more you focus on feeling good inside and building your self-image, the easier it will be for you to attract that which you desire and deserve on the outside. **"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" - Romans 12:2**

In next month's issue, I'll be continuing with the subject "success is an inside job" (part 2)

Don't forget to check in. Until then - keep an **"open mind."** An open mind leaves a chance for someone to drop a positive thought in it.

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Giving thanks unto God, my silent partner, for all things

The Path way to Heaven

BY
HEATHER OMENAI

The path way to heaven
Is a very narrow path
Not many people want to take that task

It travels from earth to the sky
you have to be victorious to reach that high

On that little road there are many traps
And mines that the enemy has laid out for the saints of Christ,
but we've got to stay focus on this journey
or else we'll slip and slide

On this road is an enjoyment
That any human could ever find
Though trials and temptation
May surround you on all side
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ENGLISH IS THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN JAMAICA BUT PATOIS IS THE DIALECT COMMONLY SPOKEN AMONGST MOST JAMAICANS. CHILDREN BORN IN JAMAICA OR CHILDREN OF JAMAICAN PARENTAGE WOULD KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME OLD TIME SAYINGS YET WITH MEANINGS FOR OUR TIME. EACH FORTNIGHT WE WILL LIST SOME OF THESE SAYINGS WITH THE INTERPRETATION.

CAN YOU DETERMINE THE MEANINGS?

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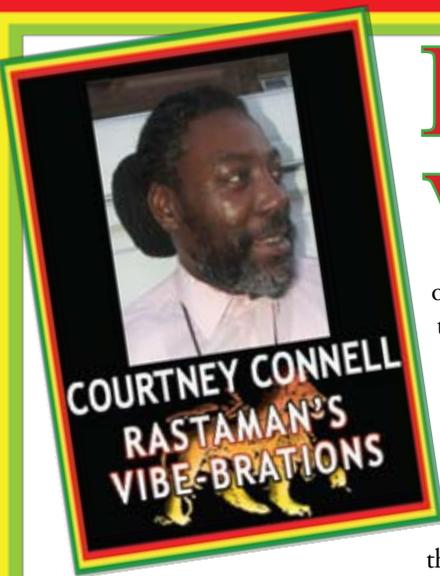
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A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbours deceit.

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Rasta Man's Vibe-brations

our youth have taken lies in the past, because as it is said in order to know where you are going, you have to know where you are coming from, and in my opinion many of our youth don't know where they came from, so how can they know where they are going, many of them are lost, lost in a society that doesn't give young people an opportunity to show their true worth, instead nothing but ridicule and criticisms, we have to interact with our young generation more, let them know that they have a lot to contribute to society.

But I ask the question African family, who had a better chance of demonstrating the worth of young people than Imperial College in London, they had the perfect chance to show the worth of our youngsters and they blew it, here I am referring to the young eighteen year old Asian youth from Bradford (Majid Ahmed), here we have a young man who at the age of 15 went into a empty house with some friends, unfortunately they were arrested and charged with burglary, Majid was given a four Month referral order by the courts and community service, this one action and 24 hrs in a prison cell made this particular young man realise this was not the life for him.

Majid Ahmed decided he would study, now at the age of 18 he has proudly gained himself four A levels with distinction, I would very much hope that others would take a leaf out of this young man's book, Majid applied to Imperial college to study to be a doctor he was accepted, from the outset this young man told Imperial college of his past, in my book this young man had turned his life around and was trying to embark on a positive future, this was cut short by a backward negative thinking Imperial college who blocked his study in the college, question African family, so how much does Imperial college really want to help young people from disadvantage backgrounds?

And what kind of message is Imperial College sending to all other young people from disadvantage backgrounds? That mes-

sage is "you can try to turn your life around, just not at Imperial College". And what does this episode say about this government? A government who says knife crime now takes priority over terrorism, yet they choose to say nothing about what has happened at Imperial College, so how much does the government really want to end the knife and gun crime? How much do they want to see our youth turn away from gangs and other forms of negative influences?



When I started writing this article, the number of young people stabbed to death was 17, out of that 17 one was an aspiring young lady by the name of Sian Simpson, 18 years old, a young African princess who had just finished her A' levels, she wanted to be an accountant, cut short by another young lady who has now been charged with her murder, sadly Sian Simpson will never get the opportunity like Majid Ahmed, neither will the young lady who took her life. Out of all these senseless and unwarranted killings, this one has touched me the most, because it happens to be one young lady taking the life of another.

Maybe if this young lady knew that she also is an African princess just like Sian Simpson, maybe if she knew that she is the Mother of the universe just like Sian Simpson, maybe if she knew that without her there is no life, then maybe, just maybe, she wouldn't have taken the life of Sian Simpson. This was not how it was meant to be, children having children, children taking the lives of other children, when I began writing this article I said there were 17 deaths, correction there are now 18 deaths for, as I sit at my computer we now have to endure the senseless death of Shakilus Townsend, he also will not have the opportunity like Majid Ahmed.

How much more African family? How much longer are we going

to sit with our heads buried in the sand, and hope it goes away? Thinking this has nothing to do with us, until it reaches our door, but as I sit here writing, at the same time Sky news is on, they are showing pictures of Shakilus Townsend, while my heart greaves for the family of Shakilus, I can't help thinking about the poses he makes in those pictures, remember African family a picture can tell a 1000 words, so many of these pictures we see, they tell you the mind set of our youth, this mind set needs to be changed.

So, instead of 17 young people dead it is now 18, and to show you the seriousness of what we face, another young male has been stabbed, this time in Putney, gladly this young man is stable in hospital, lets hope he makes a full recovery, everyday over 300 people enter hospital with stab wounds, over 12,000 people entered hospital last year with stab wounds, out of that over 400 were children of 14 years old, this has now become more serious than ever, it is my belief all the negative images we have especially in our music, movies, our interactions with each other, how we raise our children, all contribute to how they turn out.

I will say this to all the young people out there, you have the opportunity to do what you want to do, you have the opportunity to be what you want to be, remember young Africans the Almighty helps the one who helps themselves, many of our young men I see on the streets, carry themselves in such a way that says, "I have no intention of trying to better myself today, I have come out to make a statement, at least that's the impression I get when I see most of our young Africans walking the street, question young Africans, why do you feel you have to wear your trousers in such a way that others must see what kind of underwear you are wearing? Why do you feel you have to walk with hoods over your heads, living up to the media hype and stigma they have put on you? Why do you feel you need to walk the street with your hands down the front of your trousers? What do you think you are proving? This was one of the pictures released by Shakilus Townsend's family; I began to ask myself, why would a parent release pictures showing their son in this way?

It is my conclusion that unless we clean up our act as adults and responsible parents then it will never change, in terms of the music we listen to and endorse, many of these songs should not be allowed, many of the videos that shows our African princesses in such a derogatory way should not be allowed, the radio stations should follow suit and ban any music that portrays our people in a negative light, sound systems should also be of the same mind, whoever you are, from you have a hand in influencing our young then you are all responsible for how they turn out, whether its your child or not.

Many of our youth now find it fashionable to full their bodies with tattoos, and the women are doing it too, the way some of the young women dress, looks like they should be in a shop front in Amsterdam, have some pride in yourselves, you are better than what the media make you out to be, you are better than any of those sordid backwater music videos been shown on M.T.V. (made to violate), but always believe you can do anything you want to do, don't keep yourselves in this box the media tries to keep you in, Remember young Africans you are from a great people who gave the world civilisation, so show how great you can be.

Our ancestors were the first writers, doctors, musicians, technicians, sailors, fishermen, sportsmen and women, we are brilliant and precise in everything we do, and you have all these traits of brilliance young Africans, but you need to remove certain negative elements from your life, and one of those negative elements is the M.T.V hype. Open your minds young Africans, learn about your glorious pass, your ancestors, learn how glorious and great you can be, hold your heads high young Africans, the world is your oyster. RASTAFARI.

My heart felt sympathies goes out to all the families that have lost their children to this senseless killings you do not deserve this, but always remember their spirits are with the ancestors, and their spirits are in you. Peace and love to each and everyone.

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RASTAFARI

ANOTHER STABBING ANOTHER LIFE GONE

Hotep 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.

In this edition of the big eye, I should be finishing off the article I started (Jesus the son or the sun) but due to events that has taken place over the last six months, I felt compelled to write about a situation that is spiralling out of control, what I am speaking about is the 17 young people who so violently lost their lives to the knife, wielded by other young people, the latest one happens to be a girl, killed by another girl in Peckham.

The mind boggles as to what is going through the minds of our young people, with every death it makes me think of my own children, and I give praises to the Almighty creator for their safe going out and coming in, at the same time my heart greaves for all those families who have lost their love ones to these senseless killings, why African family why? How much more? We have to find a way to stop this, I believe all of us who call ourselves responsible have to as a matter of urgency get involved in the lives of our younger generation, and this is now a priority.

It is my belief that the key to changing this destructive path



WYCLEF'S VISIT TO HIS HOMETLAND HAITI

When Wydef Jean went to Haiti recently, he had in tow the television cameras you might expect of a big-time rapper and producer.

But he also was accompanied by a pool of buttoned-down business types, including the likes of Canadian entrepreneur Belinda Stronach and other potential foreign investors.

The Haitian-born Jean, who rose to fame with the Fugees hip-hop group and became a homeland hero with his efforts to bring education and peace to the impoverished Caribbean nation, has set his sights on serious economic change.

The Grammy-winning musician said the poorest country in the Americas, roiled by food riots in April, needs foreign investment and help with sustainable development but not charity that could cause Haiti to become even more dependent.

"I understand that there is a food crisis that needs to be addressed urgently, but at the same time donors need to inject funds in projects likely to bring sustainable results," he told Reuters in an interview at the end of a five-day visit last week.

Haiti, struggling to establish a stable government after a long history of political upheaval since a slave revolt threw off French rule two centuries ago, endured its latest turmoil when skyrocketing food prices triggered the ouster of the government nearly three months ago.

Jean, 35, said the most important contribution the international community could make to Haiti is to invest in agriculture, road projects and economic infrastructure.

"Charity will never solve Haiti's problems," he said. "Haitians want jobs, they want to develop their agriculture to produce food, not to everlastingly receive food assistance."

Jean, who enjoys enormous respect in Haiti and was appointed last year by President Rene Preval to serve as a roving ambassador, was followed last week by a team from the U.S. TV news program "60 Minutes" for a show about the artist and his humanitarian work.

Born in the Haitian village of Croix-des-Bouquets, Jean moved with his family to New York when he was 9 years old. The Fugees, the group he formed with Lauryn Hill and Pras Michel, recorded the 1996 Grammy-winning album "The Score,"

which sold 17 million copies worldwide. Responding to speculation he harbors ambitions to run for president in 2010 elections, Jean said he is not interested.

"When you are trying to do something positive, people think you want to run for some position," he said. "But I can assure them I don't want and I am not going to run for president."

Jean said he would consider it a greater achievement to reach his goals and dreams for Haiti than to become president.

"In the end, I am a rap star and I don't see myself behind a desk sitting as president. I want to be out there using my contacts to help my country and do what I can do best."

TRINIDAD



3 TRINIDADIAN TERROR SUSPECTS EXTRADITED TO U.S.

Three Caribbean nationals wanted in the United States on charges of conspiracy to blow up buildings and pipelines at the John F Kennedy International Airport in New York, have been extradited less than 48 hours after the Court of Appeal struck out a challenge by them.

Trinidadian Kareem Ibrahim, 62, and Guyanese nationals Abdul Kadir, 55, and Abdel Nur, 57, were whisked away in a private jet on Tuesday night in a special operation involving 15 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents and

local enforcement officers. The three men here have been charged along with another Guyanese, Russell De Freitas, who is also an American citizen, with plotting to blow up the airport. They are also facing charges of conspiring to destroy aircraft, both US and foreign, as well as conducting illegal surveillance, photographing, videotaping and collecting information with intent to set the terminal building on fire. The case against De Freitas, who has been in US custody since June last year, is yet to begin.

GANGSTER SHOT DEAD

Gangster Junior Joseph was gunned down at the traffic light at the intersection of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway and Macoya Road, Tunapuna, just after leaving a comedy show. Police said around 1 a.m., Joseph, 31, a former murder accused, had left the Learie Joseph concert which took place at the Joao Havelange Centre of Excellence and was heading south along the Macoya Road in a maroon Nissan Almera. Police said he stopped at a red light, apparently in order to make a right turn to head west along the highway. What he apparently did not know

was that his killers were behind him. One of them, according to police, got out and walked up to Joseph's car and fired several shots. Joseph, of Never Dirty, Morvant, was hit in the head and about the body. He slumped behind the steering wheel and died on the spot. This was not the first time that Joseph had been attacked in the last three months. Police said that back in April, while Joseph was aboard the party boat Treasure Queen, he and another man had an argument which escalated into a fight. After Joseph disembarked from the boat sometime

after 3 a.m., and while walking back to his car, he was approached by a man who fired several shots at him. The shooter then ran off and Joseph was rushed to hospital.

While at the hospital, one of Joseph's relatives who was visiting him told security that the man's life was in danger. Police had been called in to investigate but found no evidence to support this claim. They still assigned someone on his ward to guard him however.

Back in June 2007, Joseph and another man were discharged in the Port of Spain Magistrates' Court of the May 5, 2007 murder of Jerome Batson, 22, a labourer, of Coconut Drive, Morvant.

Batson had been shot dead at a con-

struction site at the Corner of Monroe Road and Second Street Extension in San Juan.

Joseph, whose killing took the murder toll to 259 for the year thus far, was also suspected of being involved in the murders of several other people, including Morvant grandmother Sylvia Simmons in 2006.

On September 15 of that year, a masked gunman barged into the Woods Alley, Never Dirty, Morvant home of Simmons, 70, and asked her daughter, Alicia Simmons, for her.

Sylvia Simmons, who was upstairs, was shot once in the head and died at the Port of Spain General Hospital while undergoing emergency surgery.

GUYANA



16 yr OLD BOY REMANDED FOR BICYCLE THEFT

A 16-year-old boy who allegedly stole a bicycle was remanded to prison, pending the appearance of a guardian or parent, when he appeared before the Georgetown Magistrate's Court.

The teen pleaded not guilty to the charge of simple larceny when it was read to him by Principal Magistrate Melissa Robertson-Ogle.

It is alleged that on June 22 the accused stole a bicycle belonging to Sidney Per-

saud. According to the teen he did not steal the bicycle. The owner, he said, "claimed" to have seen him picking the lock but the bicycle was never once removed from its location.

The matter continues in early July as he remains in police custody.

"NO MOMMY IS LIE" ACCUSED TELLS MAGISTRATE

A 29-year-old man who allegedly stole a length of PVC pipe belonging to the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) was placed on self-bail when he appeared before the Georgetown Magistrate's Court on Wednesday. Clifton Dowdan pleaded not guilty to the charge of simple larceny when it was read to him by Principal Magistrate Melissa Robertson-Ogle. "No mommy is lie," Dowdan said, denying that he'd stolen the length of pipe. According to him, he picked up the pipe along Sheriff Street and later tried to knock down mangoes from a wom-

an's tree with it because he was hungry. That was when, he said, a man approached him and demanded to know where he got the pipe.

He said he was beaten by the man and two of his colleagues. Further, he added, he was kept in custody for six days and was not allowed to collect clothes from his family.

However, the prosecution said that Dowdan was seen removing the pipe and he was kept incarcerated because the police were awaiting a number of statements.

The accused was placed on self-bail and he is to return for his trial on July 1.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BARBADOS



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Marketing co-ordinator Nikita Abed told Showtime, "Sex and the City' is all about pushing the

limits of everything, whether it's fashion, whether beautiful diamonds, whether it is friendships with women whatever it is it pushes the limit."

Abed added, "In Barbados, there are so many fabulous ladies that push the limits, that worked for what they have and strive to be bigger and better everyday; so we thought why not do a fabulous event around 'Sex and the City' for these great [Barbadian] women?:"

Marketing Manager Simone Ward added, "One thing about Diamonds International is that we are a very exclusive brand and the 'Sex and the City' Premiere was an exclusive event. The women who came, the fashion and the jewellery in the movie, just speak to luxury, the uniqueness; and that is in keeping with our brand."

After the film, all of the women were whisked away in gleaming white limousines, provided by Paradise Limos, to the after-party where they were joined by boyfriends and friends at the new Coast Cocktail Party and Bar in St Lawrence Gap. There, they danced the night away to music provided by the MIX 96 DJ's and continued to enjoy the spectacular night.

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eral projects, in St Vincent and the Grenadines and he can't complete them -- the library, the stadium, the cross country road. The government and Ralph must know, that constructing an international airport, is not constructing a two bedroom house. I have listened to a speech from Ralph few months ago and he stated that Vincentians would be landing down at the Argyle International Airport by 2010. This would naturally sound good in St Vincentians ears but they have all learned that a promise is only a comfort to a fool.

ST. VINCENT



WERE ST VINCENTIANS POLITICALLY FOOLED

For three decades the same old story as been told of an international airport to be built in St Vincent and the Grenadines. St Vincent and the Grenadines Labour Party led by Robert Milton Cato promised to construct it at Kitchen Diamond area. Cato died and left the nation with no international airport.

The New Democratic Party led by James Mitchell also promised to construct an international airport. It is clearly remembered in one election campaign he mentioned that he had millions of dollars for the construction of the international airport in his pocket (political tricks). James Mitchell also left the nation without an international airport.

The deliverer and his team, Ralph Gonsalves, came on the scene, a man who promised the world would happen in St Vin-

cent and the Grenadines. He campaigned in two elections that his government would construct an international airport on mainland St Vincent. Even though there has been movement at the construction site at Argyle, one is yet to be convinced in any way that an international airport would be constructed on mainland St Vincent.

A few weeks ago, Vincentians witnessed the movement of some old, rusty equipment into the island, from a Venezuela, to aid in the construction of the Argyle Airport. It was such a strange excitement that Ralph Gonsalves and his members paraded with them, with Ralph the commanding officer. They blocked the road in the city, inconveniencing people and disrupting traffic from the city to Argyle. Ralph Gonsalves started sev-

ANTIGUA



\$20,000 BAIL FOR SEXUAL OFFENDER

A 29-year-old man charged with unlawful carnal knowledge has been granted bail.

Chief Magistrate Ivan Walters granted the man bail in the sum of \$20,000 with two sureties and a cash deposit of \$2,000, despite objections by the prosecution that the man is likely to be a flight risk.

The Montserratian man is alleged to have had sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old teenager, who allegedly is a family friend.

Reports are that the sexual encounter with the teen occurred on 17 May.

The accused has been living in Antigua for the past 15 years and is married with two children.

The court ordered that the man surrender his travel documents.

He was remanded in custody and will return to court today, at which time the cash component of his bail is expected to be paid.

A date will also be given for his committal proceedings.

EYE ON AFRICA

UGANDA



ARCHBISHOP UP-SET AT BARAK'S SUPPORT OF HOMOSEXUALS

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SOMALIA



SOMALIA: a bit of history

Somaliland is a forgotten nation in the Horn of Africa. When the Republic of Somaliland - named after a territory known as British Somaliland before its independence on June 26, 1960 - was born 34 countries recognized it during the rush of independence in Africa in the Sixties.

Somaliland, with a population of 3.5 million and an area of 68,000 square miles (135,000 kilometer square), joined the Italian Somaliland on July 1, 1960 to form the Somali Republic. The unity loving community of Somaliland worked hard to see a united and democratic Somalia and achieved their dream of establishing a Somali Republic by merging British Somaliland and Italian Somalia territories.

Somalia started as a democratic country according to an agreement between the British and Italian Somalia. Unfortunately the democracy ended when General Mohammed Siad Barre, a strongman from the south staged a military coup. Although, Somalilanders protested against power sharing before Siad Barre, but remained within Somali Republic to save the unity.

General Barre ruled Somalia for 22 years at gun point. He used his so-called national army forces to destroy major northern cities such as Buroa, Berbera, Borama and the current capital of Somaliland Hargeisa. Aircrafts taking off from Hargeisa International

Airport bombed Hargeisa City leaving behind more than 50,000 women and children dead during 1988.

In response to General Barre's atrocities an armed liberation resistance group called SNM (Somali National Movement) consisting mainly of Isaac tribe was established.

Beginning of Somaliland: SNM launched armed struggle against Barre's regime and his henchmen - mainly Mareehan and Ogaden tribes. After waging a costly armed liberation war with the Said Barre regime, the dream of Somaliland became true and established Somaliland Republic. Many members of current Transitional Government of Somalia in Mogadishu are considered War Criminal in Somaliland including General Morgan.

SNM's struggle lasted for nine years after when Barre's so-called Somali National Army were driven out from the former British Somaliland in 1990. Since then Somalia has been facing an endless civil war until now.

RWANDA



INTERPOL CRIME TRAINING IN RWANDA

Twenty police officers from three African countries have been empowered to analyse criminal law and criminal activities at both local and international levels in order to collaboratively fight crimes worldwide, a police official has said.

Assistant Commissioner of Police and

Director of Training, Cyprian Gatete, said that joint efforts are better than individual ones.

This was at Hotel La Palisse after the official closing ceremony of a two-day training of officers from Tanzania, Rwanda and Liberia.

The International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) crime analysis training course was conducted under the organisation's Oasis Africa programme.

"We can now network and fight crime because the world is now a small village and crimes move like wild fire (from one place to another). Sharing information would help us to work as a team," Gatete explained.

He also told the participants that after the course, it will be easy for them to investigate and come up with good analytical reports which will help in making good decisions.

Trainees will be able to know where criminals get finances, their financiers, how they are linked to their crimes, how they operate, why they commit crimes.

He also explained that the training will help the Rwanda National Police (RNP) to effectively ensure the security of people.

GHANA



NIGERIAN FRAUDSTER HELD IN GHANA

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GAMBIA



19 Yr OLD UK GIRL CAUGHT SMUGGLING COCAINE

The father of a woman jailed for trying to smuggle cocaine worth £250,000 into the UK from The Gambia has claimed that criminal drugs gangs are targeting Sussex teenagers.

Carly Plunkett, 19, of Eastbourne, was arrested at Gatwick Airport with 1.5kg of cocaine in her suitcase, and jailed for five-and-a-half years.

Her father John claimed she was groomed by smugglers before being sent to West Africa as a drugs' mule. He had thought she was on holiday in Tenerife, but she was actually in the Gambia.

Mr Plunkett said the phone call telling him that his daughter had been caught with a suitcase full of cocaine had come completely out of the blue.

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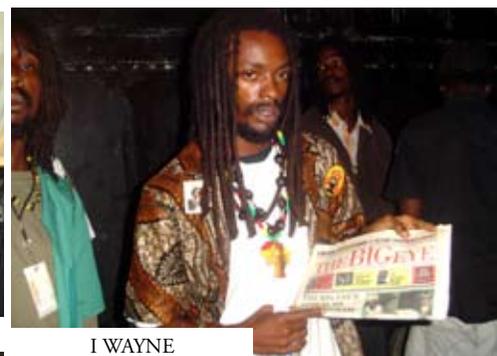
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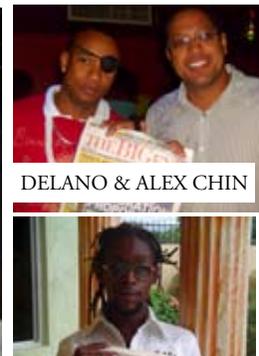
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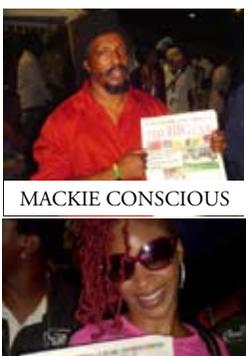
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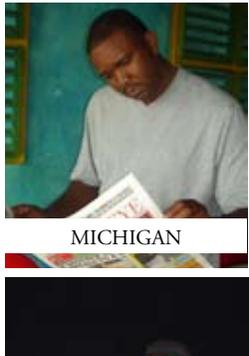
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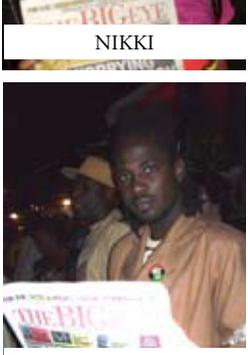
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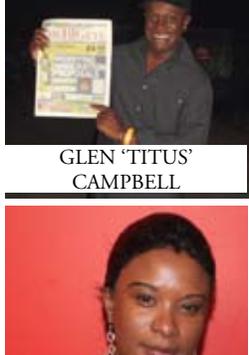
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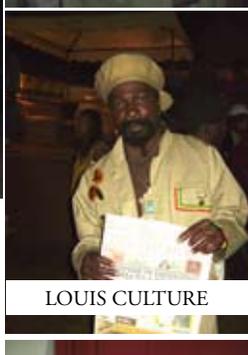
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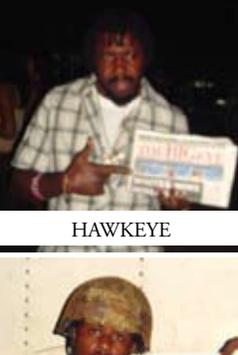
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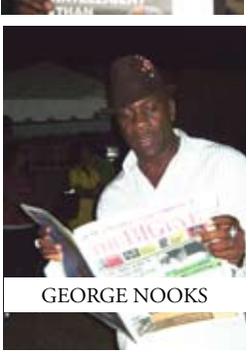
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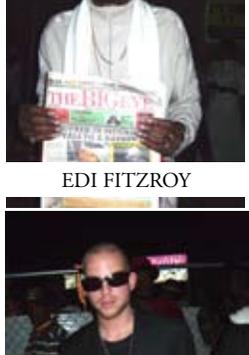
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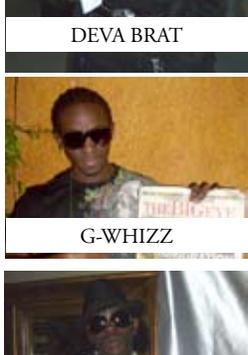
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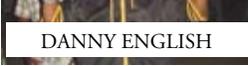
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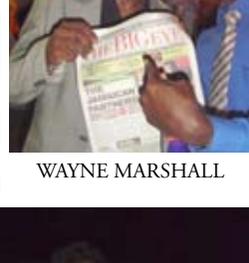
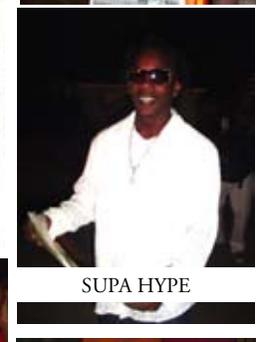
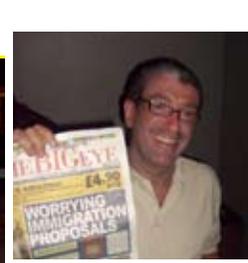
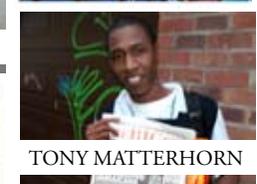
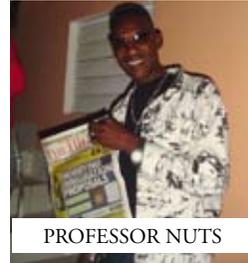
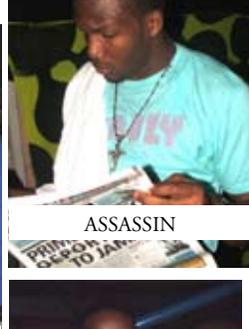
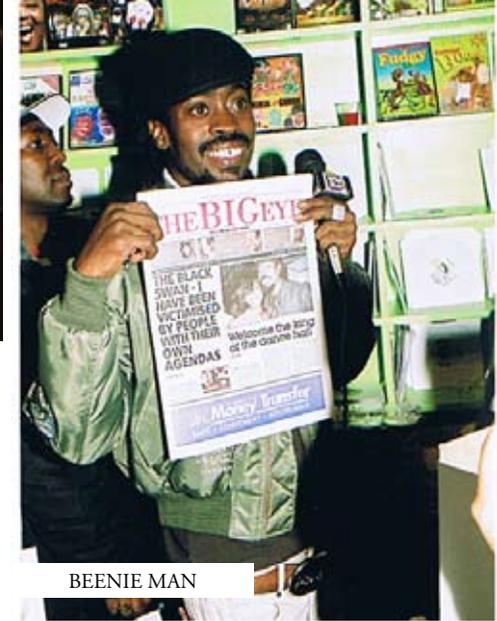
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entertainment news

SERANI & BUGLE AT "FACE TO FACE"
 Serani and Bugle are members of the inimitable DASECA family. With hits such as **Stinkin Rich**, **What Am Gonna Do**, **Study People**, **Journeys** and **Doh** under their belts, these artistes will be among the ones to watch. New summer hits **No Games** by Serani and **Set Me Free** by Bugle are tunes that fans can anticipate at the event.



The entire line up will soon be released and is sure to make "Face To Face" an event that cannot be missed on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the Cable and Wireless Golf Academy.X

TWISTED SPIRITZ: TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!!!

BY PRUFF



The latest installment of the popular Twisted Spiritz took place in June, and promoter Ron Burke and his D.A.R.K entertainment team did not disappoint their patrons. When the **Big Eye** team arrived at approximately midnight at the Palisadoes Go Kart Track at the Norman Manley airport, we were instantly impressed with the décor,



the layout of the venue and the lighting, however we were worried that only a few people were there and the venue was too big to ever be filled. By 1:30am

we were proved wrong as the venue was full with beautiful ladies in all sorts of fashion. The theme for the night was retro but not many patrons stuck to the dress code and sometimes the selectors played outside the 'retro' era.

Imagine being fully surrounded by bars serving over 32 mix drinks (with multiple bartenders so you do not have to wait long to be served), under the vibes of sweet dancehall daggerring tunes from the 90's, knowing that when you are finished there will be some good Grace soup to detox; now isn't that just perfect? Hats off to all the sounds that played for the night, where



music and juggling was concerned, I have no complaints. Renaissance, Coppershot, Bloodline & Nemesis had me in a high all night as the juggling was flawless and the song selections were classic. Songs such as the Fugees **Ready Or Not**, Notorious BIG's **One More Chance**, Bounty Killer's **Look Into My Eyes**, Bob Marley's **One Love**, Kirk Franklyn's **Stomp** among many more timeless hits had the crowd in a frenzy. The crowd got wilder as Shabba's



Love P**ny Bad** echoed from the speakers.

Ron and his team obviously had put some time and thought into this event to ensure a smooth flow of the party and comfort of the patrons. There were couches at one tent and a few



seats across the venue for those who got tired (especially the ladies who wore their 6 inch heels). There were more than enough porti potties available for those who wanted to use bathrooms to relieve themselves. Parking was sufficient and secured. Overall the Big Eye rates this party 4 out of 5 eyes, and is eagerly anticipating Twisted Spiritz in Negril on July 31st at the Appleton Treasure Island weekend.

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EYE ON FASHION

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What's Hot for the summer?

We've been seeing that for the last two seasons colours are in! Not sure when they'll be out because colours just give so much presence! Whether you're a fan for pastels or vibrant colours ladies- ROCK IT! Clutch purses are a must have accessory for this season, long gone are the days when women will be seen at parties carrying a handbag across their shoulder- clutches are perfect for whatever the occasion. Fellows don't be afraid to carry your man 'purses' bags also- they're neat! And no it doesn't threaten your masculinity-

A staple every summer is sexy swimwear, nothing is new. But here's what's new: a heap of geometric suits featuring bright colours and flattering fits. Ladies note, it's all about the pinups this season so try some modest styles too. For all my cute girlie girls out there remember too that feminine frocks rock! They are convenient and can be worn on the beach, pool or even a party. And of course to all my stunners out there sunglasses are always

from you wear it with confidence your orientation won't be questioned.

Ladies this summer please invest in some fabulous pumps! I'm sick of seeing girls on the local scene in flip-flop slippers at parties. If your feet hurt then your shoes are hotttt! So just bare the pain for a couple more hours! Note, chunky shoes are all the rage and there are a lot of options.

fabulous and in style! I'm quite pleased to say that the aviator style is still in season. Whether day or night aviators make everyone look cool. Accessories should be an important part of your wardrobe ladies, make sure you stock up on buzzing coloured bangles, and earrings. This summer we should all be fabulous in every sense of the word. Remember your attire reflects your character – so speak!



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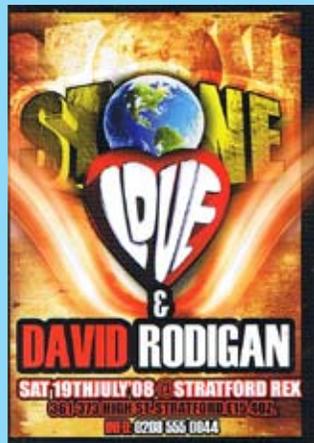
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MYSTICAL SENSATION!!!



Dancers come and dancers go but Mystic is determined to make it to the top and remain there. The young dancer is currently one of the hottest dancers on the entertainment scene in Jamaica, and her flame only seems to be getting hotter every week.

Having worked with famed Jamaican music video directors such as Ras Kassa, Jay Will, Lala, Stephen Ventura, Nordia Rose, Ras Tingle, Anju Val and many more; she can be seen mainly in music videos adding her spice to each.

Born in Port Antonio, Portland, and christened as Mystic Davis; she developed the love for dancing at a very early age. As early as age seven the dark skinned beauty was dancing ballet for the TWAM Dance Troupe. At age thirteen while attending Wolmer's Girl School, being extremely shy she started to practice dancehall and hip hop moves hoping that it would help her social skills. Having done that, she showed some male dancers in her community so that she would be able to hang with them, they accepted her and she hasn't looked back since. Now at twenty years old, Mystic is a choreographer, dancer and former

model. She has modeled at Cooyah Eclipse Pool Party 6, Aidonia's Fashion Show, Unleashed Fashion Show, Spectrum and many more. She has done choreography for Jamaican girl group Make Boyz Cry (MBC), Harbour View's Cheerleading Club and Miss UWI Mona Pageant. Always seen smiling with a cute gap between her front teeth, the sexy bright eye dancer has been in Lerner's Shop and Red Label wine commercials, and has done photo shoots for VP's Riddim Driven and Lifestyle Calendar. She has paraded her dance moves on Dancing Dynamites and Smile Jamaica on Television Jamaica, Magnum Follow The Arrow, Come Mek Wi Laaf, RE TV's Face Off and RE TV's Zesti Moves.

Seen in Nature's (Heart of Love) latest video Hold On, the talented Mystic can be seen in many more videos such as, Elephant Man's Hot Wuk, Beenie Man's Wine Gal, Ghost Crazy/ Beautiful, Shaggy's Church Heathen, Chino's Rave All Night, Wayne Marshall's Be By Myself, Tarrus Riley's Protect Yuh Neck, the Busy Signal sound track for A Cop and A Bad Man movie, Cherine Anderson and Micheal Franti Feel The Riddim (international video soon to be released) and many more. But the highlight of her dance career so far was being casted in international recording duo Gnarlz Barkley's Going On video which was directed by Wendy Morgan and seen by millions worldwide.

Mystic is hoping to take her dancing career to the international stage and be the flagship dancer for Jamaica internationally while being free spirited loving to laugh and act a fool.

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WHY DIS GYAL A TEK SET PON MI

Hello readers I was brought up to be a very descent girl of which I give credit to my mom because she has taught me a number of principles that I will always remember

No1 She said always make sure that your home is clean & tidy because unexpected guests may come atb anytime.

No2 She said show respect to others and respect will be shown to you.

No 3 She said don't let no one tek step of you.

Now I am a Jamaican lady and I am very articulate, I speak English very well but just as my mom said "don't let no one tek step of you" so if some one tries this then my whole persona changes and my Jamaican dialect kicks in and then I become raw to the bone. So I mus tell uno bout dis dutty, narcy,tinking, whoring, under privilege gyal who nyam har name pon bulla an yet luv farce inna people bizniss. Dis likkle critch owl gyal weh ugly like pottoo nuh top trouble mi an a drop wud anytime him si mi pon road. Listen to mi rotten hole gyal not becas yu si mi look simple so don't frig yu self cah mi wi mek yu shame fi come a road. Tek mi advice wen time yu si mi LEAVE MI ALONE. Yu ole fart yu.

IF YU KUUB DID CLEAN YU COCK WUDN'T STRAY

Som bady please tell mi suppen ah wey mek dem last a days gyal so rarse fool dem a fight over man tru di man go a road an get a one touch outta one next gyal. People oonu caah tell dem sey dat only natural, dem nuh si sey man shartage outta road. Nuff a di man dem eeder deh a prison, ar dem deh a dead house ar dem tun battyman, so yu si di man dem weh straight is about 5 woman to dat one man, so him nuh mus affi ave more dan one woman.

My advice to all a di woman dem weh a kill dem self tru dem man a gi weh dem tings PLEASE STOPPI becas man spell D O G an

nuh matter how dem luv yu dem still wi clime fence a night time. An a special message goes out to di gyal dem weh caah hold dem man **clean up yu kuub an may be di cock wi come home.**

BRUK POCKET BUOY STOP HYPE.

Mi nar lie di way mi si some man party especially inna London mi affi sey dem man ya mus a mek some crazy money becas all pon a mid week dance dem table full a COURVOISIER BRANDY bottle Wen man keep him dance yu ave man a buy X amount a bottle a CHAMPAGNE jus fi dash pon him, mi luv how every man an woman ever look hot a dem London dance becas a bare DOLCE & GABBANNA, LOUIS VOITTON an all a di big name bran dem a model. Well nutten nuh wrong wid dat cah wi deh ya fi enjoy life to di fullest but mi a warn oonu don't fi get Yard. Mi ave a boneyfi bredrin weh luv di hype life but mi personally know sey him caaah maintain it becas him nar mek no real money so him wi gwaan like him ave money but mi know sey him bruk becas a mi him always a come beg a £10 after him jus dun dash wey bottle a champagne. Hear mi people uno need fi wise up, live life an enjoy life yes but mek sure uno stash off some money odder wise Buju words a go ketch uno "YU WRETCH YU YU SPEN DI WHOLE A IT ABROAD SQUANDER YU MONEY NOW YU LIVING LIKE DAWG" member dis ah nuh wey yu earn in life but a wey yu save.

BAD MIND AH CRIME!

Mi an di bwoy come from di same area a Jamaica him deh a Englan before mi, while mi dung a yard an a suffer mi neva beg di bwoy a dollar. Him sen tings dung deh go gi odder people but him neva sen nutten come gi mi. Now 3 years after him lef yard father GOD blow one good breeze pon mi an mi reach inna di ICE from mi lan

up ya a bear tings start gwaan fi mi becas mi meet one descent British girl an wi married two twos mi get mi papers an can fly go dung anytime mi ready. Mi deh ya 4 years now an mi buy mi car up ya an down a yard an now mi start build mi ranch dung deh **don't it mi a gwaan good**....den mi nuh know why dis bredder weh deh up ya long time before mi an gaze out him days a bad mind mi fa.. Him call dung a yard an talk one bag a tings bout mi him chat bare lie an a try belikkle mi....but mi know sey dis cause tru bad mind.

Hey batty face a nuh mi mek yu nuh ave nuh money, ah nuh mi mek yu nuh live nuh weh, ah nuh mi mek yu caah fly out, ah nuh mi mek yu nuh set tings straight dung a yard so ease up offa mi name becas mi neva beg yu a dollar much less a pound an if yu caah tek mi flex jus go a hardware an buy a lent a rope an do wey yu affi do wid it becas mi nar stop shine. **BADMINDED F...CKER.** Yes batty face ah yu mi ah talk becas mi hear everyting an mi know sey yu a go read DI BIG EYE.

WHO REMEMBER: Super Car Vs NinjaNinja Vs Shab-ba... Pappa San Vs Lt StitchieNinja Vs Cobra.....Bounty Vs Merciless..... Bounty Vs Beenie.....Kartel Vs Assasin..... Merciless Vs Ninja, Bounty & Beenie..... Kartel Vs Mavado.....Spragga Vs Kartel....Capelton Vs Beenie. Now all of dese confrontation did serious but at least nuh bady neva get injured nuh bady neva wounded nuh bady neva dead.

But dem last a days war between artist an artist can get serious if di man dem nuh control dem self cah di whole a wi dun si weh happen to Ninja inna Kartel war, wi si weh happen to Norri Man inna di Sizzla ting wi hear weh gwaan back stage wid Jah Cure, all Harry Toddler eye get jook up by a nex artist. Wi definitely si di violent trend a step in wid all di Deva Brat Vs Munga case.

Right now di heat is on wid Bounty against Monster Shack Crew an mi kno sey dis one nar guh pretty becas whole heap a wud a trow an nuh bady nar back dung. General B an Round Head dem sey di 5 Star General dis dem becas ah dem bust di talk name "TO DI WORL" an Killa a use up dem talk like ah fi him ting, while Killa ah sey dem bwoy deh is ungrateful becas dem nuh memba kindniss an him swear sey him ah guh write dem off at Reggae Sun Fest.

YO all artist fi know sey dance hall music deh ya fi di fuljoyment of di worl so clash if oonu a go clash but don't let di lyrical war tun physical war odder wise a bare bawling a guh dung deh. Wen oonu a pass on dem word ya if yu fraid fi sey yu sey jus sey Mr Seh Seh sey so.

PEACE AND LOVE TIL NEXT TIME.



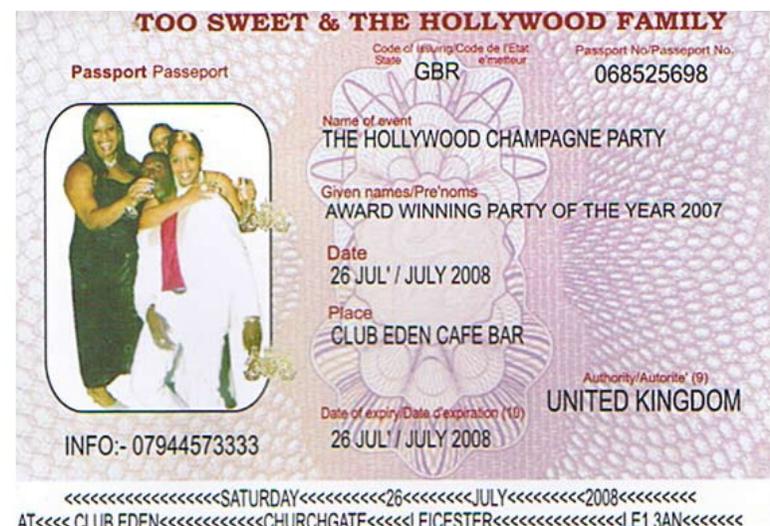
REGGAE ARTISTES NOT GETTING ON

It's strange to know that Dance Hall music strives on all the controversy that surrounds it. There is no other music in the world that gets away with the things that Dance Hall music does, as it is often accused of being too homophobic, it is also accused of being demoralising to women, it is also often accused of promoting gun violence and on top of all that it also experiences its own conflicts within with artistes in continual lyric wars with each other.

HELLLLLLO SAR MR SEH SEH IN DA BUILDING mek mi stop dis Sophisticated, Articulated, Educated writer from guh no furder. Him deh deh a write bout controversy inna dance hall like him a dance hall specialist. Oonu nuh listen to him listen to mi becas ah mi name MR DANCE HALL SEH SEH.

Now wi kno sey STING mek it name tru DJ an DJ use dat stage fi clash gainst dem one an nedder an tru di Jamaican people dem luv di mix up di show sell off every year , so dis only tell us dat di industry would not be di same wid out di

occasional DJ Clash. Let mi teach oonu sumting clash a gwaan inna dance hall from di days of di great Daddy URoy an oonu fi know sey a him set it. Mi nar lie mi luv di lyrical competition inna dance hall becas give GOD tanks to dis day yu neva hear sey one DJ kill a next one over lyrical war so mi believe sey as long as di artist dem control di physical violence den di lyrical war can gwaan.



Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
PSALM 51:10

TONY REBEL

IF JAH IS STANDING BY MY SIDE



Intro:

If Jah is by my side
I wont hide, no I wont hide
Boom, boom boom dis yah tune
yah
Boom, boom boom dis yah tune
yah
Boom, boom boom dis yah tune
yah
Boom

Desire shall not be
Divine protection
Shall set my soul free
(Talk to me)

Chorus

Verse 2:

The gates of hell
Can never prevail
For I know Jah
He never fail

What yuh think I'm gonna do
Give up now?
No no (not gon go)
Mass foes attack
And I just smile
They dont seem to
Understand my style
My confidence is so high
High inna ((Abbaba Joni?))

Chorus

Boom, boom, boom dis yah tune
yah
Boom, boom, boom dis yah tune
yah
Boom, boom, boom dis yah tune
a Boom

Verse 1:

Your best you try, to harm me
and I
Aiming to kill
But I love you still
Cause you are here to make
prophecy fulfill (Its your will)
No weapon that
Form against me

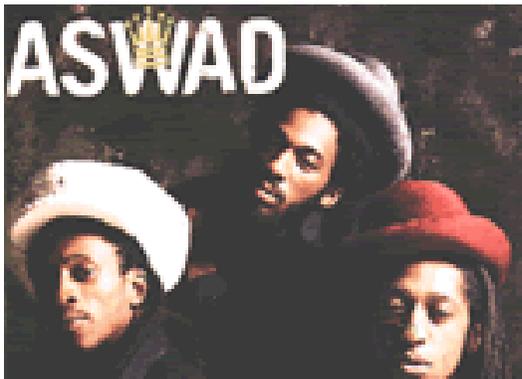
Verse 3:

So talk your talk and laugh your
laugh
That wont shiver my heart
His secret tabernacle
Will (guide I, guide I, guide I)
Guess your guess
And test your test
Dat is in your own interest
To find out the power
Of the (most high, most high,
most high)

Jah is standing by my side
Then why should I be afraid
Of a pestilence that
Crawleth by night
If Jah is standing by my side
Then why should I be afraid
Of a pestilence that
Crawleth by night

ASWAAD

SHINE LIKE A STAR



Achieving all goals that I
seek, I know I must do it
alone (ooh ooh ooh)

(BRIDGE:)

When they said I'd
never make it
I found strength
from within (ooh)
'Cause it is there if
you seek it
So you can get it if
you really want so

Shine (shine), shine
like a star (ah-ha)
Shining so bright
(ah-ha) like the star that you
are (ah-ha)

Oh oh oh oh shine (shine)
into the future (ah-ha)
Spreading your light (ah-ha)
wherever you are (ah-ha)

Oh oh oh oh shine
Shine, shine your light
Shine, shine your light, yes
we're badder than bad
Nigel Benn, the warrior,
called the dark destroyer
Eubank, simply the best, no-

body alive can touch that
Linford Christle, say nobody
alive can catch me
Moving like lightning with
enough energy

Shine, shine your light, yes
we're badder than bad
Shine, shine your light, yes
we're badder than bad
Him a floating like a butter-
fly, the hurdling man
Yes, me a chat about Colin
Jackson

The crowd is roaring, Ian
Wright scoring
Boogie man a fe the mighty
champion fe we (ooh ooh
ooh)

(BRIDGE)

(Shine), shine like a star (ah-
ha)
Shining so bright (ah-ha) like
the star that you are (ah-ha)
Oh oh oh oh shine (shine)
into the future (ah-ha)
Spreading your light (ah-ha)
wherever you are (ah-ha)

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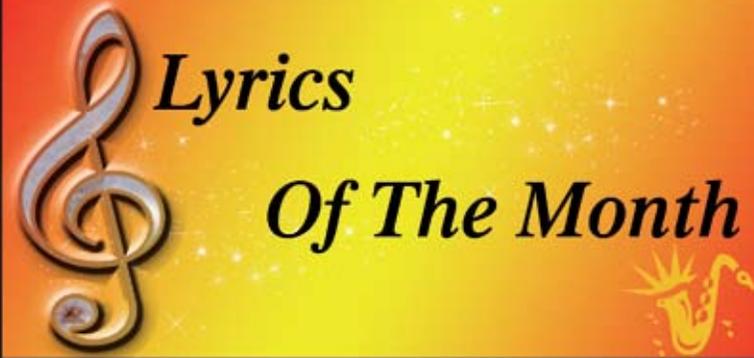
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(oh ow)

Doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo
Doo,(doo-doo)Doo
Doo(doo-doo)ooh
Doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo
doo,(doo-doo)
Yeah(doo-doo)
Doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo
doo,(doo-doo)
Yeaah(doo-doo)
Doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo
doo,(doo-doo)
mmmm (doo-doo)

Verse 3

It was a lonely night
A night like this, when I layed
down on my bed
When I thought about the God I
serve
And all I'm going through
As the memories rushed down
through my mind
It brought tears down to my
pillows
I said to myself that I must rise
and go and speak Jah words
Cause I

Chorus

Know that man was made to
serve Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer (yaaaah)
Man was made to serve Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer
(Yeaah yeaah)

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo,(doo-doo)yeaah(doo-
doo)yeaah
Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo,(doo-doo) Da da(doo-
doo)ooh
Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo, (doo-doo)(doo-doo)
Pray that you can live to see
tomorrow (doo-doo)(doo-doo)
yeaah

Chorus

Man was made (made) to serve
Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer (oohhh)
Man was made to serve Jaaaah
And together we'll live
foreveeeeer(oohhh yeaah)

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo,(doo-doo)Doo (doo-doo)
Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo,(doo-doo) Yeah (doo-
doo)

Verse 1

It was a lonely night
A night like this, when I layed
down on my bed
When I thought about the God I
serve
And all I'm going through
As the memories rushed down
through my mind
It brought tears down to my
pillows
Saying to myself I must rise and
go and testify

Chorus

Cause man was made to serve
Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer
Man was made to serve Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer

Verse 2

Upon this earth on which I tried
To teach the words of God
My Bible is my only shield
And the music is my rod
I prayed mankind will hear my
voice
And listen when Jah call
But all they do is carry-on
Like they don't care at all

Chorus

When man was made to serve
Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
eveeeeer
Man was made to serve Jaaaah
And together we'll live for-
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UK RISING STARS



Ras Negus The UK's Rising Star

Ras Negus is without doubt one of the brightest Rising Stars within the UK. His chosen genre of conscious Reggae Music is definitely proving to be a fitting choice as he has proudly mentioned that he didn't become a rasta but was born, bred, fed and grew up as one with both parents being Rastafarians mama Ruth and father Harry Joseph who became popularly known because of the natural juices he mixed in Jamaica and then overseas.

His talent was personally discovered by those he grew up amongst and they encouraged him to stay focused, so by the age of 12 years old he was already chanting with the microphone in his hand. Having a father like Harry Joseph that mixed natural juices personally for People such as Bob

Marley helped him in the area of recognition
 He used to DJ on the popular rasta sound at the time named "JAH LOVE" amongst the likes of the great Brigadier Jerry.
 Growing up in Jamaica as a part of the TWELVE TRIBE of ISRAEL'S Rasta family it was 1995 when he formed a group named Orthodox Family which consisted of Natural Blacks, Pompy Judah and Israel Voice that group though very promising only lasted for three years because of Negus decision to go to the US to assist in his fathers natural juice business and to voice some tunes over there. He voiced a number of tunes but for various reasons none was produced. His big break in the US came when his talent was noticed and as a result he was asked to start a show for the late great Dennis Brown at the CLUB LARGE in Queens NY.
 After gracing many stages in the US he later left the States and made his way to England also to assist in his family Juice business. Today he is one of the hottest name and figure in the UK. He performs on most of the big Reggae/Dancehall shows in London and around the country. He has been a show opener for many renown artistes such as Capelton he also toured the UK with fellow Rasta group Morgan Heritage in Milton Keynes, Birmingham & London. He also toured with Freddy McGregor in Ipswich, London,

Manchester, Luton & Birmingham. The foundation that he is still setting in the UK has also seen him work with Munga Honorable, Assassin, Turbulence & Queen Ifrica
 When he commented on the vibes within the UK in his chosen industry he said "it is alright here but it is twice as hard for artistes to get a head in the UK because the difference is, in Jamaica they have to pay their way through to get the push that they need but here the biggest thing against UK based artistes is the entire industry, I mean all the media the promoters the producers they are the biggest enemy against UK based talent." He went on to explain that there is no media whether newspaper, Radio or Tv that properly embraces the UK based talents "so I must say from my heart BIG UP the Big Eye because there is no other newspaper that pays attention to us like you and believe it or not that's one of the reasons why everybody loves the paper."
 RAS NEGUS I performed at the Tarus Riley Show in Brixton Academy on the 5th July in a packed to capacity venue in front of more than five thousand people he had the crowd singing along with him word for word the lyrics to one of his songs. Negus would like to encourage all within the business to give some attention to UK based artistes because he believes that when the day comes that Media, Promoters and producers

begin to work together it will be a wonderful day for UK talent.
 He is not presently under management but is willing to sit in talks with any serious producer he can be contacted on 07944902615 or gebremorgan@yahoo.co.uk

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NEW COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS FOR JAMAICA.

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Insert: Danville Walker

FORMER DIRECTOR of Elections Danville Walker is the newly appointed Commissioner of Customs, replacing Hector Jones who retired after serving the Jamaica Customs for 39 years.

Walker's appointment is seen as the Government's first move at restructuring the Customs Department giving transparency to all, whilst ensuring increased revenue collection.

Finance Minister, Audley Shaw in his contribution to the 2008 – 2009 Budget Debate, pointed to the Government's plans to amend tax and customs laws to impose harsher penalties on customs personnel found aiding and abetting tax evasion or fraud.

CHANGES AT CUSTOMS HOUSE

Since his appointment a month ago, Walker erected a wall at Customs House to prevent customs brokers and freight forwarders from liaising directly with customs officers. This caused some controversy amongst the shipping industry; however Walker was quick to point out, "the department could no longer continue to have a situation where we could not tell the difference between staff and customs brokers, as brokers were all over the

building. No system can run like that, he said.

MEETING WITH CBFFAJ

Walker, who addressed a recent meeting of the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association of Jamaica (CBFFAJ) noted some of the changes initiated by him, particularly, the erection of the wall.

"In the first few weeks of my appointment, I couldn't tell fish from fowl at Customs House. I recognised at a glance that there are customs brokers, customs agents, freight forwarders and another category which we shall call 'other'. That was the motivation behind the wall," he said.

"We have a system where somebody can put in an entry, know who is going to work on that entry and go see that person; where a supervisor could override the system and assign the entry to who they want. We also have a system in Jamaica where, you can, before you ship your goods, determine which berth it goes onto. If I can pick my officer, pick the berth it's coming on, I can get just about anything I want done," he added.

Walker explained further, that he planned to 'shake things up' and among the changes will be the adoption of a "paperless" system which should make the organisation more customer-friendly and efficient.

"I have a vision for customs [but] it's going to mean changes and I promise you that that wall is the only change that I'm not going to discuss with you," he said.

Appointment supported by the Private Sector

Private sector organisations in Jamaica have all welcomed the appointment of Walker to his new post; and all have pledged to support him and his team in moving the Customs Department to level of professional ethics and transparency.

For years there have been reports of under-invoicing, containers being smuggled; false declaration of goods; dumping; corruption by some business persons, customs officers and brokers and deliberate delays in processing in a timely manner shipment of those persons who made every effort not to join the corruption. It is hoped that the new commissioner will move immediately to rid the department of those involved in breaking down the system.

A clear vision and commitment to cleaning up the system is urgently needed. Those involved in corruption must be made to suffer the full extent of the law, with no exceptions. This must include the forfeiture of all assets gained through these illegal activities, as provided for by the "Proceeds of Crime Act.

A warning has also being made high-profile business persons, who he said were among the most notorious import-duty dodgers, that they would be publicly exposed when caught.

Importers of damaged motor vehicles into the country are also being warned.

Walker said that there will be no tolerance for perpetrators who under-invoice their sales invoice to import damaged vehicles. And when caught they will be severely punished

Highlighting cases of importers producing invoices at value costs lower than the actual purchase price, Walker pointed out that the customs department has the resources and will verify costs before entry are passed.

"Damaged vehicles make up a large percentage of goods passing through the customs systems. "We have a problem with the damaged motor vehicles. There is a gap between what people are saying they paid for this car and what they actually paid for it, but let me just be frank. Customs has a fair amount of resources at its disposal to find out exactly what people pay for these vehicles overseas," he noted.

"I think where Customs has been at fault, and we going to fix it as of next week, is to start telling Jamaica that we know what you pay for it. Stop bringing the false invoices because you can be prosecuted for uttering a false document," he added.

And as far as customs officers and brokers are concerned, he said, "We are going to deal with it (the situation) very harshly if we find any situation where any of our employees are involved in any

malpractice or misappropriation that causes the duties not to be collected. If its employees, they will be sent on leave while investigations take place and if its custom brokers, we are going to seek to have their licence not renewed or revoked," Walker charged.

WARNING TO PSOJ

Mr. Walker was speaking recently at the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) Job Creation Awards also warned that he will not remain silent on any illegal activities their members may be involved in at the Customs Department. He informed them that he intended to expose any corruption he found regardless of how connected the perpetrators may be.

"It's not going to be a quiet little fight, it is going to be a public battle we are going to wage...I say that because I am going to need your help and I want to give those among us fair warning."

"I settle my conscience by first warning you, that's how I was when I was at the Electoral Office, I warn you because what I intend to do is make clear everything that I find,"

"I don't care who you are, how big your name is, how politically connected or otherwise, and you have been involved in things you should not be it is not going to be a quiet chat with the Commissioner," he said.

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Paul Ince, a former midfielder at Manchester United and England captain, has been appointed Blackburns new manager, making history as the Premiership's first black manager.

Successfully he has attained this high profile job by beating an impressive line of competitors such as Sam Allardyce and Michael Laudrup who were also interviewed for the job.

He has successfully managed teams in lower leagues, he steered Macclesfield Town out of relegation and with his impressive track record playing for major teams, he is sure to do well.

Congratulations Paul, The Big Eye is rooting for you. You are a true role model for the young black youths.
Thank you.



JAMAICA ON A HIGH

Horace Hyde

Despite Jamaica having its fair share of problems and the people are feeling down, the sporting arena continues to rejuvenate the country with constant infections of national pride. Year after year the men and women who wear the black, green and gold in stadiums locally and internationally put on world class performances that highlight the immense depth of talent that Jamaica possesses.

In recent times these performances have become a regular for sporting fans and this shows the growth that has taken place in our athletic factory that continues to produce top class athletes from grass roots to the senior level. The upcoming Beijing Olympics is the next stage where an outstanding all star performance is on the card for Jamaica and if the previous Olympics is anything to go by then the sky is the limit for Jamaican athletes as new heights are certainly going to be reached. The record medal count from the previous Olympics is a certainty to be broken as it is now customary for all records where Jamaica is concerned to be broken, and with Usain, Asafa, Veronica, Sherone, Kerron, Bridget and the rest of the gang ready to go; the Jamaican flag will seem to be permanent on the flag poles in Beijing.

A preview of what is to come at the Olympics was on show at the Jamaica trails at the National Stadium. Usually this was given little or no attention but now globally the eyes and ears of the world was fixed on Jamaica as the two fastest men in the world, Jamaica's own Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell met each other in an historic race; which Usain won but it was obvious that they were running just to qualify. The 100 metres current and former world record

holders has been dubbed as rivals but I consider that to be nonsense as they both understand the significance of both their achievements to the country and the pride it brings to us all. The only rivalry both track stars has is with America's Tyson Gay who would pose some threat at the Olympic Games but knowing Gay in the race he would be coming from behind and this would be uncomfortable for both Usain and Asafa who are used to being at the forefront.

The Reggae Boyz are also adding to the country's joy with their World Cup qualifying exploits dismissing the Bahamians 13:0 after two legs. Both games took place in Jamaica and the crowds enjoyed them thoroughly, however I am concerned with the re-emergence of some players from the 98 campaign, though they looked alright against the Bahamas but who wouldn't the next round however poses a greater challenge for these players as they will be going up against world class younger and quicker players and I hope that both they and Mr. Simoes know what they are doing as the country is feeling nostalgic at the moment and are anticipating the pride of 98 in 2010. I am totally behind the team and I hope they make it to the 2010 World Cup to add more joy to Jamaican sports lovers. So good luck to all Jamaica's sports men and women, the track stars, the footballers, the netballers, the cricketers and of course the bobsledders, you are all joy bringers to our little dot on the map and keep showing the world that 'wi likkle but wi tallawah'



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Insert: Right:Serena & Left:Venus

THE WILLIAMS sisters are set to make the Wimbledon final a family affair for a third time – a feat that will surely never be surpassed.

Serena has managed to eclipse Venus in the two

finals they have contested at SW19, but as defending champion, and with four previous triumphs in this Grand Slam, Venus will be the slight favourite.

With six Wimbledon crowns between, the mainstream media's stance against the ebony duo seems to have softened in recent years.

Their feline athletic prowess, power and determination to succeed in a snow white sport, has compelled even their most hardened critics to acknowledge their achievements.

They have also been heavily criticised in the past

for not playing enough tournaments on the tour and not been entirely focused on the tennis.

For instance, Venus has her own interior design business and fashion label, while Serena has also launched her own fashion label.

But the diversity of the projects the Williams sisters are involved in outside tennis just illustrates the range of their talents.

While their contemporaries such as Martina Hingis, Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin-Hardeene have all retired from the game in recent years through injuries.

The approach of the Williams' sisters has ensured they will have longevity on the circuit, while adding to haul of Grand Slams and already substantial bank balances.

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JOHN DYSON: IMPROVING WEST INDIAN CRICKET

Michael Harrison

The arrival of John Dyson, former Australian opener and coach of Sri Lanka from 2003 to 2005 cricket team, as coach of the West Indies has brought some stern and obvious improvement in their style of play. Dyson whose appointment came under criticism by those who felt a regional coach was the best option after the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) meddled with a few foreign coaches who never had any significant impact on the team.

Dyson appointment seemed to have been justified immediately with a total team demolition of Zimbabwe: 3-1 in a one day international series (ODIS) followed up with a victory over the mighty South African team in the first of three test matches. However this all turned sour and West Indians were soon brought back to reality as Dyson's team crashed to humiliating defeats in the remaining tests and a white wash in the five ODIS. The hoodlum fans and critics were quick to reaffirm their view and asked for his resignation. Some like West Indian great Jeff Dujon believes no coach

can solve the West Indies current problems and states, "The next good West Indies team is probably about 13 years old right now.

However truthful he might be the West Indies have since buckled down and showed a strong competitive nature: something that has been lacking for the last decade. In the home series against Sri Lanka they tied the two test series 1-1 and won the ODI series. Adding to that, they welcomed the world champions Australia and continued to remain competitive despite losing the three test series 2-0.

Results are indeed important but for some reason, the mere fact that the team is competing takes away a little of the blemish and gives us hope that things might have turn for the better. Dyson in an interview stated he had to go into the guys psyche to challenge the "closure attitude" they had with each other. The attitude now shown by the squad makes us all hopeful but it is crystal clear that a lot of work is still left to be done. For instance teaching the lower order



Above John Dyson

to bat under pressure and under situations when they are needed most. Too often have we seen them collapsing for 30 runs or less while top sides like South Africa and Australia can boast bowlers who regularly make half centuries and the odd hundred runs when needed. So while it is a time to remain hopefully under Dyson's management it is also time to remember that the current crop of players will never be called greats, the closest to that probably being Chivnarine Chanderpaul. However for time being we can look forward to a few victories from them. The team always got talent but never had that figure-head that could harness it into something world class. Maybe Dyson can with time. After he has only been there since October 2007 and has done more work than his predecessors.

DWAIN CHAMBERS SEEKING JUSTICE.



DWAIN CHAMBERS

just refuses to stop making headlines. Whether it's trying his hand at Super League or producing Olympic qualifying times for the 100m, the man seems

intent on generating copy for Fleet Street's scribes.

His latest attempt at headline making will see him take the British Olympic Association (BOA) to court in attempt

to overturn his lifetime ban from competing in the Olympics.

Chambers tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid THG in 2003 and was banned from the sport for two-years.

The BOA, however, has a bylaw that prohibits them from selecting athletes who have failed drug tests during their career, a decision Chambers' hopes to test the legality of in court in the com-

ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP IN A NUT SHELL

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BUT SPAIN WOULD NOT HAVE WON WITH OUT MARCOS SENNA

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SPAIN'S TRIUMPH in Euro 2008 set the pulses racing of all real football lovers across the continent.

It was proof, if any was needed, that when football is executed with a high level of technical brilliance – it is indeed the "beautiful game" as Pele labelled it.

Fernando Torres, David Villa, Xavi, Andreas Iniesta, David Silva and the irrepressible Cesc Febregas beguiled us all with their skills and goals.

However, their elegance was underpinned by the simplicity and effective nature of Marcos Senna's midfield game.

The black Brazilian-born turned

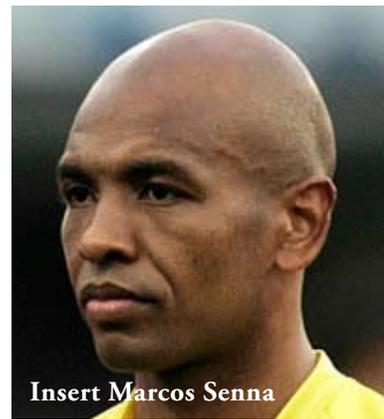
naturalized Spaniard, provided the graft on which his other miniature midfield generals were able to add their craft.

Make no doubt about it – without Senna Spain would not have won. He provided Luis Aragones' team with that extra defensive shield right in front of the defence.

His positional sense is superb, his ball retention too was excellent, but of all it was his willingness to sacrifice himself for the team that impressed.

As I drooled over the fluency of the Spanish play, I couldn't help but wonder if Fabio Capello was watching.

England's World Cup campaign starts against Andorra on September 6th. Let's hope by then he has found an English version of Senna.



Insert Marcos Senna

ing weeks.

In this case serious questions must be asked such as:

Why should an athlete that has CHEATED once before be allowed to possibly con us again? The paying public and the sport deserves better.

But more than us, the athletes who dedicate their lives to the sport and train on Christmas Day to get that edge over their competitors deserve better.

They deserve to know that they have been beaten by someone who worked harder than them, and not have to think was all their hard-work undone by a feat of science.

On the same hand in all fairness to Chambers the question must also be asked..Should a person be punished for life even after running in a qualifying time? which is the case implemented upon Dwain.

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