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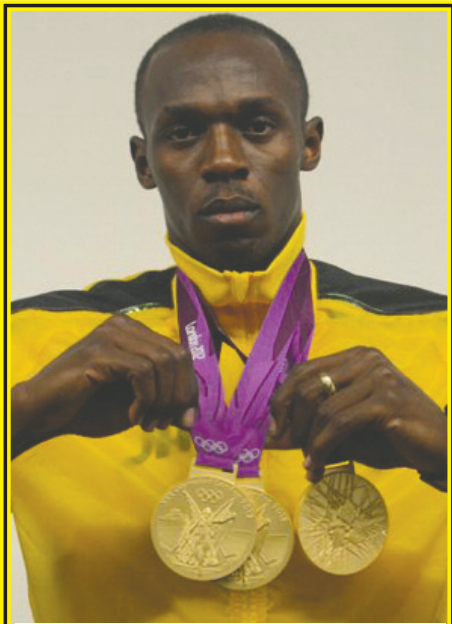
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Seabrook Faces 180 yrs for Fraud

By Street Hype Reporters

Convicted Bronx Councilman Larry Seabrook, 61 who was found guilty on July 26 by a jury in Manhattan Federal Court of nine counts of public corruption crimes, including mail and wire fraud could face a maximum term of 180 years in prison.

According to Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York each of the nine counts could carry up to 20 years or a total 180 years plus total fines of \$2.25M or \$250,000 or twice the gain or loss from each offense.

However, noted New York City attorney Donald Vernon observed that Seabrook might serve only 20 years, as the charges would run concurrently. Seabrook is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Batts on January 8, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

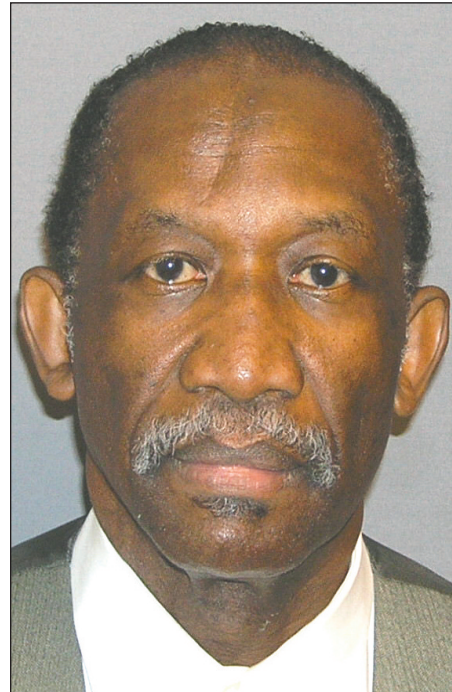
"Councilman Larry Seabrook abused the power of his office to fund his own corrupt friends and family," U.S. Attorney Bharara said in a statement. "Today's conviction ensures that the councilman will pay for betraying the public trust."

The politician was accused of steering \$1.5 million in council cash to non-profits that he controlled — and where his girlfriend, two sisters and a brother were employed. More than \$400,000 in salary went to the relatives and to girlfriend Gloria Jones-Grant — who collected a paycheck despite her lack of qualifications to run a non-profit.

As part of those charges, prosecutors claimed that Seabrook doctored a receipt for a \$7 bagel to make it read \$177 in a scheme to launder a \$50,000 payoff.

"We respect the jury's verdict, but we disagree with it," said defense attorney Edward Wilford. Seabrook's lawyers indicated it was too soon to say if they would appeal.

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Editorial

Jamaica at 50 - Challenges and Opportunities

On August 6, 2012 the people from the island of Jamaica celebrated fifty years of independence from British rule. Since 1962, Jamaicans have been electing their own government and political leaders.

Fifty years is still a short time in the history of any country, however while Jamaicans are known to be influential, proud and progressive people in the eyes of the world, the island continues to experience its fair share of challenges and setbacks.

Jamaica's per capita income now stood at US\$5,402, unemployment at 12% and total debt at approximately \$1.33 trillion or 139% Gross Domestic Products (GDP). Population below poverty line has been estimated at 16.5%.

Jamaica is not producing enough food for its growing population. Last year the island's food-import bill stood at US\$930 million, while food export was a mere US\$96 million.

Some areas of Jamaica, particularly cities such as Kingston, Montego Bay and Spanish Town, experience high levels of crime and violence. Jamaica has had one of the highest murder rates in the world for many years, according to UN estimates. As described by former Prime Minister PJ Patterson the situation is "a national challenge of unprecedented proportions."

On the positive side, Jamaica's resources continue to be on the rise including human capital. We are experiencing significant improvement in education and health care. Our tourism and agricultural products are ready to take off and provide jobs and foreign exchange.

With reggae now the fastest growing music all over the world and Jamaican entertainers are in high demand, the future is bright for our entertainment industry.

Jamaica should take advantage of the successes of sports including track and field, football and cricket.

Usain Bolt should be among a team of star Jamaican athletes promote and market the island products and services.

Thomas Jefferson once observed that "a people get the Government they deserve." Jamaican people apathy is ensuring that this adage remains true. The people are however, not happy with the performance of their Jamaica governments (PNP and JLP) during the past 50 years.

The people are over-taxed and are unable to take care of their families. The increasing number of Jamaican immigrants all over the world is an indication that people are searching for better.

During the next fifty years of independence, Jamaica and its leaders must focus on fixing the issues that are affecting the people and provide opportunities for social and economic growth.



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people are talking...!

Jamaican or American Men: Which do you prefer?

Unknow se tings really gaan bad when we have to say that Jamaican man come back ina style fe 2012! We all know the track record with our Jamaican men, so let's not front!

Over the last few years, primarily because of a failed marriage and some painful experiences with Jamaican men, I have only dated the American brothers. I thought to myself, "Alright, let me try the other side and see what they have to offer. However, I at this point, and I am woman enough to say this," gimme the Jamaican man any day," as I will forever not understand them. And I have tried, Lord knows I have tried!

From the lawyer in Atlanta, to the Manufacturing Manager in Ohio, to the big shot IBM Software man in North Carolina, I have discovered, grudgingly so, that I prefer my island brothers. Yes, you too Mr. Trinidad.

I have also come to realize that the values that I grew up with in Jamaica, where having a woman is seen as an honour, most American men have not grasped that concept. Some have I am sure, but I believe that it is instilled in a Caribbean man from his days as a youth, running around in the country, barefoot. Caribbean men seemingly know that if he has a woman, it is his responsibility to try to take care of her.

Now, if this was happening to me alone, then I would walk away and say that I must obviously be doing something wrong. It unfortunately is not, and women are experiencing major letdowns all over the globe. I have one friend in particular, who rents a car and drives across the border to Detroit, to visit her so-called "man". I won't say which friend of course, as she might read this. Actually, no, she won't read this, as she is probably busy on the phone as we speak, cursing him out, asking him why he has not sent her any money. Again! So, therefore I can continue on with my story.

I am all for love and the pursuit of happiness, but paying for a rental car every weekend out of my own pocket, losing time and money from my job and driving in the snow, rain or shine, is not a smart move in my opinion.



Especially in the snow! Look how cold Canada can get! As I told her one day, "If he was your man, you would not be borrowing money from me, a single mother of two boys." To top it off, she is always asking me to put money on her pre-paid cell phone for her.

And that's another thing, "why can't this American brotha get her a plan on her phone and have her ditch her pre-paid? If I had a penny for every time that she said to me," "Girl, I can't talk too long cause you are burning up my minutes", I would be a very rich woman today.

In my opinion there is no penis that gratifying for me to drive hundreds of miles for, in the snow or hail. I suggested that she try to

receive her, "sexual satisfaction," for a lack of a better description for it, via the telephone. There is nothing wrong with phone sex in my opinion, as we are still in a major recession.

However, she only scoffed at my suggestion and headed straight for the border. The sad thing is, I have also noticed that some of the Caribbean men have begun to act similarly as the American brothas, and only when properly "checked", as we call it, do they realize what they are doing. I cannot even speak about the Canadian black men, as not only are they scarce, they themselves have turned to white women, seemingly since the day they left whatever island they are from. Unfortunately, I speak the truth, and nothing but the truth.

I hold my sisters accountable, to some degree, for these irresponsible acts that we are

experiencing. We allow these men to get away with murder and not feel responsible for us, or their actions. We continue to enable and be intimate with them. Women need to set their standards higher and expect nothing but the best.

Then and only then, will we receive the benefits. Do not get me wrong, I am not saying that a man having ten women out there is right.

However, I would rather have my man trying hard to please me than not trying at all. At least I know that there is a chance for it to work. A Jamaican man knows that he has to approach a woman with more than just the pleasure of experiencing the, "Big wad," "between his legs. At least him wi try a likkle ting wid u!

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NEWS

Woman Charged in Death of Newborn



KADIAN GIZLEANE, 27

Mount Vernon:

A twenty-seven year old Mount Vernon woman has been charged with murder in connection with the death of her newborn child.

Kadian Gizleane, of 8 North 9th Avenue went to the Mount Vernon Hospital Emergency Room at approximately 11:30 A.M. on August 3, 2012 reporting she had suffered a miscarriage. Hospital staff determined that Gizleane had actually given birth and

notified the Mount Vernon Police Department.

Detectives responded to Gizleane's residence and discovered a deceased newborn male wrapped in plastic and left in the bathroom. An autopsy revealed that the infant was a full term live birth.

Gizleane, who has no previous arrests, was arraigned in Mount Vernon City Court yesterday on the charge of 2nd Degree Murder.



Mitchell to Contest Seabrook Seat

Prominent New York attorney and civil right activist, Neville Mitchell announced last Wednesday his candidacy for city councilman in the 12th Councilmanic District in the Bronx.

According to a press release from Mitchell, "this district became vacant upon the conviction of long term councilman Larry Seabrook. My candidacy is not in any way a statement or reflection on Mr. Seabrook. As I understand it, the former councilman will be appealing his conviction," he noted.

Mitchell is the lead attorney at Mitchell Law Office, a criminal defense law firm with over fifteen years of experience successfully defending clients in criminal matters.

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Burstein and Rabinowitz Busted in \$25 M Mortgage Fraud

By Matthew Hampton

Two attorneys with a Forest Hills practice were convicted of mortgage fraud last week, according to the U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn.

Matthew Burstein and Aaron Rabinowitz, both 40, were found guilty on ten felony counts of fraud for illegally obtaining \$25 million in loans from half a dozen lending agencies, including Countrywide and Wells Fargo, part of a Byzantine scheme to enrich themselves in the midst of a down housing market.

According to U.S. Attorney Loretta

Lynch, the defendants worked with a co-conspirator network of straw buyers and real estate agents to draw up dummy sale documents for homes in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island. They would then file for mortgages and pay themselves attorney's fees from the falsified loans.

The incidents took place between January 2006 and September 2008.

"The defendants violated the trust placed in them as attorneys and further damaged the integrity of the real estate market," Lynch said. "We will vigorously investigate and prosecute those who

engage in mortgage fraud, including professionals who jettison their responsibility to reap rewards from the fraud."

The crooked attorneys were caught after an investigation by the FBI and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which monitors lending activity.

Burstein and Rabinowitz are scheduled for sentencing on Nov. 26. They face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison. They will also likely be forced to pay restitution on any ill-gotten gains from the fraudulent home sales they perpetrated.

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"I continue to have faith in God, I continue to have faith in the system, and now I'll prepare myself for what's next," said Seabrook.

The guilty verdicts came just eight months after a previous prosecution of Seabrook, ended with a mistrial. A felony conviction, under state law, means immediate loss of office.

According to the Indictment, other court documents and the evidence presented at trial; Seabrook has served as a member of the New York City Council since January 2002. In that capacity, his official duties have included: voting on legislation, representing and advocating for the interests of his constituents, and allocating New York City funds to non-profit organizations.

Seabrook is a former state assembly and state senate member, making him New York's first African-American to hold three elected legislative positions.

Brooklyn Man Charged With Stabbing Mother To Death

A Brooklyn man with a history of emotional problems was awaiting arraignment Sunday after police say he stabbed his mother to death the previous night.

Police say Richard Cohen, 31, called 911 after he allegedly stabbed his mother at 1220 Ocean Avenue in Flatbush just before 11 p.m. Saturday.

Authorities arrived at the scene and found Anne Cohen, 64, stabbed multiple

times in the torso. She was pronounced dead at Community Hospital.

Her neighbors remembered Anne Cohen as a quiet woman who kept to herself. "Go to the store, get her groceries, go home. Her husband died years back, heart attack. Never bothered anybody," a neighbor said. Richard Cohen was arrested on the scene and charged with second-degree murder.



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NYPD Officer gets 40 Months for Firearms and Stolen Goods

Joseph Trischitta, 43, a former New York City Police Department (NYPD) officer was sentenced in Manhattan federal court recently to 40 months in prison for engaging in a scheme involving the illegal interstate transport of firearms and stolen goods.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Pauley sentenced Trischitta, of Staten Island, New York, to two years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a \$50,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment fee. Trischitta also has agreed to a money judgment of \$11,500 representing his share of the crime proceeds and has relinquished his interests in guns seized from him at the time of his arrest.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said, "Joseph Trischitta's sentencing is the latest reminder of the consequences of public corruption. It does a disservice to the overwhelming majority of public servants who conduct themselves so honorably and to the people they serve."

East Rockaway Tax Preparer Bared

CENTRAL ISLIP:

A federal court in Central Islip, N.Y., has permanently barred Diana D. Bertocci-Aliffi from preparing federal tax returns for others, the Justice Department announced last week.

The civil injunction order, to which Aliffi agreed without admitting the government's allegations, was signed by Judge Joanna Seybert of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of New York.

The government complaint in the case alleged that Aliffi, of East Rockaway, claimed false Indian Employment Tax Credits (IETCs) for customers who were not eligible for the credits.

The IETC is a credit for employers of certain qualified employees who are or whose spouses are members of an enrolled Indian tribe. It is not a credit for Native Americans who have no qualified employees.

According to the complaint, Aliffi falsely told her customers, many of whom lived on or near the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton, N.Y., that they were eligible for the credit simply because they were Native Americans and lived on or near a reservation.

Aliffi allegedly prepared federal income tax returns for these customers and improperly claimed the IETC on the returns. Aliffi also allegedly fabricated wage income and tax withholding on other customers' tax returns in order to obtain larger tax refunds.

The government complaint alleged that Aliffi was incarcerated from February to August 2009 after pleading guilty in a New York state court to 76 counts of grand larceny, identity theft and forgery related to her tax preparation activities.

Coke Work Places Dubbed "Cesspools of Racial Discrimination"

By Shirley Irons, Freelance Writer

Three Jamaicans Evon Douglas, 32, Oral Forbes, 40 and Wayne Morrison, 41, who worked at the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Elmsford, New York are making similar accusations against The Coca-Cola Company as did sixteen Black and Hispanic workers who filed a racial discrimination lawsuit in January.

The lawsuit alleges that the Coca-Cola plants in Elmsford and in Queens, New York are "Cesspools of racial discrimination." Workers with similar grievances who work at Coke facilities in Smithtown, New York and Carlstadt, New Jersey are also fighting back against the company for horrific injustices done to them because of their color and ethnicity.

The lawsuit claims that Black and Hispanic workers have suffered from biased work assignments and allotment of hours, unfair discipline and retaliation, and a caustic work environment. Minority workers at Coca-Cola are typically assigned to the most undesirable and physically dangerous positions.

Managers contravene the seniority system by giving better jobs and more overtime hours to white workers with less seniority than minority workers.

Minority workers are also denied opportunities for promotion within the company. Coca-Cola management retaliates against minority workers through unwanted scrutiny, unfair disciplinary actions, suspensions and terminations.

Douglas, who was unjustly fired said "I would often hear employees use the word 'nigger' loudly in front of management with no repercussions, although this was in violation of company policies. The management would do nothing to stop this. Supervisors would constantly harass me. My breaks and lunches were constantly being watched and timed, and I felt like if I was in a concentration camp or a high security prison. They would even follow minority employees into the bathroom and demand that the worker get back to work".

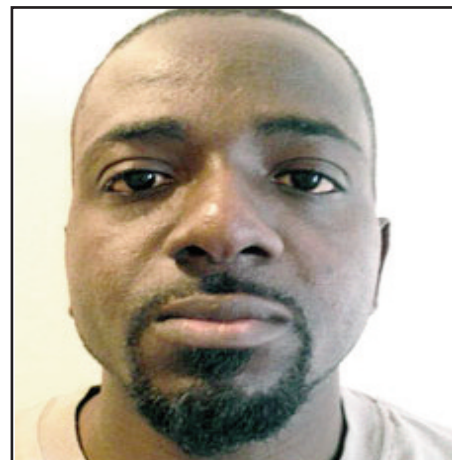
Forbes worked ten years for Coca-Cola before he was fired. "During my 10 years with the company," he said, "I had no disciplinary problems at all. In fact, I had lots of commendations for my work performance. A co-worker constantly hurled racial slurs at me which I challenged but the company unjustly retaliated against me. During this time, I had a house, two children and my wife. Due to the loss of my job, I lost my home, my car and everything and had to move my family to my in-laws' home. I was unfairly treated and discriminated against."

Morrison is married with five children. He started working with Coca-Cola in 2008 as a merchandiser. He felt he was in a good job with a prestigious company and saw endless opportunities. When Coca-Cola started "cleaning house", he was subjected to harassment, abuse and racial slurs by co-workers and supervisors alike.

Supervisors would say, "I'll be damned if my subordinate will make more



EVON DOUGLAS



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WAYNE MORRISON

money than me." Mr. Douglas also overheard statements like "we already have too many Jamaicans in this warehouse" and "Jamaicans are taking over."

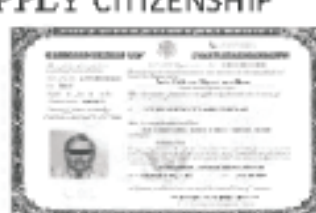
These statements were all said in front of managerial staff with no corrective action. These men and other victims of Coca-Cola's racial discrimination, past and present, have suffered significant emotional trauma and financial hardship.

To learn more about other cases and The Coca-Cola Company's ugly history of discrimination worldwide labor and human rights violations and environmental abuses visit www.stopcokediscrimination.org and www.killercoke.org.

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Bolt creates history!

Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt won his third gold of the Games when he anchored Jamaica to victory in a blistering men's 4x100 metres final as they retained their title in a world record 36.84 seconds on Saturday.

It was the same Jamaican quartet of Nesta Carter, Michael Frater, Yohan Blake and Bolt that had set the previous mark of 37.04 at the world championships in Daegu last year.

The United States team of Trell Kimmons, individual bronze medallist Justin Gatlin, Tyson Gay and Ryan Bailey won silver in 37.04 to equal the old record.

Canada finished third but were disqualified for a lane infringement, leaving the athletes in tears on the track as Trinidad and Tobago were awarded the bronze in 38.12. The Canadians have appealed against the decision.

U.S. lead-off man Kimmons got a flying start and the Americans appeared to have the initial edge but by the third leg Jamaica's 100 and 200 silver medallist Blake came off the bend level with rival Tyson Gay and once Bolt got the baton there was only ever going to be one winner.

To a tumultuous noise, Bolt pulled away from American Ryan Bailey and, for once, kept going all the way to the finish even dipping for the line.

Bolt, who now has six Olympic gold medals from two Games, wanted to keep the baton but track officials would not let him, resulting in boos from the 80-000 strong crowd.

Western Union shuts down services in Jamaican to Stop Lottery Scams

PORTLAND, USA:

Western Union has decided to temporarily close money transfer stations in St James parish, Jamaica, including the resort area of Montego Bay, in an effort to thwart international phone scamming operations.

According to an Associated Press report, "...Western Union is temporarily shutting down its services in a northern Jamaican parish that is the hotbed for a multimillion-dollar lottery scam that targets mostly elderly Americans." The company indicated it is conducting an internal systems review of its security measures at the locations in the Montego Bay region.

Conservative estimates put the yearly

take from Jamaican scams at \$300 million, up from about \$30 million in 2009.

"As we have been working with local, state and federal officials to shed light on this issue for several months, we applaud Western Union for taking these proactive steps to combat this very serious problem," said Mike Smith, Vermont state president of FairPoint Communications. "Western Union is an industry leader in its efforts to stop fraud and has dedicated significant resources to proactively get information out to help warn people about scams."

FairPoint launched its "Beware: Scams from Area Code 876" campaign in March, 2012 and has highlighted stories of people in northern New England who have been

victimized by Jamaican lottery scams.

FairPoint's campaign has gained national and international attention, prompting the Jamaican government to establish a task force to address the 30,000 daily calls from Jamaica into the United States attempting to defraud American citizens.

As part of the campaign, FairPoint also created a broadcast-ready public service announcement that is airing on stations across northern New England and directing listeners to a website with resources to identify and prevent phone scams.

FairPoint further noted that its security office has received inquiries from across the country about this scam. According to Larry Caruso,

Uruguayan Government to Legalize Marijuana

By Mariano Castillo, CNN

(CNN) -- With the intent of undermining the market for illegal drugs, Uruguay's government presented a bill to lawmakers that would legalize marijuana under a government monopoly.

The government of President Jose Mujica has argued that the war on drugs has failed, and that separating the market for marijuana from the market for harder drugs will have social and health benefits.

The bill was presented to congress on Wednesday, and includes no details of how legalization would be cultivated, regulated or sold. But it makes it clear that the government would be the sole manager of the "importation, production, acquisition ... commercialization and distribution of marijuana or its derivatives."

The idea was first announced in June, and at the time there were reports that such a law would require onerous identification and tracking requirements that consumers would object to. The bill does not mention any requirements, presumably leaving it up to the congress to fill in the details.

Diego Canepa, pro-secretary of the presidency, said that current laws criminalizing the private sale of marijuana would remain in place, and campaigns warning of dangers of drug use would continue. "No one is saying that marijuana is good. What is happening is that the foundation of the type of policy that we have followed for more than 50 years in this country have not had the expected results, and the worst thing



that can happen to public policy is to not act when the evidence shows that persisting on the same path will not obtain different results," he said.

Consumption of marijuana is already legal in Uruguay, Canepa said. If passed, the law would make Uruguay the first country to produce and sell marijuana to its citizens. While the bill itself was short on details of how such a system would actually work, it was accompanied by a 12-page letter that carefully laid out the argument for passage of the bill.

US citizen fined \$6,500 for 1998 trip to Cuba


HAVANA, Cuba (ACN) -- New Yorker Sachary Sanders was hit with a \$6,500 fine for a trip he made to Cuba 14 years ago, under US treasury regulations enforcing Washington's over 50-year-old embargo of the island.

Sanders, who is now 38, was 23 when he travelled to the island from Mexico, where he was living and working as an English teacher, NBC reported.


After leaving the island, where he travelled without a US licence in 1998,

Sanders returned to the US through The Bahamas and a customs officer seized an undeclared box of Cuban cigars from his luggage. This was the beginning of a process that that ended up with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) imposing the fine.

As part of the US economic, financial and commercial embargo of Cuba, US citizens are banned from freely traveling to Cuba if they are not granted a licence by the Treasury.



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LEGAL ISSUES

Administration Releases Details on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

By Ben Winograd

The Department of Homeland Security on August 3 released details on its plan to grant “deferred action” to immigrant youths who were brought to the country as children. The announcement, which was accompanied by an updated FAQ and other materials on how to apply, comes eight weeks after DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano revealed the initiative, which could immediately benefit more than 900,000 immigrants. The new guidance from DHS addresses many questions about the application process—the answers to which appear below—but leaves others unresolved.

Who will be eligible for deferred action under the initiative?

Immigrants may apply for deferred action if they have no valid immigration status; entered the United States before age 16; were 30 or younger as of June 15, 2012; have lived continuously in the United States since June 15, 2007; have not been convicted of specified criminal offenses (see more details below) or otherwise pose a threat to public safety; and are in school on the date the application is filed, have graduated from high school or earned a GED, or served in the military. Applications will only be considered for immigrants who are currently 15 or older, unless they are currently in removal proceedings or have a final order of removal or voluntary departure.

How and when can applicants apply?

Starting August 15, qualified immigrants may apply for deferred action by submitting a form, which has not yet been released, to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Before submitting an application, however, immigrants who are currently in detention should first contact their detention officer or the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of the Public Advocate at (888) 351-4024.

How much will the application cost?

There will be no fee associated with the deferred action application itself. However, all applicants will have to pay an \$85 biometrics fee associated with a background check. In addition, unless falling under certain exemptions for impoverished individuals, recipients of deferred action who want a work permit will have to pay the standard \$380 fee to obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). More information on fee exemptions will be made available on August 15.

What evidence must be submitted with the application?

Among other evidence, applicants may submit financial, medical, school, employment, or military records to demonstrate their eligibility. School records include, but are not limited to, GED certificates, report cards, and school transcripts. Affidavits will generally not be sufficient to demonstrate eligibility, except for the requirement that the applicant has been continually present in the United States since June 15, 2007. Additional information will be made available on August 15.

Will information in the application be kept confidential?

According to DHS, any information provided in the application, including information relating to applicants’ family members or legal guardians, will not be used for immigration enforcement proceedings, unless the applicant meets the existing criteria for referral to ICE or issuance of a Notice to Appear (NTA) in immigration court. (See below.)

Will applicants who are denied deferred action be placed in removal proceedings?

According to DHS, the administration will follow existing policies regarding the initiation of removal proceedings for immigrants who are denied benefits for which they affirmatively applied. Under a November 2011 memo, such immigrants will only be placed in removal proceedings if they engaged in fraud during the application process; have been convicted of an offense making them removable from the United States, or are under investigation or have been arrested for an “egregious public safety” criminal offense; or pose a threat to national security.

What criminal convictions will make applicants ineligible for deferred action?

Applicants will not be eligible for deferred action if they have been convicted of (1) a felony, defined as any crime punishable by more than one year in prison, (2) a “significant” misdemeanor (defined below), or (3) three or more other misdemeanors for which they were sentenced to more than five days in jail, not including minor traffic offenses. Convictions for immigration-related offenses classified as felonies or misdemeanors by state laws (e.g. Arizona SB 1070) will not be considered.

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SPORTS



Brazil, Jamaica Leads Latin America, Caribbean Olympic Medal Count

News Americas, LONDON, England:

South American giant, Brazil, and Caribbean sprint factory, Jamaica, are in the lead of the Latin America, Caribbean medal count at the 30th Olympiad in London, England.

Brazil, which hosts the 2016 Olympics, as of Thursday, August 9th, had a total of 11 medals with two gold, two silver and seven bronze. The gold medals are for judo and gymnastics while the silver medals were earned in the swimming and beach volley ball categories. The seven bronze medals were earned by the athletes competing in judo, sailing, swimming, boxing and beach volley ball.

Jamaica leads for the Caribbean with 12 medals, earned largely by the world's fastest man, Usain Bolt, who made history by retaining not just the title of world's fastest man by winning the 100-meters but grabbing the win in the men's 200-m on August 9th as well.

Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce, who also re-claimed her 100-m gold medal and added a silver in the women's 200-m on Wednesday, adds to that tally along with Yohan Blake, who scored silver in both the men's 100 and 200-meters.

Jamaica now has four golds, four silvers and four bronze medals. Former 200-m record holder, Veronica Campbell Brown has one of the bronze medals while Warren Weir and Hansel Parchement grabbed the other two.



Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce, re-claimed her 100-m gold medal and added a silver in the women's 200-m

Cuba is second in the Caribbean and Latin America with 8 medals, including three gold, three silver and two bronze while Colombia has six – three silver and three bronze.

Mexico has five but no gold medals. The Dominican Republic has two, one of which is a gold, while there is one apiece for Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Guatemala and Argentina. Grenada's one medal is a gold, earned by the historic win in the men's 400-m of 19-year-old Kirani James.

With the relays set to begin today, August 10th, it is highly anticipated that the Caribbean region will add to its medal total before the end of the games on August 12th.



Jamaica's gold medal winning team (l-r) Yohan Blake, Usain Bolt, Michael Frater and Nesta Carter.



Women's 100m medallists pose during Victory Ceremony (L-R) Silver medalist Carmelita Jeter of the United States, gold medalist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica and bronze medalist Veronica Campbell-Brown of Jamaica pose on the podium for women's 100m on Day 9.

Gibson, Richardson believe West Indies on right track

KINGSTON, Jamaica -- The two men at the head of the leadership group of the West Indies team believe the recent successes over New Zealand are a result of hard work and dedication. Team manager Richie Richardson and head coach Ottis Gibson have played a crucial role in the ongoing development of the team and are happy with what they are seeing.

The West Indies completed a clean sweep of the Digicel Test Series when they beat New Zealand by six wickets at Sabina Park, Jamaica on Sunday. They started the two-match rubber with an emphatic nine-wicket win at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua.

Earlier in the tour the West Indies easily won both matches in the Digicel T20 Series at the Central Broward Regional Park in south Florida. They were equally dominant with a 4-1 result in the five-match Digicel One-Day Series at Sabina Park and Warner Park, St Kitts.

In the International Cricket Council's Rankings announced on Wednesday, the West Indies have made strides and gained points since the start of the year. They moved up to fifth spot in T20s with 111 rankings points. The Windies are at Number 7 in ODIs with 94 rankings points, and also at Number 7 in Tests with 90 rankings points.

Reggae Boyz to face El Salvador

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz will step up their preparation for the crucial World Cup Qualifier (WCQ) on September 7 against the United States, when they tackle El Salvador at the RFK Stadium in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, August 15, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

The Jamaican technical staff will use this game to get a fresh look at the condition of key players since the last WCQ on June 12, and has used the occasion to recall Omar

Cummings, who did not play in the earlier WCQ matches due to injury, and they have also given striker Darren Mattocks a call-up.

Also returning is midfielder Damian Williams (formerly of Nybergsund, Norway); Obrian Woodbine (VPS Vaasa, Finland) and Shavar Thomas (Montreal Impact, USA). Thomas, a former team captain, last played for the Reggae Boyz against Honduras in October 2011.

Payments for athletes at Olympics!

Jamaican-born US quarter-miler Sanya Richards-Ross has started a social media campaign aimed at getting organisers to pay athletes who compete at Olympic Games. She has blasted organisers for ignoring the financial plight of the majority of track and field athletes across the world.

Richards-Ross posted on twitter that with \$6 billion exchanging hands during the Olympics, athletes should not compete for free.

The tweet has caused a flood of discussion on the topic with individuals expressing differing views on the subject. Richards-Ross is also calling for sponsors' logos to be allowed on jerseys.

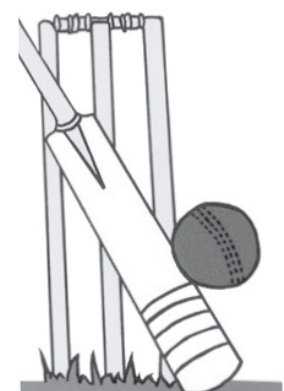
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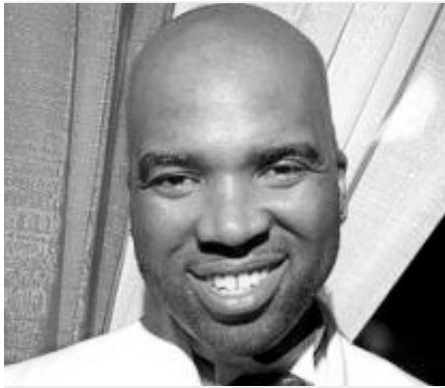
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ENTERTAINMENT



Popular selector Steelie Bashment was one of many interviewed this summer.

IrishandChin.com Nabs the Best for Video Shows

This Summer IrishandChin.com went on a road trip, on a quest to seek out exclusive interviews and gain insight into the unique experiences of well established and even legendary personalities who continue to make an indelible mark on Reggae and Dancehall's ever expanding culture.

The team travelled along the United States East Coast (Maria & Ninja) in an effort to satisfy the inquisitive appetite of their loyal website visitors.

The website has always enjoyed global viewership through such established video shows as Sound Chat TV; which features in-depth interviews with sound system legends, Vybin with the stars; which examines the careers of current established artistes, and Buss di dance; which explores the creativity and overall lifestyle of Dancehall's top dancers among other shows that highlights selectors, music and event producers, etc. Sound Chat Radio is streamed live via the site every Mon 7-10pm and Tues 5-8pm (both EST).

Popular selector Steelie Bashment was one of many interviewed this summer. "All interviewees were welcoming and we whole heartedly thank them for sharing," remarked the company's Creative Content Producer Maria aka 'lady_soundchat.'

Rapper claims to be Bob Marley reincarnated

US rapper Snoop Dogg has reportedly said he's "Bob Marley reincarnated" which is why he is releasing a reggae album under the name Snoop Lion.

Snoop Dogg was in Jamaica in February.

Newsbeat reports that the rapper said he was inspired to drop rapping altogether for his new album, Reincarnated which is slated for release in the autumn.

A documentary film of



SNOOP DOGG

his visit to Jamaica will premiere at the Toronto film festival in November.

Jammins to Host Sounds of Reggae Concert

Sunday, December 9, 2012 will be etched in music history at the new Barclays Center. The 15,000 capacity home of the Brooklyn Nets, will host its debut "The Sounds of Reggae Concert."

This concert will be particularly meaningful as Jamaica, West Indies celebrates its 50th year of independence.

Presented by Jammins Entertainment, a dominant forerunner in marketing and managing of Reggae music; Sounds of Reggae will feature internationally recognized UB40, the NEW addition to the concert - storyteller Beres Hammond and the crowd pleaser Maxi Priest all in one amazing concert.

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Beres Hammond, reggae connoisseurs sign at the mention of his name; he is

the consummate storyteller.

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Maxi Priest is one of only two British reggae acts to have an American Billboard number one song: "Close to You" in 1990. His duet with Grammy Winner Shaggy in 1996, "That Girl", was also a hit in the United States, peaking at number twenty.

In 1991 His Reggae Fusion was very successful and his songs not only went to the top of the chart - American Billboard but he also became a Grammy winning recording artist.

To purchase tickets log onto www.ticketmaster.com. For further information call 718.282.8041 and stay tuned for concert updates.



BUJU BANTON

Buju loses appeal

Jailed dancehall entertainer, Buju Banton, has lost his appeal to overturn his ten-year prison sentence in the United States.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit today dismissed the appeal of the entertainer.

However, the Appeal Court argues that US district court is to decide on Buju's motion for a new trial.

Buju Banton whose given name is Mark Myrie was sentenced to ten years in prison following his February conviction on cocaine conspiracy and trafficking charges in the US.

In his appeal, Buju argued that the US government did not establish that he was part of a drug conspiracy because there was never an agreement in place and mere presence to a drug deal is insufficient to sustain a conviction.

Buju also argued that his conviction should be overturned because Alexander Johnson, the government confidential informant, pursued him to engage in drug dealings over a six month period, which constituted entrapment as a matter of law.

However, this did not convince the US Appeals Court which ruled that there was nothing to reverse the guilty verdict against the Jamaican artiste.

The Appeal Court however stated that it would not touch Buju's motion for a new trial.

It says the District Court should decide on that.

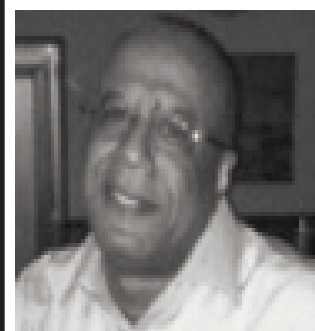
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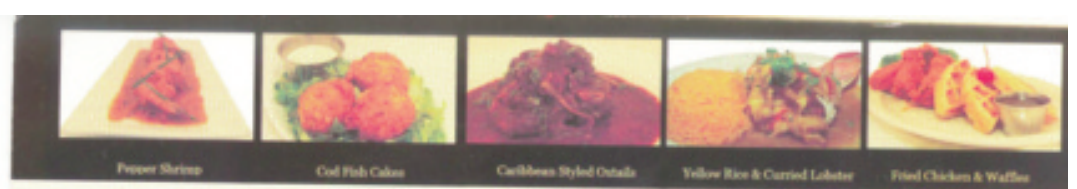


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Celebrating Jamaica at 50



JAMAICAN HISTORY

The recorded history of Jamaica may be roughly divided into six periods:

The first period may be said to date from Columbus' arrival in the island in 1494 to the destruction of Port Royal in 1692. This covers nearly 200 years. But very little is known about the days when the Spaniards were masters of Jamaica. On the other hand, a good deal is known about the first fifty years of Jamaica as a British colony.

The second period of our history extends from the destruction of Port Royal to the abolition of the slave trade in 1807. During this time Jamaica flourished as an agricultural colony and became very rich. It reached the height of its prosperity just before the slave trade was abolished; that is, just before the British Government decided that no more slaves were to be brought from Africa and sold as private property.

The third period of Jamaican history covers the years between the abolition of the slave trade and the Morant Bay rebellion in 1865. During the 46 years between the abolition of the slave trade and the rebellion, the country passed through many misfortunes and there was a great deal of misery and ill-feeling among the different classes of people in the island.

The fourth period dates from 1865 to the end of July, 1914.

The fifth period began with the outbreak of the First World War on August 1, 1914 and ended on August 1962.

The sixth period began on August 6, 1962, and records the history of Jamaica as an independent country.

In 1494 on May 4, Christopher Columbus arrived at the island of Jamaica. This was on his second voyage to the New World, which was afterwards called America.

Columbus annexed the island in the name of his master and mistress, the King and Queen of Spain. But it was not occupied until Juan de Esquivel came from Santo Domingo in 1509, and for 146 years Jamaica remained a Spanish colony.

Jamaica was then inhabited by a gentle race of people called the Arawaks or Tainos. They had probably come from the country now known as Guyana, where Arawak Indians are still to be found. They were short people, rather stout, with straight black hair and flattish noses; they were copper-coloured. They lived in huts shaped like those of the peasants of Jamaica.

They slept in hammocks. They made rough seats of wood, and spears tipped with stone, or with the teeth of sharks. They did not have the bow and arrow.



Tough, resilient tenacious people!

By Patrick Allen
Governor General of Jamaica

Fellow Jamaicans at home and abroad, I greet you on this the celebration of our Golden Jubilee—fifty years as a proud and independent nation. This is a time of special significance to those of us who experienced the pride and joy of August 6, 1962.

Today we all celebrate our accomplishments and reflect on our experiences and the lessons we have learned during these fifty years. We celebrate this Independence with jubilation and commitment to our nation.

The suggestion that we have nothing to celebrate must be stubbornly resisted. The view that we have not really achieved anything of significance in our fifty years is as misguided and wrong-headed as is the illusion that everything is okay. We have our problems and our challenges, but we also have achievements which we can justifiably celebrate on this our 50th year of independence.

Jamaican be proud of our democratic stability and institutions. We can be proud of the laws we have adopted to remove gender-based discrimination, protect the rights of workers and strengthen respect for human rights in general, among others.

We can be proud of our internationally recognized press freedoms and of other advances in civil and political rights.

We have made enormous strides in the social sector, with increased access to health services, post-primary education and housing. We are renowned for our cultural heritage and for various world class products and services. In sports, we have stamped our dominance in spectacular and superlative ways. And at these Olympics our athletes are doing it again, to the thrill of billions of people around the world.

It must be known that we are not a people easily defeated or discouraged. Our history has proven that we are a tough, resilient, tenacious people, who are not deterred by obstacles. We draw on our traditional values to pull us through any crisis.

As we contemplate the next phase of our journey, I urge all of us to recommit to those values which will keep our families strong, our children safe and protected, our youth motivated to aspire to excellence, our communities caring and supportive; values which will advance the peace and



In the spirit of patriotism!

By Portia Simpson Miller
Prime Minister, Jamaica

My fellow Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora, our visitors and our well-wishers, warm greetings to you on this the day of Jubilee!

Today we mark a momentous milestone in the history of Jamaica land we love. Fifty years ago we embarked on a mission to exchange our status as a colony for that of independent nation.

As a nation we have much to celebrate. Across the country our patriotism is seen in the vibrant Jamaican colours everywhere. In this spirit of patriotism, every Jamaican must "find the flag in our hearts" and wave it high.

The struggle for freedom did not begin in 1962 when we obtained Independence. It did not even begin in 1944 when we gained Universal Adult Suffrage; or with Internal Self-Government in 1955.

It started with the struggles and the spirit of resistance of the indigenous Tainos, our enslaved African brothers and sisters, in our Maroon communities and among the indentured Asians.

At no time did our fore-parents sit still. Their resistance paved the way for our long history of opposition to domination here in Jamaica and across the world. On this our fiftieth anniversary, let us pause for a moment, take stock, say a prayer of thanks, celebrate our wonderful mix of cultures in keeping with our motto "Out of Many One People".

Inspired leaders such as Nanny, Sam Sharpe, George Taylor, Ann James and Amelia Murray said "no" to continued enslavement and apprenticeship. Later, Paul Bogle, George William Gordon, Elizabeth Taylor and Caroline Grant said "no" to the injustices of the post-slavery period. They continued the fight for justice.

Then there was Marcus Garvey. Martin Luther King Jr said about Garvey: "he was the first man on a mass scale to give millions of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny, he gave us a sense of personhood and a sense of somebodiness".

Bob Marley could very well have been referring to our ancestors when he sang: "We refuse to be, what you wanted us to be; we are what we are; that's the way it's going to be.

Most of all let us be proud of ourselves, hold our heads high and stand tall.



The endurance of Jamaican people!

By Andrew Holness
Leader of the Opposition, Jamaica

Today as we celebrate fifty years of political independence let us make a joyful noise to the lord for the freedom we enjoy and all other blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Let us give thanks to our pioneers particularly our national heroes and heroine who had the courage and demonstrated the fearlessness to challenge the state of affairs and the way of life that existed.

It is their sacrifices that have given us the freedom we enjoy today.

While we are jubilant in jubilee, we must be tempered with reflection and sober analysis.

We must examine where we were in 1962 to where we are now fifty years later and where we want to be fifty years hence. As we evaluate our lives today we recognize that there are challenges.

We must accept that the quality of life of many Jamaicans remains at unacceptable levels. The images of poverty are very disturbing. Corruption and inefficiency are almost institutionalized in the society.

We might not have achieved all we dreamed of in 1962 but let us give thanks for what we have achieved. Let us give thanks for the stability of our political process. Let us give thanks for the resilience, the power of endurance and creativity of the Jamaican people.

Let us commend our workers at all levels in both the public and private sectors who despite the hardships continue to produce for the most part to the best of their abilities.

Let us recognise the efforts of our entrepreneurs who through ingenuity, creativity, innovation and a firm belief in Jamaica continue to contribute to the commercial landscape.

Let us show appreciation for those in the Diaspora who while on their quest for a better life have not forgotten Jamaica as their homeland and continue to contribute generously to its development.

Let us pay tribute to our sportsmen and women, our artistes and performers, our cultural and literary icons who have placed Jamaica in an enviable position on the world stage.

As we set our sights on the future let the past fifty years be a learning experience. Let us continue to preserve our democracy. Let us strive to eradicate poverty and improve the capacity of our people through education and training.

Celebrating Jamaica at 50



Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller and former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, during Jamaica 50 celebration on August 6, Kingston, Jamaica.

Powell leads US delegation to Jamaica 50 celebrations

US President Barack Obama has selected former Secretary of State, Colin Powell, to lead a delegation to Jamaica for the 50th independence celebrations.

General Powell is the son of Jamaican immigrants who went to the US in the 1920s.

He served as Secretary of State under the Presidency of George W. Bush.

General Powell will be joined by member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Yvette D. Clark, who also has Jamaican parents.

The delegation will attend ceremonies in Jamaica on August 6.

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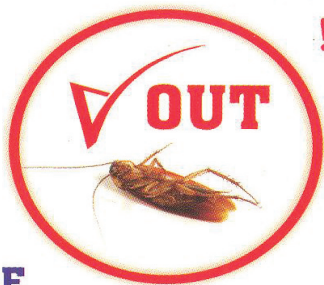
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Supporting Jamaica 50: In photo (l-r) Council Member Leroy Comrie, Consul General Herman G. LaMont, Council Member Mathieu Eugene, Comptroller John C. Liu, Assembly Member Nick Perry held on Jamaica Independence Day (August 6) the steps of City Hall, Manhattan.

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•**Council Member Leroy Comrie:** "I am pleased the Jamaican Consul General is accepting this proclamation on behalf of Jamaicans everywhere. This day will commemorate 50 years of growth, progress, and a promise to continue in the years to come."

•**Consul General of Jamaica Herman G. LaMont:** "This proclamation represents so many things. Even if we take it down to the micro-level, it means friendship. Jamaicans in this country can feel comfortable knowing there is a deep bond between the United States and Jamaica."

•**Assembly Member Nick Perry:** "As a very proud son of Jamaica I am quite pleased to join with Speaker Christine Quinn, Council Member Leroy Comrie, and the NYC Council in celebrating half a century of independence for the glorious emerald isle of the Caribbean. I also happily join you in commending the fine Counsel General of Jamaica the Honorable Herman Lamont for the fine job he has done in representing the members of the Jamaican Diaspora."

•**Assembly Member Barbara M. Clark:** "I am excited to be here to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence, where we can express our gratitude to such leaders as the Honorary Portia

Simpson Miller, the first female Prime Minister of Jamaica. As a representative of a large population of Jamaican immigrants in Queens, I have seen firsthand how they have enriched our communities. I was also present at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, led by Rev. Canon Lloyd L. Anthony, where they also celebrated this historic occasion and looking forward to continuing to do so in the coming days."

"On this 50th anniversary of Jamaican independence, I'd like to congratulate all Jamaican-Americans on the achievements of the Jamaican nation," said City Comptroller John C. Liu. "Jamaican art, culture, music, and cuisine have enriched our City in innumerable ways, and Jamaican-Americans are at the forefront of civic culture."

"I am happy to join all Jamaicans to commemorate this important day your history. As an immigrant from the Caribbean and as an elected representative for a district with many people of Jamaican background, I think this is a celebration that we can all rejoice in and please accept these words of praise. Since the country's independence, Jamaica has made countless contributions which have uplifted our communities and people throughout the world," said **Council Member Mathieu Eugene.**

Our true potential as a people

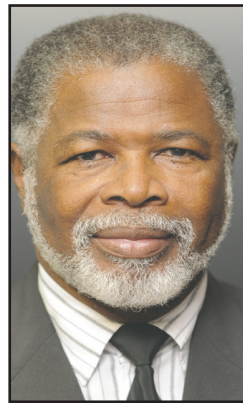
Happy 50th Independence Anniversary to fellow Jamaicans and our friends throughout the tri-state region, the Midwest USA, the New England States, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda.

As we immerse ourselves into the spirit of thanksgiving, celebrations and other likewise festivities over this glorious period of our Golden Jubilee, let us make room for reflection and introspection.

In 1962, those of us present then, had great expectations and desires for a Jamaica of peace and great success.

These hopes and desires have not been met in full, as we know that we are yet to realise our true potential as a people. Therefore, we are urged to resolve to re-energise ourselves in pursuit of that which has eluded us thus far.

Jamaicans at home and abroad must engender the necessary qualities of togetherness, tolerance and love amongst ourselves and other fellow human beings in order to prevail during these testing times. Surely, by now, we must recognise that it will require all hands on deck working



By Herman G. Lamont
Consul General of Jamaica, New York

towards a common goal. The economic independence sought over the past fifty years awaits our grasp. The independence of our nation is dependent on our interdependence.

After these festivities, our mission must be clear. Let us define it for all to understand, then in unison we shall embark on the journey of achievements in the next fifty years.

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I have worked with many parents who have been through a tough and difficult school period with their children's teachers. The teacher was not as receptive to the child's needs or supposedly disliked the child for no particular reason.

The parents claimed their child was picked on by the teacher or singled out for misbehaviors that were often unnoticed when expressed by other students in the class.

This experience is often a source of pain for parents...they experience the child's hurt as if it were their own and feel a sense of betrayal and injustice by the teacher.

After all, teachers are supposed to be fair, loving, and sensitive, aren't they? Well, teachers are human and life isn't always fair. I will never know all the circumstances that led to these conflicts between teacher, parent, and child, but I do believe that parents must make a concerted effort not to create the same situation with a new teacher.

I know it might be challenging to change old feelings and beliefs about

teachers, but you have to try for your child's sake. Not every teacher is going to respond to your child the way the previous teacher did.

Furthermore, once you become open to more positive experiences, your child will follow suit and will become more optimistic as well.

Here are some ways to make this change:

1. Pay attention to your negative thoughts about this new school experience. For example, just because the teacher reprimands your child does not mean that the teacher hates him.

2. Are you interpreting the situation accurately? Or are negative emotions clouding your assessment? For example, do you think that the teacher hates your daughter just because she does not smile at your child? There could be other reasons, such as; the teacher may have been distracted at that moment.

3. Try not to let negative past experiences dominate your perception of all teachers. This will lead to distorted perceptions without evidence.

Dr. Karen Gordon is a licensed psychologist with 13 years experience, specializing in disruptive behaviors in children and adolescents. If you have a question or concern, please forward by emailing her at: citywidetherapy@hotmail.com



YOUTH HAPPEN'N: Council Member Jumaane D. Williams (l) poses with (l-r) Community Board 17 Youth Committee Chair Patricia Reddock, Rudy Daley, 67th Precinct Deputy Inspector Kenneth Lehr and Community Board 17 Chair Robert Antoine; while local youth enjoy "Youth Happen'n," a yearly event in Paerdegat Park in East Flatbush organized by Community Board 17's Youth Services Committee in conjunction the 67th Precinct. Every year, thousands of young people come out for refreshments and entertainment with the goal of enriching their lives in a positive way.

Teen Drop-off Center in Mount Vernon

MOUNT VERNON:

Opening its doors on July 16, 2012, the Mount Vernon Recreation Department Teen Drop-off Center hopes to be a place where young people can get a wide range of services under one roof during the next few weeks. "The Recreation Department is making a concerted effort to develop programming for our teens so that they have access to resources to make sound choices the remainder of the summer", said Darren M. Morton, Mount Vernon's Recreation Commissioner.

Between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm until August 17th, city teenagers can be dropped off or drop in to the new Center located at the Nelson Mandela High School on Gramatan Avenue, right across from Hartley Park. Within the confines of a supportive environment they can get a variety of both insight and information on a wide range of topics and find out

about various activities and services offered in the city, the Recreation Department has One of the unique aspects of the Teen Center is a Volunteer Leadership Program that encourages the importance of giving back. The Center has already recruited and trained volunteers for the Recreation Department's new Park Activation Program.

"Not everyone got a job so we had to provide an environment for our young people to get together, have fun and learn fundamentals of community activity in a supportive environment", said Mayor Ernest D. Davis. "Young people can make a difference when they volunteer and besides, it keeps them out of trouble."

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By Patrick Maitland

In keeping with numerous requests of its clients, Bronx's leading beauty salon, New Beginnings Salon, recently established a "Natural Hair Center."

According to the CEO and master stylist Pauline Fairclough, the center specializes in styling, cutting and grooming natural hair, lock start-up and maintenance, braiding with or without extensions, healthy hair weaving and many other unique techniques.

The salon is targeting anybody who grows natural hair including members of the Rastafarian communities, as well as children.

"Growing natural kinky black hair is not as difficult to manage as many may have assumed it to be," Fairclough explains. "Caring for natural hair has become easier with numerous varieties of hair products available on the market."



PAULINE FAIRCLOUGH
CEO & Master Stylist, New Beginnings Salon

The master stylist further notes that all New Beginnings stylists are trained in natural hair care, natural braiding, natural locking, natural weaving, sanitation, speed, accuracy and finishing.

Known as one of the trendsetters and leading hairstylists in New York City, Fairclough explains that natural hair care is not really new at New Beginnings, but "a deliberate effort to focus more attention on this area of services." "We will continue to pamper our clients with good customer services," she adds.

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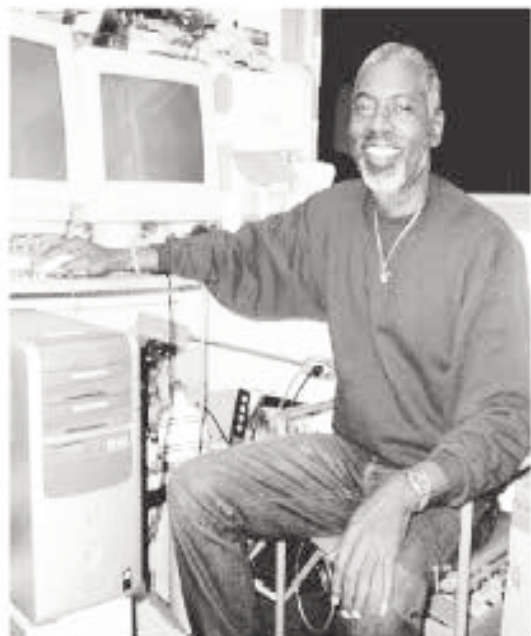
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LIFE STYLE

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Dear Divine Diva:

Recently my husband and I got into a heated debate over dinner, with two other couples about who cheats more men or women, what's your expert opinion. - Angela and Donny, Tarrytown

Dear Angela and Donny:

Men and woman generally cheat for various reasons. To say who cheats more would be more of a guess, even though there are basic statistics out there suggesting that men cheat more than woman, this does not mean that it is fact.

In-fact, today, cheating woman is just as common as cheating men. In fact, in 3 of the 4 cases in the failed relationships close to me, it was the woman who cheated.

The main reasons why men generally cheat on their spouse relates to sex. Quite commonly there is a sex problem within the relationship or the man just wants more or new sex.

Whereas a woman generally cheats as a last resort when all her complaints are left unheard, as a last resort a woman may cheat, but it will generally be for emotional reasons rather than for sexual reasons.

If a man continues to show no respect for

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the woman, continues to ignore her, and gives her no emotional support, some woman may look elsewhere to have their emotional and physical needs fulfilled. A man, however, is generally a more simple being.

That's not to say some men aren't deep and emotional, however, generally speaking, a man will cheat when he feels his need for sex is not being fulfilled, or, he has spoken to his partner about this and has got not no respectful response.

Sorry ladies, but it is often just that simple.

Most of the reasons cheating woman become unfaithful are reasons that could be easily rectified by a husband who is willing to make the effort and put in some extra work within the relationship.

For this reason, we believe that most affairs relating woman cheating on men are preventable.

Cheating men may also be preventable through greater communication in every aspect of the relationship. Some kind of mutual agreement that benefits both in the relationship is always the best bet.

To be honest, cheating is for kids who haven't grown up. We recently read an interesting report that stated, men and woman who are more likely to cheat are those who have been spoiled rotten since kids, have never had to cope with any major stress as partners have always bailed them out, have never dealt with any hard times, have always had everything done for them, and people who like to have their own way. -Divine Diva

Ten Secrets Men Keep From Women

By Joe Rocket

Yes, men tell women what we think you want to hear because, let's face it, you're going to decide if we're having sex tonight. If you ask us to communicate, we think it's a trap. Women say they want me to be honest, but when men let it rip, women don't like the answers. Things men tell their buddies that they don't tell their wives and girlfriends.

1. Yes, it's about sex. Men like sex, men like variety. Men like women that enjoy sex, enjoy variety, and are active partners in sex.

2. A man is less likely to feel romantic if a woman is making his life miserable.



If you want to cuddle, don't start a fight over leaving the toilet seat up or not taking out the garbage.

3. Men are passionate about the things women hate. In general, when men tell you they don't like cartoons, stoner movies, action movies, motorcycles, South Park, sports, firearms, the Simpsons, and ESPN, etc. they are lying so that they can have sex with you.

4. Men don't like women's entertainment. I'd rather eat glass than watch Bridget Jones, but I've watched it for sex.

5. There's only 24 hours in a day. Eight hours of sleep, ten hours at work, two hours commute, 90 minutes at the gym, and 90 minutes cooking, eating, and washing up leaves only one hour each day for "us" or "me" time. Keep your expectations reasonable and share.

6. Women have cold hands, feet, butts, and other body parts. Men are not your personal heaters. Warm them or keep them to yourself.

7. A man's willingness to put up with a women's crap is directly proportional to how hot they are. Yes, men will kiss a beautiful women's ass for sex, that doesn't mean you're going to get the same treatment.

8. When women say they want to sit down and talk, men hear "I'm pissed." You never want to talk about things we like, like sports, so telling us you want to talk sends us the signal that you want to bring up something that's bothering you. You might fool us once in a while by actually wanting to talk about something the other sex is interested in. Men have to, it's called dating.

9. Men hate dating because we have to lie. Lying isn't fun. We can't wait to be married so we can really tell you how we feel about Bridget Jones. Unless he's a jerk, a man's happiest day is when he no longer has to lie to have sex.

10. Working out doesn't count unless you sweat. We don't want to hear about how tough your yoga class was if all the girls in class are wearing makeup.

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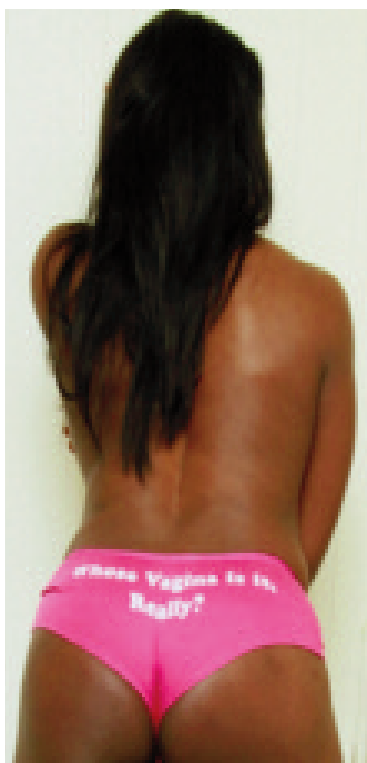
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LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22): It is challenging to separate your dreams from what's real now, but the hard cold facts just won't go away. You're caught between the relationship fantasies you create and the limitations that you must acknowledge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22): Your spiritual and metaphysical interests may be gaining a more significant role in your life these days. There are big changes on the horizon. Instead of staying so wrapped up in your data, let go of the analytical perspective in order to get the most from your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 – Oct 22): You are the champion of balance, and you can now feel the cosmic conflict pulling part of you into the spiritual realm as the other part of you must manage the real world. It's important to see things as they truly are if you want to succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): You may be unclear about where you're going in your career now, although your role in the outer world is important to you. It might be time to place more attention on the inner dimensions rather than material success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): You wish that you could live your life in a big way, as if you were an action hero in an adventure story. You don't always want to handle the little things. Now, these unattended details come back to haunt you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19): Although you typically prefer to keep both feet firmly on the ground, you might spend much of today lost in daydreams. Strive to maintain clarity as you work with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18): Intimate relationships could be a source of confusion today, especially if you aren't really listening to what the other person is saying. Try not to push your point of view on to anyone else.

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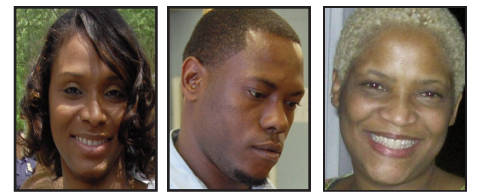
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PAUL 'PABLO' BENNETT

A leading authority in record collections!

By Patrick Maitland
Editor-Street Hype

With over 40 years experience in the sale, marketing and distribution of reggae, soul, rhythm and blues and a genre of popular African-American music, Paul "Pablo" Bennett is perhaps the leading authority in his field and with an extensive collections.

Bennett who is also the CEO and owner of the popular Millennium CD & Records shop located at 4045 White Plains Road in the Bronx, said he got some of the most rare vinyl and old school dance hall Reggae CDs, along with the newest CDs, albums, live stage shows as well as Jamaicans, Americans and Africans plays.

"This is a one-stop shop for the best in Jamaican and reggae music, plays and novelty items," he noted. "Our collections of records are in the thousands going back over 50 years old as we never stop buying and selling records. You name it, I have it," Bennett boasted.

The CEO explained that during the past ten years or more, record shops have been facing challenges with the introduction new technologies including DVDs, CDs, the online access of music and equipment such as Walkman music players, MP3 Players and



Paul 'Pablo' Bennett, CEO and Owner
Millennium CD & Records

I Pods. "These new devices, I Turns and 'downloads' have affected our sales, but we are selling more vinyl which make-up for the losses," Bennett revealed.

He further noted that as a result of new technologies there has been a proliferation of more music and movies on the market. "It is much easier and cheaper for artists and entertainers to record their work," Bennett said.

A graduate of the Kingston Technical High School in Kingston, Jamaica WI and the New York Technical Institute where he completed training as an electrical technician, Bennett is optimistic about reggae music, but is expressing concerns about the quality of some of the production. "Some of the sounds are not real or authentic and donot represent the genuine music from yard," he claimed.

"All players in the industry should be more united and supportive in helping to grow the music industry, as we have the talent and the support from the general public," Bennett added.

At 55 years old and a father of eight children, Bennett has no plans to retire soon, but hope leave a legacy for his children to build on.

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By Sandy Daley

Females Guide to Understanding Leadership, by Dr. Neva Alexander, is being hailed as the book for any entrepreneur or business leader who wishes to excel in her business practices.

The New York native, currently living and working in Saudi Arabia, holds nothing back in her attempt to get to help others in the world of business.

“There are thirteen chapters in my book,” she says. “Each chapter has a different component to it and can be used as a teaching tool or text book, whether you are male or female.”

Using high profile folks such as Oprah, Rachel Ray and others to demonstrate her points, Neva hopes to empower women to make better choices when making business decisions.

“People have to trust you,” she states.



DR. NEVA ALEXANDER

“And when that happens, then the respect for you as a business owner will certainly add to your longevity in whatever field you are in.” “Females Guide to Understanding Leadership” is available on amazon.com.



Assemblyman Nick Perry and Reverend Peter Allen share a light moment during the gala dinner and magazine launch.

Allen launches Jamaica 50 Anniversary Magazine

Assemblyman Nick Perry and Congresswoman Yvette Clarke reiterated their support and determination to lend assistance to community oriented projects and programmes.

These commitments were made at the launching ceremony of the Reflection on Jamaica’s 50 Anniversary by Reverend Peter Allen.

The magazine which was launched at the Maranatha Baptist Church launch weekend was well attended as a wide cross section of Jamaicans living in the United States of America was in attendance.

The magazine which was written by Jamaican Reverend Peter Allen sought to highlight the achievements and growth of Jamaica over the past 50 year’s since gaining its political independence from Great Britain.

Assemblyman Nick Perry speaking at the gala dinner and launch pointed out that his office readily supported the magazine as it recognizes the importance that such a

magazine will play in both educating and informing persons on the country’s past. He was loud in praise for the magazine’s author, Reverend Allen stressing that it was well written which is said is a testimony of the qualities and skills that his fellowmen countrymen and women possess.

“This was a very well written magazine and I am happy to be commending reverend Allen for such an initiative as it will help in further educating and informing the public on Jamaica,” the Assembly man said. He said that his office stands ready and willing to be associated with events and activities like these stressing that it helps to further empower and develop the people of Jamaica and those living in the United States of America.

He disclosed that Reverend Allen should be highly commended and congratulated for pursuing such an initiative noting that he is very impressed with the quality of the magazine and the issues that it sought to highlight and address.

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- 6:30 PM Cover Story (Jamaica News)
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 - 7:30PM Sports Round Up
 - 11:00PM ITY and FANCY CAT (returns)
 - 11:30PM Jamaica Magazine

- SUNDAY CH.73**
- 11:30AM ALL ANGLES (new)
 - 12:30PM Video Alley
 - 1:30PM GOSPEL RHYTHMS (new)
 - 5:30PM JOINT TENNANTS (new)
 - 6:00 PM Fi Wi Top Ten (Repeat of Sat. 11:00 pm)

- FRIDAY CH.73**
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