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We Want Action, Prime Minister Kamla, Not Rhetoric

BY COLIN A. MOORE & TONI HINDS

Many of us in the Caribbean community were exuberant when the electorate in Trinidad & Tobago decided on May 24th 2010 to terminate the long-standing and toxic tradition of male dominance in politics of Trinidad & Tobago, and elected Kamla Persaud-Bissessar as the first female Prime Minister. We were even more enthused when the Prime Minister vowed to end the corrupt, tribal, and racially polarized politics of the past and to establish a new regime of open transparency and racially inclusive government. We were impressed when Kamla decided to establish a multi-racial coalition party called, Peoples Partnership Coalition, to establish a new culture of multiracial politics in Trinidad. However, after evaluating the rhetoric and policies of Persaud-



PM Kamla in her glory at the Indian Day Parade.
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Bissessar in the post election period, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that Persaud Bissessar represents more heat than light, more cosmetics than substance, more rhetoric than action.

The Prime Minister's first opportunity to demonstrate her commitment to multi-racial government came when she decided to appoint her cabinet, this was her opportunity to appoint an administration that reflected the multiracial face of Trinidad & Tobago, but unfortunately the cabinet looks suspiciously like the cabinet of Basdeo Panday. The racial disparity in the cabinet is not egregious. Indo-Trinidadians constitutes 56% of the cabinet and Afro-Trinidadians constitute 40%, but the members of the cabinet look like a replica of the same old faces

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How President Obama Can Kiss & Make Up



BY WENDY SEFSAF

In Spanish, the word *cariño* literally means "affectionate." *Cariño* is used to describe warmth and care, but it is also often used as a pet name for your child or partner, for example, *mi cariño/mi cariña*. So in the Latino community where the word *cariño* is an important part of the vernacular, some might be surprised that Latinos have so warmly embraced a "cool and detached" President like Obama. This has been in large part due to his commitment to fixing immigration. However, the President's recent lack of *cariño* towards

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Man, Know Thy Self

BY HON. MARCUS GARVEY

For man to know himself is for him to feel that for him there is no human master. For him Nature is his servant, and whatsoever he wills in Nature, that shall be his reward. If he wills to be a pigmy, a serf or a slave, that shall he be. If he wills to be a real man in possession of the things common to man, then he shall be his own sovereign. When man fails to grasp his authority he sinks to the level of the lower animals, and whatsoever the real man bids him do, even as if it were of the lower animals, that much shall he do. If he says "go," he goes. If he says "come," he comes. By this command he performs the functions of life even as by a similar command the mule, the horse, the cow perform the will of their masters. For the last four hundred years the Negro has been in the position of being commanded even as the lower animals are controlled. Our race has been without a will; without a purpose of its own, for all this length of time.

Because of that we have developed few men who are able to understand the strenuousness of the age in which we live. Where can we find in this race of our real men. Men of character, men of purpose, men of confidence, men of faith, men who really know themselves? I have come across so many weaklings who profess to be leaders, and in the test I have found them but the slaves of a nobler class. They perform the will of their masters without question. To me, a man has no master but God. Man in his authority is a sovereign lord. As for the individual man, so of the individual race. This feeling makes man so courageous, so bold, as to make it impossible for his brother to intrude upon his rights.

So few of us can understand what it takes to make a man—the man who will never say die; the man who will never give up; the man who will never depend upon others to do for

him what he ought to do for himself; the man who will not blame God, who will not blame Nature, who will not blame Fate for his condition; but the man who will go out and make conditions to suit himself. Oh, how disgusting life becomes when on every hand you hear people (who bear your image, who bear your resemblance) telling you that they cannot make it, that Fate is against them, that they cannot get a chance.

If 400,000,000 Negroes can only get to know themselves, to know that in them is a sovereign power, is an authority that is absolute, then in the next twenty-four hours we would have a new race, we would have a nation, an empire—resurrected, not from the will of others to see us rise—but from our own determination to rise, irrespective of what the world thinks. ♦

Editor's note:

Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jr., National Hero of Jamaica (17 August 1887 – 10 June 1940) was a publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, Black Nationalist, Pan-Africanist, and orator. Marcus Garvey was founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL). Garvey was unique in advancing a Pan-African philosophy to inspire a global mass movement focusing on Africa known as Garveyism. Promoted by the UNIA as a movement of African Redemption, Garveyism would eventually inspire others, ranging from the Nation of Islam, to the Rastafari movement (which proclaims Garvey as a prophet). The intention of the movement was for those of African ancestry to "redeem" Africa and for the European colonial powers to leave it. August 17, 2010 marks the 123rd birthday anniversary of Hon. Marcus Garvey, our Black hero.

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that were in Panday's cabinet. The Afro-Trinidadians for the most were appointed to token portfolios, such as Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Arts and Culture, Gender Affairs, Labor, Youth and Sports, and Tobago Development, while substantive portfolio's such as Attorney General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government, Education, Food Production, Housing and Environment, Energy, Legal Affairs, Science Technology and Tertiary Education, were given to Indo-Trinidadians.

The Prime Minister's second opportunity to demonstrate her commitment to the principles of racial inclusiveness came when she decided to visit the United States, the center of the Caribbean Diaspora. She demonstrated great political insight when she decided to visit both Brooklyn, the center of the Afro-Trinidadian Diaspora, and Richmond Hill, Queens, the center of the Indo-Trinidadian Diaspora. However, the best-laid plans of Persaud-Bissessar went awry when her local organizers got the schedules mixed up and decided to

hold both the political event in Brooklyn and the political event in Queens on the same day, at the same time. As a result, she was forced to cut short her meeting in Brooklyn in order to meet her commitment in Queens. The Brooklyn organizers had to eliminate questions from the floor and asked the attendees to submit questions in writing. The M.C. was so confused that she started asking the Prime Minister questions even before the Prime Minister's formal presentation to the audience. It was indeed a horrible performance as it became obvious that the Prime Minister had to cut short her Brooklyn appearance in order to meet her commitments to the constituency in Queens.

The Prime Minister's third opportunity to demonstrate her commitment to the Diaspora came when her organizers decided to permit her to participate in the Indian day parade in Manhattan on August 15, 2010. This was a public relations fiasco of immense proportions. While the Indian Day Parade is a large cultural event, which celebrates the presence of Indians in New York, it is a racially exclusive event that is limited to the people of Indian descent and was not intended to reach out to people of Caribbean descent. Thus, the Prime Minister, who had boasted at the Poly-

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Emigration of Nurses Has Lasting Impact on Caribbean Health Care Sector

BY LESLIE PITTERSON

Two out of three nurses from the Caribbean are leaving their countries to work abroad. While the Caribbean has been long accustomed to cycles of migration, new reports on the emigration of nurses has many officials worried for the vitality of the health care system. According to a recent report on gender equality from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the trend has reached chronic levels and, if left unchecked, may undermine the region's struggling health sector.

The World Bank estimates that the number of nurses from the English-speaking Caribbean currently working in the U.S., U.K., and Canada totals nearly 21,500. Meanwhile, the number of nurses in the region itself is 7,800, or approximately one-third of that total.

In an interview with MediaGlobal Christoph Kurowski, World Bank Sector Leader for Human Development and lead author of the World Bank's 2009 report, *"The Nurse Labor and Education Markets in the English-Speaking CARICOM — Issues and Options for Reform,"* said the challenge for the Caribbean is not only to get some of the nurses who have left to return, but to prevent those being trained now from leaving.

"For every four nurses who train in the CARICOM [the Caribbean Community] countries, three of them leave to find work abroad. What this means in the most basic sense is that these countries are essentially exporting their health care workforce to foreign markets."

Kurowski says that emigration has left Caribbean nations to face growing vacancies with demand for nurses in the region expected to triple by 2025.

"In the report we saw examples of countries facing 20 to 30 percent vacancies in the nursing profession because they are unable to retain the large majority of students they train."

Estimates of the economic impact on the Caribbean are contentious and vary greatly in range. However, Kurowski pointed out that there is no easy way to put a monetary value on the cost of the problem:

"It's hard to assess the problem in terms of dollars. What we looked at were the benefits for nurses who emigrated from the Caribbean found in the U.S., Canada and the UK. We looked at how their salaries compared and the comparative quality of the facilities they worked in. It's hard to link that methodology to a dollar value; it's not as if the numbers show us, for instance, how much the U.S. would owe Jamaica, but we can see the very different experiences of nurses abroad and those that remained."

ECLAC's report, "What Kind of State? What Kind of Equality?" notes that factors in a nurse's decision to leave the country often include "inadequate remuneration and benefits, unfavorable working conditions, and insufficient training and professional development."

Pauline Pryce, a Nurse Practitioner with Visiting Nurse Service of New York came to the US in 1991. In an interview with



The emigration of the nurses from the Caribbean has created dangerous shortages in the region's health care system. (Photo Credit: Caribbean Medical Mission)

MediaGlobal Pryce says many of these factors drove her decision to leave Jamaica.

"I finished nursing school in the eighties and at the time the hospitals in Jamaica were bringing in more nurses from other countries like Britain because they said they needed nurses with experience. But they should've taken care of us and brought in people who could train us so we could've stayed. Instead they gave them the things we all wanted—better housing, better benefits."

Still, Pryce says that leaving Jamaica was not an easy choice.

"That's still home, I mean, even now. I didn't finish school and say 'ok, I'm ready for America.' I really wanted to stay. I had heard that things were much more cramped here, that people lived in these tight little apartments the size of cages. But a lot of my family had already come to America, so I knew it couldn't be impossible to manage here."

Upon arriving in New York, Pryce stayed with relatives who had come to America before her and started seeking employment.

"When I came to the States I had a visitor's visa, then I started looking for work in the hospitals in the city. I started at Roosevelt Hospital in the Bronx as a grad nurse because I didn't have a license to practice yet. Eventually the hospital helped me file for an H2 visa that allowed me to do the State Board Exams so I could practice in New York."

Pryce says the higher salary allowed her to send money back home to family still living in Jamaica, something she continues to do.

"When I was still working as a nurse in Jamaica, I would hear from other nurses who had left. Everyone knew nurses making two, three times more in the U.S., enough to pay their bills and send money back home."

According to the UN, remittances such as these make up 15 percent of Jamaica's total GDP. However, Kurowski says money being sent home does not necessarily replenish Caribbean economies.

"The first important thing is that nursing training is publicly financed throughout the Caribbean, without the recent exception of Jamaica. So, in most cases remittances don't necessarily serve as a net benefit."

Furthermore, Kurowski says remittances often reinforce the cycle of emigration.

"One of the important questions to exam-

ine in regards to remittances is: what if any is the scope of redistribution? In many countries the remittances go to the rich, and the governing elites really have no incentive to create programs focusing on the retention of nurses."

Both the ECLAC and World Bank reports found a correlation in the quality of nursing training and higher rates of emigration.

"We found in evaluating performance exams in the U.S., that nurses in Jamaica did better than the ones from Guyana, where the training is less intense," said Kurowski. "There has to be caution in reading into these results though, because these are training programs in developing nations and they are not training to meet US standards. But we've seen that nations with competitive training programs often have a higher rate of emigration."

While higher quality programs provide students with more comprehensive training, they are a catch-22 for many Caribbean countries.

"In Jamaica, for instance, they've abolished certificate level programs for university level training and it's made them more

prone to fall victim to the trend. The quality of education is good for their national system but it is at the same time presenting a threat to its sustainability."

Solutions for curbing the rate of emigration may lie in the stories of the nurses who have left the Caribbean and returned. Despite better salaries, the International Centre for Nurse Migration says that 60 percent of nurses who return after working abroad do so within five years for a more familiar quality of life.

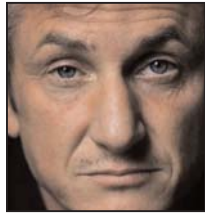
"CARICOM countries need to look into insights of this pattern of migratory circulation," says Kurowski. "Many nurses who leave show a certain interest in returning but countries have to find better ways to attract them back."

"There is such a need for experienced nurses to return and nations should consider recruiting as there are many who have worked in nurses' education are looking to return home. There also needs to be a reframing of the training being offered to students when they first start out. Countries are finding now that they have more success in terms of retention when they can find incentives to frame nursing as more than a career, but a public service as well."

It remains unclear if the Caribbean will be able to reverse the trend of emigration, but there is no doubt that if the current trend continues, the region will remain trapped in a cycle that drains them of one of its most vital resources — its talent. ♦

She Said, He Said... Heard Around the Caribbean

"He (Wyclef Jean) has been virtually silent, for those of us in Haiti he has been a non-presence...So, I want to see someone who is really, really willing to sacrifice for their country and not just someone who I personally saw with a vulgar entourage of vehicles that demonstrated a wealth in Haiti that—in context—I felt is a very obscene demonstration."
 —Actor Sean Penn (Agence France-Presse - AFP)



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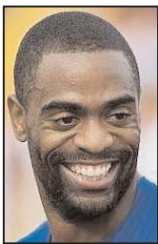
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Technic University "she is not the Prime Minister of the Indian population, but the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago," was the guest of honor that clearly identified as her an Indian national. We do not think that the Prime Minister's attendance at the Indian Day Parade reflected any racist sentiments, however, it was clearly a public relations fiasco, to schedule her first international public appearance, not at a Caribbean cultural event, but at an Indian cultural event.

In a few weeks the Prime Minister will have an opportunity to appear at a cultural event, which is uniquely Trinidadian that celebrates the multi-cultural diversity of the people of Trinidad & Tobago. This is the West Indian Labor Day Parade on Eastern Parkway. The Prime Minister will be coming to New York to attend the opening of the general assembly of the United Nations. I hope she will take the time out to be a grand marshal of the parade. As the first female Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago, she will receive an arousing welcome from the 3 million West Indians who will be on the Parkway that day. She will have an opportunity to meet a significant portion of the Caribbean Diaspora and to correct the misimpression that she identifies herself as just an Indian national and not as the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago. ♦

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Undocumented? Prepare For Legalization With IJLEF Membership

BY JANET HOWARD

For an immigrant who is not yet a citizen, everyday life in the United States could be very precarious. A little oversight about one's past conduct could provide grounds for inadmissibility leading to deportation or leading to removability upon returning to the United States after a trip abroad. Or, even less obvious being handed over to the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) by law enforcement officials after venturing near to the Canadian border an area where USCIS officers are more vigilant that they are in New York City.

What this mean is that a non-citizen immigrant must have up-to-date information on his status so that he can avoid being in a part of the country that may expose him to ground for inadmissibility. Yes, it is true life in the United States (or anywhere else for that matter) for an immigrant could be a 'mine field'. One of the ways that a non-citizen immigrant can obtain up-to-date information on his status and the kinds of violations that could lead to a finding of inadmissibility is for him to become a member of the Immigrant Journal Legal & Educational

fund, Inc. (IJLEF).

I know of an individual who once attempted to enter the USA from Canada with false identification, but was discovered by the USCIS and sent back to Canada. Later, this person received a visa to come to the USA lawfully. After spending a number of years, in the USA the individual filed papers to adjust their status to that of a permanent resident. The resulting investigation by USCIS led to the discovery of this earlier violation (INA Sec. 212(a)(6)(A)), which provided ground of inadmissibility, subjecting this individual to deportation. The attorney in this case was able to obtain a waiver for this violation, but it would have been much wiser for this individual to know the consequence of this violation before attempting to adjust his status.

In this rather uncertain climate what might an immigrant do? Well, one of the options available is membership in the IJLEF. As a member of the IJLEF, one joins a community that not only provides valuable service to immigrants, but one also becomes part of a community dedicated to advocating the issues and interests of the immigrant community.

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tion of their tax returns. All these benefits far exceed the annual membership fee of \$150. Despite some of the problems, many of us still believe that the United States in the best place to live and raise one's family at this point in time. Thus, you have a special duty to your family and other loved ones to take the steps necessary to preserve the level of comfort that you have attained. One of the ways to do this is to secure membership in the IJLEF.

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Drums of Thunder: An Exciting Event Celebrating the African Drum

BY GLENDA CADOGAN

Andy Edwards, the oldest child and only son in a family of three, was just 7 years old, when a spiritual woman approached his family with a "message" that he was a spiritually gifted child. Subsequently, she took him to a temple, anointed him and conferred a blessing on his life. By age 15, while others his age were playing soccer and windball cricket in his neighborhood home in Trinidad, Andy Edwards studying under the tutelage of "Mother Ruby" who was versed in the way of the Orishas and Spiritual Baptist faiths. In 1973, he was baptized on his birthday, January 19 and subsequently ordained as a Reverend.

As the founder and spiritual leader of the Brotherhood of Man Spiritual Baptist/Orisha Church, the congregation has emerged as one of the leading churches practicing African-based religion in Brooklyn. His annual pilgrimage and Orisha Feast are two of the most favored events on the Spiritual Baptist/Orisha calendar. In 2003 Rev. Andy was consecrated an Ifa Priest Baba Ifalowo in Ile Ife, Nigeria and was elected to the board of directors of the National African Religious Congress.

This year, he has added another event to his churches calendar. This one is produced by the youth armed of the church and caters to a wider audience. Drums of Thunder is a unique musical experience which, for the first time in New York City — puts the spotlight on the African Drum in an all day festival. The event—though a celebration of the wonders of African influenced drumming-- is also a unique competition. It is designed to give an opportunity to drummers from across the Diaspora to showcase their musicianship and artistry. The event takes place on Saturday, August 21, at Boys and Girls High School and will feature drumming ensembles which include: Kazi Oliver Drummers, Sons of Thunder, Natural Expressions, Indoda Entsha



Percussion Ensemble Boodoosingh Tassa Drummers, Haiti Massive and Ifetayo Youth Ensemble African Love Institute.

At the center of most of the performances will be the Djembe drum, a goatskin-covered percussion instrument shaped like a large goblet and played with bare hands. Arguably the most famous drum of African origin, the Djembe dates back to at least 500 A.D. and is considered by historians as one of the first instruments of the world. Of all the African drums, the Djembe has become extremely sought after here in the West and has inspired master drummers and drum makers now found all over the world. In the 1993 publication *Djembe: Drum With a Thousand Faces*, Lilian Friedberg, writes —"It bellows, screeches, cries and screams. It whispers and it sings. The penetrating depth of its bass and the piercing clarity of its slaps are testimony to the richness of its tale. It is the drum with infinite range, the drum with a thousand faces, each exuding its own unique tenor."

According to Rev. Andy, the idea grew out of his desire to produce an Emancipation Day celebration in New York City. "Though we hope to one day have a full scale festival like in Trinidad & Tobago, we felt that African drumming—which is the cornerstone of that celebration—was the most transportable segment and hence *Drums of Thunder* was born.

"I believe that it is incumbent upon us as Caribbean people living in the United States to engage in a meaningful celebration of the abolition of chattel slavery in the region," he adds.

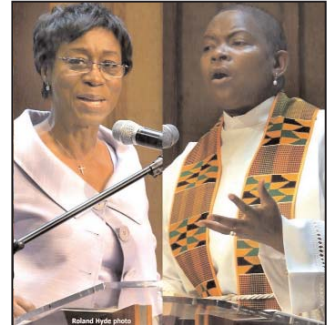
A production of the Brotherhood of Man Youth Connection and C.A.R.E (Concerned Americans For Racial Equality). *Drums of Thunder* has attracted audiences from Boston to Washington who are expected to come by the bus loads to support their favorite drummers.

As part of the celebration there will be lectures on the history of the African drum, drum making workshops and demonstrations, poetry and dance workshops. Audience members will not be left out of the winnings as there will be opportunities to win a free djembe among other giveaways.

In addition to the ensembles competition, there will be a category for individual male and female drummers. Prizes will be awarded to the three top place finishers in the ensemble category and the best overall drummer in the male and female individual categories. A special prize will also be awarded for the best percussion section in the competition and the oldest and youngest drummers.

The festival kicks off at 1:00 p.m. For tickets and vendor information please call 718-623-8514 or 347-512-9778. ♦

Jamaicans Celebrate Independence Day In New York



L to r: Consul General, Hon. Genevieve Brown Metzger and Reverend Rose-Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to Her Royal Highness, the Queen of England at the church service. Photo: Roland Hyde.

Jamaicans abroad and friends of the popular Caribbean island celebrated Jamaica's 48th year of independence at a Church Service of Thanksgiving held in Brooklyn, New York on Sunday, August 8th. About 1,000 attendees gathered at the Beulah Church of the Nazarene representing a cross section of Jamaicans, New Yorkers, members of the Diaspora, professionals, students and ordinary citizens who felt pride in uniting to celebrate the island's independence.

"The Diaspora is crucial to the economic and social viability and the future of Jamaica," Consul General Metzger said. "Jamaica is at a crossroads. We are on our way to making some serious inroads in stemming crime and corruption. This will bode well for attracting investments and for encouraging each Jamaican citizen with regard to the outlook for the future", Metzger added.

The Reverend Rose-Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to Her Royal Highness, the Queen of England, was the main speaker at the Independence Day service.

"We want to hold up the positive things and do more of these things," Mrs. Hudson-Wilkin said. "Let it never be said that we can't. We can, not just as athletes and musicians, but in all walks of life."

Quoting from Bob Marley, the king of Reggae music and one of the most popular Jamaicans of all time, Mrs. Hudson-Wilkin said, "Bob Marley was correct when he said we need to 'emancipate ourselves from mental slavery.' We need to truly emancipate ourselves." ♦

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Truth Or Scare: How Much Do You Know About STDs?

Nothing takes the romance out of intercourse faster than a sexually transmitted disease. Whether it's genital herpes or HIV, an STD can leave your nightlife DOA. With all of the dangers out there, you need to protect yourself before you slide between the sheets. Find out how much you know about protecting your sexual health with this STD quiz.

1. Even with the use of a condom, there is still always a risk you can acquire:

- HIV
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Both of the above

2. Which of the following sexually transmitted diseases doesn't have a cure?

- Chlamydia
- Genital herpes
- Gonorrhea

3. The number of people worldwide estimated to have HIV/AIDS in 2006 is:

- 39.5 million
- 20 million
- 10 million

4. Which disease doesn't commonly cause infertility?

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- Genital herpes

5. Which of the following is not a STD?

- Syphilis
- Yeast infection
- Hepatitis B

6. Pediculosis Pubis is more commonly referred to as:

- Crabs
- The Clap
- Warts

7. Hepatitis B, a serious liver disease, is spread by:

- Kissing an infected person
- Having intercourse with an individual who is infected
- Shaking hands with someone who has the disease

8. Which of the following is not a sign of syphilis:

- Sores known as chancres
- Regular bouts of insomnia
- A rash on the palms of the hands and the bottom of the feet

9. The most effective way to protect yourself from a sexually transmitted disease is:

- Abstinence
- Taking a shower after sex
- Birth control pills

10. Genital herpes can be spread by all of the following except:

- Oral sex
- Skin-to-skin contact
- Toilet seats

Send your results to cariaweekly@aol.com. First submission received with all answers correct wins 2 tickets to Drums of Thunder Festival. See next issue for answers.

Eminem Has The Hots For Rihanna? Grandma, Favors!



Guess we weren't the only ones left mesmerized by Eminem and Rihanna's new song *Love the Way You Lie*—Em has developed a little crush on our Bajan Princess.

Eminem AND his grandmother Betty

Kresin both think that him and Rihanna would make a fantastic couple.

Betty told *Heat* magazine: "I can totally see what any girl including Rihanna would see in him. He's so charming; he has always had adorable, beautiful blue eyes and this charming, wonderful smile."

"Rihanna would make a suitable partner for Marshall. But he needs to enjoy life and not get carried away with any relationships at the moment."

Sorry Betty, but Rihanna's taken. Her and her MLB star beau Matt Kemp are going pretty strong. A source said: "Marshall would date Rihanna in a heartbeat if she showed even the slightest interest. They're on the phone and texting each other constantly."

Rihanna recently admitted that her and Em have a connection based on the lyrics of the song. She said: "It's something that, you know, we've both experienced on different sides, different ends of the table."

"Eminem pretty much just broke down the cycle of domestic violence and it's something that people don't have a lot of insight on. I knew if he sent me a record there must be something to it. It couldn't just be, 'Oh, duh! She was in that relationship so we have to get her.' The lyrics were so deep, so beautiful and intense. It's something that I understood, something I connected with." In the song, Eminem raps: "I laid hands on her/I'll never stoop so low again/I guess I don't know my own strength." ♦

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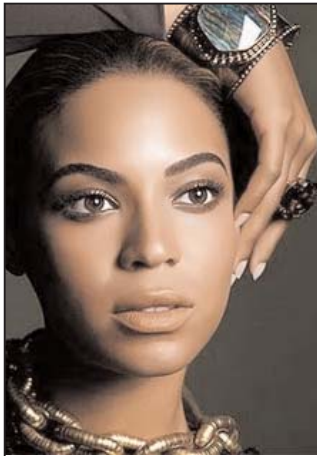
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Accessorizing Makes An Outfit Pop!

BY FAITH COLEMAN

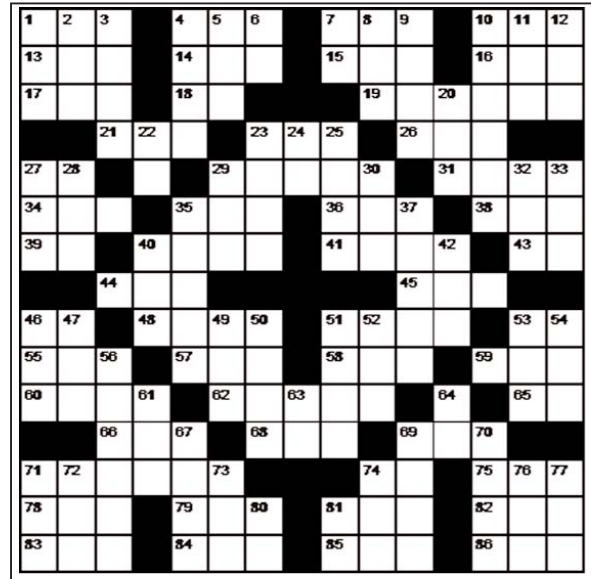
There are so many things that can go wrong when it comes to fashion. The smallest things can turn into a fashion do or a fashion don't, in the course of one minute. You can wear the perfect dress with the wrong shoes, or a ravishing top with the wrong jewelry; the list goes on and on. This is where accessorizing comes in to place; many people may not know, but accessories play a very big role in the world of fashion, style and everyday life whether it's casual, flashy, office or evening attire. Accessories, the backbone of the fashion industry, makes an outfit pop. They can set the tone and pace with all shapes and sizes and colors. Accessories accompany fashion, style, and mode as well as vogue. Choosing accessories according to color and theme that goes well with your outfit, is exactly what makes your garment come to life.



If you haven't figured it out yet, accessories can make or break an outfit. Beyonce shows this off.

From jewelry, head accessories, belts, scarves, handbags, sunglasses and shoes, each of these items are the neck that holds up the head in the fashion industry. Accessories are your way of being daring and making what you wear unique as well as creating your own style. Your accessories should represent your personality; you want to dazzle people with who you are and not just with what you wear. Make your garments pop with the essentials that you put together. So supplement your garment with decorative items. Stay true to yourself and what you love by expressing who you are through what you wear and accessorize it. Accessories really and truly do make everything dazzle and pop! ♦

Caribbean Puzzle



Across

1. Bajan Olympian
4. [] Lanka
7. Tilt
10. Tree
13. Lie
14. Moray
15. Initials of writer James
16. Restroom
17. National police (US)
18. Former spouse
19. St. Lucia's 1st female GG
21. Male sheep
23. Under
26. Married woman
27. Sound of laughter
29. 'Guinep' in Guyana
31. Rule
34. Father's mom (indic.)
35. Wing
36. Avenue (abbr.)
38. Zilch
39. Mom
40. Vexation
41. Signal
43. All right
44. Company boss
45. Animal doc.
46. Bradley or Koch
48. Healing plant
51. A Guyana PM
53. Sheep noise
55. Throw
57. Make a mistake
58. Aurora
59. Clutch
60. Natural fiber
62. Batting star Lara (cricket)
65. Host
66. US Agency (intelligence)
68. Title of knighthood
69. School group
71. Sap-sucking insects
74. The Hawkeye State (abbr.)
75. Senior public accountant
78. Thai
79. Aspirer
81. Ref. (in cricket)
82. Track
83. Compass point
84. Microgram (abbr.)
85. Hotel facility
86. Pride

Down

1. Disconnected
2. Part of baby's apparel
3. Red liquid dye (indic.)
4. Look
5. Jamaica's icon Nettleford
6. The Prairie State (abbr.)
7. Bajan calypsonian
8. Sick
9. Formal high school dance
10. Barbados soca queen
11. Distress call
12. Heavy freight barge
20. Vase
22. 'Land of the Midnight Sun' (abbr.)
23. Get out!
24. United Kingdom
25. Musical sound
27. [] radio
28. Father's dad (indic.)
29. Boxer Muhammad
30. First lady
32. [] de Janeiro
33. Dr. King
35. Tree lizard
37. Singer Presley
40. Ocean
42. Headed
46. Pixy
47. Pain unit
49. Sphere
50. Goofs
51. Parent
52. Long time
53. Brooklyn theater
54. Most basic
56. Small rented unit
61. Dozen (roman numerals)
63. Roman two
64. Pronoun (neuter)
67. Male Eden dweller
69. Dad
70. Land measurement
71. Dined
72. T&T musical instrument
73. Attack
74. Terror
76. Pooch
77. Trinidad Olympian
80. Milligram (abbr.)
81. We all

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Sister DuBong's Horoscope

August 18-24, 2010

Aries: Lucky Numbers: 173 2882
Lotto 26 9 42 35 22 44

You will find love in strange places like the supermarket, gym or library. Stop the late nights at work you can use the time to get your love life off the ground.

Taurus: Lucky Numbers: 126 2778
Lotto 8 2 36 46 29 30

By now you should be tired of waiting for change. Stand up and make changes in your personal life. Clean house and be your own boss.

Gemini: Lucky Numbers: 456 3321
Lotto 8 2 36 46 29 30

It is time for you to play more. Work will be facing challenges with new rules. Do not step on anyone's toes.

Cancer: Lucky Numbers: 409 1119
Lotto 25 36 18 14 10 13

Write down all your future plans so that they can become a reality. Take a moment to be honest with yourself; then you can be honest with others around you.

Leo: Lucky Numbers: 508 2223
Lotto 37 16 34 23 7 46

If you can dream it, you can have it. Build for the future. Read the fine print with money matters. Luck is on your side during this phase.

Virgo: Lucky Numbers: 710 9990
Lotto 33 6 20 27 17 2

You control your life; do not let others try to take the lead. People sometimes say things jokingly and really mean it. Spend on a lottery ticket. You are lucky this week.

Libra: Lucky Numbers: 690 5101
Lotto 25 35 11 36 49 17

Business is business and your personal life is personal, keep them separate. Think of ways to have fun without spending a lot of money.

Scorpio: Lucky Numbers: 592 0743
Lotto 39 49 16 23 1 30

Keep your promises even if you don't want to. Since you are up for a personal overview at this time, think about what would you like to change. Go for it now, make a new path.

Sagittarius: Lucky Numbers: 551 6779
Lotto 13 48 25 18 11 41

Since the moon is in your sign at this time your life will have a great boost or at least you will have enormous creativity and energy. Love can have great surprises now.

Capricorn: Lucky Numbers: 110 5621
Lotto 33 41 7 27 10 23

You feel a bit cautious with a loved one and you are right to be so. Let their actions speak for themselves. In business, get everything in writing.

Aquarius: Lucky Numbers: 633 0987
Lotto 9 45 14 30 44 6

You have a great way and can make it to the top on anything you desire. Your success is in your grasp, be patient.

Pisces: Lucky Numbers: 374 0664
Lotto 33 18 38 8 4 10

Since Mercury is out of phase at this time, you could have misunderstandings with your partner. Now's time to start new beginnings in your work or business. ♦

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Divorce Your Spouse, Not Kids

BY KATHY ROUGIER, B.Sc

When couples decide to end their marriage, whether amicably or not, most parents try to handle in such a way to be the least harmful to children. Each parent sometimes attempts to convey their love despite the fact that one of them has to go away. Reassurances of alternate weekends, school vacations and fun-filled summers pose no solace for children who do not understand the shattering of their world.

Fast forward six months: children are not sure exactly what they are feeling. They rarely talk about things that are on their minds. As a result, everyone thinks that they are handling it well and that children adjust. Subtle changes are evident, however. They become solitary beings, cease doing the things that they once loved and enjoyed, either eat less or more (for comfort), and talk less.

Younger children sometimes hoard food and other items. All children feel abandoned, sad, lonely, and unsure of having that cocoon again or in the case of older children, that family unit. Anxiety, fear and anger are some reactions to changes in their living situation. Their reactions to separation are diverse.

So, what should you as a parent do when you notice signs of loneliness, fear, anxiety, sadness, depression or other behavior in your child?



■ Talking to your child is the most important thing to do. Try to explain to what they do not understand. Sometimes the presence of a parent at a school trip or at a school fair may trigger sadness, tears or even rebellion. Talking to your child to find out the cause for emotional state would help a parent address the issue at hand rather than lumping it all together with the result that the parent feels overwhelmed.

■ Be polite and civil to your ex and do not attack each other, especially in the presence and hearing of children. If that is not possible, perhaps sending mes-

sages through e-mails, texting or hard copy could be helpful.

■ Let your child spend time with the non-custodial parent. This allows the child to feel loved and reduces feelings of abandonment and loneliness.

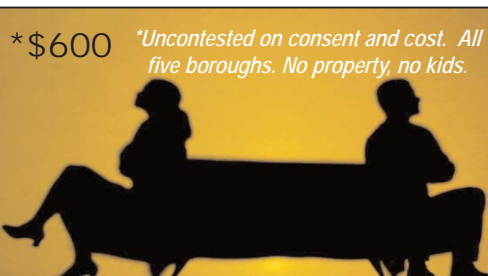
■ Therapy or counseling sessions are advisable. Sometimes an adult mentor would be enough, at other times having a professional therapist is warranted. The child's school, pediatrician or state psychological association could be of assistance in this area; they could refer you to a competent, trained professional. ♦

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ISLAND SPOTLIGHT: St Lucia

CASTRIES, Saint Lucia One of the world's top sources for travel tips and advice has placed the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia among its 10 best destinations.

The TripAdvisor 2010 Travelers' Choice Best Destination Awards put Saint Lucia in the Top 10 Destinations in the Caribbean & Mexico region for two categories: Relaxation & Spa as well as Romance.

"We are delighted to be recognized by travelers as tops in the Caribbean," says Saint Lucia's Director of Tourism Louis Lewis, who believes this latest award adds to an accomplished list of accolades earned by Saint Lucia and its hotel partners this year.

Lewis disclosed that the Saint Lucia Tourist Board had placed strong emphasis on promoting the island as an ideal place for both relaxation and romance over the past few years. "We are comforted that more and more visitors are



responding with feeling to our romance messaging and feeling the relaxing effect of the massaging they receive once they visit our shores."

In addition to the two popular travel categories, Saint Lucia was also named amongst the Top 25 destinations in the Caribbean and Mexico for 2010. TripAdvisor's 2010 Traveler's Choice Awards also gave top-ranking to a number of Saint Lucia's inns, villas and resorts. ♦

#44 Never Looked So Good... Halle Berry who recently celebrated her 44th birthday!



Reggae Boys Salad

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 6
Country: Jamaica

INGREDIENTS:

1 packet GRACE ELBOW MACARONI
1 medium sweet pepper
1 small onion
2 medium carrots
1 tbs. GRACE SOFT MARGARINE
1 can GRACE GREEN PEAS
1 can GRACE WHOLE KERNEL CORN
¼ cup GRACE WHITE CANE VINEGAR
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. GRACE BLACK PEPPER
250 grams Tastee cheese
10 lettuce leaves
1 Tbs. GRACE COOKING OIL

METHOD / DIRECTIONS:

Cook macaroni as directed on package and drain. Chop sweet pepper and onions and saute in hot margarine. Cut carrots in strips, shred cheese and set aside. Place macaroni in a bowl and add sauteed onion and sweet pepper, peas, whole kernel corn, carrots, vinegar, salt and pepper and mix well. Add cheese and mix.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS:

Serve on a bed of lettuce.

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Jamaican Saying: Cockroach nuh business inna fowl fite
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Birthright Citizenship: Children of Undocumented Parents Targeted

BY SETH HOY

In the latest flame war on immigration, some politicians are targeting the U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants. They blithely state time and time again that undocumented immigrants are flooding the border to have their children in the U.S., thereby guaranteeing them citizenship. Their solution to this supposed "baby dropping epidemic" is amending the U.S. Constitution by repealing the Fourteenth Amendment, which states that, with very few exceptions, all persons born in the U.S. are U.S. citizens, regardless of the immigration status of their parents. Sadly, however, their arguments are thin, the facts misrepresented and their attempts at reelection using get-tough on immigration platforms even thinner. When facts don't matter and vilifying immigrants is par for the course, attacking U.S. citizen children probably seems like a winning reelection strategy.

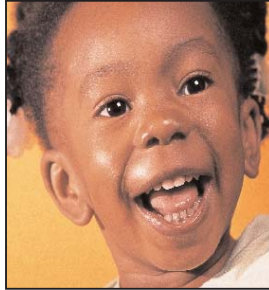
In a recent Fox News interview, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) reiterated the flawed conservative argument for ending birthright citizenship:

"People come here to have babies. They come here to drop a child, it's called drop

and leave," Graham said. "To have a child in America, they cross the border, they go to the emergency room, they have a child, and that child's automatically an American citizen. That shouldn't be the case. That attracts people for all the wrong reasons," he added.

While some conservatives have taken a step back and challenged attacks on the Fourteenth Amendment, others have punted the argument into left field...the crazy end of left field. Texas state Rep. Debbie Riddle went on CNN recently and claimed that pregnant women are coming to America to give birth, then raise their babies as terrorists. You heard me, terrorists. When asked for proof, she mentioned the FBI and then refused to give a source. Surprise.

In fact, misrepresenting the facts has become par for the course in the immigration debate. The Pew Hispanic Center recently released a report which estimated that 340,000 of the 4.3 million children born in the United States in 2008



had at least one unauthorized parent. The "at least one unauthorized parent" conditional, however, was only clarified in a footnote which read, "a child has unauthorized parents if either parent is unauthorized: a child has U.S.-born parents if all identified parents are U.S. born," meaning that this figure includes families in which one parent is unauthorized and the other a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant (mixed-status households). But that footnote makes a huge difference when determining how many children would be affected by a change to the Fourteenth Amendment. Numerous news articles ran with the Pew report's estimate as though both parents were undocumented.

The truth is that majority of immigrants come to the U.S. to work, to reunite with their families, or to flee persecution-not to have children. Some immigrants do, in fact, have children in the U.S. and some of those families are mixed status families, but suggesting that undocu-

mented immigrants anchor themselves here through childbirth is just false. As Senator John Kerry (D-MA) pointed out in a recent editorial, undocumented parents with U.S.-born children have to wait decades to apply for family-sponsored citizenship:

There is no epidemic of people "flying in" just to have their children born as U.S. citizens - and every senator knows it. Just as they know it takes more than two decades for a child born in America to sponsor anyone for immigration - which means no back door for undocumented parents to become citizens on the sly.

Denying birthright citizenship is not a solution to illegal immigration-it will not discourage unauthorized immigrants from coming to the U.S., and it will not encourage those already here to leave. Furthermore, it would force all American parents-not just immigrants-to prove the citizenship of their children through a cumbersome and expensive bureaucratic process. But conservative fear-mongers would rather rally their troops with false messaging and mischaracterizations than actually solve our immigration problem.♦

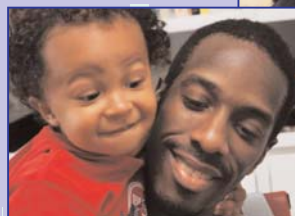
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Warning: Advance Parole Can Lead To Inadmissibility

BY LOLA NELSON

Immigrants, for the most part, are trusting and respectful individuals, especially vis-à-vis authority figures. Unfortunately, just because a person occupies a position of authority, it does not mean that the advice they may give you will necessarily advance your best interest. Take for example I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents who have told immigrants that they can travel with advance parole, and when those immigrants do travel, they find themselves in deportation proceedings and in some cases, barred from reentering the United States. The immigrant community needs to understand that I.C.E. is not their friend, and that when they need advice regarding how a particular action or decision will impact their immigration case, they will be better served by seeking the advice of an immigration attorney, preferably one who is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

It is important to note, that as a general rule, any person who is not a U.S. citizen or non-citizen U.S. national is subject to immigration review each time the person seeks admission to the U.S. Even if you have already been admitted as a permanent resident (you have a green card) upon reentry to the United States you are subject to review by an immigration official. If, during such

review, you are determined to be inadmissible (even though you may have been admissible previously), you may still be denied admission.

If you are seeking admission or parole at a port of entry you generally must have in your possession a valid and unexpired travel document (e.g. a green card, U.S. visa, an advance parole document) to present to the officer at the port of entry. Depending on your immigration status or if you have a pending application for an immigration benefit, different types of travel documents may be required if you (including permanent residents) wish to lawfully return to the U.S. lawfully after travelling abroad. These documents should be applied for, in certain cases, prior to your departure from the U.S.

In case of an emergency, and before leaving the U.S., you should know what documents will be required to reenter the country as well as understand whether or not your departure will negatively impact your application(s) for immigration benefits.

Warning

If you are in the process of adjusting your status (applying for a green card), travelling outside of the U.S. may have severe consequences. In general, if you are seeking immigrant status (a green card) and depart

the United States without the appropriate documentation (i.e. advance parole) you may be inadmissible upon return, or even if admitted, you may be found to have abandoned your application.

If you have been admitted as a nonimmigrant and have applied to extend the period of authorized nonimmigrant stay, or have applied to change to a different nonimmigrant status, you will automatically abandon the application if you leave the U.S. before USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) makes a decision on the advanced parole application. Receipt of an advance parole document does NOT prevent abandonment of the change of status or extension of stay application. Upon returning to the United States, you are likely to be denied admission if your current status has expired.

For the reasons stated above, it is important that you obtain the proper documentation before leaving the United States. In addition, you should keep in mind that admission into the U.S. is not guaranteed even if the appropriate documents are obtained. In all cases, you are still subject to immigration inspection or examination at a port of entry to determine whether you are admissible into the country and whether you are eligible for the immigration status sought.

Please note that, also, asylum applicants, asylees, refugees, and lawful permanent residents who obtained such status based on their asylum or refugee status are also subject to special rules with regard to traveling outside the United States. These individuals should also inquire about the impact traveling outside the U.S. will have on their immigration case.

Unlawful Presence

If a person departs the U.S. after accruing certain periods of unlawful presence in the country (time spent in the United States illegally), he or she may be barred from admission for either three years or ten years, depending on the length of the unlawful presence. Any departure from the United States may trigger this ground of inadmissibility, even if you have obtained an advance parole document.

If an individual accrued more than 180 days, but less than 1 year, of unlawful presence and this person voluntarily leaves the United States before the start of removal proceedings, they will be inadmissible if they seek admission within 3 years of the date of their departure. If a person has accrued 1 year or more of unlawful presence and they depart the United States, whether or not removal proceedings have started, this person will be inadmissible if they seek admission within 10 years of the date of departure.

Finally, remember that immigration law is complicated and dynamic. Always seek the advice of an attorney, preferably one who is a member of AILA. ♦

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Eight Tips for Making Solid Business Agreements & Contracts

BY KANETTA BAPTISTE

Individuals and companies negotiate and enter into contracts fairly frequently in the course of business. Some business agreements may be simple enough for the typical person to draft, while others may require the help of a skilled contract attorney. Here are eight tips:

1. Put it in writing

Although oral agreements are legal and binding in many situations, they're often difficult to enforce in court. In the business world, most agreements should be in writing even if the law doesn't require it. A written agreement is less risky than an oral one because the contract clearly spells out each party's rights and obligations.

2. Keep it simple

Create short, clear sentences with simple, numbered paragraph headings that alert the reader to the contents of the paragraph.

3. Deal with the right person

Negotiate directly with the person authorized to enter into contracts. Politely but firmly request to be put in

touch with the person in charge when you contact the company. Make sure the person you negotiate with has the authority to bind the business and has a vested interest in making sure the business performs its obligations under the agreement.

4. Identify each party correctly

You'd be surprised how often businesspeople get this wrong and how important it is. You need to include the correct legal names of the parties to the contract so it's clear who is responsible for performing the obligations under the agreement (and who you have legal rights against if things go wrong). For instance, if a business is organized as an LLC or a corporation, identify it by its correct legal name — including the Inc. or LLC suffix — not by the names of the people who are signing the agreement for the business.

5. Spell out all of the details

The body of the agreement should spell out the rights and obligations of each party in detail. Don't leave anything out; if you discuss something verbally and shake on it but it's not in the contract, it will be next to impossible to enforce. If you forget to include something, an amendment could be added at the time of signing the contract, or upon mutual

agreement during the term.

6. Specify payment obligations

Specify who pays whom, when the payments must be made, and the conditions for making payments. As you might guess, money is often a contentious issue, so this part should be very detailed. If you're going to pay in installments or only when work is completed to your satisfaction, say so and list dates, times, and requirements. Consider including the method of payment as well.

7. Agree on circumstances that terminate the contract

Termination of a contract is important. If one party misses too many important deadlines, the other party should have the right to terminate the contract or other remedies without being liable for breach of agreement.

8. Keep it confidential

Often, when one business hires another to perform a service, the other business will become privy to sensitive information. An agreement should contain a clause that stipulates that each party will keep strictly confidential any business information it learns of during the performance of the contract. ♦

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Obama Can Kiss & Make Up

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 the Latino community coupled with his inability to deliver on immigration reform has both his approval numbers dropping among Latinos and Spanish language media critics asking, "Who's in charge in Washington?" Also, his once masterful speeches are now being called nothing more than "cheap and easy rhetoric."

A story in *Politico* reveals this turning tide against President Obama in the Spanish language media. The article quotes several leading Latino journalists who are voicing their frustration with the President's failure to deliver on his promises of reform. Most notably, Jorge Ramos, the "most trusted man in the Hispanic media," says Obama has a "serious credibility problem." He adds "so many Latinos feel there is a lack of leadership, and he is not fighting for immigration reform with the same intensity that he fought for health care reform."

So what can Obama do to show the Latino Community some *carino*? Well, he could start with an hour-long prime-time special with Jorge Ramos to explain, in all frankness, what stumbling blocks he has faced in terms of getting immigration reform to the finish line. He could also explain how much he needs Congress' partnership and how Ramos' viewers need to get involved in order to make it a reality. While the President has been on Barbara Walter's prime time show *The View*, he might also try a sit-down on *The Cristina Show*—Spanish-language television's equivalent to Oprah.

In addition to media appearances, the President can rebuild bridges through



administrative action. He can start by making sure that the \$600 million in border enforcement money that Congress will send to his desk this week is spent responsibly. In fact, he can use the \$600 million legislation signing as the beginning of his real campaign to make comprehensive immigration reform a reality. He can also continue to direct DHS to do everything in its power under the law to minimize the impact of our broken immigration system on families and undocumented youth and put some real White House muscle behind the DREAM Act.

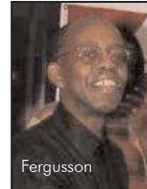
Perhaps from the President's perspective, he feels he has done a lot to show his commitment to immigration reform. He has dedicated time and energy to the issue, has plenty of staff at work on immigration, made a thoughtful speech

at American University and placed phone calls to potential Republican supporters. However, Latinos have yet to see the kind of enthusiasm and full-speed-ahead approach to immigration that the President lent to healthcare reform. Where is the immigration summit where all stakeholders are present and ready to commit to working together? How about dedicating more than 37 words to immigration in the next State of the Union address? Where is the Rahm Emanuel-style locker room arm-twisting on immigration that has been so effectively used to win passage of other bills? Jorge Ramos has made it pretty clear that the Latino community has come through for the President, but now, he needs to show the Latino community some true leadership and *carino* in return. ♦

SPORTS

BY ANTHONY TURNER

Soccer Honors For Leonard Mason, Barrington Ferguson



Leonard 'Chicken' Mason does not remember how he got his nickname that has stuck to him the same way the soccer ball was stuck to his cleats during his playing days at Excelsior High School in the Manning Cup competition in the 1970s.

Mason has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Manning Cup Award for 'outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the development of soccer in Jamaica.'

Mason, whose only goal of the match was enough for Jamaica to beat the U.S. in Kingston in 1972, has been hailed as one of the most talented schoolboys to play for the Mountain View-based institution.

He was particularly pleased to know that the daCosta Cup equivalent of the award will be presented to Barrington 'Scarrie' Ferguson, the pocket-sized Hercules and midfielder general for Cornwall College in the mid 1970s.

The award will be presented to Leonard 'Chicken' Mason at the second annual All-daCosta vs. All-Manning Masters Soccer Festival in Queens, New York, on Saturday, August 21 and is organized by Comets Club International organization, the overseas affiliate of the Montego Bay Comets Athletics Club, Jamaica. ♦

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