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## Maiko Watson Singer/songwriter

Still got that "It" factor plus incredible talent

*Garfield Williams aka Odario (Grand Analog) and Mood Ruff and Lisa Bell and Maiko Watson were part of Western Canada Music Awards program held in Winnipeg Manitoba October 19 (see more in Global Eyes Print Magazine).*



## Editorial - Family Violence Month

November is family violence month. I think we have to take a moment to reflect on the violence that is rampant in our society. Most of this violence unfortunately targets women by men. This does not mean that women are not perpetrators as well. Women also violate their children, women violate other women who may be their partners. Violence is wrong no matter in what shape, gender or size it comes.

Recently the Congress of Black women held a conference on Family Violence in the African Canadian community. The meeting was not well attended. There was a single solitary male in the audience. (Hats off to him).

Family violence is a fact among African-Canadians in Winnipeg including sexual violence against women and children. However, these are still taboo subjects that we sweep under the carpet. Everytime there is a speech to be made, it's about youth and how to motivate them. Well, academic education alone does not cut it, we have to teach our children to respect each other and that violence should never be part of any solution within or without a family. This needs to be brought home to our adult men as well many of whom still see women as chattels.

Violence does not only involves hitting, it can be the silent treatment, emotional put downs, psychological games - any behaviour that is intended to diminish another person in order to dominate him or her.

Research shows that people who stoop to such behavior are generally insecure and with very low self-esteem. They put others down in order to feel better about themselves. Their need to control is great. The good news is, that this does not have to define these people for the rest of their lives, there is help out there for abusers and those who are abused. To accept abuse also speaks volumes about the victim. It is better to face the demon of shame and fear by speaking out. Help may come to you.

There are many places to help immigrant women who are abused, the primary one being the Immigrant Women's Counselling Service. There is also the Men's Resource Centre, Mount Carmel Clinic and other resources for men who abuse. If you are an abuser, it's time to stop the violence, if you are a victim it's time to think of surviving.

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# Global

## The Audacity of Hope

Mr. Barack Obama, the charismatic Democratic Senator from Illinois was recently on Oprah talking about his new book, *The Audacity of Hope*. In the book, he calls for a more unified nation and less partisanship in politics.

Joined by his wife Michelle, a career woman herself, he confessed that in spite of all his accomplishments the space in his life which triggers the most insecurity is his ability to be a good husband and father.

Oprah pressed him about his presidential ambitions. He diplomatically pointed out that he had to concentrate on the upcoming election that

will determine which party controls the House.

Oprah showed clips of his visit to his father's homeland, Kenya. The reception he received was fit for a king. People lined the streets to wave to him or shake his hand, roads were built and new huts were erected on this account.

While in Kenya Obama and his wife set an example by testing publicly for the AIDS virus as a way of encouraging Kenyans to do the same. He told them that there was no shame in testing for the disease.



## Another Bling in her Jingle

The latest trend in celebrity fashion appears to be adoption of third world children.

Appendages that come with lots of media and the paparazi. No matter how well mean-



ing this might appear to be the question needs to be asked - who benefits from these types of transactions? Most people might say the children get a better chance at life. What is better needs to be defined. Does it mean more opportunities or the ability to get most things that money can buy. This sometimes often robs children out of their own sense of pur-

pose? If celebrities really want to help poor children wouldn't it be better to help that entire village with the same amount of money?. Befriend the child if you will

by keeping in contact but ensuring that he grows up in familiar surroundings until old enough to decide for himself might do more for that child than transplanting him in a foreign land. A child is not a toy for celebrity to hang as an accessory to prove to the world they have a heart. We know they have hearts of gold.

## Morgan Freedman Helps Grenada

When Oscar winner, Morgan Freedman heard that Hurricane Ivan had hit Grenada and left it in shambles he was moved to do something to help.

Freedman collaborated with two friends to write a cookbook: **Freedman and**

**Friends: "Caribbean Cooking for a Cause".**

The book was published by Rodale Press and was released in early October at \$35 each. The funds raised will be donated to the Grenada Relief Fund

# Regulars

## Letter to my Daughter

My dear daughter,

I've been thinking a lot about you lately and the difficulties you have been facing. Like any mother, I wish I could take your pain away and let you be free as a bird. That I suppose is part of the nature of being a parent. As parents we want to continue to want to shelter our children from the bad things in life until we die. We want to protect them from disappointments, sadness, pain, and illnesses. Life does not work that way. Life itself is an exercise in learning. Life is our teacher. To understand what it is to life pain-free we must experience pain, to understand joy we must know what is to be sad, to appreciate healthy living, we have to experience being sick, to experience peace we must know what it is like to be in turmoil. These experiences are the stuff life is made of. Imagine if we lived a life that had no ups and downs, no texture to it, how dull it would be. As my mother used to say, what does not kill us only makes us stronger. I know you will emerge from your difficulties a stronger woman; you will have gained nuggets of wisdom that would help you to unravel some of life's mysteries. Difficulties are opportunities for us to learn and grow. Our experiences inform our life. The only thing we can be certain of are those things which we ourselves experience. Our experiences give our words weight. When you speak about your experience you speak with integrity that none can dispute. You will survive and thrive. Lots of love,  
mom

## Global Counsellor

Dear Global Counsellor:

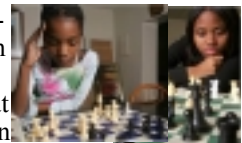
I am a young and proud African Canadian. I love Black women. I think they're the most beautiful creatures on the planet. Most of them have everything that a man loves - kissable lips, good junk in the trunk and legs to die for. The one thing that gets my goat about African Canadian women is their new obsession with long, straight or wavy hair. That is a big turn off for me and a lot of the brothers out there. That bag fur is an insult to the African Canadian man's hand. Unfortunately, wearing these stupid extension is a religion for my girlfriend. I have asked her many times to go natural or press her natural hair if she wants straight hair so badly but please oh please not that stringy thing. She gets mad when I tell her to go natural. She says that I want to control her and her looks. I gave her an ultimatum, it's me or the hair. I know it's foolish of me to give her that ultimatum. I have a feeling that I will lose to the hair. What can I do to keep my girlfriend. I did not really mean what I said.  
Proud

Dear Proud,

First of all you need to apologize to your girlfriend. You have no right to give her such an ultimatum and to pass judgment on her style. Have you asked your girlfriend why she is choosing to go with extensions? Seek first to understand before being understood. I agree with your girlfriend that you want to control her. That is not the way to go. Respect her choice even if you do not like it. There are ways to let her know what you like about her. For example congratulate her natural hair, tell her how much more beautiful you think she would look wearing her natural hair, or tactfully introduce her to magazines featuring women wearing their hair natural and maybe suggest a style that may suit her. Don't press the point, let it go. In time she will come around. All you need to do is to drop the hint. Your pompous attitude will only make her ignore your wishes. You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

## Chess Champions

Two African American girls from the Bronx ranked among the top chess players in the US and won the right to compete in the World Youth Championship in the republic of Georgia. It is the first time African Americans will represent the US in an International Chess Competition..



Medina Parilla, 15, a sophomore at DeWitt Clinton High School and Darrian Robinson, 16, a 7th grader at Intermediate School 318 Brooklyn are part of the US Team.

It is rare for an African-American to compete in organized chess tournaments said Bill Hall, executive director of the United States Chess Federation. Part of the reason, he suspects, has to do with economic barriers.

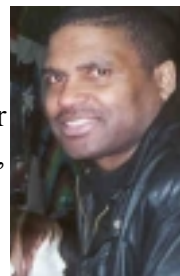
Maurice Ashley of Queens, the only African-American to achieve the rank of grandmaster, the highest title awarded by the World Chess Federation, said, "I think that the truth of the matter is that in the U.S. Chess is not taken as seriously here as in other countries."

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*Odario (Garfield Williams, Maiko Watson and Lisa Bell at the Empire Cabaret on Main Street October 19*

## Celebs Scoop

*Arinze helped out Odario on the drums while Dr. Rage and the Uppercuts plus singers Asha and backed up Maiko, backed up her sister Natalie.*



**Ingrid Johnson**, Author, **Cross M.C** and **Flo R& B** singer were a hit at the Horace Patterson Foundation's Annual Brunch. Congrats to Ingrid for having her first book of poems published.

## Ruth Smith



University of Winnipeg student and "Sistah" radio show host and poet, Ruth Smith, was the emcee at Needs Centre Inc. fundraiser at the Old Market Square.

*Our local Winnipeg talents delivered on call and proved they have what it takes to make it in the tough world of music.*

*Garfield Williams also known as Odario helped to organize a showcase of local*

*African Canadian talent under his record label "Slo Coach" to participate in the recent Western Canada Music Awards festival held in Winnipeg from October 19-22. The Slo Coach performance was held , at the*

*Empire Cabaret on the 19. There were simultaneous shows at other night clubs in the city but these young folks drew a sizeable crowd at their venue.*

*And it was a blast.*

## A Cultural Icon Passes

Well known story teller, comedienne and Caribbean cultural icon recently passed away in Toronto at the age of 89. Miss Louise Bennett Coverly better known as Ms Lou is the story about the little girl who can and did. She is loved by all who cross her path including the Canadian media but especially by Jamaicans. She brought respect to Jamaican dialect and by exten-



sion to all Caribbean dialects. She will be remembered for her brazen poetry and her infectious laughter. Through her works, many scholars have found a niche in studying, interpreting and reinterpreting Caribbean culture. She has left enough to keep them busy for a while. As Ms Lou would have said "walkgood".

## Age did not stop her

Etta Baker legendary blues guitarist recently died at the age of 93. She worked for 26 years at a textile mill before quitting at age 60, to pursue her love of music. She toured well into her 80's. Ms Baker became a hit



on the international folk-festival circuit, playing Piedmont blues, a mix of the clattery rhythms of bluegrass and blues. She won a 1991 Folk Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Omega 3 improves your Personality

New research suggests that omega-3 fatty acids, like those found in fish may help those who suffer from blue moods and boost your spirits.

University of Pittsburgh researchers found that volunteers with lower blood levels of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids were more likely than others to be impulsive, to have a more negative outlook, and to report mild or moderate symptoms of depression while those with higher blood levels of omega-3 fatty acids were found to be more agreeable.

Previous studies have

linked lower levels of omega-3 to clinically significant conditions such as major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, substance abuse and attention-deficit disorder said Sarah Conklin, a postdoctoral scholar with the psychiatry department's Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine Program. She also said that this study opens the door for future research looking at what effect increasing omega-3 intake, whether by eating omega-3 rich foods like salmon, or taking fish-oil supplements, has on people's mood.

## What's Happening?

**November 9** - Spoken word Performance Institute of Women's & Gender Studies invites you to hear writer and activist Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha perform her own poems that tell of surviving abuse, mixed race identities and femme lives. Admission is free. The event will be held at Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street

**November 10:** Muslims - their faith and Culture: How to give Culturally competent and Spiritually sensitive services to Muslims - Hilton Suites, Winnipeg Airport 1800 Wellington Avenue. 8:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m. For info and registration: 944-1560

**November 12** - Annual Sing for Peace Concert a fundraiser sponsored by Project Peacemakers at Fort Rouge Crescent United Church. Admission \$10 adults Children under 12 free. Call 774-8187 for info.

**November 15 - 2006,** Manitoba Women's Advisory Council invites you to attend a Lunch & Learn on **Information on Protection Orders: the Domestic Violence and Stalking Act - One Year After Amendments** presented by Cheryl Laurie of Manitoba Women's Directorate and Joy Dupont Manitoba Justice Victim Services - 11:30 am to 1 pm at 155 Carlton Street, Concourse Level. Please RSVP 945-6281

**November 25** - Barbados 40th Anniversary Independence Banquet and Dance Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave. Time: 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00 per person Speaker: Mr. Donville Inniss, CEO, Global Overseas Ltd.

**December 5, 2006** Manitoba Women's Advisory Council Sunrise Memorial, 7:30 a.m. at the Legislative Building.

## Health-conscious Recipes

### Mediterranean Baked Fish

Yield: 4 servings

#### Ingredients

1 lb fish fillets (sole)  
2 tsp olive oil  
1 large onion, sliced  
1 can (16 oz) whole tomatoes, drained  
(reserve juice), coarsely chopped  
1/2 cup tomato juice (from canned tomatoes)  
1 bay leaf  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 cup dry white wine  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/4 cup orange juice  
1 tbsp fresh orange peel, grated  
1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed  
1/2 tsp dried oregano, crushed

1/2 tsp dried thyme, crushed  
1/2 tsp dried basil, crushed  
black pepper, to taste

1. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet add onion and sauté over moderate heat for 5 minutes or until soft.
2. Add all remaining ingredients except fish. Stir well and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.
3. Arrange fish in 10- by 6-inch baking dish. Cover with sauce. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for about 15

minutes or until fish flakes easily.

Each serving provides:

Calories: 178, Total fat: 4 g, Saturated fat: 1 g; Sodium: 260 mg, Protein: 22 g, Carbs. 12

### Three-Minute Caramel Latte

1 can (12 fl. oz.) Evaporated Milk  
1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping  
4 teaspoons Gourmet Roast TASTER'S CHOICE, divided  
1 cup very hot water (slightly less than boiling), divided

MICROWAVE evaporated milk and ice cream topping in small, uncovered, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power for 2 minutes or until very hot. Carefully pour mixture into blender; cover. Blend on high for 1 minute or until very frothy on top.

PLACE 2 teaspoons coffee granules into each 12-ounce coffee mug. Add 1/2 cup hot water to each mug; stir. Gently pour milk mixture into each mug, spooning foam on top. Thinly drizzle foam with ice cream topping, if desired.

## Community Spotlight

### Congress of Black Women Celebrates 25 years



The Congress of Black Women (MB Chapter) promised a night to remember at its 25th Anniversary banquet and they delivered. It was top class all the way. A lot of effort was spent in creating an ambience of success, celebration and positivism. Norma Walker-Dickens, event coordinator, began the evening's activities by honouring the men in the room, especially those who supported members of the Congress in doing the work of the Congress. The men stood and were recognized.

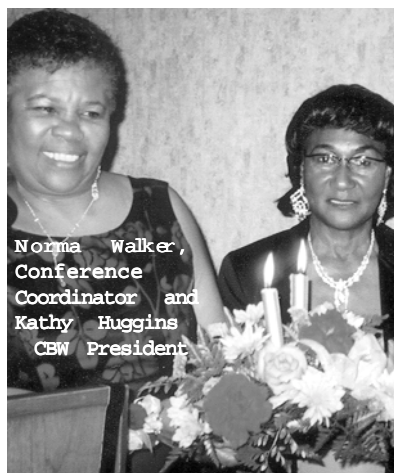


**I to r** Cynthia Manswell panel moderator, Bose Agabayew, Crystal Laborero, Jacqueline St. Hill and Marceline Ndayumvire panellists re Family Violence conference.

The sit down dinner consisted of a whole Cornish hen stuffed with wild rice served with potatoes and vegetables. There was a birthday specialty rum cake with Caribbean styled icing and the wine flowed generously that night.

The celebrations began with a reception hosted by the Lt. Governor, the Honourable John Harvard P.C., O.M., and Her Honour Leonore Berschied on Thursday October 5th followed by a Conference on Family Violence on Friday October 6th and crowned with the banquet on the Saturday October 7.

(See more about the conference in Global Eyes Print Magazine).



Norma Walker, Conference Coordinator and Kathy Huggins CBW President

### Redefine, Embrace and Celebrate Goals Identified and Achieved

Nova Scotia born Cassandra Dorrington, CMA, MBA, CHRP delivered a motivational speech designed to encourage her audience to learn to set goals with definite deadlines and to focus on achieving those set goals.

Ms Dorrington said she was fortunate to be in the audience when Rosa Parks last visited Nova Scotia. Rosa Parks said that she had never intended to be a leader she was just tired and took a stand.

"Mentoring is an important key in the learning process" she said and added that several African Canadian and American women inspired her including Rosa Parks, Mary Ann Francis, Michael Jean, Dr. Connie Best Condoleeza Rice and Viola Desmond.

"Dr. Connie Best a focused community leader as well as Vida Desmond, a Nova Scotian, who was tired of going up to the balcony in the theatre, reserved for African Canadians only, took a seat on the main floor. Although she was quickly hauled away by the Police, she

"Rosa Parks took a stand and changed the world" she said.

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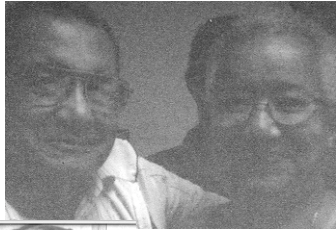
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Pastor Phillis and Jackie Phillis Val Fraser (l)



Valeria Fraser is at the helm of the Caribbean Seniors Organization. Established in 1997,

the organization boast a large membership made up of men and women of varying age. No discrimination on the basis of age here. They have monthly luncheon meetings, at the St. James Presbyterian Church, bring in speakers relevant to their members, enjoy outings and all the fun stuff they deserve to enjoy. This organization was the brainchild of Val Fraser and Jackie Phillis. There is a small membership fee. A great role model for the community.

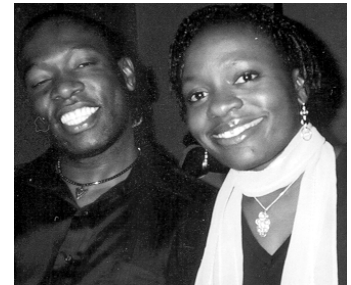


Pauline Nembhard wowed the audience at the Congress of Black Women's Banquet with her rendition of Ms Lou Bennett poetry in the vernacular.



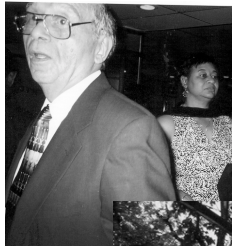
Bernadette dancing her shoes off at the CCOM Volunteer Appreciation evening. Bernadette performed the arduous and challenging task of Kitchen Coordinator of the Caribbean Pavilion.

"These strong black women have opened up



Karon Babb-Chester and her new husband whooped it up at the Council of Caribbean Organizations Volunteer Appreciation at the Gordon Assiniboine Hotel.

*Horace Patterson Foundation's champion spellers*



Tom Dickens and Verona Jack in the background (not together) partying at the Congress 25th Anniversary Banquet



Oromo singers and dancers lend their support to NEEDS Centre for War Affected Children Inc. fundraising event to raise funds for children in Africa. The event took place in the Fall 2006 at the Old Market Square

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**Redefine Obstacles**  
doors for us to step through."

She said that the people who are closest to us must not be forgotten as role models. Her grandmother was in the domestic service and was a role model to her.

Obstacles are created because no one has done them before. "We have to remain focussed on our goals and when we accomplish them we must celebrate our accomplishment.

### More marginalized families opt for home-schooling

Most marginalized peoples in the world rely on proper education of their children to get out of poverty. When they feel that the education their children receive is not working some are prepared to take drastic steps. Homeschooling is seen as a viable option

Michael Apple, professor at the University of Wisconsin, stated that there is an increase in homeschooling in cities with histories of racial tensions.

## Prof. Diallo Elected President of SFM

Professor Ibrahima Diallo born in Senegal but lived in Manitoba since 1984 made history by becoming the first elected chair of the SFM - Societe of Franco Manitobain at the recently held elections. In accepting the position Prof. Diallo said that he had lived in three continents and felt very much a part of the French Manitoban community. He also noted that the French community received more immigrants and there is a need for them to be integrated into the community.



Tamika Joseph Kyra Sampson and Larissa Tomilson (not in picture) are the Congress of Black Women Manitoba Chapter Scholarship Winners for 2006

### SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD WINNERS



### Winners of the Horace Patterson Foundation scholarship for 2006

Left are Shondell Babb and Tammy Anthony recent commerce graduates from the University of Manitoba and University of Manitoba School of Nursing respectively.

### Guyanese Cultural Organization Achievers



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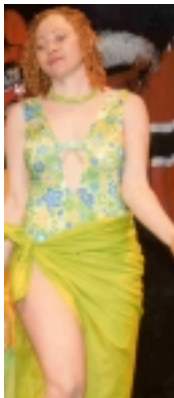
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## The Accidental Designer



An unpretentious mature woman, mother of five children four boys and a girl and grandmother of three, Atherley has made a name for herself as a designer to watch in the Caribbean area and recently in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada where she had an exhibition of her clothes to rave appreciation.



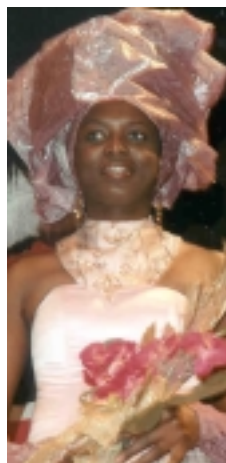
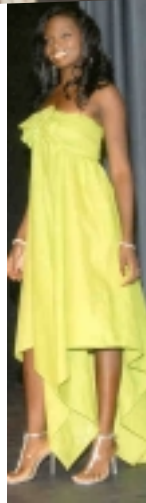
Winner of several major fashion awards and competitions, including the Miss Abstract 2004, Children's Easter Bonnet, Miss City of San Fernando and the Miss World Cup Trinidad and Tobago 2006, Atherley has a unique approach to designing. Asked if she makes her clothes from patterns, Atherley said she did none of those things. She said her inspiration comes from God. When she sits herself down to make an outfit, the material speaks to her and instructs what to do with it. She is not afraid of experimenting.

Atherley's work is often described as unique because of the non-traditional materials she uses to create stunning outfits. For example you



could find materials such as untreated cotton, burlap, rope, shells, hand painted images and effects from colour extraction included in her work. She loves variety. Her show is a lively combination of different styles, lines and cuts.

Established under her own label Tehillah's Design, Atherley has been doing this work for more



than 25 years. She competes with the biggest and brightest international designers in the region including Peter Elias and Heather Jones and sometimes her work is often overshadowed by those designers who are more established.

Atherley said she never dreamt of what awaited her. She was sent a fairy godmother in the form of June Springer, entrepreneur and patron of the arts. While in Trinidad last April, June Springer sponsored an arts exhibition under the patronage of the Canadian High Commissioner in Trinidad, Mennonite Heritage Gallery and Voix An Art Gallery, and as part of the arts exhibition was a fashion show involving many leading designers, one of whom was Lynette. "I was impressed with her work. Her clothes were outstanding and very creative, and yet she was so humble," Springer said and added what was most disappointing was the fact that none of her clothes was featured in any of the local newspapers the following day. "I felt this woman's clothes need to be seen by the world and I invited her to come and do a showing in Winnipeg"

"I did not want to get my hopes up too much because I have been disappointed so many times in my life. I said if it is the will of God I will get to go and it was the will of God that's why I am here and I cannot thank Ms Springer enough for making it possible. I am so happy to be here," Atherley ex-

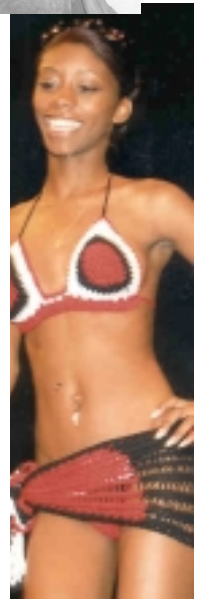


pressed beaming with obvious gratitude and accomplishment at the same time. These two women who did not know each

other before have become the best of friends, fostered the more because June invited Lynette as a guest in her home.

"I hope to continue this relationship because I want to bring her back.

*(Photos by Photographer Anthony Fernando of "Your Best Shot Studio")*



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### Designer

This first visit is just to whet the appetite, the next exhibition will be bigger and better," Springer said.

Atherley said "my dream was that I would go places". She does not see age as a barrier in this field "The older you get the better you get. As long as God inspires me, I believe in myself" she said.

Blessed with the support of her husband, children and good Friends, Atherley said she feels more confident than ever, "the sky is the limit" she said.

To those who may be thinking of getting into the business, Atherley encourages them to go for it. "Most of all believe in yourself".

### Poetry Corner

#### Ego Trap

Step out of the square  
A time space ego trap  
Dark, damp and lonely  
Light is absent

Taste the rose scent  
Dance to the freedom  
song  
Open ears and eyes  
See reality.

You and I are one  
Know this in truth  
Better learn the self

Recognize me

I wear disguises  
That trick the sense  
Under the difference  
We are one

I am you  
you are me  
Let's walk in symphony  
Enjoy harmony

#### Nothing is Free

*If you think something  
is free  
Look again  
It might not be  
Have you read the fine  
print?  
Have you listened to  
your instinct?  
Sounds too good to be  
true?  
That might just be a  
clue.*

*At the end of the day  
Everybody's got to pay  
For the energy they've  
used or abused  
Within the universe  
There's a time to sow  
And yes, a time a reap  
A time to laugh  
And a time to weep*

*Nothing in the world is  
free  
There's a price to pay  
For the gifts we receive  
In this world  
There's no free lunch.*

*Nothing is free  
Can't you see?  
Whatever you get  
There's an unpaid debt  
You've got to pay  
You've got to pay  
Listen to what I say.  
M Hero*

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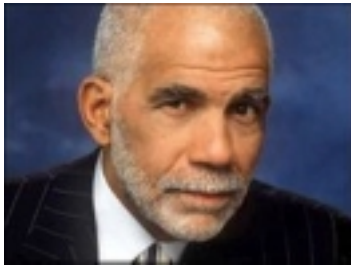
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## Ed Bradley Dead at 65

He had a unique voice and was a staple for some 26 years on CBS's **60 Minutes** bringing many interesting stories about the world including those of many African Americans.

Award Winning journalist with 19 Emmy Awards to his credit, Bradley

was taken out of this world by from complications due to [chronic lymphocytic leukemia](#). Although he was



diagnosed many years ago, the disease did not become life-threatening until he contracted an infection October 2006. Bradley grew up in a

single parent household, and learned the value of hard work from his mother, Gladys Gaston Bradley

Divorced twice, his current wife is Patricia Blanket, renowned artist of Haitian descent.

## Passing of A Guyanese Legend at 60

Born Neville Marshall-Corbin in Guyana, South America in 1946, better known as Sol R a y e , C o r b i n moved to England as a young man and studied acting at LAMDA.



He appeared in several seasons with the English Stage Company at the Royal Court before taking up singing full-time.

Blessed with a voice that sounded identical to Nat King Cole's, Sol won a record-breaking nine times on ITV's Opportunity Knocks, contest, which resulted in his first recording, *Not Nat* (EMI). Other bestselling recordings included *Mona Lisa*, *How Sweet It Is*, *Checking Out and Come*

### *Home Love.*

He performed tributes to Nat King Cole in cabarets in the US, Africa, Australia and Scandinavia to great acclaim and in 1971 appeared in *The Song Festival of Two Worlds* in Portugal, which he won with the Tony Hatch song, *When We Are Free*.

In 1985 he directed and produced, *A Nightingale Sang*, a TV tribute to Nat King Cole at the Savoy Hotel in London. The guest of honour was Cole's widow Maria Cole and the performers appearing were Nina Simone, Will Gaines and Danny Williams.

Some say Sol commanded the most melodious of all voices to have come out of Guyana. He died in England March 31, 2006 of a heart attack.

## Tracing your Roots made Easier

African Americans may soon find it easier to trace their roots, thanks to our digital age. Recently The Freedmen's Bureau, established in 1865 to help former slaves settle and establish their lives as freed people, announced plans to go on-line. These Bureaus performed the function of today's settlement agencies, they provided former slaves with food, clothing help in finding jobs and connecting with their ancestors. More than 200,000 images collected by the Richmond Bureau, one of the several Bureaus established throughout the South, will be digitized. There are plans to eventually transfer data from all of the Southern states to an online database, said Wayne Metcalfe, vice president of the Genealogical Society of Utah, a partner in the project. Bureaus kept meticulous records, documenting marriages and work histories. Those records will be scanned from microfilm and compiled into an electronic index that families will eventually be able to access, Metcalfe said.

## More than 900 Winnipeggers held LEAF Manitoba celebrate its 16th Annual Persons Day Breakfast

LEAF Manitoba celebrated its's 16th Annual Person's Day Breakfast with more than 900 participants in attendance to mark the day when Canadian women were recognized as persons under the law.

This year's

guestspeaker was Heather Bishop, Manitoba's award-winning singer/songwriter who spoke about her personal journey to equality.

LEAF Manitoba hosted an intimate reception for some of its members to meet Audrey Johnson, Executive Director of LEAF National.



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