



2007, October 5

#### **Jamaica Day at Macy's Home Store in Miami**

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) and South Florida's WDNA Serious Jazz Radio station have teamed up to host a cooking demonstration at Macy's Dadeland Home Store on Saturday, October 6. Renowned chef and author of "Jerk from Jamaica: Barbecue Caribbean Style", Helen Willinsky, will be making a special appearance for a spicy cooking demonstration. Willinsky is a native of Jamaica, and divides her time between Fort Lauderdale and Kingston. Macy's customers will be treated to Helen's delicious creations and traditional Jamaican drinks while WDNA Radio broadcast live on location. For dessert, patrons will be served a live musical presentation by Jamaican saxophonist, Tony Greene and keyboardist, Mallory Williams to close out the event.

[For further information visit: [www.wdna.org](http://www.wdna.org)]

#### **Seventh Caribbean Week of Agriculture Oct. 8 - 13**

The Seventh Caribbean Week of Agriculture will be held at Jamaica's Gran Bahia Principe hotel in Runaway Bay from October 8 to 13. This year's theme, **Agriculture – Harvesting Wealth through Tourism**, highlights the natural synergies between the two sectors and the potential for greater collaboration. Caribbean Week of Agriculture was initiated by the Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and representatives from all 15 Caricom member states are expected to attend. An important element of the conference is an agri-business exposition in which the Jamaica Tourist Board will participate. The JTB booth will show how agriculture has been used throughout the years to market the island.

[For further information visit: [www.moa.gov.jm/expo/](http://www.moa.gov.jm/expo/)]

#### **AFJ honours couple for their service to Jamaica**

The American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Jamaican charitable and social initiatives, honours Louise and Edgar Cullman with the AFJ International Humanitarian Award for their active involvement in a wide range of philanthropic and civic organizations. The Cullmans will be awarded on Tuesday, October 9, at the AFJ's 26th Annual Gala and Auction for Jamaican Charities in New York City.

Louise Cullman is presently on the Board of The Tryall Fund in Jamaica. She has assisted in raising funds in healthcare and education in the Parish of Hanover. The Fund supports the Sandy Bay Health Clinic (by providing a medical staff) and other beneficial projects. Mr. Cullman was formerly the Chairman of the Board of General Cigar Holdings, Inc. and had a premium cigar factory in Kingston, Jamaica making Macanudo and Partaga cigars. For many years, Edgar Cullman was a member of the US Business Committee on Jamaica, under the direction of David Rockefeller. In 1989, he received the award of Commander of Distinction from the Government of Jamaica. He is one of only two Americans to receive the award.

[For further information visit: <http://www.theafi.org> ]

#### **Best of Jamaica now on at Grand Lido Braco**

The annual staging of Best of Jamaica is currently underway at Grand Lido Braco in Trelawny, having started on Wednesday, October 3 and concluding on Sunday, October 7. A potpourri of the island's culture and heritage, Best of Jamaica showcases food, dance and music peculiar to the island. Patrons can also interact with celebrity chefs to learn about Indian, Chinese and Jamaican dishes. Best of Jamaica also features a variety of choices for adventure through daring off-property excursions.

[For further information visit:

[http://www.superclubs.com/brand\\_grandlido/resort\\_braco/qlb\\_bojamaica2007.asp](http://www.superclubs.com/brand_grandlido/resort_braco/qlb_bojamaica2007.asp) ]

#### **Merritone Music and Homecoming event celebrate 17 years of family reunion.**

The annual Merritone Music and Homecoming show will celebrate 17 years of family reunions. The aim of the reunion is to bring together the Merritone "family" or patrons wherever they may be, to enjoy one week of love and togetherness at various locations throughout Jamaica. The Merritone Reunion is typically held over a full week in October, starting the Tuesday or Wednesday immediately before, and culminating on National Heroes Day. This year, the Reunion is slated to take place October 5 -7 (pre reunion events) and October 10-15, 2007. Celebratory parties are being planned for Kingston (Curphey Place, The Quad, The Deck), Lyssons in St. Thomas and Somerset Falls in Portland. The Reunion is highlighted with a three day weekend at Hedonism III, Runaway Bay, St. Ann. Merritone Music is famed for playing quality music of all genres at parties.

[For further information visit: [www.merritone-music.com](http://www.merritone-music.com)]

## REMINDERS

### **Temporary WHTI waiver ends**

As from October 1, 2007; American citizens travelling by air to Jamaica are once again required to present a passport to re-enter the United States. This after the Department of Homeland Security granted a temporary waiver of the passport requirement rule. The waiver concluded on September 30. The new passport rule was first implemented on January 23 and required Americans travelling by air to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda to present a passport upon re-entry into the United States. The waiver soon became necessary however following significant backlogs in the processing of passports for applicants.

**[For more information visit: <http://travel.state.gov/>]**

**For details on these and other information of relevance to the JTB and the tourist industry please visit our information portal at [www.jtbonline.org](http://www.jtbonline.org)**

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