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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! And the desire to

shake off the sleep of winter hibernation for sunny climates is the theme of this special travel edition focusing on Caribbean Islands. These "Islands in the Sun" are more than vacation destinations, they are historically significant to the African-American community. The inhabitants of Aruba, the Bahamas, Tobago and Jamaica are our long lost cousins who ended up in the sugar plantations of the West Indies rather than the cotton fields of the American South. In their lives, we can find a little bit of ourselves; in their futures we can see that of all of our people of the African Diaspora. So why not take a vacation that reflects the history of us as African people!

We would like to invite readers of **DAWN** to write to the editor. What do you like about **DAWN**, and what are some things you would like to see in the future? Your opinions are important to us as we try to address the needs of the African-American community nationwide. Write to **Eve Ferguson**, *Editor*

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Eve M. Ferguson

ON THE COVER:

Scenes from the islands: Red Sail Sports "Balia" Catamaran, Aruba; Jamaican children dressed for Carnival (photo by Bill Smith, courtesy of the Jamaican Tourist Board); A Bahamian woman with hibiscus from <u>Isles of Eden</u>.

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