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## Obama buoys U.S. image

By Jim Lobe

WASHINGTON, Jun. 12, 2008 — After a virtually relentless fall during the administration of President George W. Bush, Washington's image abroad



rebounded modestly in 2007, according to the latest edition of the annual

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## CARICOM: N.Y. bound

By Bert Wilkinson

A year ago this month, Caribbean leaders flew to Washington D.C. for the first summit meeting with an American president in 10 years laying issues from the unstructured way by which

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Photo by Donna Lamb

## Ancestral Tribute

At the annual Tribute To The Ancestors of the Middle Passage, Saturday, on the Coney Island boardwalk, a woman performed a dance ritual surrounded by drummers, as thousands paid tribute at the site where slave ships once docked. See Page 3

# PUSH FOR SEX ED

## Advocates move to curb teen pregnancy

By Kenton K. Kirby

Underscoring the urgency or action to safeguard young people from sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies, state legislators and health advocates are calling for the swift passage of the Healthy Teens Act introduced by Sen. Velmanette Montgomery (D-Brooklyn) and supported by members of the Senate

Democratic Conference.

“There is no denying that our young people are talking about and engaging in sexual activity,” said Montgomery, as she called for the Senate’s passage of legislation No. S1342 and Assembly legislation No. A2856.

The new legislation calls for a local-option grant program through the State Department of

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