



TOBAGO HERITAGE FESTIVAL COMES HOME

For the first time in 12 years, the Shaw Park Complex will open its doors to the Tobago Heritage Festival. Patrons will enjoy this year's Festival—the final edition of the Community Treasures trilogy, "Community Treasures: Recognition"—at a

spanking new, state-of-the-art facility. The Festival celebrates Tobago's rich cultural heritage, and will feature events throughout 22 communities on the island, starting from July 16. It will be a special experience, believes Secretary of Community Development

and Culture Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus. "It is expected to be a spectacular gala event, given that we will be returning to the Shaw Park Complex," she said. "The heritage runs for two weeks until August 1. After August 1, we will have until November, the

year-round experience." The budget for this year's Festival is \$12 million, and the Tobago House of Assembly will save on infrastructural costs with the use of Shaw Park. Last year, the Festival Committee used only 12.5 million of their \$13 million allocation.



WELL DONE: Shane Telesford of St Nicholas Primary School smiles after receiving his Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) results on Wednesday (July 1) at the school. Telesford was Tobago's second best overall performer in the exam.

TOBAGO LIBRARIES TO HOST IT CAMPS

School is out, but young students still have an opportunity to learn and have fun, through the Game Building Session Camp, which runs from July 31-August 21. The camp is for students between the ages of six and 11 years, and will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. According to Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport Huey Cadette, the camps are "designed to promote the use of IT and interaction among children". The camp will be hosted at the Scarborough Roxborough and Charlotteville Libraries. This is in keeping with the

Tobago House of Assembly's thrust to develop the technological abilities of Tobagians. The Roxborough and Charlotteville camps will run from July 9-13. The Secretary said a variety of programmes will be offered at the three locations. At Scarborough there will be sessions on art and craft and storytelling, and learning how to save. There will also be sessions on game-building and drama in performing arts, on road safety, dining etiquette and common courtesies and, of course, on the rights of the child."

'I AM WOMAN' PROGRAMME MAKING STRIDES

Secretary of Community Development and Culture Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus is pleased about the "I Am Woman" Programme's impact on Tobago's young women. The programme, hosted by her Division, sensitises young women on various issues affecting them, in-

cluding health and financial management. This year, the programme included sessions for girls headed to secondary school. "This is to really begin to influence them in a positive way," the Secretary explained, "preparing them to go into the secondary school environment and helping them to be

conscience about their wellbeing. Some of the guidelines they should be thinking about in that area are (in terms of) their sexuality and also their image and spirituality." This year, more young women participated in the programme. The Secretary was inspired by the testimonies of three young women who

took risks to open their own businesses. "One (of the women) actually left a good paying Tobago House of Assembly job to go into the private sector to manage her own business, and also another is contemplating leaving her job (to do the same)," Tsoiafatt-Angus said.