

# DAILY NEWS



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## B'klyn-based Web site adds island news

### Caribbean

The Brooklyn-based [tropicalfete.com](http://tropicalfete.com) - a Web site featuring music, community and entertainment news and a host of other resources - just keeps growing.

Since its creation in 1999, the site has moved beyond entertainment to include other features, such as news, said president and founder Alton Aimable, who hails from St. Lucia.

"The most important new feature has been the news," said Aimable, who explained that the news component was added after visitors to the Web site continually requested information on community events and happenings.

Book reviews and outlets to promote new music also have been added. Aimable said artists on independent record labels too often have a hard time getting exposure, and the site's new releases section is one way to get their music heard.

There also is an extensive collection of links to businesses, organizations and institutions, such as chambers of commerce, mas camps, colleges and universities, record labels, pageants and Caribbean telephone directories.

What does the future hold for the site? Aimable wants to develop an interactive program where online visitors can play a digital steel pan on their computers.

The site, which has a staff of five, also is sporting a new look after a redesigned version was launched in June. Visit [www.tropicalfete.com](http://www.tropicalfete.com), leave a voice mail message at (309) 285-7720 or send E-mail to [info@tropicalfete.com](mailto:info@tropicalfete.com).

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