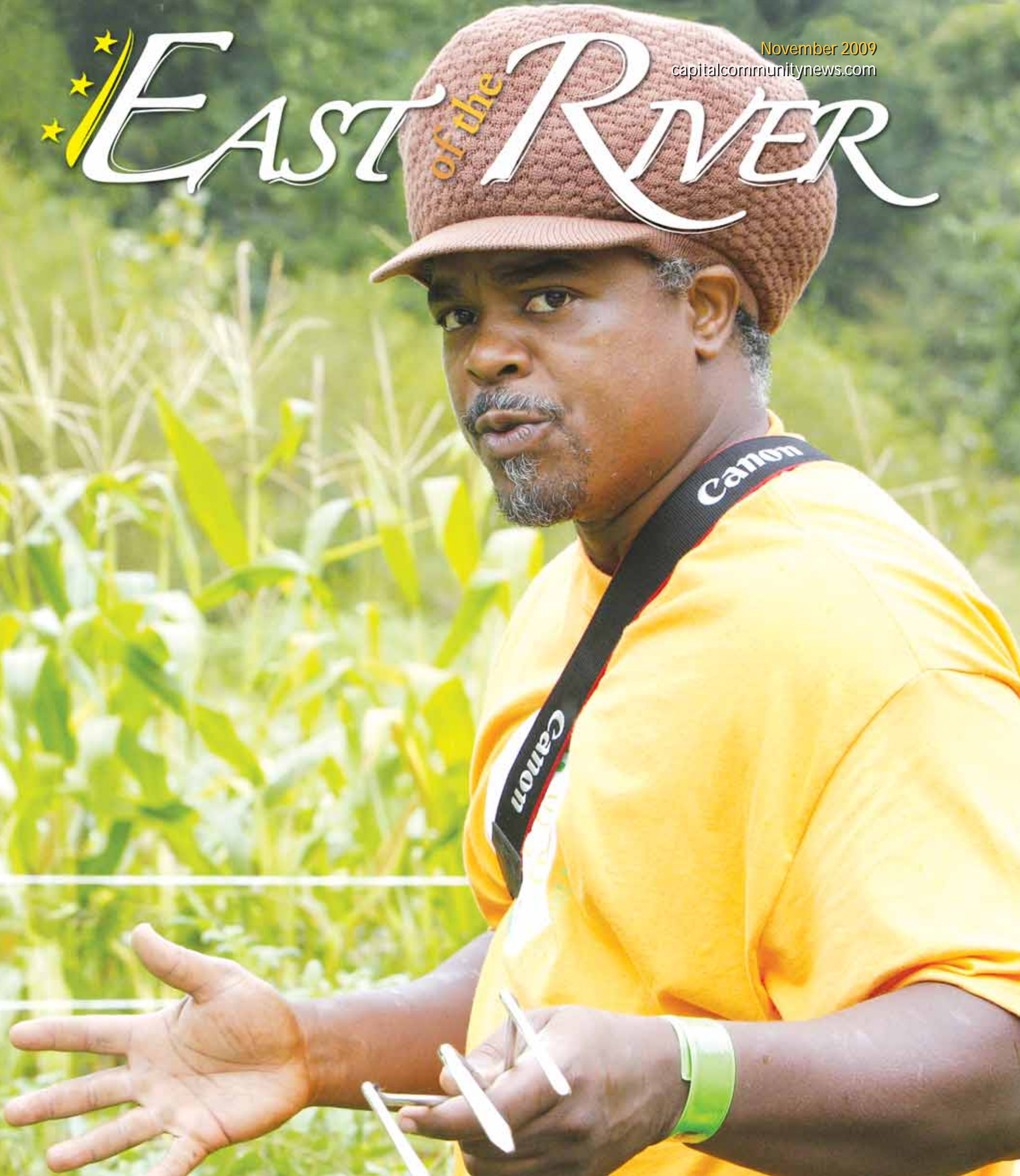


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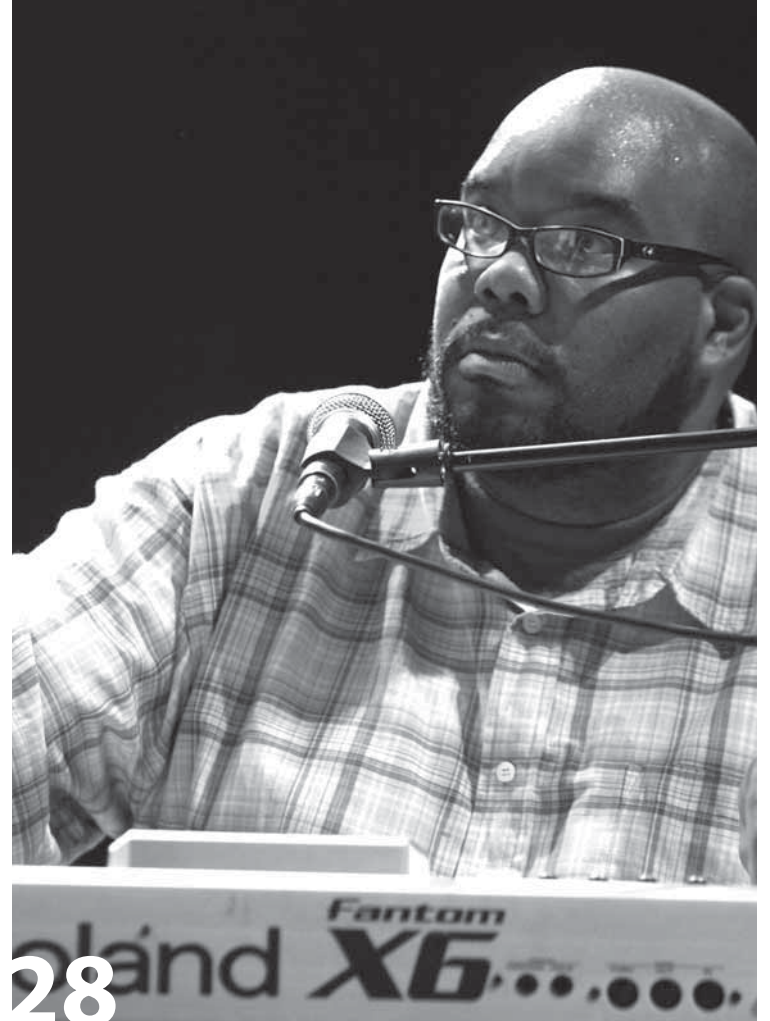
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Hip-hop star **Wale** is the latest DC native to be a regular MTV feature, garnering national attention as he tours the country as Jay-Z's opening act, backed by the go-go band UCB. But, before Wale, East of the River hip-hop legend **Kokayi** was stamping a DC imprint on hip-hop.

COVER

Derek Smith, health activist, stands in his Fort DuPont garden, which supplies fresh vegetables to his entire extended family. Photo: Andrew Lightman.



Social Sightings

By "Mickey" Thompson



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CARTOONS & COCKTAILS 2009

The 22nd annual "Cartoons & Cocktails" fundraiser was held at the National Press Club. This is the largest silent and live auction of original editorial cartoons by top editorial cartoonist in the nation. This event benefits the Cartoonists Rights Network International, the National Press Club's Eric Friedheim Library, and Young DC (Scholarships for aspiring editorial artists). The DC Examiner, Politico, C-Span, the National Press Club, D'Orazio & Associates, The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Tom Donlan and Carol Knopes, Taylor and Judy Hines, and Kathleen Reilly Mannix were some of the sponsors. The DC Examiner's Michael Phelps, Jeff Dufour, Chris Stirewalt, and Harry Jaffe were some of the celebrity auctioneers. This was a wonderful event and I can't wait until next year!



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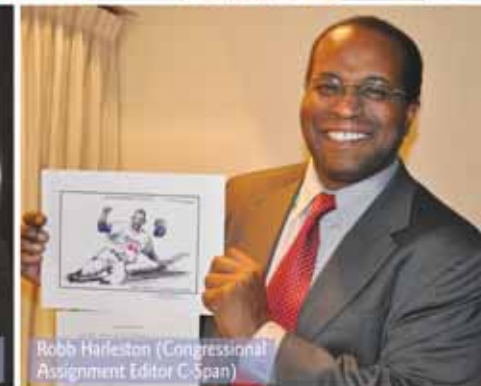
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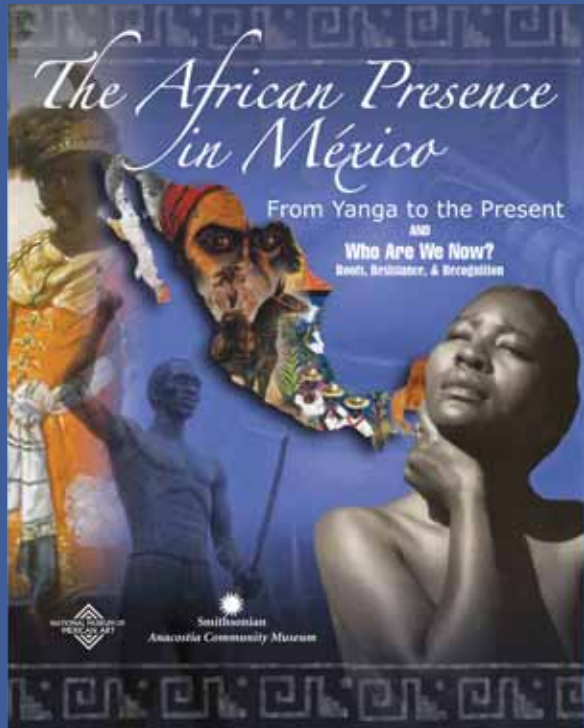
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Lecture by curator Cesareo Moreno - Gallery Talk

Nov. 10: Midnight Ramble (60 min.) – 7 pm,
Life and work of black independent filmmaker,
Oscar Micheaux - Film

Nov. 15: Rhythm Café – 11 am,
Steel Drums: A Community Celebration,
Lecture/Performance

Nov. 18: Geo. Washington Nature Trail – 10 am,
Walk

Nov. 28: Metro Mambo – 3 pm, WPFW-FM
Jim Byers presents “Abaniquito: The Beginnings”
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Organized by the National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, these exhibitions received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center. Exhibition programs and special events are presented in collaboration with the Smithsonian Latino Center, the National Museum of African Art, the Mexican Cultural Institute, and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.



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