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Roti, a large circular shaped thinly rolled pan cake or  
Dahl Roti, Roti lightly stuffed with ground split peas  
Originally brought from India by the farm workers to Trinidad  
Now the main staple for East Indians in the Caribbean  
Modified to make it less cumbersome to eat  
Cooked meat, goat, chicken, shrimp, beef or vegetable curry  
Wrapped around in a plain Roti or Dahl Roti  
Looks more like a Mexican Burrito  
Sold island wide in Roti shops

Daddy (nickname) moved from Coryal in Trinidad to  
Brooklyn, New York  
Started a Daddy's Roti Shop to make a living  
Sent his daughter to medical school in New York  
After 30 years selling Roti  
Sold his Roti Shop to return to Trinidad to lime  
He missed liming for too long living in New York  
Back in Trinidad, a bottle of Carib in one hand, Roti in another  
Spent time liming and playing wabie with friends.

PS: Trinidad slang Lime or Liming means hanging out with friends.

Wabie: A silly game in which people race each other by throwing small plant twigs in city open drains or streams and watch twigs flow to a designated spot (goal).

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