



A night to remember

Honoree Medjine Philis-Volcy was one of 40 honorees during Community News Group's "40 Under 40" celebration last Thursday night. For more on the ceremonies, see pages 2 and 3.

Photo by William Farrington

Fly Jamaica bucks odds, buys new

By Bert Wilkinson

Perhaps its Afro owners are crazy or simply know what others in the regional aviation industry don't.

The Guyana-based Reece family which operates Fly Jamaica Airways in the past week threw a Boeing 767 aircraft into service joining the smaller 757 it had acquired for its launch between Kingston Jamaica and New York and onwards to Georgetown, Guyana early last year.

Industry officials say that the airline's management must be reading from an operating profit manual that larger carriers like Caribbean Air-

lines, Bahamas, and Suriname Airways do not have access to as it is expanding at a time when, for example, Caribbean is carrying losses estimated at US\$100M annually.

The other two are operating with at similar advanced loss-making levels and would have long disappeared from the skies had it not been for sustained financial subsidies and other concessions from governments.

Authorities have argued with great success, that they are both too big and important to tourism-based economies to be allowed to fail.

Executive Director Ronald

Reece and other managers say they are unperturbed and are moving full speed ahead both to acquire additional planes in the near future and to even expand to other routes like Montego Bay, Jamaica's tourism capital, Barbados, and even some South American destinations apart from Guyana.

Ironically, the airline which has Reece says has received not a penny in subsidies or concession loans from any Caribbean trade bloc governments, has the distinction of being the only privately owned commercial jet service oper-

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'GIVE HIM A CHANCE'

SVG chief says time to forgive controversial deputy pick

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves on Sunday presented embattled, newly-appointed Deputy New York Consul General Sehon Marshall to his compatriots in the Big Apple even after an initial outcry over his would-be appointment.

Marshall, who officially assumed office last week, was dogged by controversial remarks he made on radio in August regarding jobs that he said some Vincentians in the United States, hold, such as "baby-sitters" and "dog-walkers".

As the controversy brewed, Marshall apologized for this comments, and Foreign Affairs Minister Camillo Gonsalves, the prime minister's eldest son, urged nationals, at a town hall meeting, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn in September, to give the potential diplomat a chance.

The prime minister noted at a standing-room-only town hall meeting at the same venue

Sunday evening that Marshall's appointment was "clouded in controversy," adding, however, that "Vincentians in New York, people of the Caribbean and the Diaspora should go past [the controversy]."

The Vincentian leader said that Marshall, "has come from the barrels of the poor in Chateaubelair," a town along the north western coast of mainland St. Vincent.

"There are some people in St. Vincent and the Grenadines infused with the body of colonial ideas who think the only people who should represent St. Vincent and the Grenadines abroad are those who came for a particular background and a particular class," he said.

Gonsalves said Marshall, a former teacher and talk show host, with a master's degree in international relations from a prestigious university in Azerbaijan, brings a set of experience for this job.

"We heard him on radio in St. Vincent and the Grenadines being a sharp defender of the ULP [incumbent Unity Labor Party]," he said. "When he mis-

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Caribbean Life celebrates '40 Under 40'

By Nelson A. King

There was nothing but sheer ecstasy last Thursday night as Caribbean Life, the nation's most-widely circulated Caribbean newspaper, honored its "40 Under 40" Caribbean achievers at a gala ceremony at Sirico's in the Dyker Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn.

The second annual event, held in conjunction with Diaspora Dashboard.com, a New York City-based company headed by former Jamaica New York Consul General Genevieve Brown Metzger, who chaired the proceedings, attracted hundreds of patrons.

The honorees — which comprised reporters, college professors, attorneys, actors and business owners, among others, were either born or have roots in a number of Caribbean nations, including Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guyana.

They were: Natasha Andrews (Trinidad and Tobago), senior production editor and owner of Mastamind Productions; master chef Shorne Benjamin (St. Lucia); attorney Tamika Bent of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy; jewelry designer Mateo Bijoux (Jamaica) of Mateo Bijoux Jewelry; television reporter Ruschell Boone (Jamaica) of NY1 news; Gilbert Bramwell (Jamaica), founder/owner of Rapid Rinse Services; Reeshmah Brightley (Jamaica), manager of Zeno (Caribbean) Radio; Donald Brown (Jamaica), managing director of systems operations of the New York Stock Exchange; Cynthia Carrion (Dominican Republic), deputy director of the Northern Manhattan Coalition; actress/dancer Keisha Clarke Gray (Jamaica), cast member of The Lion King on Broadway; and Geoff Cooper, publisher of CG Caribbean Magazine.

The others were: caterer and author Nadege Fleurimond (Haiti), chief executive officer of Chef Fleurimond Catering; A.J. and V.J. Ghannes (Guyana), owners of the H&N Insurance Agency; Rev. Richard Griffiths (Jamaica), Young Adult Pastor at the Bronx Bethany Church; Omar Hawthorne, Director of Franchise Development for Golden Krust Bakery and Grill; Chasen Hollancid (St. Lucia), owner of Suede Restaurant; Kevin How-



Guests and honoree, second from right, Natasha Andrews at Caribbean Life's 40 under 40 award ceremony.

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ell of Anchor Strategy Group - Caribbean and Caribbean-American Disapora Consulting Firm; Jeremiah Hyacinth (St. Lucia), founder, president and vice consul of Project Education; Special Education teacher Alexis James of the city's Department of Education; Katleen Jeanty (Haiti), founder, owner, president and CEO of Madan BelFwi Fruit Mixes; and Professor Anika Keens Hylton of Brooklyn College and York College.

The rest included: Assistant Professor Natasha Lightfoot (Antigua and Barbuda) of Columbia University; fashion designer Glenroy March (Jamaica) founder and president of House of D'Marsh; Paola Mathe (Haiti), fashion designer and founder of the Ansanm Nou Se Ayiti artisti movement; Verdell Nicholson (Jamaica) of JYD Auto Leas-

ing & Sales; real estate professional Trisha Ocona Francis; accountant Medjine Philis-Volcy (Haiti) of Tax Solution Management; Nickay Piper, president and founder of Market Grubb Media; actor Paul Pryce (Trinidad and Tobago) of the Elm Shakespeare Company; Mekalia Reid (Jamaica) actress and attorney; dancer, educator, certified group fitness instructor Shola Roberts (Grenada); Regine Roumain (Haiti), director of cultural exchange for the Haiti Cultural Exchange; Professor Kerri-Ann M. Smith (Jamaica) of Queens College; Adjunct Professor Curtis Stephen (Trinidad and Tobago) of Long Island University - Brooklyn; Kimeta Straker (Barbados), academic counselor at the University of Connecticut; Monique Waterman of the East Flatbush Village Youth

Development Organization; voice-over actor Germane K. Williams (Jamaica); and Karian Wright (Jamaica), program manager at Stonybrook University.

"It's such an honor to be here. This group of '40 Under 40' is impressive," said Boone, who addressed the sell-out audience on behalf of her co-honorees.

"I hope you all feel as proud as I do, because I am ecstatic tonight," said Boone, NYI's Queens Borough reporter.

Dr. Roy A. Hastick, the Grenadian-born founder and president of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry offered 10 tips "to guide the young entrepreneurs."

Hastick, who delivered the keynote address for the second successive year, urged the honorees to do what they

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love; to stay focused; to exploit online resources; to find a mentor; to take care of oneself; to define a market; to be able to explain your business at a whim; to remember you run a start-up; to keep in mind that there are still rules; to and know when to fold “em.”

“Sure, I’ve had success running and selling several different companies, but do you know how many I’ve started and stopped because they weren’t taking off?” Hastick asked. “Tons. Some say nine out of every 10 business fail within the first couple years.

“Don’t let your pride get in the way of closing your company. I learned this the hard way in college when I launched what became my first failure, Utefan,” he added. “I knew that what I was doing wasn’t going to work or make money. I kept putting money into it and spending time on it. Eventually, I had to give up my pride and stop. Know when to let go.

“If you’re not familiar with the classic Kenny Rogers song ‘The Gambler’, then stop what you’re doing and check it out,” he continued. “It offers some of the best advice ever. Why? Just like any great gambler, you have to know when to fold ‘em.

“Instead of continuing to work on a fledgling business, it’s best to walk away and reflect on what went wrong,” the CACCI president said. “It’s not going to be easy, but it’s inevitable. And you’ll take that lesson with you on your next venture.”

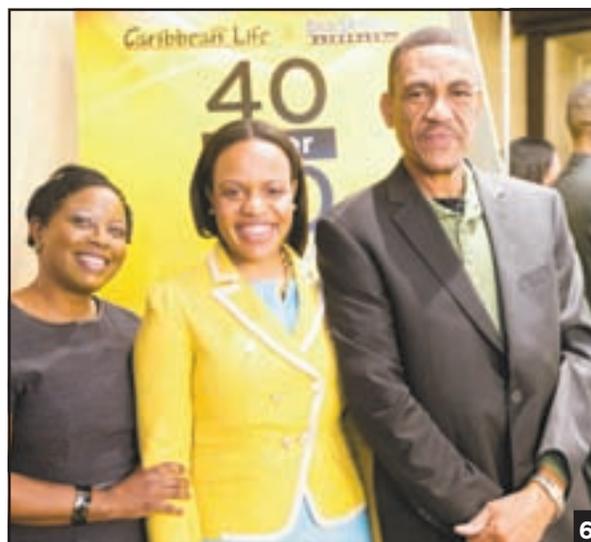
The event was sponsored by Zeno Radio, Emigrant Mortgage, MetroPlus Health Plan and the Money Store.

“I’m very excited, honored that we’re part of this event – that we continue to support your entity (Caribbean Life) and the Caribbean community,” Frank Cruz, a mortgage consultant with Emigrant Mortgage, told Caribbean Life.

Neil Dias, a mortgage lender with the Long Island-based The Money Store, said he felt “great” in participating in the event.

Jamaican-born Carline Farrier, of MetroPlus Health Plan, said it as “an honor” to be part of the ceremony, adding that Caribbean nationals have a significant role to play in the United States.

Chain Gross, director of marketing at the Manhattan-based Zeno Radio, said it was “amazing for what they (honorees) accomplished at a young age.”



1. Nickay Piper holding her “40 Under 40” award. 2. Caribbean Life’s “40 Under 40” honoree Germane K. Williams at Sirico’s. 3. From left, Daniella Fifi with “40 Under 40” honoree Paul Pryce. 4. First row, from left to right: Anika Keens Douglas Hylton, Shola Roberts, Genieve Metzger Brown, former consul general of Jamaica, Kevin Howell and Paul Pryce. Second row from left to right: Natasha Andrews, Germane K. Williams, Katleen Jeanty, Alexis James, Jeremaih Hyacinth, and Kevin Howell. 5. Award winner Cynthia Carrion. 6. Proud parents with honoree Samantha Clyne.

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Caribbean

The United States Coast Guard says crew members aboard the Cutter Alligator off-loaded cocaine valued \$5.1 million in St Petersburg, Florida.

The Coast Guard said the cocaine was seized in support of Operation Caribe Venture. During a routine patrol a Customs and Border Protection Officers of Air and Marine aircraft detected a 25-foot "go-fast" vessel in the Caribbean Sea.

Coast Guard officials report that an armed Coast Guard helicopter crew aboard observed suspicious packages on board the "go-fast" Vessel.



The armed helicopter crew employed warning shots and then disabling fire to stop the vessel.

The Coast Guard said three suspected smugglers aboard the go-fast vessel were detained and later turned over to law enforcement officials.

Antigua

Police had shot and killed escape prisoner Trevor Jacobs Jr. in Antigua recently.

He succumbed to his injuries he suffered during his recapture recently, hours after his escape from Her Majesty's Prison.

Police said Jacobs was shot when they attempted to recapture him and he later died at the Mount St John's Medical Center from his injuries during an altercation with the police.

Police acting on a tip came across a prisoner in a house in Green Hill where they confronted Jacobs who was armed with a cutlass. A confrontation took place between Jacobs and the police during which he was shot.

He was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Jacobs, who was already serving a sentence was charged in August this year for the alleged murder of another inmate.

Barbados

British tourists are being warned of the dangers of the chikungunya virus that is sweeping the Caribbean.

According to the Daily Mail newspaper, "British tourists in the Caribbean are being struck down by a debilitating and potentially deadly virus carried by mosquitoes. An unprecedented outbreak of the chikungunya virus is affecting islands, including Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, where many U.K. holidaymakers flock during the festive season," it added.



The newspaper said thousands have been hit by the illness, which leaves victims bedridden for days and the "more vulnerable victims have



Haiti Police force reinvented

In this October 27, 2014 photo, aspiring police officers receive instruction at the National Police Academy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Associates Press / Dieu Nalio Chery

died."

"There were fears that British tourists may not realize the dangers until it is too late, amid reports that tour operators are playing down the problem," the report said.

Chikungunya, which is contracted through mosquito bites, causes a sudden onset of fever and agonizing joint pain, particularly affected the hands, wrists, ankles and feet.

British tourists and ex-pats are among hundreds of thousands of cases reported since the beginning of the outbreak last year.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency reports that, as of last month, 739, 420 suspected cases and 118 deaths have been reported in the Caribbean and Americas.

Bermuda

Bermuda's LF Wade International Airport will get a new terminal building at a cost of US\$200 million.

This was disclosed by Finance Minister Bob Richards who told a news conference recently that government had signed the redevelopment agreement with the Canadian Commercial Cooperation (CCC).

He said it was expected the project would generate "hundreds" of construction jobs, hailing it as "one of the most important capital projects ever



undertaken on our island shores" after signing the agreement with CCC's Luc Alrai.

Groundbreaking could start as early next year, with the project expected to take around three years to complete, Richards said.

He said the project would play a crucial role in the renaissance of the Bermuda economy under a public-private partnership with CCC.

"We will ensure the project is built on time, on budget and on schedule," he said.

The new terminal will be built close to the current one which suffered roof damage during two storms, Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Gonzalo.

Guyana

Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (Caricom) Irwin La Rocque says problems related to the freedom of movement across the region have undermined the credibility of the regional body.

La Rocque, in an address at the University of Guyana's graduation ceremony recently acknowledged the difficulties facing Caribbean nationals.

"I am acutely aware of the difficulties still being experienced at the ports of entry in some of our member states by those who seek to exercise their rights



of free movement and to hassle-free travel. All Caricom nationals have the right to automatic stay of six months, subject only to circumscribed exceptions" he said.

The Caricom secretary general said the problems are being addressed and "all the enabling structures in place, to see them fully, consistently and equitably enacted enforced and implements."

La Rocque added that the region must remember the outcome of the case involving Jamaican Shanique Myrie and stated the training of the relevant points-of-entry officials is continuing to minimize difficulties.

He made reference to the revised Treaty of Chaguaramas that provided for the free movement of skilled Caricom nationals.

Jamaica

Jamaica's Opposition Leader Andre Holness has reiterated his Jamaica Labor Party's stance on the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Justice as the country's final court of appeal.

Holness told supporters at the party's annual conference recently that the party has no interest in abandoning the U.K.-based Privy Council, at least for now.

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Barbados celebrates 48 years of Independence

The following is a message from the Counsel General of Barbados:

As Barbados prepares to celebrate the 48th Anniversary of Independence, we have to give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our dear island. We have much to give God thanks for; good governance, high literacy rate and loving people. The Consulate General of Barbados at New York has commenced an outreach program that will seek to further strengthen the ties that bind us as a people; these programs will deliver pertinent information to the Barbadian Diaspora within the New York metropolitan area.

As a major element of the re-branding of the Consulate, the office will be conducting Town-hall Meetings and Roundtable Discussions engaging the community in discussions on the political, economic and social happenings in Barbados. We will in the coming year work collaboratively to display ele-



Hon. Dr. Donna E. Hunte-Cox.

ments of our Barbadian history and culture through lectures, exhibitions and trade shows. Together, we will work hand-in-hand to build better relations between the Consulate and the Barbadian diaspora.

The past year has been a challenging one on the economic front but we continue to strive forward. It is in tough

times that true character is displayed as we continue to use the resilience which will see us through the current malaise. I pray that we will continue to put Barbados at the forefront of all our endeavors, as we continue to give support to our beloved Prime Minister, the Right Honorable, Freundel Stuart, QC, MP., and the members of his Cabinet as they navigate through the treacherous waters of the economic downturn. Let us pray for continued good governance for the years ahead.

On behalf of the Consulate General of Barbados at New York, I extend a Happy Independence Day to all Barbadian families, especially here in the New York Diaspora. I also take this opportunity to wish you and your families' good health, success and happiness for the New Year.

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Forgive and forget

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spoke, those who had been at the suffering end of his sharp tongue politically saw an opportunity to bring him down and to seek to persuade me to throw him under the proverbial bus.

"Well, I would not allow someone who did not quite appreciate, at that time, the importance of a transition between talk show host and diplomat — his failure to sufficiently appreciate that transition led him into error; but, in my judgment, the mistake did not constitute a hanging offense," Gonsalves added.

"And I reflected on the matter and applied my heart to wisdom and concluded that he is worthy to represent St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he continued. "I will not allow them (opposition critics) to bring down a young man from a humble family, who, by dint of God's gifts, which he embraced and developed, and they want to bring him down solely because of partisan politics."

Gonsalves said he had read carefully the letters of Paul in the bible and "was struck by his sense of balance and proportionality, and I had to bring balance and proportionality to this question, and to give Sehon Marshall a chance.

"And I want those of you who are more mature than him to help him and guide him," said the prime minister, adding that it was not planned that

Marshall's debut meeting with Vincentians in New York be at Sunday's town hall meeting.

In his brief maiden address to nationals here, Marshall said it was "with profound honor and deep humility that I address you today — honored to have been chosen by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to be a consular representative here in New York; humility in the acknowledgment of the tremendous responsibility this opportunity offers to be of service to this community of Vincentians.

"I take his opportunity to thank the prime minister for imposing such confidence in me, and I assure him that this faith will not be disappointed as I pledge to perform my duties with the greatest ideals of service," Marshall said.

"To you, the members of the New York Diaspora, I assure you that I shall work with Vincentians all to strengthen the bridge of communication, collaboration and cooperation," he added. "I dare say, I've not embarked on his journey pretending to have all the answers but rather acknowledging that your support, your cooperation and your encouragement are vital as we journey together on a path that has been, and must continue to be, mutually beneficial to St. Vincent and the Grenadines and to those living in New York.

"I know as we work together, we will find more common goals that can drive our actions, uniting us over the

task of building our country," Marshall continued. "I reiterate my firm commitment to you to do everything I can to ensure that I reflect the values, goals and ambitions of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as regards improving the relations between Vincentians at home and in New York.

"Rest assured that these duties will be performed with the greatest degree of humility, dignity and professionalism," he said to loud applause.

Unlike September's town hall meeting, featuring Camillo Gonsalves, which ended in uproar over Marshall's potential appointment, no one in the audience, this time around, publicly objected to Marshall's assumption of office.

Ulric Jones, Jr. — who carries the sobriquet "Soca Jones," a popular Vincentian entertainment promoter in New York, who was among the most vocal critics of Marshall's appointment in the September town hall meeting — on Sunday "sang a different tune."

"As a conscious Vincentian, I will adhere to your request for the new Deputy Consul General," Jones told Prime Minister Gonsalves during the question-and-answer segment.

Gonsalves replied: "Thank you, 'Soca Jones.'"

Marshall replaces Edson Agustus, a former Seventh-day Adventist pastor, who was recalled earlier this year over reports of alleged mishandling of visa and passport matters at the New York Consulate General.

Fly Jamaica

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ating in the region and has not been complaining, at least not yet, about operating losses that could undermine its future operations.

Additionally, management has also moved to buck industry trends by not leasing plans.

"We own both of our aircraft," a beaming Roxanne Reece told reporters in Guyana at the weekend as the 767 made its maiden incoming flight to Guyana.

But as luck would have it, Fly Jamaica was able to cash in on left over patriotism and goodwill from the collapse of the late money-losing and problem-plagued Air Jamaica and its controversial take over by Caribbean Airlines.

Jamaicans have embraced it as the replacement national flag carrier and have been supporting it in numbers. This has allowed that route to subsidize others like the New York and Kingston to Guyana leg and the under promoted Guyana-Toronto, Canada non-stop service.

As well, hundreds of pilots, engineers, ground handling, maintenance and check-in staff were on the bread line and easily available compared to the Guyana home base of the Reece aviation clan.

Jamaica is also rated as a "category one" country compared to Guyana which recently lost its FAA rating. Flights from Kingston operate non-stop to New York.

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Make this new day count

By Kevin Bollers

Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell, Trayvon Martin, James Bird, Troy Davis, so many others and now Michael Brown. I'm a young black man but I've lived long enough to see how this situation plays out. The reactions have often been the same; public outcries for a couple of months at best and then it subsides, meanwhile very few people change their own behavior which is detrimental to the community.

In fact, in the midst of the heartache and pain there are "members" of the community who will actually use it as an opportunity to capitalize by looting and vandalizing businesses in their own neighborhoods. These individuals not only lack the necessary commitment to enact change, but they are enemies of the same "hood" that they claim to love so much. Even more than that, they have become, either wittingly or unwittingly, agents of the oppressor that they claim so much to hate.

The morning after the Michael Brown verdict, I woke up from a restless sleep and I saw in my inbox that a good friend of mine left me a message that read, "Good morning dear! It's a new day." It was a new day, but the reality for me and many other black men and women in this country is that while it is a new day, it is the same old circumstance.

It makes me wonder how many new days my ancestors had in the cottonfield, under Willie Lynch, under Jim Crow.

Yet it was the same old circumstance; that is until they finally decided to stand up. They realized that there would be no saviors, so they became their own saviors and their own leaders. Yet now many years later, we view them as our leaders who are long dead and gone and can do nothing for us in our new day. We still don't have a concrete vision for our community's future because we're still living off of a deceased man's dream.

That is no disrespect to Dr. King, but we need to realize as our predecessors did, that there will be no saviors, no leaders and everyone must lead their own household in a constructive and productive manner; on which brings, honor, pride, and respect for the community. Short lived outrage and destruction of property isn't the best course of action if a community truly desires change. It never has been.

To truly make an impact, outrage must be continuous and organized. Successful uprisings and revolt have always carried a component that attacks the economic system of the oppressor. Our predecessors understood that protest and marching without boycott of businesses meant nothing and was only tantamount to throwing a mass tantrum. Change does not happen just by marching and it definitely does not happen by vandalizing and destroying our own neighborhoods. That is masochistic and self-mutilation on

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Science fiction: Facts on global warming

On Nov. 2, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its "2014 Summary for Policymakers." This report has been described as the starkest warning yet about the need to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions or face "the chaos of runaway climate change."

Despite the "scientific fact" there has been no significant increase in the average global temperature since 1998.

Unfortunately, rather than acknowledge the current limitations of computer models to predict future temperatures accurately, the IPCC has doubled down by advocating unrealistic energy policies that will have devastating effects on consumers and drastically change our lives.

First, the science: many people still don't realize peer-reviewed, scientific literature has found there has been no significant global warming since Seinfeld aired its final episode in 1998, even though nearly half of all man-made greenhouse gas emissions have occurred since 1990. Additionally, the computer models used by the IPCC to predict temperatures during the past 20 years have been woefully inaccurate, and as a result, the models have predicted warming would be four times higher than the actual observed temperatures.

Even though the IPCC has historically failed to predict future temperatures accurately, it is somehow more certain than ever before that human activity is the driving force behind the changing climate, and humanity must act fast to curb our emissions of carbon dioxide or face dire consequences. Speaking of dire consequences, what would happen if you used a meat

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thermometer as accurate as the IPCC computer models for the preparation of your turkey on Thanksgiving? The U.S. Department of Agriculture has determined a whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees as measured with a food thermometer. Using your trusty IPCC-calibrated meat thermometer, your family would be carving up the turkey once the bird reached 41.25 degrees, just warm enough for bacteria like *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* to flourish, sending your loved ones home with a case of food poisoning.

This comparison is admittedly a little silly, but it serves to demonstrate that negative consequences occur when policy makers use bad data and inaccurate assumptions to make real-world decisions. Problems will also arise if we allow the IPCC's flawed computer models to influence our energy policy.

IPCC leaders tell us we must rapidly abandon energy sources such as coal, natural gas, and oil in favor of intermittent renewable energy sources or face a climate crisis, claiming "we have the means to limit climate change" and "all we need is the will to change." The problem is that this just isn't true.

In the United States, 80 percent of the energy we use comes from coal, oil, and natural gas. Despite government mandates and billions of dollars in subsidies, wind and solar power make up just a tiny fraction of our energy production. In fact, in 2011, wind and solar made up just 1.17 percent and .18 percent of the total energy produced. These two highly subsidized energy sources together produced less energy than burning wood, which produced 1.98 percent of the energy consumed in the United States. Wind and solar are also unreliable, producing electricity only when the sun is shining or the wind is blowing. Without large-scale storage, which is estimated to be decades away, these sources of energy are simply not viable alternatives to fossil fuels for our energy needs, no matter how "certain" IPCC reports may claim to be.

Understanding climate science is an important part of planning for the future. Using reports that overestimate certainty while ignoring the growing scientific evidence that suggests the climate is less sensitive to increases in carbon dioxide emissions than policymakers generally assume is not helpful in this pursuit.

To make the right decisions about the best ways adapt to climate variability, we must use the best available science to act as our guide. Using inaccurate climate models is as foolish as using a bad meat thermometer to decide when your food is safe to eat.

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Executive order the only move for Obama

By Les Slater

In a post on The Hill, the highly regarded website focused on national politics, contributor Allan J. Lichtman, a history professor at American University, recounts moves unilaterally made by a number of United States presidents on immigration policy, including what Lichtman calls the most sweeping of all, Republican Herbert Hoover's action in 1930, during the Depression, to drastically curtail immigration. Following Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush all acted via executive order to introduce new immigration procedures. Lichtman notes, however: "In none of these examples did the opposition party raise sweeping objections comparable to those of today's Republicans in challenging the authority of the president to act broadly in immigration." And there's the rub.

A cacophony of shameless Republican and Tea Party voices have been vying for air time, trying to deliver the shot heard around the world against President Obama, in response to the

president's announcement that he would take executive action to move the ball on immigration reform, after Congress (more specifically the House of Representatives), subjected the immigration issue to a stall of more than a year and a half, refusing to consider bi-partisan legislation passed in the Senate. In truth, one ought not be surprised at the hypocrisy, and worse, that has ensued from those familiar ranks following Obama's indicating how he intended to proceed. You would think this president had committed the most heinous of capital crimes!

We would apply the "shameless" tag to these attacks on the president, even while noting what another commentator, Rick Ungar in Forbes magazine, had to say about one of the makers of that shrill noise emanating from the right, Congressman Paul Ryan. Adhering to a "hyperbole is what counts" rule of thumb, Ryan had said of the Obama administration, that it had become "an increasingly lawless presidency." In Forbes, as he duly observed the fallacy of these Obama attacks contending

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that the president had stepped onto some new forbidden terrain, wondered whether "people like Ryan are simply ignorant of our history and the subject matter upon which they deign to expound."

Ignorant some few of them may be, but the bulk of the characters behind this sniper fire, we believe, know good and well that President Obama is following in the footsteps of several prior occupants of the White House, most of whom were Republicans.

It's the nature of the beast, the idea of there being pushback from the other party and political types in the society not particularly enamored of a president's policies, when an executive order is issued, more so one that packs a punch. But if Hoover, back then, could unilaterally limit immigration to a mere trickle, and FDR could reverse that trend a few years later to accommodate

European refugees, also via executive order, as Lichtman reminds us, what's so shockingly different about Obama's intended action?

What's different, as we have consistently said in this space, is what has set this presidency apart from all others, not for the right reasons, in the minds of a troublingly large component of the political establishment, as well as the overall polity. Because he dared to so radically break the mold for holders of the nation's highest office, Obama earned himself the dubious distinction of tenure -long disrespect from those folks. It only compounds the national disgrace when, worse than disrespect, what's directed at the president has been a level of vitriol that is absolutely without precedent.

This bout of caterwauling about "lawless" or "emperor" and all the rest is not to be confused with what's been previously experienced when a sitting president caught flak from the other side for taking a particular action. There is a systemic venom at work here. And true to the pattern, the self-styled Obama presidency demolition team players

have been none too reserved about advertising their non-stop, no-holds-barred mission. We can almost certainly expect more of the same when Obama vetoes legislation passed by a GOP-majority Congress, as he likely will. Check the posturing in the publicly conveyed message, that if the president insists on doing his immigration initiative, he would have "poisoned the well" against GOP cooperation on anything else. And they call that governing!

What was more lawless than Republican George W. Bush and a bunch of interventionists hell-bent on toppling Saddam Hussein on a flimsy pretext, even while considerable public opinion, both here and in key parts of the international community, was thoroughly against it? Or Republican Richard Nixon giving formal sanction to criminal wrongdoing?

Despite the bull's-eye on his back, placed there by those ubiquitous mouths that roar, the president should stride confidently toward issuance of that executive order. It's a right he has earned.

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Lynbrook, New York – On Nov. 11, 2014, at its newest facility in Lynbrook, NY, Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology has once again led the way in medical imaging by being the first private radiology facility in the United States to acquire an MRI/PET (Magnetic Resonance Imaging/Positron Emission Tomography) scanner. The Biograph mMR, by Siemens, is the only FDA-approved device that has the ability to acquire both an MRI and a PET scan simultaneously—leading to better detection, characterization and treatment of oncologic, neurologic and cardiac diseases.

For many years before the Biograph mMR was available, the modality of choice had been PET/CT, a hybrid modality that performs both a PET (Positron Emission Tomography) and a CT (Computed Tomography) scan. However, because of the dangers of radiation exposure with CT and its low soft tissue resolution, radiologists have chosen to use software techniques that combine a patient's MRI scan with the patient's PET scan—creating fused MRI/PET studies. But due to motion and alignment issues with fusing two exams from two different scanners, diagnosing certain diseases was problematic—but not anymore.

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“These points are of the utmost importance to us here at Zwanger-Pesiri,” says Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Steven L. Mendelsohn. “Not only are we committed to giving our patients access to the most advanced imaging techniques on the market, but we are dedicated to reducing radiation exposure whenever possible. The fact that MRI/PET delivers better diagnostic information than PET/CT and reduces radiation exposure equivalent to 100 chest X-rays, is what makes this modality an integral part of who we are and what we stand for.”

Since 2011, when the Biograph mMR was first available in the United States, there have been approximately nine units installed. However, all are located in hospital environments and mostly used for academic and research purposes.

“We know that by having an MRI/PET unit at Zwanger-Pesiri, patients and physicians around the country, and even the world, will now have access to this valuable imaging modality in a more private, comfortable and family-like environment. And being that Lynbrook is only 15 minutes away from John F. Kennedy International Airport, this office will be accessible to many,” says Robert Day, Chief Operating Officer of Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology.

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a macro-level that speaks of not only emotional, but also mental instability. And the painful reality is that before Christmas rolls around and the cock crows three times, for many of us, our memories will deny that this ever happened.

Then we have to ask the hard question that very few like to ask and even fewer have the guts to answer: can we really expect others to value our lives when we don't? We kill each other over colors and blocks that we don't even own. We support artists who's music and video's degrade our women and tell our young that doing drugs is cool. I see so many posts and memes on Instagram and Facebook of babies and toddlers blinged out. I see our teens twerking or reciting lyrics to the latest rap song but they can't recite their address,

telephone number or their parents' full names. They can barely read and studies show that if a child does not know how to read by the time he or she is in the third grade, that child is on a fast track to jail.

So many of our young can tell you the history of Bobby Smhurda or when each member of Young Money got signed but can't even go back three generations of their own family history. We will stand on line for days to spend money to get the iPhone 6 and the latest kicks that have the name of athletes some active some retired, who are quick to give a press release about their merchandise, but are too afraid to speak out on the front line about the mistreatment and injustice of those that keep them in that rich life in the community they came from. I can go on and on about the systems and institutions that contribute to this, but until we are united as a people we cant fight any of those things. We have to get our houses in order.

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Report: Nearly 50 percent of jobs held by Caribbean women are 'precarious'

By Nelson A. King

A new report by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean says that nearly half of the women in Latin America and the Caribbean who have paid work — 47.7 percent — are employed in low-productivity jobs that offer little social protection.

The group identified these workers as domestics, independent contractors, or workers in companies of up to five employees.

The report was released in Santiago, Chile during a Special Session on Beijing+20 in which Chilean President Michelle Bachelet participated, and was presented by the com-

mission's Executive Secretary, Alicia Bárcena.

Other speakers included Alejandrina Germán, the Dominican Republic's Minister of Women's Affairs and President of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Gülden Türköz-Cosslett, Officer-

in-Charge of the Policy and Programme Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

The report says that one in every three women in the region has no income of her own and that the amount of time that women dedicate to unpaid work is at least

double that of men.

"The burden of unpaid work reduces women's participation in decision-making and limits their professional progress and occupational options, which in turn reduces their income and their prospects for accessing social protection," the document says.

The Special Session on Beijing+20, which ended here on Friday, was held in the framework of the 51st meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in which participants include ministers of women's affairs, international officials and civil society representatives from the region, the group said.

"In these 20 years, we have seen significant progress for women in many aspects, but we have also seen setbacks, regional differences and difficulties in relevant areas due to the emergence of new forms of discrimination. This requires that we redouble our efforts," said Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, who pointed to the convergence of the struggle for equality with the struggle for democracy.

Bárcena praised the agreements reached by the countries in the context of the Regional Confer-

ence on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean especially during the most recent meetings in Quito (2007), Brasilia (2010) and Santo Domingo (2013).

"Today, we call on governments and civil society to join forces and avert setbacks," especially now that the gender perspective must be included in all aspects of the post-2015 development agenda, she stressed.

"In these 20 years, the labor market structure has not changed and in light of data on the distribution of time between women and men, it is clear that women have assumed the costs of labor participation on an individual basis," Bárcena said.

She emphasized that women's paths to economic autonomy must be strengthened and gains made in terms of physical autonomy and decision-making must be consolidated further.

Germán called for "continued progress, promoting the incorporation of the women's agenda in the Sustainable Development Goals (which will replace the Millennium Development Goals starting in 2015) to achieve autonomy among women and full equality between men and women in the economic, social, political and cultural spheres."

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ICC judge appointed

By Azad Ali

Renowned Jamaican and international jurist Patrick Robinson has been appointed to serve as a judge of the International Criminal Court of Justice for nine years starting in February 2015.

Both the United Nations General Assembly and the 15-member United Nations Security Council are required to record a majority vote for the winning candidate in the recent elections.

Robinson received 185 votes in the General Assembly and 15 votes in the Security Council.

Robinson is the only Jamaican and the second Caribbean national to serve on the body since its establishment 70 years ago. He will join four other candidates from Australia, Morocco, Russia and the United States of America, who were elected to serve on the court.

Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller, in welcoming the results, said Robinson's elevation marks a historic moment, not only for Jamaica but the entire Caribbean.

Foreign Affairs Minister A.J. Nicholson said the outcome is an indication of the level of respect that Jamaica enjoys for its principled and balanced foreign policy and an effective and strategic campaign waged by the foreign ministry and overseas missions, particularly mission to the United Nations in New York.





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What causes lung cancer?

While the National Cancer Institute reports that smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, that doesn't mean nonsmokers — or those who quit smoking — still aren't at risk.

Secondhand smoke has long been known to be very harmful, and no one, not even children, is immune to its effects. The American Cancer Society notes that, in the U.S. alone, roughly 3,000 nonsmoking adults will succumb to lung cancer each year because of secondhand smoke. Choosing not to smoke is a good decision, but being around smokers and breathing in their smoke could prove just as deadly as smoking. The less a person is exposed to tobacco smoke, the lower his risk for lung cancer.

Another risk factor for lung cancer is radon, a radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Radon forms in soil and rocks, and people who work in mines could be exposed. Radon can also be found in homes when it pushes its way through cracks in floors or gaps around service pipes or in suspended floors. Testing a home for radon is inexpensive and won't take much time.

Older people are more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer, as are those with a family history of lung cancer.

Are there symptoms?

Lung cancer is perhaps so deadly because it does not often have many symptoms in its early stages. Most will wait until the cancer begins to grow before they make their presence felt.

As the cancer grows, the following symptoms might appear:

- A cough that continues to worsen or won't go away
- Constant chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- A voice that grows hoarse
- Frequent infections of the lungs, including pneumonia
- Constant feelings of fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss

Each of these symptoms can occur even if a person does not have lung cancer. However, those who experience any of the above symptoms should consult their physicians immediately.



Choosing not to smoke is a good decision, but being around smokers and breathing in their smoke could prove just as deadly as smoking.

How is it diagnosed?

In many cases, individuals will experience one of the aforementioned symptoms of lung cancer and then visit their doctors. Such a visit should be made immediately, and patients should expect certain tests to be performed upon visiting their doctor. In addition to ordering some blood work, a doctor will likely perform a physical exam to check for general signs of health and listen to breathing. During the physical, the doctor is likely to check for swollen lymph nodes, fluid in the lungs, and a swollen liver.

A doctor will also order X-ray pictures of the chest to detect if there are any tumors or an abnormal fluid buildup. A CT scan, which takes pictures of the tissue inside the chest, will likely be taken as well. These pictures can show if there is a tumor, abnormal fluid or swollen lymph nodes.

When determining if a patient has lung cancer, a doctor will also enlist the help of a pathologist to study cell or tissue samples. These cells or tissues can be collected in a number of ways, and a doctor might order more than one test.

Bronchoscopy: A thin, lighted tube is inserted through the nose or mouth into the lung, allowing a close exam of the lungs and the air passages that lead to them. A cell sample can be taken with a needle, brush or other tool.

Sputum cytology: Sputum, or thick fluid, is coughed up from the lungs and then checked for cancer cells.

More information about lung cancer is available from the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov.

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SVG PM honors Brooklyn Day Care executive with ‘Certificate of Appreciation’

By Nelson A. King

If there is one Vincentian in the United States who has stood out over the years in providing a meeting place for myriad organizations, political parties and individuals free of charge, it's Vaughan Toney.

And so, on Sunday, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves did not hesitate in honoring the "True Son of the Soil" with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for this exemplary service to the Vincentian community in New York.

"There is a gentleman in our midst who is quite an extraordinary Vincentian. He has been doing tremendous work in the Diaspora and here at this particular venue, at Friends of Crown Heights, and I thought that it will be fitting to present a 'Certificate of Appreciation'— an indication of our love for him – to Mr. Vaughan Toney in recognition of his outstanding support and contribution to the developmental agenda of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Diaspora, and I sign this as prime minister," said Gonsalves at a town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn to loud applause.

"I'm sure that this (award) would not be the last recognition or commendation, which Vaughan Toney will receive from the Government and People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, but I wanted to say thanks very much on behalf of all Vincentians," he added, perhaps inferring that Toney, who chaired the proceedings, may be among recipients of future Queens New Year's honorees.



Vaughan Toney, right, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from PM Gonsalves. Photo by Nelson A. King

The Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center, of which Toney is the president and chief executive officer, has been the central meeting spot for most Vincentian groups and others in the Big Apple.

Last December, it also served as the staging ground, or "ground zero", as some nationals dubbed it, for the gathering of relief supplies for shipment home in the wake of the freak Christmas storm that left at least seven people dead and a trail of destruction and damage, estimated to be millions of dollars.

Toney, nephew of late chief education officer Festus Toney and former UN ambassador Joel Toney, told Caribbean

Life afterwards that he was "honored and humbled" to receive the honor.

"I'm inspired to continue to support the Vincentian community here and at home in every way I can," he said.

Since 2001, Toney has presided over the largest expansion of Early Childhood Education services in the history of the 39-year-old Friend of Crown Heights Educational Center.

With a current network of 19 full-service centers in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island, Friend of Crown Heights Education Center has evolved under Toney's leadership to become one of the larger providers of child care and early education., including Universal pre-K and after-school programs, in the City of New York.

He previously served in various capacities as a member and former chairman of the organization's Board of Directors, in a relationship spanning about 30 years, as an advocate for safe, quality, affordable and universal early childhood education.

In addition to his extensive experience and expertise with Friends of Crown Heights, Toney holds a concurrent appointment as chairman of the Board of the Tabernacle Day Care Center in Brooklyn.

He is also currently a member of the Board of the Day Care Council of New York, and a former board member of Child Care Inc. In contract negotiations with day care workers, he is a member of the management team.

Together with his decades-long experience and expertise as an advocate for children, Toney has also enjoyed a robust

career in public service, including substantial background in legislative policy at both the state and municipal levels.

On graduating from the State University of New York (SUNY) Albany in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in political science, Toney was recruited to the staff of the New York State Assembly Education Committee, where he served as legislative assistant to the chairman for six years.

In 1983, Toney accepted an appointment with the New York State Senate, serving as senior staff analyst and special assistant to Senator Leonard Stavisky.

In 1992, following the adoption of a new New York City Charter and an expanded, more representative City Council in New York, Toney left Albany to serve as Chief-of-Staff to Council Member Jamaican Una Clarke, the first Caribbean-born woman to be ever hold elective office in New York City. Clarke represented the 40th City Council District in Brooklyn.

Four years later, he moved on to accept the position of Chief-of-Staff to Belizean-born the Rev. Dr. Lloyd Henry, representing the adjacent 45th Council District in Central Brooklyn.

As a community leader and activist, Toney has served as a member of the sprawling Kings County Hospital Center Advisory Board.

He is a founding member of the Caribbean American Political Organization, immediate past President of the 42nd Assembly District Democratic Club in Brooklyn, and a member of the Carlos Lezama Archives and Caribbean Cultural Center, also in Brooklyn.

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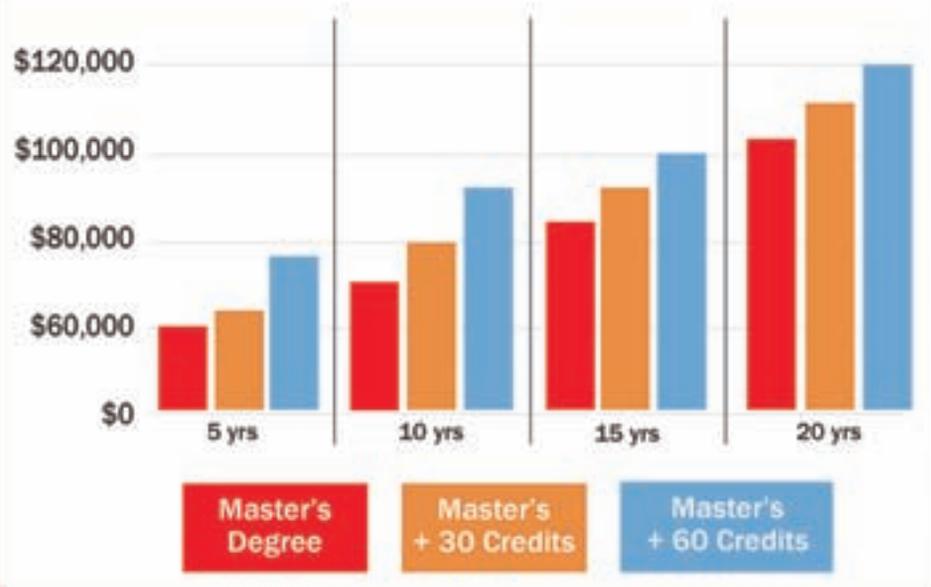
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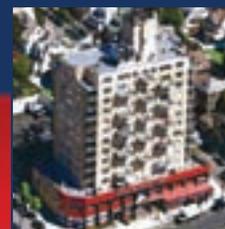
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is that our final court is an internationally-recognized court of arbitration and appeal and we want to take ourselves from it," he said.

The statement from the leader follows a call from Foreign Affairs Minister Al Nicholson for support towards the island going with the court.

Nicholson said the reasons for moving away from the Privy Council "are so relevant, easily understood and everybody out to have known that. But the most important of it all is affordability," he said.

The Foreign Affairs Minister said based on the fact that the ruling People's National Party has two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives, it is expected that the bill will be passed.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia Police Commissioner Vernon Francis has spoken out against vigilante justice in the aftermath of the attack in the capital Castries recently by irate mob of youths on a man accused of snatching a woman's purse.

The man, who was pursued by about 12 men from the La Clery community, northeast of the capital, sought refuge in a local supermarket, but was cornered, beaten, and tied up.

He was later handed over to the police who took him to hospital for medical



treatment. Francois told reporters that the police would like to discourage such actions by members of the public, warning that if people take matters in their own hands and exact revenge, they will be held responsible for the injury or death of the person.

While acknowledging that citizens are frustrated and want to contribute to dealing with the crime situation, the commissioner stressed that there was due process.

Suriname

Suriname has barred a Dutch journalist from entering the country one year after he participated in the "kidnaping" of a little boy from a school and taken back to his father in the Netherlands.

John van den Heuvel was preparing for a flight to Suriname when he received an e-mail from KLM airline that it had been instructed to bar him from its flights.



Suriname did not provide an explanation as to why Vande Heuvel is not welcome, but a KLM spokesman said the airline would not make statements about an individual passenger.

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested an explanation from Suriname's embassy in The Hague.

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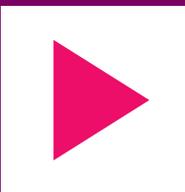
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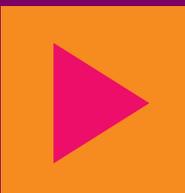
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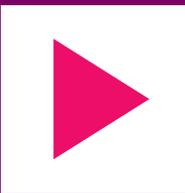
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On average, Americans gain weight during the holiday season. While the weight gain may not be dramatic, research shows it tends to stick and accumulate over the years. But you don't have to succumb to this progression, say experts.

"There are strategic steps to avoid holiday weight gain while still enjoying friends, family and holiday feasts," says Sonya Angelone, registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson.

In preparation for a big holiday party or feast, do not skip meals throughout the day. This may result in overeating later.

"It is especially important to eat breakfast," says Angelone. "High-fiber and high-protein foods like oatmeal and milk with fruit, an egg and spinach on whole wheat toast, Greek yogurt with nuts, or nut butter on a whole-wheat English muffin will satisfy hunger without a lot of calories."

Holiday meals tend to be large or buffet-style and include second and third helpings. While most people wouldn't consider eating an entire cake, a common mistake is eating large portions of foods that are perceived as healthful.

To avoid overeating, use a smaller

plate. It will encourage proper portion sizes. Also, start by filling your plate with vegetables and salad before going to the entrees and desserts. Research shows eating a salad before your meal can help you eat fewer calories overall. Eat slowly and savor every bite. Before you go back for seconds, wait 10 minutes to see if you really are still hungry.

Including nutrient-rich foods in your

diet is great, just remember that these foods have calories too, which should be taken into consideration with your whole eating plan. "And be mindful of alcohol consumption. Drink more water throughout a party to quench your thirst and help keep the cocktails to one or two," says Angelone.

Remember to include at least 30 minutes of physical activity into your day to promote health during the holi-

days -- and be sure to involve the whole family

For more healthy holiday tips and information, consult a registered dietitian nutritionist. To learn more and find an RDN in your area, visit www.eatright.org.

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Grenada's cabinet is shuffled

By Azad Ali

Grenada's Prime Minister last week shuffled his cabinet, making former General Secretary of Grenada's opposition National Democratic Congress Peter David a senator.

Veteran trade unionist Chester Humphrey has also been appointed a senator and is tipped to become President of the Senate.

The Prime Minister described David as an experienced politician and very successful foreign affairs minister who is now a very useful new member of the ruling New National Party.

He said David has been helping the government articulate its objectives and policies.

David and nine others were expelled from the National Democratic Party in September 2012.

In his address to the nation, Mitchell also announced the appointment of Yolande Bain-Horsford as the island's new Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister whom he said has been "left out" of the Cabinet.

She replaces Alexandra Otway-Noel, who goes to the Prime Minister's Office with special responsibility for implementation. The new Minister of Health is Dr. Clarice Modeste, while Nikolas Steele has been shifted from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business to the Ministry of Health are among some of the major changes.



Keith Mitchell, prime minister of Grenada, waves to members of the House of Commons following Question Period on Parliament Hill in Ottawa Monday Feb. 18, 2002.

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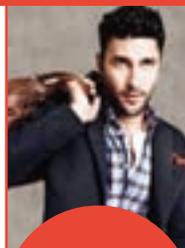


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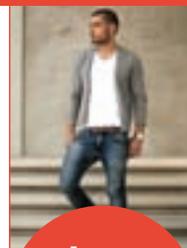
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Haitian police force reinvents itself



In this October 27, 2014 photo, aspiring police officers receive instruction at the National Police Academy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Their new uniforms clean and crisp, the Haitian officers chat with street vendors and school kids as they stroll through a neighborhood of the dense capital, a practice in the sort of community policing the national force is embracing as it works to reinvent itself.

The patrolmen on this morning walked with a pair of veteran officers on loan from New York City, Haitian-Americans who are helping the national police prepare to take on greater responsibility as the United Nations reduces the number of peacekeeping troops in this long-troubled country.

Disdained by many as abusive or inept, officers of Haiti's force now say their new approach is beginning to pay off.

"People are starting to give us the kinds of useful statements we didn't get in the past," rookie officer Gama Jameson said as he patrolled the district of Petionville with the New Yorkers. "I think the people are feeling more comfortable with us."

New York City Police Sgt. Rochener Gilot, who worked as a Haitian officer in the 1990s before moving to the U.S.,

closely watched the rookies work on building trust with local residents. "The population's comfort level with police is not going to change overnight, but we're removing the myth that police are not friendly or approachable. People here are starting to see that they can talk to the cops," he said.

Haitians will soon rely more on their police to maintain security as the United Nations downsizes the peacekeeping force it has kept in Haiti since 2004, when a violent rebellion swept the country. While the U.N. will maintain a police contingent of 2,601, it will cut its multinational troop size from 5,021 to 2,370 in June.

Many people wonder if the Haitian officers will be ready.

"There is little question that the (national police force) has been strengthened and professionalized over recent years, but it began at such a weak and dysfunctional level that it is still not at the professional level everyone wants," said Mark Schneider of International Crisis Group, a nonprofit think tank in Washington, D.C.

The Haitian National Police was founded in 1995 after then-President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide disbanded the army due to its long history of abuse. An uprising in 2004 ousted Aristide and insurgents targeted police officers, killing and mutilating scores. Many abandoned their posts. When U.N. peacekeepers arrived, they found a force left demoralized and outgunned.

In more recent years, the foreign peacekeepers have done much of the heavy lifting as they helped police battle gangs in urban slums.

As the force is built up, some Haitians still accuse officers of being incompetent and heavy-handed agents for the elite.

"In Haitian culture, if you have a gun and a uniform, you're one of the rough boys. If the U.N. leaves and all we have is Haitian police, I think there will be no human rights here," 25-year-old Etienne Bergerald said in the cinder-block slum of Delmas 32 as he transformed a rusty car with spray paint.

As the nation of 10 million rebuilds from a ravaging 2010 earthquake, it lately has enjoyed a period of relative stability and growing foreign investment. Perhaps no Haitian institution has seen more focused international assistance than the police. The U.S.

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Human rights group reacts to O's immigration plan

By Nelson A. King

A major human rights group in the United States has described as "laudable but incomplete" President Obama's executive actions to fix the United States' "broken immigration system" by halting deportations of certain undocumented Caribbean and other immigrants.

Human Rights Watch noted on Saturday that the president's decision will protect millions of people from the corrosive threat of removal.

"The plan outlined, while deficient in key respects, will keep eligible families intact and help immigrants resist workplace and other abuses without fear of deportation," the human rights group said.

"President Obama's plan to keep nearly 5 million immigrants and their families from being broken apart by deportation is a strike against arbitrary cruelty," said Antonio Ginatta, U.S. advocacy director at Human Rights Watch.

"By ordering major reforms to immigration enforcement, Obama is improving public safety and making millions of people less vulnerable to abuse."

Obama's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions expand eligibility for already-existing "temporary legal status" for migrants who came as children, and offers a similar temporary status for the parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Other aspects of the plan make it easier for families to stay together by offering relief to people who would otherwise be eligible for family visas but for bureaucratic backlogs, Human Rights Watch noted.

The plan also replaces a program known as "Secure Communities", which the White House recognized undermines the community's trust in law enforcement.

But Human Rights Watch said other abusive practices against immigrants are "unad-

ressed and possibly worsened under the plan," stating that Obama declined to provide protection against deportation to immediate relatives, including parents, of young people with deferred deportation status.

In 2012, Human Rights Watch said the Obama administration had announced that it would defer deportation for certain migrants brought to the United States as children.

The group said that over half a million people have already qualified for temporary relief under this program.

Human Rights Watch said the president's plan also fails to mandate that Border Patrol or other immigration enforcement officers always consider the need to keep families intact.

Human Rights Watch said it recently documented how significant numbers of parents of U.S. citizen children — 100,000 in the years 2011 and 2012 — are "apprehended, summarily deported and criminalized at



President Barack Obama speaks about immigration at Del Sol High School, in Las Vegas, Friday, Nov. 21, 2014.

the border.

"Though many of these parents might have qualified for deferred deportation were they still in the U.S., Obama's plan does not provide relief to them

if they are caught trying to re-enter the country to rejoin their families," it said.

Ginatta said the "mass deportation policies of recent

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Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs has provided between \$15 million and \$29 million annually toward security programs in Haiti in recent years. Canada, Brazil and other nations also have made significant contributions.

Haitian officers have received continuous professional training, more vehicles and other equipment. Pay for rookies has increased by 30 percent, rising to about \$400 a month. Police are vetted. Now, there's only a 2 percent annual rate of attrition.

"There's been a lot of solidarity from the international community in investing in the police force. We're grateful for that and making the best of it," Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe told The Associated Press.

Haiti's force currently has some 11,200 officers and another 1,400 or so will be added next month. But that still falls short of the recommended minimal level. Lamothe said Haiti needs to have at least 15,000 officers by 2016, and he's confident they will get there.

The first major test for Haiti's upgraded force will come in 2015 when the country is due to hold elections.

Observers will be eager to see whether the force is ready to maintain order at polling stations, handle street protests and prevent the sort of violence and instability that has marred past votes.

Security in Haiti remains fragile.

The first major test for Haiti's upgraded force will come in 2015 when the country is due to hold elections.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon noted in August that the 416 homicides reported in the first half of 2014 marked a 24 percent jump over the same period last year. Political leaders, however, say Haiti's reputation as a dangerous place is undeserved. They point out that its homicide rate is less than that of neighboring Dominican Republic and far below the rates of other countries in the hemisphere.

Joseph Tassy, a former New York City officer who now is based in Haiti's U.S. Embassy, said changes such as the community policing effort are a step in the right direction.

"By gaining the trust of the population you can better fight crime," Tassy said. "The police leadership here understands that. The mentality here is completely different from what it used to be."

Rights

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years have left hundreds of thousands of families in limbo with one or more members forcibly separated.

"Instructing the Border Patrol to roll back accelerated deportations at the border for people with deep ties in the United States would go a long way toward bringing some of these families together again," he said.

Additionally, Ginatta said there were no changes to the administration's "problematic policies" allowing the summary deportation of asylum seekers arriving at the border without sufficient assessment of whether they are being sent back to serious risk of harm, and that promote the detention of recently arrived families.

He said the president also did not reduce damaging federal prosecutions for illegal entry, a misdemeanor, and re-entry, a felony.

Human Rights Watch said criminal prosecutions for entering or re-entering the U.S. illegally are the "most common prosecutions in the U.S., and sweep up thousands of people with deep ties in the country.

"Those convicted can become priorities for deportation because of their immigration status alone," it said.

"So long as the administration uses rapid-fire deportation procedures, prosecutes and incarcerates those already deportable, and detains entire families, hundreds of thousands of people will still suffer family separation and unfair treatment," Ginatta said.

"Obama's plan is a temporary reprieve for millions and a first step in the right direction, but the need for a more lasting and comprehensive solution remains," he added.

Meantime, Caribbean legislators in the United States have welcomed the president's plan, announced on Thursday in a 15-minute address from the East Room of the White House.

Obama said his administration plans to adopt measures to "deal responsibly" with the millions of undocumented immigrants who already live in the U.S.

But he said that even as America is a nation of immigrants, it is also a nation of laws, stating that undocumented workers who break the immigration laws must be held accountable, especially those who may be dangerous.

On Friday, Caribbean American Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, and Brooklyn Congressman Hakeem Jeffries held a press conference in Downtown Brooklyn with other elected officials and organizations that work on behalf of immigrants in the Caribbean community in celebrating the president's executive order.

Clarke, who represents the Ninth Congressional District in Brooklyn, and Jeffries are co-chairs of the Congressional Black Caucus Immigration Reform Task Force.

Elected officials in attendance included Jamaican-born New York State Assemblyman N. Nick Perry; Haitian American Assemblywoman-Elect Rodneyse Bichotte; Haitian-born New York City Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene; and African Americans Assemblyman Walter Mosley.



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Brooklyn's indie shopping and dining scene is as intrepid and intoxicating as a hand-rolled bagel double-dipped in a coconut-curry craft beer, with yawning corridors acting as tree-lined frames for small businesses

as eclectic and extraordinary as any you'll find in London, Paris, Rome — and especially Manhattan.

Kings County is the new monarch of retail therapy, and its mom-and-pops are fast outranking “the City” for variety and overall shopping experience. Chances are the Brooklyn merchant or restaurateur knows your name and will greet you with a hug or a free espresso. It's also likely that the shopper or diner next to you is from Tokyo, Stockholm, or Melbourne because he or she has heard enough about Brook-

lyn's small-town splendor to cross the East River and personally discover its charms.

Brooklyn's diversified small businesses make every day an opportunity to appreciate the brick-and-mortar bounty in our backyard — without the crowds and long lines. Local commerce strengthens our communities, advances our borough's appeal, and makes our patronage matter. So, get going — and don't forget to pack our fabulous guide to the top shopping and dining turfs in town.



LOCAL FLAVOR: The Fulton Street shopping district in Bedford-Stuyvesant is thriving with locally owned businesses.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Janna Shabib of Heart to Heart Cards and Gifts shows off the beautiful ornaments that the store sells.

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BAY RIDGE

The “original Gold Coast” is immortalized in the 1970s cult classic “Saturday Night Fever,” and its mom-and-pops — occupying three shopping districts and some around for more than a quarter of a century — would make Tony Manero boogie with pride. You'll get more than you bargained for with sweeping views of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and side streets braided with stately row houses and majestic green spaces.

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- Appliances.
- Shoe repair.
- Locksmith.
- Butcher.

Fifth Avenue between 65th and 85th streets:

- Beauty and hair supplies.
- Fish markets.
- Florists.
- Bridal.
- Gardening and landscaping.
- Pet services.

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT

Bedford-Stuyvesant's tradition of mom-and-pops — Jewish immigrants Morris and Rose Michtom invented the Teddy bear in 1902 above their tiny candy store at 404 Tompkins Ave. between Hancock Street and Jefferson Avenue — is a living catalog of the small business experience. A major revitalization is underway in this urban kaleidoscope immortalized in Spike Lee's “Do the Right Thing,” as

a new wave of innovative merchants discovers the commercial promise of the neighborhood named after the British Duke of Bedford and 17th-century settler Peter Stuyvesant.

Fulton Street between Classon and Troy avenues:

- Doubles (A West Indian snack made of flat fried bread filled with curried chick peas).
- Millinery.
- Pharmacies.
- Event spaces.
- Art gallery.

Nostrand Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Halsey Street:

- Boutique wines.
- Bakery.
- Cafes.
- Florist.
- Martial arts videos.



ARTSY ENCLAVE: On Knickerbocker Avenue you'll find consignment and arts-and-crafts stores. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

BROWNSVILLE

A \$4-million city investment, affordable real estate — much of it art deco with Mayan and art nouveau touches — free Wifi, bike lanes, and the lowest crime drop in its recorded history are attracting merchants and shoppers to Pitkin Avenue. Coming soon, Brownsville's main shopping

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Pitkin Avenue between Mother Gaston Boulevard and Howard Avenue:

- Fabrics.
- Travel agencies.
- Videos.
- Bakeries.
- Appliances.

BUSHWICK

Descendants of Hessian mercenaries settled in Bushwick after the American Revolution and made it a national brewery capital, supplying 10 percent of all beer consumed in the country. These days artistic talent abounds in this gritty, industrial neighborhood, which features a provocative bar scene and several unique mom-and-pops.

White Street between Boerum and McKibbin streets:

- Vintage clothing.

Wyckoff, Wilson, and Bushwick avenues (and Broadway) between Cooper Street and Flushing Avenue:

- Vinyl records.
- Fabrics.
- Books.
- Jewelry.
- Clothing.

Knickerbocker Avenue between Gates and Flushing avenues:

- Consignments.
- Arts and crafts.

CANARSIE

An amusement park on the pier drew revelers to Canarsie in the early 1900s, while a ferry transported them to the beaches of Rockaway — the L train now follows the same route from East New York to its eastern edge. Today a grapevine of small business help boost the cultural diversity and neighborliness that add to Canarsie’s hometown feel.

Flatlands between Ralph and Pennsylvania avenues:

- Furniture.
- Electronics and cellphones.
- Caribbean cuisine.
- Window treatments.
- Hardware.

DITMAS PARK

Hot Real Estate N.Y.C. named Ditmas Park — a Big Apple historic district — one of the best young professionals neighborhoods in the city. It was farmland a little more than 100 years ago, and real estate gold for the Guggenheims, Gillettes, and other magnates who built elegant mansions here after the subway arrived and Brooklyn became part of the city. Exotic restaurants — including Afghan, halal Chinese, and Tibetan fare — are only half of a small-business message that offers a Pandora’s Box of local delights.

Church Avenue between Flatbush and Coney Island avenues:

- Ethnic food.



DIVERSE COMMUNITY: Opal Plunkett of Flatlands Avenue’s Sally’s Restaurant, which serves West Indian fare.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

- Variety discount.
- Beauty salons and barbers.
- Jewelry.
- Pawn merchants.

Cortelyou Road between Coney Island Avenue and E. 17th Street:

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Public and private investors are pouring billions into Downtown for public improvements while mainstream brands become consumer staples, but there are still enough great mom-and-pops around to make your shopping and dining trip a home-grown experience. Its central location also makes it the perfect launching pad to surrounding neighborhoods of Park Slope, BoCoCa, Dumbo, Fort Greene, Brooklyn Heights, Williamsburg, Bushwick, and Prospect Heights.

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- Bakeries.
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Fulton Street between Nevins Street and Court Square-Adams Street:

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Court Street between Joralemon Street and Atlantic Avenue; Livingston Street between Court Street and Flatbush Avenue; and Schermerhorn Street between Court Street and Flatbush Avenue:

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DUMBO

Jerry Seinfeld once joked that New Yorkers added the "O" in Dumbo because they didn't want to live in a neighborhood called "Dumb." You might have that feeling if you left the armadillo-shaped waterfront district — crouched under the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges — off your shopping-minded mom-and-pops and fun eateries embroider cobbled streets flanked by old warehouses, scenic open spaces, and swish high-rises. Front Street is the heart of this vibrant and creative community that's also a new port of call for discerning shoppers and diners.

Front Street between John and Fulton streets:

- Cards and stationary.
- Furniture.
- Brick-oven pizza.
- Sporting goods.
- Art galleries.

Jay Street between John and York streets:

- Children's clothing.
- Bridal.
- Accessories.
- King-fu studio.
- Cafes.

Main Street between Front and Plymouth streets:

- Photo books.
- Bakery.

FLATBUSH

Flatbush Avenue, one of America's oldest streets, was originally a country



1. SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Ann McLeod shops local Vasilios Tsentzelis's Marine Florist on Flatbush Avenue. 2. 'E.Z.' shopping: Rai Huq of E.Z. Blue Clothing and Footwear on Ralph Avenue shows off a Ralph Loren sweater
Photos by Steve Solomonson

lane built over an Indian footpath — a future critical trans-borough byway inhabited by all types of immigrants seeking a better life. It adjusted its commercial vision soon after the opening of the Erie Canal, as 19th-century farmers — forerunners of modern-day mom-and-pops — grew fruits and veggies in market gardens, making Kings County the second-largest largest produce vendor in the

nation. African-American, West Indian, Caribbean, Southeast Asian, Latino, and white business owners flourish in its integrating communities.

Flatbush Avenue between Parkside Avenue and Cortelou Road:

- Tailors,
- Music and DVDs.

- Bodegas and delicatessens.
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GEORGETOWN

Birds and animals thrive in the groves of honeylocust, smooth sumac, and ailanthus trees (of "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" fame) cramming the 160-acre Paerdegat Basin Park that borders Georgetown — a sleepy sliver of suburbia situated between Canarsie and Old Mill Basin. Ralph Avenue is the major shopping hub, and boasts several mom-and-pops offering assorted services and merchandise.

Ralph Avenue between Avenue N and Flatlands Avenue:

- Eyecare.
- Travel agencies.
- Bedding.
- Clothing.
- Party costumes and supplies.

MARINE PARK AND MILL BASIN

If Marine Park was a yacht, Mill Basin would be its sail. The twin residential neighborhoods — perched side by side on the lip of Jamaica Bay and secluded by a lack of subway service — are ideal terrain for small businesses. Marine Park boasts its own Little League chapter, named for former Yankees manager Joe Torre who grew up in the neighborhood. Mill Basin's multi-million-dollar homes feature Bentleys and Excaliburs parked in driveways, and pleasure boats docked in landscaped backyards.

Flatbush Avenue between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue U

(Marine Park):

- Jeweler.
- Footwear.
- Arts and crafts.
- Lamps, chandeliers, and lighting.
- Variety stores.

Avenue N between Ralph and Flatbush avenues (Mill Basin-Marine Park):

- Bakeries.
- Watch repair.
- Luggage.
- Variety stores.
- Eyecare.

Strickland Avenue at Mill Avenue (Mill Basin):

- Banquet hall.
- Bridal.
- Deli.
- Eyecare.
- Hair salon.

MIDWOOD

Named "Midwout" by 17th-century Dutch settlers, Midwood was once a mosaic of dirt roads and rickety dwellings wedged obscurely between the towns of Flatlands and Gravesend. It has been a major player in Brooklyn's commercial development, and an enduring dark horse of community, culture, and shopping. Many stores are open on Sunday, but close a few hours before sundown on Friday, and remain closed all day Saturday in this predominantly orthodox Jewish neighborhood.

Avenues J and M between Coney Island and Ocean avenues:

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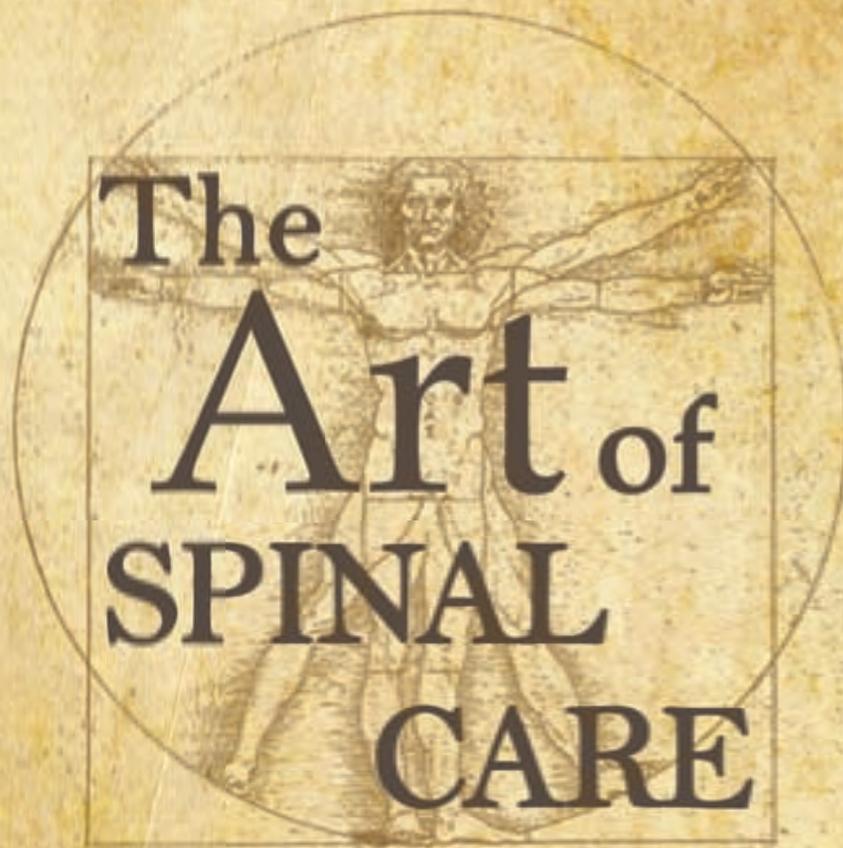
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Showtime! Apollo street named for James Brown

By Vinette K. Pryce

Going forward, anyone entering or exiting the Apollo Theater from the rear will have to walk along "James Brown Way."

Named for James Joe Brown Jr., America's iconic entertainer, the former 126th St. thoroughfare located between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Frederick Douglass Blvds. will now mark a Harlem honor to the acclaimed "hardest working man in show business."

Renamed during a dedication ceremony that attracted elected officials, community residents, fans, and family members of the prolific singer, songwriter, dancer, and businessman also known as the "Godfather of Soul" a diverse crowd rallied.

"He came through the back door of society," Rev. Al Sharpton said, "He came through the back door of segregation. Even when he didn't feel well, he'd walk through those doors and perform."

Often described as a mentor to the promising activist and preacher, Brown's influence is recalled by Sharpton's slick-back hairstyle. On occasion he



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

references the singer as a father figure he loved and respected.

As he watched the unveiling, Sharpton described the man he befriended and presented a special honor at the Soul Train Awards when he was no taller than the average teenager.

"Brown represented those who came from the guttermost to the uttermost. He was our star. He didn't make it because someone put him there," Sharpton said.

Councilwoman Inez Dickens said Brown could light up the local stage like no one else.

"Many have performed at the Apollo, but no one like the Godfather of Soul," she said, who was a staunch advocate for the renaming of a Harlem street. "So it is fitting that we gather here today to dedicate the street behind the Apollo James Brown Way."

Dickens was joined by state and federal political colleagues Rep. Charles Rangel and Assem-

blyman Keith Wright, both of whom presented proclamations to Brown's family members

"In terms of individual pride, no one gave us more than James Brown," Rangel said.

It took six years and petitions to the Council to approve the renaming. Harlem historian Jacob Morris relentlessly campaigned to ensure the outcome. It was not his first time on such a mission. Morris has worked to get a number of streets renamed, among them, one for W.E.B. Dubois and another for A. Philip Randolph.

"This street renaming starts the principle in New York to connect the history with the place. When we walk down this street, we walk down the same street that James Brown walked down," Morris said.

Although born in extreme poverty in Barnwell, South Carolina, and adopted Augusta, Georgia as his home, Brown



Rev. Al Sharpton speaking at the street dedication ceremony for James Brown Way, formerly 126th Street between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Frederick Douglass boulevards.

Photo by Christopher Griffith

inherited Harlem as his true place of discovery. He first performed at the Apollo Theater in 1959. Three years later he recorded "Live at the Apollo."

His performances afterwards became legendary. And two days after his Christmas Day death from congestive heart failure in 2006, his body was

transported through the village in a horse-drawn glass carriage and viewed in a gold coffin from the stage of the renowned performance venue. Thousands lined the perimeter of the showplace in order to pay final respects to the soul singer.

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Nadege Fleurimond with Paul Corbanese who likes the recipe for, "pentad neg maron ak kalalou," and "Dous Makos" from "Haiti Uncovered." Photo by Tequila Minsky

New book spotlights Hatian cuisine

By Tequila Minsky

Anticipation percolated. On a pre-Thanksgiving, weekday night, they packed Colors Restaurant. It was the awaited launch of "Haiti: Uncovered," Nadege Fleurimond's "regional adventure into the art of Haitian cuisine," part cookbook, part travel book that should reside on your coffee table.

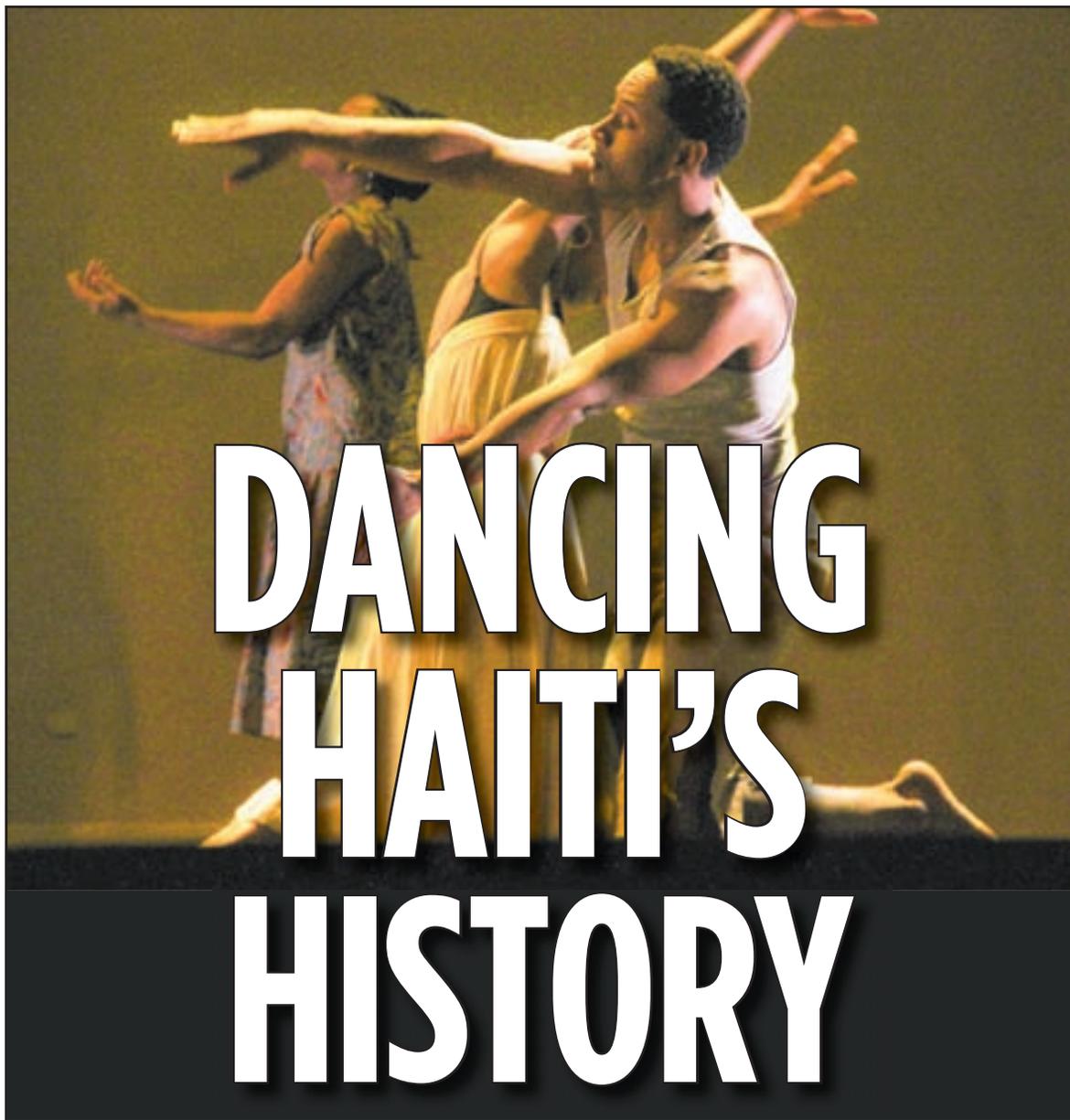
It has been quite a journey and exploration. Continued on Page 48

Cosby's Bahamas show earns standing ovation

By Vinette K. Pryce

Amidst mounting allegations from more than a dozen women, comedian and actor Bill Cosby traveled south last weekend and might be rethinking the alluring tourism commercial which boasts that "It's better in the Bahamas."

The former darling father-figure of American television viewers performed Continued on Page 48



KaNu Dance Theater's "Malgré Tout" was presented at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center on Nov. 15.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

'Malgré Trout' at Jamaica Arts Center

By Tequila Minsky

On Nov. 15, KaNu Dance Theater's "Malgré Tout" was presented at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center (JCAL), the 1858 Dutch Reformed Church in Jamaica, Queens. The title means "Despite all, Haiti's Still Standing."

Beginning three years ago, at this time of year, KaNu has presented its expressive, Haitian, culturally embedded dance there.

"We were invited in 2012 to introduce a new community to the cent-

er," company director Jessica St. Vil says of how they began to dance in the stunning space, which opened, totally renovated, in 2010. By coincidence, in mid-November Battle of Vertières, an important battle in Haiti's struggle for independence is also celebrated, a hallmark date in Haitian history.

St. Vil grew up in Queens. She choreographed her first piece in 2003, but it was in 2007 that KaNu Dance Theater took shape.

As the audience got settled, a short

video presentation introduced the dance company, a bio illustrating their kind of physicality and fusion of modern and Afro-Caribbean dance.

"Malgré Tout," the dance-based, multi-arts theatrical presentation, is in two acts.

The evening's first number, "La Situation," mirrored the history of violence and unrest that interrupted Haiti's 2004 bicentennial celebrations; the music of jazz musician Chardavoine and Wyclef Jean pro-

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Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss in the latest installment in the “Hunger Games” series.

(“The Hunger Games: Catching Fire”), the movie again stars Jennifer Lawrence as protagonist Katniss Everdeen, augmented by a support cast featuring Josh Hutcherson as Peeta, Liam Hemsworth as Gale, Woody Harrelson as Haymitch, Jeffrey Wright as Beetee, and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman as Plutarch Heavensbee.

At the point of departure, we find the country of Panem plunged into chaos and on the brink of revolution. Hunger Games victor Katniss reluctantly allows herself to be recruited by the leader of the rebellion, Alma Coin (Julianne Moore), to serve as the face of the struggle in propaganda videos designed to foment further insurrection.

However, besides Katniss’ frequently fretting about the mental state of her pal Peeta’s being caught in the clutches of Panem’s ruthless President, Coriolanus Snow (Donald Sutherland), not a lot transpires over the course of this anticlimactic adventure. Worse, we have to wait another year for the decisive denouement.

ventful installment basically treads water while functioning as a setup for the upcoming

dramatic conclusion. Nevertheless, nothing in the power of these words could possibly

affect the box-office returns of this review-proof episode.

Directed by Francis Lawrence

By Kam Williams

In recent years, movie studios have started splitting into two adaptations of finales from young adult book series, most notably, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” and “Twilight: Breaking Dawn.” The money-making ploy is arguably little more than a transparent attempt to milk the last dollar out of a soon-to-expire franchise.

The Hunger Games is the latest such production to employ the cash-generating tactic, as it divides in half “Mockingjay,” the last opus in Suzanne Collins’ best-selling, sci-fi trilogy. Unfortunately, this une-

Independent & Foreign Films

BIG-BUDGET FILMS

Horrible Bosses 2 (R, for pervasive profanity and crude sexuality) Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, and Charlie

Day reunite for revenge-fueled sequel as inept entrepreneurs-turned-kidnappers who hatch a cockamamie plan to hold the son (Chris Pine) of a ruthless businessman (Christoph Waltz) for ransom. Cast includes Jennifer Aniston, Jamie Foxx, Kevin Spacey, and Keegan-Michael Key.

The Imitation Game (PG-13, for sexual references, mature themes, and smoking) Historical biopic about Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), the British cryptologist who helped the Allies defeat the Nazis by cracking the Enigma Code, only to be prosecuted and chemically castrated following World War II for being gay. With Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode, and Mark Strong.

Penguins of Madagascar (PG, for mild action and crude humor) Fourth installment in the animated franchise finds the peripatetic quartet of pen-



Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

guin protagonists (Tom McGrath, Chris Miller, Conrad Vernon, and Christopher Knights) joining forces with an undercover, inter-species task force to apprehend a diabolical madman (John Malkovich) bent on world domination. Cast includes Benedict Cumberbatch, Ken Jeong and Peter Stormare.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Antarctica: A Year on Ice (PG, for mild epithets and mature themes) Sub-zero documentary chronicling what life is like at a couple of ice stations located near the South Pole.

The Babadook (Not-yet rated) Haunted house flick, set in Adelaide, Australia, about a grieving widow (Essie Davis) who comes to substantiate her young son’s (Noah Wiseman) complaints about a monster inhabiting their home. Cast includes Dan-

iel Henshall, Tim Purcell, and Cathy Adamek.

Before I Disappear (Not-yet rated) Surrealistic saga, set in New York City, about a suicidal 20-something (Shawn Christensen) who finds new meaning in life by babysitting his prepubescent niece (Fatima Ptacek) for his longestranged sister (Emmy Rossum). With Ron Perlman, Paul Wesley, and Richard Schiff.

Escobar: Paradise Lost (Not-yet rated) Romance thriller set in Colombia in the summer of 1991, about a Canadian surfer dude (Josh Hutchinson) who is pressured to serve as a hit man after falling for the niece (Claudia Traisac) of drug cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar (Benicio del Toro). With Anne Girardot, Carlos Bardem, and Brady Corbet.

The Immortalists (Not-yet rated) Fountain of Youth documentary chronicling the efforts of a couple of eccentric biologists desperate to live forever.

The Kingdom of Dreams and Madness (Unrated) Reverential biopic revisiting the six-decade career of legendary Japanese filmmaker, artist, animator, illustrator, producer and scriptwriter Hayao Miyazaki. (In Japanese with subtitles)

Remote Area Medical (Not-yet rated) Domestic doctors without borders doc-

umentary about the free health care offered uninsured Appalachians once a year at a pop-up clinic set up for three days at a NASCAR speedway in Bristol, Tennessee.

The Rule (Unrated) Inspirational documentary about the overachieving students at St. Benedict’s Prep, a Catholic school in Newark, New Jersey whose mostly Latino and African-American graduates enjoy a nearly 100 percent college acceptance rate.

A Small Section of the World (Not-yet rated) Tale of female empowerment about a group of women who sparked a coffee-growing revolution in Costa Rica.

Touch the Wall (Not-yet rated) “Bound for Greatness” biopic about Missy Franklin, the Olympic swimmer who won a quartet of gold medals at the 2012 games in London. Featuring appearances by Lara Lynn Joyce, Rowdy Gaines, and Michael Phelps.

Women Who Flirt (Not-yet rated) Romantic comedy, set in Shanghai, revolving around a college student (Zhou Xun) who relies on her womanly wiles to woo the classmate (Xiaoming Huang) she has a crush on when he returns from a trip to Taiwan with a new girlfriend (Sonia Sui) in tow. With Yi-Lin Hsieh. (In Cantonese with subtitles)

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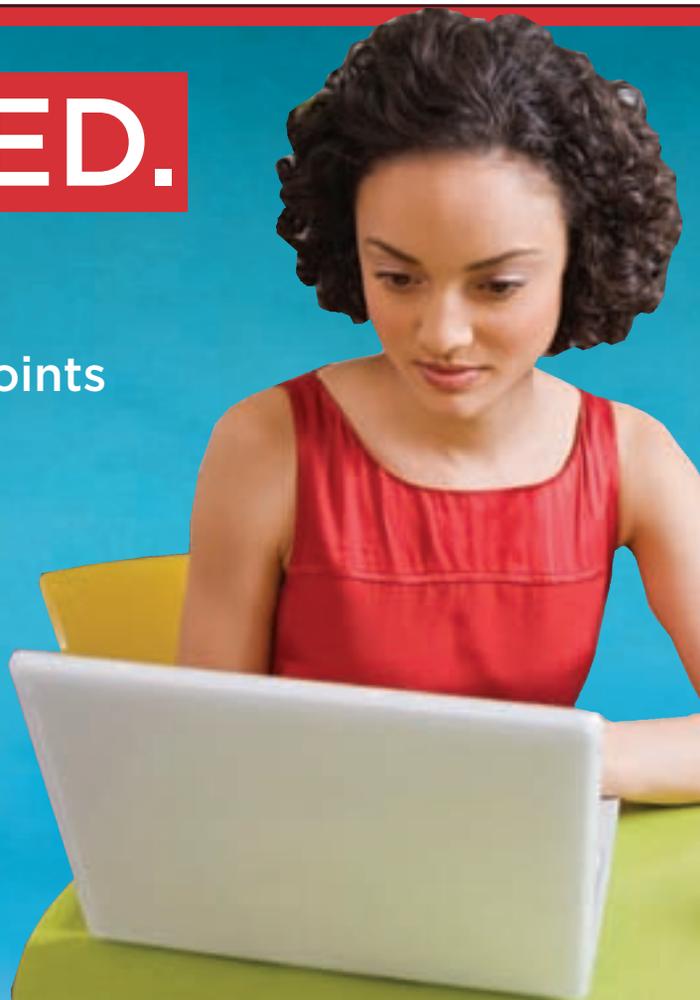
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Tove Lo
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Taylor Swift
- 4 **Don't**
Ed Sheeran
- 5 **All About That Bass**
Meghan Trainor
- 6 **Don't Tell 'Em**
Jeremih Featuring YG
- 7 **Waves**
Mr. Probz
- 8 **Bang Bang**
Jessie J, Ariana Grande ...
- 9 **Blank Space**
Taylor Swift
- 10 **Blame**
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- 2 **Sonic Highways**
Foo Fighters
- 3 **The Endless River**
Pink Floyd
- 4 **Cadillacca**
Big K.R.I.T.
- 5 **Nick Jonas**
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- 6 **That's Christmas To Me**
Pentatonix
- 7 **My Favourite Faded...**
Damien Rice
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Sam Smith
- 9 **Montevallo**
Sam Hunt
- 10 **Hozier**
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Haitian Cuisine

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ration for the author who made food preparation and presentation her life since her Columbia University days where she majored in political science.

With one book behind her — a cooking memoir — and years with her own catering business, she decided it was time for a book rooted in Haiti.

Divided into parts of a meal—beverages, main dishes, desserts, etc., Nadege has chapters focusing on parts of the country that her three trips to Haiti took her. The journey is illustrated with the photos.

Paul Corbanese and his wife Claudine — the two spearhead the rebuilding of the earthquake-damaged Musee d'Art of Port-au-Prince — were among the rsvps who purchased a copy.

Paul, the cook in the family, was enthralled. The recipe for “pentad neg maron ak kalalou” from Gonnaives, guinea fowl in mushroom sauce and okra with small black “djon djon” mushrooms caught his eye.

In a conspiratorial tone, Paul later commented, “The secret behind the Dous Makos (a confection recipe in the dessert section) is in the open.” (The

story goes that Madame Makos created it, living in the Petit Goave region of Haiti, and died taking the recipe with her.)

Claudine is equally as excited by what she expected to be just a cookbook of Haiti recipes.

“The real surprise is that the book is more: it combines history and folklore, geography and recipes, language and wisdom,” she said. “It’s full of facts, anecdotes, and personal stories that makes it rich and fascinating.”

As for the recipes, the traditional “pwason gwo sel” (fish in spiced clear broth) is one she wants to try.

Another traditional dish in the book is “tchaka” made with red beans, corn, herbs, and smoked beef or turkey, (and as some Haitians say, whatever else you have in the kitchen.) Served at the book-release event, more liquid was added to the basic recipe and on the coldest night of the week, friends and fans enjoyed hot tchaka-inspired soup.

The author looked for “everyday cooking” during her research. She wanted to know what do the “people” eat and when do certain foods come into play.



Author Nadege Fleurimond holds her book “Haiti Uncovered.” The book represents her life with food.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

She observed that, with only slight variations, many dishes are the same, north to south. On the other hand, she adds, “the north doesn’t use coconut, but the south uses it a lot.”

Cities with the most distinct cooking cuisines? Distant Jeremie has “pisket,” little fish sautéed with rice or roots and “tomtom,” mashed breadfruit and okra.

“The people in Okap (Cap

Haitien) use cashews for everything,” she says.

“This is not complete book of Haitian food,” Nadege emphasizes, I am she is sharing my personal journey.”

Moved by the book, once seeing it, former model, artist, mother Jany Tomba bought two copies — one she pre-ordered for her daughter and, impressed by the quality, she bought one for herself.

Cosby

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at a benefit fund-raiser for the Nassau chapter of The Links and despite the scandalous headlines repeating in U.S. newspapers, his hilarious routine on the Caribbean island received a standing ovation.

Held at the Atlantis Resort, organizers booked Cosby for a 90-minute set that received applause and approval despite allegations of sexual misconduct dominating world news here.

“I think everybody is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty,” Alfred Sears, an official with the College of the Bahamas and a former attorney general told the Associated Press.

Along with prominent Bahamians who attended the event, the consensus was that the veteran entertainer deserved the benefit of doubt.

“Tonight is for a cause, and I think that he has contributed to the cause,” Sears added.

Preferring to postpone judgment, the former attorney general said “in terms of the other issues the court of law and the

court of public opinion will deal with those issues.”

The predominant upscale audience apparently had no problem ignoring allegations that have made headlines worldwide claiming that Cosby had drugged and sexually abused women at intervals spanning more than two decades.

During his 90-minute performance, Cosby deferred reference to the damning allegations. Instead he focused on anecdotes about his life. Much of the routine centered around stories about his childhood growing up in the projects of Philadelphia. He also made a few observations about life in the Bahamas.

In his traditional comedic stand-up performance he related episodes drawn from his long marriage to his wife Camille. According to reports, she accompanied him to the island.

After the performance, Camille briefly attended a post-show reception. Reportedly, the funnyman did not attend the intimate after-show gathering but Camille mingled briefly with patrons.

Dance

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ley’s “Redemption,” sung by Ludwine Joseph, began a musical set.

She then sang “Femme” (woman) as a backdrop for the KaNu’s newest work, “She was a Potomitan (center pillar),” choreographed by company member Maxine Montilus.

“We learned a lot about feminism in Haiti as we prepared this,” said St.Vil, dedicating the piece to teacher and author Paulette Poujo-Oriol, one of an earlier wave of Haitian feminists. She died in 2011.

The projection of archival news video of refugees crammed on rickety boats, tipping over with their human cargo, introduced “Above the Water,” danced by the full company.

Young people in the audience later commented that they never knew this part of Haiti’s history.

St. Vil also includes her youth studio company in her concerts. Twelve of her students of ballet, jazz, hip-hop

and Afro-Caribbean dance performed “Ti Moun Yo (children)” to Belo’s song of the same name.

“They audition to be selected for the Dance Xpressions Dance Company,” says St. Vil who also has been teaching dance for 20 years.

The piece was dedicated to the children impacted by the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

After a brief intermission, “Shadow of a Pearl” the company’s signature piece, was performed to the music of Bob Marley, Toto Bissainthe, and Earthman Experience and live accompaniment from local percussionists Jean-Mary Brignol and Atibon Legba.

Jessica St. Vil knew she would have a life in dance when, after graduating college in mass communication and dance, she auditioned and was accepted with a scholarship to the Alvin Ailey School. For her, the three-year intensive dance program was like graduate studies in dance.

It was also where she was exposed to Katherine Dunham’s dance technique.

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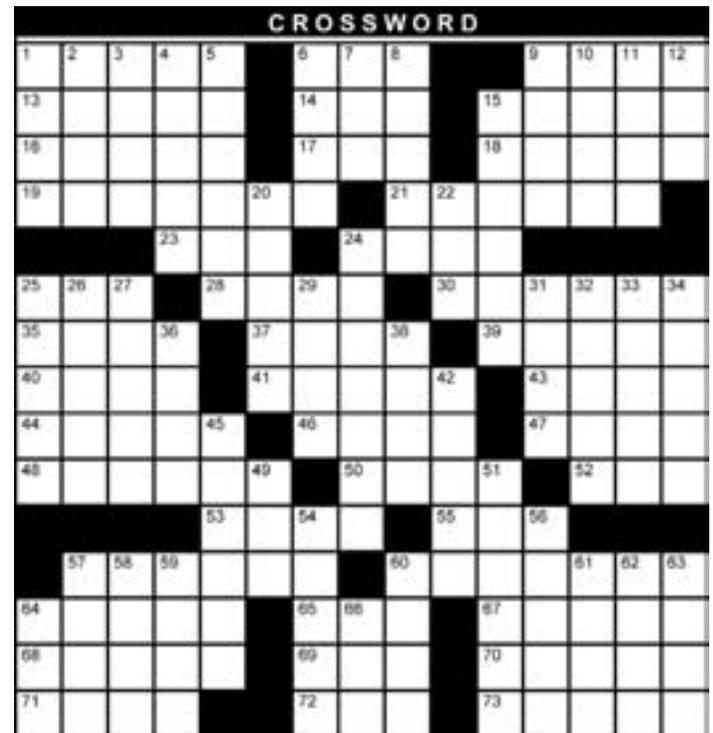
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6. Holiday shelf dweller
9. Facts and figures
13. Drug dealer
14. Petting spot
15. Kind of roll in school
16. Ar on table of elements
17. "Those good'ol boys were drinkin' whiskey 'n _____"
18. Cavern or cave
19. *Major peanut producing state
21. *State know for its coffee beans
23. Affirmative action
24. Give one and they take a mile
25. More, in Madrid
28. Covered by a fig leaf?
30. Lao Tzu follower
35. Desert-like
37. *Virginians make this not war?
39. "_____ not, want not"
40. Capri, e.g.
41. Bunch of bees, e.g.
43. Linseed
44. Writer's opus
46. Aquarium dweller
47. Actress _____ Gilbert
48. Tooth covering
50. They denote a belief or principle
52. "_____ Robinson" by Simon & Garfunkel
53. Email button
55. Ghostly sound

57. *Purchased from Russia
60. *It means mountain in Spanish
64. Schroeder's musical instrument
65. Modern form of "ye"
67. True self in Hindu philosophy
68. Celestial hunter
69. Cloth
70. "Don't _____ me!"
71. *North Dakota governor, recalled in 1921, _____ Frazier
72. Da or oui
73. What phoenix did

DOWN

1. Catch
2. Container weight without its contents
3. "Cogito _____ sum"
4. It falls in the fall
5. Golden Horde member
6. *12th Governor of Nebraska, _____ P. Savage
7. Myrna of Hollywood
8. Warm down-slope wind
9. Lady in Spain
10. Not in favor
11. _____ Spelling
12. "We _____ Family" by Sister Sledge
15. Sounds like donkey laugh
20. Kelly Clarkson and Phillip Phillips, e.g.
22. Pre-college challenge
24. Handicapped person
25. *This state name has one syllable

26. Illegal firing
27. Lucius Flavius _____ Nonius Bassus, Masada conqueror
29. **"Field of Dreams" state
31. Stumblebums
32. A predominant religion of Middle East
33. Bart or Ringo
34. *Former independent nation
36. Regard
38. Units of work
42. Cuban dance
45. It's taught but not always learned
49. Albanian money
51. Beethoven's "Moonlight _____"
54. Dapper
56. Weasel's aquatic cousin
57. Ethereal
58. Past participle of "lie"
59. Happening soon, old-fashioned
60. Fictional Griffin and actual Ryan
61. Magazine shells
62. Siestas
63. Pot contribution
64. Campaigner, for short
66. Clod chopper



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Kodebe Griffith lays one up for John Jay. Photo by Kenson Noel, Intelligent Art Media

Griffith looks to repeat

By Robert Elkin

One of the top scorers and playmakers in the nation, and highly ranked on its basketball team, Kodebe Griffith, is trying to impress professional scouts. This backcourt player's specialist is setting up for his John Jay College teammates. He did this part of his game in his junior season at John Jay.

Griffith helped to lead his team, the Bloodhounds, to a decent start in a four team tip off tournament, hosted by Manhattan's New York University during a recent weekend. The host school also got off to a decent beginning even though the Violets finished runner-up to the tournament winner, Union College, located in upstate New York.

Some of these colleges are capable of going deep into the NCAA Division III tournament at the end of the season come March.

Griffith was born in Guyana, where he lived for his first six years. Then his family moved to Africa, where they resided for another six years or until Korede reached 12 years of age. Then he came with his parents to New York.

His father is Compton Griffith, who hails from South America, and his moth-

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New York Red Bulls defender Ibrahim Sekagya, right, tackles New England Revolution midfielder Lee Nguyen during the first half of an MLS Eastern Conference Finals soccer match on Sunday in Harrison, N.J. The Revolution defeated the Red Bulls, 2-1, in the first leg of the finals. Associated Press / Bill Kostroun

Red Bulls lose heartbreaker to N.E.

By Patrick Horne

Last Sunday's New York Red Bulls–New England Revolution match-up at Red Bull Arena had all the trappings of a first-leg game in the MLS Eastern Conference finals series: it was a very tense, physical, but well-played game in front of an enthusiastic sell-

out crowd of 25,000 on a sunny Sunday afternoon. The highly technical game lived up to its billing on the field — all was perfect in New York except one thing, the main thing, the win, which was stolen from New York by New England, 2-1.

The series moves to Gillette Sta-

dium in Foxboro, Ma. on Saturday, Nov. 29, 3 pm and the Red Bulls must win by two goals to advance to the 2014 MLS Cup, the final game.

The Revs took a 1-0 lead in the 17th minute when Teal Bunbury, assisted by U.S. national team mid-

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West Indies women whitewashed

By Azad Ali

West Indies Women cricket team suffered a series white-wash at the hands of Australia in the four-match One Day International in Australia last week.

It was an excruciating 148 runs defeat in the fourth and final ODI.

The defeat meant the West Indies Women finished the series winless on the heels of similar success in the preceding four-match T20 series.

A promising start by West Indies on the hunt to surpass a challenging 275 for five made by Australia, backfired on the misfortune of a batting collapse at the Bradman Oval.

The Caribbean girls reached 104 for 2 in the 18th over before the collapse.

West Indies lost eight wickets for 23 runs and were scuttled out for 127 in 24.5 overs.

Griffith

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the Cribbean.

Because of the set-up in the recent tournament, and the season is at its early stages the coaches tried to give players equal times, to see what kind of personnel they can put in actual competition.

Before Griffith even entered his senior year at John Jay College, he was an all-CUNY player as a junior. The coaches picked their all-league team right before the start of the 1914-15 season.

"I didn't inherit him nor I did I inherit [some of the other guys] who are on my [roster]," he said. "[Korede] is one of our bright [players]. He came for the education and for the opportunity to get a great education in the criminal justice field." He spent his high school days at Brooklyn Prep, where he played basketball and was a member of its track and field teams and cross-country squad. And then he participated in four sports at John Jay College.

"The more sports one plays the more versatility one deals with," the coach said. "As for basketball, he plays a complete game. He almost needs to be a little more aggressive I want him to shoot the ball a little bit more."

At John Jay, he tried out for its college soccer team and played left and right wings. On the college basketball team, he can play either shooting or point guard positions and even forward. However, he did say that competing in the City University of New York Athletic Conference has been a letdown for him every year that he has been involved.



New England Revolution defender Chris Tierney, right, blocks a shot by New York Red Bulls midfielder Lloyd Sam.

Associated Press / Bill Kostroun

Red Bulls

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fielder Jermaine Jones, dribbled across the goal from the right wing and was allowed to curl a left-footed shot into the far side of the net. The game continued as a very physical contest with 29 fouls called eventually, including 10 yellow cards, but the physical aspect of the contest did not take away from the high quality of the match. The nature of the game reflected the urgency of a Conference championship, which is the last hurdle to overcome to play in the MLS Cup.

With New England ahead, league top scorer Bradley Wright-Phillips responded with the equalizer for the Red Bulls in the 27th minute; he headed in the ball as it rebounded off the crossbar from Peguy Luyindula's second-effort shot, after his first was stopped by Revs goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth. The play started at midfield with left-sided defender Ambrose Oyongo, who went around a Revs midfielder, sent a pass

into the box for Captain Thierry Henry, who let it roll for Luyindula to go in on goal one-on-one against Shuttleworth. The half ended with New York having another good chance to score again when a wide open Wright-Phillips headed Henry cross's cross over the crossbar from inside six yards; the score remained tied 1-1 at the half.

New York, which dominated the game with 60 percent of possession, continued to create chances in the second half, and in the 52nd minute, Shuttleworth failed to hold on to an Henry shot, but midfielder Lloyd Sam failed to tap the rebound into an open goal. Seven minutes later there was more of the same as Phillips found himself alone in front of the goal, but he shot straight at Shuttleworth, and in the 60th minute, midfielder Dax McCarty's header from an Henry corner kick went straight into Shuttleworth's hands.

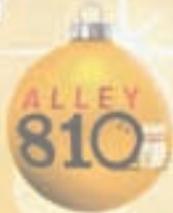
New England had its share of misses as well when in the 72nd minute Jones' header from a bouncing ball inside the six yard box off a corner kick went over the crossbar; Jones again shot wide six minutes later from 18 yards out, but he came up with the winner in the

86th minute to give the visitors victory. Midfielder and team-leading scorer Lee Nguyen streaked down the middle on a fast break, laid the ball off to Bunbury on the right side, who crossed to Jones running in from the far post for an easy tap in to an empty goal.

In the Western Conference finals series, also on Sunday, host Los Angeles Galaxy rolled to its seventh shut-out in its last 10 homes games, as it defeated the Supporter's Shield winner, the Seattle Sounders, 1-0 in the first leg, at StubHub Center. Marcelo Sarvas' goal in the 52nd minute after a scoreless first half was enough to give Los Angeles the win. Sarvas was assisted by AJ DeLaGarza, who ran down the right wing and crossed the ball back for Sarvas to shoot as the ball deflect off a defender for the score.

Although Los Angeles now has the advantage going into Seattle for the second leg on Sunday, Nov. 30 (ESPN, 9 pm), the Galaxy will have to play just as well to at least draw with Seattle at home; the series is decided on aggregate goals. The 2014 MLS Cup will be played on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the higher seeded team, either Los Angeles or Seattle.

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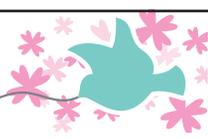
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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, motivation may not be strong this week, so begin with some menial tasks around the house and build up to bigger plans. Eventually you will find a groove.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, try to avoid focusing on just one issue for too long. Sometimes you simply must trust your instincts and forge ahead anyway. Let past experience guide you this week.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, avoid the temptation to take on too many responsibilities this week. If you don't, you might not get much done. Think before you accept more work.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Financial matters are looming and a decision must be made, Leo. Don't be overcome with anxiety, as all you need to do is carefully examine your finances to come up with a solution.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Spontaneity beckons, Virgo, even though you are a careful planner who puts a lot of thought into your decisions. Overthinking is more hassle than it's worth this week.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Someone may catch you off guard this week, Libra. This person will bring a welcome surprise, so look forward to this unexpected encounter.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Back up your promises with decisive action, Scorpio. That's the only way to prove to others that your word means something and you are committed to honoring your commitments.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
There may be more to the big picture than you are seeing, Sagittarius. Gather the facts before you jump to any conclusions. You may just see things from a different perspective.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are riding high and looking to share your good fortune with others. Make the most of this chance to improve the lives of those around you.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have an idea about how to tackle a difficult obstacle, but someone crosses your path with a different agenda. Perhaps there's a way to work together.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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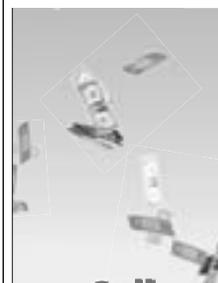
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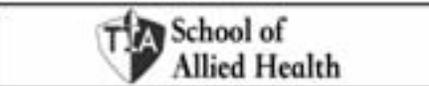
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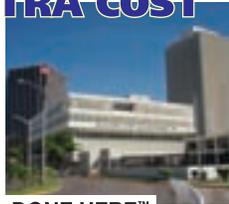
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