

US group to host reparations summit

By Nelson A. King

A major Black group in the United States says it will host the next summit of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Reparations Commission early this year.

The New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW) said on Saturday that the summit will take place from April 9-12 in New York.

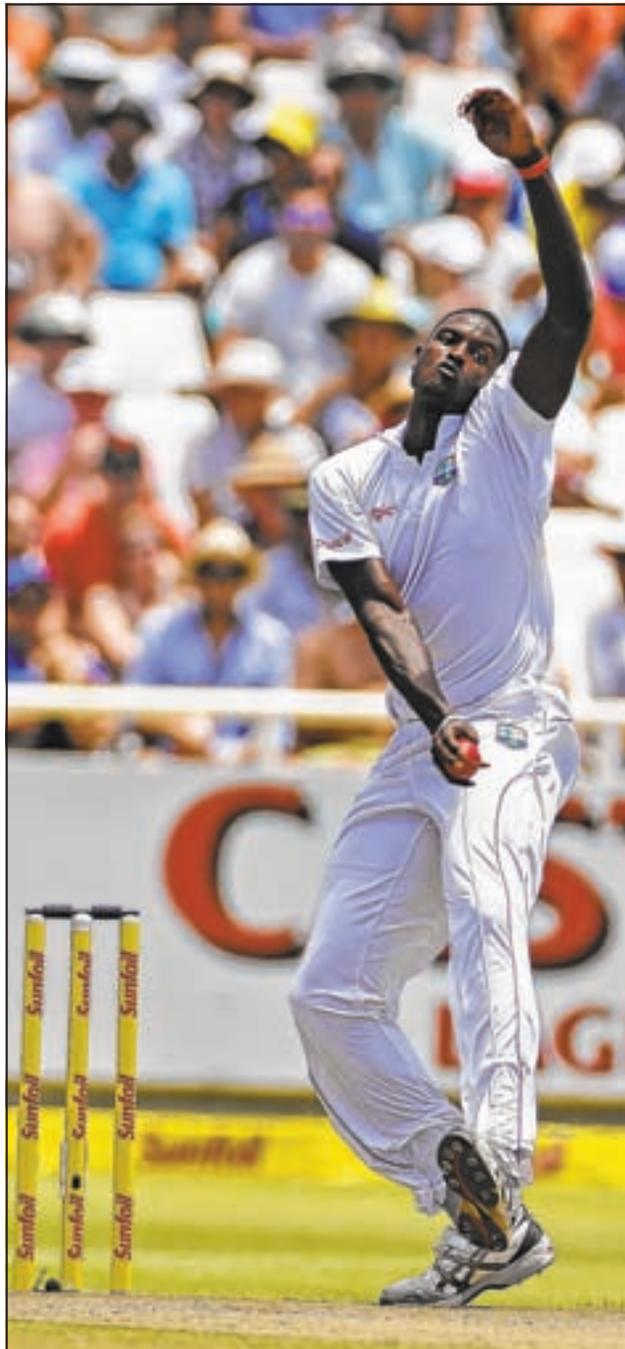
The CARICOM Commission is chaired by Sir Hilary Beckles, vice-chancellor designate of the University of the West Indies.

Inspired by the creation of the CARICOM Commission, a National African American Reparations Commission is being established as part of an effort to intensify the Reparations movement in the U.S., the IBW said.

It said the Commission will be dedicated to the memory of Queen Mother Audley Moore, one of the foremost proponents of Reparations in the history of Africans in America and a mentor to generations of Reparations activists.

In addition to the CARICOM and African American Commissions, representatives of

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West Indies Jason Holder bowls against South Africa during their third Test in Cape Town, South Africa, Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015.

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WINDIES CRICKET FIASCO

T&T minister offers insight

By Bert Wilkinson

One of Trinidad's most senior government ministers who also happens to be a veteran island cricket administrator has torn into the workings of the Antigua-based West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), exposing what he says is a litany of administrative and logistic mistakes that could one day destroy the region's premier game.

Gary Griffith, might be Trinidad's embattled national security minister and under whose watch more than 400 people were murdered in the twin-island republic with Tobago last year, but he still was able to steal some time during the holiday break to provide hith-

erto unknown details about the simmering wages and salaries row between the board and the senior West Indies team.

The row involving the West Indies Players Association (WIPA), the board and the players themselves led to the senior team abandoning the late last year Test, Limited Overs and Twenty20 cricket series between the West Indies and India on the sub continent.

So much bad blood has flown between the two boards ever since the tour abandonment that the Indians have moved to sue the WICB for \$42M in lost earnings from the player walk out and are likely to

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines Counsel General Selmon Walters addresses patron at gala luncheon. Photo by Nelson A. King

Vincetians raise US \$250,000 for homeland

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' New York Counsel General Selmon Walters says the estimated value overall of the contribution by the United States Vincetian Diaspora to the freak Christmas storm victims in 2013 is about US\$250,000.

In his 2014 Christmas message to nationals residing in the U.S. Diaspora, Walters, a former government minister in the administration of Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, noted that damages from that storm were to the tune of EC\$330,000,000 (1US\$=EC\$2.67).

At least seven people were killed by the unusual storm, which also left a trail of destruction.

"It was wonderful to see the way Vincetians rallied to the cause, giving generously of their time and resources, packing boxes and barrels, (and) donating generously and willingly," said Walters, who has been counsel general for the past four years.

"In responding to this major catastrophe, we sent out a call to the diaspora to assist our brothers and sisters at home, and the response was truly overwhelming and unprecedented," he added.

As a result, Walters, who chaired the interim St. Vincent and the Grenadines Relief Committee of New York, said four 40ft. containers of relief supplies and an undisclosed quantity of boxes and barrels, with additional supplies, were dispatched home to help those who suffered from the storm.

He gave "special thanks" to Vaughan Toney, chief executive officer and president of the Friends of

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Cornel West to keynote 'Come Share The Dream' at BAM

By Vinette K. Pryce

The nation's largest birthday tribute to Nobel Peace prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will again feature a national and prominent speaker with the booking of author, intellectual and educator Dr. Cornel West who will keynote the 29th annual Brooklyn celebrate known as "Come Share the Dream."

The free community event held at Brooklyn Academy of Music annually attracts standing room only crowds and attracts state and city legislators, prominent community representatives and a host of New Yorkers who converge on the county from all five boroughs,

Featuring spirited music – this year by the New York Fellowship Mass Choir, Sandra St. Victor and Oya's Daughter, the lively program traditionally stages the nation's standard bearer to mark the life and legacy of America's best known Civil Rights advocate.

Regular patrons already know that "the early bird catches the worm" therefore they arrive ahead of the 10:30 a.m. start to secure choice seats and in turn benefit from the 'first-come-first-served' offer.

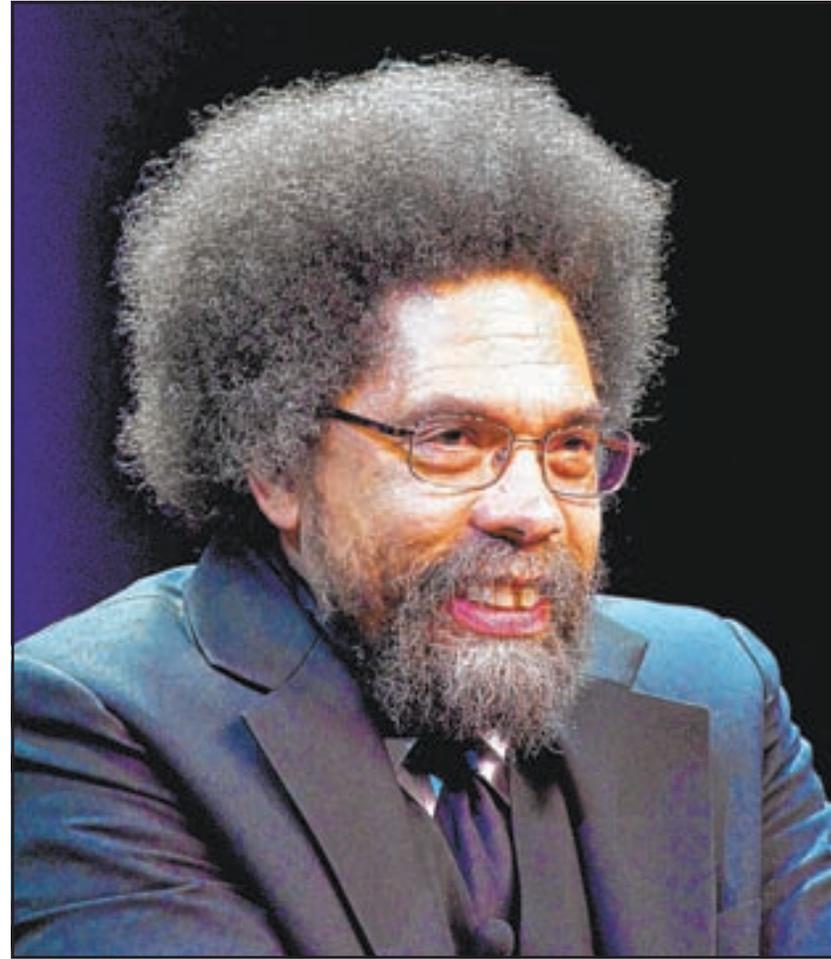
Undoubtedly, crowds will clamor to hear the address by the provocative speaker whose work largely focuses on the role of race, gender and class in American society. He is a frequent media commentator on national and international outlets tackling political and social issues.

He will be introduced by the traditional master of ceremonies, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams who is expected to deliver an inspiring tribute to Dr. King's enduring legacy.

The borough president will be making his second appearance in that capacity since being sworn in last January.

The enlightening program will also include remarks from BAM President Karen Brooks Hopkins and Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, president of Medgar Evers College.

The event will be held at BAM's



Dr. Cornel West.

AP Photo/Earl Gibson III

Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. on Jan 19.

Additional events slated for the location on that date include a book signing by West of his two current publications "The Radical King" and "Black Prophetic Fire."

The publications reflect a collection of writings by Dr. King which are edited and introduced by West. That event is slated for 1 p.m. at BaMCafe.

Simultaneously in the same space, a visual art presentation titled "Picture the Dream" highlights an exhibition by

students of NYCHA Atlantic Terminal Community Center.

The all day tribute will also feature a screening in the BAM Rose Cinemas of the documentary film "The Central Park Five."

Directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns and David McMahon the film has been credited with expediting the exoneration of the men who as teenaged youths were wrongfully, convicted of raping a jogger in Central Park.

For more information, log onto www.bam.org.

Cuomo pardons 2 former inmates facing deportation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has pardoned two men who completed prison sentences and turned their lives around but faced threats to their U.S. residency from the convictions.

Cuomo says they deserve a second

chance "without fear of being separated from their families through deportation."

Pardoned is 62-year-old Antonio Argibay, a Cuban emigre and proprietor of a New York City-based architecture firm.

Convicted in 1979 of a drug sale, he graduated from college while in prison, earned a master's degree while on parole and has been an architect for 30 years.

Also pardoned is 33-year-old Alvaro Khalil Cumberbatch of Queens. Convicted in 2003 of robbery, the Guyana native is the married father of two, has earned bachelor's and master's degrees and works with prison re-entry organizations, including the Fortune Society.

Caribbean

A new joint report by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says the number of babies born with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean declined by 78 percent between 2001 and 2013.

The report, "Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis in the Americas," takes stock of progress in the region's countries toward the elimination of mother-to-child transmission and syphilis, PAHO said.



Using data from PAHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS, the report estimates that 10,700 babies were born with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean, in 2001.

By 2013, the number had declined 78 percent to just over 2,300 representing five percent of all babies born in the region to mothers with HIV.

PAHO noted that the countries and territories of Latin America and the Caribbean have set the collective goal of reducing that proportion to less than two percent by 2015.

PAHO said so far, nine countries and territories have reached that goal—Anguilla, Barbados, Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts and Nevis and the United States.

Antigua

Antigua & Barbuda will have a Telecommunications Regulatory Commission in 2015.

This was disclosed by Telecommunications Minister Melford Nicholas who told the Observer media that come 2015 a Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

He said the independent body will be charged with managing the relationship and competition in the nation's telecoms industry.

His comments came amid regional fears that the Cable and Wireless' acquisition of Columbus International will result in a loss of competition in the telecoms market.



But Nicholas said the merger may yet be beneficial to telecoms in Antigua and Barbuda under the regulation of the commission.

He hopes that planned investments brought about through the consolidation of the companies would lead to improvements of the country's Internet speeds.

Nicholas noted, as well, that telecoms giant Digicel has also signaled plans to upgrade their platform.

Bahamas

The Bahamas government is pre-



More migrants head north

An unidentified illegal migrant, third right, asks for mercy before his wooden boat is intercepted by a Coast Guard cutter about one mile west of Mona Island, Puerto Rico. See story on page 8.

Associated Press / U.S. Coast Guard

pared to let the "chips fall where they may" after immigration officer was sent on administrative leave with immediate effect "pending investigation of a sexual assault alleged by a detainee who is a Jamaican citizen.

Immigration Minister Fred Mitchell told a news conference that while he would not speak more to this matter" he was nonetheless prepared to allow the "chips (to) fall where they may."

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration said "a diplomatic note will be sent to the Jamaican Foreign Minister and the Minister will speak to his counterpart in Jamaica shortly." The statement said Mitchell had already spoken to honorary counsel of Jamaica to The Bahamas "to convey his deepest regret at these allegations and assured the consul that the matter will be thoroughly investigated."



Mitchell made it clear the acts against persons detained at the detention center "are not systemic or sanctioned by the government."

Barbados

Eastern Caribbean countries which have suffered major fallout from the collapse of CLICO want Barbados to consider an alternative strategy to fix the company.

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Insurance Limited (CIL) judicial manager Deloitte Consulting Limited thinks the plan, which would see government having to make a commitment exceeding \$300 million is "impractical."

Additionally, it was pointed out that the strategy was only forwarded to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and the Central Bank in May, one month after Cabinet approved the approach where there will be a Barbados first solution to the matter.

According to information Deloitte has filed with the High Court, the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union's (ECCU) alternative strategy contemplated "a pooling of the assets in all jurisdictions to settle all traditional liabilities in full."



The strategy also proposed that "Following this reallocation of these national unpledged assets, the government of Barbados is required to "make whole" and unsettled traditional policy liabilities in each country.

The challenge was that this would result in government "being required to fund \$148.1 million of which \$93.8 million is transferred to seven other jurisdictions."

Guyana

Belize Defense Force soldier Emil Mendez was shot during an attempted robbery in Georgetown, Guyana.

Mendez, according to the Stabroek newspaper is part of a Ministry of Health Orthopedic Technician program.

Reports are that the soldier was shot four times during the attempted robbery.

Mendez and his girlfriend according to police were out socializing and after she had gone home, he was walking back to the military base when he was accosted by the armed robber.



He is reported to have struggled with his attacker during which he was shot in the abdomen and thigh.

The gunman escaped and Mendez was taken to hospital for treatment. He remains hospitalized.

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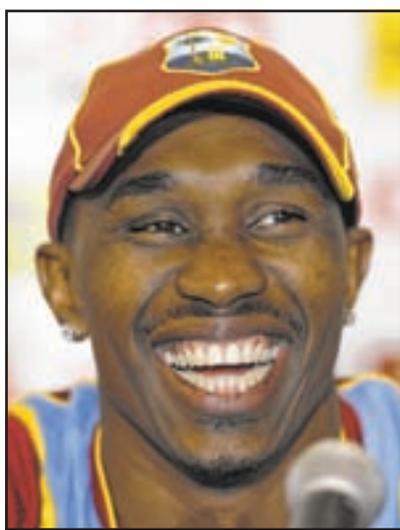
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Windies cricket faces poor management



Former West Indies captain Dwayne Bravo. Associated Press / Andres Leighton

Continued from cover win and get paid.

Some of the players have also turned their anger towards WIPA, the umbrella body that represents most of today's active players, saying it had colluded with the board to effect significant pay cuts that most reasonable people would reject on any day of the week.

In his Trinidad Express Newspaper column, Griffith argued that the decline of the quality of the game in the region has little to do with "the lack of talent, but rather poor management. This latest fiasco reinforces that point."

Detailing the level of the pay cuts that have led to what many think would be irreparable damage between the players and administrators, Griffith contended that players had a right to rebel because the board and WIPA had insulted their intelligence by not only drastically cutting salaries and endorsement entitlements but by also arguing that the savings from the reductions would have been spread around to other players to participate in WICB-organized tournaments and earn but a mere pittance compared to the internationals.

"The initial and wrongful suggestion

is that the players were greedy. That is one side of the story. The other side is that there was a massive cut in their salaries, without their input or knowledge.

Adamant that he has the correct figures, here is what he had published in the island's leading newspaper, noting that any player who puts up with this cares more about being patriotic than earning a living for himself.

"Test match fees slashed from US\$18,000 to US\$5,000 per player. One-Day match fees slashed from US\$5,000 to \$1,700 per player; World Cup fees for this year slashed from US\$300,000 per player to US\$50,000 per player.

Reparations summit

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Reparations movements from Central and South America, Canada and Europe are expected to participate in what is emerging as a Pan African Reparations Summit, the IBW said.

It said the program/schedule for the Summit will include formal business sessions; a dialogue between leaders of the Caribbean Diaspora in the U.S. and the CARICOM Commission; meetings between the newly-formed African American Commission and the Caribbean Commission; Rallies in Harlem, considered the symbolic Capital of Black America; Brooklyn, home to the largest Caribbean community in the US; and a tribute to Congressman John Conyers, dean of the Congressional Black Caucus and sponsor of HR-40, the Reparations Study Bill, which he has introduced in the U.S. Congress since 1989.

The IBW noted that, at the most recent Reparations Braintrust at the Congressional Black Caucus's Annual Legislative Conference, Sir Hilary urged participants to declare a "Conyers Decade of Reparatory Justice."

"The tribute to Congressman Conyers will begin that process," said the IBW, adding that there will also be special recognition of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) for "decades of ground-breaking work on the issue."

Dr. Ron Daniels, IBW's African American-born president said that the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC) will develop a Reparations Program similar to the 10-Point Program that has been adopted by the CARICOM Commission.

"The first step will be to devise an Interim Program that NAARC will take to the people in a series of town hall meetings to receive input before adopting the final program," he said. "The process of engaging people of African descent across the country, including young people, is incredibly important to strengthening the Reparations movement."

The IBW said Sir Hilary has been "eager to have Reparations Commissions form in various countries to build a global movement for Reparatory Justice."

"I am extremely excited that our sisters and brothers in the U.S. are moving forward with the creation of a Reparations Commission," the IBW quoted Sir Hilary as saying. "We are reaching out to Reparations activists throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America to encourage them to attend the Reparations Summit in the U.S. It has the potential to be a milestone event."

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Carib migrant flow to US spikes

Antigua's economic envoy

By Jennifer Kay

MIAMI (AP) — Just starting a five-year sentence for illegally re-entering the United States, George Lewis stared at the officers staring back at him at Miami's federal detention center and considered whether he'd risk getting on another smuggler's boat — a chance that soaring numbers of Caribbean islanders are taking — once he's deported again.

U.S. authorities deported Lewis following a four-year sentence for a felony drug conviction in May 2013 to the Bahamas, where he was born but lived only briefly. His Haitian mother brought him to Miami as an infant, and though he always considered the U.S. home, he never became a legal resident.

Just five months after he was deported, he got on a Bahamian smuggler's boat with over a dozen other people trying to sneak into Florida. It capsized and four Haitian women drowned. He and the others were rescued.

So would he dare make another attempt?

"Yeah," Lewis, 39, said with a sigh. But, he added, "I would put on a life vest next time."

A recent spike in Cubans attempting to reach the United States by sea has generated headlines. But the num-



Unidentified Cuban citizens are escorted by police after their arrest in Cancun, Mexico. The Mexican navy detained 83 Cubans who were traveling in makeshift boats off the country's Caribbean coast and believed to be heading to the United States via Mexico.

Associated Press / Israel Leal

bers of Haitians and other Caribbean islanders making similar journeys are up even more. And while federal law grants legal residency to Cubans reaching U.S. soil, anyone else can be detained and deported.

That law, the so-called wet foot-dry foot policy, and Coast Guard operations related to migrants remain unchanged even as Cuban and U.S. leaders say

they are restoring diplomatic relations after more than 50 years.

"The Coast Guard strongly discourages attempts to illegally enter the country by taking to the sea. These trips are extremely dangerous. Individuals located at sea may be returned to Cuba," said Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Somma, spokesman for the Coast Guard's 7th District in Miami.

By Azad Ali

Antigua and Barbuda has named one of the richest men in the world as the country's newest special economic envoy.

Martin Franklin, who is among the world's richest men, according to Forbes, is the son of a Sir Ronald Franklin, who lives in Jumby Bay, is the founder and executive chairman of Jarden Corporation, among other roles.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne said "my government feels that Mr. Franklin is strategically placed to attract a wide range of investments to Antigua and Barbuda."

"His management and representation of dozens of consumer product companies in North America we believe can be beneficial to my government achieving our vision of making Antigua and Barbuda an economic powerhouse within the region," he said.

The relationship was formalized by Antigua and Barbuda's Consul General in Miami, Gilbert Boustany, who said Franklin would also provide assistance in other areas of the government's debt restructuring.



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The truth will set us free

By Kevin Bollers

The day after the deaths of Officers Ramos and Liu, I had a heated debate with an officer over how the rank and file officers seemed to be misdirecting their anger to the community and public officials instead of directing the anger to who was really responsible. Let's say that the mayor had "supported" the police more (I don't even know what that means), how could that have saved these officers lives from a lone, crazed and misguided gunman who had already first shot his ex-girlfriend in Baltimore, MD and then left his own state to come down into our city and shoot two of our officers? Would the endorsement of the NYPD by the mayor have magically made things safer for them? Would they not have to still be vigilant in dangerous and violent neighborhoods? Would there not still be people that would desire to do them harm even if the mayor had said, "way to go, guys!"? People have been attacking police in this city since they were formed in 1844. It's not a matter of it being acceptable. As long as there are criminals and you decide that you're going to be one of the people who try to stop crime, you will be in danger of being attacked or even killed. It's the hazard that comes with the territory of being an officer of the law. Those two officers knew this. People who blame Mayor Bill de Blasio, Al Sharpton and the protesters have their anger misplaced.

His response to me was that I didn't have the right to tell them how to express their anger and I didn't understand the intricacies of what goes into law enforcement because I am not a police officer. He may be right to a certain extent, however, the fact remains that most human beings understand, regardless of occupation, the difference between right and wrong. What they also know is that this is not the time to point fingers, but figure out how we can fix this situation together.

Unfortunately, there has been strong reluctance by members of the NYPD and their supporters to come together with the community to fill the chasm between police and public. Noteworthy is the fact that the community has shown more remorse, sympathy, empathy and condolences for the slain officers and their families than officers have shown the community in times past when their members have died wrongfully at the hands of the police. There have been those in the institution, instead, who have chosen to lay the blame at the doorsteps of everyone on the protesters to Mayor de Blasio, who they have openly disrespected by turning their backs to him even as he was giving a eulogy for one of their fallen brothers.

Some would say that when you have a paramilitary organization without proper checks and balances, this is what happens. Think about it: when was

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We have so much to learn from Cuba

By Robert F. Kennedy Jr

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Dec 30 2014 (IPS) - Earlier this month, President Barack Obama announced the restoration of diplomatic relations with Cuba after more than five decades of a misguided policy which my uncle, John F. Kennedy, and my father, Robert F. Kennedy, had been responsible for enforcing after the U.S. embargo against the country was first implemented in October 1960 by the Eisenhower administration.

The move has raised hopes in many quarters – not only in the United States but around the world – that the embargo itself is now destined to disappear.

This does not detract from the fact that Cuba is still a dictatorship. The Cuban government restricts basic freedoms like the freedoms of speech and assembly, and it owns the media.

Elections, as in most old-school communist countries, offer limited options and, during periodic crack-downs, the Cuban government fills Cuban jails with political prisoners.

However, there are real tyrants in the world with whom the United States has become a close ally and many governments with much worse human rights records than Cuba – Azerbaijan, for example, whose president Ilham Aliyev boils his opponents in oil, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and many others where torture, enforced disappearances, religious intolerance, suppression of speech and assembly, medi-

Instead of punishing the regime for its human rights restrictions, the embargo has fortified the dictatorship by justifying oppression.

eval oppression of women, sham elections and non-judicial executions are all government practices.

Despite its poverty, Cuba has managed some impressive accomplishments. Cuba's government boasts the highest literacy rates for its population of any nation in the hemisphere. Cuba claims its citizens enjoy universal access to health care and more doctors per capita than any other nation in the Americas. Cuba's doctors, reportedly, have high quality medical training.

Unlike other Caribbean islands where poverty means starvation, all Cubans receive a monthly food ration book that provides for their basic necessities.

Even Cuban government officials admit that the economy is smothered by the inefficiencies of Marxism, although they also argue that the principal cause of the island's economic woes is the strangling impact of the 60-year-old trade embargo – and it is clear to everyone that the embargo first implemented during the Eisenhower administration in October 1960 unfairly punishes ordinary Cubans.

The embargo impedes economic development by making virtually every commodity and every species of equipment both astronomically expensive and difficult to obtain.

Worst of all, instead of punishing the regime for its human rights restrictions, the embargo has fortified the dictatorship by justifying oppression. It provides every Cuban with visible evidence of the bogeyman that every dictator requires – an outside enemy to justify an authoritarian national security state.

The embargo has also given Cuban leaders a plausible monster on which to blame Cuba's poverty by lending credence to their argument that the United States, not Marxism, has caused the island's economic distress.

The embargo has almost certainly helped keep the Castro brothers [Fidel and Raul] in power for the last five decades.

It has justified the Cuban government's oppressive measures against political dissent in the same way that U.S. national security concerns have been used by some U.S. politicians to justify incursions against our bill of rights, including the constitutional rights to jury trial, habeas corpus, effective counsel and freedom from unwarranted search and seizure, eavesdropping, cruel and unusual punishment, torturing of prisoners, extraordinary renditions and the freedom to travel, to name just a few.

It is almost beyond irony that the very same politi-

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In a crunch, merchandising Madam P.M.

The invariably on-point Trinidad Express columnist Sunity Maharaj made note recently of a deliberate effort on the part of Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, to leave no doubt as to who was "running things" in the country. And some latter-day goings-on in government circles there lend credence to Maharaj's observation. We know not whether this move by Bissessar to cast her own giant shadow over the T&T landscape was motivated by the need for pushback against the well-traveled speculation about a so-called cabal of puppet masters within her administration. But it's been pretty clear that Bissessar, of her own volition or maybe on the urging of consultant types, decided that hogging the limelight was the preferred way forward.

Over the just concluded holiday period, for instance, residents found themselves greeted by the smiling face of the prime minister on highway billboards, extending best wishes for the season. On every occasion seized by the government as an opportunity for distributing giveaway tokens to the hoi polloi, wheth-

er by fiat or otherwise, it has become common practice for said tokens — coffee mugs and all the rest — to be emblazoned with Bissessar's image. And the prime minister has made a point of maximizing such "gallery" moments, even frequently encroaching on the territory of line ministers in her cabinet once those possibilities for "a show" look promising.

Bissessar's opting for this ubiquitous presence would seem very much an outlier phenomenon in Trinidad and Tobago or anywhere in the English-speaking Caribbean. Trinidad and Tobago's first prime minister, Dr. Eric Williams, recalled how taken aback he was, upon visiting Ghana, to find the place festooned with images of Kwame Nkrumah. Williams' feeling of dismay was no surprise, seeing as how we of the English Caribbean tend to associate that proliferation of leader images with faraway, probably totalitarian regimes. Good fit or not with the T&T psyche, Bissessar and her handlers obviously have concluded that this campaign of merchandising her, personally, every which way beats trying to

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

trumpet the virtues of the government she leads.

The prime minister and her crew are probably guided in this strategy by polling, that has been a conundrum to many, which has shown Bissessar posting better favorability numbers personally than her administration. Even so, given the challenges the government has faced since taking office in 2010, it's anything but a slam dunk that Bissessar can muster coattails strong enough to tow colleagues to another shot at governing the country.

As we have several times previously said here, with nary a fear of contradiction, Bissessar and her confederates are easily the most brazenly corrupt team ever to walk the corridors of power in Trinidad and Tobago. There has been a bravado, presumably facilitated by an uncharacteristically fat majority the party gained following Patrick Manning's bone-headed political calculations in

2010, which seemingly morphed into a sense of invincibility. How else to explain the government's continuous, undaunted reach into wasps' nests, the consequences of which no even-keeled bunch would dare risk? The flagrant move to install a junior, unqualified officer in one of the nation's highest national security posts. Or, one section of a criminal justice bill extracted and rushed in the dead of night for presidential assent, evidently as an escape hatch for a couple of party financiers facing jail terms. Or, blatant nepotism and cronyism practiced willy-nilly in all phases of government operations, to the point of being now seen as embedded in the government's DNA. And so it has gone. The list of deeds by Bissessar's government that are questionable, bizarre, downright disgraceful... is of historic proportions.

In hopes of offsetting such an orgy of reckless power abuse comes this attempt to create and market a larger-than-life Bissessar personality. It is Bissessar's or some tactician's go-to device in the face of ever-present tales of government wrongdoing or suspicion thereof. Government

initiatives for the public good, such as they are, have been subsumed by the overwhelming negatives that define the Bissessar administration.

As fate would have it, with this mega selling of the prime minister proceeding apace (elections being expected sometime this year), there's been another development that looks sure to influence the course of events going forward. The falling oil price, which has now tumbled to below \$50.00 per barrel as this is written, is a major factor in Trinidad and Tobago's fiscal outlook. The Bissessar government has been insisting that the country's economic stability is not threatened by this collapse in the oil price on the international market — a nugget likely offered as rationale for the spending spree the prime minister has engaged in, doling out enticement goodies. Rationale is elusive, though, when the current T&T budget was based on a projected \$80.00 per barrel oil price that is now roughly half that figure.

Bissessar is scheduled to speak to her fellow citizens shortly about where this is all headed.

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An uncomfortable truth

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the last time you openly or privately disrespected your boss and still had a job when the smoke cleared? For decades in this city, the NYPD has had their run of the hen house where they have always had the mayor and commissioner to back them up at every turn even when they were wrong. The last mayor to have the audacity to do otherwise was mayor David Dinkins from the early 90s and we saw how things turned out for him, didn't we, with hundreds of police rioting in the streets as uniformed officers stood by and smiled. We don't talk nearly enough about the entitlement issues of many police officers, do we? Entitlement without a sense of accountability is very dangerous.

However, now for the first time in a very long time, that privilege is being challenged, once again, by of all people and Mayor de Blasio who has been elected by the people. But how exactly did the mayor challenge them? He did so by having a genuine moment. In a conference after the grand jury decision not to indict the officer in Eric Garner's death, he spoke about his black son, Dante, saying, "We've had to literally train him, as families have all over this city for decades, in how to take special care in any encounter he has with the police officers who are there to protect him." You see, if a person like you or I made this statement, in the grand scheme of things, it would only make so much of an impact. However, when a man like the mayor, who has been elected by the people and who is essentially the commander-in-chief of the NYPD makes a statement like this, it sends shockwaves

and ripples throughout the communities and institution, alike.

It's an uncomfortable and inconvenient elephant in the room, called "Truth" for the NYPD that every one knows is there, but are expected to pretend that it's just part of the furniture. When you are an individual in power who makes a conscious decision to identify, expose and confront injustice in an institution you command, there will be backlash. There are those who hate the truth, hate the people who speak the truth; all the while accusing those very same people of spreading and inciting hate. They also hate the idea of change because those two concepts, truth and change, carry the implications of admitting that you were not only wrong, but wrong for a very long time. When you have built your entire identity of privilege as an institution on being wrong, the prospect of facing the truth that you need to change is terrifying. People have killed for less.

However, here is the truth: We have not had one case of rioting, looting or burning down of property in New York. Not one! All we have had since the Garner situation is peaceful protest. I'm talking about en masse not isolated incidents where two officers were attacked by a handful of people. An outsider from another state took matters into his own hands and committed this atrocity, not the protesters who marched for social justice and equality under the law, not Al Sharpton or Mayor de Blasio. The truth is that the protests are not about anti-police, they are about anti-brutality.

US embargo, a failed policy

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cians who argued that we should punish Castro for curtailing human rights and mistreating prisoners in Cuban jails elsewhere contend that the United States is justified in mistreating our own prisoners in Cuban jails.

Imagine a U.S. president faced, as Castro was, with over 400 assassination attempts, thousands of episodes of foreign-sponsored sabotage directed at our nation's people, factories and bridges, a foreign-sponsored invasion and fifty years of economic warfare that has effectively deprived our citizens of basic necessities and strangled our economy.

The Cuban leadership has pointed to the embargo with abundant justification as the reason for economic deprivation in Cuba.

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Perhaps the best argument for lifting the embargo is that it does not work. Our 60-plus year embargo against Cuba is the longest in history and yet the Castro regime has remained in power during its entire duration.

Instead of lifting the embargo, different U.S. administrations, including the Kennedy administration, have strengthened it without result. It seems silly to pursue a U.S. foreign policy by repeating a strategy that has proved a monumental failure for six decades. The definition of insanity is repeating the same action over and over expecting different results. In this sense, the embargo is insane.



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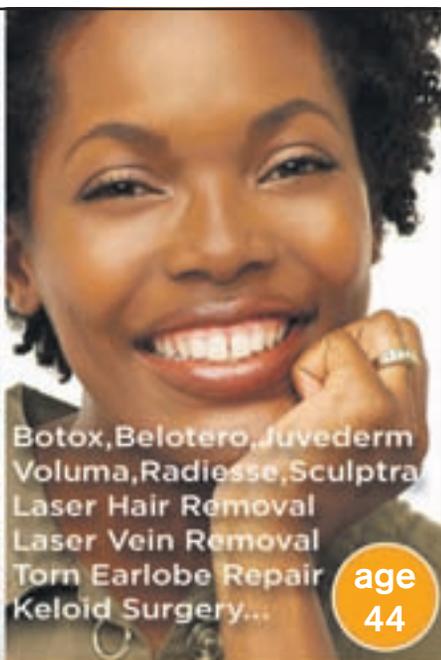
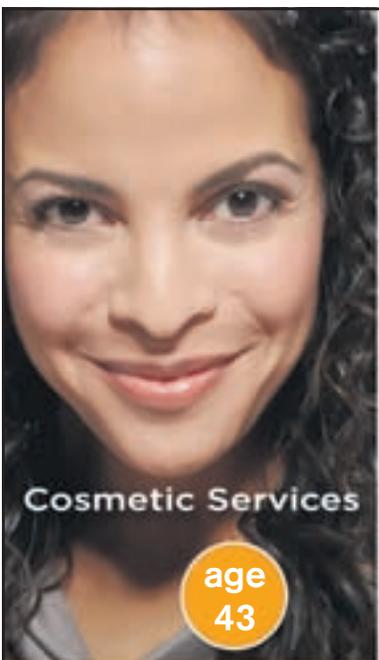
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That is better than the oil-rich Trinidad and Tobago, which came out at 71, Barbados, 73, and the Dominican Republic 76. Only Costa Rica and Mexico ranked higher than Jamaica in Latin America did and the Caribbean did.

Forbes, a leading international business magazine, determined the Best Countries for Business by grading 164 nations on 11 different factors: property rights, innovation, taxes, technology, corruption, freedom (personal, trade and monetary), red tape, investor protection and stock market performance.

Forbes said each category was equally weighted. The report was compiled and using published reports, including the World Bank is Doing Business Report and the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report.

St. Lucia

Tourism officials in St. Lucia have released the identity of the cruise ship visitor who collapsed and died while shopping at a La Place Carenage duty free mall recently.

Daniel Braccio of Brooklyn, New York, believed to be in his late 60s or

early 70s, is the second visitor to have died within one week in St. Lucia.

Braccio was a passenger aboard the Queen Mary II which had been berthed in Port Castries on Dec. 26, 2014.

He is believed to have suffered a heart attack.

Suriname

The Police Naval Unit says it has rescued four fishermen who spent almost 12 hours floating in the Atlantic Ocean recently.

The police said they had been informed that the fishing boat, Natasha, had encountered choppy waters near the mouth of the Copename River, causing the engine to shut down.

The Unit said the unidentified men were found in the ocean after the boat sank. Two of the fishermen were wearing vests and the two others were clinging to ice boxes.

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How to keep kids healthy this winter

Right now as the second half of the school year gets into full swing, so does the peak flu season.

Parents know that along with library books, art projects and worksheets, their kids often bring home a ton of germs. As students travel on the school bus, sit in the cafeteria, and participate in classroom studies, they can pick up viruses and bacteria. By simply touching their desks and lunch tables and swapping school supplies with classmates, kids are likely to bring home germs from school, and then spread them to family members.

“Visiting Nurse Associations provide critical support in flu prevention

through immunization clinics and providing educational resources to families, caregivers, schools and community centers,” said Tracey Moorhead, president and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Associations of America. “With school back in session and flu season looming, it is important for parents to be aware of germs that can pass from school to home, and everywhere in between.”

Seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That’s why it’s important for parents to start taking preventative steps to stop the spread of germs that

can cause cold and flu now, so they are prepared for flu season when it is at its worst.

To keep kids healthier at school and prevent them from bringing viruses and bacteria home, follow these germ-fighting tips:

- The elbow cough — Teach kids to cough into elbows, not hands, since hands are more likely to spread bacteria and viruses through touch.
- Reach for disinfecting wipes — The CDC recommends disinfecting surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu. It is important for parents to wipe germ hot spots around the house that are

touched most frequently like door-knobs, light switches, faucets, high chairs or plastic toys with a household disinfectant.

- Make hand hygiene fun — Make sure kids wash their hands the right way. They should wash frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing the “Happy Birthday” song twice).
- Stay home when sick — Schools can be petri dishes of learning. If possible, keep kids home from school when they are sick to help prevent teachers and classmates from catching their illness.

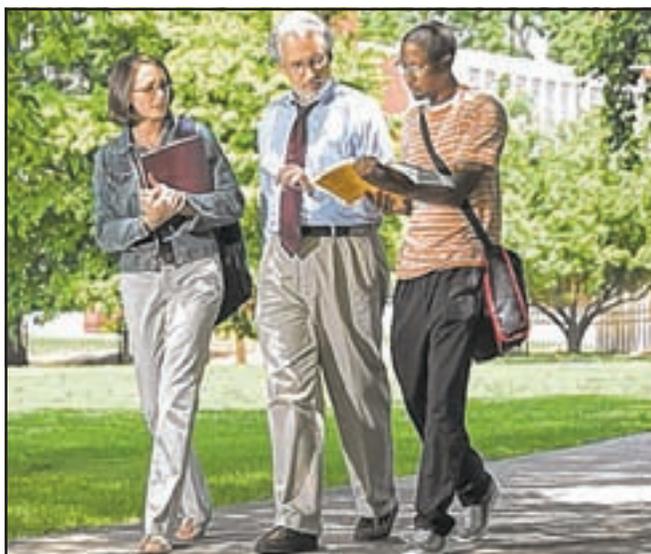
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College graduates earn approximately \$17,500 more than adults without a degree, and they are more likely to be employed than their less-educated counterparts, according to the Pew Research Center. Despite these advantages, more than 31 million people started college in the last 20 years, but did not graduate. In fact, 4 million adults have completed at least two years of college, but have not earned a college degree or certificate.

Family or personal responsibilities and military service

are just some of the reasons students "opt out" of their education. And the thought of going back to school can be overwhelming. Madeleine Slutsky, vice president of career and student services at DeVry University, has advice for those who want to return to school.

"Every college and university is unique. There is no 'one

size fits all' institution," she said. "Those looking to go back to school must research options to identify which will help them achieve both their academic and career goals. Breaking the journey down into actionable steps will help the decision-making process."

Slutsky offers some advice:

Begin by researching your field of interest. Use a resource like O-Net, which includes a career assessment tool to help students explore a range of career directions.

Researching schools can be daunting. Create a list of pros and cons of each to help narrow your search. Assess each institution's degree programs, faculty, student organizations and flexible learning options to identify those that best align with your education and career objectives.

- Seek school and career advice

Connect with friends, family members or acquaintances who are employed in your ideal career field. Their academic experiences will help you identify the qualities your ideal degree program possesses. Or use LinkedIn to expand your professional reach with those in the field you are considering.

- Assess credit-transfer opportunities

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"Stressed out and distracted drivers mixing with crowds of school kids can be a recipe for disaster," said James Fults, vice president, personal insurance auto for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. "School zones can be difficult to navigate for drivers, many of whom are running late, might be receiving important work e-mails or calls on their smart phones, and trying to have last-minute conversations with their kids before they dash off for the day."



In fact, as many as one in six drivers in school zones were reported as distracted in a 2009 national study of driving behavior around middle schools. The study was conducted in 15 states by the Safe Routes to School organization, which works to increase safety and reduce traffic around schools. Cell phones and electronics were identified as the leading distractors, followed by eating, drinking and smoking. Other distractions included reaching and looking behind the driver's seat, grooming and even reading.

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US group launches breakfast program



Grenada's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell. Associated Press / Miraflores Press, Francisco Batista, HO

Grenada, Taiwan compact

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) _ Grenada's prime minister says the eastern Caribbean island will only have to pay half of a \$22 million debt it owes Taiwan.

Keith Mitchell said late Monday that the government of Taiwan agreed to a payment plan for loans it awarded over a 10-year period.

Taiwan's Export-Import Bank had been seeking to recover \$22 million from Grenada for loans taken out for a sports stadium, road construction projects and other developments.



From left, Chauncey Lee, secretary of GJFA, Saran Nurse, member, Yvonne Pearson, advisor to the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs, Claire Bristol, Roger Harper, retired Maj. Sharon Granger, Quado Vancooten, Mashabo headmaster, Toshao Joseph James, Carole Bishop and Retired Col. Fairbairn E. Liverpool.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke.

By Tangerine Clarke

Students of Mashabo Primary School in the rural Esse- quibo region of Guyana began a breakfast program, thanks to the New York-based Guyana Jamaica Friendship Association that launched the initiative on Dec. 30, at the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs in Georgetown.

Yvonne Pearson, advisor in the ministry, hailed the program as a kind gesture by the group. The advisor said she looked forward to strengthening the relationship to further serve the students.

"Even though the Ministry of Education provides a hot meal service to many of our rural villages and schools, Mashabo will greatly benefit from this program, and others that are offered, said Pearson who extended a warm welcome to the group.

"We especially take note of this breakfast program and we do hope it will continue, adding 'it is a great that Guyanese living abroad remember us at home.

"I am also pleased to see one of our former cricketers, Roger Harper, here to present cricket gear to the students of Mashabo. On behalf of the Ministry of

Amerindian Affairs, thank you," she added.

Members of GJFA, Claire Bristol, RN, Saran Nurse and secretary Chauncey Lee, RN, who traveled from the U.S. to make the presentation, extended greetings from president Dr. Frank A. Denbow whose vision Lee said it was to adopt a school in Guyana, and chose Mashabo to receive the assistance.

"Dr. Frank A. Denbow visited Guyana last year after the organization was founded in

January, 2013, and felt that GJFA should sponsor a breakfast program. He also saw the kids playing cricket in the school yard with makeshift gear, and felt that they should receive the proper equipment for the sport," said Lee.

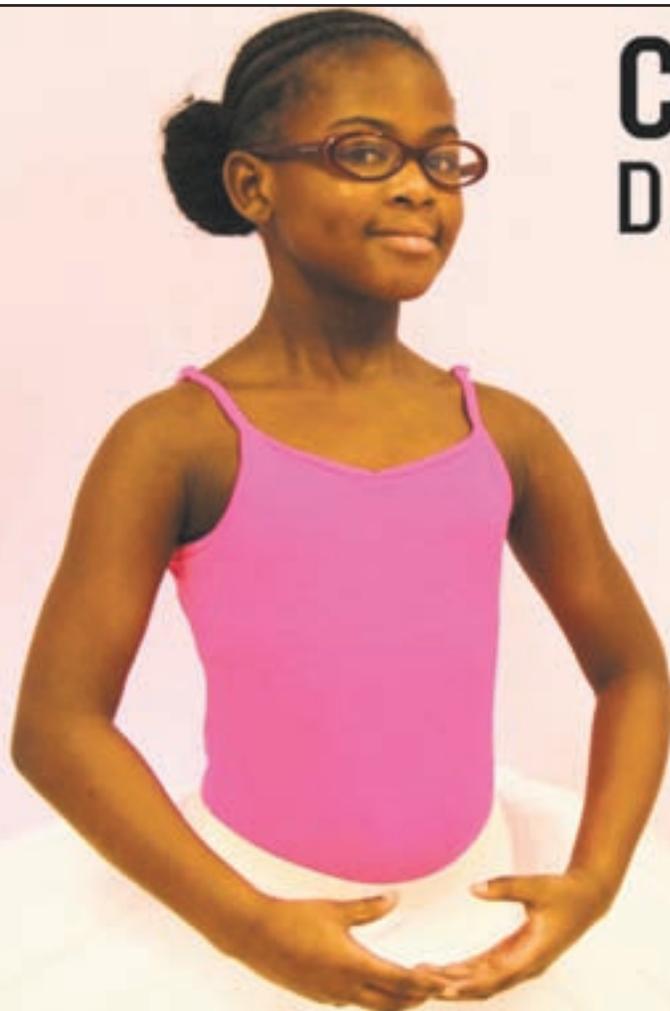
"We are looking forward to working closely with the ministry and headmaster, Mr. Vancooten, to enhance this program and to keep the children in the Mashabo region well nourished. Without a healthy body, minds cannot function

properly," said Lee.

Lee, a registered nurse, pledged that the organization's future initiative would include a health program to better serve the students.

She added that GJFA would work diligently to host three major fundraising events to carryout its work.

"On behalf of our president, Dr. Frank A. Denbow, I would like to thank everyone who came out. We look forward to your continued support," said Lee.



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We Remember Haiti: A full day of events, Jan. 12

By Tequila Minsky

Jan. 12 will be the five-year anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Haiti when hundreds of thousands perished or were injured. This milestone anniversary is not going unnoticed in New York.

To commemorate and look toward positive change for the island nation still recovering, a full day of “We Remember Haiti” presentations and workshops will take place on Jan. 12 at 1199SEIU, 310 West 43rd St.

“Getting Started With Our Movement: Organizations Businesses and the Individual” leads off the day’s all-free events in the Art Gallery at 10:00 a.m.

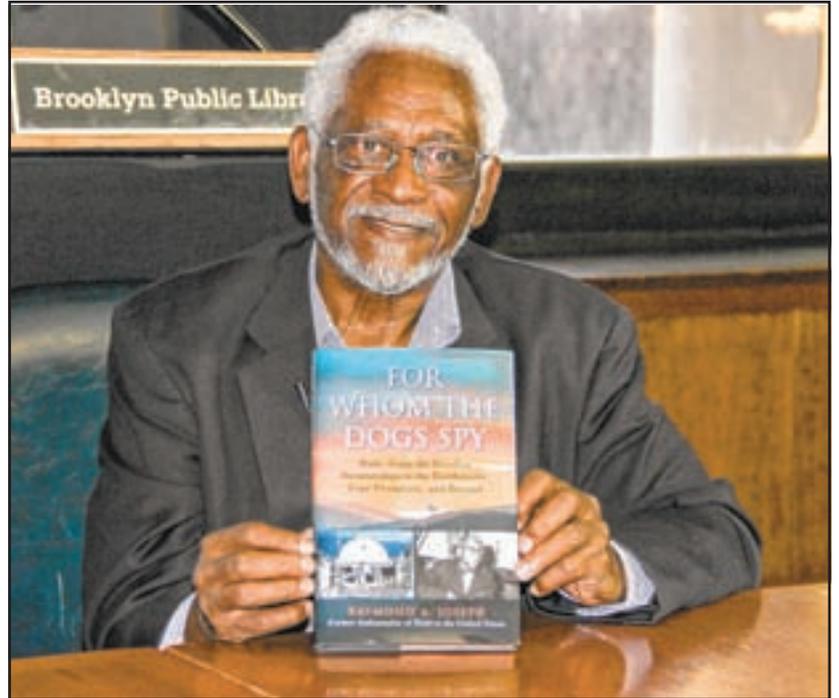
The welcome evening reception from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium will open with jazz ensemble Buyu Amboise Quartet.

Interspersed with the evening presentations about relief, investing, women’s empowerment and a tourism video, musicians Sherlee Sky and Marc Mathelier will perform. Modern dancer Maxine Montilus is also on the program.

In the Art Gallery during the late morning, there will be a brainstorming session followed by a “Haiti Uncovered” book signing with Nadege Fleurimond, followed by an investment in Haiti seminar.

At 3:30 p.m., former Haitian ambassador to the U.S. and former publisher of Brooklyn-based Haiti Observateur Ray Joseph will sign his just-published book “For Whom The Dogs Spy.”

The non-fiction book covers from 1957, when dictator Papa Doc Duvalier



At 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, at “We Remember Haiti,” former Haitian Ambassador to the U.S. and former publisher of Haiti Observateur, Ray Joseph will sign his just published book “For Whom The Dogs Spy.” Photo by Tequila Minsky

came to power to the present, up to the October 2014 death of Baby Doc in Haiti. (The two were collectively in power for 30 years.)

Joseph introduced some of the contents at a preview book signing at the Brooklyn Public Library, this past weekend.

Joseph was ambassador in Washington when the earthquake occurred and he spoke about how he facilitated activities from the U.S. end during the

first couple days when communication was so compromised and the president was incommunicado.

He decided to write the book after a meeting with President Preval months later in August 2010 when Joseph felt that Preval clearly misunderstood his background as an anti-dictator dissident. (Joseph registered to run as president during the 2010 election cycle but was deemed ineligible.) The book took two years to write.

Canadian top cop boasts Jamaican heritage

By Vnette K. Pryce

Jamaica-born Devon Clunis is the chief of police of one of Canada’s largest cities. Committed to diversity in leadership, Manitoba’s largest city in one of Canada’s 10 provinces named the immigrant Caribbean national head of Winnipeg’s security forces to decide police behavior in Manitoba’s capital city.

In naming the history-making police chief, Mayor Sam Katz described Clunis to be of “uncompromising character as a member of the Winnipeg Police Service.”

“I welcome his appointment to this very important role,” he added.

Despite the fact, Winnipeg’s Black population is merely 1.67 percent, and only 1,465 immigrants from Guyana and Jamaicans represent a lesser amount of 1,435, the city of more than one million named Clunis the first Black police chief.

“I applied to become a police officer simply because I wanted to make a difference,” 48-year-old Clunis said.

He explained that he “applied for the chief position because I thought it was really important that the person taking over should have a great understanding of our organization and the city instead of just simply wanting to be chief.”

A resident of Winnipeg since migrating there at age 12, he added “I am passionate about the City of Winnipeg and over the course of my career I have been given great opportunities to help lead the organization.”

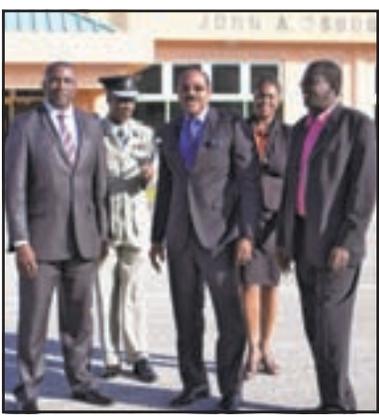
He joined the force in 1987 and at the time felt he wanted to improve the image of Blacks who are perceived perpetrators rather than law enforcers. His rise through the ranks positioned him as a patrol officer and also placed him

in numerous positions working with departments specializing in traffic, plainclothes investigation, community relations, organizational development and city-wide operational command.

“Every position for which I have applied was done simply because I felt there was a need to serve the organization and our citizens.”

His last position as superintendent before taking the helm of the Winnipeg Police Service two years ago enabled him to supervise a four-division development support branch. The 27-year veteran is also the police service chaplain.

On his appointment Clunis said during his tenure he wants to focus on crime prevention. He explained that he intends to improve relations between the police and the community while tackling the root causes of crime.



Premier Donaldson Romeo (left) meets PM Gaston Browne at the John Osborne Airport in Montserrat. Photo courtesy of Gov’t of Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua, Montserrat bolster closer ties

By Nelson A. King

Just months into their first term in office, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne, and the Premier of Montserrat, Donaldson Romeo, have pledged to forge closer ties between their governments and peoples, according to reports.

On Monday, Browne, accompanied by Permanent Secretary Amb. Colin Murdoch, paid a “goodwill and friendship” visit to Montserrat, according to an Antigua and Barbuda government statement.

During the visit, Browne was introduced to members of Montserrat’s Cabinet, and toured the Montserrat Museum, sand mining operations in Belham, the Geothermal Project, the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, the Marine Village and the sports center.

Browne also received a helicopter tour of the Soufriere Hills volcano and surrounding areas, the statement said.

“I am delighted to welcome our prime minister from Antigua and Barbuda to Montserrat and to officially advise him that Montserrat is open for business – seeing the old and the new and to witness the start of our project called ‘Ash to Cash’, which will involve the immense volume of sand available in Montserrat from volcanic activity that will be beneficial to Antigua and Barbuda in the near future,” Romeo said.

“Today’s visit signals the start of new and improved relations between our two countries,” he added.

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(StatePoint) New Year's Resolutions are easier to make than to keep, especially when it comes to dieting. While life can often seem at odds with your health and fitness goals, there are plenty of ways to avoid common pitfalls this New Year and stay on the weight loss track.

- **Snack and drink smart:** When you're one-the-go, easy protein-packed snacks will help you stay on track. Try beef jerky, low-fat string cheese, or 100 calorie packs of almonds. Fiber-rich whole-grains, fruits and vegetables can also help keep hunger at bay.

- **Calories from drinks add up fast.** Stick with dry wines, as they often have fewer calories than sweeter varieties. Light beers, with approximately 100 calories for every 12 ounce serving, are also a good choice. If you prefer cocktails, use calorie-free mixers, such as seltzer with 1.5 oz. of spirits.

- **Make it easy:** Dieting should be easy. Most people often complain they fail at diets because they need to constantly count calories, or weigh and measure foods.

- **Look for programs that help you stick to your goals** by offering convenience and support. For example, Nutrisystem helps with the hard part -- the counting, weighing and measuring -- by offering pre-portioned and personalized meal plans designed to fuel individuals

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- **Eat out, right:** Eating out is sometimes unavoidable. Just be sure to check out a restaurant's nutrition information online before you go, so you can make wise choices.

- **Make substitutions like salad,** with dressing on the side, instead of fries and don't be afraid to ask if a menu item can be modified. Also, be mindful of portion sizes. Take half your meal home and enjoy it for tomorrow's lunch.

- **Facing the scale:** Weight fluctuates throughout the day. Weigh yourself at the same time of day in similar weight clothing to get the most accurate readings. Remember though, the number



Look for weight loss programs, like Nutrisystem, that help you keep your goals by offering convenience and support. Photo courtesy of Statepoint

on the scale won't always reflect your hard work. Focus instead on healthy, positive changes and how you feel.

- **Aim for 30:** Squeeze 30 minutes of activity into your day. Walk during lunch, jump rope during your favorite

nightly TV show or turn on music and dance around the house.

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Funding homeland projects

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Crown Heights Educational Centers in Brooklyn, “who graciously allowed us the use of space at one of the centers so we can collect, store, organize and pack relief supplies to be shipped home for those who suffered in the storm and were in need of our help.”

Actually, observers and relief workers had described the center as the “ground zero” for relief supplies to be shipped home.

Walters also expressed gratitude to Gideon “Fessie” Yorke, owner of Standard Shippers, on Clarendon Road in Brooklyn, “who did all in his power to ensure that we were able to move the supplies in a timely manner.”

“Mention must also be made of persons who volunteered to serve on the Committee,” the Counsel General said. “You gave your time generously; and, for this, we are thankful.

“To all those who donated monies and supplies, we thank you,” he added, reiterating that, from the monetary donations received, the Committee contributed US\$20,000 to the relief effort, “with a reserve of US\$8,000 to build on for any such need in the future, God forbid!”

Referring to figures provided by the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), Walters said, as a result of destruction by the storm, 15 new houses were built at Fitzhughes, 12 at Cumberland and 10 at Hope on the

Leeward side of mainland St. Vincent; and eight each were built at South Rivers and Colonarie, 10 at Langley Park and six at Caratal on the Windward side.

Additionally, he said another 60 houses were rebuilt “on the spot where they once stood”, and 300 were repaired.

Walters said five persons are still in shelter at Rillan Hill on the Leeward side, awaiting re-location.

Furthermore, he said an additional EC\$24,000,000 in materials was distributed to families and individuals to aid in repairing damaged houses.

Walters said another 75-100 houses are still to be re-located, “as these are presently sitting in river valleys and other areas where future damage is possible,” basing the estimate from NEMO information.

At the same time, he said a total of 28 bridges were affected in which 14 were “destroyed and 14 severely damaged.”

Currently, Walters said five bridges are being rebuilt on the Leeward side, with assistance from Ecuador – at Hope, Fitzhughes and Sharpes (in the town of Chateaubelair).

On the Windward side, he said one bridge is being replaced in Bailey, Georgetown, one at Caratal is being rebuilt, and another at Basin Hole has been completed.

Walters used the occasion to urge his compatriots to “continue to work together, despite whatever differences may exist between us.”

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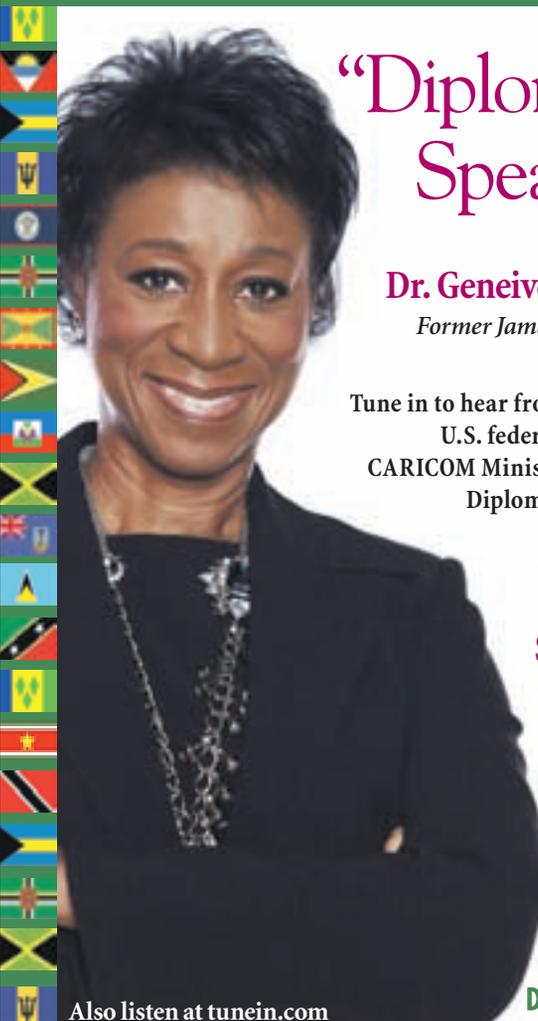
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'Nesta's Rock' Musical to Rock The Rock

A musical tribute to reggae icon Robert Nesta Marley is slated to run from Jan. 9 to Jan. 22 at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.

"Nesta's Rock," an original musical inspired by Marley's childhood will be showcased at the Philip Sherlock Centre for the Creative Arts at the Mona campus and follows a young boy, named Ness, who grows up in Kingston with big dreams.

Those dreams are ridiculed by his friends and he soon finds himself on a magical journey. Parodying Marley's youth the storyline loosely based on the legend's early beginnings finds Ness transported to the whimsical farming village of Nine Miles – the actual birthplace of the reggae icon.

The musical is co-written by Jamaicans Samantha Chin Yee and Jodi Ho Lung who are members of the Jamaica Musical Theatre Company (JMTC).

The production will be choreographed by Tony Wilson, artistic director of The Company Dance Theatre.

Some of Marley's popular



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

tracks will be included in the production. Fans may revel to "Trench Town Rock," "Redemption Song" and "Could You Be Loved."

There is a buzz that Cedella Marley, eldest daughter and CEO of the Marley Group of Companies has endorsed the project and is enthusiastic about bringing it stateside.

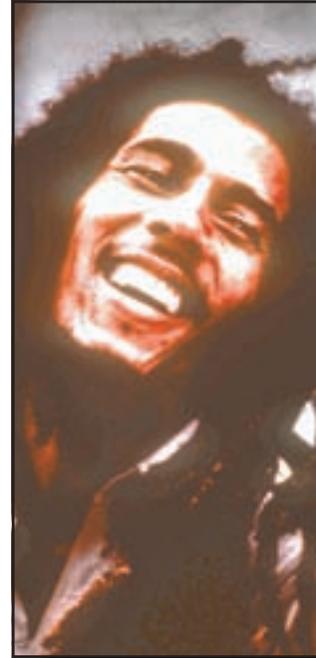
"Over the past two years we at the JMTC have really been working on taking Brand Jamaica to an international audience through our productions," the producers said. "We have been adding Jamaican elements to our performances."

"The decision by Tuff Gong to come to us regarding this production is just perfect timing, and together we are looking to get Broadway's attention with 'Nesta's Rock.'"

Since Marley's death May 11, 1981 at age 36, his legacy has

endured with major anniversary concerts each decade. His 50th was marked with a marathon concert at 56 Hope Road where he lived and recorded many of his hits. The concerts attracted international press and fans that flew to the island from as far away as Zimbabwe, Africa. Marley's 60th birthday anniversary, celebrated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa, billed "Africa Unite," included an art exhibition, soccer matches, symposium at the United Nations there, concerts — featuring Angeliq Kidjo, Lauryn Hill, Marcia Griffith, Bob Andy, Judy Mowatt, Marley's mother Cedella Booker and the entire Marley family — Rita, Ziggy, Cedella, Rohan, Stephen, Damian, Sharon, Stephanie, Julian and Robert.

Marley's seventh decade celebration will also be marked with numerous events planned



Robert Nesta Marley. Associated Press / Island Records

Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley.

Commemorating the Feb. 6, 1945 birth-date of the music legend, a number of significant events are planned. This year, Universal Music Group – where his discography is archived – the label has already announced plans for the release of a DVD/CD set of his 1978 concert at Boston Music Hall.

Due for a Feb. 10 release, "Bob Marley & The Wailers - Easy Skanking in Boston '78" compiles video footage of the concert filmed by a fan on June 8, 1978. Edited with added animation, the official release underscores previous bootlegged versions fans have long enjoyed.

Reportedly, previously undistributed and rare footage from Marley's private collections will be included in this likely collector's item. Allegedly, the label might release others throughout the year to represent seven decades of Marley magic.

Deluxe editions of Marley's classic albums that will be augmented by rare and bonus material are also due.

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In addition to concerts and plays, the countdown has begun to a global celebration marking the 70th anniversary birthday of the king of reggae,

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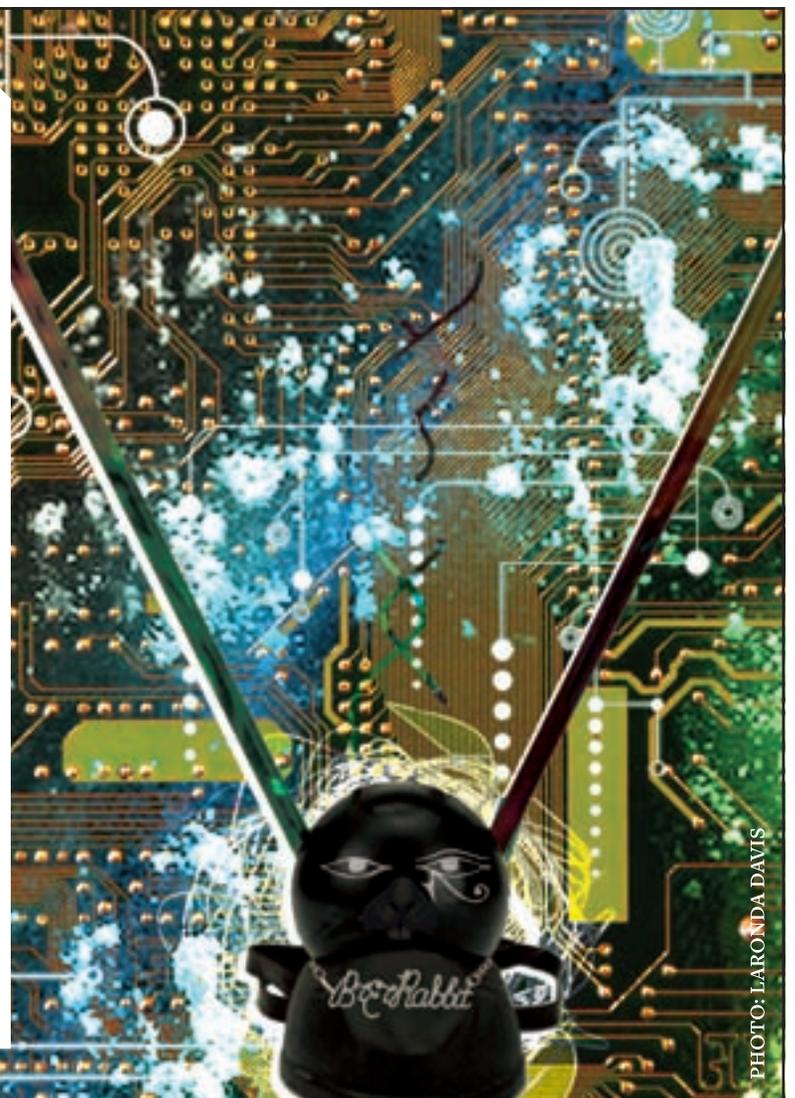


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Douglas Dunn & Dancers presents the World Premiere of "Aidos."

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World Premiere of Ados at BAM

Douglas Dunn & Dancers presents the World Premiere of Aidos at Brooklyn Academy of Music, BAM Fisher, 321 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, from Feb. 11-15, 2015. Performances from Wednesday to Saturday at 8:00 p.m and Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Aidos, a new work by Douglas Dunn, features dancing by Dunn himself, Jules Bakshi, Alexandra Berger, Emily Pope-Blackman, Jin Ju Song-Begin, Jessica Martineau, Paul Singh, Jake Szczypek, and Timothy Ward to Bach Cello Suites performed live by Ha-Yang Kim, with

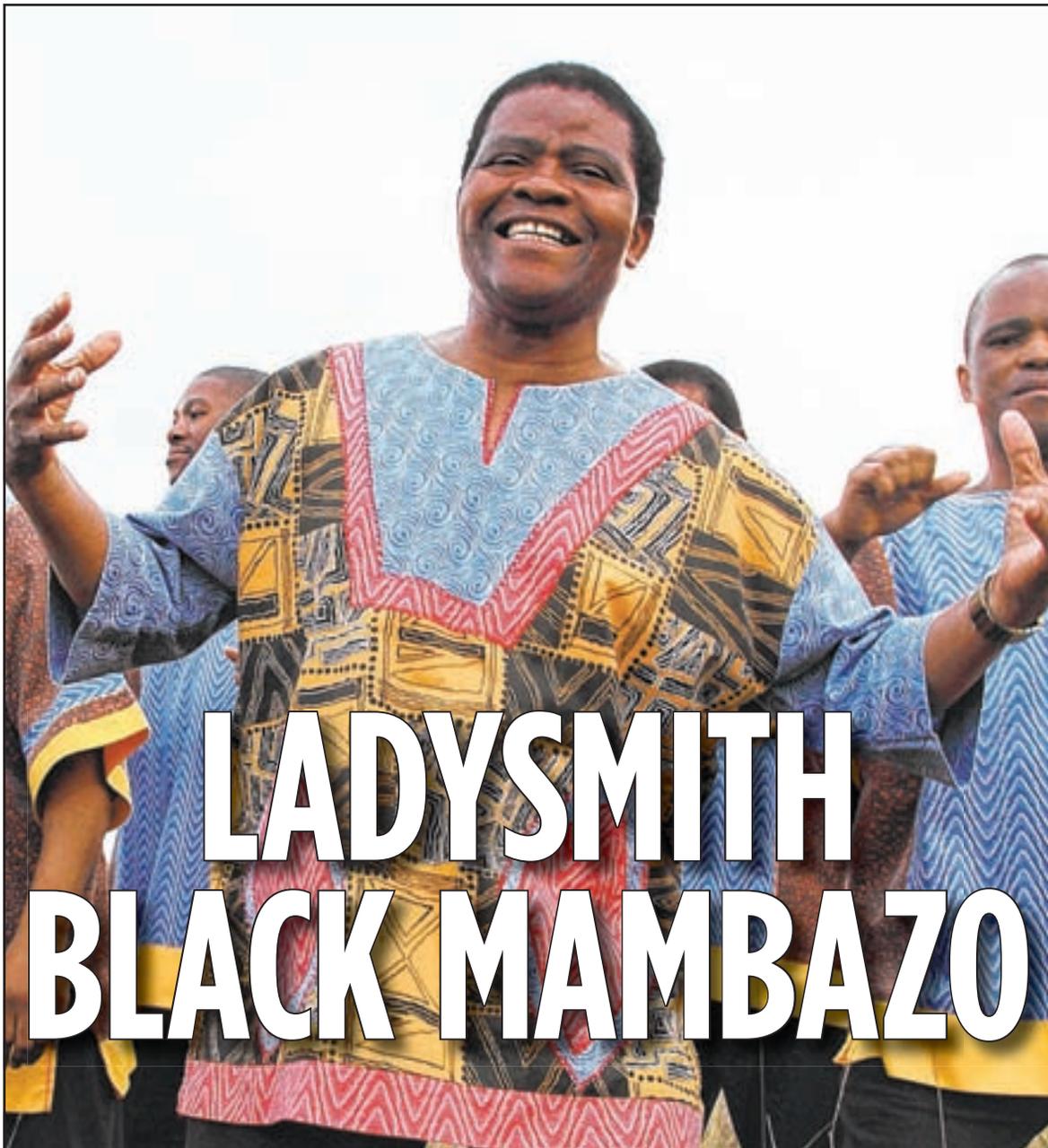
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With kisses to Africa

By C. Harrison

Implemented and created for the purpose of helping the people of Africa, "Reggae Loves Africa," hit the airwaves and social medias, with a bang. It was inspired with pure love for Africa. With this in mind, its producer researched, found some of the best African reggae songs sung by some of the most dynamic and intriguing reggae music icons, in the Reggae Music Industry to put this compilation together to produce a slice of history. Moreover, because of

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LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

Ladysmith Black Mambazo founder and leader Joseph Shabalala.

A Con Edison Music Masters Series event

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College continues its 60th Anniversary Season with an evening of joyous and uplifting music by South Africa's Grammy Award-winning Ladysmith Black Mambazo on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30-\$40 and can be purchased at BrooklynCenter.org or by calling the box office at 718-951-4500 (Tue-Sat, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.).

Led by founder and leader Joseph Shabalala, Ladysmith Black Mam-

bazo celebrates more than 50 years of spreading their native South African musical traditions all over the globe. With their intricate rhythms and harmonies, this a cappella vocal group has created a musical legacy that has touched a worldwide audience. Their musical efforts over the past five decades have garnered international praise and accolades.

Assembled in the early 1960s in South Africa by Mr. Shabalala, who was then a young farm boy turned factory worker, the group took the

name Ladysmith Black Mambazo. Ladysmith is the name of Mr. Shabalala's hometown, about three hours west of Durban and three hours east of Johannesburg; Black is a reference to the oxen, the strongest of all farm animals; and Mambazo is the Zulu word for chopping axe, a symbol of the group's ability to "chop down" any singing rival who might challenge them. Their collective voices were so tight and their harmonies so polished that by the end of the

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Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Independent & Foreign Films

Beloved Sisters (Unrated) Incestuous romance drama about a couple of aristocratic siblings (Hannah Herzsprung and Henriette Confurius) who opt to share when they both fall in love with poet, philosopher and playwright Friedrich Schiller (Florian Stetter). With Claudia Messner, Ronald Zehrfeld and Maja Maranow. (In German and French with subtitles.)

Black November (Unrated) Eco-thriller about a Nigerian community that takes on corrupt politicians and a multinational oil corporation in order to protect itself from spills and over-drilling. With Mickey Rourke, Wyclef Jean, Anne Heche, Kim Basinger and Akon.

Dark Summer (Unrated) Haunted house horror flick about a home alone teenager (Keir Gilchrist) who finds himself spooked by a plethora of paranormal phenomena while grounded for cyberstalking a classmate (Grace Phipps) he has a crush on. With Maestro Harrell, Peter Stormare and Stella Maeve.

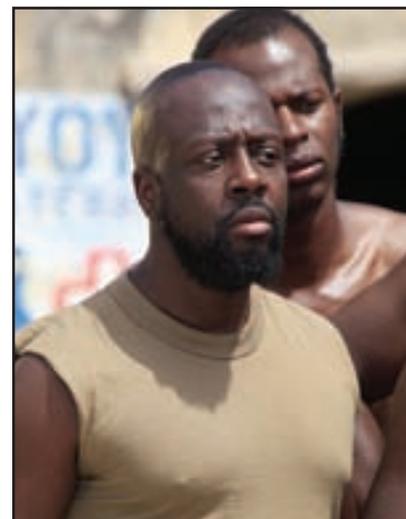
It's All So Quiet (Unrated) Poignant character study about a closeted farmer's (Jeroen Willens) struggle with his sexual identity and the meaning of life while caring for his bedridden father (Henri Garcin). Cast includes Wim Opbrouck, Martijn Lakemeier and Lies Visschedijk. (In Dutch with subtitles.)

Farewell Herr Schwarz (Unrated) Winner of the Best Documentary Prize at the Haifa International Film Festival, this cinematic journey about the Holocaust and buried family secrets illustrates how it is never too late to reclaim one's heritage. (In Hebrew, German and English with subtitles)

Ode to My Father (Unrated) Coming-of-age saga revolving around a Korean War refugee's (Jeong-min Hwang) attempt to provide for his mother (Young-nam Jang) and younger siblings as promised his dearly-departed dad. With Yunjin Kim, Dal-su Oh and Mi-ran Ra. (In Korean with subtitles)

Predestination (R for violence, profanity, nudity and sexuality) Ethan Hawke stars in this sci-fi thriller loosely based on "All You Zombies," the Robert Heinlein short story about a bartender who travels back in time to thwart a terrorist attack. Support cast includes Noah Taylor, Sarah Snook and Elise Jansen.

Preservation (Unrated) Hunters become the game horror flick about a woman (Wrenn Schmidt) whose hunting trip in the woods with her husband (Aaron Staton) and brother (Pablo Sch-



A scene from "Black November."

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reiber) turns into a harrowing nightmare when they awaken to find their belongings stolen and their foreheads ominously marked with a big "X." With Cody Saintgnue, Nick Saso and Michael Chacon.

Valley of Saints (Unrated) Romance drama, set in Kashmir, about a civil war fugitive (Gulzar Ahmed Bhat) who takes temporary refuge at a seaside village only to become torn between a new life and a new love when he falls for a mysterious scientist (Neelofar Hamid) studying the lake's pollution levels. Featuring Mohammed Afzal. (In Kashmiri with subtitles.)

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Inherent Vice (R for profanity, violence, sexuality and graphic nudity) Five-time Oscar-nominee Paul Thomas Anderson (There Will Be Blood, Boogie Nights and Magnolia) wrote and directed this adaptation of the Thomas Pynchon best-seller of the same name about a private eye's (Joaquin Phoenix) attempt to solve the mysterious disappearance of an ex-girlfriend (Katherine Waterston) and her billionaire boyfriend (Eric Roberts). Ensemble cast includes Owen Wilson, Reese Witherspoon, Josh Brolin, Maya Rudolph, Benicio del Toro and Jena Malone.

Selma (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and brief profanity) Civil Rights Era saga, directed by Ava DuVernay, chronicling the historic march led by Dr. Martin Luther King (David Oyelowo) credited with pressuring Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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A scene from the film "Unbroken."

Rotten Tomatoes

By Kam Williams

Do you remember how, "Infamous," a biopic about Truman Capote, was released right on the heels of the one entitled "Capote"? But because the latter had already received considerable critical acclaim, including an Oscar for the late Philip Seymour Hoffman, the Johnnie-come-lately had little chance of making more than a blip on the radar.

The same fate might befall

"Unbroken," a World War II saga directed by Angelina Jolie. The parallels between this picture and The Railway Man are impossible to ignore, since they both recall the real-life ordeal of a POW tortured by a sadistic, Japanese officer.

"The Railway Man," which opened last April, was based on Eric Lomax's autobiography,

and starred the charismatic Colin Firth in the title role opposite Tanroh Ishida as the sick interrogator who seemed to take pleasure in beating him mercilessly. Although Lomax would survive Singapore, he was left traumatized by the grueling ordeal, and ultimately attempted to exorcise his demons by return-

ing to Southeast Asia to track down his abuser.

The correspondingly-themed "Unbroken" was adapted from the Laura Hillenbrand's (Seabiscuit) best-seller of the same name recounting bombardier Louie Lamperini's (Jack O'Connell) struggle to survive a POW camp in Tokyo after his plane crashed in the

Pacific during a rescue mission. Because he had represented the U.S. in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, he was singled out for special mistreatment by a cruel prison guard (Takamasa Ishihara). And later in life, he would return to the Orient to try to confront that evil creep who'd singled him out for an extra measure of persecution.

"Unbroken," like "The Railway Man," even ends with a touching, closing credits photo montage featuring snapshots of both the hero and his tormentor which only added to this critic's profound sense of déjà vu. An honorable, historical drama who's primary flaw rests in its being released too soon after a more-compelling biopic revolving around similar subject-matter.

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- 2 **I'm Not The Only One**
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Maroon 5
- 4 **Love Me Harder**
Ariana Grande & The Weeknd
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Hozier
- 6 **Jealous**
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- 7 **Waves**
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TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 2 **The Young OG Project**
Fabolous
- 3 **2014 Forest Hills Drive**
J. Cole
- 4 **The Pinkprint**
Nicki Minaj
- 5 **Guardians Of The Galaxy:**
Soundtrack
- 6 **That's Christmas To Me**
Pentatonix
- 7 **FOUR**
One Direction
- 8 **Frozen**
Soundtrack
- 9 **x**
Ed Sheeran
- 10 **In The Lonely Hour**
Sam Smith



Black Mambazo

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1960s they were banned from competitions, although they were welcome to participate as entertainers.

With a discography that includes more than 50 recordings, their philosophy in the studio has been just as much about preservation of musical heritage as it is about entertainment. The group borrows heavily from a traditional music called isicathamiya, which developed in the mines of South Africa, where black workers were taken by rail to work far away from their homes and their families. Poorly housed and paid a pittance, the mine workers would entertain themselves after a six-day week by singing songs into the wee hours on Sunday morning. When the miners returned to the homelands, this musical tradition returned with them.

During the 1970s and early 1980s, Ladysmith Black Mambazo established themselves as the most successful singing group in South Africa. In the mid-1980s, Paul Simon visited South Africa and incorpo-

rated the group's rich tenor/alto/bass harmonies into his famous Graceland album - a landmark recording that was considered seminal in introducing world music to mainstream audiences. A year later, Paul Simon produced Ladysmith Black Mambazo's first worldwide release, Shaka Zulu, which won a Grammy Award in 1988 for Best Folk Recording. Since then, the group has been awarded three more Grammy Awards, including their 2013 album Live: Singing For Peace Around The World. Recorded during their World Tours of 2011 and 2012, the album won the Grammy Award for Best World Music CD for 2013.

In addition to their work with Paul Simon, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has recorded with numerous artists from around the world, including Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Etheridge, and many others. Their film work includes a featured appearance in Michael Jackson's Moonwalker video and Spike Lee's Do It A Cappella.



Members of the Ladysmith Black Mambazo will be performing at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College.

They've provided soundtrack material for Disney's The Lion King, Part II as well as Eddie Murphy's Coming To America, Marlon Brando's A Dry White Season, Sean Connery's The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, James Earl Jones' Cry The Beloved Country, and Clint Eastwood's Invictus. A film documentary titled On Tip Toe: Gentle Steps to Freedom, the story of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, was nominated for an Academy Award®. They have appeared on Broadway and have been nominated for Tony® Awards and have won

a Drama Desk Award. In more recent popular culture they have been part of such shows as Family Guy and the movie Mean Girls ("But you LOVE Ladysmith Black Mambazo").

In 2014 the group released their newest CD, Always With Us. This CD is a tribute to the group's matriarch, Nellie Shabalala, Joseph Shabalala's wife who passed away in 2002. The album is a collection of recordings Nellie did with her church choir in 2001. Ladysmith Black Mambazo recorded their voices with Nellie's songs in a beautiful tribute to her life and memory.

Ados

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design by Andrew Jordan and lighting design by Carol Mullins.

Though highly stylized and elegant, as is typical of Dunn's work, the piece allows Ados, the Greek goddess of shame, to appear as a split personality danced by two six-foot tall women, Jin Ju Song-Begin and Jessica Martineau. Their ongoing duel, juxtaposed against six more affiliated dancers, is the focal point of the general suggestion of dance display as inherently embarrassing. The beauty of the Bach Suites played live by Ha-Yang Kim and the sleek black and gold costumes by Andrew Jordan keep the mordant theme from shredding the luxuriant texture of the hour-long dance.

Douglas Dunn began presenting work in New York City in 1971. In 1976 he formed Douglas Dunn & Dancers and began touring the U.S. and Europe. In 1980 the Paris Opera and the Autumn Festival invited him to set Stravinsky's Pulcinella on the Paris Opera Ballet. He has collaborated on film and video-dances with Charles Atlas and Rudy Burckhardt. He



Douglas Dunn.
Photo by Julieta Cervantes

works with visual artists (Mimi Gross, David Ireland, Uli Gasmann, Jeffrey Schiff), composers (Joshua Fried, Bill Cole, Eliane Radigue, Alvin Lucier, Robert Ashley, Linda Fisher, John Driscoll, Ron Kuivila), poets (Anne Waldman, Reed Bye, Ruth Margraff), and lighting designer Carol Mullins, to present a multifaceted dance image. Dunn has received funds for his work from the New York State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

'Reggae Loves Africa'

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the songs' longevity and the singers' social caliber in the industry, the album resonated with everyone immediately.

According to the Album's Producer, Eisaku "Selecta A" Yamaguchi, the album was ready in December 2013, but he waited because he wanted its release to be coincided with the late President of Africa, Nelson Mandela's birthday--July 18, 2014. "The actual released date was July 15, 2014," he explained.

"All my life I wanted to do something for Africa, I think all people come from Africa. The core concept is that people in Africa needs help and reggae music, always teaches something. I voice my opinion about Africa and nobody listens to me, I am nobody. So, why not we bring some Jamaican artists together talking about Africa; using strong messages and my concept," revealed the humble Producer.

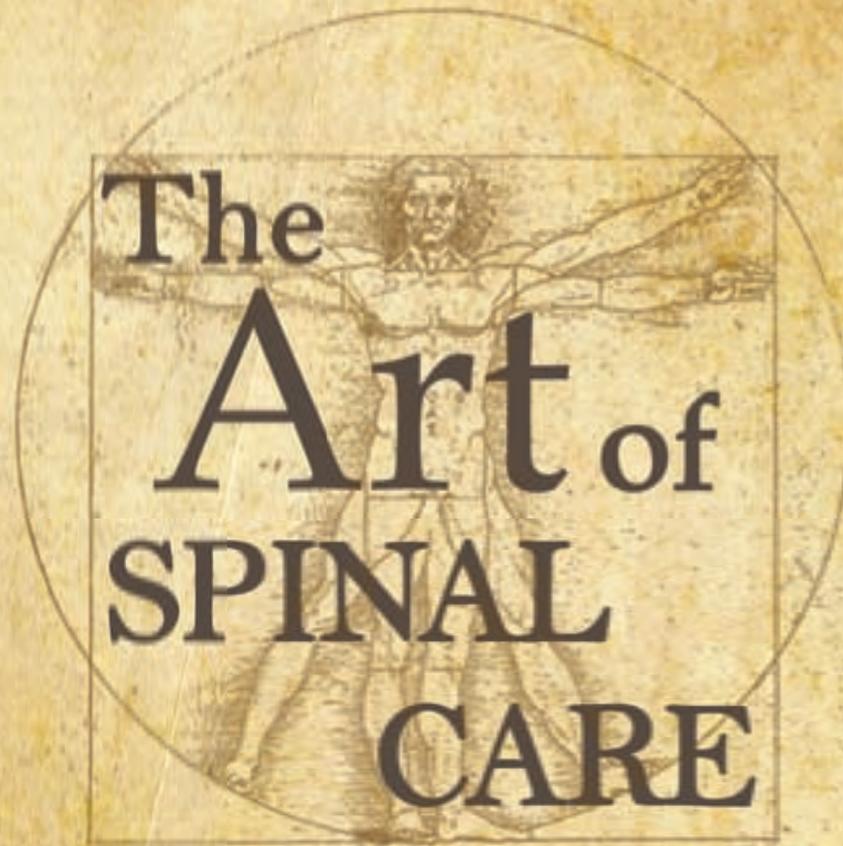
In addition, the producer also said that he wanted to show through reggae music and by putting this album together, that Jamaican reg-



Album Producer Eisaku "Selecta A" Yamaguchi.
Photo by C. Harrison

gae artists, loves Africa. He pointed out that his research saw him through 200 and something, album tracks---all about Africa, before he could choose these tracks for this project. "I chose these tracks because of their strong content," said Selecta A. He further adheres to the fact that he was looking for the strongest message in songs for the album and found that these tracks would suffice.

The album comprises 12 tracks all paying tribute to the Mother Land. Its singers include: Buju Banton, "Mama Africa," Screwdriver, "Africa," and Warrior King, "Africa Shall Be Free.



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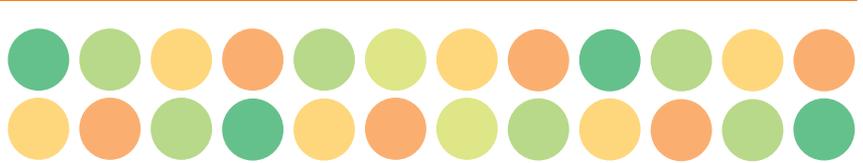


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SHOWCASE: The multi-talented Alex DeSuze returns to the Indian Road Café to host the "No Name Uptown Cabaret Second Monday" monthly singers showcase. Indian Road Café, located at 600 West 218th Street, offers an excellent wine, beer and coffee selection as well as great food from paninis to lobster mac and cheese, all amidst a warm and casual atmosphere. The next Uptown Cabaret show is scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m. with sign up beginning at 6:45 p.m. No cover, no minimum and for additional information, call (212) 942-7451. For more "No Name" information, go to nonamenyc.com.

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COMEDY

JAN. 9: No Name Comedy/ Variety Show kicks off another year of comedy, music and fun at Otto's in Manhattan at 7:00 p.m. Producer Eric Vetter's talented performers features comedian Liz Miele, comedian / television personality Amanda Seales (Huffpost Live) and a few surprises. No cover, no minimum. Otto's is located at 538 E 14th St. (Cross streets: Between avenues A and B). For more information, call (212) 228-2240 or go to: www.ottosshrunkenhead.com

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and improve circulation and respiration, plus reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Please wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing and plan to arrive 10 minutes early to settle in. Be sure to let your doctor know that you will be participating in a yoga class. The class is from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (868) 539-0999. 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411.

TUES., JAN. 13

CITY STORIES: Author and storyteller, Thomas Pryor's next CITY STORIES: STOOPS TO NUTS show is at 6:00 p.m. at the Cornelia Street Café in Manhattan. Pryor, whose memoir "I Hate The Dallas Cowboys: Tales of a scrappy New York boyhood" (YBK Publishers) was published October 2014, welcomes veteran storyteller and Chicago Moth Story Slam winner, Judith Heineman; acclaimed playwright, poet and actor, Michael Schwartz; author and Hunter College professor, Robert White; and internationally honored writer, producer and lyricist, Don Rosler to his monthly West Village showcase. The \$8.00 admission includes a free drink. Cornelia

Street Café is located at 29 Cornelia St., in New York City. Telephone: (212) 989- 9319. For information on Pryor's storytelling, writing and photography projects, including his photo book, "River To River: New York Scenes From a Bicycle," and "I Hate the Dallas Cowboys go to: <http://yorkvillestoopstonuts.blogspot.com/>

WED., JAN. 14

LITERARY SHOWCASE: The next edition of "At The Inkwell" — the popular East Village monthly literary showcase will be held at KGB Bar in NYC at 7:00 p.m. Curated by Monique Antonette Lewis, the event Fiction Night, will feature Lori A. May, Suzanne Palmieri and Kristen Feal. Founded in 2013, At The Inkwell is a New York City-based service to promote authors through feature articles, book reviews and public readings, which are held every second Wednesday of the month. KGB Bar is located at 85 E. 4th St., (2nd Floor) in Manhattan. Subway: Take the "F" train to 2nd Avenue. Admission is free and for additional information, call (347) 613-0988 or go to: www.attheinkwell.com.

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D'Brickashaw Ferguson.
Photo by Ed Yourdon

Ferguson likes make-up of team

By Robert Elkin

"We were hoping we would have another season with Rex to kind of show this wasn't representative of who we really are," said offensive tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson. He made this comment after the final game of the regular National Football League schedule.

The tackle on the New York Jets was speaking after the 37-24 victory over the Miami Dolphins to unfortunately end the season with a disappointing and miserable 4-12 record that nobody expected at the end of the exhibition

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Nine-year old breaks record

Avery Lewis is back with another record! In the Elementary A division of the nation's largest track and field series for women, the Colgate Women's Games, Avery Lewis of Friends Central scored a double win in the 55-meter run (7.8) and 200-meter run (30.0).

At the final preliminary meet held last season at NYC's Armory, Lewis created a three-way tie on the record books for an 8.0 performance in the 55 meters. The young sprinting sensation returned this season to the first preliminary meet at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and officials

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New York Red Bulls midfielder Tim Cahill, left, chases the ball against New England Revolution midfielder Jermaine Jones during the first half of the second soccer game of the MLS Eastern Conference final in Foxborough, Mass., Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014. The match ended 2-2 and New England advances with a two-game aggregate 4-3.
AP Photo/Elise Amendola

Liverpool's Gerrard off to Galaxy

By Patrick Horne

The year is just over a week old but a lot has happened so far in MLS. Teams are making moves among their technical staff, in player personnel via trades and the MLS draft,

and in administration in anticipation of yet another very competitive year in MLS. In the biggest news of the eventful week, the New York Red Bulls replaced Head Coach Mike Petke with former Montreal Impact

Coach Jesse Marsh.

On the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 7, the Red Bulls announced that Petke will not be rehired. In a later statement to the Press, Red

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Ferguson

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season and heading into the league portion of the season.

"All the players love Rex (Ryan)," he went on.

Rex is the head coach of the New York Jets, who cleared out his locker a day before the final game of the year thus knowing what the outcome of his future was going to be. On the morning after the final game, owner Woody Johnson fired Ryan along with General Manager John Idzik and will probably start from scratch.

"We've been competitive," Ferguson added. "We've been to AFC (American Football Conference) championship games. And we've been trying to get back to that."

The National Football League is divided into two Conferences — the American, of which the Jets are a member, and the National Football Conference, in which the Giants are a member. Both teams share MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

"Four wins were not enough in this league," he went on.

D'Brickashaw Ferguson is the son of Ed Ferguson, a native of Nassau, Bahamas. The family moved to Freeport, Long Island, when the football standout to be blossomed out as a youth. He did so at Freeport High School and then at the University of Virginia.

"We didn't do what was necessary to win the games this year," added Ferguson. "That's one of the reasons why we're in the position we're in now. It's about maximizing and execution. And some players just didn't execute."

Ferguson and the rest of the offensive players, including the linemen, did what they could to try for the wins, but for the most part didn't come about as many times that they wished.

The nine-year veteran speaks highly of the young players, including the new faces and especially the offensive ones who he has to help make those plays — running and receiving.

Ferguson felt very disappointed the way that most of the players performed. But he did what he could do to help quarterback Geno Smith, who completed his second year with the team. Smith completed a tremendous 20 of 25 passes for 358 yards.

"He worked so hard to be a good quarterback," Ferguson said.

He was also high on the way Chris Ivory saw action during the whole season, but the latter had to miss some time with an injury. And what a game Ferguson and Smith turned out along with the rest of their teammates did during the last contest of the season.

Ferguson is awaiting the naming of a new coach by owner Johnson.

"Our goal is to continue to improve... and take it game by game... (when the season opens again)," Ferguson added. "We know that we can be a team."



New York Red Bulls head coach Mike Petke, right, hugs forward Thierry Henry (14) after defeating Sporting Kansas City 2-1 in an MLS playoff soccer match at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, N.J., last year. Associated Press / Rich Schultz

MLS readies for competitive year

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Bulls' new Sporting Director, Ali Curtis, declared, "On behalf of the New York Red Bulls, I want to thank Mike for his service to the club these past two seasons as head coach," the new director who recently replaced Andy Roxburgh continued, "Mike will always be an important member of the Red Bull family."

Hours later on Wednesday, Curtis said this in a media conference call: "On behalf of the New York Red Bulls, I'd like to welcome Jesse aboard as our new head coach," Curtis continued, "We're excited to bring someone on who has both MLS and US Men's National Team coaching experience and we strongly believe he is the right candidate to lead our team going forward."

In his response, Marsh said, "I'm hon-

ored to be joining a franchise like the New York Red Bulls and I want to thank the organization for this opportunity," said the coach, who led the Impact to 12 wins in the club's inaugural season in 2012. "I'm excited to get going with our players and sporting staff as we prepare for the 2015 season."

Marsh - an MLS player for 14 years with DC United, Chicago Fire and Chivas USA - won three MLS Cups and four U.S. Open Cups. He also coached with the US Men's National Team, serving as Bob Bradley's assistant for the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the 2011 Gold Cup. The USMNT advanced to the knockout round in the 2010 FIFA World Cup and to the tournament final in the 2011 Gold Cup.

Petke, last season, led the Red Bulls to the Eastern Conference finals and won the 2013 MLS Supporter's Shield in his first season, the team's first such

trophy. Petke's two years were considered the most successful in club history; his record with the Red Bulls is 30-19-19 (2-3-2 in playoffs).

Also, it was announced by the club that former England international Frank Lampard, New York City FC's marquee signing, will not join the team in its inaugural season in MLS until July, missing the first four months of the campaign. Lampard will stay on in the English Premier League with NYCFC parent club Manchester City until the end of the English Premier League season. The veteran Chelsea FC (England) midfielder is scoring very important goals for Manchester City, which is atop the English Premier League and in a tight race with Chelsea for the championship title. Lampard notched five goals in his 15 appearances so far, among them a game-winner versus Sunderland on New Year's Day, which put Manchester in a tie for first place with Chelsea.

Meanwhile, there were concerns among New York City fans about NYCFC's commitment to field a very competitive team, but MLS Commissioner Don Garber, in a statement, attempted to allay fans' concerns. "I could understand why their fans are unhappy, and I do believe [NYCFC] will work hard to build back that trust," Garber told SI.com. "They've started that process already."

Out West, Coach Bruce Arena and the defending MLS champion Los Angeles Galaxy announced the signing of another former England international and Liverpool (England Premier League) legend, Steven Gerrard.

Avery Lewis

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confirm her 7.8 score breaks the three-way record for the fastest time in the games' 40-year history!

Games' officials say the confirmation of the record was delayed several days because of the holidays and access to official record keeping requirements.

Coaches, recruiters, athletes, fans and press can follow scores by division and hopeful young track stars can also find information about the program at www.colgategames.com.



Avery Lewis finishes the 55-meter in record time at the Colgate Women's Games in Brooklyn.

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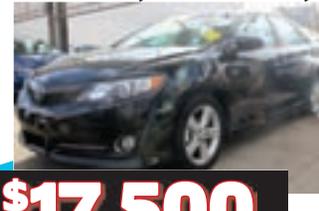
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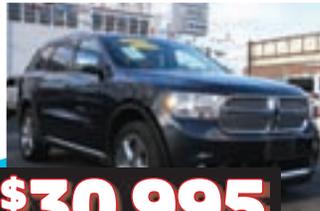
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Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Windies cricketers are not aggressive



West Indies Jason Holder, center, reacts as they take the wicket of South Africa's Dean Elgar during the third Test against South Africa in Cape Town, South Africa, Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. Associated Press / Schalk van Zuydam

Despite South Africa topping the chart as the number one team in Test cricket, the West Indies cricketers seem to restrain themselves from playing aggressively. West Indies bowling coach Curtly Ambrose has been working very hard with the bowlers but with the injury to fast bowler Kemar Roach this seems to have affected the bowling plan against the tough South African team.

Shannon Gabriel can topple South Africa

Right-arm fast bowler Shannon Gabriel who bowls up to 150K is not a big swinger of the ball but he has appreciably bounce. Gabriel must change around his delivery and bowl at times around the wicket to both right- and left-handed batsmen. The slower ball has not been used by any of the West Indies bowlers as an effective strategy.

However, the South African quick bowlers capitalised from the use of slower delivery. Morne Morkel and Vernon Philander exploited every opportunity to pick up wickets against the West Indies.

Gabriel must do much more bowling because his pace has caused some discomfort for some South African batsmen.

Jerome Taylor fell below expecta-

tions. He should have been picking up wickets much more frequently while Jason Holder seems to have skills for One-Day Cricket but not at the Test level.

Batting problems

Young Kraigg Brathwaite scored a fine century and since that innings, he never settled in to score runs frequently and freely. He has to develop playing strokes all over the wicket. He has a weakness on the off-side and he plays with angled bat without proper movement of his feet, thus leading to catches in the slips Devon Smith got some good starts and failed to carry on to good scores. Smith is fortunate to be chosen after Chris Gayle pulled out. A reasonable performance in these Test matches by Smith would have earned him consideration for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next month.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul seems to have given of his best and is about finished. West Indies Captain Denesh Ramdin needs to modify his duties as captain in the use of bowlers, field placement and putting pressure on a new batsman.

It is hoped that the West Indies cricketers would have learnt much on this tour of South Africa.

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17. Skirt's edge
18. Gung-ho
19. *_____, JosÉ and Luciano
21. *Athos, Porthos and

23. Bit of binary code
24. Again
25. Public health approver
28. To give approval in writing
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35. Hurts
37. Kind of bean
39. *Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin meeting spot
40. Genealogist's work
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52. "I ____ with my naked eye"

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60. *Chico, Harpo and
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68. Recorded
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15. Marine trade route
20. Of or relating to deism
22. Johnny _____, nickname for a Confederate

24. Twisted Sister: "We're not gonna take it _____"
25. *_____, Stinky and Stretch
26. English physicist who studied quantum mechanics
27. Make aware
29. Caused by defects in uric acid metabolism
31. Cereals or grains
32. Ink stains
33. A vacation or _____
34. *Robin, Maurice and _____ Gibb
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38. Steak condiment
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57. Ski lift
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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Unexpected news excites you, Aries. Even though you're not yet sure if the news is good or bad, you have high hopes that positive information is on the way.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you have an abundance of energy and you have to find a way to harness it for the greater good. Find a new hobby or volunteer for a local project.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Now is not a good time to make significant financial decisions, Gemini. You have to make changes when the time is right, and you will know when that day arrives.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your mood is uplifting to those around you. Maintain this optimistic outlook in the weeks ahead, and good fortune is bound to come your way.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, don't be afraid to accept a helping hand at work. Seek help from others if no offers are immediately forthcoming. Explore all of your networking possibilities.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Keep an extra-sharp mind this week, Virgo, as there isn't anything you cannot accomplish if you put your mind to it. Try tackling those big projects that you have been avoiding.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a problem with no obvious solution has you seeing both sides of the argument. Dwell on things for a little while longer, and the solution will eventually come to you.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are planning some big moves and you are bound to have a number of supporters behind you. Others want you to succeed so take an opportunity and run with it.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Take extra care with projects at work, Sagittarius. A difficult problem may arise, and a careful approach to the tasks at hand can help you nip that problem in the bud.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you will forge a new relationship this week, and it may lead to a solid friendship that lasts a number of years. Feelings are bound to get more intense.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
This is a great week for brainstorming, Aquarius. Once you have a few solid ideas, put your plans into motion. At least one should pan out quite well.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Someone is trying to steer you in one direction, Pisces. Politely decline if that direction is the opposite of what you want to do.

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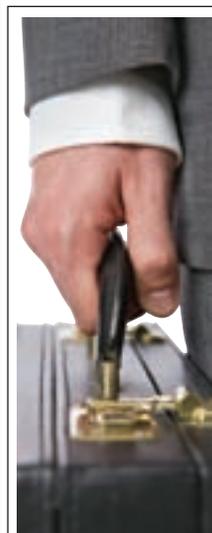
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issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/Application on file with the Court. The notice should appear before 1-15-15 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court. Assistant Clerk Jason Lavallo Date signed 11-21-14.

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CITATION File No. 2007-87/B PA. No. 142409 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Iris Beatty Simmons, Hettie Brown, Naomi Martindale, Venus Martindale Apatu, Dalton Simmons, House of Hills Funeral Home, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration. The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of AMY PHILIPA ARTHUR, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent

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to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of AMY PHILIPA ARTHUR, the decedent herein, whose names and/or places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on January 27, 2015, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of AMY PHILIPA ARTHUR, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid its commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$46,325.56, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Adminis-

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trator of Kings County should not be paid its administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$14,930.23, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$84,651.14 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$1,296.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the New York City Human Resources Administration, Dalton Simmons and House of Hills Funeral Home, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (g) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or

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for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (h) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, December 5, 2014 HON. Margarita López Torres, Surrogate Doreen A Quinn Chief Clerk Joseph J. Borges, Esq. Cullen and Dykman LLP 44 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-2407 212-701-4175 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

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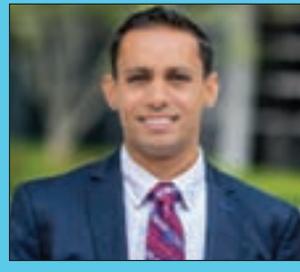
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