

Prime ministerial candidate, Moses Nagamootoo and presidential candidate David Granger share a happy moment at a March 22 Town Hall meeting in South Ozone Park,

Coalition promises a united Guyana

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyana presidential candidate David Granger has promised compatriots that they would enjoy the same good life they have in America if they return to their homeland.

"We want you to take your

children and grand-children back to your villages and comyou grew up," said Granger who assured the nationals shared governance.

Accompanied by prime ministerial candidate Moses Nagamunities and show them where mootoo, the politicians were welcomed with a resounding "we want change and we want that there would be safety and it now," at a March 22 town security under the APNU+AFC hall meeting set against the

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POLICE CAUSE CHAOS

Amid stalled labor talks in T&T

By Bert Wilkinson

There are very few officers in Trinidad's police system who could try to convince locals that a country-wide system of coordinated roadblocks the force sprung upon citizens during rush hour on Monday morning was not an act of spite or vindictiveness designed to pressure authorities to meet demands for increased salaries.

The roadblocks, manned clearly by police acting in slow motion, demanding to

see documents of motorists, snarled traffic for miles, forcing the cancellation of dozens of international flights as crews, passengers and even catering trucks were left stranded in traffic.

Dozens of schools, commercial banks, and other public and private sector agencies were forced to close for the day as few employees and customers showed up for classes or work. And many hundreds of school students scheduled

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From left, Laurie Cumbo, social worker Haitian-American Joanne Smith and Councilman Jumaane Williams. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Shirley Chisholm's Women of Distinction

By Tequila Minsky

The assembled in the Brooklyn Library's Dweck Auditorium were raucous, at times.

They are the supporters of the honorees for the Shirley Chisholm Women of Distinction awards, women all excelling in their fields—community leadership, communication or entrepreneurship.

Last year, Councilman Jumaane Williams launched this award ceremony fittingly named for Brooklyn's amazing Shirley Chisholm whose legacy is grit, leadership and integrity. Held on March 20, the Women's Month celebration is a tribute to those who follow in Chisholm's footsteps.

Shirley Chisholm served for seven terms — 1969 to 1983 — in Brooklyn's 12th Congressional District, much of which is Bedford-Stuyvesant. She was the first African-American woman elected to Congress.

Laurie Cumbo co-directed the evening's proceedings with fellow council member Williams, bringing youthful energy to what felt like one big community gathering.

The need for more women elected to public office was part of the keynote address from City Council President Melissa Mark-Viverito who pointed out that six out of the 15 women members of City Council have terms expiring in the next election cycle. "We need a crop ready to run."

Congresswoman Yvette Clark was called upon, the only Black woman in the New York delegation to Congress. Her district encompasses in part what was Shirley Chisholm's — the other part is represented by Hakim Jefferies.

"I get inspiration to push forward in a hostile environment," she said on her return visits to Brooklyn and being among those who elected her. About Congress and its increasing conservative leanings, "It's the belly of the beast."

Politicians honored at women's conference

By Nelson A. King

Several elected officials were recognized with congressional citations at the 4th Annual Shirley Chisholm Women's Empowerment Conference at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke honored State Assemblyman Nick Perry, State Assemblywoman Annette Robinson, Public Advocate Letitia James, New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray and Executive Vice President of 1199 SEIU Estela Vasquez at the day-long, extraordinary event, organized by Medgar Evers College.

Clarke also recognized local legislators as "Guest of Merit." They were: Jumaane Williams, Mathieu Eugene, Laurie Cumbo, Kevin Parker and Robinson.

Williams, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, and Parker, representative for the 21st Senatorial District, also in Brooklyn, were on hand to receive the award at the end of the event. The other officials were not present.

"There are a number of elected officials who have committed themselves," said Clarke, representative for the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn. "We're very proud these people have engaged our community.

"Central Brooklyn has the largest concentration of people of African descent outside of the South (southern United States)," she added. "So, let's come together in unity."

Before accepting his award, Williams, who is deputy leader and chair of the City Council's Housing Committee,



Sen. Kevin Parker receives award from Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (R) and former NYC Councilwoman Una S.T. Clarke. Photo by Nelson A. King

said, "2015 is too difficult to be Black in America.

"The same problem we have with the police department (New York Police Department) with race, we have in education," he said.

Clarke said she was "extremely,

very proud of the work of Councilman Jumaane Williams has been doing in our community."

Parker commended Clarke's mother, former New York City Councilwoman Una S.T. Clarke, for paving the way for

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CACNY, Jamaican group work on youth program

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Center of New York (CACNY) says it will again be partnering with Giving Tree Jamaica, West Indies, in presenting "another special and much-needed sevenday program" for the youth in the rural parish of St. Elizabeth.

CACNY said the program, which will run from April 13-19, will include an "after-school, summer-camp style set of activities" for up to 200 boys and girls.

The program includes sports, theater and dance for students, ages 7- 14, in the New Market Community, St. Elizabeth.

Students will participate in two days of clinics conducted by coaches and volunteers, CACNY said.

At completion, students will have five days of sport tournaments and theater arts. Activities include soccer, arts and crafts, and track and field. Students will earn prizes, medals and trophies, and each participant will get camp T-shirts and afterschool snacks, CACNY said.

"Efforts are underway for a well-known Jamaican star athlete to present the medals to all winners," the group said.

It is also appealing for public support for its 2nd annual Cocktail Reception Fundraiser on March 28 at The Magnolia Tree Earth Center, 766 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn.

"Our goal is to raise funds to pay for the costs related to the shipping and port clearance of five barrels in Jamaica," CACNY said.

It is also requesting assistance with its health fair on April 19 at the end of the Jamaica program.

"CACNY appreciates any assistance to help coordinate medical professionals in the country to volunteer their time for

the day, morning or afternoon sessions," it said. "CACNY will bring pamphlet handouts for families as well as health care packages that include basic necessities, including condoms, bandages, aspirins and other basic items.

"The health fair will help to build awareness of health risks and provide information on how an individual can make behavioral changes to enhance his or her health," it added. "The Fair would be held in the school with various tables/stations set up with professionals speaking with individuals and families."

Topics include: dental care; eye testing; diabetes information and screening; STD awareness with condom distributions; high blood pressure information and testing; nutrition and diets; CPR and first aid; elderly health issues and care; counseling; and breast self-exams.

THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda's tourism industry could receive a major boost following a recent visit by ministry officials.

Minister of Tourism Asot Michael completed his inaugural visit to Berlin, Germany during which he attended three conferences to seek new hotel investment and forge closer relationships with German tour operators and airline partners.

The minister's delegation included Ambassador Brian Challenger; Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority; Rohan Hector; Economic

Envoy for Antigua and Barbuda in Germany, Hans Kupin; new Vice President of Sales and Marketing for UK and



Europe, Jean-Marc Flambert and Director of Tourism UK & Europe, Cherrie Osborne.

The ministry said a notable achievement from the Berlin event was the commitment given by Eden Viaggi, an Italian tour operator to again have direct flights from Milan to Antigua with a year round charter with 130 seats weekly to the destination. The flight will be shared with the Dominican Republic to service their Eden Village Club and will be starting in December 2015

Bahamas

Authorities on Eluthera Island in The Bahamas arrested 28 people, believed to be Haitian migrants, after illegally landing on the island.

According to reports, police, immigration and customs officers intercepted a vessel near Palmetto Point close to midnight.

The passengers on board were unable

to present documentation proving their right to be in The Bahamas.



The men and women were flown to New Providence.

A sweep of the island was conducted to ensure no one evaded capture.

Barbados

The ruling Democratic Labor Party (DLP) has dismissed plans by Opposition Leader Mia Mottley to file a no confidence motion against Speaker Michael Carrington.

The main opposition Barbados Labor Party (BLP) filed the motion against Carrington recently in the absence of a report from the Committee of Privileges

that had examined the conduct of the Speaker, who is also an attorney, concerning his client John Griffiths.



In January, opposition legislators walked out of the Parliament demanding that the Speaker not preside over the



Climate-smarting fisheries

Vendors at the fish market in Belize. See story on page 14.

Photo courtesy of the Fisheries Department Belize City, Belize

legislature until a court matter in which he is involved is settled.

The Barbados Labor Party is very clear. The speaker ought to recuse himself from the chair until this matter is resolved," said Mottley, noting that anytime the deputy speaker is in the chair, the opposition legislators would remain.

Guyana

The Guyana government said Nepalese nationals were brought into the country for trafficking purposes and warned it will "take strong and decisive action against any person(s) involved in trafficking in persons."

The Ministry of Home Affairs said, "it is aware and is concerned about the large number of Nepalese traveling to Guyana and their purposes for traveling.'

The government said it had received intelligence reports which indicated from Oct. 14 to 17, 2014 a group of 14 Nepalese nationals, including four females were tracked down to two hotels.

"The majority of these individuals were housed in the Tourist Hotel Resort with their rooms padlocked from the outside. Further,



the tour operator revealed as to why the doors were locked from the outside in such a way," the statement said.

The Nepalese claimed to be tourists but did not engage in tourist-related activities, ministry said.

Jamaica

Monetary Fund (IMF) says Jamaica is poised to achieve increase economic growth of up to three percent over the medium term.

The IMF representative in Jamaica, Dr. Bert van Selm, said he was basing his optimism on the government's timely implementation of the Economic Reform Program (ERP), being supported by the IMF's Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

"The bottom line is that Jamai-

ca is very well poised for higher economic growth in 2015, but also over the medium term," he said.



"For the medium term, we project growth to a little higher than that, in the range of 2.5, maybe three percent," van Selm said.

Last month, the IMF praised the Jamaica government for its "resolute implementation" of its economic program designed to strengthen the foundation for growth and employment in the country.

Jamaica has a four-year US\$958 million External Fund Facility with the IMF and the island is set to receive US\$40 million in financing upon its successful seventh review of the program.

St. Lucia

Former St. Lucia Prime Minister Stephenson King has denied claims of being directly involved in the execution of "Operation Restore Confi-A senior official of the International dence," or giving police instructions to

use their firearms in an effort to bring a spate of crime under control.

King told reporters that "Operation Confidence" was intended to provide intelligence, surveillance and to cooperate with the public to suppress

"Operation Restore Confidence "was a genuine effort based on the calls of the people, to bring order to this land. As you remember during that time people were saying we need to bring crime under control," he explained.

King denied that he gave direct orders to the police to shoot and kill people between 2009-2011,



who were said to be on a blacklist. He said he only appealed to police to maintain law and order.

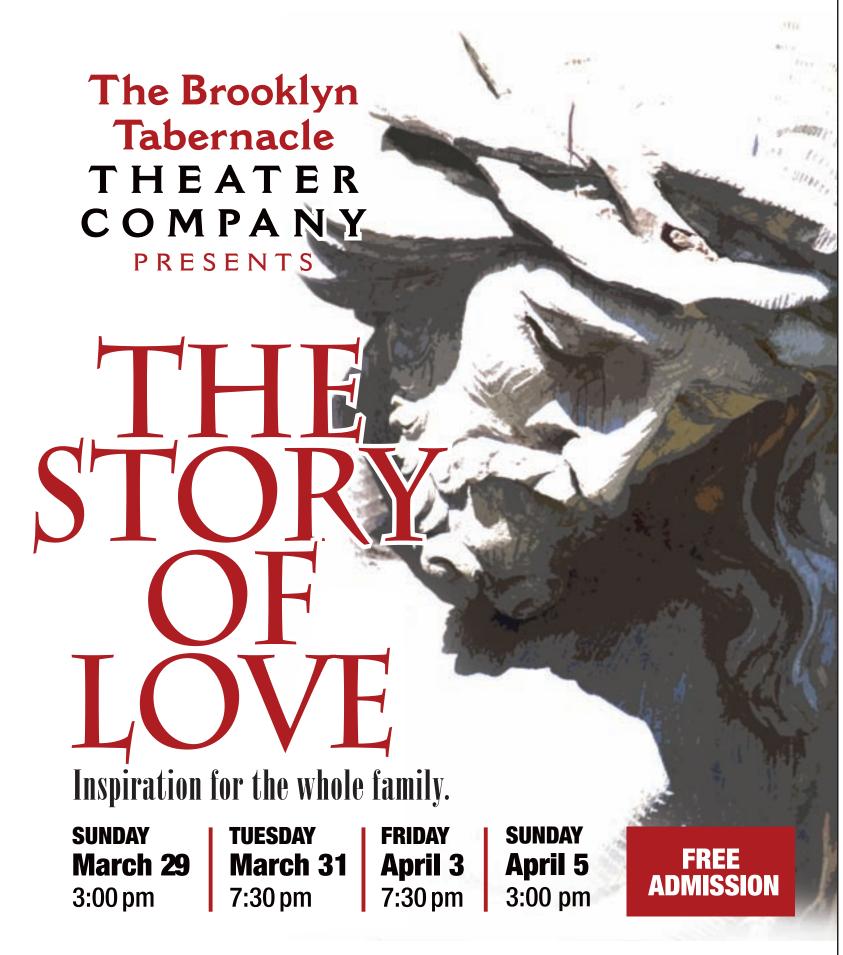
"How can I or any prime minister give instruction to shoot and kill? This is absurd. No Prime Minister does that. My conscience is clear on everything; on finance, administration of governance and the issue of the police," he asserted.

St. Vincent

A second school teacher, who is facing two "obscene writing" charges from statements she made on Facebook has been suspended from classes.

Jozette Bibby-Bownes, who appeared in court recently, was told that the Public Service Commission (PSC) had instructed that she be suspended "in view of the criminal proceedings which

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Guyana looks to new era after elections

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backdrop of a multi-cultural presentation at Narissa Palace in Ozone Park Queens.

Granger fired up the capacity crowd saying, "It is good to be called Guyanese. We are one, we are better together, than divided." The candidate was on his third campaign stop in the United States.

The retired army brigadier looks to a new era of the transformation of the political culture and of the economic development of Guyana.

"We are not going back to winner takes all politics, we are moving forward to the politics of national unity," said Granger who attacked the People's Progressive Party (PPP) accusing them of plundering Guyana's resources away from poor citizens.

Playing down claims made by the ruling PPP government that the coalition would collapse, and the assertion that Granger is another Burnham that would return to the PNC politics, the politician said I am David Granger, president of the future." "We are going into an era of shared governance for you the people," he added.

In response of claims that he is a PPP leadership.



Guyanese raised concerns about crime and racial discord in their homeland.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

danger to Guyana, Ganger quipped, "Granger is no danger he is a game changer."

Born and schooled in the same Corentyne Berbice village, Granger said he and Nagamootoo were brought together to replace the corrupt PPP and to unite the races of Guyana.

The upbeat audience of mostly Indo-Guyanese applauded the candidates and cheered when Granger announced that he was proud to endorse Nagamoottoo as the prime ministerial candidate.

Nagamootoo in turn raised key issues such as high unemployment in Guyana and the high poverty rate he says has plagued the country under the PPP leadership.

Traffic snarled across Trinidad

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to write high school entrance exams were disappointed as these had to be postponed.

The unannounced and quite sudden roadblocks came amid stalled talks between the police association and authorities for an increase in salaries and allowances and although officials have said that the police action had much to do with attempts to stem runaway violent crime on the island, others were open about the real story behind the imposition.

There were similar scenes in the nearby sister isle of Tobago where flights were also disrupted and normal commercial activities put on hold for the entire day.

The outrage from Monday has forced both a formal, full-fledged investigation into the flare up as well as a vow from the security ministry that such would never be allowed to happen again, that happy or angry officers would not ever be permitted to hold a nation to ransom in the future.

Retired Brig. Gen. and Minister Carl Alfonso apologized to the nation in the senate or upper house.

Government supporters linked Monday's action to attempts to undermine the administration of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar ahead of general elections expected at any moment.

"On behalf of the prime minister, members of the government and indeed the agencies charged with the protection and safety of our citizens, I give the undertaking that yesterday's police exercise will not be repeated. And if ever there is the need for such comprehensive and widespread policing activities, the frustration, anger and anxiety caused for thousands of people yesterday will not happen again" he said.

Many in stalled vehicles like epileptics seeking medical attention also suffered at the hands of police who motorists said acted as though they were on an industrial go slow, exacerbating the problem.

The result of Monday's unofficial industrial action by police has triggered a series of measures aimed at preventing a repeat.

The power to mount road blocks would now lie only in the hands of divisional commanders and officers with higher responsibilities.

Minister Alfonso himself, the prime minister, as well as acting Police Chief Ann Marie Alleyne-Daly say they were all unaware of the plan by police to mount the road blocks in the wake of normal but not unusual criminal activities.

"We must not allow ourselves to believe that because we are at war with criminals, the people must be subjected to such undue inconvenience and frustration." he said in the senate.







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Haiti makes gains towards elections

By Nelson A. King

The top United Nations official in Haiti says the Government of President Michel Martelly has made "measurable gains" towards the holding of elections critical for the French-speaking Caribbean country's stability and development.

In presenting U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's report on the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Sandra Honoré told the Security Council on Wednesday that Haiti has made progress towards the holding of "longoverdue elections" by the end of 2015.

Honoré said this has been done despite the lingering "uncertainty" caused by the absence of a functioning Parliament.

The first-round vote has been scheduled for Aug. 9, setting the stage for legislative, presidential and local elections to be held this year.

"The prerequisites for the holding of elections this year have been established," said Honoré, admitting that, although some political parties had voiced discontent over the political calendar, most had signaled their intent to take part in the elections.

"I call on all political actors to continue a genuine dialogue and a transparent and consultative approach that contributes to building confidence among all stakeholders," she said.

As part of the U.N.'s wider efforts to assist the beleaguered country recover



Head of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Sandra Honor addresses the Security Council. Photo courtesy of UN

from the devastating 2010 earthquake, the organization and Haiti's international partners are working with the Haitian Electoral Council to organize fair, inclusive and transparent elections that will bring out the installation of the country's 50th Legislature in January 2016 and a handover of power to a newly elected President in February 2016, the U.N.

The U.N. mission is mandated by the Security Council to provide logistical support and technical expertise to assist Haiti's Government to continue building

the capacity of its rule of law institutions at the national and local level.

Trinidadian-born Honoré, the Secretary-General's Special Representative and head of MINUSTAH, observed that the country's security situation had remained "relatively stable" during the reporting period, despite a recent increase in certain crimes, gang-related violence and public unrest.

At the same time, most public protests giving voice to socio-economic grievances have been small in size and had taken place "without major incidents", she said.

Anti-gay lawsuit

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) _ A Caribbean court on Wednesday heard a challenge from a gay rights activist who argued that immigration laws ostensibly barring homosexuals from entering two countries in the region are discriminatory and must be repealed.

Maurice Tomlinson, a Jamaican gay rights activist who is a legal adviser with New York-based AIDS-Free World, argues that obscure immigration rules barring entry to homosexuals in Trinidad & Tobago and Belize violate freedom of movement rights under a key Caribbean Community treaty.

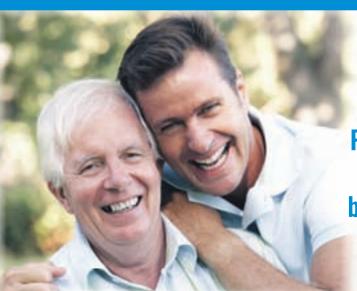
He took his challenge to the Caribbean Court of Justice, the final appeals court for some members of the 15-member CARICOM.

In testimony before a panel of judges, authorities from Trinidad & Tobago and Belize insisted the sections of their immigration laws that list homosexuals among a group of "prohibited classes" go unenforced in both countries due to unwritten policies.



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Whistleblowers and the prosecution loophole

By Shanna Devine and Liz Hempowicz

When facing the prospect of criminal prosecution for leaking highly classified material to his mistress and later lying about it to the FBI, General David Petraeus found unlikely allies on Capitol Hill. Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Lindsay Graham (R-SC), and Diane Feinstein (D-CA) have all spoken out against criminally prosecuting the four-star general, in part because they feel he has "suffered enough." This is not the first time that a high-ranking individual may skirt punishment for infractions that would land a subordinate in jail for years. Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Undersecretary of Defense Michael Vickers were also recently allegedly involved in highly classified leaks to the film producers of Zero Dark Thirty and treated with near impunity.

According to media reports Petraeus plead guilty to one count of unauthorized removal and retention of classified material for which he may face up to a year in prison. His paltry sentence is a far cry from the many years of prison time that many whistleblowers face when they disclose protected information in an attempt to further the public interest. Petraeus claimed no such motive. He seems only to have wanted to help his mistress and biographer, and Panetta and Vickers shared it with a producer from Hollywood – the common thread between the three stories is that these men

both leaked information for purely personal gain and each received little more than a slap on the wrist.

The hypocritical dichotomy between the treatments of high-level politically connected officials versus lower level whistleblowers has never been more pronounced. Petraeus, Panetta and Vickers (who continues to serve in a top job at the Pentagon) could count on the support of their former colleagues, despite leaking highly classified material for reasons unrelated to the exposure of wrongdoing or other highminded motives. This kidgloves treatment is not something afforded whistleblowers, even when sharing information to further the public interest through official channels. Former NSA contractor Edward Loomis reported government waste on an ineffective and illegal domestic surveillance program up the proper chain of command, yet he was the target of a retaliatory criminal investigation that cost him his career. His colleague Thomas Drake faced 35 years in prison under the Espionage Act, after he legally provided an unclassified briefing on the surveillance program to a reporter. Former CIA agent Jeffrey Sterling disclosed concerns to Congress about an allegedly mismanaged operation to obstruct Iran's nuclear program, and he was accused of sharing this same information with journalists. In January he become the first civilian to be convicted of Espionage Act. Continued on Page 12

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Do a better job on gender equality

By Josephine Ojiambo

LONDON, March 21, 2015 (IPS) - Undoubtedly, we are at a crucial time in the advancement of gender equality.

As we move towards consensus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we must ensure the rights of women and girls are firmly embedded in the post-2015 development framework.

It was during my first electoral campaign that I came face-to-face with a patriarchal political system fuelled by corruption and violence, including sexual violence against women campaigners, candidates and the elector-

Twenty years ago, leaders and global activists met in Beijing and created what was the most progressive roadmap to champion the rights of women - the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

As we celebrate the anniversary of this landmark declaration, we must also caution against complacency as countries renew efforts to remove barriers that block women's full and equal participation in all sectors of society.

An issue of serious concern remains the under-representation of women in politics. Until women are adequately represented at the highest level of policy making and decision making, we cannot hope to achieve the development aspirations of half the population.

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towards increasing women's political participation. Out of 43 countries globally that have reached or exceeded the 30 per cent target, more than a third are Commonwealth countries.

We have seen the introduction of important measures to redress the lack of women in political leadership, such as quotas and national gender policies.

In India and Bangladesh, for example, constitutional amendments to reserve onethird of all local government seats for women have led to the election of over one million women

These achievements are good but not good enough. Women continue to be marginalised, oppressed, and subjected to violence and cruelty - female genital mutilation, early and forced marriage, trafficking, slavery and sexual violence.

A culture of impunity prevails when it comes to prosecuting and preventing such violations. Under these current conditions, is it any wonder that only 22 out of 193 countries have a woman as head of state or government?

I recall my own formative political experience in Kenya: my mother became the country's first female cabinet minister in the early seventies, and remains a formidable politician even today. I witnessed the hardships she endured to rise through the ranks, and the adversity she faced when in office, as well as her successes and achievement.

I too had a similar experience when I joined the oldest political party in Kenya, the Kenya African National Union (KANU), as a volunteer and youth activist.

Over a period of 24 years, I rose through the ranks as a professional volunteer. This role granted me presence and agency; it ushered me forward to eventually be voted in as the first female secretary-general of the

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I learned many lessons during my experience in grassroots electoral politics - the sharing of good practices, the solidarity of sisterhood within the women's movement, and the true support of key male champions.

Globally, however, women's political participation continues to be thwarted by innumerable obstacles. Discrimination against women is rife.

Financial resources available to women to run political campaigns are scant or non-existent. Conflicts between work and family

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Public sentiment ignored in 'the law'

son to recall the classic Dickens line uttered by his Mr. Bumble character in Oliver Twist: "If the law supposes that, the law is a ass." We think Mr. Bumble's cogent, albeit ungrammatical observation was borne out once more by the judge who recently issued his denial ruling in response to several petitioners who requested release of the grand jury minutes in the case of senselessly killed Eric Garner in Staten Island last July. State Supreme Court Justice William Garnett, who made the ruling, evidently went the route of the letter of the law trumping widespread public feeling that the grand jury's decision not to have charges brought in what seemed a clear case of excessive police force, was a glaring miscarriage of justice. Which causes the law to look, in such circumstances, less than stellar.

In the series of controversial confrontations between unarmed African American males and the police, that began with Michael Brown's death in Ferguson, MO, the

Garner fatality was particularly egregious to many, across ethnic lines because, given the benefit of video of what transpired on that Staten Island street, there appeared to be no doubt as to where lay culpability for Garner's demise. Outrage triggered by the grand jury's finding of no one to be held accountable in the man's death, was only to be expected.

That video documentation of the incident is of course the key element of the Garner case that engages us as lay people, when a ruling comes down, such as was delivered by the learned judge regarding release of the grand jury minutes. A bedeviling curiosity leads us to wonder whether the fact that millions of us had viewed that damning video was something the judge allowed to factor in his decision. Or whether that hard reality out here among the people, of a shocking failure in the justice system, had no relevance or pretty much did not exist. It clearly would be difficult to make sense of the ruling, had any weight been **Viewpoint**

By Les Slater

given to the significance of the video.

The judge, in his ruling, found that none of the parties who moved for release of the grand jury documents had established "a compelling and particularized need" for said release. The parties who had requested release of the minutes included the city's public advocate, Letitia James, New York Civil Liberties Union, the Legal Aid Society and the New York Post. Judge Garnett declared them to be, in each instance, not meeting the threshold of "compelling and particularized need," even noting, with respect to the public advocate, that she had "no legal standing" in the criminal justice system. Curiously, the judge also declared that even had one of the parties met the threshold, it would not stand because "disclosure would have undermined the overriding concern for the independence of grand juries."

Oddly enough, concern over whether there was indeed an independent, fairly constituted Staten Island grand jury in the Garner case was precisely what the uproar following the panel's no-indictment decision was all about. Here certainly was a situation where keeping the grand jury proceedings shrouded in secrecy was fomenting distrust of the system. All because concerned folk weren't, in this instance, clueless listeners to a narrative as spun by dueling principals. A fateful video removed the Garner episode almost entirely from the speculative realm. The people saw and reacted with rightful disgust to what unfolded.

Discussion of the American judiciary hardly ever goes down without mention of judicial activism. Judge Garnett may well be an eminently credentialed jurist who brought spot-on legal analysis to his ruling on grand jury disclosure. If so, one wonders if maybe a case existed for a bit

of judicial activism, if Judge Garnett is persuadable that the letter of the law isn't necessarily the be-all and end-all of judicial correctness. Why, for example, would any aspect of the Garner case proceed, absent acknowledgment of the public's familiarity with how the cops' altercation with Garner played out? Does a pretend game — ignoring that the public is already well keyed in to how Garner met his death - somehow repair public confidence that the Staten Island grand jury's decision all but shattered? Surely not.

The people are the important element here. It seems to us if the people felt that justice was unquestionably denied when the grand jury came up with that bombshell determination, the focus of all cogs in the justice wheel ought to have been getting us back to some sense of reassurance about the process. What is it worth to deny disclosure never mind an alleged keen eye for what "the law" prescribes — when it only guarantees the people's continued mistrust?



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Protect whistleblowers

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Intelligence Community (IC) contractor whistleblowers such as Loomis are at a double disadvantage. In addition to threat of being criminalized, they have no statutory protection against workplace reprisal actions – such as demotions or blacklisting – when they disclose government misconduct.

That was not always the case, however.

From 2008 through 2012, all Pentagon and then stimulus funded IC contractors enjoyed best-practice whistleblower protections. This included Intelligence Community agencies like NSA. The law maintained a steady track record and there were not even allegations that it harmed national security. The whistleblower shield was so effective in deterring taxpayer waste that the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency proposed its permanent expansion, and the Senate approved it with bipartisan support. Notwithstanding its widespread support, in an Orwellian maneuver during the 11th hour of negotiations, the closing conference committee stripped all whistleblower rights for IC contractors from the bill.

Six months later, NSA contractor Edward Snowden disclosed the U.S. government's mass surveillance programs. He later explained the circumstances that led to his course of action, "There are no proper channels for making this information available when the system fails comprehensively." Currently, IC contractors have two alternatives to almost certain retaliation: 1) remain silent observers of wrongdoing; or 2) make anonymous revelations to the media.

Whistleblowers must have safe channels to report abuses of power that betray the public trust, and Congress has a responsibility to fill these accountability loopholes. Fortunately, as demonstrated by Senator Grassley and Senator Wyden's newly launched Senate Whistleblower Caucus, protecting the nation's truth-tellers transcends congressional partisanship. Instead of offering support to disgraced former officials, Congress should follow the caucus' lead and focus on the heroic whistleblowers who risk their jobs and their freedom to expose government fraud, waste, and abuse.

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Raising women's full potential

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We are all familiar with the tired saying, 'a woman's place is in the home'; it is exactly this type of regressive narrative that sets women back. Challenging gender-based stereotypes is still an ongoing, uphill battle.

Therefore, we must find ways to create inclusive and enabling environments where women are able to realise their full political, economic and social potential.

We must turn our attention to paving the way for future generations. Creating pathways that enable more young women to enter the ranks of political leadership is fundamental.

Education is the single most important tool to achieve this. Yet, women and girls continue to be denied the same opportunities afforded to their male counterparts.

Statistics show, overwhelmingly, that countries with higher levels of gender equality have higher economic growth. Nevertheless, patriarchal systems continue to downgrade the value women offer society as a whole.

Our Commonwealth Charter recognises that: "Gender equality and women's empowerment are essential components of human development and basic human

rights. The advancement of women's rights and the education of girls are critical preconditions for effective and sustainable development."

To this end, we will work closely with member governments to fulfil international commitments in line with the stand-alone goal agreed at the 58th session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Going forward, we seek to increase women's participation in the political and corporate sectors through electoral and legislative reforms. We continue to push for the elimination of violence against women and girls in all Commonwealth countries.

Advancing women's economic empowerment is another priority area. It is the social responsibility of governments to improve women's enterprise and encourage business activity, thereby strengthening women's economic power – one of the measures of overcoming poverty.

There is much work to be done. We must now deliver on promises to secure women's equal participation in all echelons of society. We owe it to more than half of the global population to do a better job.

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Belize envoy new OAS assistant secretary general

By Nelson A. King

The General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) on Wednesday elected the Permanent Representative of Belize, Ambassador Nestor Mendez, as the next assistant secretary general of the hemispheric institution.

The OAS said the election of Ambassador Mendez took place in a vote in which he obtained 24 votes from the member states, compared with 10 received by the Permanent Representative of Guyana, Bayney Karran.

The vote took place following the election of the former Foreign Minister of Uruguay, Luis Almagro, to the position of Secretary General, which he will assume on May 26, according to the OAS.

Almagro succeeds the current leader of the hemispheric organization, José Miguel Insulza. Ambassador Mendez will succeed Assistant Secretary General Albert Ramdin on July 12.

On accepting the position, the assistant secretary general-elect said he stood before the countries that elected him to the post "with a clear mandate and an unwavering commitment to seize the opportunity that is before us to work together to transform the OAS into the organization that we want and that the people of the Americas deserve."

He thanked OAS member states for their votes, calling it an important gesture for the Government of Belize.

Mendez said his country "considered an effective bridge between Central America and CARICOM (Caribbean Community) has an important contribution to make to the Inter-American System, anchored in the fundamental principles enshrined in the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the Social Charter of the Americas."

"Therefore, I am honored to reiterate that commitment to the Inter-American System and to the people we all serve," he said, thanking memberstates "for the trust deposited in me through today's vote, which I understand as a show of trust and recognition of my country and myself."

"The clear mandate I have received from you shows me that we agree that today, more than ever, is the moment to strengthen our organization, focusing ourselves on the things we have in common and that unite us and not those that divide us," Mendez continued. "This is a job that can only be done as a team and through dialogue, based on respect and with a deep com-



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mitment.

"Today, we begin a new stage in our organization; we look to the future with optimism that together we can change and improve this valuable Organization; it is a debt to the peoples of the Americas," he said.

Mendez also congratulated the secretary general-elect, promising to work with him as a team for the organization.

"I am ready to work closely with him to transform this Organization," he said, while congratulating Ambassador Karran for "a respectful and wellorganized campaign, fully aligned with the CARICOM tradition."

Mendez also recognized "the arduous and dedicated service" carried out during the last decade by Insulza and Ramdin.

Ramdin, congratulated the newlyelected, stating that the electoral exercise "has demonstrated the relevance of this organization in all terms."

"The value and purpose of the organization signifies that we are a true platform for dialogue among member states, the 34, and hopefully soon, the 35 active member states in our hemisphere," he said, alluding to the principles that have guided his and Insulza's work in the last 10 years: "strengthening peace, unity, stability and prosperity in the Americas."

Mendez has served as Ambassador of Belize to the OAS and to the government of the United States since June 2008.

He was an advisor to the Belize High Commission in London from 1997 to 1999 and holds a postgraduate title from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in International Affairs.

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Jamaica PM to address nationals

By Vinette K. Pryce

Two weeks before meeting with President Barack Obama, Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller will address the Jamaican community here. Consular General Herman G. Lamont made the announcement in conjunction with the island's ministry of foreign affairs arranged March 26 for the 6:30 p.m. start of the special meeting at St George's Episcopal Church, 209 East 16th St. in Manhattan.

According to the evening's program, the prime minister will also address key matters of relevance to the Jamaican community. Following the address, a question and answer segment will afford nationals an opportunity to inform and query the leader on issues pertinent to the community.

Another planned issue to be discussed is the upcoming sixth Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference which is slated to



Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller of Jamaica addresses the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters. Associated Press / Richard Drew, File

be held in June in the country's second city of Montego Bay.

Details of that important event will launch the annual unity conference which bonds Jamaicans living throughout

the U.S., Canada and in other Caribbean islands.

President Obama will meet the leader in Jamaica on April 9 before addressing the CARI-COM heads of governments.

Caribbean Community climate-smarting fisheries, but slowly

By Zadie Neufville

KINGSTON, March 17, 2015 (IPS) - Caribbean nations have begun work on a plan to 'climate smart' the region's fisheries as part of overall efforts to secure food supplies.

The concept is in keeping with plans by the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) to improve the "integration of agriculture and climate readiness" as the region prepares to deal with the impacts of climate change and the increasing demand for food.

Olu Ajayi, CTA's senior programme coordinator, told IPS in an email that climatesmarting the region's aquatic resources will "enable the sector to continue to contribute to sustainable development, while reducing the vulnerability associated with the negative impacts of climate change."

"Climate-smart fisheries

require improving efficiency in the use of natural resources to produce fish, maintaining the resilience of aquatic systems and the communities that rely on them," he noted.

The fisheries sector of the Caribbean Community is an important source of livelihoods and sustenance for the estimated 182,000 people who directly depend on these resources. In recent years, fishermen across the region have reported fewer and smaller fish in their nets and scientists believe these are signs of the times, not just the result of over-exploitation and habitat degradation.

"We believe the signs of climate change are already affecting our vital fisheries sector in the increase in seaweed events causing the loss of access to fishing grounds and increased frequency of coral bleaching events," Peter

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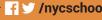
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have been instituted against you."

Bibby-Bownes, who teaches information technology, electronic document preparation and management accounting, pleaded not guilty to two charges of obscene publication before a magistrate in a Kingstown court

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Teachers' Union (SVGTU) said while it recognizes free expression and does not condone the violation of the laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in any form "the reported grounds for and manner in which the member was brought before the law are cause for concern."

"We continue to support members' right to continue to share their views on national issues," the Teachers' Union said.

Trinidad

Foreign Minister Dookeran said Trinidad and Tobago will maintain its business and economic relations with Venezuela although the South American country has been deemed "a threat to national security" by United States President Barack Obama.

He said it was government's desire to see a diplomatic solution to the escalating diplomatic crisis between

Venezuela and the U.S.

Dookeran said; "Our joint exploration of the energy resources in the sea will continue. This will not affect the need for a diplomatic solution that I spoke about."

He said T&T wants to work with other countries in the region to find a solution to the emerging diplomatic crisis between Venezuela and the Unit-

"We have indicated this desire to the Community of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (CELAC) as well as the Organization of American States (OAS)," he said.

Recently, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro visited Trinidad and Tobago and signed two energy agreements



with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar at the Diplomatic Center, Port of Spain.

The two countries have also agreed to barter commodities and goods to enhance their economies.

Venezuelan Ambassador to T&T Coromoto Godoy told a media conference at the Venezuelan Embassy in Port of Spain that the relationship between Venezuela and T&T will not be impacted by recent developments.

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working in retail, was handling this aspect of the business for his employer at that time. Back then, items were all being sent out to be serviced. But Dennis discovered that it would be more cost effective and efficient to repair them in-house.

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Capitalizing on the continuing economic and business boom that has been happening in Brooklyn over the last decade at time at a time when studies are showing a national decline in American entrepreneurship, this year's Trade Brooklyn is focused on turning this year into the "Year of the Entrepreneur," recapturing people's entrepreneur spirit through a series of comprehensive seminars that are designed to inspire, motivate and support entrepreneur leaders of both today and tomorrow.

Expanded to meet the explosive business rebirth occurring across the boroughs, this year's show is expected to draw over 2,500 business professionals with over 150 business exhibitors from Brooklyn and the greater metropolitan area.

With business still "hot" in Brooklyn, this popular trade show fuels business growth and vitality by bringing together growth focused business people and companies from Brooklyn and the greater New York metropolitan area. National corporations, local entrepreneurs, nonprofits, government agencies, business advocacy groups and the media will all take part in the show. Businesses will showcase new products, services and cost-saving solutions to support expansion and new business development.

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"Trade Brooklyn will attract a record number of attendees. It's our goal to connect like-minded businesspeople and broaden their prospects for success in the marketplace. Moving the show to Marriott means more space for more exhibitors, new and energizing activities and programs as well a better networking environment. These efforts will create opportunities and boost business in Brooklyn and across the region," said Jonathan Levin, founder of Trade Brooklyn.

Church Avenue BID hosts Marketing Resource Fair

Almost 60 business owners and entrepreneurs and 11 providers of business and marketing services gathered at El Acuario Restaurant on Church Avenue for the "Your Business. Your Brand," breakfast workshop on Wednesday March 18, 2015. Attendees enjoyed breakfast while networking, discussing upcoming projects, and brainstorming potential collaborations.

Hosted by the Church Avenue BID and sponsored by Councilmember Mathieu Eugene, the event's objective was to provide business owners and managers a platform where they can connect with vendors who specialize in marketing and advertising services. Special guests to the event included David Suarez, chief of staff for Councilmember Mathieu Eugene, Karin Crawford from the Brooklyn DA's Office, and Church Avenue BID Board Members George Glean and Curtis Maharaj.

Participating vendors included Caribbean Life, Cablevision, CAMBA Small Business Services, Main Street Complete, and the Governor's Unemployment Strikeforce, among others.

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Neville Jules, steel band icon, to be honored

One of the revered and legendary names of steel band history in Trinidad and Tobago, Neville Jules, the former longtime leader of the popular Trinidad All Stars band, will be honored by the Trinidad & Tobago Folk Arts Institute for his singular devotion to and impact upon steel band culture, at a gala celebration on Sunday evening, April 26 at Brooklyn's Tropical Paradise Ballroom.

At the dinner event which begins at 6:00 p.m., Jules will be formally accorded the Folk Arts Institute's foremost recognition and is expected to be the recipient of several other awards and commendations.

'We have previously cited Mr. Jules," said Les Slater, chairman of the Folk Arts Institute, "most notably in our Legends of Pan presentation some years ago when he was among our select group of steel band luminaries. But the span of his years of meaningful involvement and influence makes this stand-

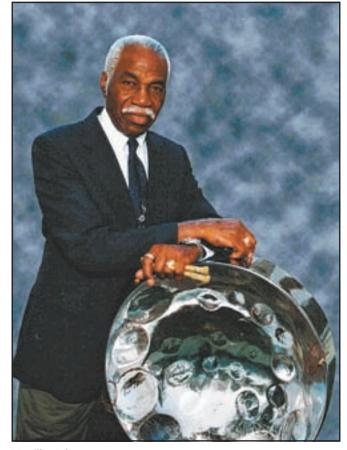
at this time.'

Jules was present practically at the dawn of the period of experimentation in the early 1940s that saw the steel band come to fruition. His leadership of Trinidad All Stars, from the post-WWII period and through the 19505 and 60s added a number of memorable chapters to steel band lore in Trinidad and Tobago. Directly responsible for the band's musical output, Jules made history when he led the way in reconfiguring a number of classical compositions to fit the calypso genre - a trend that would be soon followed not only by other steel bands but the country's leading dance orchestras as well. That path carved by Jules led to the so-called "bomb" tunes played by steel bands on Carnival day - a practice that endures to the current time. Also the tuner of the band's instruments for many years, Jules was responsible for the tradition that came to be associated with Trinidad alone tribute most appropriate All Stars of a distinctive, readily

identifiable bass sound. These and other features made Jules a titanic figure in the leadership ranks of the steel band world.

Jules relocated to New York in 1972, ending his marathon run as the All Stars leader. His tremendous expertise in the art form would soon benefit schoolage youngsters in Brooklyn, after he was engaged as a steel band music instructor for certain public schools in the borough. He later was instrumental in setting up a Trinidad All Stars outfit in Brooklyn that made his abilities accessible to an even broader base of steel band music enthusiasts, including both adults and children. The connection long established between Jules and his former band in Port of Spain has remained intact and, remarkably, even into his eighties, he was furnishing music that Trinidad All Stars performed.

The April 26 tribute to Jules is the latest of a number of presentations the Folk Arts Institute has done, since 1991,



Neville Jules.

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in the process of highlighting Trinidad and Tobago's rich folk culture traditions. The organization's in-depth focus on those traditions has been

enhanced with various symposia and other forums conducted mostly in conjunction with Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

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Climate-smarting

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A. Murray, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat's Programme Manager, Fisheries Management and Development, told IPS.

Listing some of the predicted changes, including climatic variations that promote the spread of invasive species, as well as increased salination, Murray noted that climate change is also expected to impact traditional species and contribute to coastal erosion due to more frequent and devastating hurricanes.

In fact, the secretariat's Deputy Executive Director Susan Singh Renton told reporters at the Caribbean Week of Agriculture last November that warmer seas could also push larger species to the north, making them less available to regional fishers. CRFM is the CARICOM organisation charged with the promotion of responsible use of regional fisheries.

Two weeks after launching its Climate Smart Agriculture project at the 13th celebration of Caribbean Week of Agriculture in Paramaribo, Suriname in November 2014, the CTA began development of several initiatives. The programmes, they said would help the region to "tackle the impact of agriculture on small-scale producers" - among them small-scale fishers and fish farmers - in a way that will facilitate the construction of "resilient agricultural systems."

The project came on the heels of the

announcement of a Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP) and the CRFM Climate Change Action Plan. These are two of several proposals by Community organisations to monitor and regulate capture fisheries as well as implement common goals and rules on the adaptation, management, and conservation of the resources.

Ajayi pointed out that since 2010, the CTA has been working closely with regional agencies including the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs) and the CRFM to implement the Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilience to Climate Change.

Timely, since some of the species most fished and traded by the region's fishermen are already under pressure from over-exploitation, degraded habitats and pollution. The Queen Conch, the Caribbean Spiny Lobster, the Nassau Grouper and the Parrotfish are among a growing list of species under closer scrutiny for tougher regulations on their capture and trade. Climate change is expected to make the problems worse.

"The support is aimed at developing common regional policy platforms and advocating regional policy initiatives in regional and global forums; strengthening national capacities through training and other supports and conducting comparative analyses of issues on a regional and sub-regional basis," Ajayi







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Certain foods can help men and women get a more adequate night's sleep.

Snack foods that promote better sleep

ccording to the National Sleep Foundation, changes in sleep patterns are a part of the aging process. Many people experience difficulty falling asleep and then staying asleep as they age, and that difficulty can make men and women over 50 feel more tired during the day.

But even though difficulty sleeping may be a part of aging, that does not mean men and women over 50 cannot take steps to improve their sleeping patterns. For example, certain snack foods may help to improve quality of sleep, especially when these foods replace less healthy snacking options. While men and women over 50 should always consult with their physicians before making any changes to their diets, the AARP notes that the following are a handful of snack foods that promote better sleep:

Almonds: Magnesium is a mineral with muscle-relaxing properties, and almonds contain enough magnesium to help men and women get a better night's sleep. A small amount of almonds before bed might be enough to make falling and staying asleep easier.

Bananas: Much like almonds, bananas provide a substantial amount of magnesium. Bananas also contain the amino acid tryptophan, which many people associate with Thanksgiving turkey. While tryptophan might be most often associated with the sleepiness people feel after eating a holiday meal, it also has been linked to better sleep quality, so a banana shortly before bed might be just what you need to fall and stay asleep.

Cheese and crackers: One more traditional snack may just help you get a better night's sleep. Cheese and crackers contain tryptophan and carbohydrates, which can induce a better night's sleep and help you fall asleep

Cherries: Cherries contain the Continued on Page 26

Snacking doesn't have to be unhealthy

nacking often elicits mixed reviews. Some health plans say that it is important to eat several small meals or snacks during the day to keep metabolism rates in check. Other information states that snacks can be a person's undoing, causing unnecessary weight gain especially when snacking is frequent. These mixed feelings can be a little confusing.

The National Health and Nutrition Survey supports snacking. The survey found that people who eat snacks in addition to three meals a day had higher levels of nutrients in their diets. But not all snacks are a good idea. Consuming a fattening bag of potato chips is an unhealthy approach to snacking. However, a piece of dark chocolate or a handful of nuts can add essential nutrients to a person's diet.

Many different snacks make healthy additions to a person's diet. Two to three snacks a day may be all that's needed to help keep a person feeling satiated and less likely to overeat at meals. Here are some healthy snack ideas.

Olives: A handful of olives can quench a salty craving and provide essential fatty acids that may help to improve heart health.

Hummus: Hummus is made from chickpeas, which are naturally low in fat and high in fiber. This dip will keep you feeling full.

Edamame: These are a variety of soybeans that are sweeter, larger, and more easily digested than other soybeans. They are a natural source of antioxidants and isoflavones.

Banana and chocolate: Rolling a banana in semi-sweet chocolate chips can satisfy a fruit and chocolate crav-

Dark chocolate bark: Melt dark chocolate and add a desired fruit, such as dried cranberries, cherries, or raisins. Enjoy a small piece, which will be high in antioxidants, to fend off hunger pangs.

String cheese: An individual serving of low-fat mozzarella or Monterey Jack string cheese offers a serving of dairy and protein to keep you full.

Smoothie: Whip up a smoothie made from protein-rich Greek yogurt and some frozen fruit. Add a dash of fruit juice and blend. Enjoy as a meal replacement or a refreshing snack.

Fruit: There's no better snack than fruit. Keep a bowl of fruit or some homemade fruit salad on hand and enjoy a small portion when you want to fill up without consuming too



Fruit is one of the more healthy snacks a person can enjoy.

many calories.

Whole-grain crackers: Fiber-full grain crackers can satisfy salty cravings as well as fill your stomach with something hearty.

You can choose among a variety of ponent of a healthy weight-loss plan.

healthy snacks throughout the day. Smart snacking can mean reducing feelings of hunger and increasing the amount of nutrients in the body. Snacks also may be an integral com-

Health coverage signup still open

Enrollment period for New Yorkers extended through April

Y State of Health, the State's official health plan Marketplace, announced a special enrollment period for individuals and families who had to pay a federal penalty for 2014 and had not been aware or had not understood that they would have to pay a penalty for not having health insurance coverage.

The enrollment ends at 11:59 pm on April 30.

"This is an excellent opportunity for New Yorkers who might otherwise face a tax penalty for not enrolling in a health plan for 2015," said Seth Diamond, Chief Operating Office at MetroPlus Health Plan.

MetroPlus enrolled more New York City residents than any other health plan during the 2013-2014 debut of NY State of Health's online Marketplace.

'The Marketplace offers a choice of low-cost quality health plans" said Diamond, "It's also the

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only place you can receive financial assistance based on your income to lower your costs even more. We strongly urge people who are eligible to sign up before the deadline, regardless of which insurance provider they choose."

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In addition, anyone who has had a qualifying event can still enroll. Qualifying events include: getting married, having a baby, adopting a child or placing a child for adoption or foster care, losing other health coverage, permanently moving outside your plan's coverage area, or gaining citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S.

NY State of Health is online at https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov. A helpline is open Monday to Satur-

Snack foods

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sleep hormone melatonin, and the AARP notes that recent studies indicated that participants who drank tart cherry juice on a daily basis fell asleep more quickly and slept longer and better than participants who did not.

Hummus: The primary ingredient in hummus is chickpeas, which are loaded with tryptophan, folate, and vitamin B6. Folate has proven especially beneficial to older people who need help regulating their sleep patterns, while vitamin B6 helps the body regulate its

Peanut butter: Peanut butter is another snacking item loaded with tryptophan. Spread some peanut butter on a carbohydrate, whether it's a slice of toast or some crackers, before going to bed, and you may enjoy a better, longer

Walnuts: Like cherries, walnuts contain melatonin, which can contribute to a longer, more restful night's sleep. Walnuts also can help regulate stress, which is a leading cause of sleeping difficulty.

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BOOK REVIEW

An oddball's life after HS

"The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl" by Issa Rae c.2015, Atria Books \$26.00 / \$32.00 Canada 224 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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For much of her early childried about being cool.

Coolness wasn't an issue

when, until age three, she lived with her parents and her father's extended family in his native Senegal. There, she was surrounded by loving aunts, uncles, and assorted cousins, all living within the family compound.

Coolness never came up when she started grade school in Maryland with a diverse group of children of many races. It was, in fact, barely discussed...

... until Diop's family relocated to South Central, between Compton and Watts, near L.A. There, she attended a series of private schools, in all of which she was one of a small handful of black kids. The family moved a lot - and with each new location, it became harder to keep up, harder to be one of the popular kids. It was harder to be cool.

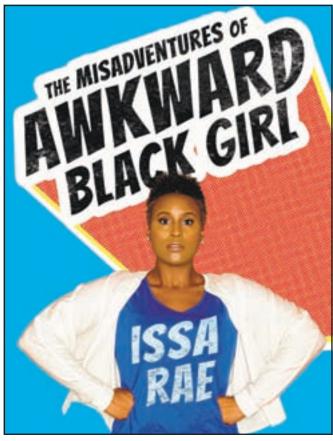
Oh, but she tried!

She attempted to give herself hood, Jo-Issa Diop never wor- a cool nickname, but it didn't stick. She haunted online chatrooms, but her profile lies were much more to it.

quickly discovered. She was taunted by classmates for her inability to dance, by peers for not having "cool" music, and by family for being overweight. Valentine's Day was particularly embarrassing. Even after moving to New York as an adult and assuming a new name, Issa Rae felt like a misfit.

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Mistaken me: I misunderstood "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl" as a comedy piece, and I was initially disappointed. Yes, it's got its crack-a-smile moments but it's not hilarious. As turns out, there's really so



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From left, Assemblywoman Latrice Walker, former NYC Councilwoman Una S.T. Clarke, Councilman Jumaane Williams and Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke.

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Pols honored

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his political involvement.

"I was politically born from this woman's work," he said after greeting the elder Clarke with a warm embrace.

Then, he added: "We need a criminal justice system that'll protect us. We need to open up the jury process. We want to give incentives so police officers can live in our district."

The conference featured several distinguished speakers and panelists on wide-ranging topics, such as Sustainable Development, Economic Development and Affordable Housing; Immigration Reform and Civic Engagement; Criminal Justice, Domestic Violence,

Health and Mental Health; and the UPK to College Pipeline: Employment and Economic Empowerment.

"On behalf of the members of Women for Fairness, Equity and Justice, and the Caribbean Research Center at Medgar Evers College, we express our profound gratitude for your participation at the 4th Annual Shirley Chisholm Women's Empowerment Conference," said the elder Clarke, who heads Women for Fairness, Equity and Justice, and is chair of the Caribbean Research Center's Advisory Board, in her remarks.

"As women working together to improve the quality of life for other women, we extend our thanks to you, and we encourage you to continue to be the anchor for our girls and young women," she added.

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African-Caribbean Egyptologist Dr. Ben has died

The short list of Afrocentric historians and scholars was shortened March 19 with the passing of Dr. Yosef Alfredo Antonio ben-Jochannan.

Respected, beloved acclaimed throughout the Black community, Dr. Ben died at age

To those familiar with his perspective on Africa and his enlightened teachings about all things Egyptian, he was the acclaimed Egyptologist to factcheck details pertaining to the history of Black people throughout Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Reputedly born Dec. 31, 1918 in Puerto Rico to a mother -Julia Matta — from that Caribbean island and an Ethiopian father – Kriston ben-Jochannon, the scholar claimed birthright in Ethiopia. Reportedly, shortly after his birth, the family moved to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, where he grew up.

What has been undisputed is that Dr. Ben was educated in Puerto Rico, Brazil, Cuba and Spain.

After earning a number of degrees in civil engineering, cultural anthropology and Moorish



history he immigrated to the United States in the early 1940s.

How he emerged the go-to authority on Egypt, stems from his focus on studies about the Nile Valley, ancient civilizations and their impact on Western cultures. And while he talked with conviction about Cleopatra, the Sphinx, pyramids, and Kemet, he also walked the classical path for decades, guiding hundreds through educational tours to the region.

Annually, Dr. Ben escorted African-Americans, Caribbean nationals and diverse groups of students through excursions that retraced the reign of pharaohs who ruled the ancient land. Leading them through pyramids to examine relics, artifacts and the ancient landscape, his sought-after visits became the conscientious school of accreditation for multitudes.

He was the author of 49

A devout proponent of Black thought dedicated to informing others that "the original Jews were from Ethiopia and were Black Africans," he often argued that "white Jews later adopted the Jewish faith and its customs."

For that reasoning, the intellectual was branded controver-

Although he was responsible for touching the lives of millions of Black people across the world, his accolades were never really recognized by mainstream pundits who often claim a simi-

In 1945, Dr. Ben was appointed chairman of the African Studies Committee at the headquarters of the newly founded UNESCO, a position from which he reportedly relinquished in 1970. Five years later he began teaching Egyptology at Malcolm King College.

He also taught at City Col-

lege and from 1976 to 1987 was an adjunct professor at Cornell University.

Harlem was his home and even late in his life, residents often saw him walking through the streets and entering and exiting the Schomburg Library at 135th St.

In 2002, Dr. Ben donated his personal library of more than 35,000 volumes, manuscripts and ancient scrolls to the Nation

Some of his most popular books include "African Origins of major Western Religions,' "Black Man of the Nile and His Family," "We, The Black Jews: Witnesses to the White Jewish Race Myth - Volumes I& II," "Africa: Mother of Western Civilization" and "The Myth of Exodus and Genesis and the Exclusion of their African Origins."

He was a co-founder of The Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC), an organization committed to the truthful reporting of African history. Ironically, at the time of his death members of the organization were convening the 32nd annual Ancient Kemetic Studies Conference.

From the Seattle, Washington meeting place, council director. Professor Leonard Jeffries. said the group remains committed to its mission of providing "a body of knowledge that continuously contributes to the rescue, reconstruction, and restoration of African History."

"Our people are now safeguarded (in) the after-life by Dr. Ben, Dr. (John Henrik) Clarke, Dr. (Cheikh Anta) Diop, Minister Malcolm X, Elijah (Muhammad), The Honorable Marcus Garvey ... and many more of our greats," he added.

The eight-member council of elders is convinced Dr. Ben fulfilled a dutiful purpose to Africa and Africans throughout the world.

Although official no announcement has been made about his final rite of passage, it is likely Abyssinian Baptist Church will be the venue to memorialize the scholar. According to Wikipedia, the central Harlem house of worship founded in 1809 is named after Ethiopia. Now a landmark Harlem location, at its founding it was the third oldest Baptist church in America.

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Take 6 takes center stage

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College continues its 60th Anniversary Season with a concert by Grammy-winning a cappella jazz group Take 6 on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Heralded by Quincy Jones as the "baddest vocal cats on the planet," the most awarded vocal group in history (10 Grammy Awards, 10 Dove Awards, a Soul Train Award, and more) celebrates their 25th Anniversary in a soulful concert that fuses gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop.

Take 6 (Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chea, and Khristian Dentley) is the quintessential a cappella group and model for vocal genius, with six virtuosic voices united in crystal clear harmony against a backdrop of syncopated rhythms, innovative arrangements, and funky grooves. With praise from such luminaries as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald and Whitney Houston, the multi-platinum selling sextet has toured across the globe, collaborated across genres, and is

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Trini film to debut at BAM

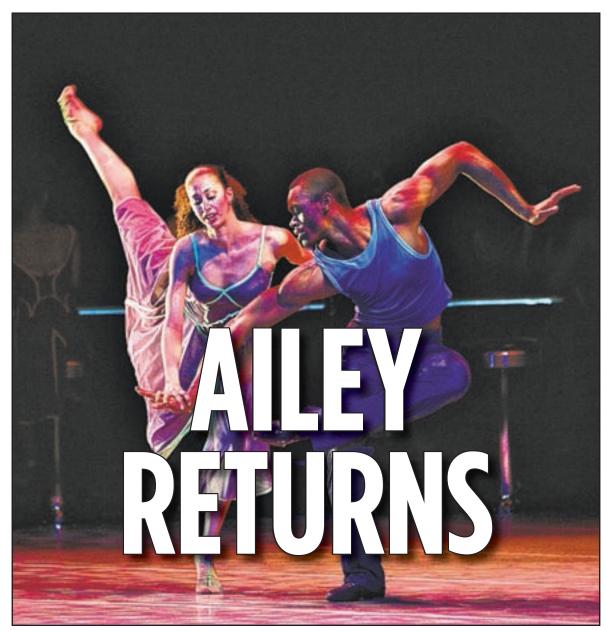
By Tangerine Clarke

The Caribbean Film Academy that has been entertaining moviegoers with stirring films by gifted filmmakers from the region since 2012 is proud to debut its series at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Rose Cinemas, beginning on Tuesday, April 7. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Set to premier the acclaimed Trinidadian crime film "God Loves The Fighter" to kick-off its partnership with BAMcinematek, CaFA a non-profit dedicated to the promotion and support of Caribbean filmmaking and filmmakers, will welcome, Damian Marcano to its series to showcase his film, and a post-screening Q&A.

The spirited flick that captured audiences during its year long showing at

international film festivals will give Carib-



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Reminiscin.'

Photo by Paul Kolnik

Cultural ambassador to visit Paris

er, beloved as one of the world's most popular dance companies, will return to Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts for a two-week 15-performance engagement at the David H. Koch Theater June 10 - 21, 2015.

Artistic Director Robert Battle announced repertory for the season highlighted by "Exodus," a world premiere from bold hip-hop choreographer Rennie Harris, the company premiere of Battle's "No Longer Silent," and new productions of Tal-

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theat-ley Beatty's "Toccata" and Artistic from Sept. 3 - 20 with perform-Director Emerita Judith Jamison's "A Case of You" duet from Reminiscin.'

Recognized by U.S. Congressional Resolution as a vital American "Cultural Ambassador to the World," the Ailey company also announced major international appearances for 2015. A four-week engagement at Paris' Théâtre du Châtelet for Les Étés de la Danse International Dance Festival will take place July 7 - Aug. 1.

After 17 years, a historic return to South Africa has been scheduled ances in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Extensive educational activities in area schools, communities and townships will occur, similar to Ailey's historic 1997 residency in post-apartheid South Africa following the lifting of the international cultural boycott. Covered by Time, the magazine proclaimed that "The Ailey company's tour leaves South Africa dancing in the aisles." The residency in South Africa is made possi-

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Ferrell, Hart co-star in unlikely-buddies comedy

"Get Hard" Very Good (3 stars) Rated R for full-frontal male nudity, drug use, ethnic slurs, and pervasive profanity, sexuality and crude humor Running time: 100 minutes Distributor: Warner **Brothers Pictures**

By Kam Williams

Thanks to a flourishing career as a hedge fund manager, James King (Will Ferrell) is living in the lap of luxury in a sprawling, Bel Air mansion. Furthermore, the pampered multimillionaire's stock seems about to skyrocket, given his promotion to partner and his impending marriage to the boss' (Craig T. Nelson) daughter, Alissa (Alison Brie).

By contrast, working man Darnell Lewis (Kevin Hart) is stuck on the other side of the proverbial tracks in South Cen-



Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart in a scene from "Get Hard." Photo courtesy of www.rottentomatoes.com

tral L.A. where he has to worry on a daily basis about the welfare of his wife (Edwina Findley) and young daughter (Ariana Neal). He's eager to move them out of the 'hood, but first needs to save \$30,000 to secure the mortgage on their dream house.

As a regular patron of a valet

car washing service, James has regularly crossed-paths with Darnell. Nevertheless, he mistakes him for a mugger the day he's surprised to see a black man approach him in the office parking lot.

To add insult to injury, instead of apologizing for the hurtful faux

pas, tone deaf James insensitively claims "I would've reacted the same, if you were white." Then, he rubs salt in cash-strapped Darnell's wounds by suggesting that, "I got to where I am by hard work," before smugly adding, "Success is a mindset."

However, the two's roles are reversed when James is convicted of securities fraud, and sentenced to 10 years in San Quentin. With just a month before he has to report to prison, he asks Darnell to prepare him for life behind bars, based on another unfounded assumption, namely, that he's an ex-con.

Darnell agrees, charging precisely the \$30,000 he needs as a down payment on his ticket out of the ghetto. However, the jokes are all on James, since the supposed "incarceration expert" he's just hired has never even seen the inside of a jail.

Thus unfolds "Get Hard," an unlikely-buddies comedy costarring Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell. The movie marks the noteworthy directorial debut

of Etan Cohen, whose successful mix of over-the-top slapstick and subtle social satire yields a cinematic experience as silly as it is thought-provoking.

So, one moment, we might witness goofy, gratuitous nudity courtesy of exhibitionistic Ferrell who has never been shy about prancing around in his birthday suit, his Rubenesque physique notwithstanding. The next, we're treated to relatively-sophisticated humor such as the musings of a spoiled rich kid boasting about how he built his company with his own two hands, before also admitting that he had actually relied upon an \$8,000,000 loan from his father as seed

Provided you're open to politically-incorrect fare ranging from racist to misogynistic to homophobic, you're likely to enjoy this inspired pairing of the relentlessly absurd Ferrell and the motor-mouthed Hart at the top of their games.

Independent & Foreign Films

Apartment Troubles (Unrated) American Dream dramedy about a couple of Bohemian artist roommates (Jess Weixler and Jennifer Prediger) on the verge

of eviction who relocate from Greenwich Village to L.A. to take a shot at fame and fortune. With Megan Mullally, Will Forte, Jeffrey Tambor and Lance Bass.

The Kidnapping of Michel Houellebecq (Unrated) Author Michel Houellebecq plays himself in this crime dramedy revolving around a writer abducted and held for ransom by a hapless gang of inept amateurs. Ensemble cast includes Mathieu Nicourt, Maxime Lefrancois and Francoise Lebrun. (In French and Polish with subtitles)

Man from Reno (Unrated) Neo-noir revolving around a Japanese crime writer (Ayako Fujitani) who becomes embroiled in a real-life murder mystery while vacationing in San Francisco when she impulsively embarks on a love affair with a stranger (Kazuki Kitamura). With Pepe Serna, Yasuyo Shiba and Hiroshi Watanabe. (In English and Japanese to subtitles)

Nightlight (R for violence, sexual references and pervasive profanity) Horror flick about five teens who, against their better judgment, decide to party in a mysterious forest notorious as a place where kids commit suicide. Co-starring Shelby Young, Chloe Jones, Rhys Ifans and David Dencik.



Bridges, Carter Jenkins, Mitch Hewer, Taylor Murphy and Kyle Fain.

The Riot Club (R for profanity, violence, disturbing behavior, sexuality, nudity and drug use) Screen adaptation of "Posh," Laura Wade's play chronicling the exploits of a couple of Oxford University freshmen (Sam Claflin and Max Irons) pledging a hedonistic eating club catering to party animals from privileged backgrounds. With Thomas Arnold, Harry Lloyd and Amber Anderson.

The Salt of the Earth (PG-13 for nudity, mature themes and disturbing images of violence and suffering) Oscar-nominated documentary featuring changes in people and the planet as captured over the past 40 years by peripatetic photographer Sebastiao Salgado. (In French, Portuguese and English with subtitles)

Serena (R for violence and sexuality) Jennifer Lawrence stars in the title role of this costume drama, set in the Twenties, as a Southern belle whose marriage to a North Carolina timber magnate (Bradley Cooper) unravels after she uncovers a big secret about her hubby's hidden past. With Toby



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- If Your Reading This...
- Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
- **Taylor Swift**
- **Dark Sky Paradise** Big Sean
- Ed Sheeran
- Maroon 5
- In The Lonely Hour Sam Smith



Ailey at Lincoln

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ble by lead sponsor Bloomberg Philanthropies with major support from the Ford Foundation and assistance from travel and freight partners South African Airways and South African Airways Cargo.

"Alvin Ailey was posthumously awarded the 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom – the nation's highest civilian honor. 25 years after his passing, the power of his enduring legacy continues to extend from New York to far-reaching international tours and memorable visits to communities around the globe," stated Robert Battle, artistic director since 2011. "Mr. Ailey said it so well; 'Dance came from the people and should always be delivered back to the people.' I'm proud to lead the Company back to South Africa for the first time this century and excited for audiences there and in New York and Paris to experience uplifting performances by the world's most amazing dancers."

The 2015 Lincoln Center engagement opens on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. with The Ailey Spirit Gala benefit honoring the Ford Foundation. of You" from Artistic Director

Sponsored by FedEx Corporation, the benefit will raise vital funds to support scholarships for talented students of The Ailey School and Ailey's extensive Arts In Education & Community Programs. Along with the world-renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the one-night-only opening performance celebration will include appearances by the rising stars of Ailey II, gifted voung dancers from The Ailev School, and blossoming students from AileyCamp. A soirée on the promenade follows the performance.

Exodus, a world premiere by bold hip-hop choreographer Rennie Harris being created especially for the engagement, will debut on Thursday, June 11, along with a new production of Talley Beatty's Toccata. The highly anticipated Exodus, set to gospel and house music along with poetic narration, explores the idea of "exodus" from one's ignorance and conformity - as a necessary step toward enlightenment.

The Wednesday, June 17 program will feature A Case of You, an emotional and sensual duet performed to Diana Krall's version of Joni Mitchell's "A Case



Alvin Ailey Ameircan Dance Theater's Akua Noni Parker and Jamar Roberts in Christopher Wheeldon's After the "Rain Pas de Deux.' Photo by Paul Kolnik

Emerita Judith Jamison's Reminiscin' (2005), and the company premiere of Robert Battle's No Longer Silent.

Ailey's acclaimed dancers will perform a diverse repertory that includes encore performances of 2014-15 season premieres and new productions by Matthew Rushing, Christopher Wheeldon, Jacqulyn Buglisi, Hofesh Shechter, and Ulysses

The Associated Press asserted that "...the timing could hardly be more apt for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's new civil rights-themed piece" ODETTA, a 2014-15 season world premiere choreographed by renowned Ailey dancer Matthew Rushing. The tribute is set to the musical repertoire of celebrated singer and civil rights activist Odetta Holmes, who was known as "the voice of

Take 6

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recognized as the preeminent a cappella group in the world.

Take 6 has come a long way from their days at Huntsville, Alabama's Oakwood College where McKnight formed the group as The Gentleman's Estate Quartet in 1980. After tenor Mark Kibble heard the group rehearsing in the dorm bathroom, he joined in the harmonies and performed on stage that night. When Mervyn Warren joined shortly afterward, they took the name Alliance. Yet, when they signed to Reprise Records/Warner Bros. in 1987, they found that there was another group with the same name, so they became Take 6

Says McKnight: "Take 6 was all about a democratic process of sitting in a room together and throwing a couple of hundred names at each other and Take 6 was the one that got the most vay votes [laughing.] It pretty much was a play on the Take 5 jazz standard and the fact that there are six of us in the group, so it became



Members of the a cappella group Take 6.

Take 6." Their self-titled debut album, released the following year, won over jazz and pop critics, scored two Grammy Awards, landed in the top ten on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz and Contemporary Christian charts, and they've never slowed down.

One, Take 6's recent recording on Shanachie, is notable for three reasons. First, it is the group's return to their spiritual heritage. Second, it is their first project without Cedric Dent, who retired from fulltime touring with the group in 2011. "Cedric had taken a position with MTSU (Middle Tennessee State University in

Trini film at BAM

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bean immigrants and first-time generation Caribbean Americans outside of the region, a look into the urban dram, set in the twin-island, said founder of CaFA, Romola Lucas.

Featuring first-time actors, the film, God Loves the Fighter, has been compared to "Brazil's City of God" and the classic Jamaican film, "The Harder They Come," according to Lucas.

With intoxicating visuals and a Soca music soundtrack, the flick is an exploration into the illicit underworld in Trinidad's capital city of Port-of-Spain.

In his directorial debut, Damian Marcano dispel the archetypes of the beach-laden, carnival-minded landscape most think they know, in its modern take of inner-city struggles.

CaFA's president Romala Lucas, who is presenting "God Loves The Fighter" in collaboration with independent film programmer Curtis Caesar, said the new Caribbean Film Series would shed light on the richness and vitality of Caribbean cinema.

"Many Caribbean nationals are active consumes of foreign media and 'God Loves The Fighter' provides an opportunity for them to support a Caribbean-made film with a similar aesthetic," said Lucas.

She added. "With the international success of independently made films like Storm Saulter's 'Better Mus' Come.' Patricia Benoit's 'Stones in the Sun,' and 'Fatal Assistance' by Raoul Peck, the Caribbean is poised to claim its spot in the world filmmaking marketplace."

The evening's screening will begin with the short film "Vivre" (13 minutes-2013) by Martinican director Maharaki.

The soundtrack for "God Loves the Fighter" - Laventille will be available for sale following the film screening.

For ticket information go to www.BAM.org/GodLovesthe-Fighter - Romola Lucas could be reached at romola@caribbeanfilm.org or Curtis Caesar John at Curtis.john@gmail. com -(917) 697-4157.



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FRI., MARCH 27

BROOKLYN GIRL FILM FESTIVAL:

Temporary Storage Galleries at Brooklyn Fire Proof, Gallery 104, 119 Ingraham St. at Porter Avenue, Brooklyn; www. brooklyngirlfilmfest.com; 6:00 p.m.; \$15. Showcasing the work of local women writers and directors as well as national and international female filmmakers.

FILM: Christmas Wedding Baby: BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave. between Lafayatte Avenue and Hanson Place, Brooklyn; (718) 636–4100; www.bam. org; 6:45 p.m.; Adult \$14, Member \$9.00, Senior 65+ \$10.00, Children 12 and under \$10.In this deft cross between



EASTER EGG HUNI

MAR. 28: Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Rd., The Bronx; (718) 885—1461; www.bartowpellmansionmuseum.org; 10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.; \$15 (members \$10). Children 2 to 12 years old hunt for treasures then go to the arts and craft table to decorate. Bring your own basket, light refreshments offered. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand for photo ops. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Rain date 3/29/15.

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MAR 30: Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care, 206-20 Linden Blvd, Queens; (866) 539–0999; www. ehnc.com/Locations/Cambria-Heights.aspx; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Free. Join us for a dance-fitness class that's friendly and fun. It uses the Zumba formula, with modified moves and pacing for active older people and those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. Be sure to let your doctor know you'll be taking part in an exercise class.



LONG-RUNNING: Brooklyn Flea, 1000 Dean St. between Classon and Franklin avenues, Brooklyn; www. brooklynflea.com; Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Now – Tuesday, March 31; Free. A hundred vintage, antique, and other vendors, plus 25 vendors selling food.

romantic comedy and family drama, three sisters gather in their North Florida hometown for the youngest's Christmastime wedding. The trio struggle with the expectations they face as women-in marriage, motherhood, romance, and their relationships to their opinionated mother-which is to say nothing of the real wrench in the plot: the bride-to-be's first love has been hired as her wedding photographer.

FILM: Ojuju:BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave. between Lafayatte Avenue and Hanson Place, Brooklyn; (718) 636-4100; www.bam.org; 9:45 p.m.; Adult \$14, Member \$9.00, Senior 65+ \$10.00, Children 12 and under \$10. When the water supply in an isolated Nigerian slum becomes infected, the neighborhood guickly morphs into a minefield of flesh-eating undead. Expectant father Romero (a cheeky reference to "Night of the Living Dead" director George Romero) must weigh his instinct for survival against his anguish when his pregnant girlfriend begins displaying some strange symptoms. He joins forces with smartaleck friend Peju and the pair attempt to escape the infested hood, dodging

zombified drug dealers, ex-lovers, friends, and more along the way. Made on a shoestring budget, C.J. Obasi's horrorfest proves an impressive, subversive take on the zombie genre.

SAT., MARCH 28

BROOKLYN GIRL FILM FESTIVAL:

Noon. Temporary Storage Galleries at Brooklyn Fire Proof, Gallery 104. See Friday, March 27.

BOTANICAL ART PROJECT: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main Street, Queens; (718) 539–5296; www.queens-botanical.org; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Materials fee plus admission to gardens. The works of artist Paul Lin will be on display in the Gallery until April 12. He blends fine art and traditional crafts with natural materials, including petals, feathers, twigs, and dried leaves. Lin will be hosting a workshop and teaching his technique. Suitable for children older than 10 years.

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MON., MARCH 30

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SITTING EXERCISE: Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care, 206-20 Linden Blvd., Queens; (866) 539–0999; www.ehnc.com/Locations/Cambria-Heights.aspx; 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.; Free. Join us for a sitting Zumba workout that can improve your stability and balance and help you stay mobile. It is designed to develop strength and enhance your ability to perform the activities of everyday life, making it perfect for seniors. Use of hand weights is optional. Please let your doctor know that you will be taking part in an exercise class.

TUES., MARCH 31

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE TRAINING: Kings Plaza Mall Community Room, 5100 Flatbush Ave.(near Ave. U, inside the parking garage, 1st level), Brooklyn; 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.; Free. This workshop is handson and is designed to help residents better organize their communities to address emergencies. Topics include the block captain system, developing partnerships, building a go-kit, developing block leadership and more. Certificates will be awarded upon completion. To register, please call 718-469-4679 or go to oranizingneighborhoodsmarch31. evenbrite.com. Sponsored by Neighbor-Works America, Neighborhood Housing Services, HPD NYC and the NYCB Family of Banks.

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St. Francis's Jalen Cannon, front, and Richmond's T.J. Cline fight for position during the first half of a first-round National Invitation Tournament college basketball game in Richmond, Va., Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Associated Press / Skip Rowland

Terriers win season title

By Robert Elkin

The Terriers, as they are nicknamed, who list only four seniors on their roster, won their first Northeast Conferene title since the winter of 2003. They were able to rest their standout players a little bit for the league tournament which determines who gets that automatic bid into the NCAA tourney.

Having their home court advantage, they won their first two games, but lost their third game at home, against Rob-

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Greatest oneday cricketer

By Azad Ali

Sir Vivian Richards has been crowned the greatest one-day cricketer ever by a jury of 50 eminent players, commentators and writers assembled by the Cricket Monthly recently.

An astonishing 29 of 50 jurors picked Sir Viv as their first choice, giving him a landslide victory over other ODI legends; Sachin Tendulkar, Wasim Akram, Adam Gilchrist and MS Doni.

The contest for second place was a close affair between Tendulkar and Akram.

Tendulkar who scored 18,426 runs and 49 centuries, eventually prevailed by a hair's breadth over Akram, the most successful left-arm bowler the

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D.C. United defender Bobby Boswell, left, and New York Bulls' Bradley Wright-Phillips (99) vie for a header during the first half of an MLS soccer game, Sunday, March 22, 2015, in Harrison, N.J.

Associated Press / John Minchillo

Wright-Phillips has goal and assist

By Tom Canavan

HARRISON, N.J. (AP) _ Bradley Wright-Phillips scored a goal and set up another as the New York Red Bulls defeated D.C. United 2-0 on Sunday in a home opener that was marked by disgruntled fans chanting

support for former coach Mike Petke who was fired after last season.

Lloyd Sam scored his second goal of the season for the Red Bulls' other goal, while Luis Robles recorded the shutout with five saves in the home debut of new coach Jesse Marsch.

Chris Pontius sent a penalty kick about five feet over the crossbar in second-half injury time to keep D.C. United off the board.

The biggest surprise came at the start of the game when the Red

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D.C. United goalkeeper Bill Hamid, second from right, makes a save as New York Red Bulls defender Damien Perrinelle (55) pursues during the first half of an MLS soccer game, Sunday, March 22, 2015, in Harrison, N.J.

Associated Press / John Minchillo

Red Bulls stage a great show

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Bulls' most loyal fans behind their goal chanted "Michael Petke" over and over and held up a banner "Legends Deserve Better."

Petke led the Red Bulls to the playoffs in both his seasons as coach, guiding them to the Supporter's Shield in 2013 and within a round of the MLS Cup last

Wright-Phillips, who tied the MLS single-season record with 27 regularseason goals in 2014, got his first in the 25th minute. He took a long pass

from Dax McCarty on the edge of the ing nine shots and getting five corner box, took a touch to settle the ball and then right-footed it into the corner of the net beyond the reach of goalkeeper Bill Hamid.

A takeaway by Felipe Martins sent Wright-Phillips toward the goal in the second half and he found Sam on the right side of the penalty box for a shot that beat Hamid short side in the 71st minute.

The Red Bulls, who saw Thierry Henry retire after last season and a massive roster overhaul, had the better of the play in the opening half, takkicks.

D.C. United had two excellent chances with the best coming in the 33rd minute when Robles made a sprawling save on a shot in the box by Chris Rolfe and McCarty then had to make a sliding tackle to clear the loose rebound.

Pontius also got off a good header on a United corner kick in the 37th minute, but it was right at Robles and he had no problem catching it. Rolfe also had a good chance in the second half after Sam's goal.

Former Indian captain Kapil Dev, left, and former West Indian captain Vivian Richards share a joke at a cricket world cup related press conference in New Delhi, India.

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Top one-day cricketers

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game has seen. Rounding off the top five were Gilchrist at No. 4 and Dhoni

In all, 21 cricketers received at least one vote from the jury: six Australians, five Indians, four Pakistanis, two West Indians, two South Africans, a Sri Lankan and an Englishman.

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Sir Viv played in 187 ODI matches and scored 6,721 runs, for an average of 47. He had 11 centuries and 45 half

Terriers win

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ert Morris. In that game they bowed out losing 66-63, when Lucky Jones converted on two free throws. Thus, Robert Morris advanced into the more prestigious NCAA Tourney while the Terriers ended up in the National Invitation Tourney.

Thus the season was over for the Terriers from downtown Brooklyn.

However, the thrill of winning their regular season title and advancing to runner-up spot in the tourney playoffs marked a big step in the progress of the program at St. Francis College, Brooklyn. It was a plus to the whole St. Francis program.

They hope that they can keep it up when the fall of 2015 rolls around. But the graduation losses will hurt them especially when it comes to their two best players.

But the thrill of winning the regular season title still stands out both to the players, personnel and fans, who packed the stands for many of their home ones, including the NEC

Despite not entering the NCAA tourney — the one that they really wanted, the Terriers entered into the NIT, whose semi-finals and finals are at Madison Square Garden.

In the first round of the latter, they travelled to Richmond, where their season ended with an overall record of 23-12, including 15-3 in the Northeast Conference. Their 23 victories turned into a one season high, dating back to the '53-'54 season. The players felt a little disappointed in the setback to host Richmond.

"We (still) had a great season," Coach Glen Braicha told his players after the Richmond contest. Briacha was still proud of their effort.

Jalen Cannon's statistics helped to pave the way for the Terriers. He, surely, will be missed as he graduates this spring. The forward will probably go overseas to continue his basketball competition. His high game this season was 35 points coming against Central Connecticut.

Cannon received many of his passes from guard Brent Jones, who is also graduating, as they both will be truly missed

"We had a great experience playing here at St. Francis," Jones said.



Robert Morris guard Marcquise Reed (2) breaks away as St. Francis guard Kevin Douglas (34), forward Jalen Cannon (5), give chase. Associated Press / John Minchillo



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WI appoints Phil Simmons as head coach



Former Ireland's coach Phil Simmons gestures during a practice session ahead of their cricket World Cup match in Calcutta, India. He now coaches the West Indies team.

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Former West Indies and Trinidad Tobago cricketer Phil Simmons, 51 years old, has received a three-year contract from the West Indies Cricket Board as head coach.

He played 26 Test matches and 143 One-Day Internationals, between 1987 and 1998. He also coached ICC Associate Team Ireland. Simmons said, "West Indies have tremendous history and prestige in the game and I am honored to have been given this opportunity to be head coach."

PROFESSIONAL APPROACH

Despite the credentials of the head coach, bowling coach and captain, the players on the cricket field will have to see themselves as professionals and act as such.

West Indies performance in this year's World Cup has been very poor and there should be no excuses for such poor showing. Some of the West Indies players have not stood up to their responsibilities including captain Jason Holder. He lacks experience in leadership and failed to make the necessary



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

changes in the team's batting and bowling.

Holder must be able to switch the batting around and also make changes to the bowling in order to put pressure on the opposing team.

Dwayne Smith should have been bowling his seamers in the World Cup. Certain recommendations should have been made to Captain Jason Holder for the benefit of the team. Stand-in head coaches must be able to motivate and enhance the performance of their players.

WEST INDIES DOWNFALL

West Indies quick bowler Kemar Roach suffered from injuries in South Africa and that continued into the World Cup. Roach and Jerome Taylor will normally open the West Indies bowling but the pressure fell on Captain Holder to do that task.

Roach's failure to pick up wickets caused a setback to the West Indies. Andre Russell bowled hard and with some good pace and bounce.

Specialist spinner Sunil Narine who was unable to tour caused more pain for the West

Roach's failure to pick up wickets caused a setback to the West Indies.

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New Zealand scored 206 runs from their last 15 overs and this shows that the West Indies bowling needs to improve.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, a challenge awaits you this week. Don't be afraid to seek help from others, as recognizing you need help is a sign that you're capable of handling

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, accepting too much responsibility at work is starting to affect your performance. Delay some of your more trivial tasks to focus on the more important ones.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, it's easy to get your way this week, but try to remain humble. Others might not be so lucky, so offer your help in any way you can.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, enthusiasm about a new plan reigns supreme. You don't need to convince others about your excitement. Just jump right in and get started on the project.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
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SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, your confidence inspires you to try something new this week. Embrace this newfound boldness, but don't forget to keep your head on

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