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Queens Caribbean political candidates resist efforts to block City Council hopefuls

Photo by Dave Rodney

## NOT IN OUR BACKYARD

**By Dave Rodney**

Dozens of Caribbean Americans in New York braved snow, ice and freezing rain Monday, January 28 to show strident support for a Jamaican community activist, Michael Duncan from Kingston, who is a candidate in the race for council member in upcoming special elections in Queens. The elections are taking place in the 31st Council District just three weeks away, on Tuesday Feb.19. This special election is necessary as the sitting council

member James Sanders Jr. was elevated to the state Senate in general elections last November to replace scandal-scarred lawmaker Shirley Huntley who was ousted from office by voters.

Michael Duncan, 49, has a new home page for leadership and with some 20 years of community activism under his belt. He says he has refused to be a part of the old school party machines. He and eight other hopefuls have jumped into this race that many of the 80,000 registered voters in

the constituency would probably ignore. Voters normally don't pay much attention to special elections in New York. But this time is different. The race is attracting an unusual amount of community and media attention because one candidate, Jacques Leandre, has filed objections with the Board of Elections and law suits in the Supreme Court against nearly all the candidates in the race. As it happens, all six contenders that Haitian hopeful Jacques Leandre

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# CARIB SUGAR DEAL

## Five more duty-free years on the European market

**By Bert Wilkinson**

Sugar experts from around the Caribbean trade bloc this week embraced a decision by the European Parliament's agriculture committee to give sugar producers in former colonies five more years of duty free and guaranteed quota access to its market, saying the extra time will give them a chance to be more competitive.

The EU announced the measure, after a committee meeting a week ago, to maintain until 2020 regional beet production quotas, meaning that the same applies to raw sugar production from Caribbean-bloc producers: Guyana, Jamaica, Belize and Barbados.

Fellow CARIFORUM member, The Dominican Republic, also accesses that market.

Paul Bhim, director of the Guyana Sugar Corporation, the bloc's largest producer and exporter, said the new breathing space is welcome news to the region and is likely to be endorsed by the European Commission (EC) when it meets shortly.

"The parliament is the big stage and once it is approved by the agriculture committee it is usually done by the commission so it means our sugar will go to that market duty free, with a fixed quota and to a guaranteed market for another

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Barbados

The Barbados government recently established a 12-member Reparation Task Force that would be responsible for sustaining the local, regional and international momentum for reparations.

It will also conceptualize and articulate strategies, frameworks and projects to accept and manage financial and other resources.



“They will also further the research and publication of works that make the case for reparations and self-reparations at individual, community, national, regional and international levels, among other things,” said Culture Minister Stephen Lashley.

The Task Force is chaired by Professor Pedro Welch and Lashley said it would provide advice and support to government, through the Commission for Pan-African Affairs, on sourcing financial, in-kind and technical assistance resources to implement a package of reparative initiatives.

These projects will include government collaborating with the University of the West Indies to amount a regional reparations conference, which would lead to the formation of a Caribbean commission; and the establishment of a Multi Ethnic Research Center, a National Museum on Slavery and a Center for Reparations Research.

Lashley said Barbados supports the argument that reparations should be made to the people of African descent in the Caribbean and has expressed repeatedly its position over the years at various high-level international meetings.

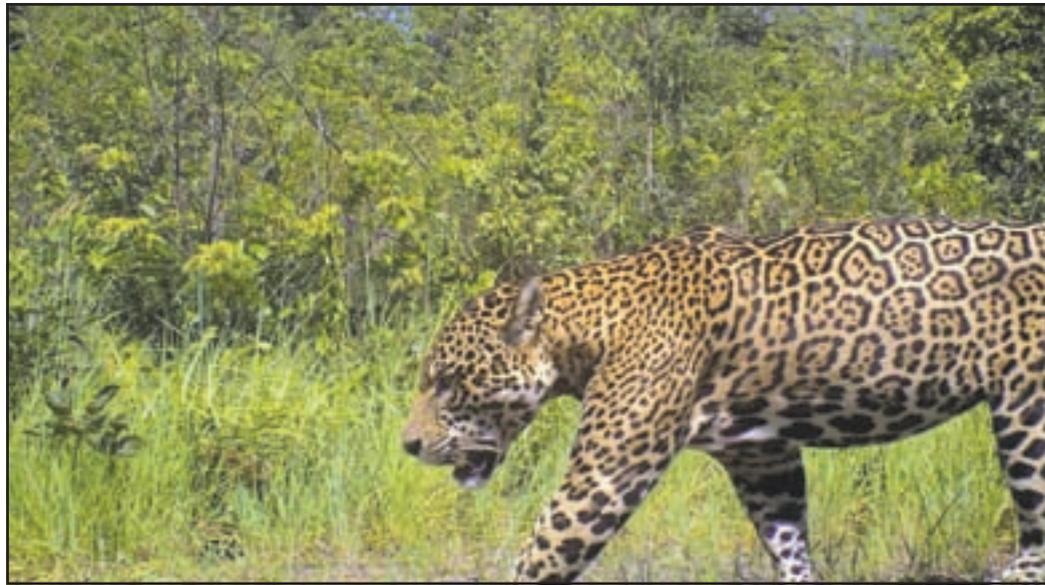
At least three Caribbean countries are exploring the possibility of setting up Reparations Commissions.

## Grenada

The Grenada Electricity Services (GRENLEC), which has been privately owned for 18 years, is now reverting to state control.



Florida-based WRB Enterprises bought majority holdings from government in 1994. But WRB, which effectively owned 61.4 percent of GRENLEC, recently offered the Grenada government the option of retaking control of the



## Guyana protects its jaguars

In this photo released by the New York-based conservation group Panthera, a male jaguar is photographed by a camera trap on Karanambu Ranch, in the Rupununi region of Guyana, in 2011. The lushly forested nation of Guyana on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 joined a regional pact to protect jaguars, the elusive spotted cat that is the biggest land predator in the Americas but is vulnerable due to expanded agriculture and mining that carves away at their fragmented habitat. See story on page 24.

AP Photo/Panthera

company by purchasing its shares for some EC\$90 million.

Finance Minister Nazim Burke told a news conference recently: “We cannot buy the shares. We do not have the money.”

Burke said, however, that Light & Power Holdings (LPH) of Barbados— which is majority-owned by Canada-based Emera Inc.—has “reached an understanding” with WRB and is close to completing a purchase of the agreement for the 61.4 percent shares in GRELEC, the sole provider and distributor of electricity in Grenada. Of the 61.4 percent shares, 50 percent was owned by Grenada Private Power, a subsidiary of WRB. Another WRB-owned company, Eastern Caribbean Holdings (ECH), controlled 11.4 percent.

In anticipation of the LPH takeover of GRENLEC, government has been in negotiations with the Barbadian company and talks are “well advanced” said Attorney General Rohan Phillip.

## Guyana

Police in Guyana said 750 Guyanese were deported from various countries last year.

Delivering statistics, the police

said that during 2012, a total of 750 Guyanese nationals were deported from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Trinidad, Barbados, French Guiana, Suriname, St. Maarten, Curacao, France, Antigua, Jamaica, Holland, Costa Rica, and Spain.



A release from the police said that the deportees were mainly from the USA (158), Canada (112), Trinidad (128), Barbados (82) and Suriname (234). The major reasons were drug-related and other criminal offences, illegal entry, overstaying time and denial of refugee status, the release said.

## Jamaica

With road fatalities falling below the 300 mark for the first time in a decade, the authorities in Jamaica are pushing ahead with plans to ensure road safety on the island.



Head of the Road Traffic Unit of the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, Kenute Hare says

new legislation expected to be approved by parliament this year will focus on motor vehicle tire safety as part of the efforts to further reduce the number of road deaths.

“Motorists will be required to have tires with threads at a threshold of 1.6 millimeters,” Hare said, adding “of course, we will continue to educate the population about the importance of proper tire safety, so they are able to make proper choices within the traffic environment.”

## Trinidad

Sexual offences and kidnappings were at an all-time high last year than any other time over the past five years, according to statistics from the Crime and Problem Analysis Branch (CAPA) of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

Last year, 1,020 sexual offences were reported, according to CAPA.

There were 241 more sexual offences reported last year than in 2009, which accounted for the second highest figure in the five-year period.



Last year 180 kidnappings were reported, CAPA said.

There were 20 more kidnappings reported last year than in 2009 which accounted for the second highest figure in the past five years.

CAPA statistics showed there were less serious crimes last year than any other time over the last five years with the exception of 2011 when the country had a three-month long State of Emergency.

There 17,533 serious crimes reported last year, CAPA said.

In 2011, there were 15,877 serious crimes reported.

The third lowest year in the five year period was 2008 when 18,739 serious crimes were reported.

More serious crimes were reported in the Sister Isle, Tobago than any other time during the last five years.

There 1,156 serious crimes reported in Tobago last year.

Last year there were 377 murders in the country. It was only the second time that the murder toll did not cross the 400 mark in the last five years. In 2009 and 2009 the murder toll crossed the 500 mark with 547 and 507 murders.

## St. Lucia

Attorneys representing Speaker of the House of Assembly, Peter Foster, have demanded an apology from Opposition Leader Stephen King over remarks in which he accused Foster of conflict of interest surrounding the enquiry to the St. Lucia Fire Service.



In a statement recently King claimed that Foster’s law firm had been hired as counsel to the Commission while he was also representing a media house, which the Chief Fire Officer has sued for defamation.

The legal firm of Gordon and Gordon wrote the opposition leader demanding an apology within 48 hours in a form to be agreed by Foster.

“This apology is to be aired by all the media houses which published King’s ‘defamatory statements’”, the letter said.

According to the statement, King has been accused of “international reckless conduct” which it said was deserving of “damages

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U.S. Department of State Public Affairs Officer, John W. Whiteley and U.S. Department of State Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Brenda S. Sprague. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## Citizens urged to apply for passport

By Tangerine Clarke

The U.S. Department of State is stepping up its outreach to educate the Caribbean American traveling public about the services the agency has to offer, and ways in which the community can receive special help before they travel.

During an exclusive interview with Caribbean Life recently at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Brenda S. Sprague, urged citizens to apply for a U.S. Passport. To do so, an applicant must supply a naturalization certificate, a U.S. birth certificate, a driver's license, or other forms of documents approved by the agency.

First time applicants are required to pay a fee of \$135 for a new passport. For a renewal, the fee is \$110. The travel document for a child is valid for five years; for an adult it's 10 years.

The fee is applied to either a 26-page or 52-page book. Seasoned travelers are however advised to choose the larger book to avoid having to pay later for extra visa pages that cost \$82.

Sprague also strongly encourages families to put aside one day in the year to check all travel documents to ensure passports are valid before travel - especially citizens with relatives in other parts of the world and may have to travel in case of an emergency.

In addition, she informed this newspaper that a child

born to an undocumented parent, is the only one who is entitled to an American passport. The process to acquire a passport for that child should be undertaken as soon as the child is born, which she said would be best for all concerned.

She reiterates the importance of owning a U.S. passport, pointing out that the document has a reputation for integrity.

"If you have a U.S. passport it's proof by law that you have citizenship; and it's a document that enables you to travel at a moment's notice," Sprague added.

A \$30 passport card that could be easily slipped into a wallet is also a valuable ID that allows citizens to travel to Canada, Mexico and, by boat only, to any Caribbean country.

The U.S. State Department is also offering the traveling public the opportunity to use its online services at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) to enroll in the "smart travel" program (STEP) before leaving the US. The program allows travelers to register information, such as an itinerary that allows the agency to stay in touch via smart phone alerts or email, in cases of emergency. Hurricanes, civil unrest, or the loss of a passport are issues the agency would be prepared to address.

Sprague, who was accompanied by Public Affairs Officer John W. Whiteley at the NY Times Travel Show as part of the

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# DAY OF OUTRAGE!

## Central Park 5 Case Heats Up

By Amadi Ajamu

As the civil case for justice for the Central Park 5 proceeded in the Federal Court House at 500 Pearl St. in Lower Manhattan on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2012, the heat turned up in the street.

Guyana Tourism 2013 begins with: On the same day the December 12th Movement and the Freedom Party, have called for a massive protest under the theme, "Black Nation, Black Nationalism and Pan Africanism or Perish," to be held one block away at Foley Square at Duane Street and Lafayette Street at 4:00 p.m. calling for a "Day Of Outrage" demanding the long overdue justice and reparations.

Many view this critical case as a microcosm of the systemic oppression of the Black and Latino community. Five young men, Kharey Wise, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, Yusef Salaam, and Antron McCray were wrongfully convicted 23 years ago in the brutal rape of a white investment banker dubbed, "The Central Park Jogger" case. The teens spent six to 13 years in prison.

The protest is also in resistance to the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy as a violation of the human



Protesters marching around lower Manhattan.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

rights of Black and Latino men in New York City.

At a recent forum in Harlem, spokesperson Omowale Clay declared, "In 2013, our people must have unity in action. We must push for self reliance, self determination, and become our own liberators. Every aspect of our lives is under attack. The only way we can fight and win is together and in the streets. We will get reparations for these young brothers now!"

The case has gained momentum in the past few months during the latest

court hearings as community activist have mobilized to fill the court room. The New York City Police Department and Mayor Bloomberg's administration have relentlessly stalled any progress on this blatantly open-and-shut case of police abuse and injustice. Serial rapist Matias Reyes confessed to the crime. The only DNA found at the crime scene was his, and the five men have been exonerated. Yet, they still refuse to admit any wrongdoing.

More and more people are demanding the case be

settled, particularly since the resent screenings of the David McMahon, Ken and Sarah Burns documentary focusing on the case. A *Daily News* OpEd piece on Dec 24 demanded the case be resolved as quickly as possible and NYC Comptroller John Liu recently held a press conference urging a settlement.

Even former Assistant District Attorney Linda Fairstein, who called the shots in the original case felt the need to come out to the last court hearing. Ms. Fairstein

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## Tax credit bonanza for New Yorkers

By Chudi Chukwudi

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance joined the Internal Revenue Service, local charity organizations, and thousands of volunteers across the state Friday, Jan 25 to kick-off Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day. 1.6 million New Yorkers receive \$940 million annually; benefits can be as high as \$7,500 when combined with the federal program. That event is sponsored by Rensselaer Circles of Mercy, the United Way of the Greater Capi-

tal Region, and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal and state income tax credit available to working individuals and families with adjusted gross incomes less than \$50,270. Eligible families with three or more qualifying children can receive up to \$5,891 on their federal income tax return, and as much as \$1,767 from New York State. New York City residents are eligible for the New York City EITC credit of up to \$295, in addition to the federal and state credits.

The IRS estimates that

as many as 1 in 5 eligible workers overlooks the EITC when filing income taxes. Across New York State and the nation, EITC events were held to educate communities and encourage participation by all eligible taxpayers.

New Yorkers were eligible to begin filing their federal and state income taxes on January 30, when 1.6 million taxpayers were eligible to receive \$940 million annually, with ; benefits as high as \$7,500 when combined with the federal program.

"Of the \$940 million in New York State EITC ben-

efits paid annually, 96 percent go to families with children," said Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Thomas H. Mattox. "With benefits that average \$600 and range as high as \$1,700, this program is critical to the these families, particularly when combined with the federal credit. When filing your income taxes this year, it is important not to overlook this very valuable program."

"The EITC provides the households of eligible working New Yorkers with an infusion of resources that can significantly increase

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# Queens Caribs say no to 'plantation politics'

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is seeking to remove from the ballot are Black- Caribbean Americans and African Americans. The sole Jewish candidate in the race has been spared Leandre's wrath. Leandre's objections appear to be based on his presumption that the other candidates have filed fictitious names in their election petitions. The Board of Elections requires at least 450 signatures on a candidate's submission for the candidacy to be valid.

The Board of Elections has already informed Michael Duncan that at the vetting of the first of two volumes of his petition, he had already garnered more than 1,150 signatures of the 450 required. Consequently, the Board of Elections saw no further need to continue vetting the second part of the petition.

"What Jacques Leandre is doing here in trying to eliminate bona fide candidates from the City Council race. This is an outrage to the residents of Queens and an assault on democracy," an enraged voter, Lakeisha Thelwell who had come out to support Michael Duncan complained.

"This is plantation style slavery politics, it is very un-American and we won't stand for it here in Queens," she continued, undaunted by snowflakes tumbling down her face.

Michael Duncan who hails from the Shortwood Avenue area of Kingston and who only a few weeks ago orchestrated "Christmas in the Rockaways", an event that brought Christmas cheer and fulfilled holiday wishes for hundreds of Hurricane Sandy victims in the constituency, was very resolute in his repudiation of the tactics of Jacques Leandre.

"Many of the other candidates and I soundly reject this old plantation-style Anancy politics that seeks to take us off the ballot by trickery although we've been the ones here working night and day for the betterment of this community", Michael Duncan told Caribbean Life. "This is Tom Foolery deception, voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and we distance ourselves from those icons of underdevelopment. We support unity, community and inclusion", Duncan further declared at the Merrick Boulevard protest. Duncan was joined by

two other candidates in the race, Marie Adam Ovide and Earnest Flowers.

Michael Duncan is a Garveyite, a businessman and was chief-of-staff and budget director for former City Council member James Sanders, Jr. Duncan has been PTA president for various public schools. He led the fight to remove hot sheet motels from residential areas in Queens. He developed a business model to generate jobs and to reduce unemployment and he revived the Rosedale Soccer Club to help kids build character through sports.

The Queens 31st Council District includes the communities of Laurelton, Springfield Gardens, Rosedale and the Rockaways. The district has a large Jamaican population that contributes to the almost 80 percent chunk of Blacks in the area. One longtime political observer in Queens, Mr. Desmond Clarke, president of the Jamaica National Movement in New York is convinced that the frivolous electoral objections and lawsuits from Leandre are a strategy to divert energies and focus from campaigning. Observers say the play will also delay city fund-

ing for campaigning for all the candidates named in the objections, thereby weakening their effectiveness in getting their messages out quickly to the public.

Doug Muzzio, a specialist in American public opinion, voting behavior and city politics and a political analyst for ABC News has said that in a large field of candidates as is the case in Queens, a relatively small number of votes can win. "New York ballot access laws are intentionally byzantine, designed to allow party machines to thwart insurgents and reformers", Muzzio told Caribbean Life.

For his part, Michael Duncan understands clearly that he must bring out the Caribbean American voters to win the race on February 19. And community leaders in New York like Desmond Clarke of the Jamaica National Movement, Irwine Clare of the Jamaica Diaspora U.S. Northeast Advisory Board and Darnel Abellard of L'Association des Ouanaminthais, a Haitian organization, have all unreservedly endorsed Michael Duncan and are urging their members to throw their support behind Duncan on February 19.

# Sugar deal

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five years," Bhim said.

The original deadline was 2015. Removing quotas was regarded as the final step in reforming the decades-old EU's sugar protocol that had protected former colonies in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) from an open market and from mega producers and exporters like Brazil, Thailand and Australia which have been trying to prise open the EU's door at the expense of the ACP for years.

The region has a potential quota of about 500,000 metric tonnes of sugar to the EU with Guyana being the largest with about 170,000 tons followed by Belize and Jamaica coming behind. The EU's fixed price is about Euros 335 per tonne but private refining companies often negotiate bilateral deals with Caribbean suppliers and offer even high prices Bhim said.

The Guyana-based bloc secretariat also welcomed the move saying the five-year period will give producers more time to reduce costs and prepare for a future free market in sugar. The EU has already cut import prices by 36 percent, forcing Trinidad and St. Kitts to leave the industry after more than 400 years.

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# Muslim terror plotter carps from cell

By Bert Wilkinson

A former Guyanese member of parliament, one of four Caribbean nationals jailed more than two years ago for their part in an alleged plot to blow up fuel tanks and pipelines at New York's JFK Airport in 2007 is now complaining that he was the victim of an American cowboy trial that has left him stripped of his dignity and languishing in a jail cell.

Abdul Kadir, 62, former civil engineer and mayor of the bauxite town of Linden 70 miles south of Georgetown, charged in an open letter to local Guyanese media this week that key evidence including audio recordings proving that he had denied an invitation from a U.S. government undercover agent to join a group to blow up the fuel tanks was never admitted in evidence making it easy for the court to convict him and impose a life sentence.

"I now languish in prison, away from my family and all, stripped of my human dignity and rights, while still trying to understand eve-

rything," a clearly angry Kadir said in his letter. Its contents were confirmed as authentic by his daughter, Sauda Kadir, who heads the Guyana examinations division of the education ministry. Three of the four defendants are Guyanese, including mastermind and former JFK cargo handler Russell DeFreitas now in his 70s. The other is a Trinidadian cleric. All are over age 60.

Kadir said the recordings would have proven that he had told the confidential informant that "I was opposed to the idea and that I did not support it. Also, recorded conversations between my co-defendant, another Guyanese, and a Trinidadian (on different occasions) confirm that I was not part of their plan and their alleged plot. These were also not admitted as evidence into trial," he said.

Asked why the father of eight is now speaking out, Sauda Kadir said he is preparing to appeal his sentence "as he thinks he is innocent and did not receive a fair trial. "He did tell the informant that it was un-Islamic to engage in such



Former member of Guyana's parliament Abdul Kadir sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, for plotting to blow up fuel tanks at John F. Kennedy International Airport in 2007.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

activities but that evidence was not allowed by the judge," she said Tuesday.

She said that Kadir was represented by government-paid lawyers but he is now seeking to have his

case reopened because of the evidence that was not admitted at trial.

Three of the four defendants were jailed for life and one for 15 years.

# T&T gets rehab loan

By Azad Ali

The Trinidad and Tobago government has received the largest loan ever awarded to an English-speaking country in the Caribbean from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) - US \$246.5 million - as part of a three-phase loan program for waste-water rehabilitation.

The total cost of the program is estimated to be US\$546.5 million over the course of five years.

The agreement was signed by Planning and Sustainable Development Minister Dr. Bhoew Tewarie, on behalf of the government and president of the IDB Luis Alberto Moreno, at the Hilton Trinidad recently.

According to Moreno, in just the Caribbean region, as much as 80 percent of all waste-water was being discharged into the Caribbean Sea, something he saw as a tragedy.

He said the lack of sufficient and stable long-term funding for the waste water sector constituted a major challenge.

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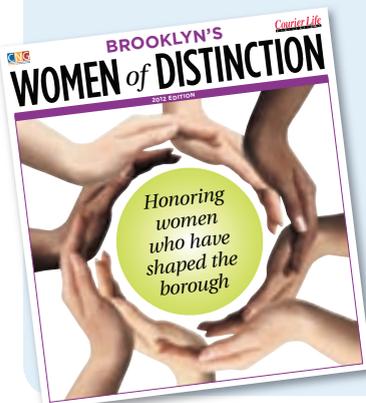
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# Temporary teachers' review

Prime Minister Tillman Thomas has assured the Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) that his government's "broad goal is to develop Grenada's human resource as a primary national asset."

The prime minister made the declaration on Jan. 24 as he welcomed a delegation from the Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT), led by its President General Kenny James and other senior officials of the union to the Cabinet Room. The two hour-long meeting discussed the way forward for the education sector.

Thomas, accompanied by Minister for Education Franka Alexis-Bernardine, outlined his government's policy for ensuring "our students achieve their full potential and maximize the benefits of economic and technical opportunities in the national, regional and global marketplaces."

The prime minister committed to constituting a special committee comprised of Ministry of Education, Department of Pub-



Prime Minister Tillman Thomas (center) with Minister for Education Franka Alexis-Bernardine (left of center) meet with representatives of the Grenada Union of Teachers.  
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lic Administration and the Ministry of Finance officials, which would operate under strict deadlines to ensure that temporary teachers are regularized in the shortest time possible, based on their status and number of years in the classroom.

Bernadine highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Ministry of Education, and mentioned the goal of the NDC administration with respect to education.

"The issue of temporary

teachers in the school system dates back more than 14 years. However, we will move ahead to have these teachers regularized in the interest of their earning and borrowing potential and their upward mobility," said the minister for education.

She expressed her appreciation to the GUT for its commitment to the strengthening of the education sector including efforts to increase the number of qualified teachers in the nation's classrooms.

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# Save The Putnam Trail campaign

## To The Editor:

Why would a "conservancy" cut down 400 trees and pave 1 mile of nature with asphalt?

A conservancy is "an organization that works to protect animals, plants, and natural resources especially by purchasing and caring for areas of land," according to Merriam-Webster. The mission statement of Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy (VCPC) is: "to sustain and enhance the park as a vibrant destination for recreation, leisure and the enjoyment of natural landscapes."

Yet still, the VCPC is doing nothing as NYC Parks burns \$2.41 million in federal/city taxpayer dollars, to widen and pave over a popular historic trail that runs 1.5 miles through nature preserves, sometimes feet away. The NYC Parks plan destroys 1.5 to 2 acres of forest and 400 trees, harming both plant and wildlife thriving there.

Two wildlife preserves flank the trail - Tibbets Brook/Lake, and the Northwest Forest.\* Forever Wild preserves are supposed to receive special protection by the city. The parks dept. describes them at their website: "The Forever Wild Program is an initiative of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to protect and preserve the most ecologically valuable lands within the five boroughs."\*\*\*

Asphalt causes water runoff issues that result in contaminated water and rotted tree roots. The Putnam Trail runs between the

Lake and Tibbets Brook, with the lake enjoyed by local fishermen.

An urgent problem: the President of the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy is also the administrator of Van Cortlandt Park, in other words a parks department employee. This is clearly a conflict of interest, says SPT.

Neither the conservancy nor parks dept. is paying attention to the parks department's poll at their website for Van Cortlandt Park, where 55 percent of people say if they could visit the park every day for one activity, it'd be to wander the nature trails. Others chose: birdwatching (6%), fishing (9%), golf (6%), horseback riding (25%).\*\*\*

"When the parks department sends out a spokesman about the Putnam Trail and says, 'well, the conservancy supports our idea,' that's nonsense," said SPT.

Please write a note to Mayor Bloomberg and make him aware of this conflict of interest and that his legacy will always be associated with the destruction of 1 acre of land, 400 trees and unwanted asphalt on the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park. <http://on.nyc.gov/3CDcV6>

Tell Mayor Bloomberg it's his choice and that the Putnam Trail can forever be referred to as the "Bloomberg nature walk" or if current plans go through the "Bloomberg asphalt raceway". (Bloomberg Boulevard).

\*<http://www.nycgovparks.org/greening/nature-preserves/>  
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# Demand for a worker safety code

## To The Editor:

A group of workers, community members and labor organizers, including Brandworkers and the Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center, came together Thursday, January 24 to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of tortilla factory worker Juan Baten. At a candlelight vigil, the group urged the city's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to adopt a transparent process in its new subsidized loan program to inform the public on where their tax money is going and ensure that tax dollars support businesses that are creating good jobs.

Mr. Baten was killed on the job in 2011 after getting caught and pulled into a mixing machine at Tortilleria Chinantla. Federal safety investigators found that Tortilleria Chinantla recklessly failed to install a legally required machine guard which would have saved Mr. Bat-

**"The people of New York City want the good jobs our communities need, and a transparent process for spending taxpayer dollars."**

en's life. Factory owner Erasmo Ponce was arrested and pled guilty to criminal charges. He is expected to be sentenced to jail time and ordered to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in restitution.

The NYC Economic Development Corporation, in partnership with Goldman Sachs and the New York Business Development Corporation (NYBDC), will soon launch the Food Manufacturers Fund. This program will bestow taxpayer-funded loans on food manufacturers in an effort to stimulate the sec-

tor. To ensure that bad employers like Tortilleria Chinantla do not receive city funds under this new initiative, Brandworkers has called on the EDC to require loan applicants to sign and adhere to a code of conduct as a condition of receiving a loan and to adopt a transparent process by publically disclosing potential loan recipients so that bad actors can be vetted before the loans are finalized. The EDC and NYBDC have agreed to adopt the mandatory code of conduct, however, they have declined thus far to adopt a transparent process of disclosing loan applicants.

"The people of New York City want the good jobs our communities need, and a transparent process for spending taxpayer dollars. While the City did the right thing by accepting our workers' rights code of conduct for loan recipients, knowing which businesses apply for

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## OP-ED

# Connecting communities

**By Lucas Nelsen, lucasn@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs**

Rural communities often struggle to find new and readily available economic opportunities. In the past decade, however, a new source of employment and revenue has seen fantastic growth. It seems the answer was blowin' in the wind. Renewable energy, especially wind energy, has proved to be a very successful venture. Investment in wind energy helps rural areas immensely. It provides employment, and various types of revenue can flow into a community from a project.

Construction of wind farms require locally available materials and component parts that are manufactured in the U.S. And the tax revenue from wind farms goes

back into counties--meaning more money for schools, and other community services.

Although replete with natural resources and space, there are obstacles to taking full advantage of the potential that wind energy represents. The primary obstacle is one of connection. Production from wind farms can sometimes be too great for nearby communities, and the infrastructure to move that energy elsewhere is either inadequate or missing altogether. Improved transmission infrastructure is essential to alleviating this restriction.

A higher capacity grid means the wind farms have a place to send what would have been excess energy to places that need it. With more outlets to send energy, tur-

bines can be allowed to reach their full potential, ultimately increasing the incentive to build more generators to tap wind potential. Transmission projects are sprouting up across the Midwest, and getting involved with these projects will help rural people insure they get connected to economic opportunity.

*The Center for Rural Affairs was established in 1973 as an unaffiliated nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c)3. The Center for Rural Affairs was formed by rural Nebraskans concerned about family farms and rural communities, and we work to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.*

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# Not playing it constitutionally straight

A Georgetown University constitutional law professor, Lewis Michael Seidman, raised some eyebrows when he opined this week on network TV that the U.S. Constitution was an “ancient and outdated document” that didn’t have much relevance for today’s America. One might be tempted to take the charitable view that those who think to manipulate the nation’s founding document every which way on an ongoing basis are simply on board with the professor’s read of the Constitution (including the Bill of Rights Amendments that quickly followed) as having become an anachronism. Better believe it’s a bit more sinister than that.

It never fails to amaze how fervently some embrace the Constitution as a rally cry in pursuit of this or that goal in some struggle; and have no problem turning on a dime, ripping the very document when it doesn’t serve them quite as well. The Constitution then becomes not the outmoded peculiarity of Prof. Seidman’s analysis, but a pliant tool.

The current fever-pitch debate on gun violence gives as good an insight as one might desire about the Constitution, or more spe-

cifically the Bill of Rights, supplying ammunition (so to speak) for the pro-gun side of the argument. But surely the professor’s characterization of the founding document(s) as “ancient” would have sprung from language like that found in the opening line of the Second Amendment: “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state...” That, in time, the people bearing arms was no longer necessary for maintaining a militia was seen not to matter. The right to bear arms, as we’ve said here before, has been paraded and parroted by its advocates as if two centuries’ worth of history have not rolled by.

It looked quite odd to see on the tube recently a female wondering why incidents like the Newtown, Conn. horror should trigger all this discussion and political posturing about banning assault weapons, limiting the size of clips and all the rest. Unabashedly pro gun ownership carte blanche, she nevertheless couldn’t but engender speculation about there really being female equivalents of the procession of firearms fanatics we’ve heard from post-Newtown. (In truth, one needed only to dial

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

up the image of a certain Alaska governor to get with the program on guns and the distaff connection.)

By contrast, included in what followed in the wake of President Obama’s November victory, we keep hearing, are moves being made in some states to acquire the capability to even overturn the verdict returned by the people through their most potent weapon, their vote. With the Electoral College system agreed on by the framers for deciding presidential elections, the Constitution set down how the electors of each state were to be chosen. Winner of the popular vote in the state would be entitled to the state’s electoral vote i.e. a number equivalent to the sum of the state’s member(s) of the House of Representatives plus its two senators. Republican control of a number of state legislatures and governorships, along with possession of many gerrymandered

House seats, have apparently set off hysteria-driven designs on a recalibrated formula for selecting a state’s electors, which would make possible a loss for the true presidential winner.

The Constitution, so beloved for its “right to bear arms,” looks to be deficient and ripe for unscrupulous overhaul in some quarters when a Barack Obama is able to twice win the presidency. And there can’t be much doubt that the “bearing arms” crowd and the folks ready to upend the instruments of democracy that would give Obama a second Oval Office turn are pretty much of similar ilk.

One of the other sizzling issues of our time, choice for women, provides one of the more illuminating examples of the hollowness of the conservative element’s mantra to “get government off our backs.” The right to privacy, enshrined in the Bill of Rights, is obliged, in the conservative view, to defer to the state’s right to prohibit termination of pregnancies, even when properly conducted by a licensed physician. When the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 declared such action by the states unconstitutional, it was open season on

what had now become the law of the land, states employing whatever ingenious methods could be found to circumvent the law.

Again, it was constitutional provisions being laid aside by advocates of a particular cause, even where their advocacy, in this instance, gainsays the basic tenet of their hands-off ideology relative to government. The most disgusting incidence of this governmental readiness for overreach into private lives was perhaps George W. Bush and some out-of-control House Republicans poised to write legislation to allow their intervention in the Teri Schiavo case to stop her husband’s order to pull the plug on the comatose woman.

Repeatedly has the Constitution been subjected to this yo-yo action – held aloft with standard bearer pride one minute, trampled upon the next. By some of the very same players. The professor may well be right: discard this relic and work on a model equal to these times. But who’s kidding whom? Given today’s Washington as a point of reference, re-framing what was done in Philadelphia is a thought that’s likely to dissipate real fast.

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# Worker safety code

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public funds is a must,” said Daniel Gross, the Executive Director of Brandworkers. “Without the basic standards of transparency necessary for democracy to function, highly abusive employers just like the tortilla factory that claimed Juan Baten’s life could benefit from taxpayer money. We urge the mayor and the EDC to adopt a transparent process for loan applicants that will help ensure that a tragedy like Juan’s never occurs again.”

“While the City has taken a step in the right direction by agreeing to mandate that all loan recipients sign a code of conduct protecting workers’ rights, it is critically important that they also be transparent about who applies for loans to ensure that bad actors are not receiving public funds,” said Alexa Kasdan, director of research and policy at the Urban Justice Center’s Community Development Project.

With some \$5 billion in gross annual sales, New York City’s food manufacturing industry supports the livelihoods of nearly 15,000 workers and their families—an additional 10,000 workers in the City’s food distribution warehouses. Juan Baten is just one example of thousands of workers, mostly recent immigrants from Latin America and China, who work in New York City’s food manufacturing factories, who endure dangerous working conditions and chronic violations of their rights by employers. A forthcoming report by Brandworkers and the Community Development Project will reveal that food manufacturing/processing workers face long hours in dangerous conditions but receive limited training and benefits.

“The city should only reward business

owners who follow the law by providing safe work environments, and who offer an honest day’s pay for an honest day’s work,” said Luis Pauta, an 18-year industrial baker and a member of Brandworkers. “Otherwise, the city is giving incentives to employers who break the law, and Juan Baten will have died in vain.”

To protect workers from wage theft, unsafe working conditions, and other rights violations, Brandworkers and the Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center are pushing for food manufacturers to adopt labor safety standards. This effort is part of Brandworkers’ and the NYC Industrial Workers of the World’s Focus on the Food Chain organizing drive to win good jobs and a responsible food system with the workers employed in the food factories and distribution warehouses that supply the city’s grocery stores and restaurants.

*\* Brandworkers is a New York City-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization protecting and advancing the rights of retail and food employees. By training workers in social change tools and facilitating member-led workplace justice campaigns, Brandworkers promotes employer compliance with the law and challenges corporate misconduct in the community.*

*\* The Community Development Project (CDP) at the Urban Justice Center strengthens the impact of grassroots organizations in New York City’s low-income and other excluded communities. CDP partners with community organizations to win legal cases, publish community-driven research reports, assist with the formation of new organizations and cooperatives, and provide technical assistance in support of their work towards social justice.*

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## CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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on the footing of aggravated damages”.

Gordon said King's statement referring to the Bloom-Cooper Commission of Enquiry which found corruption in Public Office was “intended to imply corrupt conduct on the part of our client.”

King is accused of serious ethical or illegal misconduct if not corruption and constituted extremely grave and serious libel.

### Grenada

Grenada's oldest political party has signaled its intention to contest the Feb. 19 general elections despite not having won a seat since 1999.

Former opposition leader Michael Baptiste will lead Grenada United Labor Party (GULP) that once dominated politics on the Spice Island under the leadership of Eric Gairy, who was removed from office in the first ever coup in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Baptiste was elected leader of the party following a meeting of senior GULP officials recently, the same day that Prime Minister Tillman Thomas announced the election date and urged supporters to give his ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) another five-year term.

The party said Baptiste will contest the St. Andrew's South West constituency and will most likely come up against former

area representatives Yolande Horsford and Sylvester Quarlarce.

During the 2008 election campaign, Baptiste spoke on an NDC platform and told supporters that he is prepared to cross party lines if the situation requires that such a position needed to be taken.

Baptiste was dismissed by former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell for engaging in “financial questionable wrongdoings” in the 1999 elections. The charges were later dismissed.

### Guyana

Police in Guyana have reported a one percent decrease in serious crimes at the end of December 2012 compared to 2011.

The police revealed that 3777 serious crimes were reported in 2012, compared to 3823 in 2011. Some of the serious offences include murder, armed robbery, robbery with violence, larceny from the person, break and enter and larceny, burglary, rape and kidnapping.

There were 137 murders in 2012, compared to 130 in 2011- a five percent increase. Out of the 137 murders, 62 were disorderly type, 11 were committed during armed robberies, 24 were domestic related and nine were executive type, while 31 are so far undetermined.

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# Earned Income Tax Credit awareness day

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their income and help them on their way to financial stability," said Acting Commissioner of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Kristin M. Proud. "In tax year 2010, working households in New York State claimed \$3.7 billion in federal EITC in addition to over \$940 million in State EITC. This benefit is significant and one of the most important ways the federal government and the State of New York help support working families."

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ily Services League of Long Island and the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, speaking at an event sponsored by Bethpage Federal Credit Union. The credit union sponsors a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site that provides free income tax assistance to taxpayers with incomes of less than

\$50,000.

Also on Jan. 25, Tax Department Executive Deputy Commissioner Jamie Woodward saluted the 1.6 million New Yorkers who would receive \$940 million annually. Benefits were estimated to be as high as \$7,500 when combined with the federal program.

## U.S. passport and travel card

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## Central Park five

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had never shown her face in any court proceedings since the five teenagers went to prison on false charges with no physical evidence.

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# Small biz can boost Caribbean and Europe relations

By Nelson A. King

A new study says micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) can play a “fresh and significant role” in boosting relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union (EU).

The study, “Building SME Competitiveness in the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean: Policy Proposals by the Private Sector,” presented here at the first summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and European Union (EU), says this possible “given their substantial share in the economic activity of both regions’ countries.”

It was presented by Alicia Bárcena, executive secretary of ECLAC, and Arnaldo Abruzzini, secretary general of EUROCHAMBRES, during the summit’s business meeting in Santiago, Chile.

“There needs to be more coordination between public policies and private sector actions to break the vicious circle that limits SME performance,” Bárcena said.

“As part of deepening CELAC-EU relations, we call on SMEs to be strategic players in the inclu-



Executive Secretary of ECLAC Alicia Bárcena.

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sive development of both regions’ countries,” she added.

Abruzzini said there would be no growth and job creation in Europe or the region without small companies.

“Thus, increasing their competitiveness by ensuring their successful internationalization is a key challenge ahead of us,” he said,

adding that it would also be an opportunity for both regions to “define concrete instruments that will foster the strategic partnership.”

Abruzzini said an “effective” network of business-support organizations in the region is “crucial to achieve these objectives.”

According to ECLAC, the study brought together the visions of almost 50 Latin

American and Caribbean and European business leaders and opinion makers interviewed in December 2012, and was aimed at encouraging debate among senior political and business authorities about the role of SMEs in domestic economies and the support they need to overcome their main limitation: the productivity gap with large

companies.

ECLAC said SMEs in the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean have much in common.

It said “they are thought to represent almost 99 percent of all firms and employ 67 percent of all workers.”

In addition, ECLAC said they also have lower productivity and make a smaller contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) than larger companies, and have a limited share of exports.

According to the study, both regions’ business owners identify four interlinked areas in which support policies are needed to narrow the productivity gap between SMEs and large companies.

These are: innovation and management capacity, access to markets, productive linkages and business cooperation, and access to financing.

At the same time, the study says business owners describe the obstacles to the internationalization of SMEs as including the lack of information on markets and business opportunities, scant vertical integration (in value chains) and horizontal integration (cooperation and peer associations), lack

of human resources needed to manage such processes and funding problems.

“It is important for public and private agencies to pursue joint and coordinated actions that will ensure continuity over time and will incorporate the local, regional and territorial dimensions,” the study says.

It says business leaders agree on the need to implement priority actions to promote cooperation among companies from the two regions in fields such as renewable energy, clean technology and biotechnology, particularly in the light of new world economic trends and the productive and technological specialization of Latin America and the Caribbean and the EU.

The report also indicates the need to make progress in producing standardized and comparable quantitative information on the characteristics and performance of SMEs in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to improve the visibility and dissemination of actions, programs and policies to support these firms.

This could involve, for instance, creating an observatory of good practices, the study says.

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# When should you call the pediatrician?

(StatePoint) For parents of newborns, those first months can be exciting, challenging and even a little frightening. While your instincts will kick in to guide you through many parenting challenges, when certain issues arise, it's important to seek help from your best-informed resource: your pediatrician.

"Whether you're having difficulty breastfeeding or have questions about vaccinations, your pediatrician is the best person you can turn to for answers," says Dr. Thomas McInerny, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "Certain problems can worsen if they aren't addressed quickly, so keep your pediatrician's number accessible."

## Feeding and Nutrition

Breastfeeding is a great step mothers can take to safeguard their baby's health. Human milk benefits the immune system and protects your baby from infections. Research suggests that breastfeeding may help protect against obesity, sudden infant death syndrome, and some cancers.

To ensure a successful start, McInerny advises:

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- Take breastfeeding classes before giving birth.
- Place your newborn skin-to-skin against your chest or abdomen within an hour after birth.
- Sleep in the same room as your newborn.
- Breastfeed eight to 12 times a day.
- Monitor urine and stool output.

If you're having problems, find a lactation consultant or talk with your pediatrician. Waiting to seek help could interfere with your ability to produce milk or your baby's ability to get crucial nutrition. And dehydration can be dangerous or even life-threatening.

McInerny advises new mothers experiencing any of the following symptoms to call their pediatricians right away:

- Nursing sessions are consistently briefer than about 10 minutes or longer than about 50 minutes during the first few months.
- Your baby still seems hungry after most feedings or is not gaining weight on the recommended

schedule.

- Your newborn frequently misses nursing sessions or sleeps through the night.
- You're experiencing pain that prevents you from breastfeeding.
- You think you're not producing enough milk.

"Pay attention to your baby's pattern of feeding," advises McInerny. "Don't stop asking for one-on-one guidance from your pediatrician or lactation specialist until you get the help you need."

At your appointment, your pediatrician will weigh your baby to make sure he or she is on track nutritionally and can observe your feeding technique and offer guidance.

## Vaccinations

Newborns need vaccinations in those first months to protect against potentially dangerous diseases, including hepatitis B, polio, whooping cough (also known as pertussis), tetanus, diphtheria, Hib, pneumococcal and rotavirus. The pediatrician can discuss recommended immunizations at each visit.

A new report from the Institute of Medicine confirms the vaccine



When certain issues arise seek help from your pediatrician.

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schedule is safe and significantly reduces your child's risk of disease.

"Talk with your doctor about whether you need a whooping cough booster or flu shot yourself," says McInerny. "Whooping cough can be deadly to young infants. Immunizing family members creates a 'cocoon' of protection around them."

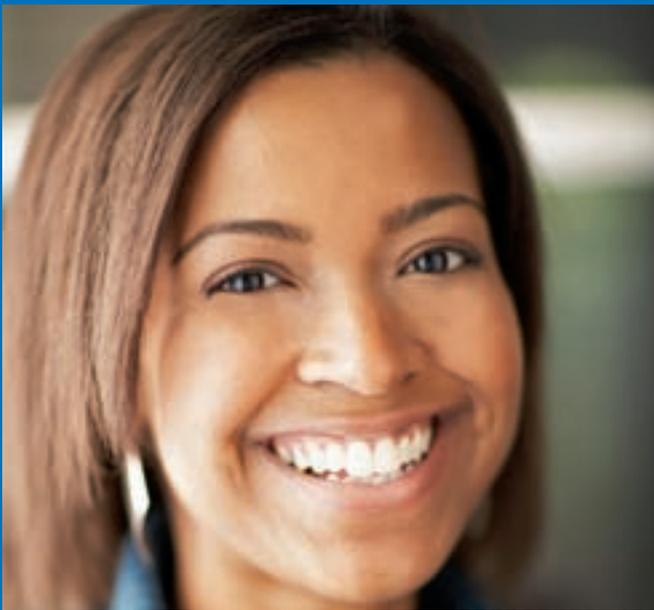
Mothers should receive whooping cough vaccine and flu shots during pregnancy. Anyone who will be around the baby should also be immunized.

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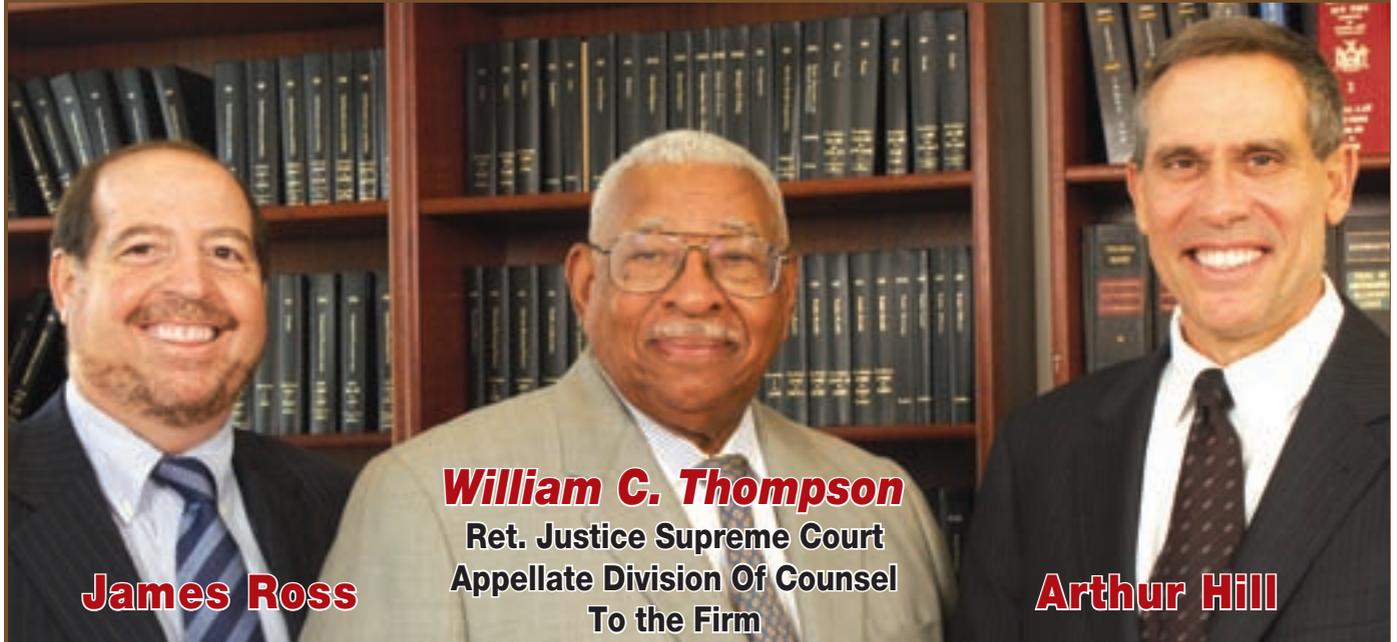
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# Nutrition tips for busy seniors

(StatePoint) Today's seniors are leading active lives, filling their time with travel and new experiences. While staying active is great for one's general well-being and happiness, continuous travel provides many challenges to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Good nutrition and regular exercise can keep you feeling great and reduce your risk for diseases such as prostate cancer, diabetes and hypertension. And, as we age, our risk for developing these diseases increases, so it's especially vital for aging men and women to protect their overall health.

Next time you take a trip, don't let your health go on vacation too. Here are some wellness tips that will travel as well as your wrinkle-free shirts:

- Maybe it's all that waiting, but something about airports makes people hungrier. Packing food may be your best bet for a wholesome meal. If you do buy airport food, you may want to couple it with a little exercise. Explore the terminal's options before settling on the first fast food joint you see. Salads, low-fat sandwiches and smoothies abound, these days. And instead of snacking on high-

## HEALTH

sodium pretzels or crackers on your flight, opt for an immunity-boosting piece of fruit instead.

- On road trips, pack a cooler filled with fresh vegetables, homemade sandwiches and water. If you do stop along the way, try and wait until you can find a rest stop with plenty of healthy food choices.

- Incorporate cancer-fighting foods into your daily meals. Evidence from several studies suggests that fish can help protect against prostate cancer because they have "good fat," particularly omega-3 fatty acids. Likewise, a lack of vegetables in the diet is linked to a higher risk of aggressive prostate cancer, according to experts at the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

- A buffet can derail a diet quickly. When possible, skip the all-you-can-eat food fest and opt for individual menu items instead. When you can't resist a buffet, eat an entire plate of salad before hitting the main dishes. Just be sure to go light on cheese and dress-

ing and heavy on vegetables like broccoli and cauliflower. After the salad, stick with grilled, lean meats and whole grains. Keep the amount of fat you get from red meat and dairy products to a minimum.

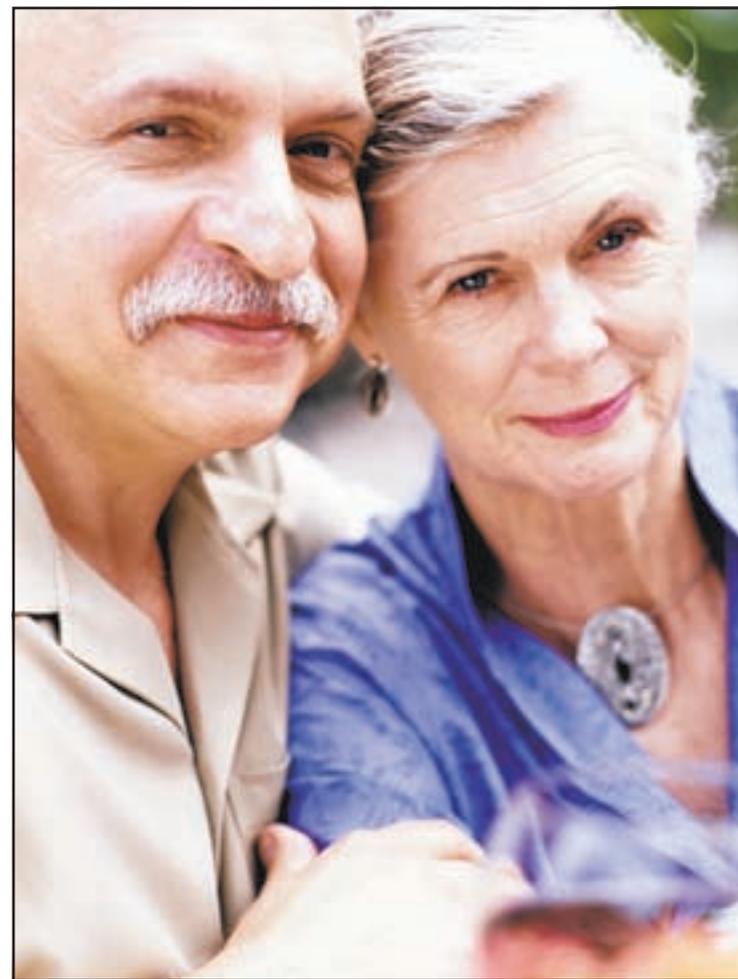
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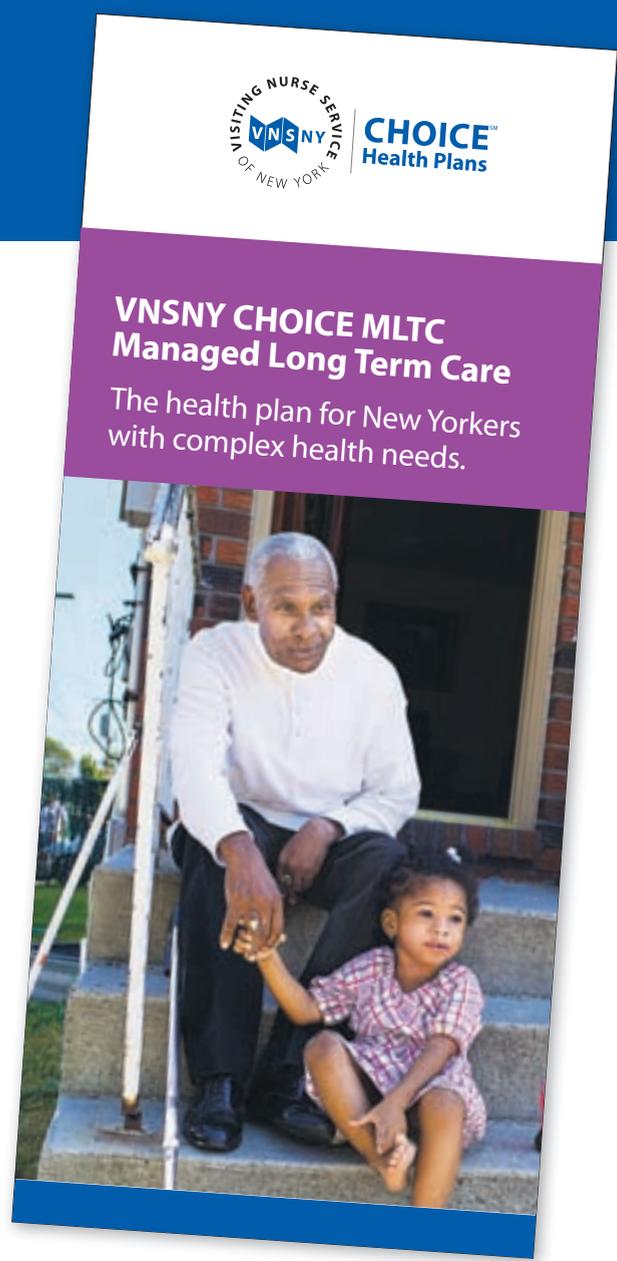
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A jaguar is photographed by a camera trap on Karanambu Ranch, in the Rupununi Region of Guyana in 2011. AP Photo/Panthera

# Guyana pledges to protect jaguars

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The lushly forested nation of Guyana on Thursday joined a regional pact to protect jaguars, the elusive spotted cat that is the biggest land predator in the Americas but is vulnerable due to expanded agriculture and mining that carves away at their fragmented habitat.

Leaders of the government's environment ministry were signing an agreement with the New York-based conservation group Panthera, which is trying to establish a "jaguar corridor," a network of pathways that would link core jaguar populations from northern Argentina to Mexico. Guyana is pledging to ensure the protection of jaguars, the national animal that is a near-threatened species.

The South American nation with some of the region's least spoiled wilderness joins Colombia and nations in Central America in recognizing the corridor and agreeing to work towards the long-term conservation of jaguars, according to Esteban Payan, regional director for Panthera's northern South America jaguar program.

A network of cameras

equipped with motion sensors and fixed to tree trunks has revealed tantalizing glimpses of sleek, solitary jaguars slinking through Guyana's dense rain forests and vast grasslands stretching to the country's border with Brazil.

Scientists reported finding a relatively healthy jaguar density of three to four animals per 100 kilometers (161 miles) in Guyana's southern Rupununi Savannah. That means that preserving grasslands are as important to conservation of jaguars as protecting the dense rain forests, they say.

Evi Paemelaere, a Belgian jaguar scientist with Panthera, said Amerindian villagers in remote spots in Guyana have helped her set up cameras along the roads and hunting trails that the big cats like to travel on.

"Amerindians are very keen on being part of the project," she said from the capital of Georgetown.

Jaguars once roamed widely from the southwestern United States to Argentina, but have lost nearly half of their natural territory and have disappeared altogether from some countries. Heavy hunting for their spotted coats decimated their numbers in the

1960s and early 1970s until the pelt trade was largely halted. No one has any reliable estimates of how many jaguars are left in the wild, where they prey on peccaries, tapirs and, since they are powerful swimmers, river turtles.

Guyana, a country roughly the size of the U.S. state of Idaho where most of the roughly 756,000 inhabitants live along its Atlantic coastline, has been widely recognized for balancing progress with preservation. In 2009, it began a low-carbon push aimed at maintaining very low rates of deforestation and combating climate change, while also promoting economic development. It could receive up to \$250 million from Norway by 2015 as an incentive to protect its forests through sustainable mining, timber harvesting and other projects.

Alan Rabinowitz, Panthera's CEO and a zoologist whose research in Belize in the 1980s led to the creation of the world's first jaguar preserve, said Guyana's signing of the jaguar agreement "demonstrates the government's continued commitment to its legacy of conservation alongside economic progress and diversification."

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# World's ten most stunning landings

## St. Maarten Airport tops the list

By Chudi Chukwudi

SIMPSON BAY, St. Maarten (Jan. 27, 2013)—The Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) has been voted the “most stunning landing” in the world by travel fans around the globe.

The PrivateFly.com Airport Approaches survey was conducted in December 2012, on PrivateFly.com. Results were generated by PrivateFly website users and from social media invitations across a range of global websites. According to the organizers, a total of 1,711 votes were received, with 83 different airports being nominated.

In her initial reaction to the poll, PJIAE managing director, Regina LaBega said: “We are very excited at the news that SXM Airport has been chosen as having the world’s most stunning landing.”

“This recognition comes at a time when we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the airport. It is, therefore, a most welcome birthday gift, so to speak. We are grateful to all who, obviously from experience, chose SXM Airport as number one in the world in this category,” said LaBega.

LaBega further added: “We are also pleased to offer all our customers a first-class international airport with an impeccable safety record, which continues to top our priority list. As a major hub in this part of Paradise, SXM Airport continues to upgrade its already excellent facilities and improve its services.”

“Not only is the landing on our island the most stunning in the world,” she said, “the legendary friendliness of our people and the spectacular natural beauty of St. Maarten, makes a visit to our island an experience that will move you.”

This is the third time in a row that SXM Airport has made the Top 10 in this annual survey of the most stunning landings in the world.

A panel of world-renowned experts in the travel and aviation industry chose a shortlist of the airports to be considered in the online poll. These included David Scowsill, President & CEO of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC); Peter Myers, editor of the business traveler pages at Reuters.com; Murdo Morrison, editor of Flight International, the world’s



The Princess Juliana International Airport in St. Maarten.

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oldest aviation weekly and Sarah Miller, a former deputy editor of the Sunday Times Style magazine.

One of the voters in the online survey made the following remark about St. Maarten: “It’s a gorgeous approach over the clear blue sea, white sand beach with hills in the background. The beach goers can almost touch the landing gear as planes make their landing. It’s unbelievable, an aircraft lover’s dream. Nowhere else in the world can you get so close to the variety of aircraft, anything from a 747 to a twin otter.”

Viv Diprose of PrivateFly.com, organizer of the poll, in congratulating SXM Airport said, “We will be publishing details of the poll’s results, including a rundown of the Top 10 airports. We will be featuring the results on our website and issuing press releases to international and regional media and the travel trade.”

In addition, a “winner’s logo” will be sent to SXM Airport which can be used on the airport’s website and other promotional materials.

“All of these will generate a very positive PR for St. Maarten,”

Diprose noted.

The complete list of the Top 10 airports in the “most stunning landing” category is as follows:

1. St. Maarten, 2. Barra, Scotland, 3. Los Angeles, USA, 4. Paro, Bhutan, 5. Las Vegas, USA, 6. Phinda, South Africa, 7. London City, UK, 8. Aruba, 9. Mustique, St Vincent & The Grenadines, 10. Nice, France.

For further information please go to: <http://www.privatefly.com/airport-poll/PrivateFlyAirport-PollResults.html>. Also see [www.sxmairport.com](http://www.sxmairport.com).

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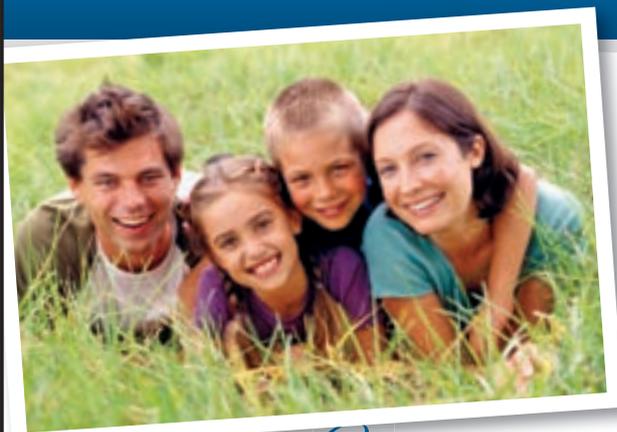
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# Mashramani opens Guyana Tourism season

**By Tangerine Clarke**

The Guyana Ministry of Tourism Industry and Commerce will unveil its 2013 tourism package with the arrival of more than 500 visitors to its Mashramani celebrations, which begins with a steel pan concert on Jan. 28 and continue with a variety of events scheduled all the way to Republic Day on Feb. 23.

One of the biggest events planned for this year is the country's first Rum, Rhythm and Food Festival planned to begin the tourism season.

Minister Irfaan Ali thanked ministry staff recently for what he described as a fantastic job they had done in helping to unveil the first Christmas village in the heart of Georgetown's Main Street area.

The politician expressed his gratitude for the success of the initiative, and credits President Donald Ramo-

tar for placing emphasis on strengthening Guyanese family values in an approach to bring the nation together – a valuable asset for tourism.

The lights that festooned the busy walkway were a strong approach to honor Guyanese and promote tourism said the Minister who is encouraging visitors to Guyana to experience the beauty and culture of the South American nation.

"We are working with the private sector to plan big events said Ali, who named The VIP Catwalk, Fashion TV Show from abroad, that the ministry is in talks with to produce a similar show focusing on South America and the Caribbean.

In addition, the Tourism Ministry will unveil - River fishing that he said will showcase the best atmosphere and the best natural assets for

the sport that are found in Guyana.

A Fusion of culture and the celebration of the country's rich diverse heritage will also be on display as part of our tourism drive to accelerate arrivals to Guyana that is already being marketed in the Diaspora, the Caribbean and Brazil

These initiatives will help to develop "our own brand and tourism product, said Ali who called on the media "to work with us and put Guyana first" as the country build a strong product.

"There are challenges and things to be fixed but if we support each other and understand the role we have to play in the future. We will succeed he added.

He thanked Corporate partners Courts, and (GT&T) for being tremendously instrumental in tourism initiatives in 2012.

## Carrying forward King's legacy with Peace Week

**By Tequila Minsky**

As part of Russell Simon's "Peace as a Lifestyle" LIFE Camp, Peace Week is centered around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday week with a similar mission to carry out King's legacy of non-violence.

Last week, Peace Week partners met at the steps of City Hall heralding Peace Week and sending out their message.

While the shootings at Sandy Hook has brought gun violence to mass media coverage, the partners of LIFE Camp have been talking about gun violence and it's affect the community for years.

Founder of LIFE Camp, Inc. Erica Ford is one of the committed advocates looking for alternatives. She talked about a two prong solution, looking at both availability and supply of weapons and also providing alternatives to help young

people make better choices. She said, "Violence has plagued us for too long," encouraging people to look at it as a public health crisis. "There is trauma witnessing violence," that must be dealt with, Ford said.

Community leaders and organization directors joined Russell Simmons who said, "This is a sickness that we can cure." In particular, it was mentioned that 56 kids in one weekend were shot in Chicago.

A.T. Mitchell of Man Up, Inc., was one among the many who spoke about how necessary it is to fund youth programs. Man Up is an organization in East New York with an after-school program, summer day camp, employment readiness, mentoring, sports, recreational and advocacy programs.

"It takes economic and human resources to do this work," was repeated by

many of the speakers, contrasting with the high cost of "how much we pay for prisons."

Queens Councilman Leroy Comrie said, "There is no reason we can't have money to go to programming. These programs can help change attitudes and mindsets and reduce stress."

Charles Williams also spoke. In a former life, Williams was a notorious criminal who spent 15 years in prison. Now, he works with South Jamaica Cure Violence to help prevent youth—primarily ages 16-24— from choosing that kind of life.

"We actually work with all ages," he said of the program that includes, job training, readiness, GED, mentoring and job placement. "We work with anger management," he said, of participants who are "angry about their condition."



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# Latin America, Caribbean aim for Unity in Diversity

By **Marianela Jarroud**

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan 29 2013 (IPS) - Openly conceding the differences in their ideological, economic and geopolitical views, leaders and high-level representatives of the 33 member countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) committed themselves to integration at their first ever summit.

CELAC “definitely” empowers the region’s voice in the world, said the executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena, at the conclusion of the summit in Santiago on Monday.

“I am convinced that this new mechanism is a strong signal, first of all, that Latin America and the Caribbean are no longer what they used to be,” and have experienced “very significant changes”, she said.

Designed in 2010 in Mexico, and created in November 2011 in Caracas, CELAC represents about 600 million people and is the first regional bloc in five decades that leaves out the United States and Canada

and includes Cuba. Rightwing Chilean President Sebastián Piñera said it is “an inclusive (process), because it reaffirms convergence in the same common space, while it has projected itself strongly abroad.”

The host president’s words were along similar lines to those written by Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez, his complete opposite ideologically, in a letter that was read at the summit. Chávez is convalescing in Havana from his fourth cancer operation, which took place on Dec. 11.

The summit was marked by an air of expectancy about the contents of the letter, read out by Venezuelan Vice President Nicolás Maduro. CELAC “is the most important project of political, economic, cultural and social unity in our contemporary history,” Chávez said.

The presence from afar of the Venezuelan leader, one of the promoters of CELAC together with then presidents Felipe Calderón (2006-2012) of Mexico and Luis Inácio Lula da Silva (2003-2011) of Brazil, silently stalked the corridors of the summit and breathed

suspense even into the meeting that CELAC leaders held Jan. 25-26 with the European Union.

“We have every right to feel proud: the nation of republics, as Simón Bolívar the Liberator called it, has begun to take shape as a beautiful and happy reality,” he wrote.

Chávez condemned “the shameful imperial blockade of the revolutionary Cuba of Martí (the Cuban independence hero and writer)” and “the continued colonisation and now the progressive militarisation of the Malvinas (Falklands) Islands,” the British overseas territory in the South Atlantic that Argentina claims as its own.

He also called for support for Cuban President Raúl Castro, who took over the temporary presidency of CELAC.

Bárcena said, meanwhile, that countries in Latin America and the Caribbean “are in a better economic situation, are more resilient from the economic point of view, and also from the social point of view, although there are many pending debts.”

She said the region “is

well aware of the gaps that need closing internally, and afterwards, if we are more connected, we will be able to relate to foreign countries with greater strength.”

Bárcena said the region has become conscious of the importance of promoting trade between countries.

She added, “If regionalism and integration are dynamised, (production) chains of greater value can be created in the region, and with better articulation, we can (enter into more advantageous) relationships with the Asia-Pacific countries, Europe, or the United States.”

The governments represented at the summit reached convergence on Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas/Falklands Islands, rejection of the U.S. embargo of Cuba, and the need to reduce the enormous inequalities in the region.

But they expressed divergence when it came to debate on foreign investments in the region and on historic geopolitical demands.

Castro said that “transnational corporations, pri-



Chilean President Sebastián Piñera, at the closing ceremony of the CELAC summit.

Photo by Marianela Jarroud/IPS

marily from North America, will not give up control of energy, water and strategic mineral resources that are becoming scarce,” while he stated that his taking over the CELAC presidency was “a recognition of our people’s selfless struggle for independence.”

For his part, Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patiño called on the Organisation of American States (OAS) to “make reparations to Cuba”, which was suspended from the body in 1962.

When it was the turn of Bolivian President Evo Morales, he insisted on his country’s historic demand for a sovereign outlet to the Pacific Ocean, which it claims from Chile. Piñera replied, and an extended discussion took place between the two in the forum.

Morales also called on

the “brothers” of the insurgent Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia (FARC) to come to a peace agreement.

They must “understand that in these times, revolutions are not made by bullets but by voices, in democracy, without violence, with awareness and not by vote-buying,” said Morales, in words that earned him the thanks of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos.

Bárcena said that the countries of the Americas marching towards unity in diversity is part of the new impetus that CELAC brings. The three realities, made up of the Caribbean and Mexico, Central America and South America, “can dialogue in a much broader and I would say much more pragmatic environment, each with its own model,” she said.



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# Your age and your finances

By Anton Lewis

Managing your finances is a lifelong process. It usually begins with savings—ideally as a child. Once you have a regular income of your own and have started saving on a regular basis, you'll have to decide how to invest the money you are saving.

Investors in their twenties are often advised to put more of their savings in investments that have potential to grow. Even though these investments may carry more risk of loss, a younger person has time to potentially make up any losses they may experience early on. Conversely, those who are investing for more immediate goals are often advised to put more of their savings in fixed income investments. These may not grow as fast but are less likely to lose money.

Strategies For Common Life Events

Everyone lives their lives differently, and everyone has complicated emotions about money, so investment decisions are highly personal

and unique to each individual. Nonetheless, throughout their lives, most investors face some similar situations. Where are you in the cycle? The following are examples of common life events and some things you might consider when making investment decisions.

#### Your first full-time job

Start a savings account to build a cash reserve.

Start a retirement fund and make regular monthly contributions, no matter how small.

#### Marriage

Examine your joint investment contributions and allocations, taking into account your combined income and expenses.

Consider opening a short-term investment account specifically to help fund your down payment on your home and pay closing and moving costs.

#### Children

If you don't yet have life insurance, now's the time.

Start a college savings fund.

#### New job

Review your investment strategy and asset allocation to accommodate a new salary and a different benefits package.

Consider rolling over your previous company's 401(k) plan into your new employer's plan or a Rollover IRA.

Within 10 years of retirement

Review your retirement fund asset allocation to accommodate the shorter time frame for your investments.

Increase savings for retirement.

#### Retirement

Study your distribution options to enhance assets and tax benefits.

Reallocate your investments to provide the income you need while still potentially offering some growth in capital to help beat inflation and fund your later years.

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# Salute to a young Olympic fencer

By Nelson A. King

Young female Olympic fencer, Nzingha Prescod, who competed last summer in the women's foil in fencing at the London Olympic Games received a New York City citation last week from City Councilman Jumaane Williams.

At PS 109, principal Dwight Chase helped introduce Nzinga -- daughter of Vincentian-American attorney Marva Prescod, with informational flyers that she later autographed, and a slideshow that depicted pictures of her competing; meeting athletes, including tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams; and visiting the White House to meet with President Barack Obama.

To the delight of the audience, Prescod demonstrated fencing on stage with Williams and several "lucky" students.

"I thank Nzingha not only



Olympian Nzingha Prescod speaking to students at PS 109.  
Photo by Nelson A. King

for representing Flatbush so well but for showing these children a world that many of them did not even know existed," the councilman said. "Fencing presents real opportunities for our youth, including [those] in the Caribbean-American community," he added.

Prescod, who recently visited St. Vincent and the Grenadines with her mom and younger sibling, told Caribbean Life she was "really exciting to be honored, especially because I was recognized by my community, which makes it so much more special."

"And I'm glad I was given



From left, New York City Councilman Jumaane D. Williams presenting proclamation to Nzingha Prescod, Olympic women foil fencer. Principal of PS 109 Dwight Chase looks on.  
Photo by Nelson A. King

the opportunity to share my experiences with this sport with the kids, because I really think it can inspire them to pick up a sport and aim for

the Olympics like I did," she added.

Prescod said she discovered fencing as a young girl after her mother read a

newspaper article about the prestigious Peter Westbrook Foundation, a New York City-based fencing clinic for youth from underserved communities.

After learning that several participants were competing in the Olympic Games in 2001, the elder Prescod enrolled both of her daughters in the foundation's Saturday fencing lessons. That same year, just nine years old, Nzingha Prescod said she held her first foil, quickly igniting her passion for fencing.

Having excelled in numerous extracurricular endeavors, including swimming, gymnastics and tennis, Prescod said she seemed "destined for athletic greatness."

But she said her talents for fencing were even more apparent; she then received a scholarship for advanced instruction at the Peter Westbrook Foundation's Fencers Club.

Since she was 14, Prescod has been competing in international fencing competitions. She won the U-17 World Championships in 2008 and 2009, as well as the 2011 U-20 World Championship.

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# Civil Rights activist gets Forever Stamp

Philatelists will flock to two cities in Michigan next month to witness the first day unveiling of a stamp bearing the image of Rosa Parks, the undisputed first lady of the Civil Rights Movement on the anniversary of her 100th birthday.

Some will visit Detroit early in the morning for the first ceremony on Feb. 4, when the United States Postal Service will introduce a Forever stamp decorated by a photo of the legendary activist who sat down on a bus to change tradition in the southern states of the United States of America history.

According to a USPS definition "A forever stamp is a postage stamp in the United States that is valid for First-Class postage no matter when it is used. Once purchased, a forever stamp is a perpetual stamp that never expires or declines in value.



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Its value is the First-Class Mail stamp postage rate for a one ounce letter at the time of use."

**"Stamp collectors and other people travel to events like this because they want to be part of history,**

Stamp collectors, history buffs and enthusiasts are expected to attend the two ceremonies.

"Stamp collectors and other people travel to events like this because they want to be part of history," Don Neal, editor of a newslet-

ter published by the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections said.

Speaking for the group which focus on collecting stamps depicting people and events relating to the experiences of Blacks throughout the world added that members and history buffs attending the first-day stamp events will have an opportunity to purchase the first stamps issued.

The priceless collector's item will be postmarked Feb. 4 and canceled with Detroit or Dearborn postmarks.

"All of these things have value to collectors. It's kind of a neat thing to go to," Neal said.



Rosa Parks.

Photo courtesy of USPS

Parks lived and worked in Michigan for more than 23 years. She worked as secretary for Rep. John Conyers from 1965 to 1988.

She made international news on Dec. 1, 1955 for refusing to surrender her seat on a bus to a white man. Tradition in Mont-

gomery, Alabama during the Jim Crow era dictated that Blacks seated in the designated section in the back of the bus must give up their seat to any white passenger needing a seat if the front became full.

Parks was arrested for civil disobedience.

However, her bold stance immediately sparked a protest against the bus company and one that united Blacks and became inscribed in American history as the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955.

That demonstration also hailed her courageous gesture by naming her "The First Lady of Civil Rights."

She is scheduled to receive a posthumous honor on that same day.

The first ceremony will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The next com-

memorative ceremony will be held later that day at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

Speakers at the Henry Ford event will include activist and former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond and Detroit, Democrat Rep. Conyers.

Other speakers scheduled for the event at the Henry Ford Museum are Henry Louis Gates, author and scholar, Eleanor Clift, Newsweek contributing editor and Parks' biographers Douglas Brinkley and Jeanne Theoharis. A video message from former President Bill Clinton will be shown.

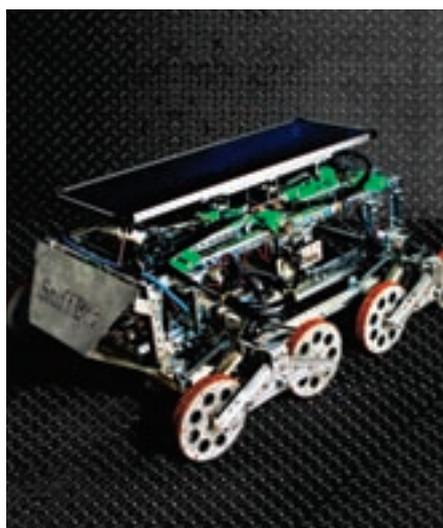
In 1996, the commander in chief presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Parks died Oct. 24, 2005, in Detroit, at the age of 92.

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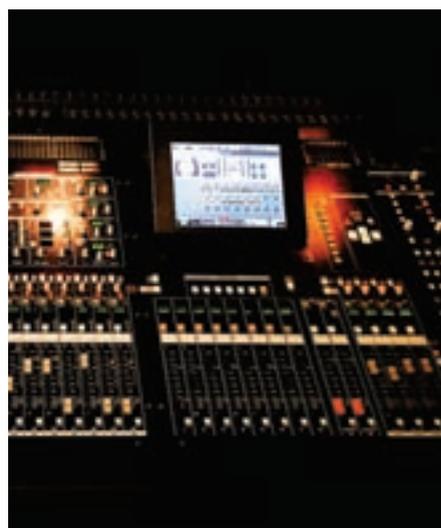
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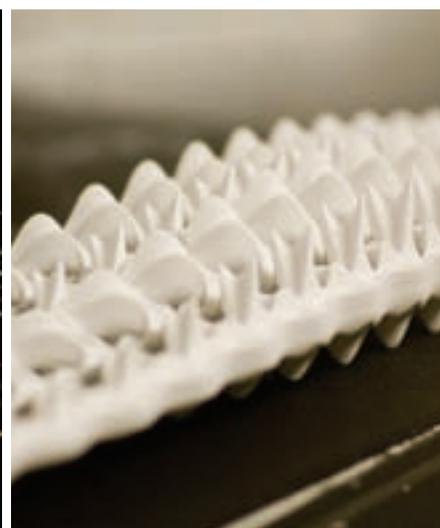
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## Phase II Pan Groove takes the top prize

By Trevor Simon

Petrotrin Phase II Pan Groove, led by ace arranger Len “Boogsie” Sharpe playing a wicked “More Love” scored 273 points to top the National Panorama Large Bands category on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the “Big Yard”, Queen’s Park Savannah, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Buccooneers of Buccoo topped the Medium Bands category playing “Gold” arranged by Sieron Gomez.

**The “Savannah Party”.**

A three-point difference separated the second placed Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille. They played Alphonsus Cassell’s “Long Time”. Couva Joylanders filled the third berth for the Kenneth “Panam” Clarke’s arrangement of “Band From Space” with 266 points.

One point separated the top three bands in the Large Band category. Phase II Pan Groove won by one point



over Republic Bank Exodus which played Pelham Goddard’s arrangement of “Gold.” They received 272 while Neal & Massy Trinidad All Stars totalled 271 points.

The qualifying bands for the National Panorama Large and Medium Finals are:-

### MEDIUM BANDS

1. NLCB Buccooneers -- Gold (271 points).
2. Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille -- Long Time (268 points).

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## Branford Marsalis plays in Haiti

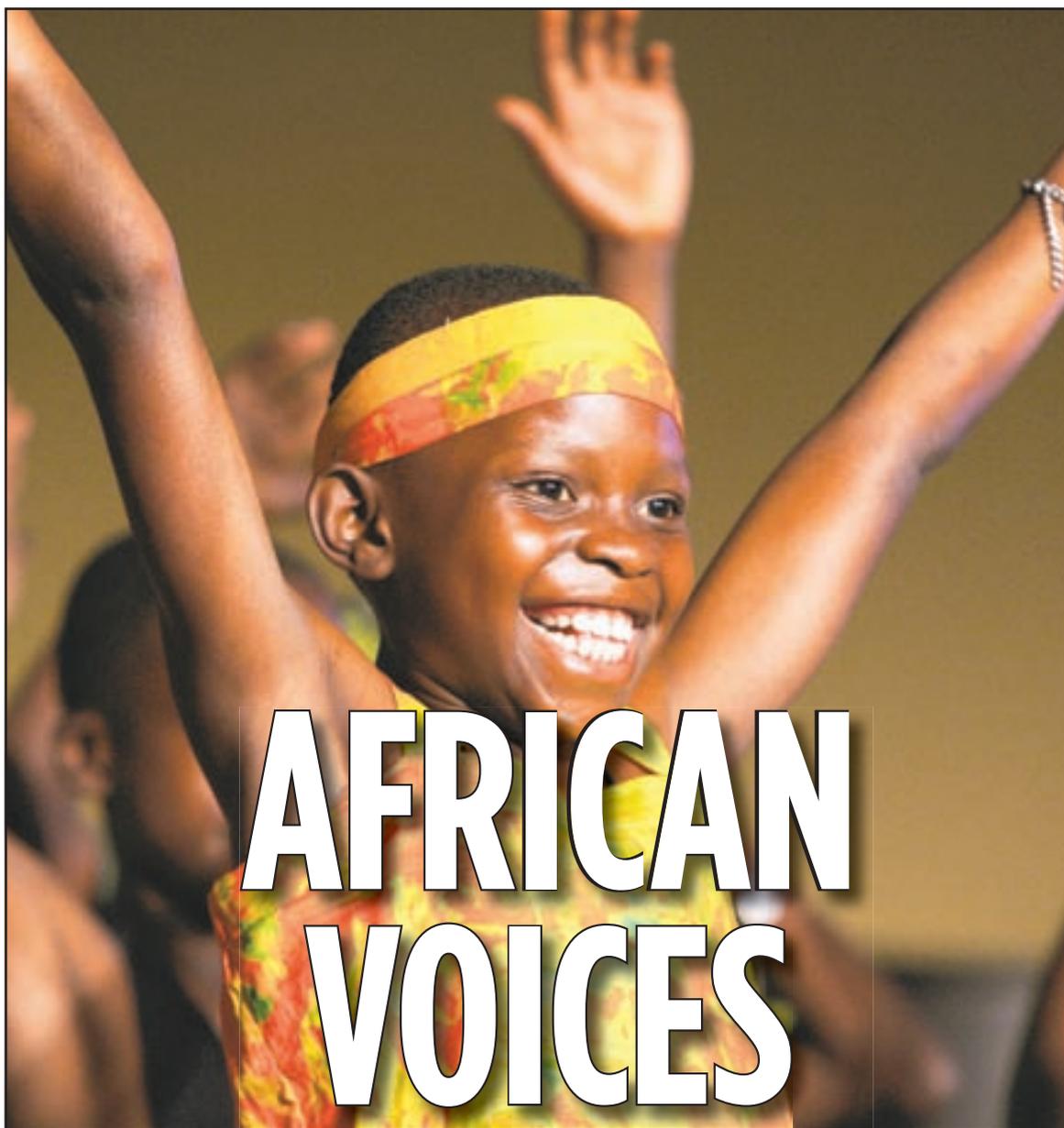
By Tequila Minsky

“My time in Haiti has been fantastic,” said Branford Marsalis on wrapping up almost one week in Haiti playing the International Jazz Festival of Port-au-Prince 2013. At the official residence of American Ambassador Pamela White, Marsalis and his group played the final performance to lucky invited guests, American embassy staff, local professionals, long-time NGO representatives, and Haitian artists and culture lovers.

The festival was grateful to the Embassy who sponsored the Branford Marsalis Quartet, pitching in while support was cut from Ministries of Tourism and Culture following Hurricane Sandy, which heavily impacted Haiti.

The Marsalis Quartet opened the festival with a free outdoor concert in Jacmel and played another outdoor performance at Parc Historique in Port-au-Prince. In addition, Marsalis gave two music work-

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## AFRICAN VOICES

A member of the African Children’s Choir.

Photo courtesy Lehman Center for the Performing Arts

## An uplifting evening of music and hope

By John Marrast

In celebration of Black History Month, the African Children’s Choir will present an uplifting evening of music and hope at the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The 20 talented kids comprising this choir come from Kenya and Uganda. All the children have lost one or both parents to poverty, war or AIDS. The choir has been going

for more than two decades now, and all the funds it raises go back into looking after the kids and providing them with an education.

Their joyful performance blends song and dance from the entire continent of Africa; featuring more than ten languages, unique cultural dancing, and of course, uplifting gospel music. This inspirational choir has gained international acclaim performing on Good Morn-

ing America, The Tonight Show, and American Idol; alongside Mariah Carey and Sir Paul McCartney in Live 8 in London; and at Nelson Mandela’s AIDS awareness concert in South Africa.

On Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8:00 p.m. “A Chorus Line” will be staged. In an empty theatre, 17 dancers audition for a new Broadway show. Seventeen men and women with one dream.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Locked Out Of Heaven**  
Bruno Mars
- 2 **Ho Hey**  
The Lumineers
- 3 **I Knew You Were Trouble.**  
Taylor Swift
- 4 **Diamonds**  
Rihanna
- 5 **Beauty And A Beat**  
Justin Bieber Feat. Nicki Minaj
- 6 **One More Night**  
Maroon 5
- 7 **Try**  
P!nk
- 8 **I Cry**  
Flo Rida
- 9 **Don't You Worry Child**  
Swedish House Mafia Feat. John Martin
- 10 **Home**  
Phillip Phillips

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Long.Live.A\$AP**  
A\$AP Rocky
- 2 **Pitch Perfect**  
Soundtrack
- 3 **Kidz Bop 23**  
Kidz Bop Kids
- 4 **The Lumineers**  
The Lumineers
- 5 **Les Miserables: Highlights..**  
Soundtrack
- 6 **Night Visions**  
Imagine Dragons
- 7 **The Heist**  
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- 8 **Unorthodox Jukebox**  
Bruno Mars
- 9 **Red**  
Taylor Swift
- 10 **Babel**  
Mumford & Sons

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A scene from "A Chorus Line."

Photo courtesy Lehman Center for the Performing Arts

## Lehman's concert season

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All they want is the chance to dance. This is "A CHORUS LINE," the musical for everyone who has ever had a dream and put it all on the line. Winner of nine Tony

Awards, including "Best Musical" and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this singular sensation is the longest-running American musical ever.

Meanwhile, the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts continues

its season with seven new shows added to its 2013 roster. The new shows include:

-- A performance by Richie Ray and Bobby Cruz celebrating 50 years of Salsa Bestial featuring José Alberto "El Canario" and



Silver stars.

## Panorama

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3. NGC Couva Joylanders -- Band From Space (266 points).
4. Pan Elders -- We Come Out To Play (262 points).
5. Petrotrin Katzenjammers -- Keshorn-Javelin Champions (258 points).
6. Curepe Scherzando -- We Come Out To Play (255 points).
7. Carib Dixieland -- Shock Attack (255 points).
8. Valley Harps -- Arima Angel Harps (249 Points).
9. We Come Out to Play (249 points).
10. Phase II Pan Groove -- More Love (273 points)

### LARGE BANDS

1. Petrotrin Phase 11Pan Groove, More Love (273 points)
2. Republic Bank Exodus -- Gold (272 points)
3. Neal & Massy T'dad All Stars, Bounce And Drive (271 points)
4. WITCO Desperadoes -- Hammer Time (270 points)
5. CAL Invaders -- Dat Is Lie (265 points)
5. PCS Nitrogen Silver Stars, Shock Attack (265 points)
7. Junior Sammy Group Skiffle, Supna- The Dream (264 points)
7. BP Renegades, Shock Attack (264 Points)
7. NLCB Fonclaire -- Addicted (264 points)
10. RBC Redemption Sound Setters, More Than an Oil Drum (255 points)

Ray Sepulveda with special guests Alfredo De La Fe and Jimmy Bosch on Saturday, March 9.

-- After the St. Patrick's Day Parade a celebration of Irish music with The Celtic Tenors in the Bronx on Saturday, March 16.

-- An evening of Fusion Urbana featuring the reggaeton duo RKM & Ken-Y plus New York's hottest bachata group 24 Horas and bachata sensation Karlos Rose on Saturday, April 20.

-- Tony Vega's Aniversario Tribute to "El Maestro" Willie Rosario as special guest with performances by The Queen of the Trova Jibara Victoria Sanabria with Musical Director Humberto Ramirez on Saturday, April 27.

-- The best salsa romantica concert Back To The 80'S III returns with Hector Tricoche celebrating his 35 years in the music with Roberto Blade, Willie Gonzalez, David Pabon and Anthony Colon on Saturday, May 18.

-- An evening of laughter with one of the most loved Latin Kings of Comedy Paul Rodriguez And Star TBA on Saturday, June 1.

-- The celebration of the National Puerto Rican Parade Weekend with salsa icon Willie Colón Yo Soy Boricua on Saturday, June 8.

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## Marsalis plays in Haiti

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shops for local musicians and students at the cultural institution FOKAL, a Festival partner, and before he left the country on Jan. 23, he gave a musical clinic at ENARTS, (National School of the Arts).

The saxophonist delighted the somewhat reticent diplomatic crowd with his repertoire that included his style of modern jazz. His repertoire included New Orleans jazz favorites like St. James Infirmary and selections from Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington. Ambassador White revved up the invited so they would really show their appreciation to the well-deserved group who then performed three more encore numbers.

Marsalis said he didn't come Haiti to show the Haitian people his music but came for what he could learn from them. In reality, his stay was both.

Of the Jacmel free concert Marsalis admitted, "I could feel the crowd more." Festival organizer Joel Widmeir said he was awesome at the Port-au-Prince performance and was exuber-



Bradford Marsalis bringing the house down at the International Jazz Festival.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

antly received.

Three-time Grammy winner Marsalis easily talks about Haitian history, citing reparations to France following the Haitian revolution that challenged Haiti and its development for decades. In the snap of two beats, he'll talk music and how the Haitian audience, which might not immediately be drawn to jazz responds to its rhythm and to the drums. He bemoaned the outlawing of drumming by the British in their colonies.

# Sympathetic portrait of controversial cause célèbre

“Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary”  
Excellent (4 stars)  
Unrated  
In English and Spanish with subtitles  
Running time: 120 minutes  
Distributor: First Run Features

By Kam Williams

Wesley Cook, aka Mumia Abu-Jamal, was born on April 24, 1954 in the City of Brotherly Love. There, he founded a branch of the Black Panthers at the age of 15 after being kicked by a cop at a rally for segregationist presidential candidate George Wallace.

After attending college in Vermont, he returned to Philly to pursue a career in journalism. He proceeded to provide a voice for the voiceless as a politically-progressive reporter while simultaneously

moonlighting as a cab driver, until the fateful night in 1981 when he and his brother William crossed paths with a police officer named Daniel Faulkner.

The cop was killed during the traffic stop, when the bullets from a gun registered to Mumia were emptied into him at close range. Faulkner managed to get off a few shots, wounding Mumia.

At trial, the jury deliberated only a few hours in what seemed like an open-and-shut case, and the defendant was convicted and subsequently handed a death sentence. However, because of Mumia’s previously clean record and his having served as such an articulate mouthpiece for the poor and disenfranchised, he soon became something of an international cause célèbre.

Was he indeed a murderer or had he been railroaded to prison because of his radical views? The left and the right would disagree strongly on the issue. Eventually his sentence was commuted to life with no parole,



Mumia Abu-Jamal at the super maximum prison SCI Greene,Wayneburg, PA.  
Photo by Lou Jones

and the fundamental question of guilt or innocence was essentially left unanswered.

The same can be said after viewing “Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary,” a documentary, which doesn’t seek so much to clear the

controversial figure’s name as to showcase his intellect and longstanding defiance of The Establishment. To director Stephen Vittoria’s credit, he hauls out a long line of luminaries such as Dr. Cornel West, Ruby Dee, Hurricane Carter, Alice

Walker, Angela Davis, Dick Gregory and Amy Goodman to take turns heaping praise on his sympathetic subject.

While their heartfelt testimonials leave no doubt about Mumia’s commitment to the struggle and considerable talents as a writer, none of them were eyewitnesses to the murder. Thus, this is not a biopic which seeks to poke holes in the prosecution’s case or to indict the State of Pennsylvania for a rush to judgment.

Rather, it merely endeavors to highlight the squandered potential of a gifted, if fatally-flawed individual. Love him or hate him, no one watching this inconclusive piece can deny that Mumia has a way with words.

A film that wisely leaves the damning evidence on the back burner in favor of focusing on everything about Mumia Abu-Jamal except for what exactly transpired at the corner of 13th and Locust in the wee hours of Dec. 9, 1981.

## Independent & Foreign Films

The Gatekeepers (PG-13 for violence and disturbing images) Oscar-nominated Best Documentary chronicling the exploits of Shin Bet, Israel’s national security agency entrusted with the country’s closely held top secrets. Includes archival footage, computer animation and in-depth interviews with all six surviving former heads of the organization. (In English and Hebrew with subtitles)

Girls against Boys (R for nudity, sexuality, profanity and violence) Battle-of-the-sexes slasher flick about a college coed (Danielle Panabaker) who embarks with a girlfriend (Nicole LaLiberte) on a retaliatory, man-hating killing spree after a series of dates gone bad. With Liam Aiken, Andrew Howard and Michael Stahl-David.

The Haunting in Connecticut 2: The Ghosts of Georgia (R for disturbing images) Scream sequel finds a married couple (Abigail Spencer and Chad Michael Murray) settling into a historic home in the South where their young daughter (Emily Alyn Lind) suddenly starts seeing dead people visible only to her. Supporting cast includes



### Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Cicely Tyson, Katee Sackhoff and Andrea Frankle.

Koch (Unrated) Intimate portrait of Ed Koch, the intensely-private, former Mayor of New York who occupied Gracie Mansion from 1978 to 1989. With reminiscences by Congressman Charles Rangel, Reverend Calvin Butts, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and current Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary (Unrated) Reverential biopic about Mumia Abu-Jamal focusing on the controversial cause célèbre’s literary career while carefully tiptoeing around the question of the convicted cop killer’s guilt or innocence. Featuring commentary by Dr. Cornel West, Amy Goodman, Angela Davis, Hurricane Carter, Ruby Dee and Dick Gregory.

Sound City (Unrated) Retro rockumentary, directed by Foo Fighters’ founder and front man Dave Grohl, about Sound City, the fabled, L.A.

music studio where everyone from Neil Young to Fleetwood Mac to Tom Petty to Johnny Cash to Charles Manson have recorded albums.

Stand Up Guys (R for profanity, sexuality, violence and drug use) Mobster comedy about a recently-paroled, aging ex-con (Al Pacino) who reunites with a couple of geezer gangsters (Christopher Walken and Alan Arkin) for a last hurrah, only to end-up double-crossed by one of his buddies. With Julianna Margulies, Lucy Punch and Mark Margolis.

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

Bullet to the Head (R for profanity, nudity, drug use, graphic violence and bloody images) Grisly revenge thriller, set in New Orleans, about a hit man (Sly Stallone) and a detective (Sung Kang) who form an unlikely alliance to track down the killers of their respective partners. Featuring Christian Slater, Jason Momoa and Jon Seda.

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# SUN KULCHA

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**CASH FOR GUNS:** Turn in an operable handgun and receive cash. Sponsors: Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes, Council Member Letitia James and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. Church of the Open Door, 201 Gold St. from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**TAX PREP:** Ridgewood Savings Bank will be hosting ARVIA's free tax preparation days in the Bronx. Bronx residents are eligible for free tax filing if they are single with no dependents and earn less than \$25,000 or file with dependents and earn less than \$50,000. Since space is limited, qualifying taxpayers must call the branch that is hosting the session in advance to schedule an appointment. 9:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Held at the bank's Jerome Avenue branch - 3445 Jerome Avenue; (718) 881-3430.

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION:** in celebration of Black History Month, The People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective, MEC Student Government Association, MEC Office of Student Life, and the Sons & Daughters of Jamaica will hold a cultural celebration that will include remembering Medgar Wiley Evers on the 50th anniversary year of his assassination. Topic: "How Relevant is Marcus Garvey's Philosophy Today?" Keynote Speaker: Jay W. Richards, activist, Garveyite, and motivational speaker. Come join us for a thought-provoking documentary, poetry reading, cultural presentations, fashion show with fashions by Osun and surprise artists. Free admission: This event will be held at the Medgar Evers College Auditorium at 1650 Bedford Street and will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Contact: Akeem @ 718-270-4902 or @ akeem827@yahoo.com or Jose @718-712-5034 for further information.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**MACY'S STORYTELLING:** Every year, Staten Island Chuck gets nervous because so many people expect him to predict the weather! To make matters worse, his rival Punxsutawney Phil disagrees with him—What if he's wrong? Join us at 11:30am for Staten Island Chuck's Big Day, a heartwarming tale about self-confidence and friendship—created exclusively for Macy's Sunday Story Time by one of our educators! Recommended for ages 4-7. New York Historical Society 170 Central Park West between West 76th and West 77th Streets.

**MACY'S STORYTELLING:** Imagine going for a stroll through Chinatown—what would you see, smell, and hear? Share your favorite things about Chinatown and Gung hay fat choy! That means "Happy New Year!" in Chinese. Chinatown by William Low Recommended for ages 4-7. New York Historical Society 170 Central Park West between West 76th and West 77th streets

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Health and Wellness in Black Communities" is the theme of New York City College of Technology's (City Tech's) celebration of Black History Month. Join us for "Healing stories and Proverbs from the Africana



**FARMERS MARKET:** Seeds in the Middle is sponsoring The Crown Heights Farmers Market offering fresh fruits and vegetables, including calaloo and Caribbean favorites and accepting EBT, WIC, Snap, FMNP, Health Bucks, and Fresh Connect. The market will be operating every Thursday from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Metz Park at Albany and Leferts avenues, Brooklyn. For more information, visit [www.seedsinthemiddle.org](http://www.seedsinthemiddle.org).



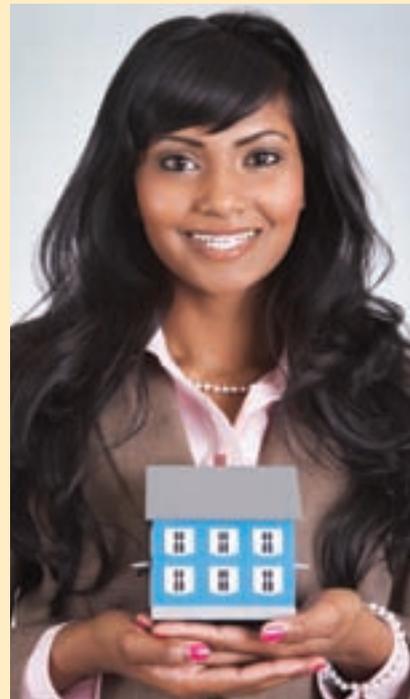
**IMMIGRATION SERVICES:** Free immigration services. Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 67 Hanson Place, Office of Council Member James. Call (718) 260-9191.

World" at the Student Lounge-Ground Floor, Atrium Building. Storytelling and a lecture by African American Studies faculty member Annie Mundeke. She will emphasize how storytelling and proverbs from the Africana World have served as critical vehicles for healing and wellness for people of African descent. 300 Jay Street in Downtown Brooklyn.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**CROSS-STITCH CIRCLE:** Drop in to try your skills at one of the oldest forms of embroidery in the world from 4:30 - 6:30pm. Beginning cross stitchers will learn the basic stitch and create a bookmark with their new skill. More seasoned stitchers can continue working on their bookmark or branch into more complicated designs - make a handcrafted gift for someone! This program is designed for kids who are at least six years old. Younger kids may also enjoy coming along and contributing to our community weaving using recycled fabrics and ribbons.

**MACY'S SALUTES BLACK HISTORY:** Join us "In Conversation" with actors Malik Yoba, Omari Hardwick and actress Malinda Williams for a discussion on Gordon Park's influence on film and the future of African American cinema. Enjoy light refreshments following the discussion. With any \$50 or more purchase made during the event, receive a commemorative Gordon Parks journal. The event begins at 6pm on the 9th floor



**FORECLOSURE SERVICES:** Are you behind in your mortgage or seeking a modification? The Flatbush Development Vcorp, NHS of East Flatbush and the Center for N.Y.C. Neighborhoods are offering free services and assistance. Referrals for free legal assistance are also available. To schedule an appointment, call (718) 469-4679.

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**LITTLE - NEW YORKERS:** Free with Museum Admission, for ages 3-5. Every Tuesday and Friday! Each class will include time with historic toys, a special Little New-Yorkers hello song, story readings, and a related craft project. New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West between West 76th and West 77th streets.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:** Chinese New Year returns to Pelham Art Center on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, with family-friendly activities commemorating the beginning of the Year of the Snake on Feb. 10! From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., local artist Lisa Yang Zimmerman will lead a paper-craft workshop, in which participants will create a festive snake puppet. At 2:30 p.m., members of Kwan's Kung Fu Studio in Peekskill will perform a traditional Lion Dance, believed in Chinese culture to scare away evil spirits and to bring good luck. As part of our Folk Arts Series, this event is free and open to all ages. 155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, N.Y. 10803, 914-738-2525, [info@pelhamartcenter.org](mailto:info@pelhamartcenter.org).

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**ARTIST TALK:** DC Optics presents "Artist Talks"

390 Myrtle Ave. (between Vanderbilt and Clemont Aves.) 6:00 p.m.

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**DONATIONS:** St. Robert Bellarmine Church is joining efforts with the Dioceses of Trenton to bring relief to victims in the hardest hit areas. The church has organized a sorting sub station in the parish and will be delivering donations to various locations shortly. The church is seeking donations of cardboard shipping boxes for packing or rubber bins for storage for victims. Donations are tax deductible and the church will provide you with a receipt upon request. Feel free to contact St. Robert Bellarmine Church at any time Attn: SRB Hurricane Relief Effort, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728 or [srbwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:srbwelcome@gmail.com), Pam Stengel (732) 580-0075, Linda Altini (917) 578-4852. Phone: (732) 462-7429 or Fax: (732) 409-3496.

**QUEENS SICKLE CELL:** The Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network, 207-08 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, N.Y., presents a Parent to Parent Support Group meeting every first Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. For directions and registration, call (718) 712-0873 or email [Qscanorg@verizon.net](mailto:Qscanorg@verizon.net).

**FAIRWAY MARKET SHUTTLE:** Fairway Market is now offering a free group shuttle bus to its Red Hook, Brooklyn store at 480-500 Van Brunt St., Mondays thru Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. For pick-up reservations for groups of 10 or more, within a five-mile radius of the store, call Viola Williams or Marcy Rosenblum at (347) 750-1251. There will also be pickups on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at 589 Prospect Ave., between 11 and 10 avenues. All seniors get a five percent discount in the store. Each group will have an hour and a half to shop and/or enjoy a bite to eat in the picturesque cafe by the waterfront.

**COMPUTER TRAINING:** Mount Carmel Worship and Outreach Center is holding adult and children computer training programs, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Call (917) 609-0909 for registration details.

**REVERSE MORTGAGE COUNSELING:** Are you a senior homeowner struggling to make ends meet? A reverse mortgage may be an answer. NHS can help determine if this is the best option for you. All programs discussed are backed by the federal government. For information, call (718) 469-4679.

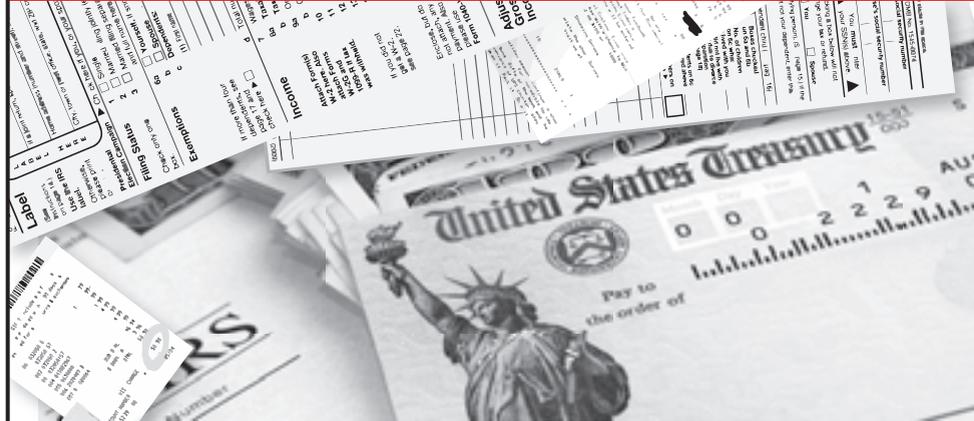
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# T&T 2013 Carnival Fetes

By Kingsley Doyle

## Friday, February 1

Misty Ridge All Inclusive - TBA - 9pm-3am  
Girls Nite Out - Harbour Master  
SOCA4U 2013 - Trinity College  
East, Arouca - 9pm-3am  
Army Fete 2013 - Queens Park  
Savannah - 9pm

## Saturday, February 2

Fatima College All-Inclusive - Fatima  
Grounds, Mucurapo Rd - 5pm-11:30pm  
BGSC 14th Annual All-Inclusive  
"Mirage" - 6pm-1am  
Gulf View Inclusive 2013 - Coral Drive.  
San Fernando, - 6pm-2am  
RAMA - Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port-  
of-Spain - 6pm  
"Blue Flame" Red Ants/Blue Range All  
Inclusive - Blue Range Courts,  
Diego Martin  
YUMA "NEON" Drinks Inclusive -  
10pm-4am  
White Oak Chutney Brass - Guaracara  
Park (Point-A-Pierre) - 7pm

## Sunday, February 3

GREEN - An All Inclusive Event - Rege  
Star Hotel, Piarco - 2pm-8pm  
Friends to the Max (CAREC All-Inclusive  
Pier 1, Chaguaramas - 3pm-10p  
St. Anthony's College 'Feteing Tigers' All

Inclusive - St. Anthony's College - 4-11pm  
Mai-Tai Carnival - Maracas Valley -  
4pm -12 midnight  
Flight Cruise Carnival Cooler Experien  
O2 Park, Chaguaramas - 5pm-12am

## Monday February 4

Machel Monday Concert - Hasley  
Crawford Stadium - 6-11pm  
Bright Colors Affair All Inclusive -  
San Fernando - 6pm-12am

## Tuesday February 5

Senses - 4-11pm  
FallOut 2013 Edition - La Soleded.  
St. Joseph - 6pm-midnight  
D'Lime All Inclusive - 6pm-midnight  
Island Getaway Carnival Cooler Fete  
Anchorage Beach Club - 6pm-1am  
Eyes Wide Shut Carnivale - Hilton  
Poolside - 7pm-2am  
Zanté~2013 Ultra Premium All  
Inclusive - The Avenue, Port-of-Spain  
10pm-4am

## Wednesday February 6

Scorch Duck Work Cruise  
LIME All Inclusive - The Hyatt -  
4pm-Midnight  
Iwer George In Concert - Queens  
Park Savannah  
Bacchanal Wednesday 2013 -  
Bowen Marine, Chaguaramas - 9pm  
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# T&T 2013 Carnival Fetes

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## Thursday February 7

C'est La Vie All Inclusive - Maracas Bay - 1-8pm  
Beach House Carnival All-Inclusive 2013 - Couva - 2pm  
Escape to the Sanctuary (Headley's All Inclusive) - Playa Del Este, Salybia - 1-8pm  
Stranded By The Pool - Salybia - 6pm-till  
Brink Yuh Drink - Centre of Excellence, Macoya - 8:30pm-3am  
TRIBE Thursday IGNITE 2013 - Port-of-Spain - 9pm

## Friday February 8

Silent Morning Trinidad  
Breakfast Boatride - Treasure Queen, Pier 2 - 8am  
Break Biche 2013 - Tsunami Beach Club, Chaguaramas - 2-8pm  
La Barge - Chaguaramas - 2-8pm  
Phuket... it's Carnival Friday - Pier 1 Poolside - 2-8pm  
Cocoa Devilz Bayview Cooler Fete - Maracas - 1-7pm  
Frenzy Boat Ride - Pier 1 Prowler, Chaguaramas - 2pm-6pm  
ISLANDpeople Girl Power  
'Outrageous Friday' - TBA - 9pm  
Privilege 'RISE' Cooler Fete - Moka, Maraval - 9pm  
Blue Range Cooler Fete - Blue Range Courts, Diego Martin - 10pm  
Bright Colors & Bikinis Boatride - Coral Vision Cruises - 10pm-1am  
Fantastic Friday (Soca Monarch Finals) Hasely Crawford Stadium - 7pm

## Saturday February 9

Caesar's Army REVOLUTION  
A.M.BUSH J'ouvert - 3am-10am  
A.M Premium Carnival Ultra-Inclusive Breakfast - 5am-11am  
Sultry Island - 5am-11am  
Suits - Carnival Breakfast Cooler Cruise - Harbour Master - 7am-11am  
Buenos Dias Trinidad Boat Ride - Treasure Queen, Pier 2 - Chaguaramas - 8am  
Kiddies Carnival - Queens Park Savannah - 11am  
Scorch Carnival Inclusive 2013 - 4pm-10pm  
ANYA the FETE - St. Clair 4pm-12 midnight  
Jamboree Fete 2013 - Valsayn - 4pm-12:30am  
The Ultimate ONE Annual All Inclusive - Valsayn South - 6pm-Midnight  
S.S. Wassy Carnival Boatride - Coral Vision Cruises, Port-of-Spain - 7pm-12pm  
Lions All Inclusive Fete - Lions Civic Centre (Port of Spain)  
Chunkay in Central - Rienzi Complex, Couva  
National Panorama Finals - Queens Park Savannah, POS - 7pm  
Trini Posse Cooler Fete 2013 - The Hanger/Bowen Marine, Chaguaramas - 8:30pm  
Insomnia 2013 'Ultimate Breakfast Party' 02 Park - 12am-10am

## Sunday February 10

D'Original Breakfast Party (Vale Vibe) - Diamond Vale, Diego Martin - 4am  
Sunny Side Up Breakfast Party - St Michael's Parish Grounds, Diamond Vale - 4-11am  
Double UP - Breakfast on D Avenue - 4am-12pm  
Shades 'Premium All Inclusive Breakfast Party' - La Soledad Estate, St Joseph - 4am  
Booze Cruise 'Trinidad Edition' - Harbour Master - 12-4pm  
Dancing In the Sanctuary (Headley All Inclusive) - Windsor Road, Valsayn - 1-8pm  
Moka Explosion All-Inclusive - St. Andrews Golf Club - Moka, Maraval - 12pm  
Brian Lara All Inclusive - Chancellor Hill, Queen's Park West - 2pm  
T.S.C.A All-Inclusive Party - Angostura Compound EMR - 3-10pm  
Hilton Carnival Sunday Poolside Fete - Hilton Trinidad, POS- 4-10pm  
Roast Cruise - Trinidad Carnival Cooler Vibe - Harbour Master - 5pm-10pm  
Sleepless In San Fernando - Mannie Ramjohn Carpark, Marabella - 5pm-3am  
Sophisticated Slackness - Trincity - 8pm-1am  
Dimanche Gras 2013 - Queens Park Savannah, POS - 7pm  
Mania 2013 - Trinidad Country Club, Maraval - 10pm

## Monday February 11

J'Ouvert (3am)  
- Chocolate City 5.0 J'Ouvert  
- Cocoa Devils J'Ouvert  
- Dirty Dozen J'Ouvert  
- Fantasy J'Ouvert  
- iCandy J'Ouvert (Chaguanas)  
- Mudders International J'Ouvert  
- Mudi Gras J'Ouvert (Chaguanas)  
- Powder Posse HD  
- Red Ants J'Ouvert  
- Wacker Wacker J'Ouvert  
- Whyte Angels J'Ouvert  
- Yellow Devilz All Inclusive J'Ouvert  
Parade of the Bands (Carnival Monday)  
Carnival Jump Up - Hilton Hotel (Lady Young Rd, Port of Spain)  
Monday Night Mas - Paramin Hill

## Tuesday February 12

Parade of the Bands (Carnival Tuesday)  
Pan Trinbago Pan on the Road - Victoria Square and Downtown POS  
Pan Trinbago Las Lap - Western Main Rd, St James

## Wednesday February 13

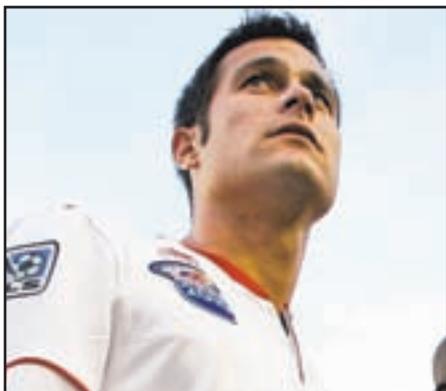
Afterblast - J&J Big Yard Guest House, Toco - 12pm-10pm  
Last Jam IV - Intravenous - Treasure Queen, Pier 2, Chaguaramas - 6pm-12pm  
Beach Lime - Maracas Bay, Las Cuevas, Blanchisseuse Bay  
Wild Meat Cool Down - Balandra Bay  
Annual Ash Wednesday River Lime - De Freitas Ranch, Valencia

## Saturday February 16

Deja Vu Premiere All Inclusive - Valsayn North - 6pm-1am

# SPORTS

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Red Bulls coach Mike Petke.

AP Photo/Mel Evans

## Bulls hire Petke

By Patrick Horne

When the opportunity presented itself, Mike Petke was ready! Former Red Bulls defender and assistant coach Mike Petke was named head coach of the New York Red Bulls, the club announced last Thursday. The 36-year-old Petke from Bohemia (Long Island) was not the club's first choice, but most importantly, he was its last.

The Red Bulls management at one point had its sights set on hiring veteran coach Paulo Sousa, but the parties failed to reach a final agreement as the opening of the very important pre-season camp in Bradenton, Florida, drew near.

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## WICB, Sky broadcast deal

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has brokered a million dollar agreement with Sky Sports to show England's next four tours of the West Indies as part of a new eight-year deal.

The contract includes every major Test playing nation live from the Caribbean and features all Test, One-Day Internationals and Twenty20 Internationals played in the region until 2020. England's next tour of the West Indies in 2014 will be the first of four tours including the series in 2015, 2017 and 2019.

In total the deal with Taj TV, features 17 series from the West Indies beginning in March this year, when Zimbabwe visits in a

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LIU's Jamal Olasewere (1) is fouled as he drives to the basket between Morehead State's Maurice Lewis-Briggs, left, and Bakari Turner, right, during the second half of their NCAA college basketball game in the Barclays Center Classic.

## Blackbirds and Terriers face off

By Robert Elkin

Led by three all-Met candidates-Jamal Olasewere, CJ Garner and Jason Brickman, the Long Island University Blackbirds will host rival St. Francis College of Brooklyn for a noon tip-off on Saturday, Feb. 10. This contest to be played

not at the college itself but at nearby Barclays Center is part of a round-robin schedule in the Northeast Conference, which ends in early March with the winner of its post season tournament earning an automatic spot into the NCAA post-season tournament.

The Terriers, with three double-figure scorers on their roster, feature Jalen Cannon, a 16-point a-game-scorer, while LIU features Olasewere, who is scoring at a 19-point-a-game clip.

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# Blackbirds vs. Terriers

# Red Bulls

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between both teams, the scoring and rebounding of both Garner and Olasewere, and the backcourt play of Brickman paved the way for LIU's victory. Garner was named most valuable player of the 'Battle of Brooklyn' game as a large crowd of 1023 fans jammed the gymnasium of St. Francis College. The Blackbirds with the victory increased their overall record 9-10 and dropped the Terriers to 8-10.

They were treated to a tremendous second half come back by the Blackbirds who last year went to the NCAA tournament.

Jack Perri, in his first year as head coach of the Blackbirds, but in his eighth year with the team, has been satisfied with his players' performance this year, especially in the second half of the Terriers' game when they battled back from a 14-point deficit late in the first half to go ahead 46-44 on a Garner lay-up, half way through the second half.

With about two minutes remaining on the clock, Garner fed Olasewere for a layup to make the count 71-57 on way to a 78-68 victory.

LIU's frontcourt players have to step it up for the remainder of the season because 18-point a game scorer Julian Boyd played the first seven games of the season and then against Rice suffered an injury to his knee that needed season ending surgery. He will thus sit out the rest of the scheduled. Boyd was chosen as he league's pre-season player of the year.

"It is difficult to guard Olasewere," said St. Francis head coach Glenn Bracia. "He's quick. He's tough to match up against him. Garner is also difficult."

The same goes for LIU's guard Brickman who at times looks just tremendous on the court and who could certainly set up the scorers. Take for example, after a slow start in the first half, Brickman came alive in the second 20 minutes and turned in nine more assists to wind up with 11.



Illinois' Tyler Griffey, left, tips the ball away from St. Francis' Jalen Cannon (5) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Champaign, Ill.

AP Photo/John Dixon



Long Island's, Jamal Olasewere jokes with a teammate during practice in Columbus, Ohio.

AP Photo/Jay LaPrete

Both teams must continue to improve if they

want to put together winning teams. Perri has certainly been high on his top players.

"Garner shoots and scores at a high level," said Perri after the St. Francis-LIU game. "We must continue to do a great job in transition."

"We have to keep our poise and stay tough (for the remainder of the season)," added Olasewere. "It's a collective thing (to do) with five seniors."

However, for the immediate future, former basketball players at LIU Dave Masciale and Leo Merson, soccer star Nick Megaloudis, Fred Munsch in swimming, James Ruocchio for

baseball, and volley ball star Ivana Vasiljevic will all be inducted into the 14th annual Hall of Fame class during half time of the Northeast Conference contest against Robert Morris this Saturday (Feb. 2).

"We are very excited to be inducting a class of extraordinary individuals into the LIU Athletics Hall of Fame," said athletic director John Suarez. "This group of inductees embodies the great athletic tradition of LIU Brooklyn and it is a pleasure to honor their accomplishments and contributions."

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"I cannot believe in my mind that Red Bull needed to rush something, just because we opened training camp," Petke said. "I think my interview process began when they turned to me and asked me to take the reins in November. I think Andy saw me in action. I'm not the least bit slighted that they might have looked elsewhere before me."

Sousa had the coaching pedigree. The 42-year-old coached Queens Park Rangers and Swansea of the English Premier League and last had a very successful two years at Videoton of Hungary.

"From the minute he took over as the interim coach, Mike has been enthusiastic and organized," Red Bulls Sporting Director Roxburgh said. "Mike is very experienced in the ways of MLS. If we brought in a coach from Europe, that might not be the case. Mike knows the league and he's passionate about this organization and team. All of those things add up to make him the appropriate choice."

Petke's loyalty and knowledge of the organization and the players weighed heavily in the decision to hire him. "If they decided to go with someone else, I never would have had a problem," Petke said. "But I believed that I was always more than ready. I'm more than capable. I always put this club ahead of me in everything I do."

The Red Bulls open the 2013 MLS season on Sunday, March 3 at Portland Timbers. Last season's squad finished with a 16-9-9 record and was knocked out of the playoffs in the first

round by DC United.

## Trinidad soccer in jeopardy

According to a report in last Wednesday's Trinidad and Tobago's Guardian newspaper, the 13 World Cup players from the 2006 tournament who have still to be paid are in the process of taking legal action again, this time to file liquidation proceedings against the country's football (soccer) federation, which would jeopardized the national team's appearance in the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament this summer.

Former Trinidad and Tobago national defender Brent Sancho, one of the 13 players, met with recently elected Federation President Tim Kee and told him that the players will go ahead with the planned action despite their discussions in the meeting.

"We are not going to stop any of the proceedings we have started, or are in the process of starting," a solemn Sancho declared. "We have been down this road before. As soon as we stopped the process, the charges of contempt with (former TTF secretary Richard) Groden or (ex-president Oliver) Camps (and other matters in the past), those talks stopped."

Sancho, saying that "it is not the players' wish to dissolve T&T football," also reiterated that the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP) in London awarded the players 50 percent of the earnings from the 2006 World Cup, and the Trinidad and Tobago High Court awarded them close to \$12 million.

## Broadcast deal

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tour featuring two Tests, three One-Day Internationals and two Twenty 20 matches.

Barney Francis, managing director of Sky Sports said: "Sky's first televised cricket was from the West Indies in 1990 and this deal further shows our commitment to overseas

cricket by providing four more live England cricket tours of the Caribbean. It is the latest in a series of agreements that reinforces our position as the home of televised sport."

"As recent ICC Championships, West Indies are always exciting to watch and very popular with our viewers," he added.

# West Indies batsmen to the challenge

Batsmen Ramneresh Sarwan, Darren Bravo, Kieron Powell and Johnson Charles, as well as wicket-keeper/batsman Devon Thomas would have to show their batting power when the West Indies faces up to Australia on Feb. 1. West Indies batting seems fairly good on paper, but all they would have to do well in order for the team to excel. Wicket-keeper/batsman Devon Thomas and Darren Bravo will be closely monitored regarding their approach towards the Australians. Batting performance will play a pivotal role if the West Indies is to win the one-day series. Kieron Powell, so far, has shown good intentions by keeping his position with Chris Gayle.

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Pacers Jason Holder, Tino Best and Kemar Roach, and spinners Samuel Badree and Sunil Narine will be lead-



## **Eyes on Cricket**

*By George H. Whyte*

ing the bowling efforts for the West Indies in the series "down under". Holder and Best would have to measure up to some classy Australian batting of the top order. West Indies' bowlers would have to be at its best. Narine and Badree would be top contenders competing in Australia.

West Indies has a good opportunity to defeat Australia, because of their experienced players such as Dwayne Bravo, Chris Gayle, Ramneresh Sarwan and Kemar Roach. The younger players, having been exposed internationally, should use that experience to enhance their game.

## **JOHNSON CHARLES**

Johnson Charles, the aggressive frontline

Windward Island batsman, has been given another opportunity to lift his game for the West Indies. He did not travel to Bangladesh when the West Indies lost the One Day Internationals 3-2 and won both the Tests and Twenty/20 games.

Charles is an aggressive batsman, known to put on key partnerships with his team players, and he runs fairly well between the wickets. He is a brilliant outfielder with very safe hands.

Ramneresh Sarwan will be the player to look at because of his form. It is hoped that Sarwan gets into his batting form. West Indies should defeat the Australians in both series.

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West Indies batsman Darren Bravo, plays a shot during the third and final One-Day International cricket match against Sri Lanka in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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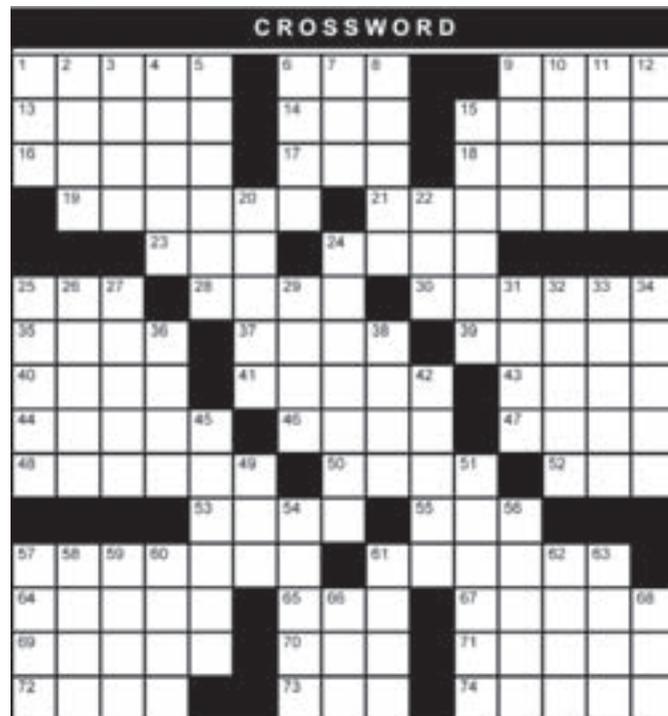
1. \*Previous Grammy nominees Ant and Lambert
6. \*Best New Artist, possibly
9. Hit the bottle
13. Relating to a node
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15. \*She's a 6-time Grammy winner and Michael's sister
16. Harry Potter's antagonist \_\_\_\_\_ Malfoy
17. Always, in verse
18. Uncredited actor
19. \*Female artist with most wins
21. Like Horn of Plenty amount
23. Exclamation expressing disgust
24. Pea houses
25. Ratio of adjacent side to hypotenuse of right-angled triangle
28. With minimal sound distortion
30. Go ashore
35. Shades
37. Electric and moray fish
39. Less bright than supernovae
40. Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
41. \*Grammy winner Keb Mo is a \_\_\_\_\_ Blues icon
43. Allen Ginsberg poem
44. Stands for
46. A ride to mountain top
47. Cambodian money

48. Magician's word
50. Double reed woodwind
52. Wine quality
53. Wild goat
55. Flash \_\_\_\_\_
57. "Last Tango \_\_\_\_\_"
61. \*Grammy Museum location
64. Island republic in central Pacific
65. Stallone
67. Incompetent
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15. \*Call her maybe?
20. It usually precedes "away"
22. Like Jack Klugman on TV
24. Jackie O's hat
25. "\_\_\_\_\_ at the bit"
26. Kind of space
27. Bristles
29. Fifteen of these from basket to foul line
31. Physicist Niels \_\_\_\_\_
32. Steer clear of
33. More raw
34. \*What doesn't kill her makes her stronger
36. \*They play with Mumford
38. Wild guess
42. Something in the air
45. Provoke
49. \_\_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
51. Eroded by wind
54. English homework?
56. This was his name-o
57. In or of the present month
58. Warsaw Pact opposition
59. Opposite of knit
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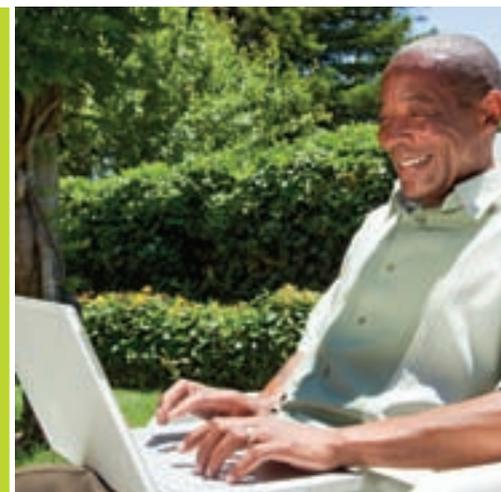
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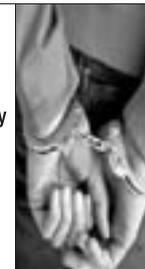
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