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Tomorrow's leaders today

Chrystelle Henri (left) and honoree Shelley Worrell, founder/CEO of caribBEING, the Flatbush Film Festival and the Worrell Media Group share a moment of Caribbean pride at the Caribbean Life/Diaspora Dashboard.com tribute to young achievers at Rockefeller Center. See Story on page 18.

Photo by William Farrington

US Coast Guard repatriates Haitians

By Nelson A. King

The United States Coast Guard says crewmembers aboard the Coast Guard Cutters Decisive and Escanaba repatriated 239 Haitian migrants to Cap Haitian, Haiti on Nov. 14. The repatriation was a result of two separate migrant interdictions it said.

The Coast Guard said its 7th

District watchstanders were notified on Tuesday that a Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter detected a 40-foot sail freighter with multiple people aboard in the vicinity of Great Inagua, Bahamas.

The cutter Decisive was diverted to the freighter's location "and safely embarked a total of 171 Haitian migrants, the

Coast Guard said.

Also on Tuesday, 7th District watchstanders were notified by a deployed Coast Guard Air Station Detroit helicopter crew of a sailboat heading north from Haiti.

The Coast Guard Cutter Vigorous was diverted, and the crew "safely embarked 68 Hai-

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TURMOIL IN THE FAMILY

Anger over Dominican court ruling on citizenship

By Bert Wilkinson

Caribbean trade bloc leaders are preparing to meet at an emergency session in the coming days to review a late September ruling by a court in the Dominican Republic outlawing citizenship to more than 200,000 of its citizens because of their dark skin and also because they have ancestral links to friends and family in neighboring Haiti, which the DR traditionally disdains.

The ruling takes away citizenship for anybody born in the DR with Haitian blood or ancestry after 1929, leaving them stateless although all of them were born nowhere else but in the DR and hold automatic citizenship rights to no other country than their place of nativity.

Angered by the move and the fact that the DR has applied to join the

15-nation Caribbean Community while its court renders hundreds of thousands of people linked to Haiti as stateless, a growing number of prominent citizens including Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves of St. Vincent have called on CARICOM to act, even expel the DR from any forum with which it has formal contact.

Haiti incidentally is a full CARICOM member nation and could very well sway other nations to deny the DR's application to join the REGIONL grouping of nations if it so desires.

The meeting of the regional CARICOM Bureau currently comprising Michel Martelly of Haiti, Gonsalves and current chairperson, Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad, should have been held this week but was

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TWENTY UNDER FORTY AWARDS CEREMONY

Caribbean Life newspaper and DiasporaDashboard.com held their inaugural Twenty Under Forty Awards ceremony honoring 20 Caribbean Americans at News Corp's head office in Manhattan on Thursday, Nov. 14. For full story see page 18.



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1. 20 Under 40 honoree Shelley Worrell, founder of caribBEING, the Flatbush Film Festival and the Worrell Media Group, Geneive Brown Metzger, Executive Vice President of DiasporaDashboard.com and Clifford Luster, Caribbean Life Publisher. **2.** 20 Under 40 honoree awards. **3.** Honoree Coral King, journalist, model and PR specialist, Geneive Brown Metzger and Clifford Luster. **4.** 20 Under 40 honoree Susanne Walker. **5.** Honoree Kerry McLean, director of community development at the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation. **6.** Keynote speaker Senator Eric Adams and guests arriving at Caribbean Life's 20 Under 40 awards ceremony, Thursday November 14th.

Photos by William Farrington

TWENTY UNDER FORTY AWARDS CEREMONY



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7. Caribbean Life and DiasporaDashboard.com's 20 Under 40 honorees. **8.** Yve-Car Momperousse, honoree and founder/CEO of Kreyol Essence, Clifford Luster and Geneive Brown Metzger. **9.** 20 Under 40 honoree Jinelle Craig, Jamaican immigrant and Harlem attorney. **10.** 20 Under 40 honoree, Yasmin Spiro, associate director for marketing at Interior Design magazine, Geneive Brown Metzger and Clifford Luster. **11.** Dr. Roy Hastick at the inaugural 20 Under 40 awards event. **12.** (L-R) Vincent HoSang, 20 Under 40 honoree Sabrina HoSang, Chief Operating Officer of Royal Caribbean Bakery and Caribbean Food Delights, and Janice Julian.

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Residents in Antigua & Barbuda hoping to fly to Nevis this winter season might be disappointed to learn that LIAT won't be flying there.

Nevis Tourism Minister Mark Brantley, speaking to SKN Vibes, lamented the decision by LIAT to pull the service for the winter.

LIAT will not fly to Nevis from Dec. 3 to Jan. 14, 2014. The airline will, however, continue to fly to St. Kitts.

Brantley said the Nevis administration is seeking another airline to fill the void during a peak time in the tourism season.

"The Antigua-Nevis/Nevis-Antigua leg is also very important and that is being served by LIAT. LIAT has now pulled out. It is now for us to get some alternative for LIAT to get our people into and out of Antigua," said Brantley.



Bahamas

Four people were killed when their aircraft crashed in "low waters" while on a sightseeing tour on Sunday, the Civil Aviation Department's Flight Standard Inspectorate has announced.

They were identified as 59-year-old Anthony Wishart, a fearless globetrotter from Fishers, Cynthia Mierzwa of Porter County, Indiana, and Glen and Leslie Steiner, of Arizona, who were among those vacationing with the Wisharts. His wife Diane was not on board.

The single engine aircraft, was on a visual flight rule "while conducting a local sightseeing flight in the area of Freeport, Grand Bahama.

"The aircraft experienced engine problems and ditched in low waters, approximately seven miles North of the Freeport Control Tower.

The pilot, who apparently survived the crash, held a valid Private Pilot License for single engine aircraft and a valid Third Class Medical Certificate.



Cayman Islands

Cayman Islands and the UK signed a 'FATCA' -type intergovernmental agreement (IGA), on Nov. 5, preparing the way for Cayman to automatically share financial information with the UK on UK tax-



Climate change a matter of urgency

After Hurricane Sandy struck Jamaica a year ago, critics say the country's recovery was hampered by the IMF budget. See page 8.

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payers who hold Cayman Islands accounts.

Steps to establish the legislative and operational framework to implement the agreement are underway, and government also intends to issue guidance to assist with the implementation, said Cayman's Premier, Alden McLaughlin.



Guyana

Police in Guyana have confirmed that candies sold to three Amerindian children who fell ill and were hospitalized contained cocaine.

Deputy Police Chief Seelall Persaud says he believes the candies were meant to be exported and that the owner of the store did not know they contained drugs when he sold them.

Persaud said recently that authorities are investigating the origin of the candies. No one has been arrested. The three children who fell ill recently have been discharged from the hospital. They live in the South American country's northwest region,



which is largely populated by the Arawak tribe.

Haiti

An anti-government protest in Haiti turned violent recently with police firing tear gas and counter-demonstrators throwing stones at the marchers.

People in civilian clothes were seen firing guns into the air.

The march in Port-au-Prince began peacefully as the crowd grew to a few thousand and passed through poor neighborhoods, many of them strongholds for critics of the government of President Michel Martelly.

"This is the people's fight for a change for better conditions," said Carlo Jean Daniel as he walked among the marchers. Protestors were attacked by people who threw rocks from rooftops and alleyways. The demonstrators then made a rare trip to the hillside district of Petionville, where many shops and restaurants cater to wealthy Haitians.

Sporadic demonstrations have taken place in Haiti's capital in recent weeks calling for Martel-



ly's resignation. Protestors say his government isn't doing enough to improve living conditions and they want him to hold overdue legislative and local elections. A few people were seen being hurt by rocks but there were no immediate reports of major injury.

Jamaica

The world's largest tour operator, TUI has credited Jamaica's London Olympics dominance and the 'Jamaica House' impact, for the increase in UK arrivals to the island and the advent of the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner to the Caribbean. Jamaica became the first country in the region to welcome the revolutionary aircraft through its partnership with Thomson Airways, a subsidiary of TUI Travel, PLC.

The aircraft, which seats 291 passengers, touched down at the Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, boosting hopes of access to parts of the world Jamaica has not tapped into.

"The Olympics had a real effect on customer demand from the UK. During the first few weeks of the



competition, searches to Jamaica were up 32 per cent, then continued to surge.....peaking during your triple win in the 200m sprint final and when you smashed the 4 x 100m relay world record," TUI's head of external communications, UK and Ireland," Fiona Jennings, told the media during a reception at the airport.

"We have almost doubled the number of customers we have flown into the island since 2012 and are committed to continuing to expand both our beach and cruise programs from 2014," she stated, adding that as a result of the demand, from summer 2014, Thomson Airways will add another weekly flight to Jamaica, moving to five flights per week.

St. Lucia

The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat is launching a public education and awareness campaign, to help OECS residents, business and institutions become more energy efficient.

The campaign "Power Savers -The Power Is in Your Hands," will start during CARICOM Energy Week, with the launch of events starting on Nov. 11 in OECS member states.

According to a study completed earlier this year, energy costs across the OECS region are amongst the highest in the Western Hemisphere, with businesses and institutions spending more than EC\$340 million each year and some families spending more than 20 per cent of their income on energy.

The key message of the Power Savers campaign is that the power to save energy and money is within reach for residents, businesses and institutions. Power Savers provides practical energy-saving tips to become more energy efficient, manage energy costs, and reduce impacts on the environment.

Power Savers is an awareness campaign executed under the Sustainable Energy Technical Assistance (SETA) Project of the OECS Secretariat, and is funded by the Caribbean Development Bank.

St. Vincent

One month after being brutally attacked and injured aboard their sailing boat in Union Island, two

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Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar. AP Photo/Frank Franklin II

T&T PM awarded 'Democracy Medal'

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has been awarded the 2013 "Democracy Medal" by the 46th World Conference of the International Association of Political Consultants in Antigua last week.

Chairman of the conference, Mathew McMillan, said: "Persad-Bissessar is a true trailblazer in the Caribbean region."

He said the organization felt her rise to power in Trinidad and Tobago was a testament to the progress of women in the country, in the region and around the world.

"Her policy initiatives have been revolutionizing and her commitment to the development of her country and the Caribbean has been uncompromising," he said.

The award for Democracy Medal is given to an individual or organization who, in the judgment of its members, has worked courageously to foster, promote and sustain the democratic process anywhere in the world," a release said.

Among the previous recipients of the award were former president of Poland, Lech Walesa and former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Military relatives get reprieve

By Nelson A. King

The United States has offered a reprieve to illegal Caribbean and other immigrants who are close relatives of active military troops and veterans to stay in the country and proceed towards becoming permanent residents.

After deliberating for over three years, the Department of Homeland Security said in a memorandum that the new policy seeks to appease troops who are concerned that their immigrant family members could be

deported while they were deployed.

"In order to reduce the uncertainty our active-duty and retired military personnel face because of the immigration status of their family members, we have decided to clarify existing policies," Peter Boogaard, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, told reporters.

He said the new rules are based on existing statutes and are not the creation of any new legal status that would require congressional action.

Home town hero SSG Raffique Khan to be honored at Gala

Trinidadian born SSG Raffique Khan of the 72nd Medical Detachment (VS), is the FORSCOM USO Soldier of the Year nominee. Each year, the USO honors true American heroes at the USO World Gala in Washington, D.C. The award is presented to an outstanding and heroic junior enlisted member of the Army (Active, Reserve or Guard).

SSG Khan, a food inspection noncommissioned officer (68R) deployed to forward operating base Salerno, Afghanistan Jan. 12 - Jan.13 with the 72nd MDVS. A sergeant at the time, SGT Khan distinguished himself during the June 1, 2012 insurgent attack against the forward operating base. After a suicide vehicle borne improvised explosive device destroyed the DFAC where

he and his team were eating, SGT Khan extracted trapped personnel from the wreckage and initiated first aid on the wounded. He engaged advancing insurgents with M16 fire, and continued to provide security at an impromptu casualty collection point until the attack was defeated and the casualties evacuated. For his heroic actions, SSG Khan was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Combat Action Badge, and also received the Purple Heart for his injuries.

Khan was born in Trinidad, West Indies and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He is now stationed at Fort Belvoir VA, National Capitol Region (PHC). He was nominated out of approximately 750,000 soldiers.

SSG Raffique Khan.



Deportation warning before pleading guilty

By Nelson A. King

New York's highest court has ruled that trial judges must warn Caribbean and other non-citizen defendants that they may be deported before allowing them to plead guilty to felony charges.

In a 5-2 majority ruling on Tuesday, the New York Court of Appeals recognized the "uniquely devastating deprivation of liberty" involved when an immigrant faces deportation from the United States.

The Court of Appeals also recognized the obligation of lower courts in ensuring that Caribbean and other immigrants are fully knowledgeable of the consequences should they be convicted.

"The trial court must provide a short, straightforward statement on the record notifying the defendant that, in sum and substance, if the defendant is not a United States citizen, he or she may be deported

upon a guilty plea," wrote Justice Sheila Abdus-Salaam for the majority.

"Deportation constitutes such a substantial and unique consequence of a plea that it must be mentioned by the trial court to a defendant as a matter of fundamental fairness," she added.

The court's decision overturned its 1995 ruling that deportation is a "collateral consequence" of a guilty plea - that judges need not warn Caribbean and other immigrant defendants it might happen.

Justice Abdus-Salaam said times have changed since the mid-1990s, when about 37,000 Caribbean and other noncitizens were deported after criminal convictions.

She said a non-citizen Caribbean or other defendant can hardly be said to have made a "voluntary and intelligent choice among the alternative courses of action open to the defendant", unless he or she is informed

by the court that deportation looms as a possible result of a guilty plea.

Justice Abdus-Salaam said the court was taking the "extraordinary" step in overturning in part the precedent that has long guided New York courts in this area, *People v. Ford*.

That case held that deportation is a "collateral consequence" of conviction and that the court's failure to inform the defendant of that consequence never impacts the voluntariness of the plea.

The Court of Appeals on Tuesday accepted the arguments of the defendants in three cases, deciding that, with about 188,000 people deported from the United States annually following criminal convictions, deportation has become an "automatic consequence of a guilty plea for most non-citizen defendants."

"Ford's discussion of deportation was rooted in a

legal and practical landscape that no longer exists, and the realities of the present-day immigration system have robbed it of much of its logical and experiential foundation," Justice Abdus-Salaam wrote.

She said defendants who have not received proper notification about the consequence of their guilty pleas should be permitted to return to court and show there was a "reasonable probability" that they would not have pleaded guilty but would have gone to trial had they had been told that deportation awaited them under a guilty plea.

Abdus-Salaam, therefore, said courts should consider "the potential consequences the defendant might face upon a conviction after trial, the strength of the People's case against the defendant, the defendant's ties to the United States," among other factors.

Citizenship rights for Dominican Haitians

Continued from cover pushed back to a later date. Officials in Trinidad blamed schedule clashes for the postponement but plans are advanced for it to be held in the coming days.

The Bureau oversees affairs of CARICOM in between summits.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Gonsalves, regional diplomats, the Caribbean Council of Churches (CCC) and a plethora of civil society organizations are mounting relentless pressure on leaders to act.

In fact, Gonsalves and others say they are so incensed by what they call an openly racist ruling against citizens because of their links to Haiti, that they are ready to take extreme measures against the DR to reverse the ruling or to put the Spanish-speaking island on the permanent isolation list.

As an indication of the level of indignation, Gon-

salves has written President Nicholas Maudro of Venezuela urging him to scrub the DR from the list of countries benefitting from the 2005 Petro Caribe Initiative, forcing DR officials to beat a hasty retreat to Caracas to lobby against any possible punishment.

Additionally, the DR sits with other CARICOM nations in a grouping called CariForum, established specifically to govern trade and other relations with Europe. Many, including the Churches' umbrella group, have called for it to be expelled from the Forum but how this will be achieved remains unclear.

Throwing in its proverbial "three cents" on the issue as well is the Caribbean Civil Society organizations (CSO), which said this week that "We are of the view that statelessness is a violation of Clause 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights embraced



Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves. AP Photo/John Minchillo

by the international community of states," the CSOs said, adding: "We condemn this act as immoral, unjust and totally unacceptable in a modern, civilized society

and express grave concern for the welfare of all those persons that this decision has impacted."

Respected regional academic, Prof. Norman Gir-

van of the University of the West Indies said he was very disappointed by the decision not to convene the meeting. "This is a matter of extreme urgency and I hope that they can get their act together and convene a meeting as soon as possible."

Gerard Granado, general secretary of the CCC, said the region must act fast and decisively.

"Haitians are brought into the Dominican Republic to labor on the sugar cane plantations. They are kept in barracks under horrible slave-like conditions. When you go there you see animals and human beings drinking from the same water trough and then suddenly one night, a vehicle might pass and pick up all the Haitians and take them back to the border. Women losing their husbands, children losing their parents and they don't know what happened to them. Churches and other groups in the Dominican Republic are standing firmly against this," Granado noted, as pressure mounts on governments to deal with the issue.

Coast Guard

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tian migrants," the Coast Guard said.

The 68 migrants were later transferred to the cutter Escanaba for repatriation.

"The crews on Decisive and Vigorous saved 239 lives from the perils of sea," said Capt. Mark Fedor, chief of response enforcement.

"The vessels were grossly overloaded and not capable of making it safely to their intended destination," he added. "The Coast Guard stands ready to deter illegal migrant activity and protect safety of life at sea."

Once aboard a Coast Guard cutter, all migrants receive food, water, shelter, and basic medical attention, Fedor said,

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Climate defenders line the entrance to the National Stadium in Warsaw where the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP19 is being held. IPS/Desmond Brown

U.N. Climate Meet: 'It's About Survival'

By Desmond Brown

WARSAW, Nov 13 2013 (IPS) - For the small island developing states of the Caribbean, there is nothing more important than the United Nations Climate Change Conference taking place here at the national stadium of Poland from Nov. 11-22.

"We're being impacted by climate change right now. We have to fight sea level rise, we are looking at increases in the frequency and severity of storm events, so it's about survival," Hugh Sealy, vice chair of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board, told IPS.

"In my humble opinion, and forgive me for being melodramatic, this is the most important decade facing mankind," said Sealy, a national of Grenada. "What we do in the next seven years will affect generations to come."

The CDM is the largest carbon market in the world. It has so far delivered more than 315 billion dollars in assistance to developing countries. It has launched more than 7,400 projects since 2004 and has saved the developed countries

about three billion dollars in cost compliance. The CDM now has a regional collaboration centre at St. George's University in Grenada with two more centres in Lome and Kampala.

A new report released here shows that Haiti led the list of the three countries most affected by weather-related catastrophes in 2012. The others were the Philippines and Pakistan.

Germanwatch presented the ninth annual Global Climate Risk Index at the onset of the Climate Summit in Warsaw.

"The landfall of Hurricane Sandy in the U.S. dominated international news in October 2012. Yet it was Haiti - the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere - that suffered the greatest losses from the same event," said Sönke Kreft, team leader for international climate policy at Germanwatch and co-author of the index.

In the last two decades, the 10 most affected countries have without exception been developing nations, with Honduras, Myanmar and Haiti taking the brunt during the period 1993-2012, the report noted.

The Germanwatch Cli-

mate Risk Index ranks countries according to relative and absolute number of human victims, and relative and absolute economic damage. The core data stems from the Munich Re NatCat-SERVICE. The most recent available data from 2012 as well as for the 20-year-period 1993-2012 were taken into account for the preparation of this index.

"Our results are really a wake-up call to ramp up international climate policy and to better manage weather-related disasters," said Kreft. "The year 2015 represents a major milestone, which needs to deliver a new climate agreement, and the international disaster framework is also up for renewal."

The climate summit in Warsaw is expected to chart a road-map for an ambitious 2015 agreement. But Sealy and a very vocal Caribbean delegation at the summit are determined to leave Warsaw with some tangible benefits.

"I live in Grenada right now," Sealy told IPS. "The cost for electricity in Grenada is 40 U.S. cents per kilowatt hour, one of the

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De Blasio Transition Committee

To The Editor

On November 20, Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio announced the appointment of 60 experienced leaders and experts to his transition committee that will assist him in building a progressive, competent and diverse city government.

"These leaders are volunteering their expertise in every issue and area of municipal affairs," said Mayor-Elect de Blasio. "Together, they will join Transition NYC Co-Chairs Carl Weisbrod and Jennifer Jones Austin in helping me to assemble a team that's devoted to building one great city where everyone shares in our prosperity."

"My charge to the transition team is to identify women and men from every part of our city and walk of life that share a commitment to progressive and competent city government," said de Blasio. "They will be advising me based on their wealth of experience and knowledge of specific issue areas and government agencies."

Transition NYC Co-Chair Jennifer Jones Austin said, "The transition committee members come from every slice of civic life — business and labor, science and the arts, clergy and the grassroots, advocacy and the academy and their contributions will prove invaluable."

Transition NYC Co-Chair Carl Weisbrod said, "The appointment of these distinguished leaders advances Mayor-Elect de

Blasio's commitment to building a government that will work toward a more just New York, distinguished by effectiveness and representative of the city they serve."

Transition committee members are volunteering their time to advise Mayor-Elect de Blasio during the transition, and are not seeking to serve in the administration itself.

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Enhancing Black-owned businesses

To The Editor:

A couple weeks ago I asked my cousin this:

How can a Black family spend \$60,000 and very little of that in it's own community?

My cousin looked at me as though I was crazy, until I showed her the numbers. At this point she started speaking about, "They" not being conscious- that is till I revealed that I was referring to OUR family.

How is that possible?

There are 300 members of my family coming together for a formal event December. An average of \$200 per head for clothing will be spent, more likely higher.

\$60000 is an ESTIMATE for clothing. The actual total financial output is way higher. It is not the first time this question has crossed my mind. A couple years ago a youth organization held a cotillion, clothing bill for the young men and women \$30,000. It was a major leak.

How much of that money spent will go back into communities? How much will help enhance local Black-owned businesses? Another family member pointed out there were few places they could shop that sold Black-owned products and cited the Caton Mall (Flatbush) as a disastrous example of Black commerce. True, there are few Black-owned businesses in the East Flatbush Area.

It's one thing to preach Black commerce; it's another to make it actually happen.

When brought to their attention, another cousin challenged: "Give us a list." Admittedly, DeMarketplace Holiday 2013 was a direct result of these interactions. At first there was no list I would recommend. My family is large; my social list and database extensive. Many who know what I do turn to me for referrals. My network of friends

Selling without worrying about the weather?

and past clients keep asking me for leads. They SPEND money.

Now, I can answer queries for one place by a simple url: www.Demarketplace.com. That was the easy part. Set to launch officially on Nov. 23, the challenge is now curating the information, so that it is actually usable.

We sought to create one place for shoppers to discover the websites of creatives and items made by locals. It was imperative that it be in place for Holiday 2013. Local makers, artist, artisans, designers and crafters earn 80-90 % of their income during the holiday season. Unfortunately that season only lasts until late November to just after Xmas. They will not be able take workshops seminars or pay for supplies if they do not earn money. A former designer herself, she understood the value of selling 24/7 without worrying about the weather. www.demarketplace.com was designed for those without a physical space and will enable them to list and promote their offline events.

In an attempt to help, I sat to show my aunt what was available. Most did not have websites but Facebook pages. Of the 540 pages I have "liked", few had the necessary information about the designers or what products they offered. Fewer had website contact information or any automated shopping cart system. Fewer had web sites that were accessible via the wide array of digital images. Most websites have not been updated. As an African colleague admitted, most designers had extinct web presence.

Curating Who's doing What...

I have the emails of over 1,000 crafters artisans and designers of crafters I received not one lookbook or press release last year. Yes, there are a few that are positioning to list Black businesses, but most of those that exist give little information about the designer, the product offered or deal with the actual challenges.

Registration of Artist

Crafters and designers have begun and will continue right at www.demarketplace.com. Preparation of the artist, necessary for the best presentation and for conversation to sales will be ongoing at a first come first served basis.

Distribution starts Nov. 23 of theme-focused holiday shopping and gift guides via email --Social Media to consumers as well as other bloggers and local press just in time for seasons events such as Thanksgiving.. (healthier holiday meal options).

Black Friday to Cyber Monday- Black Re-dress and online Expo- to push the sale of holiday items-Deadline for submitting items to be featured is the Sunday before Kwanzaa. Celebrate creativity, community and collaboration with craft/cooking/sewing/making parties led by artisans.

New Year celebratoon with a push for a "new you" with workshops, classes, seminars!

Finally Sandy is focusing her tech expertise in addressing the challenges to consumers actually buying.. They have identified several bleeding points.

Handmade is expensive, it's difficult to compete with cheap Asia produced products. Why can't designers do this themselves.

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Troubling images from candidate Christie's files

Because images and preceding narrative matter in the world of government and politics, some prominent figures in the arena have been stymied in their efforts to continue sailing on, or perhaps move up to the next level, all because past transgressions or indiscretions returned with a vengeance to do some serious spoiling. After 1969, for example, any outstanding contribution as politician and statesman originating from Ted Kennedy was pretty much guaranteed to be limited to his role as senator from Massachusetts, and not the office of president, for which he as well as others evidently thought him well equipped. Republicans remained forever prepared to make certain that the god-awful happenings at Chappaquiddick in the summer of '69 would be Kennedy's permanent barrier to further political elevation.

These days, the guy whose prospects for political ascendancy may be generating the most chatter is New Jersey's governor, Chris Christie. Whether, right out of the starting gates, it was part of his own design of a personal arc in electoral politics or his "handlers" immediately saw the governorship as a

mere stepping stone to the biggest stage of all, we won't speculate. What's clear is that soon after Christie began his first term in 2010, he was being projected as hot stuff, with an obviously calculated effort to sensitize folk beyond New Jersey's boundaries to the GOP's great new hope. The mechanism was put in place to swiftly ensure Christie's pop culture stardom. Video clips of "performance" bits by the governor, taken primarily from his celebrated town hall meetings, became regular You Tube features, the Christie promotion machine always ready to crow about how many hits they received.

With Superstorm Sandy last year came a new bunch of Christie images. Of these, we suspect that those of the governor making nice with President Obama when he visited the state's devastated areas won't come in for much use when Christie jostles with other GOP hopefuls for the 2016 nomination. Practitioner of bare-knuckled political street fighting as he is, Christie isn't about to forget what a demonstration of warmth toward the president did to the political fortunes of another governor, Florida's Charlie Crist. So when the Christie mill turns in ear-

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

nest to his beating back the others to emerge as the GOP's 2016 candidate, they'll be dialing up images of him as New Jersey's consoler-in-chief following Sandy and anything else that looks to burnish his conservative credentials.

Who knows, they may even revisit, as part of a P.R. offensive, scenes of the governor lambasting one of his favorite whipping boys, the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and its members. It seems Christie has had the NJEA in his gun sights, if not before, certainly since he ran for governor in 2009 when the union dedicated a goodly sum, reportedly some \$3 million, in support of Christie's opponent. All of which sounds like politics as usual...except for the governor's undisguised wrath against teachers. There is something rather unseemly about anyone opting to make pariahs of teachers. Teaching being the hallowed profession it is and teachers being generally regarded as

underpaid for the awesome responsibility they have, casting them collectively in a negative light is unbecoming, particularly of a top public official. Some would say, though, that it's hardly a surprise, given the "bully" reputation Christie has, consciously or otherwise, cultivated for himself.

The web site nj.com, in chronicling the many run-ins Christie has had with the NJEA or individual members, reported on one teacher who contended that Christie had told her, in response to a question, "I'm tired of you people." Christie later said, according to the report, what he told the teacher was: "It's never enough for you people. No matter how much money I give, it's never enough for you people." Even in that "corrected" version of what went down, a tone reflective of those teachers being perceived as, at best, irritants, is unmistakable.

But it is in some of the governor's interactions with common or garden constituents along the way that are to be found video highlights of which the Christie crew won't be particularly enamored. Like the poor slob who asked a question at a town hall meeting and Christie insisted he be escort-

ed on stage so he could subject the guy to some up-close hectoring. Or the woman at another town hall who asked the governor where his children went to school (an educational standards disparity continues to be a big issue in the state) and was told by Christie: "That's none of your business." Shame on the guy for not knowing (one would hope he knows by now) that in the position he holds, where his children are schooled is very much the citizenry's business. Worse than that, however, is the very idea of reacting in so uncouth a manner not to some politico with whom he's doing battle, but a member of the public.

Supposedly they are legion, those images of Christie in full flight as the Garden State's baddest bully. We don't know if they constitute some of whatever baggage, as reports have suggested, the Romney team unearthed in its vetting of Christie for the No. 2 spot last year. But as for 2016, Christie's so-called "tough guy" schtick affords opportunities aplenty, both within the GOP and beyond, for influencing electoral assessment of how much of a fit he really is for that coveted role.

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OP-EDS

Keeping consumers in mind

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Proper marketing takes time. It's difficult to produce and effectively market especially during such a busy time.

Social media has created a placebo effect lulling many into believing that they are in control of their marketing. Of the 540 Facebook pages I've liked, about 400 are design-related business. I see three to four of these in my stream during

the average week. Still as a designer in the Black design sector, I should be able to hand a list to these people.

I tried sitting and walking my aunt through, seeing the items from the consumer's standpoint was. Are these designers really designing for the consumer or the press?

The average designers have a list of about 4,000 to 5,000; so why not collectively work together.

You know one of the

principles of Kwanzaa: The entrepreneur still thinks that his work belongs to him; that someone wanting to share their info is intruding; trying to "steal." What Arrogance!

Why the fear that someone is "stealing"

It's about the consumer...

It's that simple...

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Haitian Studies Association celebrates 25 years

By Tequila Minsky

President of the Haitian Studies Association Claudine Michel welcomed over 250 scholars, researchers, organizers, activists, and practitioners to the annual conference, Nov. 7 - 9. This year's conference was particularly sweet.

The Haitian Studies Association (HSA), which started in 1988 by visionaries in Boston as an institute that would be a forum for thinking about Haitian Studies, celebrated its 25th anniversary. By being held in Haiti, young Haitian scholars and practitioners on the ground were able to attend. The atmosphere was electric.

Haitian Studies has increasingly been concerned with scholars' obligation toward Haiti. Further fueled by the earthquake and aftermath, Michel challenged participants to understand reconstruction



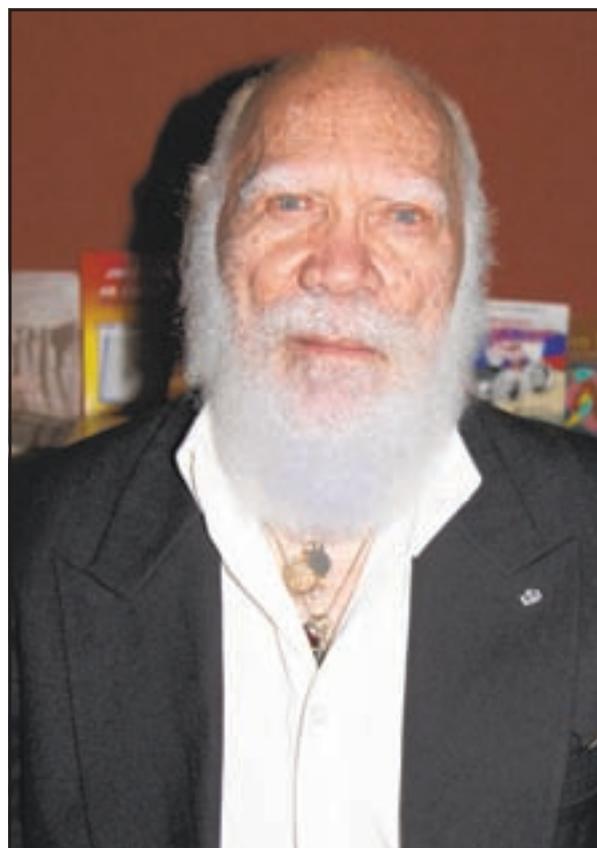
Marie Lourdes Elgirus of Bronx Community College presenting Award of Service from Haitian Studies Association to Vivian Gautier. (In the back is the outgoing president of Haitian Studies Association Claudine Michel; to the right is Rebecca Dirksen, HSA Board Member.)

Photo by Tequila Minsky

in relationship to history, power, and democracy. She asked: Where does responsibility lie in terms of new discussions about Haiti. This year's theme was subtitled: Toward New Narratives for

Haiti in 2013 and Beyond.

Founding member and Executive Director Marc Prou noted that the 2010 earthquake decimated the University system but there is a continuing resurgence.



"The system is coming back more vibrant than ever thanks to the dedication of hundreds of young and seasoned faculty members."

The milestone conference brought together nine past

presidents.

Trinity University professor Leslie Desmangles was president during its fledgling years (1994-1998).

He noted the substantial number of published schol-

arly books by young scholars. "I attribute this development directly to the work of the association."

Dr. Guitele Nicoleau (2008) commented how "HSA has become a privileged space for Haitianists all over the world to come together and find like minds and dissenting perspectives about Haiti." Prior to its inception, she noted that there was no such forum to share these forms of scholarship and ideas.

Following pre-conference events and workshops for emerging scholars, the trilingual conference (Creole, French and English) of concurrent panels—45 in all—began in earnest.

Two sessions were devoted to the legacy of academic and anthropologist Michel-Rolph Trouillot whose untimely death at the age of 63 in 2012 is a great loss to the Haitian community of scholars.

Panels ran the gamut including literature, oral histories, history, Haitian vodou, Haitians and their descendants in the DR, music and art, public education, patterns in migration.



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Déjà Vu all over again for indebted Caribbean

By Samuel Oakford

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 18, 2013 (IPS) - On May 23, shortly after wrapping up negotiations on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) 958-million-dollar loan – its second in three years – to keep Jamaica out of default, the fund's mission chief in the country, Jan Kees Martijn, set out to visit Croydon, a former plantation settlement in the mountainous northwest of the island.

Also in Croydon that day was Verene Shepherd, professor of social history at the University of the West Indies and chair of the national reparations commission.

Shepherd was recording her weekly radio show, "Talking History" – she was marking the anniversary of the hanging of Samuel Sharpe, leader of the slave rebellion of 1831-32 – when she ran into Martijn being led through town by the local chamber of commerce.

The phlegmatic Dutch technocrat listened as Shepherd discussed the brutal history and economic legacy of slavery, one difficult to compute in dollars and cents (though Shepherd has, at 7.5 trillion dollars), but something that many in the region feel should at least footnote every budget shortfall and each emergency loan taken.

"I tried to tell him that you are looking at the end result of colonisation," Shepherd told IPS. "It's easy to say 'you're independent now, stop complaining' but it's very hard to distance what is happening now from the past."

Though Shepherd was aware that in October Jamaica would be one of 14 Caribbean countries to sue Britain, France and the Netherlands for slavery reparations, she wished Martijn well, and the IMF team continued on to their heritage tour.

A towering crisis

Since 1990, there have

been 37 debt restructurings in the Caribbean, a problem critics say international bodies like the IMF are woefully unprepared to tackle.

Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Lucia all have public debt higher than 80 percent of GDP; in Jamaica the figure is 143.3 percent.

Already this year, bondholders in Belize took 10-20 percent cuts, and in St. Kitts and Nevis, investors have seen 50-percent "haircuts" on their principal.

In a February report, the IMF found that the "main challenges for Caribbean small states looking ahead include low growth, high debt and reducing vulnerabilities from natural disaster."

Yet even after issuing a mea culpa of sorts for pushing austerity in Europe following the 2008 financial crisis, the IMF turned around and insisted those very policies – ones that led to contractions and unemployment – were the only way out of the Caribbean's fiscal mess.

"There's been a split in their policies for rich countries and for developing countries," said Jake Johnston, research associate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). "There's been a lot of talk about the new IMF and in some cases they have been more lenient, but when you are talking about developing countries what they are still pushing is from 15 years ago."

Despite successive loans from the IMF, Jamaica still spends around half its budget on interest payments, crippling the country's ability to provide social services and prepare for natural disasters.

After Hurricane Sandy struck Jamaica one year ago, "they couldn't repair or prepare for the next one because they were constrained by the IMF budget," Johnston told IPS.

The IMF said it was una-

ble to comment for this story because a team was currently in the country.

However, holding back spending can lead to a dangerous feedback loop: experts predict that for every dollar a country forgoes today on climate change mitigation, it will spend six or seven on disaster response in a few years' time.

Media portrayals of the crisis tend to rely on sources in the IMF and investment community and adopt the same terse, tough-love language they favour that serves to distance themselves from people on the ground. Depictions often treat extreme weather and zero-growth economies as if in a vacuum, without interrogating their climatic or historical causes.

A history too quickly forgotten

Caribbean economies were ushered into independence underdeveloped and limited by colonial regimes that favoured primary exports over industrialization.

Countries came to rely heavily on preferential trade agreements that the EU offered former colonies.

The 1973 oil price shock forced many to take out dollar-denominated loans to pay for energy.

When interest rates in the U.S. shot up, payments on those loans ballooned and countries in the region had no choice but to accept the structural adjustment that accompanied IMF and World Bank bailouts, a position they've been in ever since.

To make matters worse, the U.S. successfully sued to end the EU concessions, effectively shuttering banana growers unable to compete with huge U.S.-owned plantations in Central America.

Before, "all the produce was sold and that was money in the pockets of people throughout the island, even in the small-

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visitors have returned to St. Vincent and the Grenadines for talks with tourism stakeholders about addressing problems affecting the industry.

Police have charged Jerome Jordan, 16 and a 15-year-old boy of Union Island with the attack on Christina Curtin and Mark Beiser who were attacked and chopped about their heads and hands aboard their yacht, "Rainbow" on Oct. 3.

The two will re-appear in court on Jan. 29 next year.

Curtin, who was badly chopped across the face, told the meeting that while she is still trying to recover from the ordeal, it would not deter her from visiting Union Island again.

Manager of the Tobago Cays Marine Park, Kenneth Williams, invited the couple to visit the Tobago Cays, and said all fees would be waived, as a goodwill gesture.

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves told Parliament last week that the couple's distress call, sent via VHF radio, was not received at the Coast Guard Base in Calliaqua, located some 40 nautical miles away on St. Vincent's south-western coast, where monitoring is done 24 hours a day.

Gonsalves, who is also minister of National Security, questioned the non-response of the Rapid Response Unit of the Police Force, a tactical unit that is supposed to provide quick response to serious crimes.

Suriname

Police in Suriname say that they have rescued three underage teenage Guyanese girls who were kept as sex slaves in a brothel in a gold mining township in the Surinamese interior.

During a raid of the brothel, three individuals, including a Guyanese woman, allegedly told the owner of the brothel, her husband and a bodyguard were arrested. The girls reportedly told detectives that they were brought to Suriname under false pretenses after they were promised work in a shop.

Instead, they were forced into prostitution in a brothel in Cabanafo in the Lawa region, a gold mining area close to the border with French Guiana. The victims allegedly crossed the Suriname-Guyana border illegally.

"The girls were forced into prostitution. If they refused they were beaten and all the money they received from customers were seized by the brothel owner," police spokesman Humphrey Naarden told reporters.

Meanwhile, authorities are still looking for two more teenage Guyanese girls who were not present at the time officers raided the place.

The girls were found during a raid in Cabanafo by the anti-terror squad, police and military officers. The suspects are being charged with being members of a human smuggling organization, human trafficking and being members of a criminal organization.

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A salute to 'Under 40' Caribbean achievers

By Nelson A. King

Several honorees shed tears as emotions ran high at the inaugural Caribbean Life/Diaspora Dashboard.com 20 Under 40 Award Ceremony Thursday night, Nov. 14, at News Corp's headquarters in midtown Manhattan at a tribute to 20 Caribbean honorees, many of whom could not withhold the emotions as they spoke about their struggles to overcome adversity on their journey towards success.

But while applauding their parents, close relatives and the community in general for contributing to their achievements, the 20 extraordinary honorees remained humble during their acceptance speeches and in interviews with Caribbean Life, as they pledged to continue the journey.

"It's a great opportunity. I like what Caribbean Life is doing," Grenadian-born honoree **Junior George** said before receiving his award. George is co-founder and managing director of the Queens-based media enterprise, Total Caribbean Network.

"It's a great opportunity for small businesses in the Caribbean community to promote themselves, and I personally appreciate it," added George, who considers his network a "conduit" between nationals in the region and their compatriots in the Diaspora.

"I stand here very humbled, because, two years ago, the idea of Caribbean television was a thought. I stand here to say we're broadcasting around the world."

George's humility and success story, like the other hon-



From left, Ralph D'Onofrio, Yasmin Spiro, Kerry McLean, Cliff Luster, and Marc Chin. Photo by William Farrington

orees, was shared by Jamaican **Sabrina HoSang**, 34, chief operating officer of the Bronx-based Royal Caribbean Bakery and Caribbean Food Delights, whose parents, Vincent and Jeannette HoSang established the family empire in the 1970s as a single store in the Bronx. "I'm just so humbled," Sabrina said. "I'm humbled because I never expected to be chosen. But I realized that all my hard work had paid off.

"I have to help people and give back, added Sabrina, whose father was among relatives and friends who attended the gala event.

I just have to thank Caribbean Life for recognizing me and for the work I do in the community. I hope to inspire many young people."

Guyanese **Melissa Chapman**, vice president of government and community relations at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce,

said she too was "honored to be recognized for her hard work.

"This award recognizes my obligation to be a forceful advocate for the Caribbean American community," she said, thanking her mom, Cheryl Wharton, manager of human resources at CenterLight Health Systems at Brooklyn's Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Shelly Worrell, born in Flatbush, Brooklyn to Trinidadian parents is the founder, chief curator and cultural entrepreneur for CaribBEING, the Flatbush Film Festival and Worrell Media Group said Caribbean nationals have "a very important role to play" in the U.S. "I'm really proud to stand here with my fellow honorees. "Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve," she added, quoting the motto of the twin-island republic of Trinidad and Tobago after

receiving her award

Haitian activist **Yve-Car Momperousse**, 31, who quit her job at Cornell University to found Kreyol Essence, applauded her co-honorees for their accomplishments.

"I accept this award on behalf of Haiti, (which) set the precedent for freedom," said Momperousse who, in 2005 founded the National Haitian Student Alliance with Grammy Award-winning artist Wyclef Jean.

Yasmin Spiro, 39, the Jamaican-born associate marketing director at Interior Design magazine, said it was "really touching" to hear everybody's story. "I feel very fortunate," said the former design manager at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, who attended Art school in Jamaica and the United States, and "spent many years in Jamaica working as a teacher."

The other honorees were: Fashion designer **Anya Ayoung-Chee** of Anya Ayoung-Chee, Inc., **Marc Chin** (Google), **Andrew Clarke** (Braata Productions), **Jinelle Craig** (New York City Law Dept.), **Dexter English** (Hunter Roberts Construction Group), **Haywood Hawthorne** (Golden Krust Bakery and Grill) and **Gavin Khan** (Laparkan Trading Limited).

Also on the list of honorees were: **Coral King** (Coral King PR, Entertainment LLC); **Lawman Lynch** (The Salvation Army); **Kerry McClean** (Women's Housing and Economic Development Corp.); **Neil Nichols** (Monroe College); **Andrew Patterson** (Major League Baseball Advanced Media); **Susanne Walker** (Bloomberg News) and **Jordan Wright** (Quality Auto Mall).

In applauding the honorees, the guest speaker, Brooklyn Borough President-elect Eric Adams, urged them to continue their vision and "not to give up on our kids.

"You may be the only voice they have to protect them," he said and warning about children's potential for failure "if left on their own."

Roy Hastick, the Grenadian-born founder and president of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI), said the honorees were also "visionaries" with "a lot of guts. "Sometimes, you have to be radical," he said, urging the honorees to "really cherish" the award.

"You're doing what you love and taking the challenge every day, sometimes without thanks," he added.

Clifford Luster, publisher of Caribbean Life, founded in 1990, said the paper was "looking for something to celebrate in the community, and the awards event "was the perfect thing."

He told the honorees that their "dedication is appreciated."

Kenton Kirby, the paper's Vincentian-born editor said, "The pleasure is mine to honor today's generation of Caribbean achievers. We're proud to participate in this."

"The challenge for today's generation is to carry on the torch that was lit by those who came before them," he said, adding that Caribbean Life will continue to shine the spotlight on people who are doing things."

Genevieve Brown Metzger, executive vice president of DiasporaDashboard.com, who chaired the proceedings, noted that "events such as these are fantastic networking opportunities.

"This part of the program to honor young people makes this occasion special," added the former Jamaica Consul General in New York. "It's really encouraging to get recognition, especially at a young age." Clarke, 29, the Jamaican-born founder and executive director of Braata Productions, told Caribbean Life. "It's very encouraging for the work that you do."

Later, after accepting his award, his eyes welling up and his voice cracking, the performing artist lauded his dad, Oliver Clarke, "for cutting yards in Jamaica" in helping to lay the foundation for his education.

"Not often we have role models like hIm," he said.

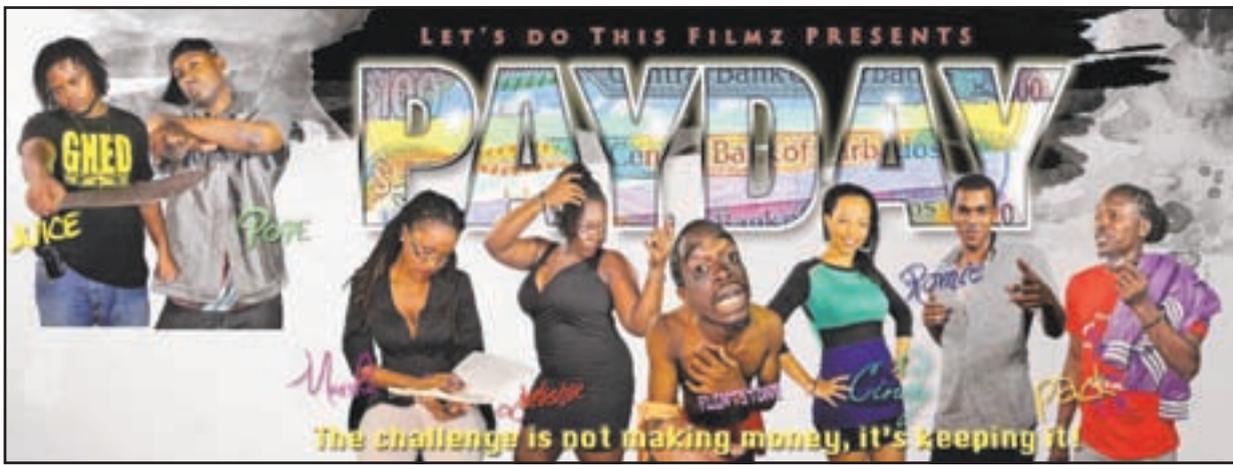
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Bajan Comedy wins Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival Award

By J. D. Massiah

Let's Do This Filmz Production Company was singled out recently at the 8th Annual Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival for their film *Pay Day*, a comedy-drama, which showcases a raw slice of Barbadian community life. *Pay Day* has won the "Best

Caribbean Film" of the year award, from among seventeen other films and with this title for its first movie out of the gate, this production company got more than the nod it needs to produce even more films telling tales of Bajan life.

Scriptwriter, Shakirah

Bourne was given the challenge of creating the script by Director Selwyne Brown. "Selwyne asked me to do the script and I had four things to work with. It had to be funny, cheap, set in one location and easy to shoot," said Bourne. With these things in mind, Bourne set about

observing Bajan life at work; paying close attention to people's dialogue, their attitudes, and it all came together and *Pay Day* was born.

"*Pay Day* had to be about Bajan stuff; people who carry plastic bags for [hand] bags, the little funny things that are common to Bajan culture

that most people really don't think about. I said I want to include this and that and I went into the communities and saw the characters and how funny they were and I wrote what I saw and there was a bit of creativity involved, a little bit, but most of all Bajans are funny people," said Bourne

Pay Day is set in the district of Bayfield, St. Philip and is centered on two friends Romie (Andrew Franklin), an aspiring mechanic and ladies' man, and his friend Pack (Damien Gibson), when they combine their salaries as a down-payment and an investment on a garage. Their goal is to establish a successful mechanic shop and get away from their boring jobs as security guards; their family lives and poor standard of living in their village. To make a down payment on a business would seem to be a simple task for the average person, but for these two characters, it isn't that simple when they have to meet the garage owner at a village lime, which turns out to be filled with complications as the two friends go to the extremes to avoid

violent drug men, crazy ex-girlfriends and other villagers.

Director, Selwyne Brown expected the film to make a mark on the Caribbean film industry, but not to the extent in which it did. The film has sold out at every showing in Barbados and in neighboring islands.

"In the beginning we were saying that people were going to love it and so on, but when it actually happened it was way beyond what we had anticipated," said Brown. "We did not expect people to go and see it two and three times. We received word that the Olympus Theatre has extended the run because we are the top bestselling movie. We are even outselling Hollywood movies."

Barbados movie industry in burgeoning and Ricky Redman, graphics and imaging designer for the production company credits Marcia Weekes of Praise Academy for her tireless work.

Pay Day had its New York Screening on Nov. 21, 2013, at the Tropical Paradise Ballroom, 1367 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

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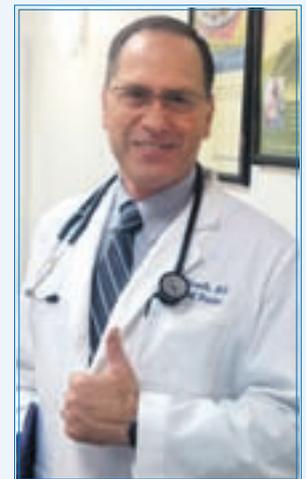
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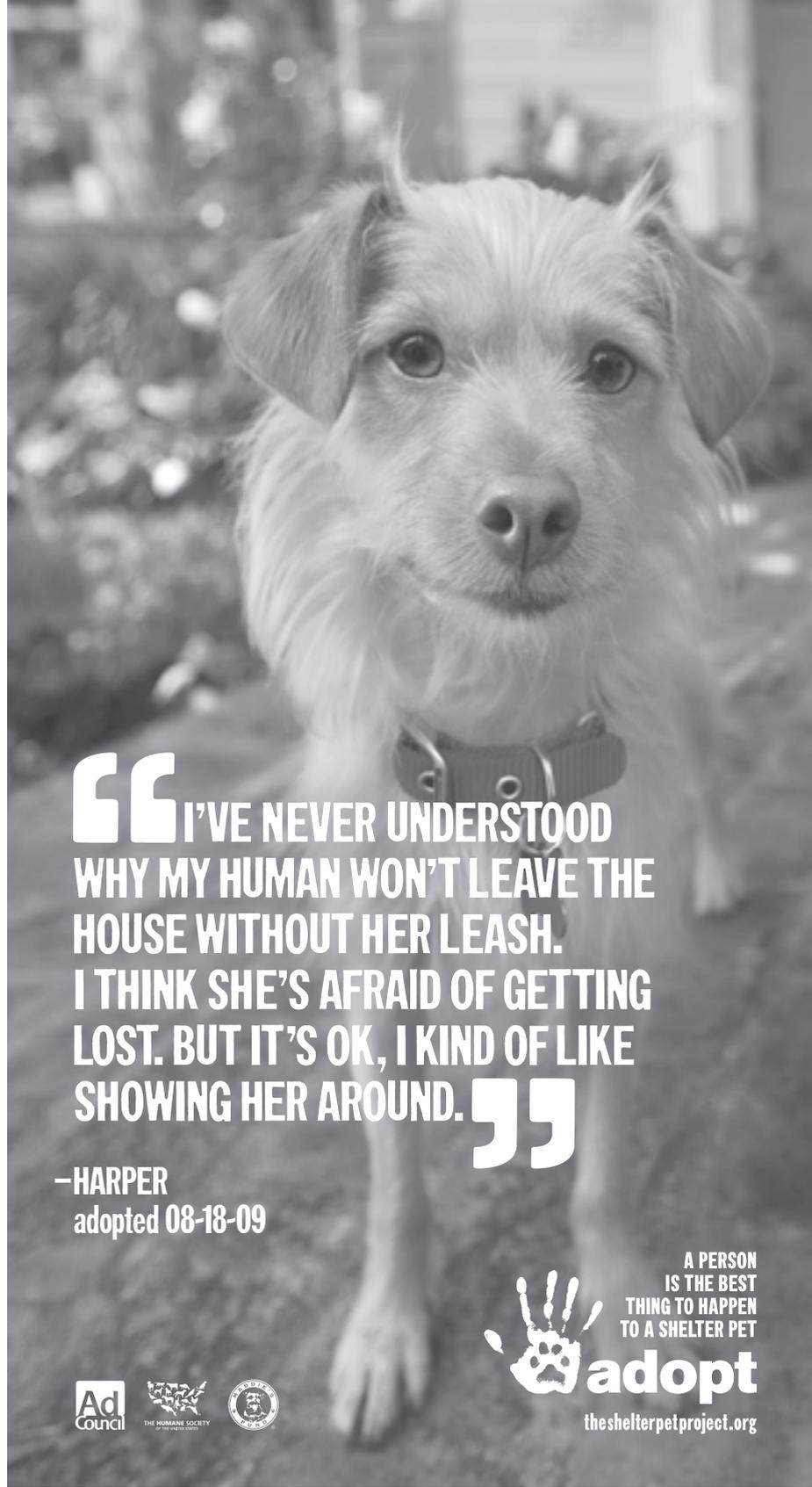


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Barbadian group wins IDB award

By Nelson A. King

The Barbados-based Caribbean Center of Excellence for Youth Entrepreneurship (CEYE) has been selected to receive the prestigious Juscelino Kubitschek Award, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has announced.

CEYE, a not-for-profit company formally registered in 2011, is “an initiative borne out of an increasing demand by Caribbean countries wanting to provide decent work for their youth and women

populations, utilizing best practices and innovative, non-traditional strategies.” It was chosen from among three international groups.

Institutions from Brazil and Nicaragua also won the award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in economics and finance, and social, cultural and scientific achievement, the IDB said.

CEYE is an “innovative, one of a kind regional mechanism, which will help to entrench the philosophy of entrepreneurship

into the psych of Caribbean youth and women accelerating the culture of entrepreneurship, thus making it a natural school-to-work transition choice.”

For each category, there is a prize of US\$100,000. When there is more than one winner per category, the award is divided equally.

The awards ceremony will be held in March in Bahia, Brazil, during the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the IDB.

High cancer deaths in the Caribbean

Trinidad and Tobago is among three countries with the highest cancer mortality rates in the Americas, according to a new report released by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The report released recently at the 5th International

Cancer Control Congress in Peru, showed that while deaths from cancer were decreasing in some countries of the Americas for certain kinds of cancers, deaths from other cancers were on the rise.

Overall, cancer is holding steady as the second leading cause of death in the Americas, claiming an estimated

1.3 million lives each year, according to the report titles Americas: Country Profiles, 2013.”

The PAHO/WHO report shows that Latin America and the Caribbean account for approximately 50 percent of cancer deaths in the Americas, although they account for 63 per cent of the hemisphere’s population.

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Crunch time for Caribbean Christmas cargo

By Tangerine Clarke

Shipping companies in the Caribbean community are inundated with procrastinators who are busy stuffing gifts and staple food items into containers and flat-rate boxes to meet the deadline so that relatives can have a 'Happy Christmas' back home.

Gavin Khan, Northeastern manager of Laparkan Trading and Logistics, is urging nationals to adhere to the cut-off times to ensure their cargo arrive in the various islands, and South American countries for the festive season.

Khan said the company is seeing a huge resurgence of barrel shipment - a 30 percent percent growth from last year. This, he added, is because nationals are going back to the basics of food and clothing, that relatives in the Caribbean request.

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From left, Marcia Conyers, administrative supervisor, Vance Miller, warehouse supervisor and Gavin Kahn, associate vice president of Laparkan Trading and Logistics.

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Tips to avoid colds or flu during this holiday season

(StatePoint) The most wonderful time of the year is all about spending time with loved ones. But if doing so requires travel, be sure to take precautions to stay healthy.

“Stressed travelers confined in crowded spaces can be particularly susceptible to colds and flu, especially at this time of year,” says Dr. Kenneth Redcross, M.D.

But don't despair. Redcross says that a few behavior tweaks and a natural flu medicine can help you get through the season.

Don't Touch That

Cold and flu viruses are transmitted by touching respiratory secretions and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth. So avoid touching escalator rails and other surfaces in crowded public places like airports. Don't put your face directly on airline-supplied pillows or blankets that haven't been sanitized. Use antibacterial wipes to clean off tray tables and

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Healthy Habits

Stress can take a toll on your immune system. Reduce the stress associated with traveling by being flexible and prepared. Build extra time into your schedule for a more



Take precautions to stay healthy while travelling for the holidays.

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relaxing trip.

Exercise may prevent the elderly from getting colds and flu, according to a study reported in the journal, “Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.” Make an effort to continue exercising on trips.

Do your best to get a full night's sleep while traveling. Even missing an hour or two of sleep nightly can wear down your immune sys-

tem and increase your stress level, making you more susceptible to germs.

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In this article, we seek advice from two award winning urologic surgeons, Dr. Vitaly Raykhman and Dr. Yuly Chalik. These two recipients of the prestigious Patient's Choice Award were also named America's Top Urologists of 2009 and 2010.

What Is Erectile Dysfunction?

Erectile dysfunction (ED) is the constant or periodic, recurring inability of a male to get or maintain an erection. An erection occurs when blood fills the chambers of the penis, causing it to expand and stiffen. This is controlled by impulses from the brain and genital nerves. Despite the fact that 95% of ED cases can be easily treated, only 10% of men seek medical attention when ED first begins.

What causes erectile dysfunction?

The root causes of ED are either physical, psychological, or hormonal. Most men experience erectile dysfunction as a result of another chronic disease, such as diabetes, or as a result of poor lifestyle choices, such as smoking, drinking, and drug abuse. 10-20% of men suffer from ED as a result of psychological factors such as stress, depression, low self-esteem, and performance anxiety. ED can also occur as a result of damaged nerves from a

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While the onset of ED becomes more likely as you age, this does not mean getting older means the end of your sex life, since ED can be treated at any age. We advise men who have not been affected by ED to avoid smoking and drinking, and begin exercising regularly.

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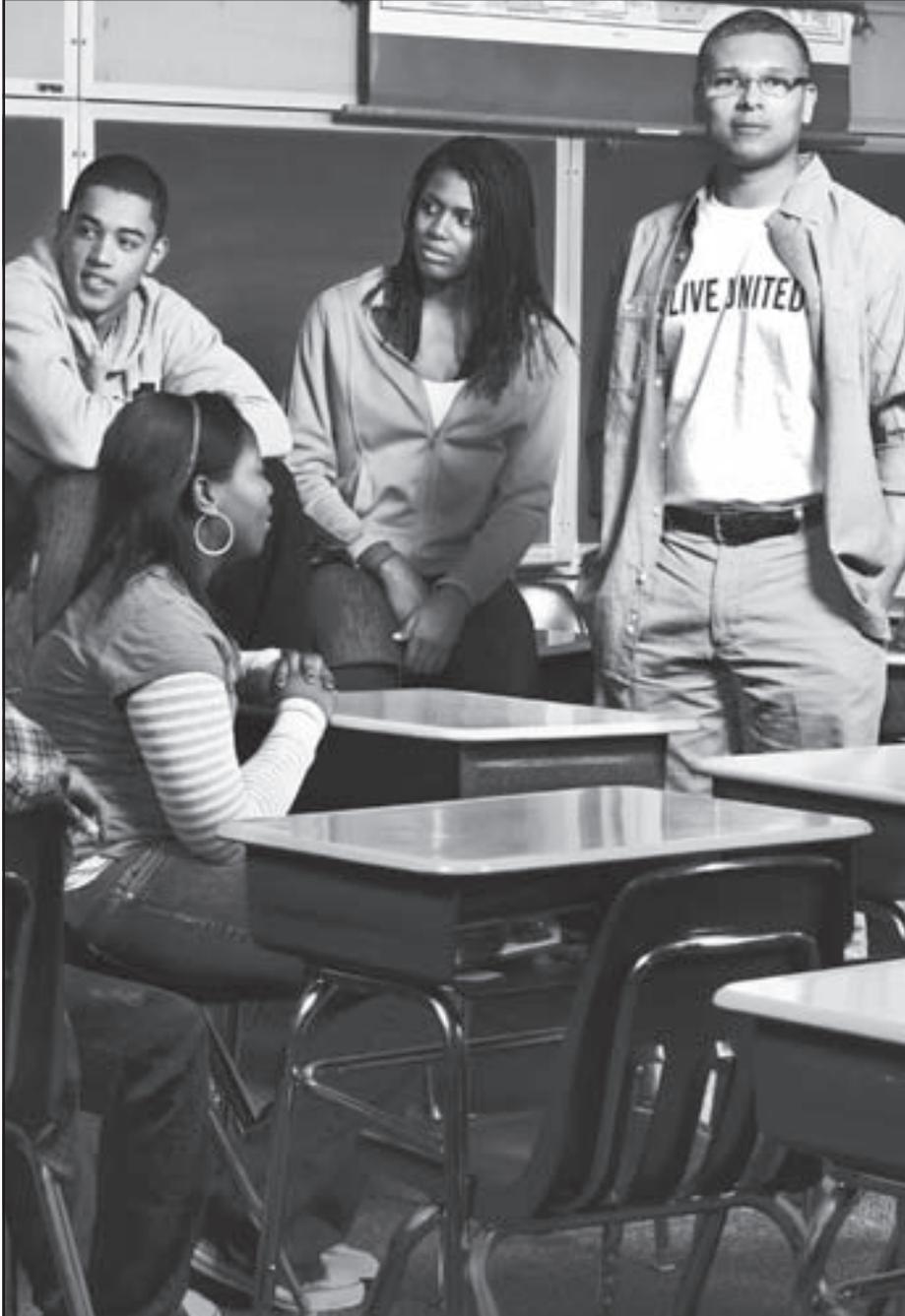
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est villages,” Father Sean Doggett, a catholic priest in Grenada, told IPS. “That came to a very sudden stop around 1998.”

Countries turned to tourism, but the recovery from the global financial crisis has been slow and uneven – in Grenada, unemployment doubled between 2008 and 2012.

Doggett and other members of the Grenadian Conference of Churches (COC) sat down with the IMF and the Grenadian government in October, proposing the creation of a “conference of creditors” to negotiate the terms of a two-thirds debt reduction and called on the IMF to attach greater importance to poverty reduction and unemployment.

In 2013, Grenada’s debt payments will amount to over 250 percent of what it spends on education and health.

“There is no way that Grenada can pay off its debt as it stands,” Doggett told IPS. “We need to get out of this cycle of indebtedness and get on a development path that is more sustainable.”

“Having debt hanging around the neck of people

forever and ever is contrary to the biblical concept of Jubilee, of debt forgiveness... this is as much an issue of justice and the building of a better society,” he said.

Though Grenada may one day serve as a model for more inclusive debt forgiveness in poorer countries, Johnston insists an international mechanism to settle sovereign debt disputes is

“Companies go bankrupt, cities go bankrupt but when countries cannot pay their debt they end up being punished for it.”

needed.

“Companies go bankrupt, cities go bankrupt but when countries cannot pay their debt they end up being punished for it. It’s clear there is a need internationally and especially for the Caribbean that they have a mechanism to work these things out.”

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Colombo last weekend, countries discussed exploring a debt swap plan that would pay off the principal of heavily indebted countries with money already pledged by wealthier

countries to combat climate change.

“In return for having their debt paid, countries would agree to set aside the principal amount into a trust fund to finance climate change mitigation” over 10 to 15 years, Travis Mitchell, economic advisor at the Secretariat, told IPS.

But for Shepherd, all of this misses the point.

“When we are talking to the international community, it’s always what you can do for us,” said Shepherd. “You need to own up to the exploitation and underdevelopment.”

For countries that are responsible for a miniscule portion of greenhouse gas emissions yet suffer the most from climate change, taking the money wouldn’t address the economic and moral offences that saddled them with debt in the first place.

Any payment, Shepherd says, should come as redress, not as a form of charity that lets the developed world clear its conscience.

“When you frame it in the post-2015 agenda and look at the (U.N.) Millennium Development Goals, you realise those aren’t realised without a change of attitude, otherwise you’ll be here talking about the same thing 50 years hence.”

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38 percent drop in new HIV infections in NYC

NEW YORK CITY (Nov. 14, 2013) – New York City was the epicenter of the birth of the AIDS crisis in 1981, and more than 25,000 people died from AIDS in the east coast metropolis in that decade alone, according to statistics from the state's Department of Health. Organizations quickly banded together to begin offering access to testing, treatment, and assistance for those living with the virus, which all helped to control its spread.

Last month, the fruits of that labor were clear in a report released by the City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), which indicated that, between 2001 and 2011, the rate of new HIV infections has decreased by an estimated 38 percent in New York City.

Diane Hepps, the spokesperson for the NYC DOHMH, told health blogger Michael Petrelis, "It is likely that the reasons for this decline are multifaceted and include a broad scale-up of routine

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HIV screening in NYC and prompt linkage to care, support for staying in care and adhering to HIV treatment, as well as widespread availability of sterile syringes and free condoms, among other factors."

Statistics from the DOHMH report show an overall decline of 37 percent in new HIV infections over the last nine years throughout all of New York State, and between 2002 and 2010 a 78 percent drop in HIV cases attributed to intravenous drug use was recorded. Statewide success was also shown through a drop in infection rates among the three most populous ethnicities: a 42 percent decrease was seen among blacks, 35% among Hispanic individuals, and the white population saw an infection rate decrease of 26 percent.

In New York City, the state's

Department of Health (NYSDOH) reported that in 2011 men are more impacted by HIV/AIDS infection than women, carrying 70 percent of the population living with the virus to the 30 percent burden on women. The most impacted age group was between 40-50 years old, and black people carried a higher burden of infection than other races. Men who have sex with men represented the most at-risk group by representing 33.6 percent of infection attribution.

"We are thrilled to see a significant decrease in new HIV infection rates in New York, and in even higher margins in New York City," said Michael Camacho, the New York regional director for AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF). "There is still a lot of work to be done – especially in marginalized populations such as young gay men of color and transgender communities. We must also ensure HIV positive clients have access to and adhere to their treatment regimens and continue to take



advantage of free HIV testing and condoms, as we see people doing every day at AHF's Brooklyn Out of the Closet Thrift Store. These statistics prove that the work of organizations like AHF, government agencies, and community groups is making an impact here in New York City, and throughout the state."

About AHF

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Jamaica minister lobbies for UNESCO membership

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's Minister of Youth and Culture Lisa Hanna will be the special guest at the 19th Annual Scholarship Gala of the New York based Jamaica charity Children of Jamaica Outreach (COJO) Inc. Recently returned from Paris, France after addressing UNESCO's conference where she lobbied for youth, the former beauty queen said:

"I want to focus primarily on two of our several of priorities: youth development and culture," Hanna said. "We are committed to investing in our young people and improving the conditions for our children including those in need of care and protection by increasing budgetary allocations and working to have more of them stay with families and loving environments where possible. Youth make up 53 percent of our population. We just completed a national survey consultation with our youth which among other things



Jamaica's Minister of Youth and Culture Lisa Hanna.

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is driving our youth policy and goals for the next five years. Coming out of these consultations we have implemented greater opportunities for youth entrepreneurship especially in the face of youth unemployment and the numbers of youth at risk. Since January of this year we have trained over 8500

young people for job placement and have created a new job internship program for tertiary graduates through our National Youth Service. This training will continue as we seek to make our youth more self-reliant."

She also made a plea for her nation's membership on the World Heritage Com-

mittee. Leading a lobby for support of Jamaica's candidacy for membership of the World Heritage Committee she said:

"Jamaica has applied for the Blue and John Crow Mountains to be inscribed on the World Heritage List and will begin preparing a dossier for Port Royal's nomination to the List. Jamaica will also be putting a case for reggae music to be inscribed on the Intangible Heritage List.

"We are humbled that our culture has transcended language, color and class with the philosophies of Marcus Garvey and Bob Marley. That is why all of us can sing 'One Love' or be motivated to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery," Hanna stated. "It reached into the heart of Usain Bolt who surprised some when he slapped his chest when he knew he broke the world record crossing the finish line in Beijing."

"But this passionate confidence is not only present in Jamaicans. It can be

seen in millions of youth around the globe in different countries many of whom are having their own discussions on what they see as relevant and how they expect their leaders to satisfy their needs. Today, they are the real change catalysts; they are more tolerant and less suspicious of differences. They use technology to make the world smaller and shape it in real time. I want to therefore, commend UNESCO for its recently concluded youth forum because if we miss the opportunity to make the connection with our youth we would have squandered our opportunities as leaders."

She said her pleas also represented the interests of Small Island Developing States on the committee which decides whether a property is inscribed on the World Heritage List.

In closing she added, "I want to say resolutely that the Government of Jamaica

supports UNESCO's historical and continuing focus on social inclusion to build the social skills of our people; to build gender balance in our national development, eradicating illiteracy and poverty; and promote youth development, science and innovation, while respecting and protecting our climate and environment."

In the past, the minister has lauded the efforts of the New York based COJO charity, and is acclaimed to be a firm believer in the power of education as a means of empowerment and advancement. The gala and awards will take place at the Hilton New York, JFK Airport on Dec. 14.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to provide scholarships and support for deserving students and Jamaican child care institutions in need.

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'Caribbean Wives' a possible TV reality

If at least one Caribbean wife has her way, a television series billed "Caribbean Wives of South Florida" will make its way into the homes of millions of Americans sooner than viewers can say "irie or yeh mon."

The brainchild of Jamaican Maxine J. Tulloch, a pilot edition of her potential series is now being pitched to New Yorkers and could become a television reality.

With a spotlight on three Jamaicans, two Haitians and a Grenadian, six spouses – Kendra Parker (Jamaica), Carmel Moise (Haiti), Dale Forrester (Grenada), Bridgette Cadet-Young (Haiti), Jeneva Gordon (Jamaica) and Terryann Ramirez (Jamaica) represent the diversity of the region. Married to husbands with roots in Trinidad, Grenada and America, if financed, the women could join in television's preponderance on featuring feuding married women who already represent numerous U.S. cities



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

and states.

"As one of many ethnic groups in America, we are working to achieve respect, recognition, acknowledgment, credit and opportunities and we duly earn our positions in television entertainment," Tulloch, the executive producer and creator stated.

"When Hollywood wants to cast and portray a Caribbean character, they train an American actor to play the part and mimic the accent, instead of hiring an authentic Caribbean actor."

She said the practice persists because "Caribbean people remain invisible - we want recognition, respect and acceptance."

"Caribbean people are talented in all areas of the arts, science, education, business, sports, military

and government and should be recognized for such."

According to Tulloch, the concept of the series will be to feature Caribbean wives living in South Florida and across the states. She cites aspects of focus to be on "raising families, balancing marriage, career and business and living the American Dream with a cultural difference trying to fit in."

She added that "they've created innovative aesthetic expressions that have woven a complex tapestry of the diversity the Caribbean Diaspora represents and reflects."

The one-hour pilot is complete and premiered at Hunter College where investors were invited to view and endorse.

"For Caribbean people, it's their education, where



The official U.S. launch in Times Square on Nov. 12, also introduced the world's largest recorded de-stress ball.

Photo by Jamaica Tourist Board

they live, what they drive, while at the same time adapting much of the American culture and lifestyle, bringing some level of sat-

isfaction and perspective to what they consider achievement," she punctuated.

"They too can be included with the rich, famous,

prominent, successful American women."

According to the resident of America's most southern state located closest to the Caribbean "Caribbean-American people remain invisible and under-represented in the television entertainment industry."

She said her production will be different "because there is nothing like it - Hollywood wants the high drama, the fight, the ridiculous conflicts, shock behavior - we bring none of that to the production. Yes there are conflicts but they are played out differently, the Caribbean way, with class and dignity, our culture dictates how we behave and it is shown in our production - we are different, America has never seen the Caribbean in its true form. In this production we express the culture as best as possible. The kaleidoscope we reflect is forever changing."

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NYADIFF Film Fest spotlights Haiti

By Vinette K. Pryce

The good, bad and ugly of Haiti's journey through History and independence from France will be the focus of four films slated to begin screening on Dec. 2 at 8:00 p.m. at The Chapel at Teacher's College. The first is titled "Toussaint Louverture" and considered a "long-awaited, two-part epic film depicting the life of the Haitian leader."

According to historic notes, Louverture led the first successful slave revolt in world history, defeating Napoleon Bonaparte and winning independence from France. Known for his military genius and political acumen, Louverture established Haiti as the first Black nation in the western hemisphere and the first Black free nation as well. The success of Louverture and the Haitian Revolution rocked the institution



Raoul Peck director of "Fatal Assistance."

Photo by Tequila Minsky

of slavery throughout the "New World" of the Americas.

Directed by Philippe Niang, two 90-minute films will reprise the history in French and Creole with English subtitles.

On Dec. 7 at 1:00 p.m. "Looking For Life" introduces patrons to two women, Anne-Rose and Rosemene, Continued on Page 32

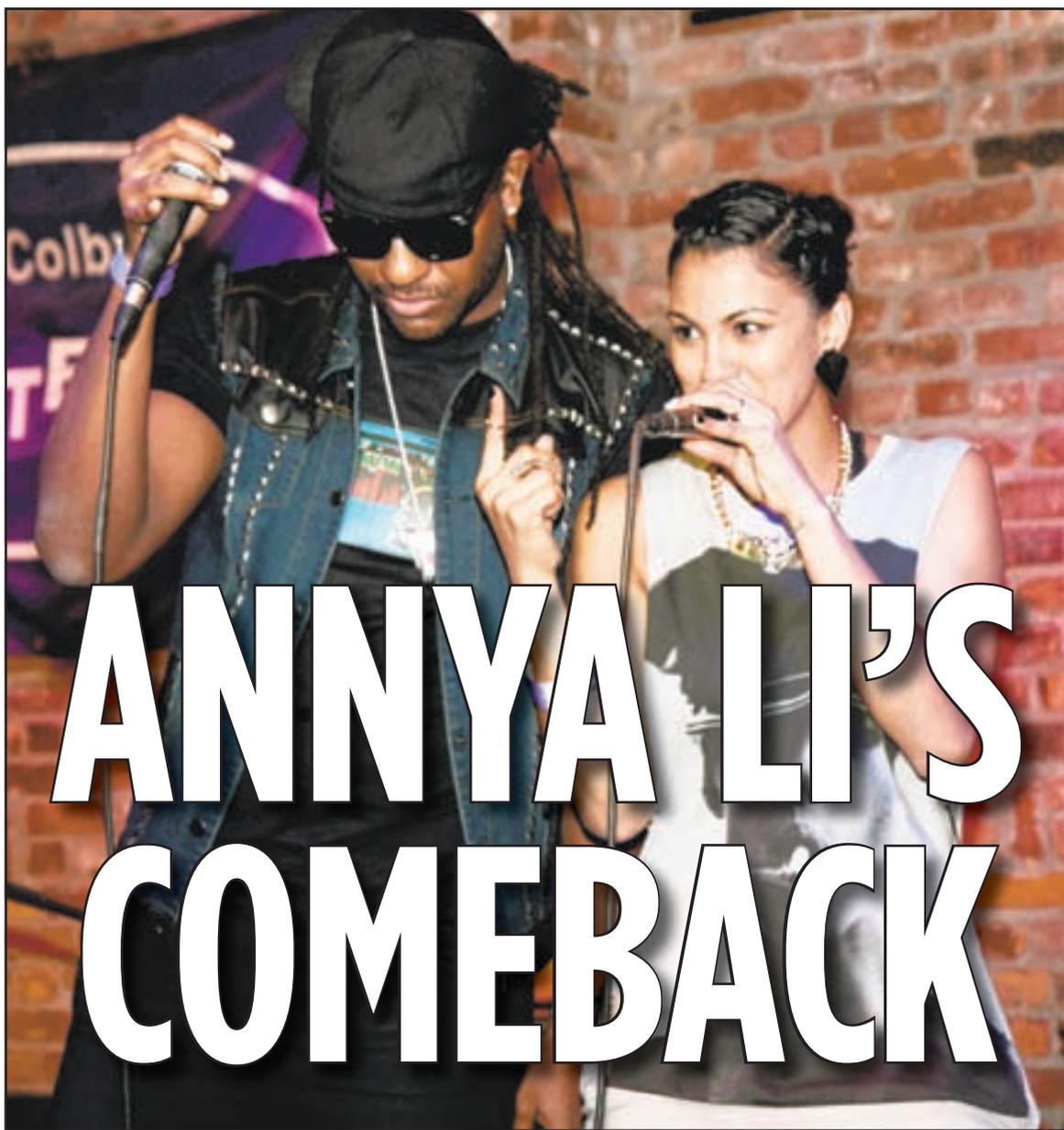
Bridging the Gap photo exhibit

The College of New Rochelle's (CNR) Gordon Parks Gallery at the John Cardinal O'Connor Campus in the South Bronx presents Bridging the Gap, showcasing the works of noted photographer Gordon Parks and his daughter Toni Parks. The joint exhibit touches on issues that Gordon and Toni Parks address in their black and white, and color prints, which collectively span more than 50 years. The photographs are selected from the permanent collection of prints

donated by Gordon Parks and Toni Parks to the Gordon Parks Gallery when it opened in 1991.

The Bridging the Gap exhibition which was opened on Monday, Nov. 4, is on display until Friday, May 2, 2014. The Gordon Parks Gallery is located on the John Cardinal O'Connor Campus of The College of New Rochelle at 332 East 149th Street, Bronx, New York 10451. Hours: Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 1:00

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Mark Hardy and Anya Li performing at Bitter End.

Photo by Toni Dubois

Trinidadian singer returns to the stage

By Toni Dubois

Trinidad and Tobago's own, songstress Anya Li, a successful songwriter/model and dancer, who began her journey as a singer at the age of five, was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in February 2013. Anya took the stage for the first time at The Bitter End on Nov. 12. She discovered while recording a track in the studio, that it was difficult

to hit certain notes, which should have been fairly simple to reach. Deciding to get checked by ear, nose and throat doctors, they discovered three tumors located along the middle of her thyroid. With surgery and radioactive iodine, the doctors were able to remove the cancer.

Now with her voice and life back, she gave an inspired and emotional performance to an intimate crowd

of friends and well-wishers. Influenced by the likes of Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Whitney Houston and various other artists, it has given her a unique genre-bending sound, a soulful voice with a distinctive, unique style, that is honest, emotional with a fresh blend of R&B, Jazz and pop.

Anya performed some of her Continued on Page 32

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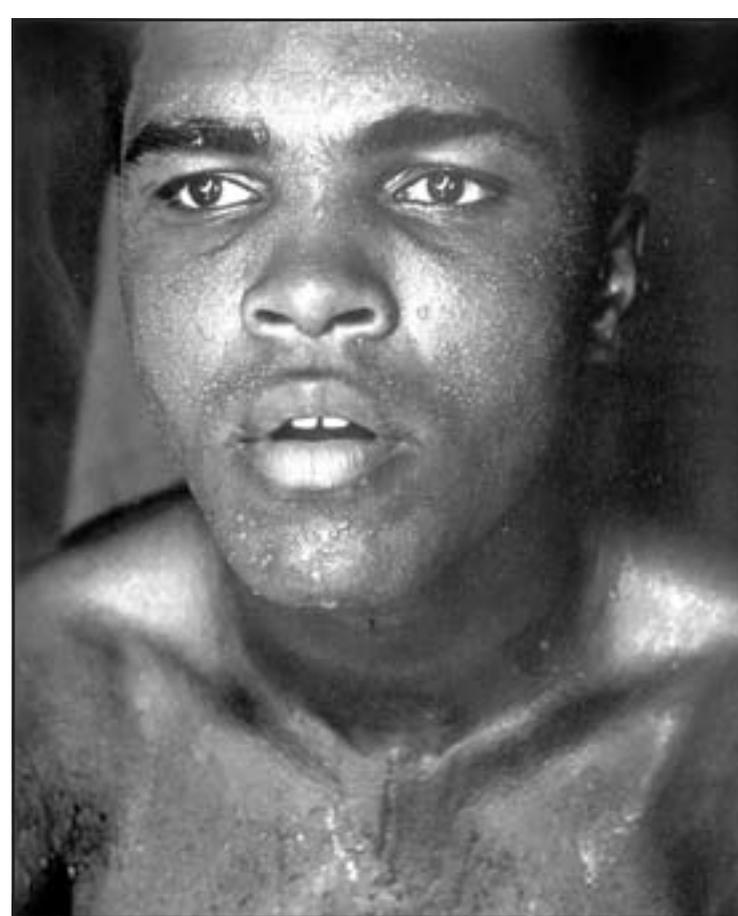
to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment (call 718-669-1310).

Writer, filmmaker, activist, Gordon Parks (1912-2006), began his life in Fort Scott, Kansas, traveled the United States and Europe, broke racial barriers and created a diverse body of commercial and personal work. One of the first African-American photographers to work for Life and Vogue magazines, he ultimately co-founded Essence magazine. A versatile artist, he was one of the first African-Americans to direct a Hollywood film (his work includes *The Learning Tree*, *Shaft*, and *Leadbelly*), and also composed pieces of instrumental music including several film scores. Other firsts for an African-American include the first to work for the Farm Security Administration and the first to work for the Office of War and Information. Parks indulged his daughter Toni Parks with music lessons, weekend museum visits, and discussed life and relationships with her in his White Plains darkroom.

Toni Parks, (1940-) born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, grew up in White Plains, New York and Europe, where she travelled with her family for her father's work.

Gordon Parks was one of the first African-Americans to direct a Hollywood film (his work includes *The Learning Tree*, *Shaft*, and *Leadbelly*).

After dabbling in singing and acting, Toni Parks began her serious venture with photography in Spain in 1984. Her professional career as a visual artist began in 1990 with photographs she took during the filming of Gordon Parks' ballet *Martin*. Over the past two decades, Toni has exhibited in several notable venues throughout the United States, including the Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX; Irving Art Center, Irving, TX; Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY; Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY;



Muhammed Ali, Miami, FLA 1966, photographed by Gordon Parks, and featured at the Bridging the Gap exhibit at the Gordon Parks Gallery, The College of New Rochelle, John Cardinal O'Connor Campus in the South Bronx.

Photo by Gordon Parks

the United Nations, New York, NY. She is a member of Kamoinge, a group whose ongoing mission is “to address the under-representation of black photographers in the art world.”

Annya Li

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new material and also had special guest appearances that shared the stage with her as well. She performed “Heart Song” with seasoned guitarist Clurel and also did a duet with Mark Hardy, who is also from Trinidad. They performed their hit song “This Love,” which had an R&B, groovy sound to it.

Mark Hardy AKA Marcus Braveboy, a vocal chameleon, performed his latest single “Pumpin” which gained international airplay and has also been featured on a popular Caribbean puppet show series *Santana*. He also has a Parang song currently out now in Trinidad called “D Gardener” on the *Naughty or Nice Riddim*, a fun track done with friends at Xplicit Entertainment.

Annya Li and Mark Hardy, two very talented artists with distinctive styles, are working on great things for the future. Both will continue to write and create music that will connect with people from all walks of life.



Annya Li at The Bitter End on Nov. 12, 2013. Photo by Toni Dubois

‘Looking for Life’

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who each has their own particular way of battling through life. The former makes lunches in a factory yard in Port-au-Prince and sells her meals to the factory workers; the latter is employed in the same factory as a production worker making pullovers and T-shirts. Every day she buys her mid-day meal on credit from Anne-Rose. Through the connection between these two women, the film shows part of their daily work and the constant battle for survival that they lead together with other women in Haiti. Going beyond this, however the film demonstrates the extent to which the importation of North American goods has brought about the collapse of Haitian regional production and ruined Haiti's economy. The connection between the two topics of the film reveals the significant role that Haitian women of today play in an economy that

has been bled dry. The film is directed by Claudette Coulanges, and runs for 60 min. Produced by a collaborative with Haiti and Germany, the documentary is presented in Creole, French with English subtitles.

Later that afternoon at 3:00 p.m., “Fatal Assistance” directed by Raoul Peck takes audiences on a two-year journey inside the challenging, contradictory, and colossal rebuilding efforts in post-earthquake Haiti. Through its provocative and radical point of view, the film offers a devastating indictment of the international community's post-disaster idealism. The film dives headlong into the complexity of the reconstruction process and the practice and impact of worldwide humanitarian and development aid, revealing the disturbing extent of a general failure. We learn that a major portion of the money pledged to Haiti was never disbursed, nor made it into the actual reconstruction.

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Millionaire's mistress falls for limo driver

"Finding Mr. Right"
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 Running time:
 121 minutes
 Distributor: China
 Lion Features

JiaJia (Wei Tang) is expecting and hopes to marry her wealthy boyfriend, Lao Zhong (Yiwei Liu), even though the two-timing philanderer already has a wife and family. But the miffed multimillionaire is so worried about the unplanned pregnancy creating a scandal that he's willing to send his high-maintenance mistress all the way from Beijing to America to give birth.

Because JiaJia loved the movie "Sleepless in Seattle," she asks him to arrange for her to fly there. Upon landing, she's met at the airport

by a mild-mannered limo driver (Xiubo Wu) who quietly endures her verbal abuse for arriving late.

What JiaJia doesn't know is that Frank happens to be a famous heart surgeon who once operated on her own father back home. Currently, he's moonlighting behind the wheel and caring for an ailing daughter while waiting for his credentials to be approved so he can practice medicine in America.

As directed, he deposits JiaJia at a maternity center catering to Asian women planning anchor babies with automatic U.S. citizenship. Soon, she finds herself at odds with just about everybody around besides Frank, who has the patience of a saint.

This is the point of departure of "Finding Mr. Right," a charming romantic comedy featuring likeable leads and a colorful enough supporting cast to hold your attention in spite of its predictability. Written and directed by Xiao Lu Xue, the film is hitting these



A scene from "Finding Mr. Right."

shores after enjoying a phenomenal run in China earlier this year.

The movie is unlikely to make as much of a mark here, given that several developments in the deriv-

ative storyline are apt to strike a domestic audience as vaguely familiar. Nevertheless, the plot thickens when the spoiled-rotten heroine stops behaving badly after

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Independent & Foreign Films

Bettie Page Reveals All (R for pervasive graphic nudity and sexuality) Reverential retrospective recounting the meteoric rise and fall of Bettie Page (1923-2008), the scandalous Fifties pinup credited with launching America's sexual revolution in the face of a Puritanical government witch hunt out to destroy her. Featuring commentary by Hugh Hefner, Perez Hilton and Mammie Van Doren.

Birth of the Living Dead (Unrated) "The Making of" documentary revisits the ragtag team assembled by George A. Romero to shoot *Night of the Living Dead* in rural Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Christmas Candle (PG for mature themes) Faith-based parable based on Max Lucado's novel set in 1890 about a fictional British village visited by an angel with plans to bestow a miracle. Co-starring Hans Matheson, Samantha Barks and Lesley Manville.

Cold Turkey (Unrated) Dysfunctional family dark comedy revolving around an eccentric clan's Thanksgiving gathering hosted by the patriarch (Peter Bogdanovich) with the



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

help of his second wife (Deborah Hines) and attended by his long-estranged (Alicia Witt) and inheritance-obsessed (Sonya Walger) daughters, and a gambling-addicted son (Ashton Holmes). Support cast includes Amy Ferguson, Victoria Tennant and Nicolas Coster.

Contracted (Unrated) Overwhelming regret horror flick about a young woman (Najarra Townsend) who assumes she's caught an STD from a one-night stand only to learn it's something far worse. Cast includes Caroline Williams, Alice Macdonald and Matt Mercer.

Detroit Unleaded (Unrated) Dreams deferred dramedy about a Lebanese-American youth (EJ Assi) forced to put his plans on hold in order to run the family gas station following his father's death. With Steven Soro, Mary Assel and Nada Shouhayib. (In English and Arabic with subtitles)

Die Narbe (Unrated) Post

Cold War documentary taking the viewer on a dizzying helicopter along the entire length of the Berlin Wall. (In German with subtitles)

Everyday (Unrated) Romance drama about the pressures exerted on the relationship of a couple when the husband (John Simm) is given a stiff prison sentence for drug smuggling, leaving his wife (Shirley Henderson) to raise their four children alone. Featuring Shaun Kirk, Katrina Kirk, Stephanie Kirk and Robert Kirk.

Following the Ninth (Unrated) Classical music documentary examining the universal impact of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Narco Cultura (R for profanity, drug use, graphic violence and disturbing images) El Barrio documentary about the escalating number of young Latinos glorifying ruthless drug traffickers as outlaw heroes worth emulating.

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U.N. Conference

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highest in the world. Ten percent of our GDP is spent on importing diesel. It's a constraint for the entire economy. We have hotels that can't pay their electricity bills.

"If we can get something out of this conference that says that monies will pour into developing countries to help them transform their energy sectors then that's a sustainable development benefit that will affect the entire region."

Sealy's role here is as the lead negotiator for work stream two for the alliance. He explained that at the 2011 climate summit in Durban, it was agreed that developing countries and developed countries have to come together to take mitigation action to reduce CO2 emissions.

The Warsaw conference also negotiates how to directly address climate-related loss and damage, a topic of special interest to small island states.

On Wednesday, the World

Meteorological Organisation (WMO) reported that this year is on course to be among the top 10 warmest years since modern records began in 1850.

The first nine months, January to September, tied with 2003 as the seventh warmest such period on record, with a global land and ocean surface temperature of about 0.48°C (0.86°F) above the 1961-1990 average, according to the report.

WMO's provisional annual statement on the Status of the Global Climate 2013 provides a snapshot of regional and national temperatures. It also includes details on precipitation, floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, ice cover and sea-level.

"Temperatures so far this year are about the same as the average during 2001-2010, which was the warmest decade on record," said WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud.

"All of the warmest years have been since 1998 and this year once again continues the underlying, long-term

trend, the coldest years now are warmer than the hottest years before 1998," he said.

"Atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases reached new highs in 2012, and we expect them to reach unprecedented levels yet again in 2013. This means that we are committed to a warmer future," added Jarraud.

Sealy told IPS that the key issues for the Caribbean at Warsaw include "recognising that climate change is affecting us now and we need support now to not only adapt but also to transform our economies."

He pointed to Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines with sustained winds of 300 kilometres an hour and peak winds of 380 kilometres per hour.

"How can we adapt to that type of storm in the Caribbean? It's totally impossible. So what the world has to do is reduce their emissions and that's what we're trying to do here. We are trying to bring a sense of urgency to this conference that we have to do things now, not wait until 2020," Sealy added.



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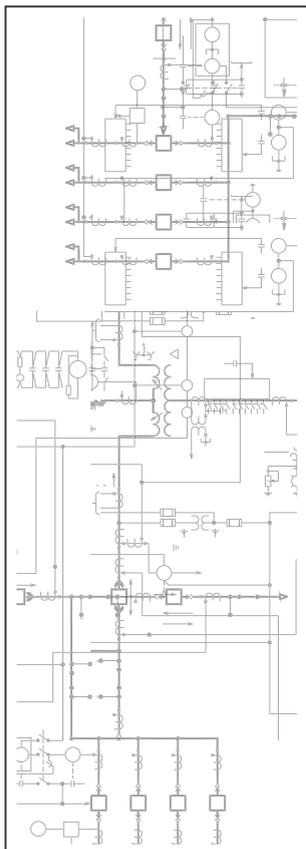
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FRI., NOV. 22

PUBLIC MEETING: Beyond Male & Female: Trans Liberation Now! Hear speakers Willow Carter and Sara Cooley, coordinators of the Feminist Alliance at Vassar College, who have led efforts to confront transphobia in activist movements. Come discuss how to advance trans issues and fight trans oppression under capitalism. Hosted by Radical Women. At Freedom Hall, 113 W. 128th St., Harlem (between Malcolm X Blvd. and 7th Ave., Subways #2 or 3 to 125th St.). Meeting 7:30 p.m., admission free. Hearty home-style dinner served at 7:00 p.m. for \$10.00 donation. Open to all genders. Children welcome. Info: 212-222-0633 or nycradicalwomen@nyc.net, www.radicalwomen.org.

ART: Neural: Cleave explores the raw emotions and power that are conveyed and betrayed by the human voice from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. A woman speaks as she negotiates her current political and economic environment, through her personal lens. She creates a dynamic narrative and captures abandoned confessions about emotional conflicts regarding relationships, politics, and loss. Just as neural synapses fire, her subconscious eruptions act as connective tissue, exploring how individual psychology and pathology is mirrored and embedded in society at large. Neural: Cleave invites participants to consider where the individual ends and the political begins. Admission \$5. Queens Council on the Arts, 37-11 35th Ave., entrance on 37th Street, Astoria, NY 11101.

SAT., NOV. 23

HEALTH SCREENING: Free health screening for high blood pressure and diabetes, in addition, there will be help to sign up for the Affordable Care Act benefits from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sponsor: Brooklyn Medical Plaza Center, Lafayette Avenue; Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford St., Brooklyn.

TOY DRIVE: Cotton Tree Toys for Kids Inc. presents their fifth annual indoor BBQ. For admission, bring a new toy, which will benefit kids in Jamaica. There will be complimentary food, entertainment and live broadcast on Touch FM radio 105.5 FM. For more information, contact Venroy Nairne at (347)586-3189.

BALLET HISPANICO: The performance is sponsored by Goya Foods. Highlights include a seductive world premiere by Edgar Zendejas inspired by the beloved Mexican celebration "Día de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead), and the Apollo premiere of Belgian-Colombian Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's Sombrefrísimo, an athletic tour de force for six male dancers. The world premiere of Artistic Director Eduardo Vilario's Hogar will be set to vibrant live music by Ljova and the Kontraband, a mix of classical, Latin, and gypsy melodies. The Apollo Theater is located at 253 W. 125th Street, NYC. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$28 and are available for purchase in person at the Apollo Theater Box Office, or through Ticketmaster at 800.745.3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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FARMER'S MARKET

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 Lefferts avenues, Brooklyn. For more information, visit www.seedsinthemiddle.org.

Crown Heights invites you to obtain a voucher to receive a box of food for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Each box contains enough food for a family of four or to last for four days. To receive a voucher you must bring in a bill with your name and address. One voucher per household. Pick-up vouchers between 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Boxes will be distributed on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, 450 Eastern Parkway only to those with a voucher.

SUN., NOV. 24

JAZZ VESPER: Featured Performers: Carla Cook and Janis Russell- vocals, Dwayne Broadnax- drums, Mike Weatherly - bass and Anthony Wonsey- piano. This event is free, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. No reservations required. A free-will offering will be taken to support the restoration of this historic church home to the largest collection of Tiffany windows in all of Brooklyn. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church 85 South Oxford St. (entrance on the corner of Lafayette and So.Oxford).

PERFORMING ARTS: Peace on Earth? Joy to



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MON., NOV 25

FEED THE COMMUNITY: From 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be distributing groceries and personal care packages to 800 families in need. Many families are affected by the current economic setbacks and need just a little help and hope to make their tomorrows a little brighter. 1488 Hoe Ave., Bronx, NY 10460. For more information, contact Joseph (718)864-4720.

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PASSPORT APPLICATION CENTER: Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) launched a second Passport Application Center at the Kings Highway Library providing a convenient facility for Brooklyn residents and new immigrants to apply for passports. Hours are temporarily set for 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday by appointment. Saturdays are currently closed until further notice. 2115 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11229. To make an appointment, call 718-230-2292 or 718-375-3037 ext. 128.

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Christmas cargo

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Customers that are shipping to Guyana and Barbados are urged to get their barrels collected by Nov. 22, and 25 respectively. Cargo to Trinidad has until Dec. 18.

With a three-week transit time to Antigua estimated, expats have until Nov. 29, to send off their shipment, while nationals who are sending items to Kingston, and Montego Bay Jamaica, have until Dec. 1, and Dec. 14, respectively with a transit time of 10 to 14 days.

With its motto "Connecting the Caribbean Globally," Khan said all would not be lost if these cutoff dates are not met, because Laparkan has an airlift service for both flat-rate boxes and barrels that guarantees a Christmas delivery. The barrel has a 200-pound limit, and cost \$250.00, depending on its destination.

With locations in Brooklyn, Queens, New Jersey, and Bronx, Khan reaffirms Laparkan's committed to excel-

lent service, but warns that delay at ports, and inclement weather could sometimes hinder on-time arrival. Money transfer is also an option.

Brooklyn resident, Viola Harris who has been shipping barrels via Laparkan with much needed staple food items to relatives in Guyana since she came to the America 20 years ago, caught an early shipment. However, this was not the case for Maud Moffat, who is now rushing to get her cargo to relatives in Trinidad.

Wasting no time, president of Friends of Victoria Diaspora, Claire Goring, already shipped two barrels of donated books for the establishment of a library in the village where she grew up. However, she is in the process of collecting more reading material to catch the last shipment for the Christmas holiday.

Andre Lyle of Dennis Shipping, with locations in Brooklyn and the Bronx, said the company started its busy season in Septem-

ber and estimates that they will ship more than 300 containers to Jamaica, Barbados, St. Vincent, and St. Kitts - their most lucrative markets.

Tooting the horn of Dennis Shipping's as being "Committed to Excellence," Lyle recalled a customer who recently screamed out with delight, when relatives told her that the container had arrived in Montego Bay, ahead of schedule.

He said throughout the company's 25-year history, they have made it convenient for customers to pack their containers in the warehouse. Shippers, he added, also trust Dennis Shipping to pick up items from their homes to be sent to relatives.

He noted that the logistics team has been working late into the night at a fever pitch to ensure that the transit time of two to three weeks are met so that relatives back home can enjoy their gifts and food items at Christmas.

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Cardinals expecting a turnaround

By Robert Elkin

Competing in the City University of New York Basketball Conference, the York College team from Jamaica, New York, known as the Cardinals, lasted only one round in the season end league playoff tournament. Now the Cardinals look toward a turnaround season. Head Coach Ron St. John feels very confident about the make-up of the team.

It is headed by two seniors and Michael Woods, a scoring threat every time that he touches the ball from the guard position. Woods has a bright future ahead of him. There are 14 players on the roster and the rest are underclassmen.

Woods is expected to do most of the scoring. **Continued on Page 44**



Du'Quan Lawson.
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Gayle returns to Dolphins

By Azad Ali

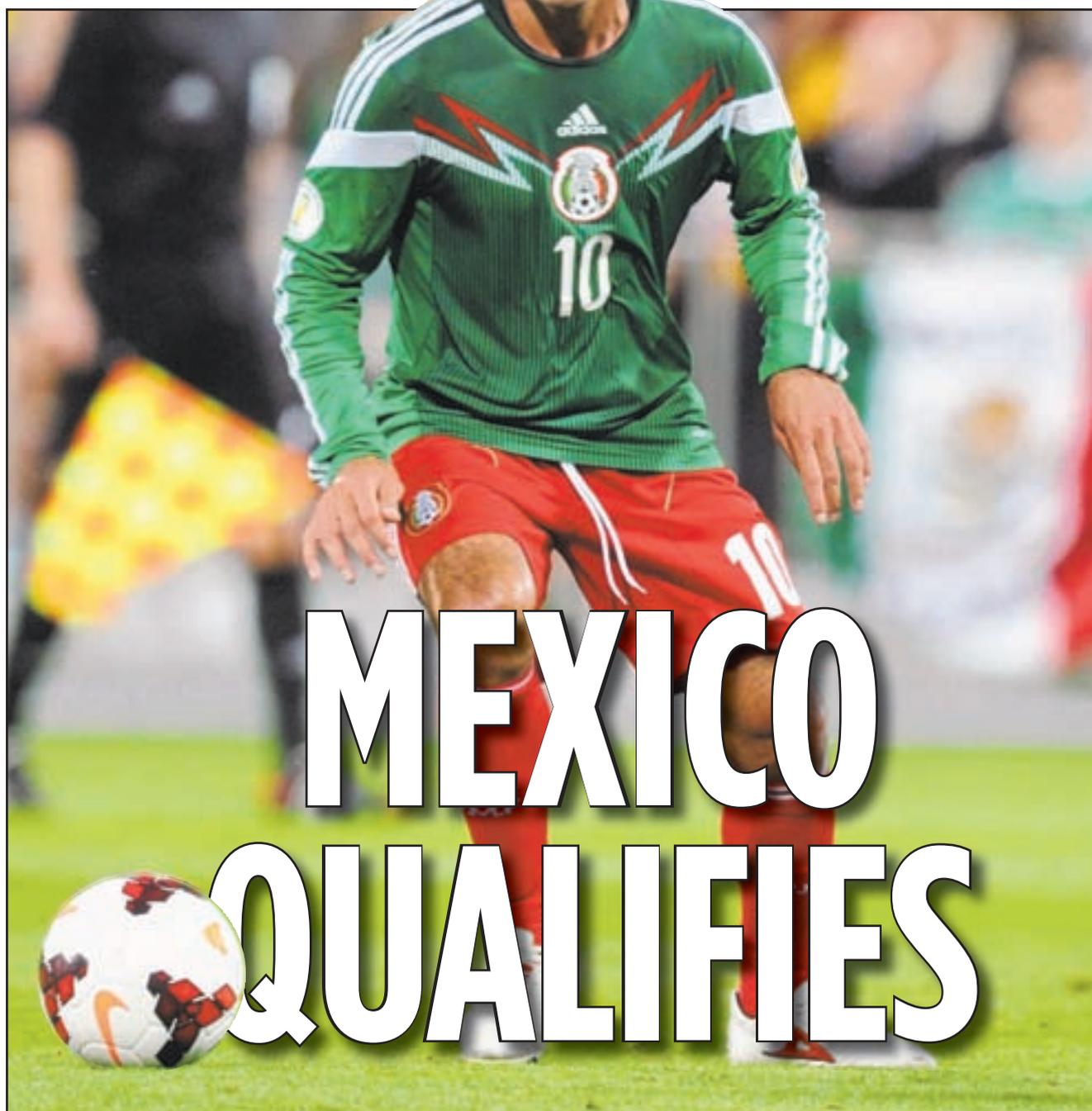
West Indies opening batsman Chris Gayle will return to Sunfoil Dolphins for the Ram Slam Twenty20 competition in South Africa 2013-2014.

Gayle is back in the squad for the new season after reportedly signing for R1 million for the 2011-12 season but leaving with an injury and without playing a single match.

"I am really excited to have joined the Sunfoil Dolphins for their 2014 Ram Slam Twenty20 campaign," said Gayle.

"I feel there's some unfinished business for me as I didn't get to play for them back in 2012 due to injury."

The Jamaican cricketer is regarded as **Continued on Page 44**



MEXICO QUALIFIES

Mexico's Zinha eyes the ball during his team's World Cup qualifying soccer match against New Zealand at Westpac Stadium, in Wellington, New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013. **AP Photo/SNPA, Ross Setford**

Peralta's hat-trick takes El Tri to 2014 World Cup

By Patrick Horne

Viva Mexico! The final CONCACAF berth to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil was settled and Mexico has completed the four-team CONCACAF representation to next summer's tournament. El Tri will join the USA, Costa Rica and Honduras in Brazil next

June after it defeated Oceania champion New Zealand by an aggregate score of 9-3 in the home-and-away series.

It took a struggling Mexico team four coaches and a Panama debacle against the U. S. to capture the fourth spot for the chance to play New Zealand and qualify;

and despite current coach Miguel Herrera's effort in qualifying the team, the Mexican coaching carousel may still be spinning, because the Mexican Soccer Federation has not confirmed Herrera's fate. There is still a possibility that Herrera may be replaced

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Mexico's goal keeper Moises Munoz saves a penalty in the World Cup Football qualifier against New Zealand at Westpac Stadium in Wellington, New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013. AP Photo/SNPA, John Cowpland

Preparing for the 2014 World Cup

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by someone else to lead the team in Brazil.

Mexico won the first leg at home, 5-1, on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and then headed for Wellington, New Zealand with the intentions of going for a win in the return match on Wednesday, Nov. 20. "We are going to go for the game there," said Herrera. "We are going to take it as if we are starting this like it's zero to

zero and we are going to go looking to score a goal. Herrera continued, "I see myself returning on the 21st with the World Cup ticket."

Herrera and his players did return with their World Cup ticket punched and dressed in World Cup T-shirts, courtesy of FIFA. In the showdown at Westpac Stadium in Wellington, forward Oribe Peralta scored a hat trick (14th, 29th, 33rd) to lead the visitors. The

All Whites, who started with the huge task of overcoming a four-goal deficit, made a good showing for their fans.

Trailing 3-0 at halftime, the local team played with much heart and grit and never stalled on their efforts. Late in the contest, the All Whites scored twice to narrow the deficit, 3-2, but as it pushed forward near the end to draw the match and finish with a respectable

result for their fans, Mexico countered one last time with less than 10 minutes to play and scored a fourth goal to settle the issue, 4-2; by this time, players on the Mexican bench were already wearing their shirts that pronounced their return to the World Cup finals for the sixth consecutive tournament... In the African Confederation, the five nations, which qualified for the World Cup are Cam-

eroon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Tunisia.

USA LOSES

The USA men's national team lost, 1-0, to Austria in Vienna Tuesday in its last friendly international of the year. Marc Janko's goal in the 33rd minute from a wonderful build

of combination plays to win the game for Austria, which did not qualify for the World Cup.

The World Cup-bound U.S. looked an average team in its last two friendlies, including a goalless stalemate versus Scotland just days earlier.

Chris Gayle

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the most feared batsman in the Twenty20 format, smashing more hundreds and sixes than any other batsman.

He becomes the second overseas professional to join Sunfoil Dolphins after Graham Onions.

"They've got a great list of players so hopefully we'll be in contention at the business end of the tournament," said Gayle.

Tournament organizer,

KwaZulu Natal Cricket, is excited about Gayle's acquisition.

"It is exciting to have Chris join the Sunfoil Dolphins for the Twenty20 competition. He is a truly world class performer and a cricketing superstar," said Jesse Chellan, CEO of KZNCU.

"Together with Graham Onions, he becomes our second overseas professional for this competition," Chellan added.



Chris Gayle.

AP Photo/Aman Sharma; file



Terrell Roper (#15).

Photo by Verity Rollins

York College forges ahead

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ing. He will try to have a well balanced attack, if possible. Omar St. John, no relation to head coach Ron St. John, is also trying to chip in with his offensive work. Woods is still noted as the 'go to' player.

"Quickness is our major strength," he said. "And we'll be bigger than we used to be."

The coach is also counting on junior Terrell Roper, who can play either the forward or guard positions. He is one of the tallest players on the team. Donald Rodriguez and Thomas Hart also stand 6-5.

"We'll hustle and put the

(needed) work in," continued St. John. "We'll see a different look this year-defense and rebounding (then we had last winter). They are up for the challenge. It'll take an effort from every guy on the court."

The returning starters from last year are also among Roper and Duquan Lawson. Roper should be improved with his shots and he can handle the press better than he did last winter. He is smarter, can handle his position, shoots well, and is a better rebounder. He has to continue to make an adjustment. Because of the level of rebounding, the Cardi-

nals must work hard. They will box out and play tough defense. Then there is also junior guard Jaron Williams. He is a good rebounder and is a shot blocker as well. They all will have to box out if they want to succeed.

The key to what hopes to be a successful season is a different focus on defense.

The guys are getting the concept on how to rotate on defense something that they didn't do in the past. They will be using a tough defense. It'll be a change. We will also use a full and half court press and a match-up zone."

When they have the ball on offense, the Cardinals will

employ a Kentucky style of play which is kind of a pro set.

"We also use a Miami, which goes into a flex offense," he continued, one day in his York College office. "These are the three major ones (styles) that we use. As the season goes along, I'll add little pieces to that."

Coach St. John likes the togetherness of the players. "Once they understand that once they get the job done they all have to play together," he went on. "This team will not allow separation. That's what they will bring to the table. They'll fight for one another. We're looking to change things around so that we can be back on the map, where we used to be. We're looking to be competitive."



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Touring Windies no match for the Indians

West Indies players have been facing tough challenges in India. The two Test matches went to the home team by wide margins. India batted, bowled and fielded better. India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is an experienced captain and is rated as the best captain in world cricket today. India players are on top of their game and the team is expected to win the One-day International games as well.

EXPECT OVER 400 RUNS FROM INDIA IN ODI'S

India is expected to perform even better in the One-day Internationals than they did in the test matches. They are ODI world champions and they are always up to the task of showing their worth. Star batsman Rohit Sharma who scored a double century against Australia in the ODI series then a century in the First Test against the West Indies as a debutant, and another



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

er century in the Second Test. He is on a run spree. Hefty scoring is expected from India. West Indies will be without the hard-hitting Kieron Pollard.

West Indies One-Day squad to play against India are as follows. Dwayne Bravo [captain], Darren Bravo, Tino Best, Johnson Charles, Narsingh Deonarine, Chris Gayle, Jason Holder, Sunil Narine, Veer Sammy Permaul, Kieran Powell, Denesh Ramdin, Ravi Rampaul, Darren Sammy, Marlon Samuels and Lendl Simmons.

Up to Nov. 20, 2013, the West Indies so far played 20 One-Day Internationals, winning only seven.

The West Indies team seems to have many flaws that are consistent but Head Coach Ottis Gibson seems

unable to correct those flaws. The West Indies team is losing because the Indian team is playing much more intelligent cricket and their players have matured quickly into the various roles. Mohammed Shami, Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan and the swash-buckling Rohit Sharma are all young players who have worked very hard to better their game. The strength of India's final 11 can be seen even when Virender Sehwag cannot be on the Test or One-day squads.

DARREN BRAVO SHOULD BE DROPPED

West Indies Number Three batsman Darren Bravo has a long list of failures and is still listed on the Tests, One-Day Internation-



West Indies' Dwayne Bravo appeals for a wicket against Australia during their One-day International cricket match in Perth, Australia, earlier this year.

AP Photo/Theron Kirkman, file >>

als and Twenty20 squads. West Indies continue to play these cricketers who have been failing back-to-back. The West Indies players are not even putting

up any form of resistance. They have been totally outplayed in every aspect of the game.

Marlon Samuels should take up the Number Three

spot in Tests, One-Day Internationals and Twenty20s. West Indies cricketers ought to work more on their techniques and general approach to the sport.

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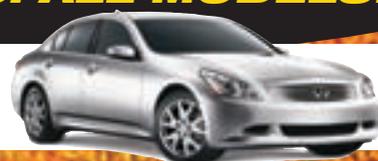
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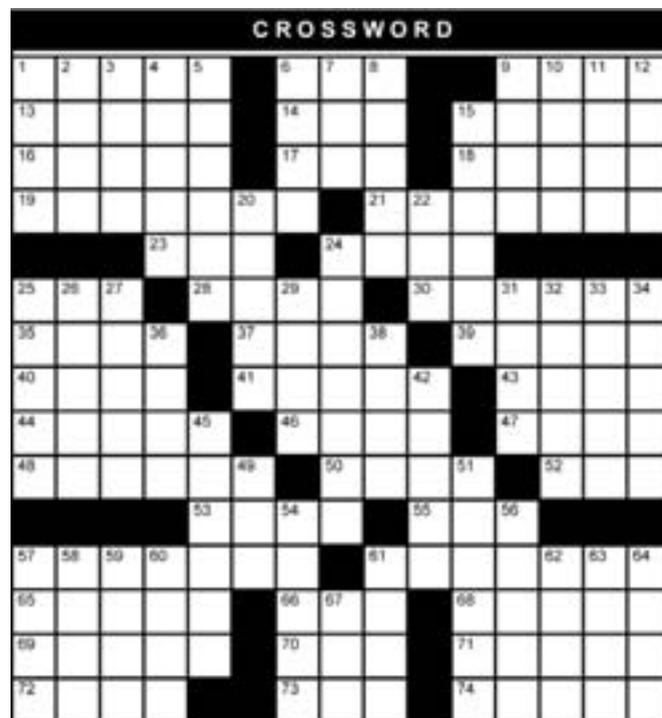
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16. Buddhist who has attained nirvana
17. Australian runner
18. Sign of life
19. *Movie host
21. *Like popular TV genre
23. Hot springs resort
24. Ski lift
25. Sensitive subject to some
28. Delhi wrap
30. Boredom
35. "_____ Free" (1966)
37. *What a judge does on "Top Chef"
39. Straight muscles
40. Continental currency
41. Iron Age priest
43. Churn
44. Make more attractive
46. Major European river
47. "Fool me _____, shame on you"
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72. *American Idol's Ryan Seacrest
73. Unidentified John
74. City in Belgium

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3. Pearl Harbor location
4. Surveyor's maps
5. Arrangements
6. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
7. *Kourtney and Khloë's sister
8. Beyond suburbs
9. Drag
10. Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
11. Egg holder
12. *Multi-shaded Christian
15. Merciful one
20. Talked like a sheep
22. **"The Biggest Loser" isn't supposed to do it a lot
24. Like a noble dignitary
25. At right angles to ship or plane
26. Known for its common red casing
27. Computer message
29. Like pink steak
31. Audition tape
32. *They're on an iPhone screen
33. Carthage's ancient neighbor
34. *From Disney to pop star
36. "Cheers" regular
38. *The Jonas bros
42. Interior designer's focus
45. Cricket penalty
49. Sn, on periodic table
51. First-aid item
54. Bordered
56. Frustration, in print
57. *One of Miami Heat's "Big Three"
58. Filling treat
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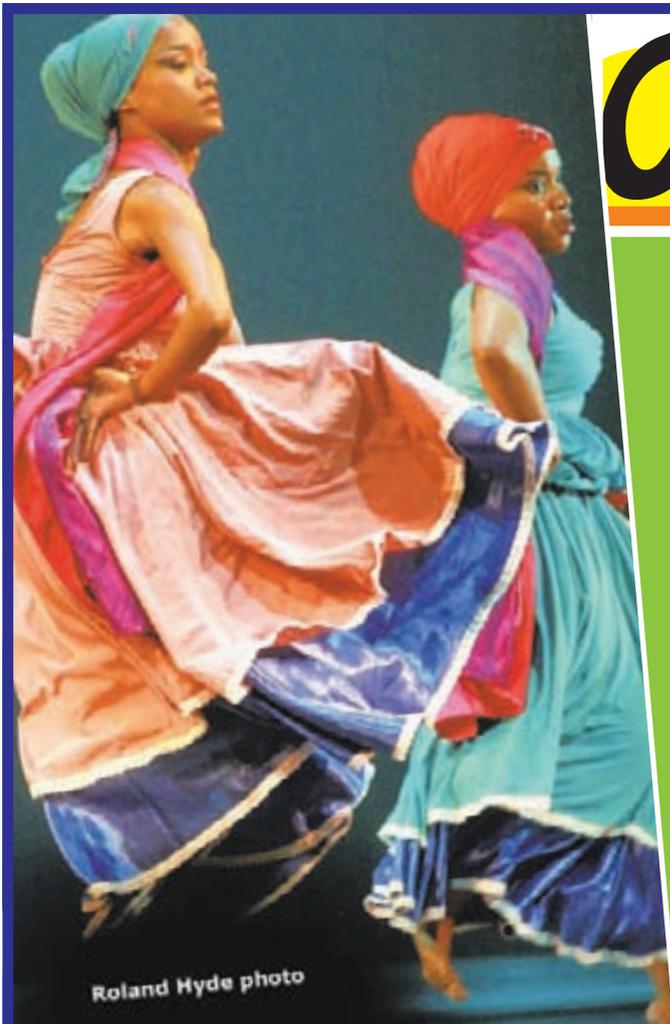
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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Assume the role of the strong and silent type this week, Taurus. You do not have to share your opinions with everyone, as an air of mystery may boost your popularity.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
It can be easy to allow excitement to overtake your logic, Gemini. But you need to be patient and not allow exuberance to interfere with the tasks at hand. That is a recipe for trouble.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a hefty workload at the office may zap your desire to do much else. However, don't pass up the opportunity when a social engagement beckons this week.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you will have to continue your rather hectic pace this week, even when you start to feel tired. Fortunately, you are excited about some of the things on your to-do list.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, getting involved with the right people now opens doors that previously may have been closed to you. Do not squander the opportunity to use these new contacts.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, conflicting emotions arise in the week ahead. You have the desire to fulfill people's expectations of you, but you also just want some time to yourself.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, maintaining your focus on chores is nearly impossible this week, when you are easily distracted by anything else that sounds interesting. Try to get your work done.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Reestablish your priorities, Sagittarius. Doing so will help you live up to your end of the bargain on various commitments. If necessary, ask others for help.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Expect to be busy for the rest of the month, Capricorn. With potential birthday celebrations and holiday tasks to complete, spare moments are few and far between.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, learning a new skill this week will only add to your already vast repertoire of abilities. This is one more reason to have a positive attitude.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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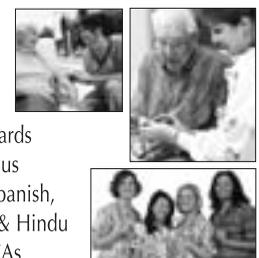
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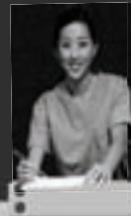
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