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### MURDER, MAYHEM IN PORT OF SPAIN

By Azad Ali

The "execution" of Senior Counsel Dana Seetahal a prominent Trinidad and Tobago attorney has sent shock waves in the legal fraternity, the wider society and among jurists in the English-speaking Caribbean.

The country woke up to the news on Sunday morning that Seetahal, 58, was assassinated in true mafia-style while on her way home just after leaving a popular casino around midnight on Saturday.

She was a former Independent senator, newspaper columnist and author and was described as a fearless prosecutor involved in several high profile cases.

Apart from serving as a State prosecutor, she served as a Magistrate and Assistant Solicitor General. She was also a former lecturer at the Hugh Wooding Law School and held the

position of Course Director in Criminal Practice and Prosecutions.

At the time of her killing, Seetahal was one of the lead prosecutors in the case involving a well-known woman in the business community, who was kidnapped and shot dead, with her dismembered body dumped in the sea some seven years ago.

Twelve men are currently on trial for her murder in the Port of Spain High Court.

Police described the current brutal killing as a "well-orchestrated hit" a few miles off the City of Port of Spain.

According to police reports, Seetahal was driving north along Holder Street, Port of Spain on her way home, a short distance away at One Woodbrook Place when two vehicles pulled alongside her car,

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### LOSS OF A MEDIA DARLING

By Bert Wilkinson

Fear gripped this normally fete-loving Caribbean island of Trinidad in the past week following the precision but widely unexpected assassination of one of the region's most respected attorneys and law professors with colleagues weeping openly, some magistrates expressing fears for their own lives and some of the lower courts suspending sessions to allow lawyers to grieve.

Dana Seetahal, 58, was gunned down in the trendy Woodbrook District in the capital on Friday night as she was returning home from a nearby casino that she frequented, plunging the country into a state of mourning and sparking fears that armed gangsters who have been roaming the country for the past 20 years are now targeting people in the higher echelons of society.

Seetahal was widely respected in the region as a law professor at the Trinidad Campus of the University of the West Indies, teaching and producing many of the state prosecutors, attorneys general and other highly regarded lawyers practicing in the regional trade bloc today. She was also the favorite person local and regional media would consult for a legal or political



Attorney Dana Seetahal

opinion in events where a quick but neutral reaction was required.

Until Friday night, the victims of most of the murders police are

forced to probe virtually every 36 hours are either people in the business community from armed rob-

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Caribbean

The World Bank has expressed concern about what it described as the exorbitant cost of sending remittances to the Caribbean and other places, saying that forcing migrant workers to pay as much as US\$50 to send US \$200 is “wrong.”

The Washington-based financial institution said this is especially so when workers are “sending salaries they have earned in the hope of supporting families back home.”

It said US\$200 often is a very significant sum for migrants’ family income.



“There was little transparency and no global effort to address this problem until the World Bank helped form a coalition to monitor the process and create a ‘one stop shop’ information system to help remittance-senders compare services and costs,” the statement said.

The World Bank said the high cost of sending remittances internationally has typically been caused by a combination of obstacles in each local market, both in sending and receiving countries.

## Antigua

Newly-appointed CEO of cash-strapped regional airline LIAT British-born David Evans, who took up his job recently, is promising to listen to “those closest to the customers and who have the best insight into what the customers want.”

Evans, who succeeds Trinidadian Ian Brunton, who resigned in September 2013 — has spent decades in senior roles within the aviation industry.



“The years I have spent in the airline business have taught me that there is no monopoly of wisdom in the CEO’s office,” Evans said in underscoring the value of listening to the various stakeholders.

The former Caribbean area manager for British Airways, Evans said he plans to begin his duties by listening to those “who definitely know the airline much better than I do.”

The company, with the assistance of a loan from the Barbados-Based Caribbean Development



## Energy diversity in the Caribbean

WindWatt Nevis Ltd uses eight wind turbines to produce a maximum capacity of about 2.2 megawatts, which works out to approximately 20 percent of the tiny island’s total energy needs. The increase in renewable energy projects means the Caribbean’s energy generation mix is more diverse, making the region more resilient to the effects of natural disasters. See story on page 28.

IPS/Desmond Brown

Bank, is engaged in a re-fleeting exercise, and Evans said the new ATR aircraft represent a major opportunity to enhance the in-flight experience.

## Bahamas

Authorities in The Bahamas recently detained 132 Haitian migrants in a boat that broke down off a remote, sparsely populated island.

Police said 107 males and 25 females were intercepted off the Coast of Ragged Island.

Local fishermen alerted authorities about the disabled boat in the archipelago’s southern waters.

Bahamian officials flew the migrants to the main island of New Providence for processing by immigration officials.

Recently, another 89 Haitians migrants aboard a boat were seized in Bahamian waters.

## Barbados

Barbados has over the past five years destroyed 13 million of the

dangerous invasive species of the Giant African Snails.

This was revealed by Ian Gibbs, chief entomologist with Ministry of Agriculture, while speaking at a seminar hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Barbados at Jackman Prescod Polytechnic, where American entomologist Trevor Smith outlined Florida’s efforts against the giant African land snail.



“In many parishes on the island the snail population is significantly down,” Gibbs said.

He revealed that the giant African snail, where is not indigenous to Barbados, first came to the island on a shipment from St. Lucia.

The snails are native to Africa, particularly Kenya and Tanzania. They were first discovered in the U.S. in 1966.

They are one of the most damage-causing pests to crops and can eat almost 5000 species of plants.

## Grenada

Grenada says Venezuela has

given an undertaking that it will fund projects to eradicate hunger and poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Minister of Economic Development, Trade, Planning and Cooperatives, Oliver Joseph, said the pledge was made during a meeting of PetroCaribe recently in Caracas.

“They clearly outlined what needs to be done in order to eradicate poverty and Venezuela will offer support to member states for this initiative,” Joseph said.



“Grenada is part of this initiative and we stand to benefit from this drive to eradicate hunger and poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean” he added.

Joseph, who led a two-member delegation to the meeting, said five areas had been identified for support.

## Jamaica

Jamaicans are protesting against a decision of the Portia Simpson-Miller administration to introduce a tax on bank with-

drawals.

Finance Minister Dr. Peter Phillips said the government intends to raise J\$6.6 billion during the fiscal year, as he led off the recent debate on the J\$539.3 billion national budget.

The government says it intends to receive J\$2.5 billion in revenue from the new levy on the use of ATMs/ABMs, electronic banking, point of sales, checks and internet transfers when the measure goes into effect in June.

The new levy on withdrawals from deposit-taking institutions and security dealers will be calculated on a graduated rate system, with withdrawals less than \$1 million being subjected to a 0.01 percent tax.



Dr. Phillips said the measure was expected to bring in revenue estimated at J\$2.25 million this fiscal year and would provide the bulk of the revenue in new taxes.

In a statement, the Citizens Action for Principle and Integrity (CAPI) said it would also launch an online protest initiative against the tax, which becomes effective June 1, 2014.

CAPI said it opposes government’s move to impose the “withdrawal tax”, deeming it “oppressive, unconscionable and will prove inimical to its own growth agenda as it will send the wrong message to potential investors”.

CAPI added that it is inviting the participants of churches, trade unions and all civil society stakeholders to join in its “civil protest against a tax, which will prove deleterious to the economic health of the country and family.”

## St. Lucia

St. Lucia has announced the imposition of a 70 percent tax on Barbadian goods, effective May, 1, 2014 and Barbadian authorities said there must be open to frank discussions on the matter.



But Castries in the past pointed to a 2012 Council of Trade and Economic Development (Coted) decision which allows for Caribbean Community (CARICOM) lesser developed countries (LCD)

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# Mission of joy to St. Vincent

By Nelson A. King

Members of a Brooklyn-based medical team, just back from an inaugural mission to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where they were warmly received, say they are looking forward to a return trip to the country.

"Seeing the smiles on the faces of the people and listening to their words of gratitude to the team gave us greatest joy," said Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bunn, the leader of the Brooklyn-based mission. "We look forward to one day returning to provide services to the people."

In collaboration with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, the 25-member group of healthcare professionals comprised of doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists, dental students and health educators from Loma Linda University Dental School in California – provided free medical services to Vincentian nationals of all walks of life during the week-long mission from March 24 - 28.

"I would say that this was a very successful mission," said Guyanese-born Dr. Emanuel-Bunn, president of APC (Action, Performance, Commitment) Community Services, Inc. told Caribbean Life. The medical team included doctors Alan Woodson, Larry Holloway, Kim Mathews and Giddel Thom, and registered nurses Nell Darnley, Lynette Kowlesar, Caroline Howell and

Conrad Forsythe.

Emanuel-Bunn, also professor at the University of Phoenix, Az., said the "warm words of greetings and the air of excitement" made the team feel welcomed and "were a fitting start to an exciting rewarding week of service."

She said the team was warmly greeted at the E.T. Joshua Airport by Pastor Dermot Baptiste, president of St. Vincent and Grenadines Mission of Seventh Day Adventists, and Pastor Terrence Haynes, the Health Ministries director, and Dr. Patterson.

Emanuel-Bunn said the team was able to serve a total of 1,396 individuals during the mission, which took the team to various parts of the country, where they conducted health symposia and expositions on various illnesses, such as diabetes, cancer, hypertension, obesity and lifestyle changes that would assist in disease management. There were nutrition and food demonstrations, dental screenings and medical counseling.

Dr. Emmanuel Bunn expressed profound gratitude to local medical practitioners and staff who assisted in the screenings, as well as to local Seventh Day Adventist officials who aided in logistical and other issues.

Additionally, Emanuel-Bunn thanked Michelle and Brian Hadaway, owners of the Dorchester Hill Apartments, for "the wonderful lodging."



A scene at the medical clinic in Georgetown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



The workers that keep New York running, immigrant organizations and union members celebrating May Day at City Hall.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

## New York May Day celebration

By Tequila Minsky

Steel drum rock music livened up the early evening rally as feisty union retirees stood in the front row near the stage thrusting out their arms and belting out solidarity chants. On May 1, New York workers were celebrating May Day.

Thousands of union workers representing over 45 of NYC's leading labor unions with dozens of immigrant and community organizations gathered near City Hall to celebrate worker and labor rights.

Behind the retirees stood

waves of union members. They represented all aspects of the workforce that keep New York running: service and communication workers, builders, car washers and teachers, ironworkers, teamsters, farm laborers, taxi drivers, transportation workers and civil servants.

Workers held high their signs proclaiming their unions with messages: Solidarity United; It's About Freedom; Job Security, Fair Pay, Better Teaching; Pass the Dream Act; and The Union That Makes the City Run. Carlos Gomez's sign was in

the shape of a green card emblazoned with an image of the Statue of Liberty.

Mirroring a workforce that populated unions at their start, the rally reflected faces from recent waves of immigration; the labor movement and immigrant rights movement are sharing concerns.

Unions were organized to join workers together to improve working conditions and their lives. From the stage, Mario Cilento, president of the NY State AFL-CIO reminded, "Union members, immigrant activists and community leaders come

together on May 1 to fight for worker rights, comprehensive immigration reform and the vital services all New Yorkers rely on."

At the rally, union leaders demanded an increase in the minimum wage, fair contracts for city employees, construction projects using union labor for building, and preserving the state's "scaffolding law." Protecting workers from wage theft, building affordable housing, expansion of jobs in the green energy and high-tech fields were issues also voiced from the dais.

## 'What's Driving the 'New Cold War'?

By Chudi Chukwudi

As the crisis escalates in Ukraine, a pro-Kiev fascist firebombs Odessa's Trade Union Building on May 2, 2014, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and anti-war leaders will gather this Saturday, May 10, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at NYC's Riverside Church for an urgent teach-in titled: "What's Driving the 'New Cold War'?"

"The need for a response from the U.S. anti-war left to the events in the Ukraine has

never been greater," organizers say. The crisis there has sharply escalated with Friday's brutal firebombing of Odessa's Trade Union Building, a war crime that killed dozens of people and maimed and injured hundreds."

Playing its usual role in a war situation caused by 1 percent interests, the corporate media is hiding the nature of the attack and the fascist identity of the culprits.

This Saturday at New

York's Riverside Church, leaders in the anti-war movement will hold a 3:00 p.m. Ukraine teach-in titled "What's Driving the New Cold War?"

<<http://www.iacenter.org/ukraine/ukraine-teach-in050314/>>

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark will speak, as will Glen Ford of the Black Agenda Report and former CIA analyst (now anti-war activist) Ray McGovern.

Only the people and a peoples' movement can bring

clarity and truth to this situation," said Sara Flounders of the International Action Center, the initiator of the event.

"The Pentagon has moved warships and warplanes to the area -- as has the UK and France -- but none of these forces are there to help put a top to the fascist violence," Flounders said. "They are there to protect the IMF's multi-billion-dollar investment in Kiev's illegal government."

# Gansters on killing spree

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beries, gangsters involved in turf wars or people who hire them to settle grievances. Her assassination has set tongues wagging that this night well not be the case anymore.

The murder told up to mid week stood at 160 for the year so far placing the twin-island republic with Tobago on court for one of its bloodiest years to date. The recent average has been about 450 per year, proportionally among the highest in the world.

Shaken to the core like virtually everyone else in the oil and gas-rich island, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar called her murder “a direct attack on the justice system” while offering a reward of US\$600,000 for information about her assassins and vowing that everything humanely possible would be done to find her attackers.

Senate President Timothy Hamel-Smith said Trinidad will return to “the law of the jungle” if the judicial system is not overhauled and violent crime abated. The opposition Movement For Social Justice likened the situation to the wild west of old noting that “the execution of an individual of Ms. Seetahal’s profile is

a clear attack on the institutions of the State and public figures. We are now in a new situation where public officials are, like in Colombia and Mexico, subject to the danger of assassination.” The governments of Grenada, Barbados and Guyana reacted to her death.

Meanwhile, security officials examining CCTV footage of her murder say they have identified three suspects, one of whom is known to be linked to an unnamed radical Muslim organization embedded in the country. He recently beat a murder charge and has gone into hiding after police began searching for him hours after Seetahal’s path was blocked by two vehicles and bullets pumped into her head and upper body.

She was executed just as she was participating in the trial of a gang for the murder of local supermarket magnate and was a special prosecutor in the sedition case against Jamaat leader and former 1990 attempted coup maker Abu Bakr but few in Trinidad have so far made any connections to Seetahal and the plethora of cases against the policeman.

# Fearless independent thinker

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blocking her from moving as she neared the Woodbrook Youth Center.

Other vehicles described as a panel van, then moved alongside her car and the occupants of that vehicle drew high-powered guns and opened fire on the SUV. The two vehicles then sped off.

Seetahal was found dead slumped behind the wheel of her car when police arrived. She was shot multiple times in the head and upper-body.

Among the high-profile cases she prosecuted was one against attempted coup leader Yasin Abu Bakr, which enabled the state to sell the former insurgent’s property and was currently involved in the Coolman murder trial.

She also defended star entertainer Machel Montano recently in an assault case, which but he was convicted of the offence.

Seetahal, who was made a sen-

**Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar described Seetahal’s brutal murder as “an abyss of loss and sadness.”**

ior counsel in 2008, also acted as a criminal justice consultant to governments across the region and various international bodies.

The government has offered a TT\$2.5 million to add to the \$1 million (TT\$3.5 million) Crime Stoppers has offered for information leading to the arrest and successful conviction of those involved in the murder of the attorney.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar described Seetahal’s brutal murder as “an abyss of loss and sadness,” saying she was “a sister, a friend, legal luminary

and fearless, independent thinker on national issues.”

Persad-Bissessar in her capacity as chairman of the National Security Council had called an emergency meeting at her in Port of Spain to discuss coordination of various arms of national security to investigate the murder.

Seetahal was the second attorney to be murdered over the past few months. The murder rate had sky-rocketed to 160 since the start of the New Year.

Just last week a man, who won a shooting case was gunned just after he walked out the courthouse in Arima, about 26 miles east of Port of Spain.

The killing spree in the country has escalated over the past two months, with two and three people being murdered in one day in certain parts of the country.

So far the police have only been able to solve 20 of those killings.

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# Trinidad to probe unethical business ventures

By Azad Ali

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has instructed Attorney General Anand Ramlogan to meet with various stakeholders to address concerns of “unethical business ventures,” which involved his ministry and lawyers in prison litigation cases.

There are calls from various quarters in Trinidad and Tobago for Ramlogan to step down from office to facilitate a probe into the controversy since it involves his Ministry.

Opposition Leader, Dr. Keith Rowley, former Attorney General Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj, the Law Association and Prison Service Association have called for an independent investigation



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

into former Solicitor General (SG) Eleanor Davidson-Honeywell’s concerns over “unethical business ventures,” which existed between attorneys and inmates involved in prisoners seeking monetary compensation through the courts for alleged beatings at the hands of prison officers.

The former SG, who resigned in January this year, said the “unethical business ventures”

may amount to breaches of professional ethics by the attorneys involved and may have the effect of perverting the course of justice in litigation against the State.

However, Ramlogan said he had addressed all the concerns of the former solicitor general which were encapsulated in another letter dated Oct. 28, 2013, which stated there was no further need for investigation by the prime minister.

# UK-to-Caribbean air-fare increase

By Azad Ali

Air fares from London to the Caribbean has been raised just weeks after Chancellor George Osborne announced Air Passenger Duty (APD) on flights from the United Kingdom to the Caribbean would be reduced.

British Airways confirmed that it has added £10 to ticket prices to six destinations — Barbados, Antigua, St. Lucia, Grenada, and Kingston, Jamaica.

It said the move was “in response to market conditions.” Virgin Atlantic is believed to have followed the move with a similar increase on some Caribbean routes, with immediate effect.

BA said fares to its other Caribbean destinations, St. Kitts and Nevis and Port of Spain remained unchanged.

A spokesman for the airline said that even with the increase, low-

season fares to the Caribbean were “well below” the levels of two years ago.

Elizabeth Fox, Jamaica Tourist Board regional director for the UK and Northern Europe, told industry website Travel Mole: “Following the recent APD victory for the Caribbean, it seems a real shame that BA and Virgin are looking to increase fares to destinations in the West Indies like Jamaica.”

“Fares have been known to go up at this time of the year, but it seems that the Caribbean is singled out when other destinations are not being targeted for an increase,” she said.

In March the Chancellor announced that all long-haul passengers would pay the same tax as those flying to the U.S. from April 1, which represents a saving of £64 for a family of four flying to the Caribbean.

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# Further extension of TPS for Haitians

By Nelson A. King

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) says the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending the re-registration deadline from May 2, 2014 to July 22, 2014 for Haitian nationals who have already been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and seek to maintain that status for an additional 18 months.

USCIS, therefore, said on May 2 that it “strongly encourages Haitian TPS beneficiaries to apply as soon as possible.”

The DHS began accepting re-registration applications on March 3, 2014 from TPS Haiti beneficiaries when it announced an 18-month extension of the TPS designation for Haiti, from July 23, 2014, through Jan. 22, 2016.

USCIS said about 51,000 TPS Haiti beneficiaries are expected to file for re-registration.

It said TPS is not available to Haitian nationals who have not continuously resided in the United States since Jan. 12, 2011.

In the March 3, 2014 US Federal Register notice announcing the extension of TPS for Haiti, DHS also automatically extended—by six months, through Jan. 22, 2015—the validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) for eligible Haitian TPS beneficiaries.

USCIS said this will allow sufficient time for eligible TPS beneficiaries who re-register on time to receive an EAD without any lapse in employment authorization.

To re-register, USCIS said TPS beneficiaries must submit Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.

It said individuals seeking to re-register do not need to pay the Form I-821 application fee.

However, all re-registrants 14 years of age and older must pay a biometric services fee or submit a fee waiver request, USCIS said.

It said all re-registrants seeking employment authorization through January 22, 2016, must also submit the Form I-765 fee (or a fee-waiver request).

USCIS said re-registrants who do not want employment authorization must still submit a completed Form I-765 but do not need to submit the I-765 fee.

“Failure to submit the required filing fees or a properly documented fee-waiver request will result in the rejection of the re-registration application,” it warned.

The U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country’s nationals from returning

safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately.

USCIS said it may grant TPS to eligible nationals of certain countries, or parts of countries, who are already in the United States. Eligible individuals without nationality who last resided in the designated country may also be granted TPS.

The Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a country for TPS due to the following temporary conditions in the country: Ongoing armed conflict, such as civil war; an environmental disaster, such as earthquake or hurricane, or an epidemic; and other extraordinary and temporary conditions.

The U.S. first granted TPS to undocumented Haitians living in the United States shortly after the Jan. 12, 2010 massive earthquake in Haiti.

USCIS warned that TPS is a temporary benefit that does not lead to lawful permanent resident status or give any other immigration status.

However, it said registration for TPS does not prevent one from applying for nonimmigrant status; filing for adjustment of status based on an immigrant petition; and applying for any other immigration benefit or protection for which one may be eligible.

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# This week in Albany

By Tim Nichols

This week, the State Assembly returned to Albany following the Easter and Passover Holidays to begin work on important legislative priorities of the 2014 Legislative Session. The legislative session continues in Albany until the end of June.

Some of the key proposals and activities happening in the Assembly this past week include:

## Legislation to Protect Domestic Violence Victims

Seeking to stem the prevalence of domestic violence incidents and repeat domestic violence offenses throughout the state, the Assembly passed a legislative package aimed at strengthening protections for victims of domestic violence and enhancing health care professionals' ability to aid these victims in the recovery process.

The package also includes measures that would:

- \* Strengthen the enforcement of orders of protection by permitting victims to recover non-economic damages from any or all defendants found liable for failure to obey or enforce domestic violence orders of protection or temporary orders of protection (A.899);

- \* Require hospitals to maintain policies to effectively aid victims of domestic violence (A.2562-A);

- \* Require police to promptly translate domestic violence incident reports that are filled out in a language other than English, as well as provide the notification of victims' rights in such victim's

native language (A.9251);

- \* Include the unauthorized tracking of an individual, with a GPS or other device, within the meaning of "following" in the crime of stalking in the fourth degree (A.7720B);

- \* Require wireless telephone companies to allow victims of domestic violence to opt-out of shared or family plans without incurring any penalties (A.7964-B);

- \* Enact a Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act, which makes it illegal for an individual to possess a firearm if he or she has committed a family offense (A.6390). Earlier this legislative session, the Assembly passed legislation that would prohibit discrimination against victims of domestic violence in employment while also requiring reasonable accommodations for victims (A.898, Weinstein) and would require the interpretation of orders of protection in court proceedings where an interpreter has already been appointed (A.1084-A.).

## Maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Award Increased First Time in 14 Years

For the first time in 14 years, New York State will increase funding for the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award. With this increase, New York State has allocated more than \$1 billion for grants and scholarships for New York students who pursue higher education at a public or independent college or university in the State.

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# Pending public school promotion policy changes

By Chudi Chukwudi

Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña recently announced changes to the Department of Education's promotion policy for students in grades 3-8 with standard promotion criteria. The proposed new policy, upon approval of the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), would go into effect this school year in order to comply with recent changes in State law and to allow educators to make decisions about the students they know best while maintaining high standards. The policy will be voted on at the PEP meeting in May.

"We have listened and worked closely with families, teachers and principals to establish a new promotion policy that complies with State law and empowers educators, takes the temperature down around testing, and keeps rigorous standards in place," said Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña. "This new way forward maintains accountability, but mitigates the unintended consequences of relying solely on a single test. Through a comprehensive evaluation of student work using multiple measures, our new policy is a step forward for students, parents, and schools."

"It's absolutely vital that students are ready to succeed in the next grade when they are promoted. The best way to do that, as the governor and legislature have affirmed, is to use multiple measures to make sure students are ready for promotion," said New York Education Commissioner John King. "We'll work together with NYCDOE to make sure all our students are on the path to college and career readiness."

Ten years ago, the DOE implemented a student promo-

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tion policy based on State exam scores. That approach, while intended to raise expectations for all students, often led to teachers "teaching to the test" and caused a great deal of anxiety in school communities.

Going forward, instead of having student promotion from one grade to the next based solely on exam results, teachers and principals will now determine which students are at risk of not making sufficient progress based on a more comprehensive, authentic review of their classroom work in addition to their test scores. This shift to multiple measures represents another important step toward aligning our teaching with the more rigorous Common Core standards. This new approach will bring New York City in accordance with other districts in the State and with the recent changes to the State law.

To develop the new policy, the Department consulted with and gathered feedback from families, teachers, principals, and education advocates. Many identified that, under the current policy, a student's body of work over the course of the entire year was overlooked in favor of a single, standardized exam. To remedy those concerns and incorporate multiple measures in accordance with State law, the DOE plans to implement several important changes:

Empowering Educators –

Based on a review of student work from the year, teachers and principals will identify the students they believe may be at risk of not being able to succeed in the next grade, even with support. State test results for the lowest-performing students will continue to be shared with schools in June. Schools may use this information as one of multiple pieces of evidence to assess student readiness for the next grade level, but they may not use it as the primary or major factor in those decisions.

Authentic Student Work – Teachers will complete promotion portfolios for students identified for possible retention. The guidance provided to schools about this process will be revised so that student promotion portfolios align to the Common Core, represent real classroom learning, and incorporate student work already completed throughout the school year.

Consistent, Rigorous Standards – The reviews of student portfolios in schools across the city will be judged against clear, consistent, criteria aligned to the Common Core. Superintendents will oversee this process for their schools.

"The NYC Department of Education's new promotion policy reflects the best available research and is good common sense," said Dr. Linda Darling Hammond, Professor of Education at Stanford Graduate School of Education. "Students are more than test results, and this sound policy reflects that fact. Promotion decisions will be based on multiple measures and will consist of a comprehensive review of the skills they've learned in the classroom. In addition, children will receive more useful supports

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# Former party stalwart's son should be booted out

The People's National Movement (PNM) in Trinidad and Tobago, the party of which Dr. Eric Williams was the primary founding figure, is generally referred to as drawing most of its support from among Afro-Trinidadians. But although such core support has always come from this sector, it clearly wasn't Williams' intent, when crafting the PNM model for its 1956 launch, to create an "African people's party." The very first roster of winning PNM candidates, from the election in '56 that allowed the party to form its first government, was reflective of a cosmopolitan mix of which Williams would frequently boast. Although Afro-Trinidadians formed the largest bloc, the lineup included individuals of Indo-Trinidadian, Chinese and Caucasian stock. One of the two Caucasians who had become a big crowd favorite in those early days of the party seeking to make its mark in the country's political history, was Gerard Montano.

Years later, Montano would become a sacrificial lamb when Williams, in the face of the so-called Black Power unrest gripping the country as the 70s dawned, dispatched both Montano and fellow Caucasian John O'Halloran

from the cabinet, in what was evidently a placating gesture. I have remained unconvinced of there having been true justification for that move, tending to see it more as a Williams overreaction than a response prevailing circumstances dictated. Whether in the next politically active Montano generation is to be found an indication of lingering anger over Williams' offering up Gerard back then is speculative. But two Montano sons who've followed their father as jousting in the political arena, Robin and Danny, have given different signals, as far as loyalty to the party Williams founded.

Robin Montano, whose politics has often had somewhat of a loose-cannon look, has shown no desire to be aligned with the PNM, quite the contrary in fact. Party affiliation-wise, brother Danny walked the PNM path of his late father and served in cabinet during Patrick Manning's run as prime minister. But Danny Montano has lately been in the news in a manner that rightly should terminate his tenure in the PNM camp.

The political temperature in Trinidad and Tobago today is elevated, and figures to be even

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

more so in upcoming months. Elections are due by May, 2015, when the government of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar will have completed its five-year term. There is widespread expectation that whenever that election is called, the Bissessar government is likely to be turned out of office, following an accumulation of abuses of power that has at times looked contemptuous in its brazen arrogance. In the midst of this sizzling narrative is scheduled, in a few days, the PNM's internal election, which for the first time will be conducted via a one-person-one-vote system introduced by current leader Dr. Keith Rowley, as opposed to the delegate bloc voting heretofore in place.

Dr. Rowley is being challenged for the PNM leadership post (improbably, some believe) by Penny Beckles-Robinson, a former senator and member of cabinet. Montano, for whatever reasons, has linked up

with Beckles-Robinson in her bid to become party leader, which is all perfectly in order. The walk on the wild side that should earn Montano his dishonorable discharge is recent comment he made, reported in the press, that the people of Trinidad and Tobago should not vote for a PNM of which Rowley is leader. It would be wimpish beyond belief for the party leadership to countenance such in-your-face disloyalty as Montano demonstrated in his venting, obviously for public consumption. And it certainly begs a revisiting of the question about lingering feelings of who-knows-what arising from Gerard Montano's being thrown under the bus decades ago.

For sure, opposition to Rowley as party leader, such as it is, would seem to stem from some visceral dislike, rather than his track record since being voted into the position in 2010, following the last (truncated) Manning stint as prime minister that left the PNM quite demoralized. Apart from the above-referenced opening up of the election process within the party and other organizational reforms, Rowley led the party to three victories in elections held last year and,

for the most part, seems to have acquitted himself well as Leader of the Opposition. Yet, there are those who consider Rowley's even more significant contribution to have been his having the guts to stand alone among the PNM brass in protesting Manning's pattern of out-of-control stewardship of party and country, preceding his premature calling of the general elections four years ago. For the party faithful, the leadership question will be soon gone as an issue.

But first things first. Rowley and the PNM executive should forthwith address that unacceptably bilious utterance from Montano. The party's general secretary was quoted in the media commenting that if Montano wanted to join the United National Congress (Bissessar's party), he should go ahead and do so. It seems here that, rather than any show of interest in which party Montano is or isn't looking to join, the PNM high command should be focused on appropriately responding to this guy's open display of hostility and disrespect for a party to which he allegedly belongs. Any formal party response different from a "Get lost!" missive to the perpetrator would make no sense.

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## New approach to public school promotions

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to improve their skills so they can progress on a solid foundation.”

“The new promotion policy recognizes the scientific consensus that promotion and retention decisions should never be based solely on a child’s performance on a single standardized test,” said Dr. Aaron Pallas, Professor of Sociology and Education at Teachers College at Columbia University. “This change returns the responsibility of assessing a child’s readiness for the next grade to the educators most knowledgeable about his or her academic performance throughout the school year -- the child’s teacher and principal.”

“Although the old policy was designed to end social promotion through grade retention, thousands of students were still entering

high schools throughout New York City unprepared academically,” said Dr. Pedro Noguera, Professor of Education at Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Development at New York University. “The Chancellor’s proposal will provide schools with a broader range of tools with which to assess a student’s performance. If these can be combined with effective, early interventions, we should see a significant increase in the number of students who graduate from high school college ready.”

As in past years, students whose promotion portfolios demonstrate that they are not ready for the next grade level, even with support, will be recommended for summer school. Superintendents will review school-level decisions before they are finalized. In the past,

when students completed summer school, their promotion was ultimately tied to a second standardized test in August. This year, student work from summer school will be incorporated into the promotion portfolio. Principals will review these portfolios in August and make a holistic promotion decision for each student. Superintendents will continue to review promotion appeals for cases in which a parent disagrees with the principal’s decision.

Students with disabilities and English language learners who have different promotion criteria will not be impacted by this change in policy. Moreover, the promotion policy for students in grades K-2 and high school will remain consistent with previous years.

The new policy requires a revision to the Chancellor’s Regulation A-501, which will be voted on by the Panel for Educational Policy at its May 29, 2014 meeting.

## Legislative priorities

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The maximum TAP award is now \$5,165, available to New York State residents who attend any public or private college or university in the State. This represents a \$165 increase in the maximum award, from \$5,000 per student since 2000.

Additionally, students who qualify as an orphan, foster child or ward of the court for the purposes of federal student financial aid programs will now be considered dependent students for the purpose of determining their TAP awards, making them eligible for the maximum award. This means some of the highest-need students will receive an additional \$2,140 per year.

In 2012-2013, more than 372,000 New Yorkers attending college were awarded

\$931 million in TAP funds to help pay their college tuition costs, averaging \$3,049 per student. To learn more about New York’s Tuition Assistance Program and other scholarships, grants and loan forgiveness programs offered by the State, visit the HESC website at HESC.ny.gov.

### Women Legislators Rally for Raising the Minimum Wages

Assemb. Jacobs joined dozens of women legislators and labor leaders this week in Albany for “RaiseUpWomen” to call for the passage of legislation that would allow local governments to increase the minimum wage. Citing data that show women disproportionately represent minimum wage workers, allowing local governments in New York State to increase the minimum wage would particularly

benefit women. Women represent 53% of all low-wage workers in New York State and 40% of workers paid less than \$15 an hour are also women. Men make up 34% of workers earning less than \$15 per hour. The bill is currently being considered by the Assembly Committee on Labor.

### Compassionate Sentencing for Domestic Violence Survivors

Assemb. Jacobs joined members from the Legislative Women’s Caucus, domestic violence survivors and key women’s rights and criminal justice organizations this week to urge passage of the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act (A.4314-c/S.3337-C). *Nichols is a legislative aide to Assemb. Rhoda Jacobs (D-Brooklyn) 42AD, the assistant speaker of the State Legislature.*

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# Human trafficking, Sharia law and Boko Haram

by Glenn Mollette

Boko Haram has led a five-year Islamic uprising in Nigeria that has taken the lives of thousands of people, both Muslim and Christian. Just this week an attack on Gamboru, which is on the border of Cameroon, took the lives of 300 people. In recent weeks Boko Haram's regime has been responsible for the kidnapping of 276 young girls and is threatening to sell them into slavery. At least 1,500 people have been killed by the regime this year alone. Nigeria is a nation of approximately 170 million people. The country is half Muslim and half Christian. The terroristic regime feels that Western influences are corrupting Nigeria and that a Muslim state must be enforced. (CNN.com)

There is no place in this world for this kind of religion but unfortunately it is real and growing. This is a scary, inhumane, twisted, perverted mentality that dominates parts of the Middle East as well as Africa and would love to

make itself comfortable in the United States. We do not need aggressive poisonous vipers in this nation. Freedom of religion is welcomed in this country. The violation of human beings is not welcomed. Hurting, defiling, killing, beating people in the name of god is not godly but is Satanic. The god these people are serving is not in heaven.

I like Jay Leno and his wife Mavis and respect them even more for the stand they are taking against the Islamic owned The Beverly Hills Hotel. The hotel's owner, the Sultan of Brunei, has imposed sharia law phase one to go into effect this week in his country. Please note Boko Haram's crimes are committed under the guise of sharia law. This essentially means that people who do not bow down to the Muslim religion or anyone who violates the Muslim religion, such as adulterers, gay men and women and those who have had abortions, will be flogged and stoned resulting in thousands of deaths. (Variety.

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# Prostate cancer — Don't let it change your life

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

There are about 300,000 people suffering from prostate cancer in the United States right now.

But the good news, according to the American Cancer Society, is that more than 2 million men here are prostate cancer survivors.

The odds of surviving this type of cancer are favorable — as long as it is discovered in time. A simple blood test is all it takes.

Dr. Vitaly Raykhman of The New York Urologic Institute says men over the age of 50 need to be pro-active. They should be screened for the disease annually, and The New York Urologic Institute, a modern facility with state-of-the-art equipment, can provide this comprehensive testing and diagnosis.

Prostate cancer happens to be one of the most common cancers in men over age 50.

Yet, one of the reasons the fatality rate is declining is because of the Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test. It provides doctors with a five-year lead time to battle cancer. That's a good head start.

Make an appointment to be tested, especially if there is a history of prostate cancer in the family. Men of Caribbean ancestry are also prone to the disease.

Don't panic if initial testing indicates that blood levels of PSA are elevated. This doesn't necessarily mean cancer is present. Other factors, such as a urinary tract infection, can cause levels to rise. Further blood testing, urine testing, and an ultrasound can help define what is going on, and Dr. Raykhman will determine if a biopsy is necessary.

If so, The New York Urologic Institute performs biopsies under local or gen-

eral anesthesia, right at the office. An experienced anesthesiologist and pathologist are at hand to offer patients a high level of care. It is re-assuring, too, that Dr. Raykhman takes the extra pre-caution of administering intravenous antibiotics before the procedure. This minimizes the risk of infection.

If the biopsy is positive, there are two options — radical prostate treatment, which involves surgery, or radiation treatment.

"Most patients get radiation," says the doctor. "Surgery is appropriate in some situations, but carries risk of impotence, incontinence, post-opt pain, blood loss, and missed days of work." These risks must be weighed.

Radiation is often advantageous because intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) is well-tolerated.

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says Dr. Raykhman. This means patients can come in for treatment before or after work, and can keep up with daily activities. "When delivered safely and effectively, there is zero risk of incontinence, after the procedure," he says.

A radiation oncologist is also at the New York Urologic Institute to assure that every patient receives top-notch care.

If you don't speak the language, that's no excuse. The staff speaks English, Spanish, Hindi, Urdu, Russian, Bengali, Polish, Albanian, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Ladies, if your man doesn't like to go to the doctor, bring him there. Prostate cancer can impact your life, too.

*New York Urologic Institute [2632 E. 14th Street between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 878-3523, www.nyui.org]. Open Mondays*



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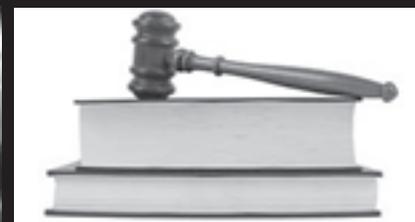


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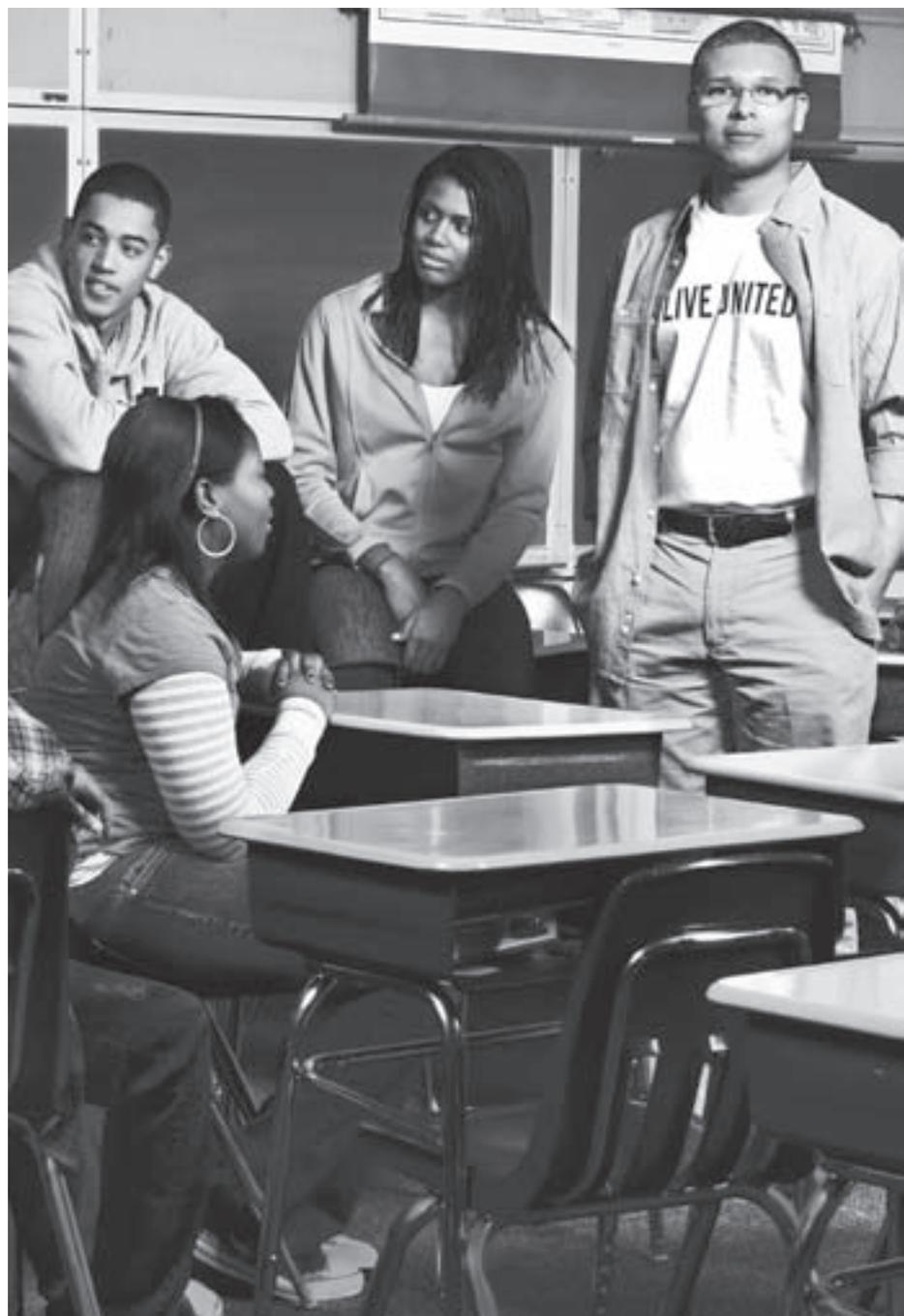
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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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to implement the duty on products from the regions' more developed countries.

Barbados International Business Minister Donville Innis says it will use the May 6-10 Council of Trade and Economic Development (Coted) meeting to iron out a possible trade dispute with St. Lucia.

While Barbados has not commented officially on the matter, Innis maintained his government will not allow the situation to escalate into a trade war.

## Suriname

Police have arrested a 24-year-old woman after a "cocaine ball" had been found in her vagina as she was preparing to board a flight from Suriname to Amsterdam.

Investigators said the cocaine weighed 2.317 grams and was discovered after members of the Anti-Narcotics Squad carried out a search.

The Surinamese national, has appeared in court and was granted bail to reappear later this month.

Police have caught several women in recent months trying to use this method to smuggle cocaine.



## Trinidad

The Caribbean region has been has an "unacceptable high" rate of murders, averaging around 30 per 100,000 citizens.

This was disclosed by Trinidad and Tobago National Security Minister Gary Griffith at the opening of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain last week.

The four-day conference was titled: Working in partnership to combat transnational organized crime."

Griffith said the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago was an unfortunate mirror image of what was happening in the wider Caribbean. T&T recorded 153 murders up to the end of April this year.



"In our country, while we have seen a massive drop in total serious crimes, over recent years reaching a 29-year low in 2013, we are still challenged with the unacceptable high rate of murders.

He said statistics show that more than 70 percent of all murders in T&T and the Caribbean region were committed by firearms as the weapon of choice of criminals.

Griffith said it was imperative that Caribbean law enforcement leaders used conferences, like this one, to explore innovative alternatives to the traditional law enforcement approach, to develop workable solutions and new methods to reduce the vulnerabilities commonly exploited by trans-national organized crime.

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# Investing in the Caribbean is 'Good Business'

NEW YORK, NY, Mon. May 5, 2014 [CaribPR Wire] The Caribbean region remains a great business investment and still offers "the single best holiday product in the world."

So insists Sandals Resorts International Chairman Gordon "Butch" Stewart, who built a tourism empire in the Caribbean from the ground up and remains an active investor throughout the region.

Jamaican-born Stewart's pearls of wisdom come as he gears up to receive the 2014 Invest Caribbean Now (ICN) Leadership Award on June 4 at the Harvard Club in New York City.

ICN, the largest global summit on the Caribbean outside the region, is honoring Stewart for his investment in and commitment to the Caribbean.

Past ICN honorees have included Virgin Group Enterprises founder and CEO Sir Richard Branson and Royal Caribbean Cruises International.

Stewart, the former Air Jamaica CEO and president of the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association, calls it "an honor to be considered a leader among those serving and succeeding in the Caribbean."

"My work here, the com-



Gordon 'Butch' Stewart.

Photo Credit: CaribPr Wire

panies I have built, the jobs we have created and the people we have served, are the best example of what is possible in the Caribbean and why we must continue to invest here at home."

The name "Gordon 'Butch' Stewart has become synonymous with Caribbean tourism globally," said ICN Founder and Chairman Felicia J. Persaud. "Mr. Stewart

is an inspiration to all Caribbean entrepreneurs. He embodies the core value of what can be accomplished through vision, leadership and hard work. There is no one more deserving to receive the prestigious ICN Leadership Award in 2014 and we are honored he will be joining us to accept this award."

Meanwhile, Stewart

warns Caribbean governments to consider the lasting effects of the investment they accept on their resources and their constituencies, especially because "it's not simply about land development or acquisition, but about investing in people, giving them the resources and opportunity to contribute in real, meaningful ways."

"Human capital will always return the greatest reward and is where thoughtful leaders spend their time and their resources," said the former president of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica and the country's one-time director of tourism.

"As a private investor in the region, our footprint is something we think about every day and we are making conscientious decisions to be good, effective corporate citizens. The fact is that job creation leads to immense opportunity in education; and no other sector is capable of distributing wealth as rapidly and efficiently as the tourism dollar."

Multiple Emmy-Award winning TV Anchor, Ernie Anastos, will emcee the June 4 summit, beginning at 11:30 a.m., while Dr. Ma Lin, deputy secretary-general of Beijing Muni-

pal Government will bring greetings, and Caribbean scholar Dr. Isaac Newton will deliver the keynote address.

Trinidad & Tobago Minister of Trade, Industry, Investment and Communications, Sen. Vasant Bharath will highlight investment opportunities at home and Sheila Newton-Moses will speak about the Caribbean Market Village.

Panels at the summit will include: **Global Trends & The Caribbean** featuring Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal of the Inter-American Development Bank; Janine Craane of Merrill Lynch; Valentin Romanov, Sun Energy, Russia; Sergio Millian of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce and Anthony A. L. Adjasse of the Allied African Nations Chamber Of Commerce and **'Medical Tourism - The New Trend In Caribbean Tourism'**, with Colin Childress of Global Med Choices, Turks & Caicos; Paul Angelchik of American World Clinics and Patrick Goodness of The Goodness Company of Costa Rica, among others.

Additionally, there will be a panel on 'Clean Energy and the Future of the Caribbean' with Justin Locke of Sir Richard Branson's

Carbon War Room; Diana Jensen of OPIC; Mark Austin of Bright Capital and Jacques-Philippe Piverger of MPowered as well as a panel on the 'Emerging Relationship Of Chinese Tourism & Investments In The Caribbean,' featuring Cao, PengChen of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Tourism Development, among others.

This year's featured interview will focus on the 'Caribbean Diaspora As An Investment Source' with Qahir Dhanani of the World Bank Group; Leigh Moran of the US State Department and USAID's IDEA and Irwine Clare of the Caribbean Immigrant Services.

Beverly Hills designer to the stars, Woody Wilson, will make a special announcement regarding his line and the Caribbean, while offering a preview of his tropical collection for the region, to wrap up the summit.

One Caribbean Television weatherman, Joey Stevens, and his famous side-kick, Bob, will host this year's ICN Awards Reception, set for 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will include remarks from Hollywood Actor Malik Yoba and the presentation of awards to Sandals' Stewart and four corporations from across the region.

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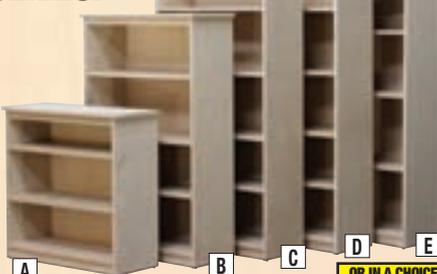
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# Mental health tips for parents of teens, young adults

(StatePoint) If you are the parent of an older child or teen, you may not think about his or her day-to-day medical needs as often as you did during early childhood. But older kids also are dependent on you, especially when it comes to emotional health and wellness.

“Life transitions, romantic situations, stress and exposure to drugs and alcohol are just a few of the challenges facing teens and young adults,” says James Perrin, MD, FAAP, 2014 president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). “As a parent, you can help ease these transitions and encourage positive choices.”

May, which is Mental Health Month, is a good time to take stock of your child’s emotional well-being. The AAP offers these tips for parents to foster good mental health:

- At each new stage in your child’s life, be extra vigilant for signals that he needs extra support. Be ready to provide it.
- Check in often and keep the

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lines of communication open. If your child is away at college or has moved out, speak regularly by phone. Children should know that they can talk to you about anything. Be committed to broaching tough topics. Talk about your own experiences and fears when you were an adolescent.

- If your teen has a mental health diagnosis, he or she will need extra support. Pediatricians, school counselors and mental health professionals are important resources.

- Watch for mental health red flags, such as excessive sleeping, personality shifts, excessive moodiness, noticeable weight loss or gain, excessive secrecy or signs of self-harm.

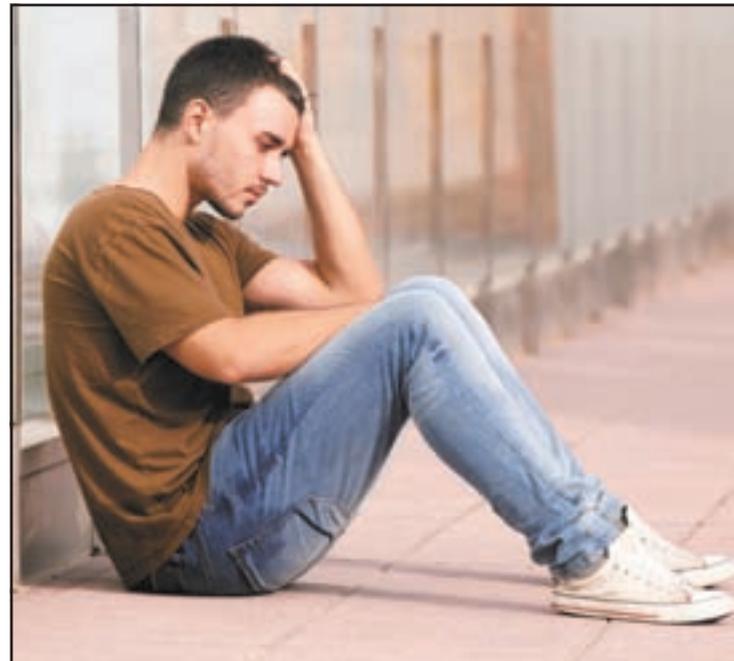
- Don’t skip the annual physical. Not only are teens still on a vaccination schedule, but check-ups are a crucial opportunity to

talk to your pediatrician about any concerns, as well as diagnose any potential physical and mental health issues. It’s also a great time for teens to seek confidential advice.

- Safeguard your home against prescription drug abuse by keeping your own medications locked. According to the AAP, prescription drug misuse by adolescents is second only to marijuana and alcohol misuse. The most commonly abused prescription drugs include Vicodin and Xanax.

- Provide logistical support for young adults like completing health forms and physicals for college; setting up accommodations at school if they have a mental health diagnosis; finding physicians to care for their adult needs; and signing up for health insurance. Your pediatrician’s office can help.

- Help limit teens’ stress. Don’t encourage them to take on excessive time-consuming extra-curricular activities. Avoid compar-



Teens and young adults face many challenges in their life including mental health issues. (c) AntonioGuillem - Fotolia.com

ing your children. Every child has his own strengths.

- Encourage habits that reduce stress and promote physical and mental health, such as a well-balanced diet, getting at least seven hours of sleep a night, and regular exercise.

- At this age, it’s important for parents to arm their older children with coping skills that

will serve them throughout life, rather than handling everything for them.

More health tips for parents of older children, teens and young adults can be found at [www.HealthyChildren.org](http://www.HealthyChildren.org).

As your child gets older, don’t let physical and mental health take a back seat to other considerations.

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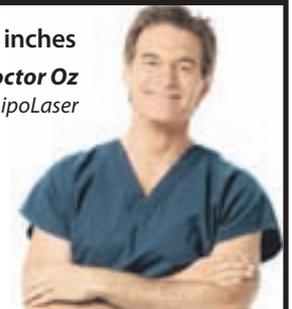
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The Jazz African Heritage Movement (JAH) celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Freedom Day, a commemoration of South African Freedom and Democracy, at the legendary Claver Place, near Fulton Street in Brooklyn on April 26, 2014.

In the spirit of Jitu Weusi, this cultural celebration embraced activism and the arts through music, dance, art, and cuisine from the African diaspora with a special tribute to the Republic of South Africa.

Jitu's Jazz African Heritage Block Party continues the legacy of JAH by building a bridge between Africans here and on the continent. The Block Party featured jazz bands from South Africa and NYC. Young people from the



African craft on display at Claver Place in Brooklyn. Photo by Lem Peterkin

Brooklyn United Marching Band will perform; youth created South African influenced artwork sponsored by Brooklyn Artistry. The Diaspora Artmart



display original pieces of fashion from their designer's collections. Poet Lisa Muhammad graced the stage and there were many more activities for the entire family. To ensure that activism is tied into Jitu's passions for arts and culture, there also messages were given from individuals and organizations addressing economic, social, and political issues on the continent of Africa.



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# UK 'Voice Winner' visits his parents' homeland

By Tangerine Clarke

There was a flurry of excitement at the lush garden of the Adams family in rural Pleasance in Guyana recently when three generations gathered to celebrate British-born Jermain Green Jackman, winner of BBC The Voice U.K. singing competition.

Relatives wore Tee shirts emblazoned with Jackman's image on the front as they watched with pride, Youtube video of the singing sensation when he commanded a standing ovation with his version of Jennifer Holiday's "I Am telling You" - to win the title on April 9.

The 19-year who was consistent throughout the competition courted judge - "Will I Am" wowing the audience with "A House Is Not A Home" a favorite song of the star's mom.

Great Aunt Beryl Adams Haynes who re-migrated to Guyana after living in

Great Britain for 40 years, spoke passionately about the youth whose parents Lyndon and Helen Green Jackman were born in the village on the East Coast of Demerara.

Adams-Haynes recalled how Jackman exhibited intelligence and talent from the age of 12 years when he won his school singing competition.

Nicknamed, UK's first black singing prime minister by the British press, the youth with the rich baritone voice who became a shining star in his hometown of Hackney, lent his vocal talent to Guyana's historic St. George's Cathedral last year during the ordination of priests from Codrington College of Barbados.

He was a guest of the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese His Lordship Cornell Mosson, who heard Jackman sing in England and

invited him to Guyana.

His cousin Allison Jupiter said tears came when she heard Jackman sing at the Cathedral and at a confirmation service at St. Augustine Church in Buxton.

**I was amazed to hear what a big voice this young man has. He was determined and in the end everything worked out for him.**

"I was amazed to hear what a big voice this young man has. He was determine and in the end everything worked out for him" she said of the winner of the National Citizen's Prestigious Award for his campaign against homelessness, unemployment and crime in the community.



Jermain Jackman photographed with international superstar, Eddie Grant in Pleasance, Guyana.

UK's Prime Minister David Cameron presented this award at 10 Downing Street in London.

He was also named Ambassador, Mentor Youth Coordinator and Youth Parliamentarian by the East

London Borough of Hackney where he was born.

One of five versatile children, himself a twin, Jackman also entertained Pleasance-born international superstar, Eddie Grant during his visit.

"Jermain said he loved Guyana and was happy that the Guyanese people accepted him."

His relatives described the "A" student as multifaceted. As such, he was accepted into the Gifted and Talented program in his primary school. But although music is his first love, his academic achievement and political aspirations are very much part of his goals.

The up-and-coming star has put his studies on hold from the Walthamstow College in the London Borough UK, where he was studying Law, Business and Citizenship, to get ready for the big time.

With his first trip to Paris under his belt, his recording contract will bring him to the U.S., where he is no stranger. He performed at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem in 2012 after winning one of many talent competitions in London.

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# Luciano Returns to Coney Island Boardwalk

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By Kingsley Dougan,

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Founded by WKCR-FM radio host Carter Van Pelt in 2010, the events feature New York area reggae deejays spinning vinyl on a large system provided by Chanter Sound of Brooklyn, New York. The events celebrate the Jamaican reggae soundsystem and early dancehall culture that developed in the 60s and 70s, all in a family-friendly setting.



Luciano returns.

Internationally acclaimed guest emcees and iconic reggae singers have performed at Coney Island Reggae On The Boardwalk, including Luciano, Willi Williams, Johnny Osbourne, Carlton

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ment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include aggressive use of medications and risk-reduction therapies aimed at improving the recovery of stroke patients.

"Brookdale is dedicated to improving the quality of stroke care, and this helps us achieve that goal," said Brookdale Vice President of External Affairs Khari Edwards. "With this award, our hospital demonstrates our commitment to ensure that our patients receive care based on internationally-respected clinical guidelines."

"We are pleased to recognize Brookdale," said

Deepak L. Bhatt, M.D., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee. "Hospitals that consistently follow Get With The Guidelines measures can reduce patients' length of stays and 30-day readmission rates."

Stroke is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

# Hard-hit CDM Carbon Market seeks new buyers

By Jewel Fraser

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, April 6, 2014 (IPS) - Since they first emerged as a result of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, carbon offset markets have been a key part of international emissions reductions agreements, allowing rich countries in the North to invest in "emissions-saving projects" in the South while they continue to emit CO2.

The biggest is the U.N.'s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) for verifying carbon emissions reduction projects in developing countries.

According to Dr. Hugh Sealy, chairman of the Executive Board of the CDM, it has generated 396 billion dollars in financial flows from developed to developing countries.

"We are fairly proud of that. Very few development banks can say they have had that kind of investment," Dr. Sealy told IPS.

The CDM, which operates under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), validates and subsequently certifies the effectiveness of projects in reducing carbon emissions.

Such certification can then be used as a basis for obtaining Carbon Emission Reduction (CER) credits that are sold to developed countries seeking to meet emissions reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol.

The big problem for local entrepreneurs is that the market for CER credits has

**At some point the developed countries will wake up to that and turn back to the one legal, internationally recognised, functioning market mechanism for reducing carbon emissions.**

collapsed in recent years.

In the Caribbean, many of the emissions reductions projects tend to be in the area of windfarming, said Dr. Sealy, since wind technology is proven and banks understand the risks.

The Caribbean's North-East trade winds make it a very viable one as well. Guyana also has a bagasse project for generating steam and electricity.

In the Caribbean, there are 18 CDM projects, but only one, the Wigton Windfarm project in Jamaica, has made an application for CER certification. Dr. Sealy said that Wigton, which was registered as a CDM project in 2006, reduced carbon emissions by more than 52,000 tonnes per year in its first phase, and then by 40,000 tonnes per year in its second phase.

The challenge facing the Wigton project, as with all CDM projects currently, is the steep decline in the value of CER credits over the past couple of years. Four years ago, Dr. Sealy

said, the credits were worth about 104 each dollars. Now they are worth about 50 cents.

He said the actual value the Jamaican company obtains for its CERs "will depend on the contract between it and the buyer."

Dr. Sealy said the UNFCCC's Conference of the Parties agreed at a recent meeting to the sale of CERs to entities that do not have obligations under the Kyoto Protocol, in an effort to widen the market for CERs. Under this new arrangement, "anybody, whether private or government, if they are going to voluntarily cancel the CER credits" can buy them as their contribution to the fight against climate change, he said.

The Brazilian government bought 40,000 CER credits to "green" the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and has done the same for the upcoming World Cup Football championship in that country.

Microsoft has done something similar under a different UNFCCC scheme for reducing emissions, known as REDD+, by buying an unspecified number of carbon credits from Madagascar generated by a rainforest conservation project in that country, according to a report by environmental news website Mongabay.com.

According to the report, attributed to the Wildlife Conservation Society, Microsoft bought the credits as part of its carbon neutrality programme.

Dr. Sealy attributes the steep decline in CER values to the downturn in the developed countries' economies since 2008 that led to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and thus to a decline in the need for carbon offsets. At the same time, the target set by developed countries for carbon emissions reductions was too low in the first place, he said.

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# Women graduates can take control of careers

More females are graduating from college than ever before, but does gender still play a role in career success? Does the so-called glass ceiling still exist? The truth is females face unique considerations when it comes to growing and navigating a career.

Rachel Thomas, president of LeanIn.Org, still remembers her first negotiation. Heart pounding and palms sweaty, she sat across the table from her boss-to-be armed with tips from her dad and a nervous smile. She ended up with a salary increase so modest, she said, "I could barely afford an extra tank of gas each pay cycle."

Many negotiations and years later, it finally dawned on Thomas that her dad gave her bad advice. It turns out that what works for men in the workplace often doesn't work for women.

It's critical that young women learn how to manage their careers as women. Yet they often don't have access to the right information. For example, search for "negotiation" in the books cat-



egory on Amazon, and you'll find nine out of the top 10 books were written by men. A co-ed writing team penned the 10th.

Yet seemingly small missed opportunities can significantly impact a woman's bank account and career trajectory. Women are four times less likely to negotiate than men. Now consider the difference between a woman who

accepts a \$25,000 starting salary and a man who negotiates for \$5,000 more: when they're 60, the man will have made \$361,171 more in salary. And it's not just about money, according to one recent study, employees who negotiate are promoted 17 months earlier than those who don't.

"Lean In for Graduates," the new edition of Facebook COO Sheryl

Sandberg's best-selling book "Lean In," offers recent graduates practical advice for choosing a path, finding a job, negotiating a first salary, and positioning themselves for success at work all through the lens of gender. Here are three tips taken from the book that all graduates, especially women, should know as they transition from school to the workplace:

## Adopt the mantra "Proceed and be bold"

Being bold is especially important for women because they often fear putting themselves out there. "Men will apply for jobs if they think they meet just 60 percent of the job requirements, while women will apply only if they think they meet all of them," Thomas said. Now who's got a better chance of getting that job, the man who applies for it or the woman who doesn't?

Adopt the same principle for opportunities at work. Let your manager know you're interested in stretch assignments and keep your eyes open for projects that will allow

you to make your mark. Shift from thinking "I'm not ready to do that," to thinking "I want to do that, and I'll learn by doing it."

## Negotiate wisely

"You won't get what you don't ask for, so make it a rule to negotiate," Thomas said. "But before you do, understand how stereotypes impact negotiations." Research shows that we expect men to be assertive and look out for themselves, so there's little downside when they advocate on their own behalf. In contrast, we expect women to be communal and collaborative, so when they advocate for themselves, we often react unfavorably.

One strategy to combat this, Thomas said, is to use communal language. As she explains, "women get better results when they emphasize a concern for organizational relationships." For example, you might say, "If I join the team, I will do my best to contribute to its success. It's important that my salary reflects the education and skills that will enable me to do this."

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# Mothers' Day concert to laud Caribbean women

Everybody's Magazine plan a huge Mother's Day fete that will headline some of the Caribbean's best known soca and calypso legends – all of whom will serenade five achieving women and in addition pay tribute to the single day dedicated to women who nurture children.

Billed "Mother We Love You Concert," publisher Herman Hall said women named for excellence by his magazine represent the best of the region and deserve to be feted by some of the best entertainers from the region.

Among the chosen: Denise Donaldson of Grenada, Brenda Harris Ephraim from the twin islands of Antigua and Barbuda, Janet Logan of Jamaica, Gloria Smith of Panama and Vena W. Baker who was born in Panama but raised in Jamaica.

The five women of distinction have all distinguished themselves as independent, successful immigrants who have left



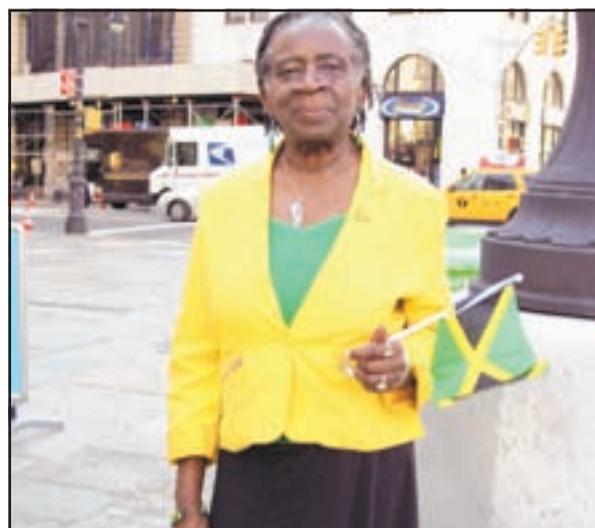
## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

an indelible imprint on the New York landscape. However, on May 10, it will be their mothering characteristic that will place them front and center with the likes of the calypso king and queen – The Mighty Sparrow and Calypso Rose, Singing Sandra, Shadow, King Short Shirt, Braata Jamaica Folks Singers and others. The evening's emcee will be comedienne Susan Kennedy.

I proudly send a special Mother's Day shout-out to Mother Baker. She is a retired registered nurse from Montefiore Hospital but most importantly, my own mom. Born in Colon, Panama, she is known as an advocate of the teachings of Marcus Mosiah Garvey. She is also an avid supporter of the National Action Net-

work (NAN), the United African Movement (UAM) Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC), The Jamaica Progressive League, New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) and many more organizations. I have known her to be a world traveler who has visited a myriad of destinations throughout the Caribbean, Europe, South America, China, as well as landmark locations including Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, Israel and Jerusalem; Egypt, the land of the Pharaohs, Robben Island where South Africa's President Nelson Mandela was confined for more than two decades. She has revisited the continent of Africa many times over stopping into more than 20 coun-



Vena W. Baker.

Photo courtesy of Vinette K. Pryce

tries there but most often her beloved Ghana. She said she is proud of all the visits she made with grand master teachers -- Egyptologist Prof. Josef Ben Jochanon, Prof. Leonard Jeffries and Prof. Asa Hilliard. She was a student of Dr. John Henrik Clarke and remains his advocate and shepherd. She is particularly fond of

Haiti and the legacy of liberation and example the French Caribbean nation has given to the rest of the world. She is most proud of her only grandson Kahlil T. Goodwyn who is the venue manager of Central Park Summerstage.

As Rev. Al Sharpton refers to her, "Mother Baker," I honor and con-

gratulate you.

The concert is slated to begin at 8:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, 1 Campus Road & Hillel Place (near Nostrand & Flatbush Ave. junction).

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## Theater's finest

By Vinette K. Pryce

Now that the best of film, television and music have been publicly lauded with --Oscar, Emmy and Grammy-- trophies, plaques and red-carpet receptions, the last celebrated ceremony is about to hail theater's finest with presentations of the 68th annual Tony Awards. Slated to be held on June 8, the nominations recently revealed the best thespians of 2014 and their productions. Ten new plays opened this season and all are contending with revivals for the highest prize awarded in theater.

A musical received the most nods tallying a lead with 10 nominations for "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder."

Second in numbers only, Neil Patrick Harris' starring role in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" collects eight for his transgender portrayal. He probably will win his own personal Tony in the best actor in a musi-



Actress-singer Audra McDonald. Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Richards Associates

cal category.

Other high scorers include "After Midnight" "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" "The Glass Menagerie" and "Twelfth Night" with seven nominations.

"After Midnight," with its revue of talented dancers and singers who reprise the heydays of Harlem's landmark showplace, the Cotton Club first debuted with Fantasia performing

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## Mother's Day calypso tribute

By John Marrast

The "Legends In Concert Plus/Caribbean Mother's DaySpecial" will be held Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the Boys & Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St., Brooklyn.

SKM Records/Culture BestPromotions and Hometown Studios are the organizers of the concert. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the showbegins at 7:30 p.m.

The legends include Mighty Sparrow, Calypso King of the World; Calypso Rose, Calypso Queen of the World; Lord Nelson, Disco



Grenadian andy Isaac.

Daddy; Brother Mudada, The People's Calypsonian; Randy Isaac, representing Grenada; Mystique, representing Guyana; Betti Mac, representing Jamaica. Plus:

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Newly-crowned New York Vincy New Song Monarch, Dennis Bowman performs at the Matrix Lounge, Brooklyn. Photo by Nelson A. King

## Bowman wins Vincy Song Calypso

By Nelson A. King

After laboring in the calypso vineyard for almost two decades without a crown, Dennis Bowman has finally won a coveted title, beating back 12 challengers, including defending monarch John Dougan, to capture the Vincy New Song Calypso Competition title at the Matrix Lounge in Brooklyn last Saturday night.

"I feel great, and I win it," Bow-

man, 48, told Caribbean Life in a post-show interview after entering the competition for the first time.

"I am very excited about winning the New Song Competition, especially being (that) it was a last-minute decision to enter," added Bowman, who last won a significant title, Soca Monarch in Vincy Mas, in 1997, with "Voom Voom."

"I was very happy to see that the

crowd (was) enjoying the song and my performance," continued the ex-lead vocalist with the bands Energy (five years), Blaksand (11 years) and X-tract (three years).

"This has given me more confidence for the upcoming shows," said Bowman, who placed third in the Calypso Final in Vincy Mas 2013, with "Chatoyer," a song about

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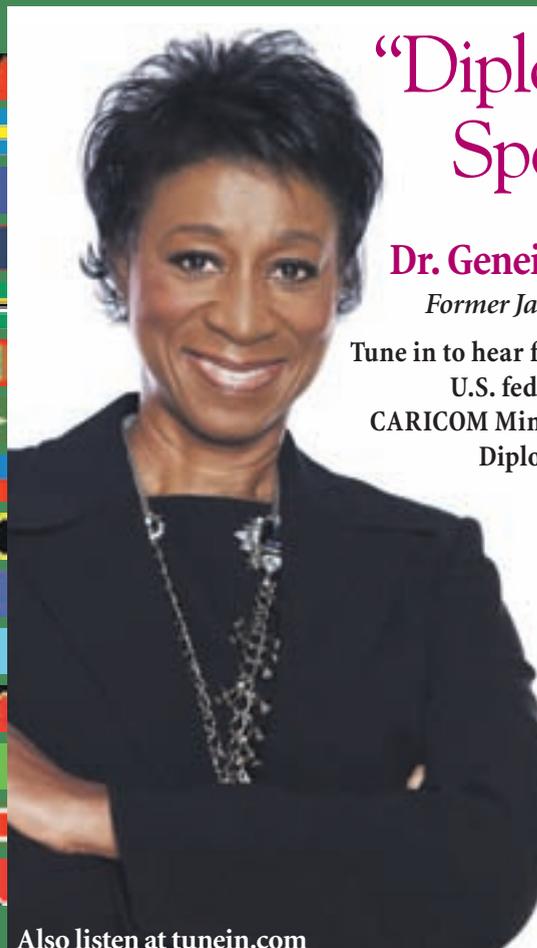
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# Tired trio takes break from domestic duties

**"Moms' Night Out"**  
Very Good (3 stars)  
Rated PG for mild  
action and mature themes  
Running time: 98 minutes  
Distributor: Sony Pictures

**By Kam Williams**

Allyson Field (Sarah Drew) really can't complain. After all, her life is the epitome of the American Dream. She has a handsome husband who adores her and is an excellent provider, too. She has a beautiful home in suburbia and her own minivan for shopping and shuttling around their hyperactive children, Beck (Zion Spargo), Bailey (Shiloh Nelson) and Brandon (Michael Leone).

Yet, she's still overwhelmed by her domestic duties sometimes, especially when Sean's (Sean Astin) work takes him out of town. Consider Mother's Day, for example, which Ally recently spent cleaning

up messes rather than being pampered like a princess.

Not alone in feeling frazzled, Ally hatches a plan with her BFFs, Sondra (Patricia Heaton) and Izzy (Andrea Logan White) to treat themselves to an evening of bowling and fine dining in a fancy restaurant next Saturday, assuming that their hubbies can babysit for a few hours without incident. That erroneous assumption jumpstarts the comedy of errors which ensues soon after Sean and the other hapless spouses (Alex Kendrick and Robert Amaya) do their best to fill-in.

Yet, when a baby turns-up missing, guess who's recruited to join the frantic search party. With the help of a buff biker with a heart of gold (Trace Adkins) and an impatient cabbie (David Hunt) with a British accent, the girls put their getaway on hold as their maternal instincts kick-in.

Co-directed by Jon and Andrew Erwin, *Moms' Night Out* is a wholesome, PG-rated comedy



A scene from "Moms' Night Out."

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that's actually fun for the whole family. It's also a faith-based film, though not heavy handed, ostensibly-designed with the Christian Evangelical community in mind.

By the madcap misadventure's

happy resolution, sanity and safety are satisfactorily restored. More importantly, the wives are no longer taken for granted, but elevated to the lofty status envisioned by William Ross Wallace in

the appreciative refrain "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

A timely testament to motherhood that just might make the perfect Mother's Day gift.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**App** (Unrated) Sci-fi thriller, set in Amsterdam, about a psychology student (Hannah Hoekstra) terrorized by a cell phone app that circulates her secrets, photos and videos over the internet. With Isis Cabolet, Robert de Hoog and Alex Hendrickx. (In Dutch with subtitles)

**Borgman** (Unrated) Jan Bijvoet stars in the title role of this psychological thriller as a hobo who destabilizes the upper-class family that befriends him. Support cast includes Hadewych Minis, Jeroen Perceval and Alex van Warmerdam. (In English and Dutch with subtitles)

**Breastmilk** (Unrated) Lactation documentary extols the health and mother-baby bonding virtues of nursing while shedding light on one of the female body's most remarkable functions.

**Devil's Knot** (Unrated) Fact-based legal drama, set in the Bible Belt, revolving around the efforts of a skeptical private investigator (Colin Firth) to reopen the case against three teens (James Hamrick, Kristopher Higgins and



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Seth Meriwether) convicted of performing ritualistic, Satanic killings of young children. With Reese Witherspoon, Dane DeHaan, Elias Koteas, Mireille Enos, Bruce Greenwood and Amy Ryan.

**The Double** (R for profanity) Jesse Eisenberg stars in this adaptation of Dostoyevsky's classic novella about a nerdy milquetoast whose life is turned upside-down by the hiring of a co-worker who's his spitting image and has all the charm and confidence he lacks. Support cast includes Sally Hawkins, Mia Wasikowska, Gemma Chan, Wallace Shawn and Chris O'Dowd.

**Fed Up** (PG for mature themes, brief profanity and smoking images) Agribusiness expose, narrated by Katie Couric, indicting the food industry for sickening far more consumers than most people realize. Featuring commentary by

Michele Simon, President Bill Clinton and Senator Tom Harkin.

**God's Pocket** (R for violence, sexuality and pervasive profanity) The late Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in this adaptation of the Pete Dexter best-seller as a struggling working-class hero who finds himself stuck with a trophy wife (Christina Hendricks) he can't please, a body he can't bury and a debt he can't pay after his crazy stepson (Caleb Landry Jones) dies in a construction accident. With Eddie Marsan, Jack O'Connell and Bill Buell.

**Palo Alto** (R for graphic sexuality, drug and alcohol abuse, and pervasive profanity) Gia Coppola makes her writing and directorial debut with this coming-of-age drama based on a James Franco short story revolving around a clique of rebellious teens with a knack for finding trouble.

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- 2 **Happy**  
Pharrell Williams
- 3 **Dark Horse**  
Katy Perry Featuring Juicy J ..
- 4 **Talk Dirty**  
Jason Derulo Feat. 2 Chainz
- 5 **Pompeii**  
Bastille
- 6 **Not A Bad Thing**  
Justin Timberlake
- 7 **Team**  
Lorde
- 8 **Best Day Of My Life**  
American Authors
- 9 **Counting Stars**  
OneRepublic
- 10 **Ain't It Fun**  
Paramore

## TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Frozen**  
Soundtrack
- 2 **The New Classic**  
Iggy Azalea
- 3 **Honest**  
Future
- 4 **Nashville: On The Record**  
Various Artists
- 5 **Pop Psychology**  
Neon Trees
- 6 **You Make Me Brave: Live...**  
Bethel Music
- 7 **Testimony**  
August Alsina
- 8 **Crash My Party**  
Luke Bryan
- 9 **Pure Heroine**  
Lorde
- 10 **Rivers In The Wasteland**  
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# Tony Awards

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standards, classics the best in blues and jazz. With a full orchestra onstage Wynton Marsalis is the genius to rotate stars such as K.D. Lang, Tony Braxton and Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds and for a limited engagement Vanessa Williams until May 11.

In the dramatic revival category, Lorraine Hansberry’s classic “A Raisin In the Sun” scores five. Up for a challenge in the Best Revival of a Play category, on this go-round, a Tony nomination eludes its star Denzel Washington. Additional possibilities include one for co-star LaTanya Richardson Jackson who could win in the Best Actress category. Richardson Jackson was the second choice made by producers after Diahann Carroll bowed out from starring in the revival. Anika Noni Rose and Sophie Okonedo are also contenders in the Best Actress For A Featured Role category while Director Kenny Leon is up for Best Director.

A cheering squad for actress-singer Audra McDonald is already



This file image released by Philip Rinaldi Publicity shows Denzel Washington, left, and LaTanya Richardson Jackson during a performance of “A Raisin in the Sun,” at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre in New York.  
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amassing to champion her Billie Holiday reprise. Produced by Irene Gandy, “Lady Day at the Emerson’s Bar & Grill” again puts her front and center in the

Best Actress category. Two years ago, McDonald scored big portraying Bess in the revival of Gershwin’s “Porgy & Bess.” If she wins, McDonald would make

history as the first actress to win a Tony in all four acting categories. She would also emerge the only woman to ever earn six Tony Awards.

# Legends

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Lennox Picou, Garth David, Benji C, Mr. Lonesome and Lani K. (Legend in the Making).

Special guests include Lady Tantalizer, Super Rod, M.C. Susan Kennedy, Oscar Rovell and MC Wassy. The performers will be accompanied by The H-Town Squad.

Mighty Sparrow Calypso King of the World, aka “Birdie.” Sparrow sings a baritone-styled vocal. Born Slinger Francisco, early hits “Jean and Dinah” & “Carnival Boycott.” Sparrow is an 11-time winner of the Calypso Monarch and eight-time winner of T&T Carnival Road March. Born in Grenada, he has become one of the Caribbean’s most successful artists. A recipient of Atlanta’s Key to the City; New York Mayor Ed Koch honored him with the Mighty Sparrow Day in 1983.

Sparrow was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree, Doctor of Letters, from the University of the West Indies in 1988. Birdie illustrates the meaning of the Calypso King of the World in 2014 after a brief health challenge. Hear the



M.C. Susan Kennedy.

maestro sing the classic “A Mother’s Love,” “Sa Sa Yea”...and many other masterpieces.

Calypso Rose, ambassador/diva of calypso music has written more than 800 songs. In 1966, Rose wrote “Fire in Me Wire,” the first calypso ever sung for two consecutive years at a T&T Carnival. In the mid 70s, “Constable Rose” and “Do Dem Back” brought Rose her first gold disc.

# New Song Competition

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the national hero, stating that his triumph was also a “stepping stone” for competing in the finals (in the calypso competition in Vincy Mas 2014).

He said he was also “honored to be the proud holder” of the Soca Devil Trophy 2014, bestowed on the winner of the New York New Song Competition.

Ainsley Primus – founder and chairman of the New Song Competition, as well as president of the Brooklyn-based Dynamite Calypso Tent, the lone Vincen-tian calypso tent in New York – told Caribbean Life that the Soca Devil Trophy is named after a late, former Vincy New York Soca Monarch, who carried the calypso sobriquet “Soca Devil”. His real name was Cyril Lewis.

“I want to thank Level Vibes Production for another job well done,” said Bowman, referring to the organizing group of the New York Vincy New Song Competition, headed by Primus.

Bowman’s rendition, at the Matrix Lounge on Avenue H,

was entitled “To Build Airport,” featuring and depicting “herculean” efforts made by Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves and others in the construction of the nation’s international airport at Argyle.

During his performance, Bowman presented a slide show with images of the prime minister, Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace, chairman of the Argyle International Airport Development Company Dr. Rudy Mathias, among others, as well as excavation efforts in the airport construction.

The chorus, with the audience chiming in, approvingly, runs:

We move mountain to build airport/We fill valleys, change rivers to build airport/We move a church and a cemetery/Just to build an airport fo we.

The relatively large crowd, with New York Consul General Selmon Walters in attendance, roared.

Bowman has been in the finals for the past seven years in the Vincy National Calypso Competition.

# Independent & Foreign Films

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Ensemble cast includes Franco, Emma Roberts, Val Kilmer, Chris Messina and Nat Wolff.

The Rescuers (Unrated) Cross-cultural documentary follows Rwandan activist Stephanie Nyombayire's travels with British historian Sir Martin Gilbert to 15 countries to interview Holocaust survivors as well as the descendants of diplomats who had saved thousands of Jews from the Nazis.

Stage Fright (R for profanity, sexual references and graphic violence) High body-count horror flick, set at a snobby drama camp terrorized by a bloodthirsty slasher who hates musical theater. Starring Meat Loaf, Minnie Driver and Allie MacDonald.

Still I Strive (Unrated) Uniquely-structured documentary interweaves reality with dream images to relate a tale of healing and transformation through compassion at a Cambodian orphanage where child

actors train for a command performance for royalty. (In Khmer with subtitles)

## BIG BUDGET FILMS

Chef (R for profanity and sexual references) Jon Favreau wrote, directed and stars in this kitchen sink comedy as a cook who quits his job at a fancy restaurant in L.A. before returning to his Miami roots to operate his own food truck while reconciling differences with his estranged ex (Sofia Vergara). Cast includes Dustin Hoffman, John Leguizamo, Robert Downey, Jr., Oliver Platt, Bobby Cannavale and Amy Sedaris.

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (PG for scary images and scenes of peril) Animated sequel to The Wizard of Oz finds Dorothy (Lea Michele) venturing back to the Emerald City where she joins forces with a princess (Megan Hilty), an owl (Oliver Platt), a tugboat (Patrick Stewart) and a marshmallow (Hugh Dancy) after she finds the Scarecrow (Dan Aykroyd), Tin Man (Kelsey

Grammer) and Cowardly Lion (Jim Belushi) under the spell of a wicked Court Jester (Martin Short). Voice cast features Bernadette Peters as Glinda the good witch, Tacey Adams as Auntie Em and Michael Krawic as Uncle Henry.

Moms' Night Out (PG for mild action and mature themes) Faith-based comedy about a tight-knit group of housewives in need of a break from their domestic duties who come to regret having their hapless husbands babysit for a few hours. Starring Sarah Drew, Patricia Heaton, Trace Adkins and Sean Astin.

Neighbors (R for crude humor, graphic sexuality, frontal nudity, pervasive profanity and widespread drug use) Ensemble comedy chronicling the frustrations of a couple (Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne) with a newborn forced to live next-door to a rowdy fraternity house. With Zac Efron, Lisa Kudrow and Christopher Mintz-Plasse.

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# SUN KULCHA COMMUNITY EVENTS

## FRI., MAY. 9

**BALLET:** New York Theatre Ballet celebrates 35 years with "LEGENDS" at Florence Gould Hall, 55 East 59th St., NYC. "LEGENDS," the second of two programs in the series Legends And Visionaries, performs at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 (\$20 for students and seniors) and are available for purchase at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling (800) 982-2787.

**CONCERT:** The Center for Traditional Music and Dance (CTMD) and KONGO-Haitian Roots Music, in collaboration with the faculty and students of the spring 2014 intensive course "Haitian Rara in New York" at Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts, present "Rara Panou! (Rara Our Way)," an evening concert of traditional Haitian music, song, and dance. The concert is the culmination of the four-week intensive undergraduate course in traditional music and ethnography. Admission is free. New School Johnson/Kaplan Auditorium, 66 West 12th St., New York, NY.

## MON., MAY. 12

**SITTING EXERCISE:** Join us for a DVD workout that can improve your stability and balance and help you stay mobile from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. It is designed to develop strength and enhance your ability to perform the activities of everyday life, making it perfect for seniors. The class will help increase stamina, develop strength in upper and lower body and improve balance. Use of hand weights is optional. Please let your doctor know you'll be taking part in an exercise class. This event is free and open to the public. 206-20 Linden Blvd. in Cambria Heights, Queens. RSVP: (646) 476-1294.

## TUES., MAY. 13

**PRENATAL PROGRAM:** If you are expecting a baby, join us for seven fun and lively sessions from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Come to class and earn points for baby supplies! And learn what to expect when you are expecting and have the healthiest pregnancy possible. RSVP: (646) 476-1294.

## THURS., MAY. 15

**SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS:** Take advantage of this opportunity to meet one-on-one with Greg Johnson, EmblemHealth's Director of Community Outreach and creator of the Care for the Family Caregiver Program from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Greg has received numerous awards and recognition in health care, family caregiving and service to others. Family caregivers are welcome to meet with him for support and advice. Make an appointment by calling (646) 447-7175.

## SAT., MAY. 17

**BIKE THE BRANCHES:** Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) will host their second annual Bike The Branches event, a one-day bike ride

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## CTMD CONCERT

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through BPL's network of 60 neighborhood libraries. Building off of biking's long history as a central Brooklyn pastime, Bike The Branches will feature 12 unique bike routes, and a range of special events featuring prizes, music, and entertainment. All proceeds from the event will go towards library services, including programming, technology, and collections. A free helmet fitting session will take place on Tuesday, May 13 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at BPL's Central Branch at 10 Grand Army Plaza. Free helmets will be available while supplies last. To register, visit <https://apps.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/btb/>.

## ONGOING SAT., MAY. 3 - FRI., MAY. 23

**THEATRE:** Following the successful, award-winning 2013 co-production of "Detroit '67" written by Dominique Morisseau, Dr. Barbara Ann Teer's National Black Theatre (NBT) and The Classical Theatre of Harlem (CTH) officially announce their second co-production. The famed Harlem arts institutions will produce the 50th Anniversary revival of "Dutchman" by LeRoi Jones (Amiri Baraka). Carl Cofield will direct the revival. This limited engagement production



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of the classic political allegory of the 1960's Black Arts Movement will pay tribute to the great Amiri Baraka and give a retrospective look at the Black Arts Movement as well as relevant current events through Community Engagements that will deepen the theatrical experience of the play. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.nationalblacktheatre.org](http://www.nationalblacktheatre.org) or by calling NBT directly at (212) 722-3800. NBT is located at 2031 Fifth Ave. between 125th and 126th Streets in Harlem.

## PRESENT - SUN., JUN. 22

**ART EXHIBIT:** Pelham Art Center is thrilled to announce the continuation of our Public Art Program, In the Courtyard, with an installation by South Carolina artist Virginia Scotchie on view in our 2,300sq.ft open courtyard from April 26 - June 22, 2014. This colorful and playful installation titled, "Spheres of Contemplation" will consist of 20 ceramic spheres varying in size from 15" - 28" in circumference and 30 - 90 pounds each. These serious yet humorous orbs reference planets, molecules, and atoms on one end of the spectrum and soccer and beach balls on the other. The viewer is invited to move from one sphere

to the other in a flowing and tranquil path or to appreciate the work by sitting on a sphere and becoming part of the installation.

Admission is free and open to the public. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Avenue Pelham, NY 10803, For more information, contact (914) 738-2525.

## FRI., MAY. 2 - SAT., JUN. 28

**ART EXHIBIT:** Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce Big, Fat & Juicy, a group show of large-scale abstraction that pushes the boundaries of the physicality of paint. Paintings and sculptures by four New York-based artists, Emily Noelle Lambert, Dorothy Robinson, Josette Urso and Deborah Zlotzky, combine the deliberate spontaneity found in abstract painting and the inventive possibilities of paint itself, which appear here in lush and expressive ways. Big Fat & Juicy will be on view from with an opening reception, and all-age hands-on workshop on Friday, May 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Make sure to arrive on time to hear the Artist Talk at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham, NY 10803. For more information contact (914) 738-2525.

**FLOOD RELIEF:** Donations are being accepted at the Friends of Crown Heights Center located at 671 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. Donations will also be accepted by Mirtha Colon, a Garifuna from Honduras, who operates Honduras Against Aids out of Casa Yurumein in the Bronx. Casa Yurumein is located at 874 Prospect Ave. in the South Bronx, corner of Westchester Avenue. Checks and money orders are welcomed and should be made out to "SVG Community Inc." Anyone in the Long Island area who wishes to make a donation but cannot drive to Brooklyn, please call (347) 488-4395 to arrange a drop off or to arrange for Colon to pick up the donation. Items needed include medical supplies, non-perishable food, clothes, shoes, candles. Monetary donations can be made in the form of checks or money orders addressed to "SVG Community Inc."

**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. - 3:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday and Sunday by appointment. The Center is currently closed on Saturdays until further notice. The library is located at 2115 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229. To make an appointment, call (718) 230-2292 or (718) 375-3037 ext. 128.

*If you have an event you would like to post in Sun Kulcha, please email your submission to [Caribbeanlife@cnglocal.com](mailto:Caribbeanlife@cnglocal.com). All submissions are subject to a review by the editor.*

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## Waste challenges

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“The EU is saying it will aim for 20-30 percent reduction in emissions by 2030. Science is saying we must peak emissions by 2020” in order to reach the target of less than two degrees global warming, Dr. Sealy said.

“At some point the developed countries will wake up to that and turn back to the one legal, internationally recognised, functioning market mechanism for reducing carbon emissions,” he said.

In the meantime, however, he said, the carbon reduction projects in the region are still bringing the Caribbean many benefits. He pointed out that the increase in renewable energy projects means the energy generation mix is more diverse, making the region more resilient to the effects of natural disasters.

Landfill gas mitigation projects in the region are bringing health and environmental benefits, and projects such as one in

Haiti for improved cooking stoves are resulting in less soot and less smoke that saves lives.

The UNFCCC’s Regional Collaborating Centre (RCC) in Grenada is working to create awareness in the region of current opportunities available to the region through CDM, said Karla Solis-Garcia, the RCC’s team leader.

So far, she told IPS, the RCC has provided support “to at least 60 CDM stakeholders with renewable energy (wind, solar and biomass), energy efficiency (improved cooking stoves, and efficient buildings) and landfill gas technology projects.

The RCC in Grenada is active in 16 Caribbean countries.

Solis-Garcia said the solid waste management sector and electricity sector were particular focuses of the RCC.

The solid waste sector was of particular interest since “Caribbean states share common challenges

on how to deal with waste, considering especially the geographical limitations,” she said. “The waste challenge also represents an opportunity for investors, as emission reductions from landfill gas – methane gas – are significant.”

Regarding electricity, she said, the key issues are “the significant dependency on fossil fuels to generate electricity, the increase of electricity demand, and the potential for renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro and wave/tidal.”

Dr. Sealy said that the region was in a good place with regard to deriving benefit from CDM projects, since it is accepted that failure to deal with climate change means that many islands will cease to exist.

For that reason, he said, countries with obligations under the Kyoto protocol “are quite willing to assist the small islands in any reasonable way they can.” Caribbean islands can, therefore, negotiate for a good price on CER credits, he said, especially if these are from renewable energy projects.

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You may be thinking "What IS going to happen to me if I can't find a solution to my back pain or leg pain?" The answer to your question starts out hopeful. I'll just go to my doctor and he will take care of me. He will know what to do. But then something very odd happens to you. You discover your primary care physician is not really well equipped to handle that job. He or she is very busy treating infections, diabetes, heart conditions and the like, which they are very well equipped to handle. This is very apparent with your resulting drug prescription for Soma muscle relaxers and Norco, Neurontin or any other of the various prescribed pain medications. You then take the drugs soon to feel strangely like you're not altogether "there" or you immediately are sick, feel nausea and vomit the drugs as fast as you swallowed them. When you get sick of that (pardon the pun! I couldn't resist), you go back to your doctor looking for another more appealing treatment. This time it's physical therapy. The thing you already can't do!! You already can't bend over, twist, lift things, and now they want you to do more of it with a bunch of other back pain sufferers! Gimme a break. Now, you've really had it. You try the chiropractor and either you feel better for a little while only to have the pain return, or worse nothing happens at all. Or even worse than that, after your treatment you have **MORE** pain (not because chiropractic does not work...your condition is just too deteriorated or severe). Then you try acupuncture because you read in a magazine it could help pain. You then realize sticking a bunch of needles in you will not magically remove the bulging disc that is smashing your nerve and causing you pain. You try massage as you read on the internet massage may help alleviate back pain...only to be disappointed. You're now beginning to feel desperate. Back to your primary care doctor to tell him about your adventures hoping he will have a different answer this time. He does.



"We can inject pain drugs through a big needle into your spine." You cringe in fear and reluctantly agree at this point. "NOW I will be fixed." Or at least that's what you've been led to believe. You have either no pain relief, some pain relief, a whole lot of pain relief or it makes you have more pain. The second pain shot (oh, yes there will be a second and a third) is usually less effective or not at all and requires another one. You come to the realization that pain shots will not fix the disc bulge or herniation still smashing your delicate nerves causing you pain. Finally, your doctor recommends you see a "Specialist" (Back Surgeon) and he can do risky surgery. If you've read the latest article in the Journal Of American Medical Association\*, you will see surgery patients and non surgery patients turned out the same! Why even do the surgery? Risk of paralysis, death, infections, more pain. No thanks. So. Back to the question. What are YOU going to do if you are stuck between serious back pain or leg pain or surgery? **Great News! A new extremely effective non surgical new back pain treatment is now available in Brooklyn.** If you are suffering from back pain or leg pain,

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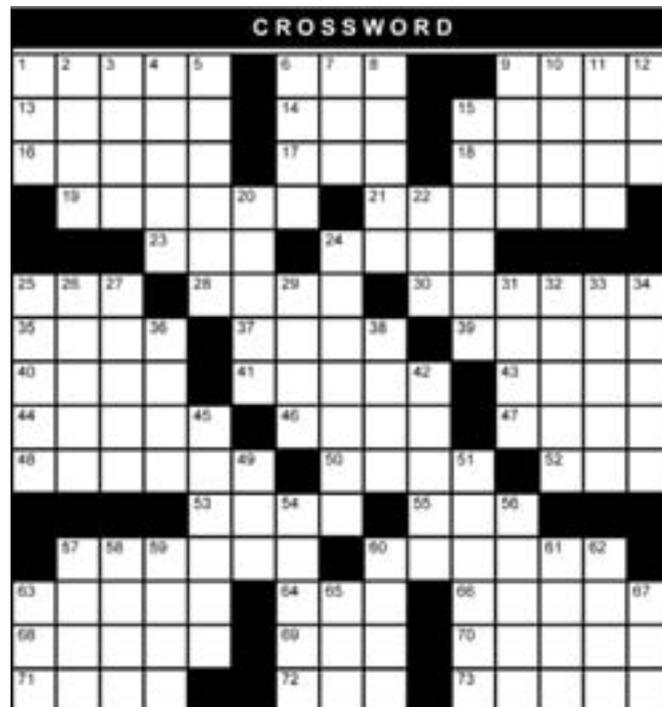
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57. \*The deepest lake
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71. Be dependent
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4. Domains or expanses
5. Type of horse-drawn carriage
6. Creole vegetable
7. "New" prefix
8. Boredom
9. Often done on 4th down
10. Enough, for some
11. End of the line

12. Recipe amt.
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20. Breaks off abruptly
22. Dr. Frankenstein's workplace
24. \*Lake Superior holds this U.S. distinction
25. \*Lake located on CA-NV border
26. Southeast Asia association
27. Active or lively
29. \*Pacific Ocean territory
31. Sidewalk/road divide
32. Nimble
33. Word of mouth
34. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon
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Dent honored  
for tennis

By Robert Elkin

Marvin Dent was recently inducted into the Harlem and Doubles Hall of Fame for his accomplishments and tremendous work that he put into tennis starting many years ago. He is still active in the sport but not on a playing circuit.

"It's nice to be inducted and recognized and I'm very happy about it," Dent said prior to induction ceremonies at the 369th Regiment Armory in Harlem. "I was one of the first coaches in the Harlem Junior Tennis program when Bill Brown first started it. It's a great experience to be (so honored)." He joins 30 other members with names on two plaques (24 on one, and six on the other).

Dent has had a distinguished career highlighted by 30 years of coaching, including coaching the tennis team at City College of New York located in Harlem. He coached in the United States and abroad – international scene- and at every level. Besides college, he worked at various levels, including, the Davis Cup, and various tours.

In addition, he was responsible for the training of the national team in Trinidad, as well as for placing tennis in school systems in the West Indies, organizing leagues and

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Jamaica to host  
cricketers

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Players Association (WIPA) and the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) annual player awards ceremony will be shifted to Jamaica this year. It was held last year in Trinidad and Tobago.

The event is scheduled for June 5, 2014 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston.

The WIPA/WICB will partner in hosting the awards to acknowledge the top performing cricketers in the region for the year 2013.

There will be approximately 14 awards, to include the top male and female cricketers of the year, sectional prizes and the WICB and WIPA will each offer a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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KANSAS  
CITY WINS

Sporting KC midfielder Benny Feilhaber, left, and Columbus Crew midfielder Tony Tchani (6) battled for position on a ball in the second half during the Major League Soccer match at Sporting Park on Sunday, May 4, 2014 in Kansas City, Kansas. Sporting beat Columbus 2-0.

AP Photo/The Kansas City Star, Shane Keyser

## MLS coaching initiative shows success

By Patrick Horne

The MLS initiative to have Americans, particularly ex-MLS players, coach its teams is successful. The latest evidence of the initiative's success was seen in last Sunday's nationally televised Sporting Kansas City-Columbus Crew game. The

contest was an intelligently well-played game, with two Americans, both former U.S. national players from New Jersey working the sidelines: MLS defending champion and host Sporting KC was led by Peter Vermes, while Greg Berhalter patrolled the sideline for the Columbus

Crew. Kansas City won the contest, 2-0.

Vermes and Berhalter aren't just coaches; both are in charge of all soccer operations for their clubs - overseeing player acquisitions and development and in charge of the clubs' youth academies. The

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Columbus Crew defender Michael Parkhurst (4) wrestles Sporting Kansas City forward Soony Saad (22) to the ground while defending a breakaway in extra time in the second half of an MLS soccer match on Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Kansas City, Kan. AP Photo/The Kansas City Star, Shane Keyser

## Major League Soccer

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high standard of play made the game very exciting; the technical skills of the players and the tactics employed by both teams revealed two well-prepared coaches at work, which bodes well for the game in the U. S.

Vermes took over the coaching reins in Kansas City in 2009 and immediately showed his ability to build a successful team. He drafted defender Matt Besler that year, now a starter for the U.S. World Cup team, also later drafted C.J. Sapong, who was the 2011 Rookie of the year and also added defender Aurelien Collin, who was the MLS Cup MVP when Sporting won its second MLS Cup in 2013 in a shootout over Real Salt Lake. This season, Sporting (4-2-2-, 14 pts.) leads the Eastern Conference with 14 points and has given up only six goals, second lowest to Los Angeles Galaxy's five, and has scored 11.

The Sporting coach

learned his soccer in neighboring New Jersey, where he was the New Jersey Player of the Year in high school, which led to before an all-American career at Rutgers University. Vermes went on to play in MLS and ended his career with Kansas City in 2002 after earlier stints with New York/New Jersey MetroStars and the Colorado Rapids. He joined Kansas City in 2000 and helped the team win the Supporters Shield and the MLS Cup that year and was named the MLS Defender of the Year. Vermes parlayed his MLS playing experience into a very successful MLS coaching career.

Berhalter is in his first year with the Crew (3-2-3, 12 pt.) and has led the team to fourth in the Eastern Conference to date. He gained some managerial experience with Swedish club Hammarby IF and at 1860 Munich FC in Germany for two years. He broke into to the MLS coaching

ranks in 2011 with the Los Angeles Galaxy and helped the team to two consecutive Supporters' Shield titles.

The coach was a prominent defender with a stellar career at the University of North Carolina. He embarked on an 18 year playing career that saw him play with the Crew and teams such as Holland Second Division team Sparta Rotterdam and teams in the English League Championship and the German Bundesliga before returning to MLS in 2009 for two years with the Galaxy. He played 44 times for the USA.

Berhalter brought stability to a team with a winning tradition but experienced lean years recently. Columbus won the MLS Supporters' Shield in 2004, 2008 and 2009; won the 2008 MLS Cup and captured the U.S. Open Cup in 2002.

Both Vermes and Berhalter were products of U.S. soccer throughout the different stages of their play-

ing careers from youth soccer in New Jersey, through the college ranks and MLS. Their MLS playing experience obviously played a big part in their current success. Emphasizing coaching opportunities for deserving Americans is crucial to the survival of the game in the U. S. Among other ex-players coaching in the league are Mike Petke (New York), Jay Heaps (New England), Ben Olson (DC United), Pablo Mastroeni (Colorado), Dominick Kinnear (Houston) and Jason Kreis (former Real Salt Lake and now New York FC in 2014).

### MLS ROUNDUP

The New York Red Bulls are winning again as it got past FC Dallas, 1-0, on a Bradley Wright tally. The goal was Bradley-Wright's fifth in three games. Captain Thierry Henry delivered the assist in the 71st minute, and the Red Bulls have now won three of its last four matches for a first-place tie in the Eastern Conference. In Sporting Kansas City's win over the Columbus Crew, Jacob Peterson and Claudio Bieler scored.

Maximiliano Urruti scored in the late stages to give the Portland Timbers a 3-2 victory over DC United and its first win of the season. Real Salt Lake scored three goals in the final 18 minutes to defeat the Chicago Fire, 3-2; the Fire, still winless on the season, got goals from Mike Magee and Juan Luis Anangonó to take a 2-0 lead, but Joao Plata scored twice and Álvaro Saborío once to turn the tide for RSL.

The New England Revolution topped host Toronto FC, 2-1, on Lee Nguyen's winner just before the end. Host Vancouver Whitecaps beat the San Jose Earthquakes, 3-2, to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary; the Seattle Sounders topped the Philadelphia Union, 2-1, and the Colorado Rapids, playing at home, knocked off the Los Angeles Galaxy, 1-0, on a goal by Vicente Sánchez. The Houston Dynamo rolled over host Chivas USA, 4-1.

## Cricket Awards

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WIPA President and CEO Wavell Hinds has said of the partnership: "These awards have been in existence for 11 years and to have the WICB on board again for the second year shows how dedicated both parties are to the best interest of cricket in the West Indies. The region is being encouraged to partner also, as cricket is rebounding and we ought to be able to have the support of the region".

In agreeing that the joint awards ceremony works, WICB CEO Michael Muirhead thinks they two organizations have in common- its players.

Former Jamaican Prime Minister, PJ Patterson, who now chairs the Caribbean Premier Cricket League (CPL) cricket com-



WIPA President and CEO Wavell Hinds. AP Photo/Gurinder Osan

mittee, will give the feature address.

The event precedes the June 8 start of the first Test between New Zealand and the West Indies, scheduled for Sabina Park. It is also the 100th Test for West Indies opener Chris Gayle.

## Marvin Dent

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parents and coaches asso-

ciations. Originally from North Carolina, he never hit a tennis ball until he was in the second year of college while going to football practice and he eventually received his BA from Montclair State University.

He was involved in many aspects of tennis including going to West Africa. He also went to the Caribbean because Arthur Ashe wanted him to help the Trinidadian team. Elaine Williams was from Trinidad.

"Ashe really didn't know what I was supposed to do," Dent recalled. "He couldn't go. It was six or seven months I was there (in Trinidad). In the time there I had to develop and coach the Davis Cup teams and in Trinidad and Tobago organize all the teachers in the country and 200 principals and athletic directors and coaches to initiate tennis in the school system so some of the kids would have an opportunity for scholarships in the USA.

"And I had to organize the coaches so that

they would have a common goal and to develop a patrons group among the parents so that they could develop a league.

"Being on the island and having to play ITF tournaments travelling was such a big deal. One can't learn to play a tournament here and lose in the first round."

Dent decided to develop a neighborhood league within the country just like there was one in Australia. Both turned out to be very successful.

The people in Trinidad wanted to name the league after Dent. Instead Dent told them to name it after Arthur Ashe. Ashe was the reason he was in Trinidad.

At the time they did not compete as one country. They competed as a Commonwealth. They would play in the Brandon Cup and Phillips Cup to see which players among the island countries would represent the entire Commonwealth. Since the Commonwealth was not a member of the ITF, it posed a problem. The ITF demanded that they have a division team from each country.

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# Taylor, Benn may return to Windies Squad

Jamaica fast bowler Jerome Taylor and Barbados left-arm spinner Sulieman Benn maybe be recalled to the West Indies Test squad for the home series with New Zealand starting next month. Both bowlers have performed well during the regional tournament and with their international experience already represented the west indies both players should be called up.



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

### DWAYNE BRAVO WANTS TO RETURN TO TEST CRICKET

West Indies One-Day International captain Dwayne Bravo has public-

ly spoken out against his removal from the Test squad and has shown an interest in returning to Test cricket. This should be a good sign for the West Indies. It is imperative that the West

Indies put up a good showing in this series against New Zealand because both teams are low in standings.

West Indies must have a strong mixed attack in their bowling and some changes must be made to their batting, particularly in the top order. Marlon Samuels must be the new number three batsman and wicketkeeper batsman Denesh Ramdin must go up in the order. He is a fine specialist batsman who has been stifled down the order.



West Indies Sulieman Benn bats against South Africa at a Twenty20 International cricket match in North Sound Antigua. AP Photo/Lynne Sladky file

### STRONG WINDIES BATTING IS REQUIRED

Chris Gayle, Dwayne Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Marlon Samuels and Denesh Ramdin are all quality experienced players and must be able to put up a good showing in the upcoming Test series.

New Zealand batsmen including captain Brendon McCullum are likely to enjoy the Caribbean wickets.

Some very skillful dis-

play of good batting will be required by the West Indies. Darren Sammy's ability as a captain is still questionable especially his use of bowlers. West Indies must

use a mixed bowling attack against New Zealand. Spin and pace must be constant and the West Indies team will have to do some great ground fielding as well.

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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, your thoughts are distant right now, almost as if you're living in a fantasy world. This is creatively beneficial but not so helpful for practical tasks.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, if you're not careful, you could find yourself debating family and friends this week. Instead, try to sit back and listen rather than fostering debate.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, a realization about what is really important to you instills a renewed sense of confidence this week. You will be focused on important things.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, if your finances seem like they are in a state of upheaval, it could be because you have not looked at everything in black and white just yet. Make some changes.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
You come on too strong sometimes, Leo. Those who know you best can handle this approach, but you can scare off potential new friends if you do not ease up.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Be patient and do not demand too much of yourself during the next few days, Virgo. You need to keep your workload light; otherwise, you may get easily overwhelmed.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
This is a time to discover the value of others, Libra. A willingness to try new things and delegate some responsibilities will free up your calendar.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Certain personalities don't always click, Scorpio. Don't feel the need to overcompensate for a strained relationship. Spend more time with those with whom you connect.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Flexible thinking is key, Sagittarius, especially as you face a few new challenges this week. There are some opportunities to reconnect with family later in the week.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
A rush of activity fills your calendar and keeps your phone ringing off the hook, Capricorn. Your challenge will be separating the pressing events from others.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, paperwork has built up and requires more time than you had originally planned. There is no way to avoid this task, but a helper can make it move more quickly.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
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