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Poet, author Maya Angelou dies at 86

By Hillel Italie

NEW YORK (AP) — Maya Angelou, a modern Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen, the printed page and the inaugural dais, died Wednesday, her son said. She was 86.

Angelou's son, Guy B. Johnson, said the writer died at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, Angelou defied all probability and category, becoming one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success as an author and thriving in virtually every artistic medium. The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history. The childhood victim of rape wrote a million-selling memoir, befriended Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and performed on

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President Barack Obama.

AP Photo/Mike Groll

OBAMA DEPORT DELAY

Prez to Homeland Security: 'Delay deport review'

By Nelson A. King

President Barack Obama this week directed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh Johnson to delay until after the summer a deportation enforcement review, officials say.

US officials said on Tuesday that they feared continuing the

review would anger House Republicans and doom any lingering hopes for an immigration overhaul in the U.S. Congress this year, according to the *New York Times*.

The Times noted that the DHS secretary has spent the

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Caribbean

Caribbean Community countries (CARICOM) have condemned the kidnapping of hundreds of school children in Nigeria by members of the militant group Boko Haram last month.

They have joined the international community in demanding the return of the children.

The St. Kitts-Nevis government in a statement described the abduction as “morally reprehensible and has left a gaping vacuum in the entire community of Chibok and has had ripple effects across the nation of Nigeria and indeed the world.

Trinidad and Tobago Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Dookeran said he was pleased that Nigeria “is now seeking support from the outside to help them deal with the abduction issues pertaining to the particular political conflict.”



The Grenada government said it was expressing its “collective disgust about the situation.”

“We are of the view that in a modern world community such barbaric actions must not be allowed to stand,” Social Service Minister Delma Thomas said.

Bahamas Foreign Minister Fred Mitchell said the Bahamas government is joining the international community “in demanding the return of the more than 200 Nigerian girls abducted from their school”.

On April 14, 2014 Boko Haram which means “Western education is forbidden” invaded an all-girl secondary school, then packed the teenagers, who had been taking exams, onto trucks and disappeared into a remote area along the border with Cameroon.

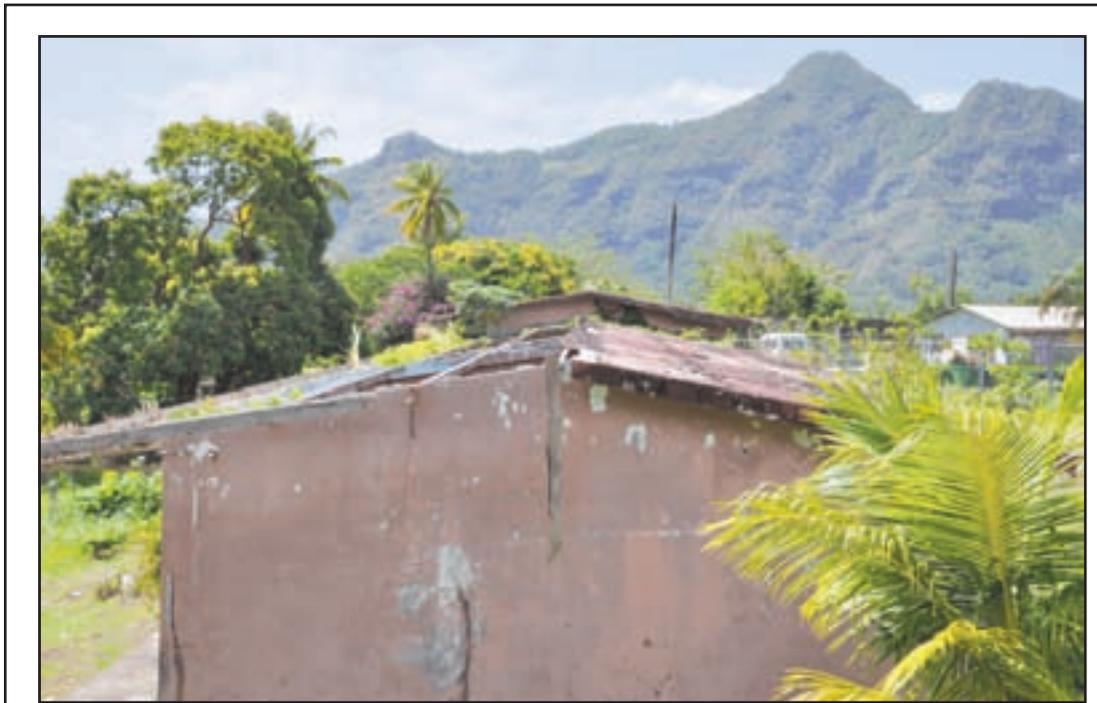
Bermuda

Bermuda Premier Craig Cannonier resigned after a long-standing political controversy that finally came to an end last week-end.

Deputy Premier Michael Dunkley was sworn as the new premier by Governor George Ferguson during a ceremony at Government House



Cannonier issued a statement saying that the so-called “jetgate” controversy and consequent alle-



Hard choices for the East Caribbean

A section of the Green Bay Primary School in Dominica damaged by Hurricane Tomas in 2010. See page 16.

IPS/Desmond Brown

gations had called into question his leadership, the confidence of his colleagues and his support of his party- threatening the going forward.”

Prior to the December 2012 General Election, Cannonier, as the leader of the One Bermuda Alliance, met with wealthy U.S. developer Nathan Landow and other entrepreneurs, who agreed to donate \$300,000 to the party.

It is alleged that Cannonier and two of his colleagues flew to Washington, DC on Landow’s private jet last year.

There is no law that requires political donations in Bermuda to be publicly disclosed.

The opposition Progressive Labor Party (PLP) has called for a mass resignation of the OBA government following fresh allegations over “Jetgate”.

Grenada

A former senior member of the then Grenada ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) led by former Prime Minister Tillman Thomas is getting ready to join the ruling Dr. Keith Mitchell government.

Peter David, a former NDC member got the endorsement of

Dr. Mitchell and senior executive members of his New National Party (NNP).

David convincingly won the Town of St George’s constituency in the 2003 and 2008 general elections, but did not contest the 2012 poll, in which the PNP won all 15 seats.

He was among several NDC stalwarts, who were expelled from the party when delegates at its Sept. 30, 2012 annual convention agreed with a resolution tabled by then Prime Minister Tillman Thomas to have them expelled.

The others included then foreign affairs minister Karl Hood, tourism minister, Glynnis Roberts and trade unionist Chester Humphrey.

Hood is now serving the island’s Ambassador to China.

Guyana

The Trinidad and Tobago-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has ordered Guyana to repay more than US\$6.04 million to a Suriname-based beverage company over an environmental levy it imposed on the importation of

non-returnable beverage containers.

The CCJ ruled that the government also repay to Rudisa Beverages any further tax paid from Oct. 25, last year, to the date of the judgment.

The Suriname-based company, whose products are imported into Guyana and distributed through CID Distributor, the other co-claimant, claimed that the environmental levy under the Customs Act of Guyana did not contain any exemption in relation to CARICOM goods.

It said that the environmental tax had the effect of raising the cost price on each imported container by Guy\$10 and that no similar tax is imposed on local producers of non-returnable beverage company.

It also argued the under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas which governs the regional integration movement, the imposition of the levy must be regarded as an import duty.

Haiti

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

says shipwrecks of boats carrying migrants on the Caribbean Sea from Cuba, Haiti, Dominica Republic and other countries in the region have jumped significantly.

The IACHR report that the latest of those tragedies took place on May 1, 2014 when a boat with 18 Haitians headed to Puerto Rico sank off the coast of Boca Chica, in the Dominican Republic. Of the Haitians aboard the boat, six died and 12 were rescued by the Dominican Republic’s navy.

The tragedy forms part of the more than 20 incidents at sea in various places in the Caribbean in 2014 so far, affecting around 320 people of which 19 drowned and 12 are still missing.



“We call upon all governments to carry out tasks to search for, rescue and intercept migrants at sea to establish appropriate measures to identify persons who may be refugees or have special protection needs for condition of their vulnerability, such as children,” the IACHR said in a statement.

The UN High Commissioner says 440 maritime accidents with boats carrying migrants on the Caribbean Sea have taken place since 2010, affecting 15,190 people, of which 240 have died and 176 others missing.

St. Lucia

Police Commissioner Vernon Francois says while he welcomed the probe into extra-judicial killings by member of the St. Lucia Police Force, he is also hoping it will bring “a degree of closure” to the situation.

The probe was conducted by members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force under the auspices of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS).

The probe was initiated after the United States announced that it was cutting back aid to the police in St Lucia and the Kenny Anthony administration had said the assistance from Washington would remain suspended until the enquiry was held.



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Dr. Vincent Hutchinson.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Vincent Hutchinson

CAMSA to host fundraising golf tournament

By Nelson A. King

The Caribbean American Medical and Scientific Association (CAMSA) says it is hosting an inaugural golf tournament next month aimed at raising funds to support its medical missions in the region.

Dr. Vincent Hutchinson, the group's Barbadian-born president, said the tournament will take place on June 18 at the Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx.

"We want to do a lot more in terms of outreach," the retired pediatrician told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview. "We think the golf tournament will be more profitable.

"We're trying to get some sponsors as well. We've reached out to about a dozen people so far," added Dr. Hutchinson, a retired director of pediatrics at Harlem Hospital.

"If we get 48 people to participate (in the golf tournament), we can make from \$4-5,000 profit," he continued. "It's the first year, we're doing it. Hopefully, in the coming years, we'll get more people to participate."

He said proceeds from the golf tournament, will help, among other things, rehabilitation efforts in St. Lucia, which, with St. Vincent and the Gren-

adines and Dominica, was affected by a freak storm last Christmas.

The group had made monetary contributions to St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the wake of the storm.

"We want to give supplies and to help in the rebuilding of the hospital in St. Lucia," said Dr. Hutchinson, stating that CAMSA, which is based in New Hyde Park, Nassau County, Long Island and was established in 2002, has, over the years, also made monetary contributions to KindestHearts.org, a group in Haiti.

In addition, he said members travel to Haiti annually in providing medical service to rural patients.

Hutchinson said CAMSA has reached out, for sponsorship for the golf tournament, to a number of area businesses, including restaurants and auto dealerships, as well as the insurance company, Health First.

"Our generous supporters have enabled CAMSA to provide a wide range of programs, including health education, via health fairs, conferences and

workshops, health advocacy, charitable initiatives and clinical outreach, through health missions in New York and

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WORD! A Caribbean Book Fest

Celebrating the Magic of the Spoken Word

By Chudi Chukwudi

With tales for all ages to ignite the imagination on authors and storytellers along with publishers, bookstore owners, readers and the literary curious will come together in Brooklyn, NY - the world's largest Caribbean meeting place - for a celebration of the magic of the written word.

WORD! - A Caribbean Book Fest, on Sunday, June 8, brings together three dozen of the most talented and dynamic novelists and poets from almost twenty countries and territories in the Caribbean and its diaspora for an afternoon-long carnival of sound and imagery at the Crown Heights campus of Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Now in its second year, WORD! - A Caribbean Book Fest celebrates the oft overlooked rich and complex literary traditions from the region's cultural landscape.

Presented by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre in association with the Caribbean Research Center at Medgar Evers College, this year's program boasts a stellar roster of seasoned critically-acclaimed wordsmiths as Trinidadian poet, Mervyn Taylor, and talented newer



Ibi Zoboi, author of "A is for Ayiti."

voices as Idrissa Simmonds, a Canadian national of Haitian and Jamaican parentage, short listed for the 2014 Commonwealth Short Story Prize, and Joanne Skerrett (Dominica), short listed for the inaugural Burt Award (2014) for Caribbean chil-

dren's literature.

"We are especially delighted at the having writers who are specifically crafting stories at once firmly rooted in the culture of the Caribbean Diaspora and engage young readers by making their realities central to the

narrative" says E. Wayne McDonald, Caribbean Cultural Theatre, artistic director.

In addition to Ms. Skerrett's, Abraham's Treasure, which introduces us to teenage twins brothers on a frantic hunt for treasure, buried during the days of slavery, other books for teenagers and young adults include Chen Chin's, The Adventures of Flat Head, about finding one's way 'back home', and CJ Farley's hip-hop infused coming of age romp, Game World. Even younger readers will be delighted by the work of children's book authors Ibi Zoboi, A is for Ayiti, Carol Ottley-Mitchell, Chee Chee in Paradise, and Kellie Magnus and her Little Lion series which chronicles the exploits of a precocious lion cub as he takes on some the world's best in track & field and soccer.

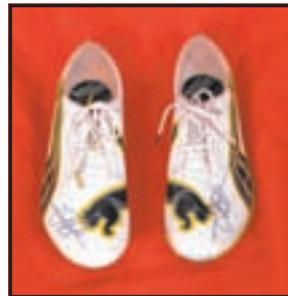
"In a world where we have to compete with so many negative forces for the minds of our young, particularly in the media. We encourage, support and promote wholesome presentations from the cradle to adulthood" says, Dr. Waldba Stewart, Senior Research Fellow, Caribbean Research

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BOLT'S CHAMPIONSHIP SPIKES FOR NY AUCTION

By Dave Rodney

A pair of beautifully handcrafted spikes by Puma that was specially created for world sprint prodigy Usain Bolt and used in his training preparation for the 2013 World Championship Games in Moscow, Russia will go on sale at an auction in New York City on Friday, June 6. The auction will be a highlight of Rum & Rhythms, a signature event hosted by the Caribbean Tourism Organization during the annual Caribbean Week celebration in New York, and the premium event will take place at the posh Tribeca 360 in Lower Manhattan starting



Usain Bolt's championship-winning Puma sneakers.

at 6:30 p.m.

With a bounce from these specially made preparation spikes, Usain Bolt won gold for both the 100m and the 200m taces at this meet as well as winning the

4 x 100m relay for Jamaica. He also took home the title of being the most successful athlete ever in the history of the World Championships.

The spikes are autographed by Usain with one of his two aliases 'UGO' written on them. The teeth and laces were personally inserted by Bolt and they have been worn by only him.

"Usain Bolt is a rare global legend from the Caribbean who continues to make history and to make us proud, and we are thrilled to have his training spikes from the 2013 World Championship Games as a

part of the CTO's Caribbean Week auction," Sylma Brown Bramble, director, Caribbean Tourism Organization USA, Inc. said.

The starting bid is set for US\$18,000 and the auction is a collaboration among the Caribbean Tourism Organization, Dave Rodney, marketing executive at Images Media and the Lay Magistrates Association of Jamaica (Kingston Chapter). The spikes were handed over last year to Norma Brown Bell, former president of the Lay Magistrates Association, and proceeds from the sale will be used for the benefit of charities in Jamaica.

Obama deportation delay

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last two months searching for ways that Obama could legally shield some of the 11 million immigrants in the country illegally, from deportation.

Among the ideas was new guidance for law-enforcement officers to focus on people who have committed serious crimes or who are caught on the border.

While some immigration activists have demanded that Mr. Obama take even bolder actions to reduce deportations, senior White House officials said the president was worried that any action would be viewed by House Republicans as an abuse of executive power. Officials also fear that an action would fuel the already intense Republican opposition to a more long-lasting solution to the country's immigration problems.

"There are a number of folks suggesting that anything that the administration does could become an excuse for inaction in the



President Barack Obama speaks at the commencement address to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point's Class of 2014, in West Point, N.Y., Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Republicans standing between President Barack Obama and an immigration overhaul say the president's move to ease deportations is Exhibit A for why Obama can't be trusted to enforce the law. So Obama is moving to deny Republicans that argument, setting up the GOP to bear all the blame if summer comes and goes with no action on immigration. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh) Susan Walsh

House," said Cecilia Muñoz, director of the White House Domestic Policy Coun-

cil and the president's top immigration adviser. Muñoz said Obama

decided to put off any recommendations arising from Johnson's review of deportation policy, to give lawmakers one more chance to negotiate a compromise on an immigration overhaul, according to the Times.

It noted that the Senate has already passed a bipartisan bill, but that House Republicans have balked, saying it does not do enough to secure the border and goes too far in providing a path to citizenship for people who broke the law to get to the U.S.

U.S. officials, however, said that Johnson would continue to conduct his review, which includes conversations with a variety of interest groups.

But they said he would not present any findings to the president for several months.

"The president has been saying for months that he believes there is a real possibility for action in the House, and that the best window is over the next couple of months," Muñoz said. "We have to keep the pressure on."

Obama had hoped that opposition to an immigra-

tion overhaul among House Republicans would soften after the Republican primaries this Spring, and that the legislators might be willing to compromise before the general election season begins in earnest in September, *The Times* reported.

But it added that Obama's optimism has been tested in recent months as opposition to an immigration overhaul in the House of Representatives has solidified among some Republicans.

In January, Republican House Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio unveiled a set of principles which he said could guide a Republican immigration overhaul, but they were strongly rejected by many of his own members.

Since then, the *Times* said Boehner has repeatedly suggested that there is little appetite among House Republicans for anything like the bill passed by the Senate.

In addition, he has also "mocked members of his caucus for not having the courage to tackle a tough issue like immigration," the *Times* said.

Muñoz said Johnson briefed Obama on his deportation review last week and that the president told Johnson to continue the review but to hold off making any recommendations.

"During this interim, we strongly urge President Obama and his administration to allow for this process to take place before issuing administrative action," said several immigration advocacy groups in a statement on Tuesday. "We believe the president should move cautiously and give the House leadership all of the space they may need to bring legislation to the floor for a vote."

But leaders of immigrant youth groups said they were outraged at the decision to postpone action that was expected to slow the pace of deportations.

"Now they want us to cater to the Republicans' strategy of death-by-delay for immigration reform and continue to put our families at risk," said Lorella Praeli, a leader of United We Dream, a national network of young immigrants. "The time for space has come and gone."



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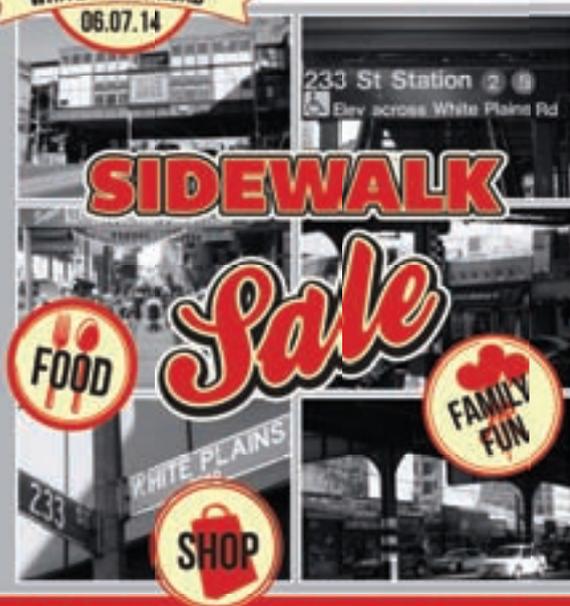
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Maya Angelou dies

Continued from cover stages around the world.

An actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s, she broke through as an author in 1969 with "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading, and was the first of a multipart autobiography that continued through the decades. In 1993, she was a sensation reading her cautiously hopeful "On the Pulse of the Morning" at President Bill Clinton's first inauguration. Her confident performance openly delighted Clinton and made the poem a best-seller, if not a critical favorite. For President George W. Bush, she read another poem, "Amazing Peace," at the 2005 Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the White House.

She was a mentor to Oprah Winfrey, whom she befriended when Winfrey was still a local television reporter, and often appeared on her friend's talk show program. She mastered several languages and



In this Nov. 21, 2008 file photo, poet Maya Angelou smiles at an event in Washington. Angelou, a Renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, has died, Wake Forest University said in a statement Wednesday, May 28, 2014. She was 86.

AP Photo/Gerald Herbert, File

published not just poetry, but advice books, cookbooks and children's stories. She wrote music, plays and screenplays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in the 1977 miniseries "Roots," and never

lost her passion for dance, the art she considered closest to poetry.

Associated Press writer Michael Biesecker in Raleigh, N.C., contributed to this report.



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Selling the souls for a chance to survive

By Nelson A. King

While economically-pressed Caribbean countries are selling citizenship to mostly Middle Eastern, Asian, and Russian applicants as an easy revenue source, reports say abuse of the program is on the rise.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, the twin-island federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, of roughly 55,000 people, grants citizenship in exchange for either a contribution of US\$250,000 or more to its Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation or the purchase of approved real estate worth a minimum of US\$400,000.

"Selling passports is a way for the cash-strapped nation to raise money and has helped transform an economy once dependent on sugar cane," said the paper on Friday. "But, as the program has grown, so have allegations of abuse."

The Monitor noted that just last month the U.S. Treasury Department raised



St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas.

AP Photo/Timothy James, File

concerns that St. Kitts and Nevis had issued passports to three Iranian men who were using the documents to allegedly help Iranian banks launder millions of dollars.

"The negative attention has some calling for better regulations, or even an end to the program," it said.

Nevertheless, the paper said money St. Kitts and Nevis has made from the

program has spurred other countries – from Malta to Bulgaria – to start their own.

In the Caribbean, the Monitor said Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Grenada have followed St. Kitts and Nevis' lead, adding that others are considering similar programs.

Citing economic headwinds, such as lower tourism and high energy prices, the paper said St. Lucia Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony announced last month that he was open to the idea.

"I think we cannot close our eyes [to selling citizenship], because it's an option we may have to consider," it quoted Anthony as saying.

The Monitor said countries that offer economic citizenship do not release the number of applicants or approval rates.

Nuri Katz, president of APEX Capital Group, a US consultancy, estimates that between 15,000 and 20,000 people apply annually for

second passports.

Pushed by political turmoil, or seeking a passport that requires fewer travel visas, the Monitor said applicants come from around the world, especially Russia, the Middle East and Asia.

It said a passport from St. Kitts offers visa-free travel to more than 120 countries.

Dwyer Astaphan, a former St. Kitts and Nevis minister of national security who now works as a citizenship lawyer, estimates the program generates tens of millions of dollars for the country.

But Astaphan, according to the Monitor, conceded that "we don't know where the money goes."

Still, the investment "is an economic vitamin b-12 shot for a country our size," he told the Monitor.

The Monitor said a surge of new countries offering such programs has raised concerns over abuses.

Earlier this week, the U.S.

Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) office advised international financial institutions to more closely review dealings with clients using a St. Kitts and Nevis passport, stating that certain foreign individuals are abusing the Citizenship-by-Investment program to obtain passports for the purpose of engaging in illicit financial activity.

"Financial institutions can mitigate exposure to such risk through customer due diligence, including risk-based identity verification consistent with existing customer identification program requirements," it said.

"FinCEN believes that illicit actors are abusing this program to acquire SKN (St. Kitts and Nevis) citizenship in order to mask their identity and geographic background for the purpose of evading U.S. or international sanctions or engaging in other financial crime," it added.

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Rights to Garifuna

By José Francisco Ávila

Local creative economy development requires a functioning system of intellectual property rights. [1] These rights provide opportunities in several ways, as they regulate ownership, add value and facilitate trade in cultural goods and services, thus benefitting individual creators as well as creative communities. The incentives and rewards they afford encourage investment and the development of sustainable business models, helping to produce lasting economic and social benefits. They give authors and other creators the exclusive right to control the use of their literary, artistic, musical and dramatic works for a limited period of time (subject to certain limitations and permitted exceptions).

As cultural expression is forged by a wide cross-section of society, copyright policies and regulations can facilitate the creation of economic opportunities that penetrate through to the grass-roots level. They are a necessary instrument for the integration of community based creativity into the national and global economy. Intellectual property rights thus enhance the local development potential of culture, notably among the least developed countries.

On July 18, 2013, I wrote an article entitled "Garifuna Music Business: Ichahówarügüti vs Intellectual Property", and I shared that nineteen years after the "Sopa de Caracol" Conch Soup controversy, there were only 35 Garifuna titles registered with the U.S. Copyright Office and only 12 had been

authored by Garinagu. To date, there are 48 and 20, seven new ones since the article and one that was brought to my attention recently, which was registered in 2008! Following is a breakdown by year: 1979 1, 1995-1999 6, 2002-2014 13

The "World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)", one of the 17 specialized agencies of the United Nations, which was created in 1967 "to encourage creative activity, to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world". Intellectual property (IP) is a term referring to a number of distinct types of creations of the mind for which a set of exclusive rights are recognized-and the corresponding fields of law. Under intellectual property law, owners are granted certain exclusive rights to a variety of intangible assets, such as musical, literary, and artistic works; discoveries and inventions; and words, phrases, symbols, and designs. Common types of intellectual property rights include copyrights.

In 2011, the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. sponsored two music symposia, including a workshop entitled "The Business Of Music: Music Copyrights and Music Publishing," presented by Music Business Professor Gary Fritz. I am happy to report that one symposium participant, has registered two copyrights with the U.S. Copyright Office.

A copyright is a form of intellectual property law, which protects original works of authorship including literary, dramatic,

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The presence of pan in the panoply of musical instrument

By Olivier Stephenson

The steelpan – or pan, as it is more widely called – is the bedrock of Trinidad Carnival. It is also an instrument that is part and parcel of calypso and soca music. The instrument's versatility easily lends itself to jazz, R&B, gospel, classical music.

The names Tony Williams, Bertie Marshall and Ellie Manette go hand-in-hand with the instrument's evolution. And apart from Trinidad and other areas of the Caribbean, its impact, since its inception some seventy years ago, the instrument continues to play a major role in the music of the Anglophone Caribbean diaspora.

Fact: the steelpan is only instrument to be invented in the 20th century. And, according to Zahra Gordon in her article, "Steel-Pan Music: It's Origin & History," she posits: "Steelpan, the national instrument of Trinidad & Tobago, has become ubiquitous, with its music being found in numerous commercials for Caribbean tourism, in school programs as close to home as Grenada and as far away as Japan, and even in the song 'P.I.M.P.' by rapper 50-Cent. Yet as popular as steel-pan has become, people seem to know very little about its origins. Many still think that the instrument is a Jamaican invention."

This generally seems to be a veritable chronic problem with the inhabitants of the region. Indeed, the pan instrument, however, is still wending its way toward asserting itself as a more "visibly" recognized instrument in the pantheon of internationally recognized musical instru-

Take solace that pan has an untold future.

ments.

By its very structure the steelpan is an exquisitely beautiful chromatically pitched percussion instrument which is a joy to the ear in its character. Every so often one hears it here and there. But unlike other percussion, it is highly under utilized, in my view.

Where does the steelpan figure today, not so much from a cultural perspective, but more so from an economic standpoint in the wider scheme of Trinidadian, and world musical landscape?

"We can take solace in that the Pan still has an untold future," says Anthony Salah Wilson, a steelpan musician, composer, arranger, educator, scholar and founder of Salah's Steelpan Academy in Quebec, Canada adds: "The meteoric rise of the Pan internationally in the last two decades is evidence of a perceived longevity." Wilson is one of several people who have in the past proposed a ministry exclusively for steelpan in the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. Wilson's essential proposal includes several factors such as: A ministry that must be able to offer "something meaningful to the country, to the population, to the world". A ministry that must, he proffers, "be able to provide a service to the country, to the population, to the world" one that has the ability to "generate finance and contribute to the economic development of the country;"

one that should have a "positive impact on the social status of the population of the country;" as well be able to attract foreign investments and tourism and be able to positively affect the youths of the nation as well as be able to "create jobs and spin off related industries."

Is this a pipe dream? In Jamaica right now attempts are being made through the Jamaica Reggae Industry Association – incorporated on Feb. 3, 2009 – with its primary mission being to represent the interests of its members, with the aim of fostering economic and professional growth while at the same time contributing to the development of Jamaica and its music.

Additionally, its vision also wishes to attempt at uniting all persons and organizations within the music and entertainment industry with the hope of becoming the "most effective trade association" in the island and to provide "superior service" to the music industry.

Ambitious? It ought to be. The time for leaving Square One is way overdue. We are in the middle of the second decade of the 21st century! Trinidad can do it. Trinidad had better do it if wants this the instrument to assume a more solid stance within the vast musical panoply of world musical instruments.

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Unheeded cries coming from the fringes

Without a doubt, whenever another shooting spree claims innocent lives, innocent young lives especially, it's that insane element that we first look upon with disfavor – those who argue unabashedly that a gun-toting citizenry is the preferred way forward for American society. The ease with which advocates of gun rights lunacy have been able to work their will in a number of states does nothing to advance any claim of American society being, here in the 21st century, an enlightened one. But folks championing the rights of Americans to have unhindered access to guns is but part of the problem. It should not obscure or minimize an obvious need for some fundamental rethinking of the kind of attention given to emotional instability, which has so often been at the root of mass-killing episodes.

When the back story to the Sandy Hook tragedy in Connecticut came to light, we learned of a young perpetrator of that unspeakable violence whose behavior pattern was anything but normal. And we learned of a mother who, before she became his first victim that awful morning, ought to have

made authorities aware of her son's unbalanced state...unless she was herself not of sound mind. In the horror that unfolded last week on the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara, the young man who killed six persons and himself had similarly been on a violent-eruption trajectory in which, with fortuitous intervention, another sickening headline would likely have been averted.

Media coverage, including expansive reporting by Adam Nagourney and Ian Lovett in *The New York Times*, revealed a tortured existence as a social misfit that had evidently come to define life in full measure for the 22-year-old at the center of last week's mayhem. Cries for help disguised as sworn commitment to murderous rampage once again eluded the system, the net result of which was college student Elliot Rodger's demons having their way.

That seven lives were lost, not to mention persons reportedly wounded, in Rodger's violent spree was particularly frustrating because of how close authorities came to thwarting the young man's plans for what he called "retribution" against those he held responsible for the life of

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

rejection he knew. Rodger's mother, divorced from his father when their son was quite young, had voiced some concern about his emotional state to folks in the mental health establishment, which prompted a visit in April to Rodger's apartment by a crew of law enforcement officers. In the chilling video Rodger posted that spelled out his planned rampage, which authorities would discover only after it was too late, he added this entry after the cops had come by to check him out: "If they had demanded to search my room, that would have ended everything. For a few horrible seconds I thought it was all over." The police would say, following the carnage, that their interview of Rodger gave them no reason to think a search of the apartment (where weapons and ammunition had been stockpiled) was warranted.

Maybe it's simply 20-20 hindsight, or maybe not. But there's something that seems not alto-

gether right about mental health authorities cueing cops to go assess the emotional state of someone considered likely to snap by at least one source close to him. One appreciates the need for law enforcement personnel to be involved in any effort to come up with a good read on someone who possibly may be dealing with emotional issues, given the unpredictability such a scenario presents. The non-inclusion of at least one mental health professional in the group doing such an evaluation is more difficult to fathom.

Apart from the shouting both sides of the gun debate do after each shocking gun violence episode breaks into the news, what's invariably heard is that greater attention must be paid to the mental health area to curtail the many instances of binge violence revealing persons in need of help who slipped through the cracks. In truth, if some of us look askance at pronouncements from the gun crazies of that sort, it's with abundant justification. How else but with less than a pinch of salt should we take any such utterance from folks so vehemently opposed to a common-sense measure like background checks for firearms

purchases?

Last week's eruption in California gave us as graphic an illustration as we might desire of how easily any of us could become ensnared in the twisted thought processes and designs of common or garden folk in the mix. Elliot Rodger had roommates whom he despised, according to the documentation he left behind. Did they not get enough of a sense, from that extended close proximity, that he exhibited too much oddball behavior to engender trust or to be entirely comfortable with him around? And did the police officers handed the responsibility to determine where this guy's head was, not think it productive to talk to his roommates?

They talk mainly about increasing funds allocated for mental health when events swing the national conversation that way. At government level there are already some modest steps in that direction we've heard of. But even absent huge infusions of cash, there's clearly more that should and presumably can be done, hopefully without much political agitation, toward having a better handle on addressing our awesome mental health challenges.



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self, which is called a "poor man's copyright." However, according to the U.S. Copyright Office, there is no provision in the copyright law regarding any such type of protection, and it is not a substitute for registration.

Therefore, if the Garifuna Community wants to take advantage of the incentives and rewards afforded by intellectual property

rights to encourage investment and the development of sustainable business models, Garifuna authors and other creative must continue to increase copyright registrations. As professor Fritz emphasized during the Symposium "If you don't take care of your business, your business will not take care of you!"

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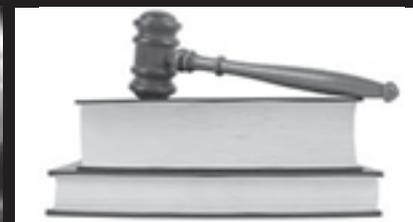


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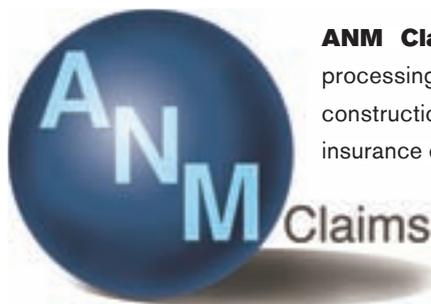
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The Jamaican investigators were conducting the independent probe into 12 extrajudicial killings dating back to 2010, during which period there were claims that local officers had a "hit list" of criminals who were being targeted.

Suriname

Suriname's President Desi Bouterse is making another effort to have dismissed the jail sentence and conviction imposed on him in absentia by a court in the Netherlands.

His attorney, Inez Weski said his client has filed an appeal against an 11-year jail term handed out by the court in the Netherlands in 1999.

She said that Patrick van L, the Belgian who had given incriminating statements against Bouterse has since recanted his story and for years has tried to clean the president's slate.

Weski said Van L. was under pressure when he incriminated Bouterse. The attorney said the Prosecutor's Office had ordered him a lesser sentence for his involvement in the 474 kilos of cocaine that was intercepted in the Netherlands in 1997, if would help them build a case against Bouterse, the former army sergeant who rose to power following a 1980 coup.

The 1999 sentenced was read in The Hague in his absence, was the result of the so-called Co-Pa investigation, in which a Dutch intel-

ligence unit unearthed the drug link between Suriname and Colombia.

Bouterse was democratically elected president of Suriname in 2010.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago nationals may be able to travel without a visa to the European Union (EU) by April next year.

Recently, the European Council approved an amended list allowing citizens from 16 countries - including Trinidad and Tobago - to be exempt from the visa requirement when traveling to the Schengen Zone.

The Schengen Zone comprises 26 European countries (mostly part of the EU) that have abolished passports or any other type of border control in between their common borders.

"The exemption will only come into force when bilateral agreements on visa waivers between the EU and the respective country have been concluded in order to ensure full reciprocity," the EU said in a release.

"The regulations that open for the visa waiver for Trinidad and Tobago have been done. So from our side it becomes effective, but it really becomes a reality only when we sign an agreement with Trinidad and Tobago. To sign an agreement we have to finalize negotiations, which being an international agreement it is based on reciprocity," the EU said.

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Forced to choose between hunger and safety

By Desmond Brown

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, May 21, 2014 (IPS) - Climate change is forcing the nine-member Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to choose between expending scarce resources to deal with its impact or other pressing development goals.

"There is a very thin line between consumption and conservation...progress and protection," Grenada's Environment Minister Roland Bhola told IPS. He explained that countries still have to fulfil the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which include reducing poverty and hunger, while dealing with the impacts of climate change.

But there is a flicker of hope for these countries. The European Union (EU) has signed a financial agreement for 39.5 million East Caribbean dollars for a project designed to improve the sub-region's natural

resource base and its resilience to impacts of climate change.

The OECS consists of the islands of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat, Anguilla and the British Virgin islands.

Head of the EU delegation to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, ambassador Mikael Barford, has acknowledged that this is a "very vulnerable region" and that the project is a reflection of Europe's commitment to support climate action in developing countries.

"The Caribbean is one of the most disaster-prone regions in the world but we tend to ignore the threat that could occur as a result of the impact of climate change..."

"On your doorsteps, scientists are warning that your 62-square-mile [161-square-kilometre] sister island of

Barbuda is becoming one of the most vulnerable spots due to the consequences of climate change," he told IPS.

"Already there is accelerated erosion taking place because of the rise in sea levels and it's estimated that if this continues, a third of the island could be lost."

Antigua and Barbuda, the only country in the OECS to have appointed an ambassador for climate change, has had more than six hurricanes of various intensity over the last 20 years.

Antigua and Barbuda's ambassador Diann Black-Layne told IPS: "Climate change is impacting our country."

She said that many small island developing states (SIDS), were suffering percentage losses of their GDPs because of the impact of climate change.

"We've had extreme weather, variation in rainfall, significant flooding and

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Taking their business to the next level

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Tiffany Washington (left) and dessert stylist Jo-Laine Duke-Collins.

I&M Pastry Studio

By Chudi Chukwudi

Pastry designer Tiffany Washington and dessert stylist Jo-Laine Duke-Collins are the masterminds behind I&M Pastry Studio (also known as Ilene Miriam Pastry Studio). Creating breathtaking custom artisan pastries and stylish dessert tables, these two young Brooklyn moms have made a lasting impression on New York

City!

From elaborate weddings to celebrity birthday parties, I&M Pastry Studio has done it all. They have now set up shop in Prospect Lefferts Gardens with their custom sweets, beverages & more!

“Our dream has finally come true!” I&M Girls, Tiffany & Jo-Laine proclaim.

“Due to the overwhelming

demand for I&M cakes and pastries, it is time to take our business to the next level. We’ve outgrown our home kitchen and are completely over shared kitchen rental fees. Honestly, we just want to create great cakes and treats for great people in a great space!

“So today we come to you to share exciting news! After countless brainstorming sessions,

journals filled to the max with research, and most importantly stepping out on faith,” I&M Girls stated. “I&M has finally solidified a Brooklyn storefront location in Prospect Lefferts Gardens! We couldn’t have picked a better location! Brooklyn is ready for a place where you can grab a coffee and a sweet treat on the go, meet with

We’ve outgrown our home kitchen and are completely over shared kitchen rental fees. Honestly, we just want to create great cakes and treats for great people in a great space!

clients and enjoy our free wifi, order some custom treats for your birthday, enroll in exciting cake decorating classes, have a consultation for your wedding cake or just relax with a nice drink after work! IM Pastry Studio is here to fulfill your sweetest needs.”

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FOODS MAY TRIGGER MIGRAINES

Many factors, including food, can contribute to the onset of migraine headaches. However, migraine headaches remain a mystery to migraine sufferers and medical professionals alike. Researchers have studied the effect of foods on the genesis of a migraine, and some foods have proven to be repeat offenders when it comes to triggering the headaches.

Chemical components of certain foods may play a role in why they cause headaches to occur. The effect certain foods have on the body may also be instrumental. For example, alcohol tends to thin the blood, which can increase blood flow to the brain. Furthermore, alcohol is a diuretic and can dehydrate the body, another headache trigger. Although everyone reacts differently to alcohol, whiskey, red

wine, champagne, and beer are the most common alcoholic migraine triggers.

Tyramine

Foods that contain tyramine may also trigger migraines. Tyramine is a naturally-occurring compound often present in many plants and animals. It can also form from tyrosine — an amino acid found in a variety of foods — when those foods are fermented, or start to decay. Tyramine can have effects on the adrenal gland, which triggers the “fight or flight” reaction in the body. This elevates the heart rate, increases blood pressure, and increases the amount of adrenaline and other substances in the blood. All of these factors may trigger a migraine.

Aged cheese, preserved meats, and other items that have been fermented are

prime sources of tyramine. They can be reduced or avoided if it seems these foods play a role in migraines.

Additives

Chemical additives may be used in foods to preserve freshness or modify flavor. Some people report headaches from monosodium glutamate (MSG), but there is no definitive research linking it to headaches. However, heavily processed foods may affect people who suffer from migraines in different ways.

Cured and processed meats, such as hot dogs and sausage, will contain additives. Additives are present in many convenience foods, such as frozen and packaged dinners, as well. Processed cheese may have additives as well as high levels of tyramine, making them a

double threat.

Whenever possible, migraine sufferers should limit processed foods and choose fresh foods to minimize exposure to chemical additives.

Other triggers

There are other foods beyond those with tyramine or additives that may trigger headaches as well.

Dairy products are often a

cause of allergic reactions in people. Dairy may contribute to the overproduction of mucous in the sinuses, which can create pressure and lead to migraines.

Published surveys have found that after cheese, chocolate, alcohol, bananas, and citrus fruit are the most common triggers of migraines. These foods may influence the release of serotonin, causing constrict-

tion and dilation of blood vessels, or directly stimulate areas of the brain such as the trigeminal ganglia, brainstem, and neuronal pathways. The result is a propensity for migraines.

Caffeine products are triggers for some people, while others find caffeine helps them find relief. That is why caffeine is sometimes paired with a pain-relief medication for faster efficacy.



Another sinus headache? Not so fast!

Your nose is stuffed up, pressure is building in your face, and you have a pounding headache. Your mother calls and you tell her you have another sinus headache. But do you?

Each year, millions of people report having a sinus headache. While a person may be experiencing symptoms like those of sinusitis and also have a headache, it does not necessarily mean they have a sinus headache.

“The fact is, sinus headache is an uncommon occurrence that affects a small percentage of people,” says Dr. Curtis Schreiber, a

headache specialist. “The confusion comes from prematurely assigning symptoms like congestion and facial pain to sinusitis instead of considering the other medical conditions that can produce the same or similar symptoms.”

If not a sinus headache, then what?

“Many of these patients are actually experiencing a migraine headache, which can produce sinus-associated symptoms such as nasal congestion,” confirms Dr. Schreiber. “Since people tend to know very little about migraine, they are unaware of its similarities to sinusitis.”

Migraine is a real medical condition that can be treated with appropriate medicines. Symptoms of migraine vary by person, and one migraine may exhibit different symptoms from another. Migraines include some of the following symptoms:

- Pain on one side of your head.
- Moderate to severe pain.
- Throbbing pain.
- Worse pain when you move or bend over.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Sensitivity to light and sound.
- Aura (flashing lights, visual

disturbance).

Migraines don’t always include such classic symptoms as auras. According to the American Migraine II Study, only about 24 percent of people previously undiagnosed with migraine experience aura.

In addition to the symptoms listed above, migraines can also have symptoms that overlap with other kinds of headaches. Migraines are sometimes mistaken for “sinus headaches” because:

- Migraine pain can be felt on the face, around the eyes, or in the sinuses.

Relaxation techniques to calm your nerves

Headaches can often be brought on by stress. Since 2007, the American Psychological Association has commissioned an annual nationwide survey to examine the state of stress across the United States and understand its impact. The 2013 survey found that people continue to experience what they feel are unhealthy stress levels, with 42 percent of adult respondents reporting that their stress levels have increased over the past five years. In addition, 44 percent of survey respondents feel they aren't doing enough to manage their stress, painting a potentially troubling future for people who cannot find better and healthier ways to manage their stress.

Many people unfortunately regard stress as an inevitable side effect of adulthood, it's important to avoid characterizing stress as simply a byproduct of a difficult or successful life and career. Even momentary stress, often referred to as "acute stress," like the kind that appears when stuck in a traffic jam, can

have a potentially devastating impact on overall health. According to the American Institute of Stress, acute stress causes an increase in heart rate and stronger contractions of the heart muscle, and some medical professionals have suggested there is a link between repeated episodes of acute stress and heart attack.

Regularly using relaxation techniques to reduce stress can help to counteract the effects of long-term stress, which the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine notes can contribute to depression, digestive disorders, headaches, high blood pressure, and insomnia. Here are two popular techniques that may help relieve stress in a healthy way:

Meditation

There are many types of meditation, but in general people who meditate employ certain techniques when meditating. These techniques may include maintaining a specific posture or finding a quiet, distraction-free location to meditate. Many choose to recite a positive mantra that they repeat throughout their session.

Research has suggested that routine meditation sessions can alter the brain's neural pathways and make a person more capable of combatting stress.

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Yoga

Yoga has grown increasingly popular in recent years, and much of that can be traced to the multitude of health benefits that have been linked to this typically low-impact practice of the mind and body.

Studies have suggested yoga is effective at lowering heart rate and blood pressure and can even relieve anxiety and depression. Those are beneficial side effects for sufferers of stress, which over time can contribute to high blood pressure and arrhythmia (abnormal heartbeat) and even cause people to worry too much about minor things or suspect bad things are about to happen.



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GET THE FACTS ON MIGRAINE HEADACHES

Headaches are a common response to stress, but migraine headaches are a type of headache that seem to be a unique breed. Migraines cause significant pain and are often accompanied by other symptoms that make them particularly bothersome.

Much is not understood about the cause of migraines, but environmental factors and genetics seem to play a role. According to The Mayo Clinic, migraines may be caused by changes in the brain stem and interactions between this part of the neurological system and a major pain pathway called the trigeminal nerve.

Imbalances in brain chemicals, including serotonin, may trigger the formation of neuropeptides, which travel to the outer covering of the brain known as the meninges, causing pain. The World Health Organization estimates that more than one billion people will get a migraine at some point in their lives.

Women are more prone to migraines, possibly due

to hormonal fluctuations. In fact, many migraines are triggered by certain situations or conditions. Menstruation is a common trigger of migraines. Here are some other common triggers:

Stressful situations may cause both mental and physical responses in the body, which can trigger migraines.

Stress: Stressful situations may cause both mental and physical responses in the body, which can trigger migraines.

Foods: Caffeinated products, monosodium glutamate, alcohol, aged cheeses, and even salty foods can bring on a migraine in some people.

Environmental changes: Migraines may be triggered by the weather and changes in barometric pressure.

Sights, smells, and sounds: Perfumes, unpleasant aromas, bright sunlight, or even loud noises may be

the causes of migraines in some people.

Medications: Some medicines, such as nitroglycerin, are known to cause migraines.

Symptoms of migraines

When a person has a migraine, he or she is likely to report a throbbing pain on one side of his or her head. But the pain may be on both sides of the head, too. Also, the pain may switch sides and doesn't necessarily have to occur on the same side each and every time a migraine occurs. Many people report blurred vision, tunnel vision, or a temporary blind spot as part of the symptoms of a migraine. Sensitivity to light is common, as is accompanying nausea. For some the nausea is so severe it leads to vomiting.

Some people find they are able to predict when a migraine is coming. Seeing stars, zigzag lines, or bright spots and colors called "auras" can often be warning signs that a migraine is coming on.

Get to the bottom of painful headaches

Headaches cannot all be traced back to the same cause. Recent scientific research has determined that headaches may be the result of several factors, and that not everyone experiences headaches in the same way. This can make finding headache relief a bit more challenging.

Diet, physiology, and individual lifestyle and habits can all play a significant role in headaches. Scientists used to believe

that headaches were the result of the dilation of blood vessels in the nervous system. The tension created pain and the subsequent relaxation caused throbbing. While blood vessels may play a role, they're not the single cause of headaches. Here is a look at the more common types and triggers.

Migraine

It is estimated that eight

percent of all headaches are migraine headaches. Migraine headaches result from a combination of blood vessel enlargement and the release of chemicals from nerve fibers that coil around these blood vessels. During the migraine, the temporal artery just under the skin on the temple enlarges. This causes a release of chemicals that cause inflammation, pain, and further enlargement of the artery.



Migraines may be preceded by warning signs, such as sensitivity to light, flashing lights, nausea, and tingling.

Migraine triggers can result from a number of things. Smells, lights, foods, allergies, and other

environmental factors can cause a migraine. In general, treating migraines involves prophylactic therapies designed to avoid triggers. Anti-inflammatory medications also may be used once a migraine is in full effect.

Sinus

Blocked sinuses (air-filled pockets around your eyes, nose, and cheeks) generally cause a throbbing headache known as a sinus headache. It is located in the front of your head and face. Cold or damp weather can exacerbate sinus headaches, as can bending over.

Treatment of sinus conditions, such as using a decongestant or irrigating the nose, can help alleviate a sinus headache.

Climate change

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our waterways are not able to cope with the climate as we know it.

"Antigua and Barbuda is known as a dry weather country and so we design our homes, our roads and our lives around that reality. But today it's getting worse and we experience flooding that Antiguan never knew or experienced before," she added.

Black-Layne, who is also the chief environmental officer here, explained that the authorities have undertaken many initiatives in planning for climate change but did not have the funding for adaptation measures.

"Starting in 2016, just to get prepared to adapt to climate change, we will need to spend 40 to 50 million East Caribbean dollars a year," she said.

"Political will is not what we lack here in Antigua and Barbuda. We lack financing and low cost financing which is something that we are now working on aggressively."

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Baldwin Spencer, who is the present chairman of OECS, boasts of an outstanding record on recognising the importance and taking action on climate change.

But he said Antigua and other SIDS face challenges

originating from their small size and economies, geographical location, limited infrastructure and high vulnerability to environmental disasters.

Spencer said these challenges are exacerbated by the projected impacts of global climate change coupled with increasing competition for limited resources, which combine to erode the ability of member states to meet their development aspirations on a sustainable basis.

"This reality was manifested between the evening of Dec. 24 and the morning of the Dec. 25, 2013 when severe rains and high winds impacted significantly on the islands of St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and to a lesser extent Dominica, resulting in dozens of lives lost," Spencer told IPS.

The government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines declared a national level two disaster. In its rapid damage and loss assessment of Jan. 16, it reported total damages and losses of at least 279.3 million East Caribbean dollars, equivalent to 15 percent of the country's GDP. Most of the damage sustained was in the infrastructure sector, placed at some 97 percent; followed by the social sector, three percent.

St. Lucia's post disaster

needs assessment estimated that the total impact on the economy was at 224.7 million East Caribbean dollars in damage and losses to physical assets.

"While this represents a moderate 6.3 percent of GDP, the severe infrastructure, environmental and social fallout, coupled with the cumulative effect from the recent 2010 battering by hurricane Tomas means that in reality the impact was significant," Spencer said.

In its most recent fifth assessment report, the Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change stated that it has long been recognised that greenhouse gas emissions from small islands are negligible in relation to global emissions but that the threats of climate change and rising sea levels are very real to small islands.

"There is no doubt that on the whole the impacts of climate change on small islands will have serious negative effects especially on socio-economic conditions and bio physical resources including the land," Spencer said.

The number of hurricanes passing through the

Caribbean has risen from about five percent in the early 20th century to more than 25 in part of the 21st century.

"One study prepared for the World Bank estimates the potential economic impact of such related climate change on CARICOM [Caribbean Community] countries could be as much as 10 billion dollars," he said.

The EU funding is being made available through its Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) project.

In the Caribbean, the GCCA is active in Jamai-

ca, Belize, and Guyana as well as within the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre.

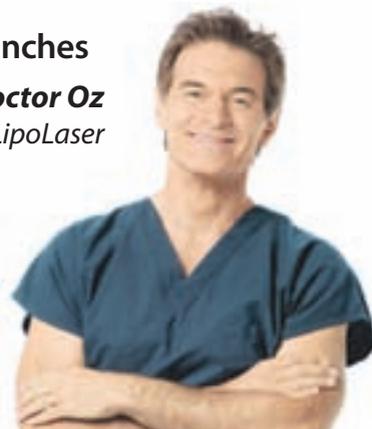
Barford hopes the project will strengthen the bonds between the EU and the OECS countries in the joint efforts in international climate change negotiations.

"There is clear evidence that climate change is having an effect on the region," Barford pointed out. He said that only recently, two OECS member states, St. Lucia as well as St. Vincent and the Grenadines, signalled that they had severe water problems.

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NYC Summer Stages with Luciano, Chronixx

June signals Black Music Month, Caribbean Heritage Month and for a majority – summer. Although the likelihood of daily sunshine, cool afternoons and fruity beverages add to the allure of the season, in New York City the bonus comes with a myriad of free outdoor concerts and big-name talent to sweeten the treats. The 36th season of BRIC's performing arts festival in Prospect Park kicks-off on June 4 with Janelle Monae to start Celebrate Brooklyn's annual free concert series. The stellar talent will not only celebrate the season and borough she will be first to entertain the huge crowds sure to continue Brooklyn's most acclaimed summer series. Perhaps the biggest name from the Caribbean headlines Luciano for the June 28 concert at Prospect Park Bandshell. Slated to begin at 7:30 p.m., the free concert promises the roots reggae singer who will deliver "soulful, spiritual messages...that feel pulled



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

straight out of gospel."

Also known as Jepther McClymont, the Manchester, Jamaica –born singer who chose the moniker in reference to opera star Luciano Pavarotti returns to the city to deliver his Rastafarian sentiments. Acclaimed in reggae circles, the prolific Jamaican is renowned for up-liftment music he has recorded and released on 40 records since his 1995 landmark CD release of "Where There Is Life."

Regarded for imparting lyrics "steeped in profound lyrical salvation, edification, and humanitarian" concerns Luciano's fans will make this a park date and perhaps the one significant summer music session.

On an evening billed in tribute to the beloved com-

munity activist Faybiene Miranda, powerhouse singer Sandra St. Victor, founding member of the legendary NYC band The Family Stand will open. Now living in Amsterdam and fronting her group Oya's Daughter, Sandra St. Victor is returning stateside to pay tribute to the woman who inspired her to perform. Miranda was a powerful inspiration to St. Victor and countless others; this tribute will feature students from the Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy which Miranda ran in Brooklyn until her passing.

Later on in the season, Celebrate Brooklyn promises carnival with Kes on Aug. 2 at 7:00 p.m. Prospect Park will get a tropical blast of bacchanal, heat and revelry as Trinidad's Kes -- a band of brothers that has taken

the soca world by storm with hits like "Wotless" and "Tuesday on the Rocks" brings its "bigger, better, crazier, sexier" island pop sound to Brooklyn.

An Afro-Caribbean party also bills Curacao's Kuenta j Tambu (KiT) to add frenzy with an explosive cocktail mixing of club beats from its Amsterdam home. Deejay Dr. Wax will spin soca/calypso classics. To compound the revelry, Steel sensations will warm up audiences.

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In Manhattan's Central Park the 'Good Morning America Summer Concert Series' already began the Friday morning live broadcast concert series which airs on channel 7. Lady Antebellum drew the first crowds to the Rumsey Playfield where the annual Summerstage Concert Series offers free entertainment featuring spoken word, dance and music. The GMA Friday concerts will spotlight 50 Cents, Robin

Thicke and Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and a long list of celebrated singers and musicians until August.

Rapper 50 Cents will rap live on the mic on May 30.

The June line-up at Summerstage will also feature a Tribute to Frankie Knuckles on 6/22. The 7:00 p.m. event will pay tribute to the legendary deejay who recently died.

The series heats up on July 26 with the only Caribbean-billing booked for the series. Reggae fans will appreciate the arrival of Jamaica's Chronixx & The Zinc Fence Redemption to the Rumsey Playfield on that date. Slated to begin at 3:00 p.m. the line-up will also feature Junior "One Blood" Reid, The Rice and Peas Crew and the Large Up Federation Sound

Chronixx was the 'stage' name bestowed by friends on a performing artist who called himself 'Little Chronicle.' He felt he had inherited that moniker because his father was already popularly

known as the artist Chronicle. Born Oct. 10, 1992 his given name at birth was Jamar Rolando McNaughton. His father, a musician, recognized his talents and nurtured him in an environment in which he could grow into whatever area of music he chose. Always accompanying him to the studio, Jamar grew up around the likes of Burro Banton, Norris Man and the legendary Gregory Isaacs. With a big smile and an engaging personality, he confidently set out to make his mark in music, by writing his first song 'Rice Grain' by the age of five and going on to be choir director and worship leader at 11. At 14 years, he started producing and 'building riddims' for artists such as Konshens and Munga Honorable and composing riddims such as the 'Freezer Riddim' for Icebox Records and voicing artistes such as, Popcaan for Maverick Records.

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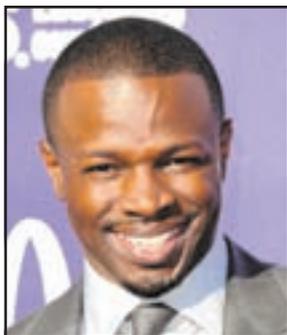
By Tangerine Carke

Award winning television and screen actor, Sean Patrick Thomas said a disciplined Guyanese upbringing definitely moulded him into the person he is today.

"My family lived in Wilmington, Delaware where we were considered different in our neighborhood because we were the only black people, who were Guyanese," said Thomas, whose success brought him to the bright lights of Broadway in the role of Asagai in a "Raising in the Sun."

This is the same play that got Thomas noticed at the University of Virginia, his alma mater where he was encouraged to take up acting by his drama teacher.

"We have a great ensemble cast, and when I walk off the stage after the show, fans come up to me and say I enjoy your character, I relate to the role you play.



Sean Patrick Thomas.

That makes me feel good that I did my job well," Thomas said of the role alongside Denzel Washington that ends June 15.

He added, "Fans also say I enjoyed seeing you in the movie - "The Last Dance," or on TV, and I am glad to see you on the Broadway stage."

"This is very nice to hear," added the American-born thespian.

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Montano, Rudder at UN Concert

By Vinette K. Pryce

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Soca sensation Machel Montano.

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Dennis Bowman, winner of the Vincy New York New Song Competition 2014.

Photo by Nelson A. King

VINCY MAS LAUNCH

Kaiso Kings to compete

By Nelson A. King

Vincintian calypso lovers in the Big Apple can look forward to the preliminary judging for Vincy Mas 2014, on June 7, at Café Omar, on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn.

Ainsley Primus, president of the only Vincintian calypso tent in the United States, said at least three judges from St. Vincent and the Grenadines will trek to New York for

the preliminary round.

"We're on the home stretch for the preliminary, hoping to bring the crowd to Brooklyn," Primus said. "We expect a large turn-out."

Despite flash flood warnings for the New York metropolitan area on Saturday, May 17, the Dynamite Calypso Tent kicked off at the Matrix Lounge in Brooklyn.

Primus told Caribbean Life that

a six calypsonians still braved the inclement weather to participate in the kick-off ceremony that was suspended for seven years.

Though preliminary judging of calypsonians participating in Vincy Mas took place in the intervening years, there was no official launching ceremony in New York since 2007, said Primus, disclosing that

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Wolverine travels back in time to save the future

"X-Men: Days of Future Past"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for nudity, profanity, suggestive material and intense violence
In English, French and Vietnamese with subtitles
Running time: 131 minutes
Distributor: 20th Century Fox

By Kam Williams

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" represents the seventh episode in the storied mutant series, and is the third directed by Bryan Singer who also helmed X-Men 1 and 2. This installment is loosely based on the 1981 Marvel Comics (issues #141-142) of the same name, a convoluted tale in which one of the superheroes is sent back in

time to prevent an impending disaster threatening the present.

The story unfolds in a dystopian future where we find a race of robots called Sentinels slaying mutants and subjugating humanity. X-Men founder/leader/brain of the operation Dr. Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) summons his surviving protégés to a meeting in a monastery in China to hatch a plan to preserve the planet.

With the help of "phasing" Shadowcat's (Ellen Page) quantum tunneling ability, Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) slips through a portal to a parallel universe in 1973. His mission there is to stop fellow mutant Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence) from murdering Trask (Peter Dinklage), the diabolical genius who invented the Sentinels.

Why would you want a vanquished villain to be reincarnated? Don't ask. After all, that's one of the easier leaps of faith this flick's farfetched plot expects you to make. If you need a plausible plot, then you



A scene from "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

might be too close-minded for this imaginative sci-fi.

Try on for size the novel notion that President Kennedy was killed "because he was one of us." OK, let's see, so JFK was assassinated for being a mutant? Why not? Just a couple of years ago we learned from

another movie that Abraham Lincoln was a vampire slayer. Revisionist history? Or little known fact? You be the judge. What's next, Dwight Eisenhower as an alien?

But I digress. Fortunately, X-Men 7 audience members will be very richly rewarded for taking flights

of fancy, provided they succeed in suspending their disbelief. Don't try to make sense, for instance, about how you go back in time, reverse a long-deceased person's demise, and not simultaneously unravel myriad aspects of reality which have already subsequently transpired.

Instead, simply sit back and enjoy a sophisticated period piece unfolding against a nostalgic backdrop littered with staples of the Seventies ranging from lava lamps to waterbeds. This adventure even brings out of mothballs a number of favorite characters we haven't seen in awhile, such as Storm (Halle Berry), Rogue (Anna Paquin), Cyclops (James Marsden), Iceman (Shawn Ashmore) and Colossus (Daniel Cudmore).

Don't forget to sit through all of the credits for a decent-length teaser about "X-Men 8: Apocalypse," coming to theaters in May of 2016. X-Men, a fabled franchise that like a fine wine, just keeps improving with age.

Independent & Foreign Films

Delivery (Unrated) Demon seed horror flick about a couple (Laurel Vail and Danny Barclay) expecting their first child who decide to document the pregnancy for a reality-TV show, only to discover that the newborn's been possessed by an evil spirit. With Rob Cobuzio, Colter Allison and Rebecca Brooks.

Emoticon ;) (Unrated) Romance drama about the Digital Age dating frustrations of an Anthropology student (Livia De Paolis) who's writing her thesis on modern methods of communication. Supporting cast includes Michael Cristofer, Carol Kane, Daphne Rubin-Vega and Sonia Braga.

Filth (R for violence, profanity, drug use, frontal nudity and graphic sexuality) Screen adaptation of the Irvine Welsh novel of the same name about a bigoted, drug-addicted, cross-dressing, bipolar police officer's (James McAvoy) efforts to secure a promotion and to reconcile with his estranged wife (Shauna Macdonald) and daughter (Megan Finn). With Jamie Bell, Eddie Marsan, Jim



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Broadbent and Imogen Poots.

The Grand Seduction (PG-13 for drug references and suggestive material) English-language remake of *Seducing Doctor Lewis*, the 2003 French farce about a tiny fishing village's attempt to convince a visiting physician (Taylor Kitsch) to relocate there from the big city. Co-starring Brendan Gleeson, Liana Balaban and Anna Hopkins.

The Hornet's Nest (R for pervasive profanity) Afghan War documentary chronicling veteran journalist Mike Boettcher and son Carlos' nightmare when their covering U.S. troops on the front lines turned into a hair-raising fight for survival.

Korengal (Unrated) Sequel to the Oscar-nominated documentary *Restrepo*, directed by Sebastian Junger (A Perfect Storm), serves up another

slice of the War in Afghanistan from the point of view of a decimated platoon of American soldiers stationed in a very vulnerable valley surrounded by Taliban fighters on a suicide mission.

The Life and Crimes of Doris Payne (Unrated) "Diamond in the Rough" biopic chronicling the exploits of an infamous, African-American jewel thief from humble roots who fleeced upscale retailers like Cartier and Tiffany of millions in gems over the course of a checkered career which spanned 60+ years.

Lucky Them (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Toni Collette stars in this tale of redemption as a music critic assigned by her magazine to interview her reclusive, retired rock star ex-boyfriend (Johnny Depp) who hasn't been seen in public for over a decade. With Oliver Platt, Thomas Haden Church and Amy Seimetz.

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Guyanese actor

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"Playing Asagai on Broadway is satisfying for me as an actor," noted Thomas who no doubt was born for this role in "A Raisin in the Sun." He was nominated for an Image Award in 2009, for Outstanding Actor in a mini series.

Thomas said he never had the desire to become an engineer like his father. "I was never a math and science guy. I did o.k. with B's, but I was more enthusiastic about history and English.

In an exclusive telephone interview from his New York location recently, Thomas recalled that his parents made education a top priority in his Guyanese household.

His mother, Cheryl, a retired financial analyst, and father Carlton, an engineer, who both worked for DuPont, celebrated with loud applause when "you brought home a good report card, a diploma from a graduating class, or an award," the actor added.

"My father was very disciplined, very focused, and he took his job of being a dad seriously."

"There was never a day where I felt he wasn't thinking about my siblings and me. He taught us how to improve our lives for adulthood," said the actor whose dance steps alongside actress Julia Styles in "Save The Last Dance"



Cast members, from left, Stephen McKinley, Sean Patrick Thomas, David Cromer, Anika Noni Rose, LaTanya Richardson, Denzel Washington, Bryce Clyde Jenkins, Sophie Okonedo and Jason Dirden appear at a press opportunity for the upcoming Broadway production of "A Raisin in the Sun" on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 in New York.

Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP

won him an MTV award for the breakout role.

His dad, now deceased, would have said, "Way to go, I am proud of you," he said.

An exceptionally-talented professional, Thomas is one of the most sought-after actors in Hollywood, clinching the role of Detective Temple in TV's *The District*. He also had parts in "Barber Shop 2," "Conspiracy Theory," "Reaper," "Halloween Resurrection," "Cruel Intentions" and "The Burrowers."

The stage production of "Amen

Corner" took him to Atlanta, under the direction of Kenny Leon, who directed him in "A Raisin In the Sun."

Thomas' triumphant acting career has no doubt satisfied his mom, who wanted him to become a lawyer.

"I am grateful that she did resist that I wanted to do something else. She allowed me to try acting to see how it would play out."

Today, his mother could not be more proud of his success. But despite his enormous accomplish-

ments, the illustrious actor says he stays close to his Guyanese relatives, even picking up his favorite Guyanese foods: Roti and Curry, Tennis Rolls and Peppercorn, when he visits his aunt Lynn in Brooklyn.

The 43-year-old intensely focused actor said, "It would be nice to receive an award for my work. But I act because I love doing it. I am satisfied just working to support my family, and becoming a better actor than I am today."

Vincy Mas'

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he had left the tent in that year. The Dynamite Calypso Tent was founded in 2002.

"It's always a good idea to launch the tent, but, unfortunately, this time, we had the rain storm, which prevented some people from coming out," he said, stating that he had anticipated that at least a dozen calypsonians would take the stage.

"A few of them also did not have their materials ready for the opening (ceremony)," added Primus, noting that Groovy D (Vincent Kennedy), Jakie (Kenroy Jack), Phil Patch (Phil Baptiste), Supadex (Franklin Richards), John Dougan and Dennis Bowman were delighted to be part of the opening ceremony.

They were backed-up by DJs SupaEyes and EZSound. Groovy D urged "Don't be a Bully;" Jakie wanted more "Fire;" Phil Patch

implored the audience to "Jump;" Supadex called on nationals to unite by being "One Vincy;" Dougan outlined the "Key to Success;" and Bowman commended efforts being made "To 'Build Airport."

Bowman's hit earned him victory in the Vincy New York New Song Calypso Competition last month.

"The show turned out to be great, despite the rain," Bowman, who beat 12 challengers, including defending monarch Dougan, in capturing the New Song Calypso Competition title and the Soca Devil Trophy at the same venue last month, told Caribbean Life.

The Soca Devil Trophy is named in honor of the late Cyril Lewis, a former Vincy New York Soca Monarch, who carried the calypso sobriquet "Soca Devil."

"Big-Name" calypsonians, such as De Man Age, Rejector and Xposer, did not perform last Saturday "because their songs might not have been finished," said Bowman, who captured the 1997 Vincy Soca Monarch title, with "Voom Voom."

UN Kaiso concert

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ants."

"In 2015 world leaders will agree on a set development goals to focus and resources on key priority areas, which can really make a difference in the lives of people," Ashe said.

"The concert will raise awareness and encourage participation in the global dialogue about what these priorities should be."

Performing artists from the world over will take the stage among them Caribbean talents: zouk band Kassav, David Rudder and soca sensation Machel Montano.

"2015 is going to be a big year for future generation," Montana said. "And it sets the stage for the next 15 years. And we all have the chance to add our voices and make sure our priorities are heard."

According to the secretary

general a hearty thanks must be extended to "all the artists, musicians, and activists "who are putting their incredible star power to work for the United Nations."

In addition to the talents from the Caribbean, artists other regions include the band Lalon from Bangladesh who will fuse traditional Bengali music with rock, and former child soldier and rapper Emmanuel Jal from South Sudan.

"Our shared challenge is to formulate a universal agenda – crystallized in an inspiring set of goals -- that will steer our world onto a truly sustainable, equitable and peaceful path."

Co-hosts for the event are "Law & Order" star CCH Pounder and MSNBC's TJ Holmes.

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FRI., MAY 30 & SAT., MAY 31

PERFORMING ARTS: Gotham Chamber Opera, in collaboration with the Gerald W. Lynch Theater at John Jay College, presents the U.S. premiere of "The Raven" as part of the NY PHIL BIENNIAL. Based on the narrative poem by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Raven" tells the story of a man visited by a raven after the death of his lover. To all the questions the man asks, the raven only answers, 'nevermore.' After drifting through states of different emotions, the narrator, still burdened with the loss of his beloved, finally lays down in the raven's shadow, his soul trapped and lifted 'nevermore.' Showtime 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at www.ticketcentral.com or 212-279-4200. For more information, visit www.gothamchamberopera.org.

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FILM PREMIERE: The premiere screening of *La Rèn Solèy*, a film in Haitian Creole (not subtitled) by Frantz Voltaire & Nitze Mathelier and live tribute performance with special guest vocalists Riva Nyri Precil and Melanie J-B Charles accompanied by Buyu Ambrose & the Blues in Red Band. ShapeShifter Lab 18 Whitwell Place Brooklyn, NY Showtime 7-10:00 p.m. (\$15 admission)

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hood Trust and Neighborhood Housing Services. www.nhsnyc.org.

SUN., JUNE 8

POETRY NIGHT: Hosted by poet Ayinde Jean-Baptiste. Join us for a night of spoken word, storytelling, and poetry highlighting the Haitian-American experience in New York. Featuring poets Lenelle Moïse and Patrick Sylvain. Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery, New York, NY 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (\$15 Admission)

ONGOING

FRI., MAY. 2 – SAT., JUN. 28

ART EXHIBIT: Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce Big, Fat & Juicy, a



FLOOD RELIEF

ONGOING: 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, 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.

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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 Zlotsky, 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 and all-age hands-on workshop on Friday, May 2 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ensure 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.

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.

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If you have an event you would like to post in Sun Kulcha, please email your submission to Caribbeanlife@cnglocal.com. All submissions are subject to a review by the editor. Compiled by Natalie Y. Henry

Howard U partners with medical mission to Haiti

By Tequila Minsky

“We have about eight Haitian-descent students participating who have never been to Haiti,” reports Howard University Department of Medicine Chair Dr. Shelly McDonald-Pinkett, of the upcoming, late June, medical mission to Haiti. “Their parents are very excited, enthusiastic, and they encourage their participation.”

Howard University Medical School is collaborating for the third year with NOAH NY’s annual medical service trips to northern Haiti. These trips are part of the organization’s long-term commitment of medical treatment (including professional trainings and physical education) to the people Ft. Liberté.

“Some students are second or third generation Haitian and have never been to Haiti,” says Dr. McDonald-Pinkett. “For some, it’s a sense of social commitment, others like to travel, and a few have never travelled outside of the country and this is a great



Dr. Shelly McDonald-Pinkett.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

opportunity with a good support network.”

The Department chair explained that last year, the Howard medical group saw 150 patients the first day. During their time in Ft. Liberté, the surgical team performed hernia repairs; surgically set a broken arm, performed hysterectomies, and delivered babies.

The medical team handled patients with hypertension— many

previously untreated, and treated and dispensed WHO-approved medications for a number of local residents with diabetes, many advanced. In the pediatric realm, malnutrition and skin disorders due to bad water were common.

This year, 50 Howard University students, along with 10 of the university’s doctors, faculty and other staff will join the NOAH NY 85-member team – including 25 doctors— for the nine-day trip. Among this year’s post-grad residents, there will also be three nursing students, a pharmacist, and a physician-assistant.

Embedded in the Howard Medical School curriculum, the time at the Ft. Liberté hospital is part of the students’ training rotation in the areas of internal medicine, OB-GYN, pediatrics, and surgery.

“The Howard group to Haiti is designed to look like our hospital teams of students, residents and faculty when they’re doing their clinicals,” says Dr. McDonald-Pinkett, returning for her fifth time.

Caribbean ‘smart’ classrooms launched

By Nelson A. King

A series of technologically advanced classrooms designed to benefit thousands of students and educators in schools across the Caribbean has been launched following a commitment from international telecommunications company Samsung to the Organization of American States (OAS) and Virtual Educa.

The OAS said the initiative follows the lead taken by the government of Trinidad and Tobago and its Ministry of Education to establish “smart” classrooms in partnership with domestic and international information and communication technology (ICT) partners.

“What Trinidad & Tobago is doing is commendable,” said OAS Assistant Secretary General, Albert Ramdin, who was in Trinidad and Tobago to launch the second Edition of Virtual Educa Caribbean.

“They have sourced partnerships with the private sector, they have been persistent with their follow up and execution, and now they are sharing their experiences and best practices with neighbors in the region,” he added. “This is

a practical model, and the OAS and Virtual Educa support this initiative.”

The OAS said more than 16,000 students and educators attended the two-day event earlier this week. In addressing stakeholders at the opening ceremony, Ramdin said he was pleased to note that education continued to be a priority in the Caribbean, and called on stakeholders across the political divide to continue to work together to ensure the education system produced “analytical, critical and creative thinkers, able to compete with counterparts from around the world.”

Ramdin also called for more “effective and practical methods to assess student progress,” saying that “coping mechanisms have become critical in today’s high pressure environment.”

He also suggested the consideration of specific Caribbean Development goals and more collaboration at the Inter-American level to “effectively pool, assess, recommend and source assistance for education projects, through a specialized agency.”

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Caribbean citizenship

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"I think we cannot close our eyes [to selling citizenship], because it's an option we may have to consider," it quoted Anthony as saying.

The Monitor said countries that offer economic citizenship do not release the number of applicants or approval rates.

Nuri Katz, president of APEX Capital Group, a US consultancy, estimates that between 15,000 and 20,000 people apply annually for second passports.

Pushed by political turmoil, or seeking a passport that requires fewer travel visas, the Monitor said applicants come from around the world, especially Russia, the Middle East and Asia.

It said a passport from St. Kitts offers visa-free travel to more than 120 countries.

Dwyer Astaphan, a former St. Kitts and Nevis minister of national security who now works as a citizenship lawyer, estimates

the program generates tens of millions of dollars for the country.

But Astaphan, according to the Monitor, conceded that "we don't know where the money goes."

Still, the investment "is an economic vitamin b-12 shot for a country our size," he told the Monitor.

The Monitor said a surge of new countries offering such programs has raised concerns over abuses.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) office advised international financial institutions to more closely review dealings with clients using a St. Kitts and Nevis passport, stating that certain foreign individuals are abusing the Citizenship-by-Investment program to obtain passports for the purpose of engaging in illicit financial activity.

"Financial institutions can mitigate exposure to such risk through customer due diligence, including risk-based identity verifica-

tion consistent with existing customer identification program requirements," it said.

"FinCEN believes that illicit actors are abusing this program to acquire SKN (St. Kitts and Nevis) citizenship in order to mask their identity and geographic background for the purpose of evading U.S. or international sanctions or engaging in other financial crime," it added.

For example, FinCEN said it believes that several Iranian nationals designated by the U.S. Office of For-

eign Assets Control (OFAC) have obtained passports issued through the SKN Citizenship-by-Investment program.

"While many countries offer programs similar to the SKN Citizenship-by-Investment program, the SKN program is attractive to illicit actors because the program, as administered, maintains lax controls as to who may be granted citizenship," FinCEN said.

While the SKN government has publicly pledged to improve these controls, FinCEN said it believes that

"they remain ineffective."

For example, in 2013, it said the SKN government announced that all Iranian nationals were suspended from participating in the SKN Citizenship-by-Investment program.

But, despite this public assurance, FinCEN said it believes that Iranian nationals continue to obtain passports issued through the program.

"As a result of these lax controls, illicit actors, including individuals intending to use the secondary citizenship to evade

sanctions, can obtain an SKN passport with relative ease," it said.

Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas, however, told a press briefing: "We are evaluating what, if any changes should be made to our global program."

At the same time, Astaphan told the Monitor that he feared such scandals "are hurting the country's reputation and that eventually European countries will say, 'we have to review these visa agreements.'"

"And that will ruin it," he said.

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Carib Book Fest

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Center.

The young readers platform closes with an Open Mic session for original work by aspiring teenaged poets and spoken word artists.

In addition to workshops on publishing, marketing and translations the festival will also explore the impact of images in storytelling with visual artists and children's book illustrators including Ricardo

Cortes (Mexico), Deborah Jack (St. Marteen/St. Martin), and Laura James (Antigua & Barbuda).

Not to be outdone are the entertaining, insightful and provocative readings for more mature readers from writers as varied as novelists Petra Lewis (Trinidad & Tobago), The Sons and Daughters of Ham, Katia Ulysse (Haiti), Drifting; Annette Vendryes Leach (Panama), Song of the Shaman; poets AJA (Barba-

dos), Hermina Marcellin (St. Lucia); Ras Osagyefo (Jamaica), Jason Price (Belize); Maria Rodriguez (Puerto Rico), and Go de R'ss to Sleep, a Jamaican patois translation of Adam Mansbach's 'adult' bedtime story.

Being held in observance of Caribbean American Heritage Month, WORD! - A Caribbean Book Fest, takes place on Sunday, June 8, 2014, 2:00 - 8:00pm at Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11225. For tickets and additional information, tel-

phone 718-783-8345 / 718-270-6218.

Created for lovers of the magic of the written word, the festival highlights the richness, complexity and diversity of literary work emanating from the Caribbean and the many talented writers invested in the narratives of the Caribbean Diaspora. A project of the Caribbean Cultural Theatre's Poets & Passion series, the festival presents work in all the official languages of the region (Dutch, English, French; Spanish) and relat-

ed native languages.

Presented by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre in association with the Caribbean Research Center at Medgar Evers College, the festival is under the joint patronage of the Caribbean Consuls General Corp and is made possible in part with support from the Brooklyn Arts Council, Medgar Evers College (City University of New York) - Office of the Provost, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Poets & Writers, Inc, and Friends of the Caribbean Cultural Theatre; with additional programming assistance from Akashic Books, Ananesem - Caribbean children's literature e-zine, Franklin & Franklin Publishers, Friends of the Antigua Public Library, Guyana Cultural Association, Mosaic Literary Magazine, Secret Cravings Publishing, St. Martin/Sint Maarten Friendship Association and

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Caribbean Cultural Theatre is a theatrical immersion experience presenting the work of Caribbean based and/or influenced writers, performers and other practitioners that both entertains and enlightens and honours a balanced rendering of Caribbean culture and the Caribbean-American experience.

Caribbean Research Center is an integral academic component of Medgar Evers College and provides a multidisciplinary understanding of the New York social environment, the diverse social, cultural and economic characteristics of the Caribbean-American community and a comparative analysis of the immigration experience of this community in the context of the wider Caribbean Diasporas in the Americas and Europe.

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in underserved communities in Caribbean countries," he said.

He said the group provides three scholarships for children of Caribbean parentage to attend U.S. colleges, bringing the total to 15 awards over the last five years.

CAMSA has also participated in three health missions to Jamaica, St. Lucia and Guyana, Hutchinson said.

In August last year, he said CAMSA collaborated with the New York Caribbean Community (CARICOM) consulates and the Brooklyn-based Caribbean Nurses Association (CANA) in hosting a health fair at the Holy Cross Parish School in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

A month later, CAMSA collaborated with the Barbados Cancer Association U.S.A. (BACA), Inc, in sponsoring a cancer symposium at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, Hutchinson said.

This August, he said CAMSA is again partnering with the CARICOM Consulates in New York, as well as Caribbean American Nurses Association and Caribbean Women's Health to sponsor

a back-to-school fair.

Hutchinson said CAMSA was formed by a group of doctors of Caribbean descent, "who wanted to improve health care for the Caribbean community both locally and in the Caribbean, as well as to give back to the Caribbean countries from which they had derived so much."

He said the group's membership is currently composed of both medical and non-medical professionals, and "reflects the rich diversity of the Caribbean Basin with members from the English, French, Spanish and Dutch Caribbean."

Hutchinson said CAMSA was formally incorporated in 2003 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization (tax ID 16-1673235).

"The success of the association is due to the hard-working and committed members who volunteer their time and resources in the spirit of giving back to the people and governments of our respective home countries," he said.

For more information about the golf tournament, contact Hutchinson at (914) 552-7007 or at veh2@columbia.edu, or visit CAMSA website: www.camsa.org.

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NYJTL Programs in full swing

By Robert Elkin

Part of the Billie Jean King USTA National Tennis Center is still under construction but it does not prevent action completely. Most of it will be finished before the start of the United States Open tournament begins in mid-August.

With the construction in progress, only some matches in the upcoming Mayor's Cup individual and team competitions will be moved to nearby Queens College. Competition for the junior high or intermediate teams and individual and team categories gets underway Saturday and ends Sunday.

During the off season, members, officials and directors of the tournament and the entire staff, as well of the New York Junior Tennis League's sadly lost one of its founders Claudette Townsend when she died.

Townsend, a former resident of Jamaica, Queens, was extremely helpful in starting the New York Junior Tennis League, now called the New York Junior Tennis and Learning Program, which kept on grow-
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WICB partners with USCA

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has signed a strategic, long-term partnership with the United States Cricket Association (USCA), geared towards fast-tracking the sport's development in the USA.

The deal will see a WICB director take up a spot on the USCA's board while the USCA's new chief executive officer will hold a position on the WICB's Chief Executive Committee.

According to the WICB, this partnership will result in top players from the USA member leagues being incorporated into regional development programs and will also help both parties foster cooperation on "stronger economic best practices" for the United
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DONOVAN RESPONDS

Landon Donovan, the 32-year-old attacker was among seven players cut Thursday when coach Jurgen Klinsmann got down to the 23-man limit well before the June 2 deadline.
AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File

As MLS all-time leading goal scorer

By Patrick Horne

Landon Donovan was dropped from the USA World Cup preliminary squad and responded in the big way that a professional should -- by putting the doubts about his scoring ability to rest. The USA all-time scorer with 57 goals in over 100 appearanc-

es became the MLS all-time leading goal scorer with his 136th goal. Donovan passed Jamaican-born and former U.S. international Jeff Cunningham, who scored 135 in a long and illustrious career.

Donovan, playing in his 311th MLS contest in his 14th season, scored twice in host

Los Angeles Galaxy's 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Union on Sunday night at Stub Hub Center and was voted Player-of-the-Week for his efforts.

The Galaxy forward scored his first goal of the season in the 49th minute off a cross
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New York Red Bulls defender Chris Duvall (25) watches the ball get past New York Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles for a Sporting Kansas City goal during the first half of an MLS soccer match in Kansas City, Kan., Tuesday, May 27, 2014. AP Photo/Orlin Wagner

US Open Tennis

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ing. She along with Chris LaCaopa and Bill Wiese were the last members of the original Mayor's Cup committee, which started in 1988.

"A number of years ago Claudette missed a number of years of being on the committee and being the referee of the tournament because of a health related issue," Wiese recently said. "She came back ... and continued. She had a lot of courage. She never let the committee other than one person understand the extent of her illness."

"She made it a point that she would be on our Mayor's Cup committee in 2013. By time it got to the Mayor's Cup, she was hospitalized and she couldn't come and participate. We kept her in touch with what was happening with the Mayor's Cup. We didn't realize how poorly she was doing."

"Last June 22, Townsend passed away from serious heart issues," according to Shelly Reznick, chief umpire for this year's Mayor's Cup tournament.

The New York Junior Tennis & Learning Program will be giving an award to an individual to honor her memory at the conclusion of the boy's singles final, which will be held on Sunday, June 8 at the USTA National Tennis Center.

"We set up an award in her memory...and it will be a camp scholarship based on sportsmanship and academic accomplishments," continued Wiese. "She was a wonderful person." In addition to tennis, she was a New York City Board of Education teacher.

The recipient will receive a plaque with Claudette's name on it. (All the details have not as yet been finalized.)

Wiese recalls one highlight that stands out in his mind about his 'teammate' in various tournaments and programs.

"One day I was fortunate enough to be in the grandstand with a reserve seat at the US Open," he recalled.

"Claudette was officiating a match. I hadn't signed her referee certification for the Mayor's Cup. On a change-over she walked across the court and had me sign it. Probably it was a highlight of my tennis life...What ever type of person would do that just to make another person feel good..."

As for the upcoming Mayor's Cup competition, there will be nine instead of eight varsity teams, eight middle school teams, and eight girl's varsity teams. Beacon is top seeded for the boy's varsity. But, one can not count out Cardozo. In addition, there will be about 350 individuals competing in the singles and doubles competition.

Prior to the Mayor's Cup competition, New York Junior Tennis & Learning conducted after school and weekend programs for youngsters of any age. This tennis organization also started an advanced training program in 1986 with the cooperation of other sites, including the USTA National Tennis Center, in Flushing Meadow Park. There were two tryouts for the winter and spring-summer programs.

One was staged last Saturday on the Memorial Day weekend at Crotona Park in the Bronx, and it drew many youngsters from the five boroughs.

"The kids who make the team get free training for an eight-week period of five days during the summer," added Wiese. "A second tryout will be held on the Labor Day weekend for the indoor season. Children will receive training at different clubs throughout the City, including the USTA National Tennis Center. We don't have a training location in Brooklyn."

For instance, the advanced training program had 80 participants during the winter. They go on the court, do drills with and without their racquet, run, hit backhands and forehands, and try to serve better. They try to improve on their weaknesses. And they are competing under the direction and coaching of staff members.

Major League Soccer Series

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from Robbie Keane and also assisted on the first goal of the game when his free kick was nodded home by Leonardo. The 32-year-old forward added his second goal in the 81st minute. His assist was his 120th in MLS and puts him at second on the all-time assists list, 15 behind all-time leader Steve Ralston.

RED BULLS LOSE AND DRAW

The New York Red Bulls had mixed results this week as it lost to the Portland Timbers, 2-0, on Saturday night and then tying, 1-1, at Sporting Kansas City on Tuesday night. On Saturday, Forward

Maximiliano Urruti (45th, 74th) scored twice to lead the Timbers to victory at Red Bull Arena; Bradley Wright-Phillips (45th) had the lone goal for New York. On Tuesday night in Kansas City, the Red Bulls did well to rally from a 1-0 deficit to tie the game on Wright-Phillips' league-leading eleventh goal of the season.

In other MLS games last weekend, Real Salt Lake played to a goalless draw with FC Dallas and now has an MLS, 12-game unbeaten streak to start the season, in Rio Tinto Stadium; the streak at the start of the season puts RSL in good company as only the Los Angeles Galaxy teams in

1996 and 2010 and the 2000 Sporting Kansas City team have accomplished the feat.

Another tie occurred when the Vancouver Whitecaps and the Seattle Sounders played to a 2-2 draw. Chad Barrett's header put the Sounders ahead in the 39th minute, but Erik Hurtado equalized for Vancouver; Gershon Koffie squared the game again for Seattle and Gonzalo Pineda tied the score. Host New England Revolution, leading the Eastern Conference, defeated the much improved DC United, 2-1, at Gillette Stadium; Patrick Mullins and Kelyn Rowe scored for the Revs, while Fabian Espin-

dola tallied for DC United.

The Columbus Crew knocked off the Chicago Fire, 2-0, at Crew Stadium; Ethan Finlay and Jairo Arrieta scored for the winners.

US WINS

The USA men's national team scored two late goals to top Azerbaijan, 2-0, in a friendly international at Candlestick Park in San Francisco on Tuesday night. The game was the first of three in a sending-off series before the U.S. meets Ghana, Portugal and Germany in group play at the World Cup, which kicks off in Brazil on Thursday, June 12.

US West Indies Partnership

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States market.

WICB President Dave Cameron said, "This is the right way for us to help develop the U.S. market. We are going to be engaged on a day-to-day basis on the three core pillars for development."

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ance in U.S. players as well as build a stronger base for economic development hand-in-hand with the USCA," he said.

USCA President, Gladstone Dainty said the partnership was an exciting one as it offered critical opportunities to U.S. players, as well as enhancing the governance capability of his organization and future economic growth.

The partnership is

another step in the WICB expanding its influence in the North American market. In 2012, West Indies played two Twenty20 Internationals against New Zealand at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium in Lauderhill, Florida.

These matches marked the first time matches in a West Indies bilateral series had been played outside the Caribbean.



WICB President Dave Cameron.

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Sir Curtly Ambrose back in West Indies camp

Sir Curtly Ambrose has been recruited by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) to work with the region's cricketers during the upcoming series against New Zealand in which three Test matches will be played in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana. Ambrose will work as a consultant, primarily with the bowlers to boost their efforts.

The West Indies team is ranked number eight in the ICC ranking for Test matches. This bold step by the region's cricket board should enhance the players' performance on and off the field. Ambrose took 405 Test wickets during his career with the West Indies.

WINDIES BOWLING SEEMS BALANCED

West Indies selectors finally came up with a group of bowlers who are capable of performing against any opposition in test cricket. The West



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Indies squad to compete against New Zealand comprises three fast bowlers and three spinners. The fast bowlers are Jerome Taylor, Kemar Roach -- who is returning from injury and Shannon Gabriel. The spinners are Sunil Narine, Sulieman Benn and Shane Shillingford.

TWO PACERS AND TWO SPINNERS SHOULD DO IT

On June 7 when the West Indies team faces off against New Zealand, the final bowlers should be comprised of two spinners and two pacers. Left-arm spinner Sulieman Benn and Sunil Narine are expected to be the spinners and Jerome Taylor and Roach the pacers. A balanced attack should be important

for the West Indies against New Zealand.

PROBLEMS FOR KIWIS BATSMEN

Left-arm spinner Sulieman Benn has the correct mixture as a bowler to create problems for New Zealand batsmen. He turns the ball frequently and often deceives batsmen in playing to the wrong line of the ball. West Indies' mixture of spin - both left and right, should create some momentum.

West Indies Test Captain Denesh Ramdin is very unique in moving bowlers around and keeping pressure on the opposition. New Zealand batting is strong and Ramdin must get his bowlers to pick up early wickets and keep the opposition under pressure.



West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose, facing camera, celebrates his 400th cricket Test wicket with teammates after dismissing England's Michael Atherton during the first day of the 4th test between England and the West Indies at Headingley, Leeds, England. AP Photo/Max Nash, File

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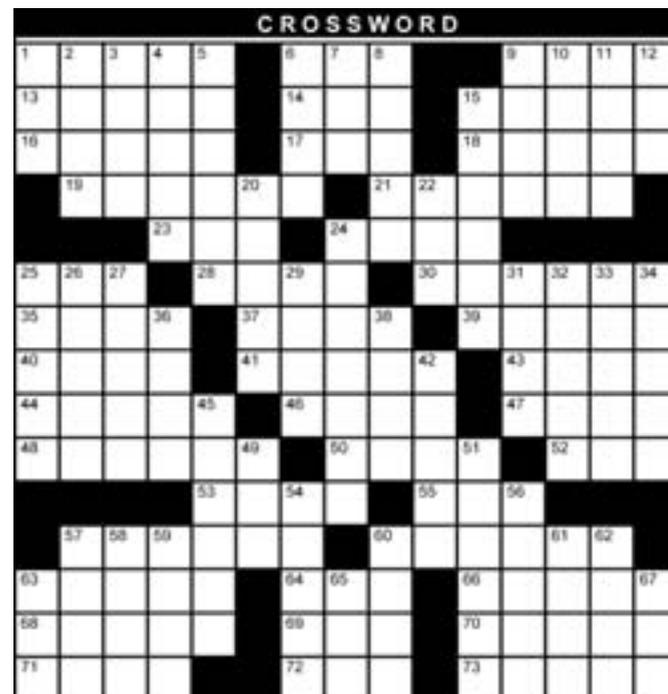
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13. Like beaver?
14. Bearded antelope
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17. Campaigned
18. Modern day letter
19. *Suri's father
21. *Kiefer's father
23. ___ blue
24. Khaled Hosseini's "The _____ Runner"
25. Brady Bunch daughter
28. Actress Jessica
30. Metal helmet
35. Beehive state
37. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
39. Lacy mat
40. Folk story
41. Throw something heavy
43. Seed covering
44. Quechua speakers
46. "The _____ Not Taken"
47. Greek goddess of youth
48. Half-shell delicacy
50. Joint with a cap
52. *Brady Bunch kids addressed dad this way

53. "_____ the slate clean"
55. "_____ Doubtfire"
57. *Namesake
60. *Sasha and Malia's father
63. Come by without warning
64. Frigid
66. Cool & distant
68. Flip-flop
69. French for "word"
70. T in Ferrari TR
71. Actress Hathaway
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1. Moses parted the Red one
2. After-bath powder
3. Culture-growing turf
4. Romulus' brother
5. Russian triumvirate
6. Fairy tale villain
7. American Nurses Association
8. Plural of fundus
9. Wild feline
10. Face-to-face exam
11. Surprise attack
12. Building addition
15. Aeneas' story
20. Air fairy
22. Pro baseball's "Master Melvin"

24. Modern sing-along
25. *Enrique Iglesias' father
26. Lack of muscle tension
27. Drug agents
29. Porter or IPA, e.g.
31. *Last of the pre-flood Patriarchs in the bible
32. Employees, often preceded with "new"
33. Legal excuse
34. *U.S. President with the most children
36. Furnace output
38. *This Russian father was famously terrible
42. Swelling
45. Sweatshop activity
49. Orinoco or Grande
51. Misprints
54. Get ready for a date
56. Company department
57. *John-John's father
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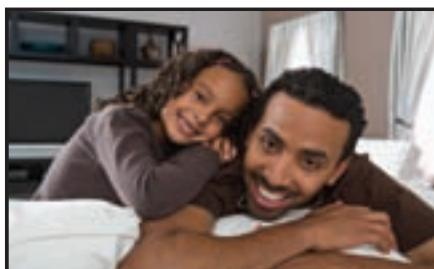
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CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Shop around for the best deals before making a big purchase, Cancer. A little extra work can lead to substantial savings. There are deals to be had, so be patient.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, do not panic when a glitch arises in your plans. Just approach the situation from a different angle, and you will find a solution in no time.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
You are never one to walk away from a challenge, Capricorn. This week you will be presented with a big obstacle, and you will have to step up to tackle the hard stuff.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are ready for something or someone new. Right now is a good time to reach out and connect with a new passion. Things will get more interesting rather quickly.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Expect to reach a milestone in your life, Leo. This may have something to do with your family or career. Either way, the praise you will receive is warranted.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Try not to push yourself too hard this week, Scorpio. This is a good time to maintain a low profile. Drawing too much attention to yourself might ruffle the wrong feathers this week.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Keep your eyes open and you just may stumble on something new and fascinating this week, Aquarius. This is a good time to explore new ideas and apply them to your daily life.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
You need to focus and get back to work this week, Gemini. Things have slipped out of your fingers, and it could take a little while before you get back on a schedule.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Sometimes it can be easy for you to get fixated on a certain way of doing things, Virgo. There are really many different paths to the same outcome when you are open to ideas.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, something will bring a smile to your face early in the week, and there's pretty much nothing that can put you in a bad mood. This is an ideal time to get things accomplished.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Someone gets bent out of shape over something that seems laughable to you, Pisces. You may need to adjust your view.

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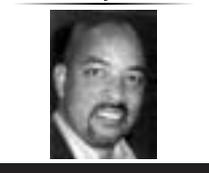
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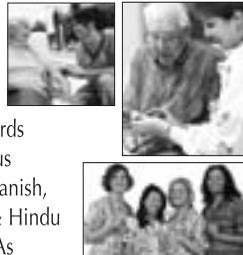
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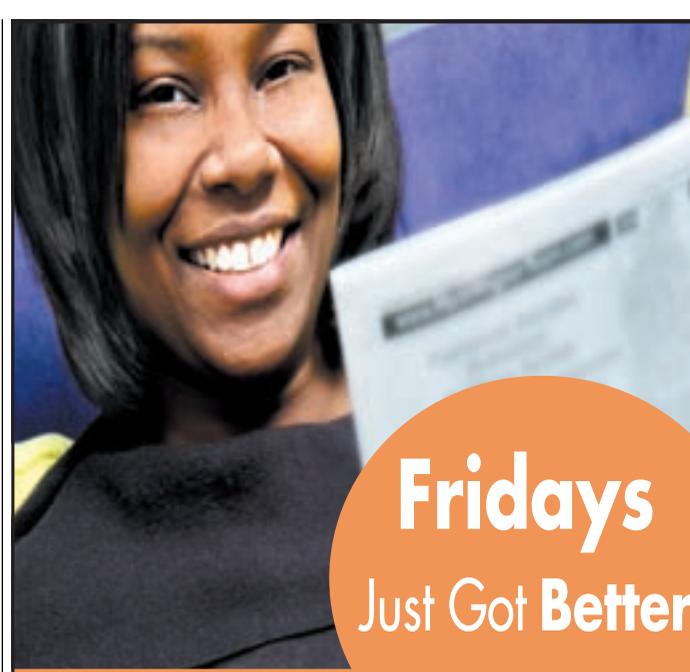
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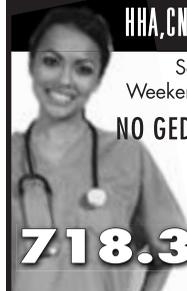
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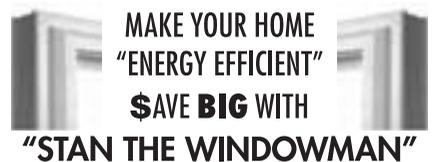
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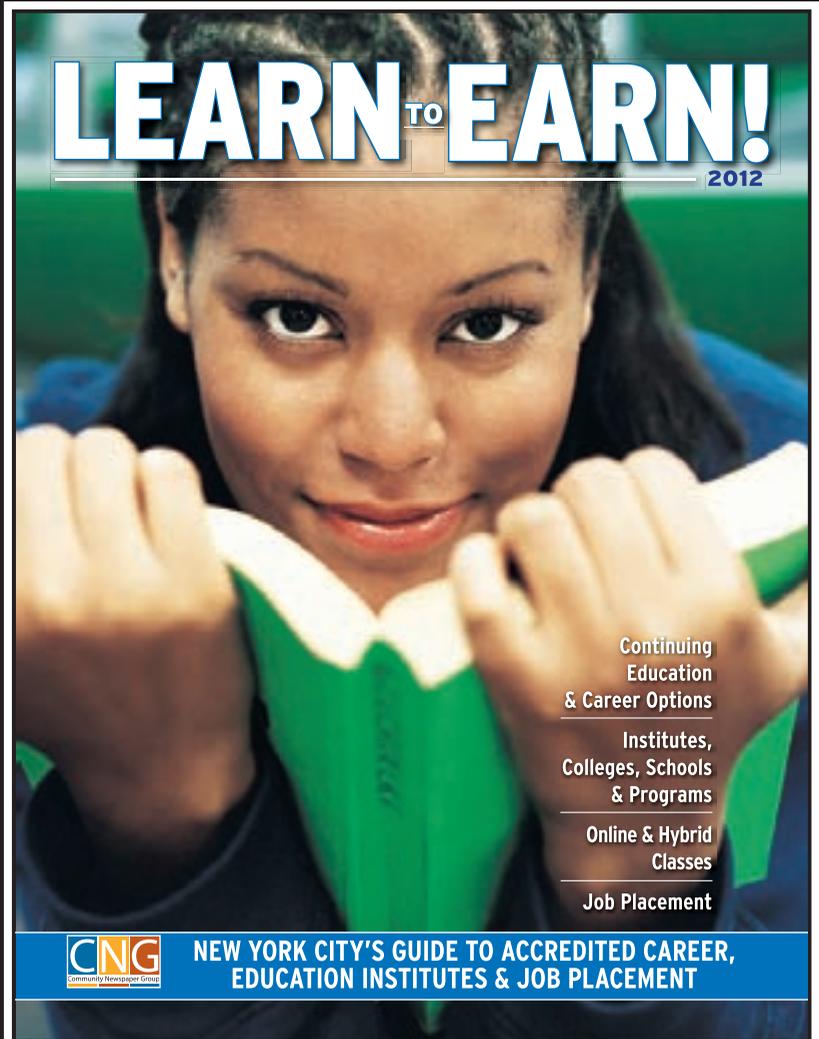
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