

Jamaican opposition discusses future

By Vinette K. Pryce

Riding on a high from recent polls which put him primed for leadership, Andrew Holness, the youngest leader of a Jamaican government addressed nationals with a forecast to future prosperity.

Now leader of the opposition Jamaica Labour Party, Holness was only 39 when he was handed the controls to his country in 2011. Now making the rounds to Canada and New York to test the temperature of the diaspora community and also project his "vision for transformation" of the Jamaican economy he presented ideas to former residents of his island.

Some claim his vision might be blurred.

Others consider his second bid at being leader to be prescriptive, clear and ready for a 2016 challenge and maybe proven through to 2020.

"I don't see JLP or PNP, the only P I see is the P for prosperity" he told a gathering of nationals during a public forum recently.

Seemingly lured to the Tuesday forum by Jamaica National's annual "outlook for the future" presentations, a declared non-partisan, passionate grouping of patriots represented concerned Jamaicans and not the usual devotees to either the JLP or the ruling People's National Party.

Often attended by loyal supporters of the two dominant political organizations that either maintain or exchange leadership and opposition position after each election, a kind of town hall meeting indulged Jamaicans from the tri-state area.

Former Prime Minister Bruce Golding of the same political alliance entertained a similar pro-

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TRAVEL BAN UNDER REVIEW

Governments to re-examine Nigeria's case

By Bert Wilkinson

Some Caribbean governments say they are moving to review travel bans on students and others from Nigeria in the wake of that West African country being declared free of the deadly Ebola virus for now officials said this week even as others say they are racing to become fully prepared for an outbreak.

Most Caribbean Community governments had in the past two weeks slapped travel bans on nationals and visitors from African countries which had or have been ravaged by the disease but from all appearances, some are moving to review those decisions.

The administration of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar at mid week signaled that it will likely be the first to do so largely because the World and Pan American Health organizations had declared Nigeria, the world's most populous country of people of African descent, free of the disease as it had experienced no new infections for 42 days.

The governments had said recently that they had taken a decision to ban travel since September but had withheld a formal announcement

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Bed-Stuy Awards

Son of Bed-Stuy, director Spike Lee with actress Rosie Perez who received the "Jacob Javits Award" for her public service and commitment to Brooklyn. See story on page 28.

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Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne has “unequivocally” condemned what he characterized as “the brutal assassination” of a political figure in Venezuela and the intensification of political violence in that country.

Browne was reacting to the assassination in Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, of Robert Serra, a Member of Parliament from the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), earlier this month.

Serra, was murdered in his home, along with his partner Maria Herera.



“This is a brutal assault on democracy that needs to be condemned,” said Browne in a statement.

“The callous nature of this crime cries out for justice and peoples and governments everywhere must come in defense of democracy,” he said.

Serra, 27, the youngest member of the Venezuelan parliament, was an active legislator who specialized in measures to fight crime.

Browne said he believed that the government of Nicholas Maduro would “address this negative political development and restore the sanctity of the Parliament and its members.”

Bahamas

The Bahamas government said it has completed the preparation of a new Petroleum Act and a set of regulations designed to guide oil exploration in the country.

Environment and Housing Minister Kenred M.A Dorsett said the legislation and regulations will form “an integral part” of the recently announced National Energy policy.

“This new legislative package will also include the legislative framework for a Sovereign Wealth Fund to ensure that in the event oil is discovered in commercially viable quantities, the wealth that will accrue to the nation as a result will be invested, managed and conserved in the most optimal way for present and future generations of Bahamians,” Dorsett said.



He said the new legislative



Computer technology and farming

Kenneth Kerr, climate meteorologist at the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service, explains how computer modeling is used to provide agrometeorology services to farmers. See story on page 8.

IPS/Jewel Fraser

package will be introduced to Parliament soon as soon as it meets following the short recess.

Dorsett said that the new legislative regime will ensure that exploration for oil in The Bahamas will be undertaken in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, consistent with international standards, best practices and the most up-to-date risk management, health and safety protocols.

Cayman Islands

Former Cayman Islands Premier McKeeva Bush has been cleared of corruption charges.

He was recently found not guilty of all 11 corruption charges by a seven-member jury, Radio Jamaica reported.

The jury deliberated for five hours before returning the not guilty verdict.

Bush was charged with 11 counts of misconduct in public office and breach of the public’s trust.

It was alleged that he spent about \$50,000 of public money — gambling at slot machines in the



United States and the Bahamas between 2009 and 2011.

Bush has always denied any wrongdoing since his arrest in December 2012.

Dominica

Dominica’s Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit says he has no intention of abolishing income tax as his ruling Dominica Labor Party gears up to contest a general election constitutionally due by March next year, but widely expected before that date.

Addressing the recent launch of a water project in Belles, east of Roseau, Skerrit said his administration would not seek to remove taxes “just because you want to gain votes.”

Skerrit said that Caribbean countries with no income tax or a sales or value added tax (VAT) had to introduce such fiscal policies “because countries that give us aid are saying to us we are paying taxes and you can’t come to us asking for money when you are not willing to make your people contribute.”



The prime minister said countries “around us” are laying off workers, but Dominica has not lost “one job, notwithstanding the global crisis.”

Guyana

The Guyana government says 1,600 medical professionals will soon begin training to treat the deadly Ebola virus as it continues to cause concern worldwide.

Dr. Johanna Cole, internal medicine-infectious disease consultant at the Georgetown Public Hospital says Guyana has developed a mass preparedness campaign to deal with the threat of the virus.

Speaking at a Continued Medical Education (CME) session, Dr. Cole noted the medical professionals will soon begin training on dealing with the virus, and the necessary approach towards administering care to people who have contracted the virus as opposed to those who are suspected of having it.

Dr. Cole said surveillance at all ports of entry including airports and shipping ports, as well as



screening is being done.

Jamaica

Jamaica police are searching for gunmen who shot and killed four men transporting two million dollars to pay employees of a Chinese firm constructing a section of the North/West link of Highway 2000.

Police said the men, identified as Courtney Courbourne, 38, Carlton Scott, 37, Greg Harris and another man identified only as Kirk, were shot and killed during the daring daylight robbery that was described as vicious and brutal.



Investigators said the vehicle transporting the men overturned as it appeared the driver was attempting to escape, but was impeded by the narrow roadway.

There are reports that the bandits then went over to the injured men, as they lay suffering from gunshot wounds and fired several additional shots. The gunmen took off with the payroll.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia’s Police Commissioner Vernon Francois says the recent discovery of two bodies within a few hours of each other on the island’s west coast appear to be drug related.

The area is known to be the home of several marijuana plantations.

“It may have been drug related but we cannot confirm at this point in time but that is one of the theories we are looking at,” Francois told a news conference.

One body was identified as that of Victor Phillip, 65, a farmer who is reported to have sustained what appeared to be a gunshot to the head.



The other body also bore bullet wounds.

Francois said officers do not know if the two deaths are related, as the state of decomposition of the second body indicates that he was killed a few days before.

Late last month Prime Minister Kenny Anthony said that the country’s war against drugs is being significantly hampered by the decision of the United States to continue sanctions against the

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Vincentians mark country's anniversary with prayer

By Nelson A. King

Members of the Vincentian clergy in New York last Sunday offered differing prayers at an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving marking the nation's 35th anniversary of political independence.

The Revs. Dorage A. Stephens; Cecil Durrant; Dr. Roxie Irish; Nelson Samuel, Jr., who served as liturgist; and Dr. Lincoln Crease offered prayers for the U.S., the government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the youth, peace and thanksgiving, respectively, at St. Paul's Episcopal (Anglican) Church In-the-Village of Flatbush, Brooklyn.

"We pray, Lord, that you touch the minds of our young people in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," prayed Dr. Irish, who took the unusual step in asking the children in the congregation to stand before her.

"Father, we pray for the homes from where they come," added Irish, who also serves as president of the Brooklyn-based United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn.

"We pray, Lord, that you'll remember the poor – as preached in the sermon," Stephens prayed.

Durrant, pastor of Bethany Deliverance Church of God in Brooklyn, noted that "it's you, Lord, who said we must pray for those in authority.

"Lord, God, I bring the Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, his family – I bring them before you," he said. "If there's any affliction, you're still in the healing business.

"I also bring the Opposition Leader, Arnhim Eustace," Rev. Durrant added. "Lord, God, let not be any name blame in St. Vincent and the Grenadines but that they'll (Government and Opposition) work together for the benefit of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

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New York Counsel General Selmon Walters addresses congregation.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Thompson, president of the umbrella Vincentian group in the U.S., Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), urged that thanks be given to all nationals, including those in the Diaspora.

"Let us work together for strong representation," she said. "Let's work together because we care about St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

New York Counsel General Selmon Walters said it is gratifying "when we can fly the flag (of St. Vincent and the Grenadines) high and be proud to be a Vincy."

Some members of the Brooklyn-based Cavaliers Sports Club, in dress uniform, attended the Independence Anniversary Church Service for the very first time.

The Church Service Committee was headed by Crispin Friday, elder brother of the Most. Rev. Leopold Friday, bishop of the Windward Islands. It also comprised Crispin Friday's wife, Ancilla. Both are members of St. Paul's Episcopal (Anglican) Church In-the-Village of Flatbush.

Other members of the committee are: The Revs. Carver Israel, Hoskins Prescott and Dillon Burgin; Deanna Grant;

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Members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter, hold the book, "A Mayor's Life," prior to Mayor Dinkins' presentation. Shawna Myles (left) said, "We all bought the book and are excited to get it signed."

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Dinkins stresses need for an educated population

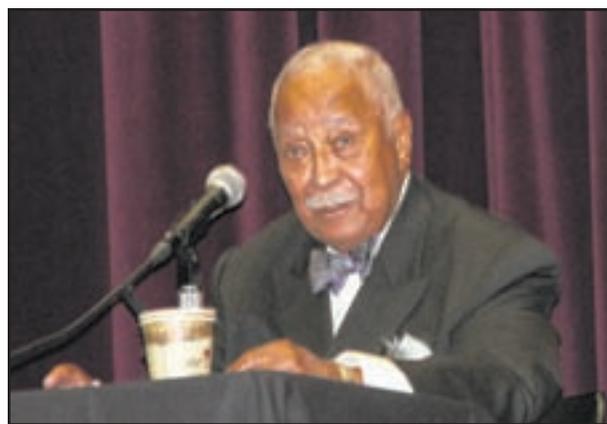
By Tequila Minsky

Former mayor David Dinkins is quite the raconteur-storyteller. And, he has decades of living behind him to engagingly share.

At Medgar Evers College, last week, Honorable David Dinkins meandered through the storyline of his life with Dr. Brenda M. Greene, chair of the Medgar Evers English Department and the executive director of the Center for Black Literature.

The mayor journeyed with an almost-filled Founders Auditorium, back to his childhood where he was raised in part by his mother and grandmother in Harlem. He reminisced, "We were poor, but we didn't know it." Later, he lived with his father in Trenton, N.J. and stepmother, a teacher, who was like a second mother to him.

Entering the World War II years, he wanted to join a select branch of the armed services and he recalled his perseverance through the rejection that he ignored, as he went from one recruiting station to another, in order to be accepted as a Black



Through his 87-year journey, elder statesman, Mayor Dinkins kept the audience at Medgar Evers College captivated.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

recruit into the Marines. He was discharged in 1946.

Mayor Dinkins looks back at his life with humor and many expanded one-liners. But also, he clearly has the demeanor of an elder statesman. The mayor steered his story through his college years – Howard, graduate school – a fellowship at Rutgers where he dropped out, and later, law school. He quipped, "You don't have to be that smart to go to law school."

Working at night at a liquor store while in law

school, he told how he kept that night job when he first began to practice law.

He covered his years involved in local politics dropping the names of his political cronies like international businessman Wally Ford, Assemblyman Bert Baker, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and also, Basil Patterson, Percy Sutton and Charlie Rangel (the last three with him were known as the Gang of Four).

He spoke of being president of the Board of Elec-

tions, and for 10 years city clerk, then elected, after three attempts, borough president of Manhattan in 1985. He was voted in as mayor in 1989, defeating three-term Ed Koch.

During the Q&A that followed "the conversation" with Dr. Greene, the mayor said that his greatest achievement was receiving Nelson Mandela. "I feel fortunate to have lived during his lifetime," he said.

When asked what is the most critical issue to be dealt with today? He responded, "Education." Getting the population educated increases their livelihood; healthcare, housing, everything improves. "The most important thing is education," he repeated.

In the receptive admiring audience were students and neighbors, community leaders and politicians, many officers and members of the presenting organization – The Community Council for Medgar Evers College and members from a long list of event co-sponsors – education, business, women's, civic, and community organizations.

Travel ban

Continued from cover while researching whether the bans would have violated the human rights of potential visitors. Once that was established, governments moved to do so quickly.

"The matter will be considered and discussed by cabinet tomorrow. I think that is the appropriate forum to receive information and to take the decision. We will certainly review it in light of the clearance from the WHO and I will be very happy to have that review. As you know, we have very close ties with Nigeria. In our own country we have a lot of Nigerian doctors who work here and a lot of Trininis go to work in Nigeria and, in addition, the president of Nigeria visited us here and I will be very happy to review the ban on Nigeria given the information that has come forward."

Many of the CARICOM member states, particularly those with international offshore medical universities play host to hundreds of Nigerians and other West African students each year.

Nigerian nurses and doctors also work in some of the countries and travel frequently between Africa and the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, Jamaican health authorities say they have now sourced and acquired hundreds of personnel protection suits and other safety equipment to deal with an Ebola outbreak even as pandemonium broke out at the rural Manchester Hospital this week when a Nigerian doctor who was ill turned up for treatment and was promptly declared to be an Ebola patient.

Dr. Bob Banjo, a Jamaican resident for nearly 30 years said all hell broke loose when he turned up sweating and dizzy for treatment at the hospital. It took nine hours for him to be diagnosed with high blood pressure as everyone at the facility panicked and scampered, particularly because there was no safety gear. He thinks that island preparation is way off in the event of an actual infected patient turning up for treatment.



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

AP Photo/John Minchillo

But even as governments are reviewing travel bans, authorities are appealing to medical laboratories to ensure they are operating at premium levels in the wake of the Ebola and Chikungunya outbreaks.

"Labs are being required to do so much more with less" at the moment as the region is facing an ongoing challenge from the severe epidemic of chronic diseases as well as ever-increasing threats posed by communicable diseases such as the already widespread regional epidemic of Chikungunya and the global threat of Ebola," the health ministers forum said in a statement.

Jamaica opposition

Continued from cover cedure when he visited Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn prior to his election in 2007.

On this pre-election ground, the JLP delegation addressed nationals in Manhattan.

During a keynote address Holness expressed hope for Jamaica.

His brief address explained how he envisioned Jamaicans proudly traveling without stigma of being economic refugees to destinations such as Trinidad & Tobago.

He seemed to have 20/20 vision on the topic of education.

Offering a 'Superman' perspective of his vision, he projected how under his governance he would eliminate the Darwinian type of education that favors the privileged.

As if illiteracy might be the kryptonite to stall his plan, he took a chunk of time to share a story about an immigrant here whose explanation in court could

not be interpreted.

Allegedly, a frustrated judge unable to comprehend the Jamaican asked the defendant to write whatever he couldn't verbally explain. Unfortunately, the man could not read or write. If the persistent judge had not proceeded to call in an interpreter familiar with Jamaican patois, the individual might have faced a murder charge rather than the manslaughter he ultimately defended.

Holness' brief address was followed by a panel discussion with one of his opposition Parliament colleague Edmund Bartlett. Now serving as spokesperson on foreign affairs, Bartlett previously served as minister of tourism and accompanied Golding on his pre-election, Brooklyn outing.

Prof. Donald Robotham, director Advanced Research Collaborative at the Graduate Center (CUNY) and former Holness' instructor, along with Jamaican Senator Kamina Johnson

Smith, JLP's chairperson, of the Legal and Constitution Committee and Irwine Clare, a member of the advisory board of the north-east division of the Jamaica Diaspora USA added to the insightful theme.

However, it was not until Jamaicans abroad joined the foray did the transforming process become transparent.

Clare made a poignant comment that members of the diaspora held little trust in the government and that the diasporans' interest in the nation was to be a "partner not an ATM" did the exchange broaden the vision.

While a majority agreed their role is to help bolster the low-growth Jamaican economy, an alleged social worker objected to being a money dispensing machine.

She explained how she migrated from Trench Town in Kingston, studied to earn a degree and don't mind sending money to the family she left behind.

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Caribbean unemployment expected to drop to 6%

By Nelson A. King

Two United Nations agencies say the unfavorable evolution of the economy in Latin America and the Caribbean during the second half of 2014 will not prevent regional urban unemployment from decreasing slightly this year to 6.0 percent or 6.1 percent, from the 6.2 percent recorded in 2013.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the International Labor Organization (ILO) on Thursday presented a new edition of their joint report.

The report indicates that while a regional rebound in job creation is not foreseen in 2014, a lower rate of labor market participation - which is to say, the proportion of the working-age population inside the labor force, whether employed or unemployed - should enable

unemployment to fall.

In the document, the United Nations organizations analyze the employment situation during the first half of the year and explain the mechanisms that have helped reduce inequality in the region's earned incomes in the last decade.

According to the report, even though country data shows a high degree of heterogeneity, the employment rate at a regional level - meaning the number of employed people versus the total working-age population - continued the decline it had initiated in 2013 during the first half of this year.

"Considering these circumstances, and as paradoxical as it may seem, the decline in the unemployment rate is not entirely positive news... The fall in labor force participation

that is behind the decreasing unemployment has an impact on the economic autonomy of a growing proportion of the population, especially women," Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC's executive secretary, and Elizabeth Tinoco, ILO's Regional Director, say in the document's introduction.

Despite the current stagnation, the overall assessment of the region's labor markets during recent years is positive, according to the report.

Beyond the situation today, the report analyzes the virtuous links between employment formalization and improvements in labor income distribution.

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Caribbean farmers reap benefits of ICT

By Jewel Fraser

PARAMARIBO, Suriname, Oct 15, 2014 (IPS) - Farmers in the Caribbean are being encouraged to make more use of farm apps and other forms of ICT in an effort to increase the knowledge available for making sound, profitable farming decisions.

Peter Thompson of Jamaica's Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) said Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology is being increasingly used to track "localised conditions, pests and disease prevalence. The technology will not only add value to us but to the farmers in giving information that they need."

Thompson spoke to IPS at the recently concluded Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA), held Oct. 6-12 in Paramaribo, Suriname.

A great deal of attention

was given to "scaling up" the integration of technology into day-to-day farming practices at CWA 2014, co-sponsored by the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).

The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, showcased apps that students in the Department of Computing and Information Technology had developed as part of the AgriNeTT project, a collaborative effort between the Department, the Faculty of Food and Agriculture, and farmers' representatives.

AgriNeTT's project leader/coordinator, Dr. Margaret Bernard, said "the main focus...is developing intelligent systems within agriculture. There is a lack of data [and] many of the models

being built did not have real data from the field."

The apps are intended to support agriculture, she told IPS. "A big part of the AgriNeTT project is the development of an Open Data repository, particularly to house agriculture data on a national level... The repository will house different data sets, including farm level production data, commodity prices and volumes, farm land spatial data, soils, weather, and pest and diseases tracking data."

Dr. Bernard said the aim of the Open Data repository was to build a platform that would be accessible throughout the Caribbean. The project seeks to encourage all in the Caribbean farming community to share in uploading data so that "developer teams can use that data creatively and build apps [for agricul-



Winners of this year's AgriHack Talent competition, at the Caribbean Week of Agriculture 2014. The winners designed apps to be used by farmers. Photo courtesy of CTA

ture]."

She added that the creation of apps and tools based on the data would help to modernise Caribbean agriculture. "The collection, aggregation, analysis, visualisation and dissemination of data are key to Caribbean competitiveness," Dr. Bernard said.

Dr. Bernard holds high

hopes for a new app, called AgriExpenseTT, which her team developed for farm record-keeping. The app, now available for download at Google Play, allows farmers to track expenses of more than one crop at a time, track purchases of agricultural products they use on their farms, as well as track how much of the

products purchased are actually used for each crop.

She said farmers who opted for the subscription service for this app would then have their data stored which would allow researchers "to verify some of the models for cost production, so we know this is what it costs to produce X amount of [any crop]."

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Open letter to Vincentians on crime and violence

To The Editor:

As our blessed homeland, St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), commemorates its 35th Anniversary of Independence, we acknowledge the strides and gains we have made as a people to secure our sovereignty. Yet we acknowledge that our quest for independence has not always been without social, economic and political challenges, which have at times tested our resolve as a people. Notwithstanding, our resilience has always brought us through and will continue to give us moments for which we can be justly proud. As our anthem asserts, "What e'er the future brings, our faith will see us through."

It is in this spirit of solidarity with Vincentians at home and abroad, that the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York Inc. (SVGDC-NY), an organization consisting of concerned Vincentians with a keen interest in the well-being of our beloved, "Hairouna" – Home of the Blessed, raises its concern about recent news items coming out of SVG about the situation of crime and violence. We are deeply concerned about the impact of crime and violence especially on children, women, the elderly, disabled, farmers, workers, and families. We are concerned about the negative perception being created by the continu-

ing vexations of crime and violence, which has the potential to undermine the progress we have made as a society. As an organization, we are dedicated to promoting the best interests of our nation and the fundamental rights of all Vincentians to live and thrive in a safe society. We, therefore, acknowledge a greater need to address the issues that affect the perception and reality of public safety and security and we affirm our interest in maintaining a safe SVG.

To this end, we have already forged a partnership with the anti-violence organization, LOVINSVG in SVG, to promote anti-violence values. We will continue to seek opportunities to collaborate with other institutions and individuals to pursue strategies to address the scourge of crime and violence. We encourage others to also forge meaningful alliances in this fight for our nation's soul. Certainly, we can agree that there is much inaction for which we all are guilty and it is only with an all-hands-on-deck approach that we will make any meaningful impact and ensure that we can proudly sing "may peace reign from shore to shore, and God bless and keep us true". We make an impassioned call for a collective sense of responsibility and action. Our government,

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Imbalanced media reports: Ebola vs Chikungunya

By Vinette K. Pryce

It might be irresponsible to describe the incessant media coverage about the Ebola virus in Shakespearean terms -- much ado about nothing.

However, every day Americans die from cancer, influenza, heat-stroke, freezing temperatures, pneumonia and complications from it, heart attack, stroke and a myriad of diseases. If a week goes by and only a single American die from any one of those maladies, the news media would not report with such urgency as they seem to have invested in covering Ebola, the foreign terror that has not killed a single American.

Relentless reports have left many Americans terrified and hankering for more and more news about the disease that took the life of a Liberian national who arrived in Texas and unfortunately became the face of the dreaded disease.

And while they should not throw caution to the wind now that Thomas Eric Duncan succumbed here on U.S. soil, one must wonder how such a terrifying and incurable disease accounted for the death of 9,000 individuals in Africa and less than a month ago, the word was absent from the American lexicon.

Perhaps, Ghana's Kofi Anan has the answer.

The former Secretary General for the United Nations said the world ignored Ebola until it spread from Africa. Although the disease had been wreaking havoc throughout the continent for decades, only when it affected Americans and Europeans did the threat of a pandemic become newsworthy.

"If the crisis had hit some other region it probably would have been handled very differently. In fact when you look at

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the evolution of the crisis, the international community really woke up when the disease got to America and Europe," Anan said.

Annan had some choice words for the world's governing bodies when it came to the way the Ebola virus has been worrying Americans recently. Anan said that the international community could have nipped the issue in the bud much sooner but because of their reluctance to act, ended up ruining the opportunity to contain the virus.

"As a result of their inaction, the Ebola virus has now gone worldwide, and threatens the health of the entire world."

"I am bitterly disappointed by the response... I am disappointed in the international community for not moving faster," Annan told BBC Newsnight.

Annan contends that diseases only matter to the world once they hit the U.S. and Europe (aka white people). With the disease infecting a nurse in Spain and two nurses here in America and the fact the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) appears to be apologizing for their role in handling Duncan's case, Americans are now being deluged with updates on the dangerous Ebola disease.

"I point the finger of blame at the governments with capacity... I think there's enough blame to go around," Annan said.

"The African countries in the region could have done a bit more. They could have asked for help much faster and the international community could have

organized in a much better way to offer assistance."

"We didn't need to take months to do what we are doing today."

Annan defended the World Health Organization, which has been criticized for not responding quickly enough to the worst ever epidemic of the disease, which began in Guinea before spreading to Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The Nobel peace prize laureate said that the WHO, which predicts that the infection rate could reach 10,000 a week by December, was aware of the risk of the disease but relied on governments to give them the resources to act.

Already the governments of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, issued travel bans against individuals traveling directly or indirectly from some countries in West Africa.

In Jamaica – the Ministry of National Security said the ban extends to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The ban also extends to Commonwealth citizens who have travelled to or transited through Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone within 28 days of their arrival to Jamaica.

It was also announced that Jamaican citizens and residents, who have travelled to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone within 28 days of their arrival will be quarantined in the interest of public health and national security upon their arrival in Jamaica.

Already, reggae artists booked for concerts on the continent have postponed appearances.

Meanwhile, the Chikungunya virus claimed another youth in Jamaica. The Ministry of Education announced that a 10-year-old student in Kingston recently succumbed from the dreaded dis-

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Fantasies of an Obama-style breakthrough

When we get to the point where mention in the media of the name of Louisiana's governor, Bobby Jindal, is regularly accompanied by the line that he is a prospective 2016 Republican presidential aspirant, you understand why buzz continues about Mitt Romney being seriously courted within the party to be a third-time seeker of the nomination. To hear the Romney proponents tell it, you wouldn't think that, as the 2012 nominee, this guy convincingly demonstrated that core convictions defining him were non-existent; and every step of the way his actions reaffirmed an inability to relate to folks not within the ranks of the well-off. But a Romney, even that much challenged, evidently looks good when things are so dire as to accord Jindal legit contender status.

If reports of Jindal's interest in running for president prove correct, it must be that his is the standard trial-balloon type indulgence, not one with serious expectations of triumph. One would think he's pragmatic enough to do a realistic landscape appraisal. Born on U.S. soil to newly arrived

Indian immigrant parents, Jindal's public path so far has shown him to be steeped in conservative play-book ideology, especially on the fiscal front, in addition to being seen as a pretty bright guy. If he happens to believe, however, that the savage, unrelenting backlash from the right against President Obama has only to do with Obama being a Democrat and a progressive, he is woefully out to lunch. To whatever extent Jindal would be committed to flaunting conservative and/or Tea Party colors in a White House bid, he would be in for a rude awakening if allowing himself the presumption that his ethnicity wouldn't play huge with the right-side base.

Obama was able to twice win the presidency, obviously with an impressive chunk of white votes, but with his core support solidly anchored in people of color. Unfortunately for Jindal, any national office quest by him as a non-white Republican/Tea Party hope, would be without the kind of non-white base support that was a gimme for Obama. Even the Hispanic vote, which not too long ago offered fairly decent trawling for the GOP,

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

has become a lot rougher terrain for the party. So that not suffering the right's immediate disdain reserved for any Democrat would help Jindal some, but at the end of the day, what he is figures to hurt him a whole lot more. The ethnic stock whence Jindal came isn't very likely to gain him the stamp of approval for potential White House duty from a sizeable portion of the Republican/Tea Party bloc.

The Republicans' shakeout process for the nomination last time around was a protracted, tedious affair which prompted from party bigwigs the assurance that 2016 will see an overhauled run-up to selecting a nominee, most notably in decluttering what was a debate-laden calendar in 2012. Speculation about Romney being again in the mix has come in the wake of a sense that has developed, that the once formidable Chris Christie no longer looks like

the powerhouse he once did, following the slamming he took in the Washington Bridge scandal that has scarred his administration. Christie (some have questionably attached to him the tag of "moderate") was earlier seen as the great GOP hope against Hillary Clinton in her presumed run.

Christie could of course yet resurface as a 2016 factor... although we maintain that, never mind Washington Bridge, the documented history of the governor's coarse, insulting conduct in encounters with assorted ordinary folk is sufficient to effectively derail the bid for higher office of Christie or any other politician similarly given to humiliating defenseless members of the public. And it's been known to happen, there may well be among the players fixing to throw hats in the GOP ring, some little known contender whose stock rapidly rises (Bill Clinton was no odds-on favorite to win the nomination in 1992 when jousting began among Democrats; and of course neither was Obama in 2008). What's clear is there are elements on the GOP side worried enough about

the potential pool of presidential wannabes to exert pressure on Romney to step up to the plate one more time. That's Romney, whose infamous "47 percent" remark to some wealthy folk in Florida, about who in the electorate mattered to him, has taken its place among the celebrated hoof-in-mouth classics of presidential campaign lore.

Meanwhile an ambitious Jindal (he was said to have eyed a run for president in 2012 as well) must think he has arrived where his being in the discussion about presidential possibilities is by no means a stretch. "Don't do stupid stuff," Jindal admonished his fellow Republicans a while back. Certainly spoken like a man brimming with confidence. Which is a pretty neat quality to have in your arsenal, if the presidency is your aim and game. But Jindal's glide through plum appointive posts and elective office in Louisiana could lead him to discount the possibility of his race negatively impacting those ambitions of his. It would be "stupid stuff" on his part to do so.

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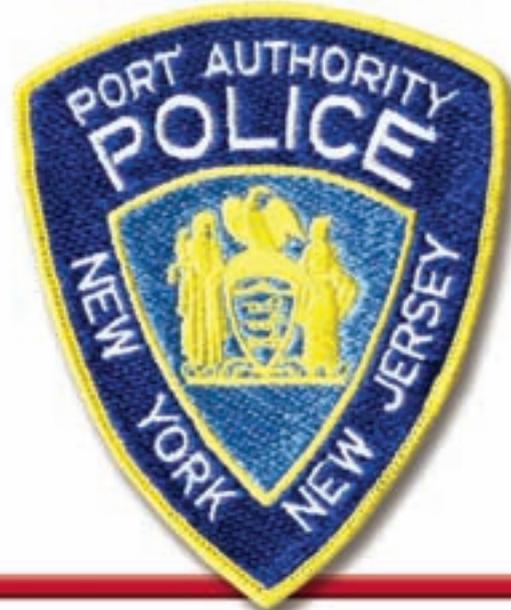
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Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 announced that he will move to vacate murder and other charges against David McCallum and the late Willie Stuckey, who were convicted in the 1985 kidnapping and murder of Nathan Blenner. The decision follows a thorough review of the case by the District Attorney's Conviction Review Unit.

"In the interest of justice, I will ask the Court today to vacate the murder convictions of David McCallum and Willie Stuckey. After a thorough and fair review of the case by my Conviction Review Unit and the Independent Review Panel, I have concluded that their convictions should not stand and that Mr. McCallum should be released from prison," said District Attorney Ken



David McCallum and his mother Ernestine. Photo by Lem Peterkin

Thompson.

David McCallum and Willie Stuckey (who has since died) were just 16 years old when they were charged with the kidnapping and murder of Nathan Blenner, 20, who was kidnapped on Oct. 20, 1985, in front of his South Ozone Park, Queens home. Blenner's

body was found the next day by children playing in an undeveloped lot adjacent to the rear of Aberdeen Park in Bushwick, Brooklyn. He had been shot once in the head.

McCallum and Stuckey were arrested shortly thereafter and

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Caribbean countries implement travel ban

By Azad Ali

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has placed a ban on nationals from Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Guinea from entering the island, as Caribbean countries continue to put in place measures to prevent a possible outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in the region.

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves said that the measure was taken given the lack of infrastructure on the island to deal with the Ebola virus for there is no known cure.

Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Guinea are the three West African countries most affected by the Ebola virus which has killed more than 4,500 people so far.

"Because we didn't consider that we had the infrastructure, necessarily, to deal with an onrush of people if they were to come from any of those West African countries which we have named specifically," Gonsalves said.

Meanwhile, St. Lucia became the third country within the

OECS to place an immediate ban on nationals from West African countries entering the country.

A government statement said Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony has advised the Commissioner of Police Vernon Francois to implement with "immediate effect, a prohibition on persons from these countries who wish to travel to St. Lucia."

"All visitors from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will be denied entry into St. Lucia until further notice," the statement said.

Last week, the Grenada government said it is considering suspending travel visas to nationals from the same countries, as it moves to prevent any occurrence of the virus.

The government said the mortality rates are climbing in the affected countries and the potential of spread becoming more and more imminent, the move to suspend the visa could soon be taken.

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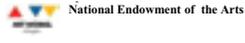
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Last year, the U.S. announced that it was barring the St. Lucia Police Force from taking part in American funded training exercises and assistance under its anti-drug program.

The decision was made by Washington in light of what it called credible allegations of gross human rights violations by local lawmen.

Trinidad

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar blocked a trip by a Trinidad and Tobago delegation to attend the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Confer-

ence, which took place in Cameroon, Africa between Oct. 6-12 in wake of the Ebola virus.

The delegation was to include three members of Parliament and two members of the Tobago House of Assembly and another member.

The THA team had already left the country and was at the first destination in London when they were recalled.

Several Caribbean countries did not attend the conference due to the outbreak of the Ebola virus now sweeping West Africa.

— compiled by Azad Ali



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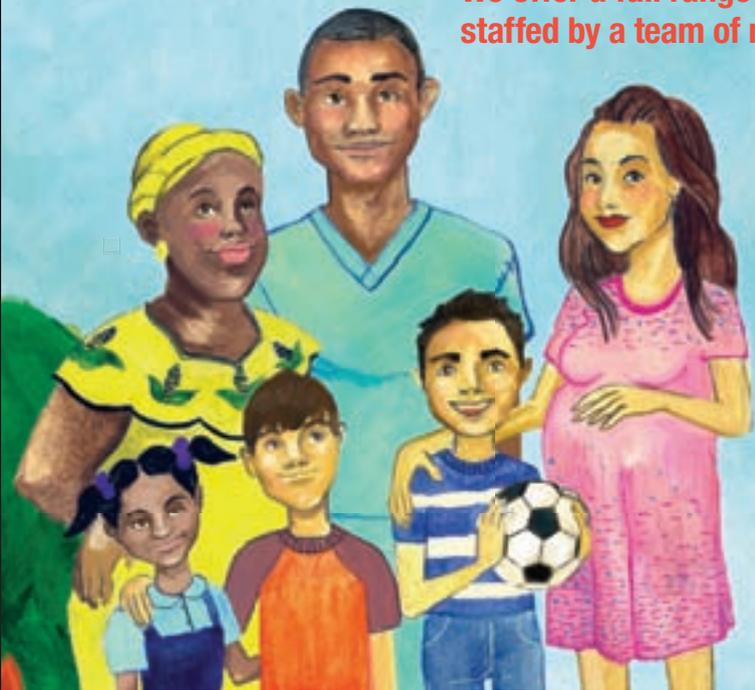


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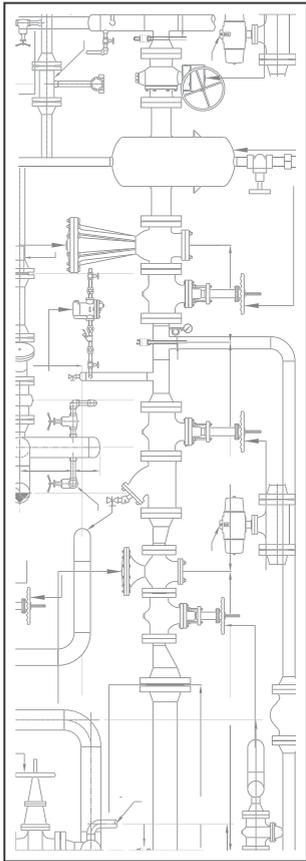
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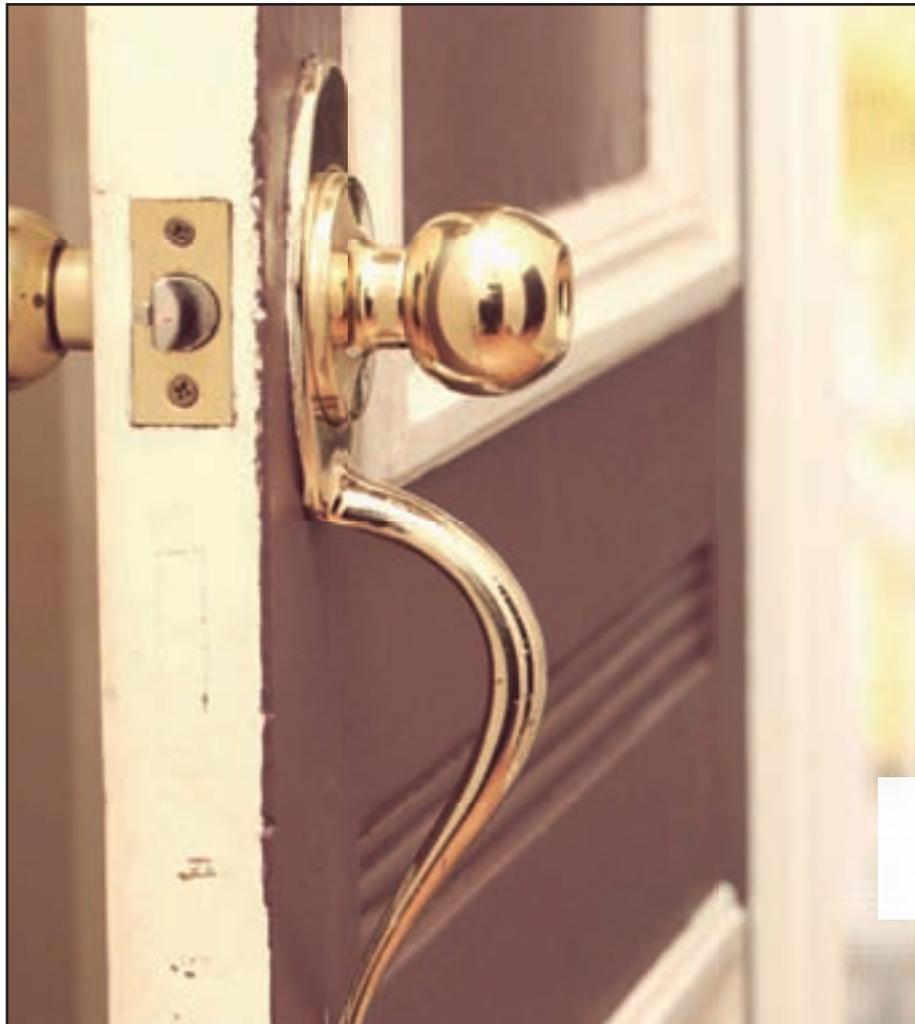


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The company entered the market in 2004 with only 10 sub-agents. By June 2007, the remittance company copped an award from MoneyGram International for 'Fastest Growth' having registered three years of high business volume. In February 2009, the company received the award for 'Top Remittance Agent', with 69 sub-agents registered. In 2011, LASCO received the MoneyGram International Award for 'Top Receive Agent and Largest Network in Jamaica and the Caribbean with more than



Chairman of LASCO Affiliated Companies - Hon. Lascelles Chin receives MoneyGram Award as Brand Ambassador. Presenting is LFSL Managing Director Jacinth Hall-Tracey. Photo courtesy of LASCO Financial Services Ltd.

80 sub-agents. LASCO'S performance has continually surpassed the other MoneyGram agents registered in Jamaica

In recognition of the company's outstanding performance Chairman of LASCO Affiliated Companies, the Hon. Lascelles Chin O.J., C.D., was named the MoneyGram Brand Ambassador to Jamaica in 2013. "Jamaica has a large diaspora. Many caregivers work outside of Jamaica and

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The company's strength and excellent track record are largely as a result of a rigorous authentication process for sub-agents. LASCO

MoneyGram sub-agents are carefully chosen to ensure locations are central and operations are within international standards. Managing Director of LASCO Financial Services Ltd., Mrs. Jacinth Hall-Tracey explains that sub-agents are selected to ensure Jamaicans can access the services wherever they are in the island. "We left our offices and went to the customer in their neighborhoods to find out what was convenient for

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LASCO MoneyGram provides remittance services through 92 sub-agents conveniently located island-wide. Customers can transfer funds from anywhere in the world to recipients in Jamaica in just 10 minutes. The strategic partnership continues to succeed as a result of structured management of resources, caring for the customers' need for reliable and comfortable service and core competences as well as managing relationships with sub-agents.

LASCO Financial Services Ltd., enlisted on the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Junior Market in 2010. The company copped awards in 2012 and 2013 in the category 'best performing company' on the Junior Market.

The LASCO Affiliated Companies remain committed

to improving the lives of Jamaicans and contributing to nation building. LASCO sponsors three national ambassadorial programmes that reward and support outstanding men and women of the police force, the nursing and teaching professions. The companies sponsor the "Police of the Year," "Nurse of the Year," "Principal of the Year" and "Teacher of the Year." LASCO Financial Services is also a major sponsor of community development and integrations programs including the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission's Festival Queen Competition and the Social Development Commissions (SDC) National Twenty/20 Community Cricket Competition.

LASCO MoneyGram is focused and dedicated to providing continued innovative and effective money transfer services to its customers. These funds are essential to maintaining the independence of each and every customer to buy school supplies, food, pay bills and cover other expenses. "At LASCO MoneyGram we care for our customers, we are committed to success and demonstrate integrity among all stakeholders," said Hall-Tracey.

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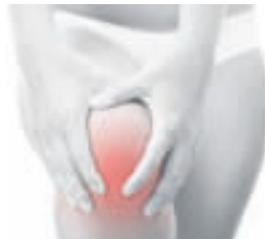
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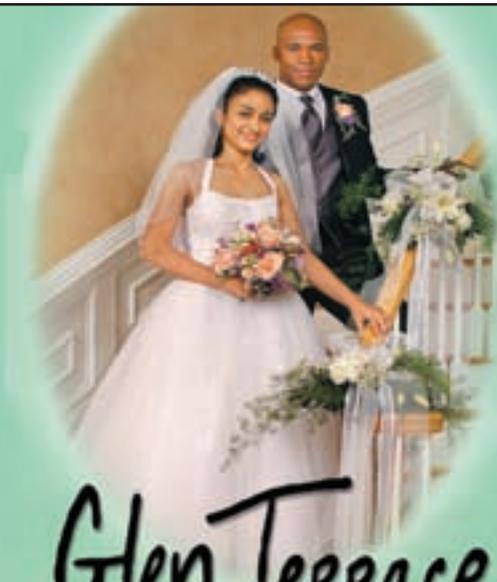


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Guyana's Queens College to mark 170th anniversary

By Tangerine Clarke

"Faithful and Useful Everywhere" is the motto of the Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association and that will be on the minds of members of the New York Chapter, when they join other past students in commemorating the institution's 170th Anniversary.

The Guyana Chapter will welcome graduates from Central and South Florida, the United Kingdom, Canada and from other parts of the world for an exciting week of activities planned from Oct. 26.

Reverend Conrad Plummer of Redeemer Luther Church will begin the festivities with a service to celebrate the decades' old school, before the graduates, and current students gather for a General Assembly in the Queens' College Auditorium. During this session, tea will be served by British-based Delgety's Tea, owned by an alumnus.

The institution, which is located in the heart of the capital, will bring together hundreds of its former students to celebrate accomplishments, and implement programs to benefit future students.

The festivities will include an Annual BBQ and Lime to benefit the school, followed by a 50th Anniversary

ry Fundraising Luncheon. In addition, the women of Queens's College will honor the upcoming 40th Anniversary of Coeducation at the school.

John Campbell, president of the QC New York Chapter noted that the 23-year-old NY chapter which meets monthly to benefit its alma mater, will explore Guyana's rich beauty during trips to the hinterland, and hosts the 2014 ICQC Annual Business Meeting.

A 170th Anniversary Concert will feature music written and performed by alumni and students to honor the school's history of composing some of Guyana's most enduring music.

The concert will be a significant moment in Guyanese cultural life and a respectful tribute to the school's contribution to distinction, according to the organization.

The NY Chapter, which holds three fundraising events yearly, have donated a biology lab, multimedia equipment, sports apparel, furniture, and funded educational trips at a cost of more than \$50,000 over the years. The Vernley Ward Bursary provides the first two years of tuition (\$2000) for a top performing science student planning on attending the University of

Guyana.

Annual assistance with payments of CXC and CAPE examination fees to indigent students also comes from fundraising. The alumni also funds the salary of a social worker to provide services to the students.

The academy, originally named Queen's College Grammar School for Boys and founded by Reverend Williams Piercy Austin, D. D. Bishop of then British Guiana, currently has approximately 850 students enrolled.



Queen's College Alumni Association NYC Chapter Executive Committee; From left front: Carol Cort, John Campbell and Jeremy Jordon; From left back: Clive English, Wayne King, Louis Kilkenny and Lex Brian La-Rose.

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Tips for beating the winter blues

(StatePoint) Sniffles and flu are not the only afflictions of winter. Many people find that the dark and cold days can impact their mood. In fact, seasonal affective disorder (SAD) affects approximately 10 million Americans, and another 10 to 20 percent of the public may have mild SAD, according to Psychology Today.

Coupled with busy lives, the winter blues can put extra strain on one's relationships and psyche. Luckily there are simple lifestyle changes you can make to help lead a happier, less stressful life during winter.

HEALTHY HABITS

Feeling blue can be compounded by unhealthy habits. Limit alcohol and get plenty of rest to feel your best. Eat foods beneficial to brain health, such as those that contain omega 3 fatty acids.

Be sure to exercise daily, as physical activity can boost sero-

HEALTH

tonin and dopamine levels in your brain. While the days may be shorter, try to take advantage of the sunlight each day with a brisk walk at lunch -- remember to bundle up though, a winter cold is never fun!

GET COZY

One of the causes of winter blues is light deprivation. If you have a fireplace, counteract the shorter days by adding a fire to your daily routine.

Dinner, reading, relaxing, watching TV, and even working can seem more enjoyable by adding the light and warmth of a fire, say the statistics. Indeed, 89 percent of people say having a fire is extremely important, important or somewhat important to their wintertime quality of life, accord-

ing to a recent survey jointly conducted by the American Institute of Stress (AIS) and Duraflame, which creates fire-related products, including fire logs and fire starters.

A fire can offer stress relief, creating an opportunity to gather friends and family in a relaxing ambiance. Whether you're alone or with a group, consider making it a hassle-free experience by using a manufactured fire log, which produces robust, bright flames and burns significantly cleaner and more efficiently than a typical wood fire.

TAKE A BREATHER

Consider setting aside more time each day to mentally and physically recuperate. Nearly 60 percent of people take an hour a day or less to wind down and relax, according to the AIS and Duraflame survey, and more probably should.



Staying warm and cozy during the winter keeps out the blues. Photo courtesy of Statepoint

Try this quick stress relief exercise, "The Quieting Reflex," recommended by Dr. Daniel L. Kirsch, president of AIS:

- Smile inwardly with your eyes and mouth, relaxing your facial muscles. Think of something heartwarming or amusing while you do this. This starts to counter stress immediately.

- Next think of the expression: "Alert Mind, Calm Body" to counter negative thoughts.

- Slowly take a deep breath

while visualizing it as warm air coming in from pores, or holes opening up in the bottom of your feet and slowly moving up into your lungs.

- While you exhale, visualize a wave of warmth and relaxation slowly flowing through your body exiting through your feet, like the spreading warmth you feel when sitting by the fireplace.

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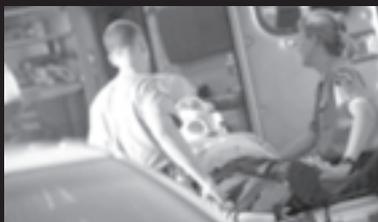
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Notables galore at the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation Annual Restore Brooklyn Benefit. From left, Kevin Chavers, Chris Williams, Janice Savin Williams, Maurice DuBois, Spike Lee, Rosie Perez, Bruce Gordon and Colvin Grannum.

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Awards at Bed-Stuy Restoration Benefit

By Tequila Minsky

In the heart of Brooklyn, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation (Restoration) offers numerous family, housing, business, arts and culture services to the community, in addition to operating Restoration Plaza, located at Fulton Street and Marcy.

The commercial plaza, completed in 1972, today is home to Restoration's headquarters and 50 tenants that include a theatre, gallery, businesses, non-profits, government agencies, a supermarket, a satellite campus of the College of New Rochelle and Assemblywoman Annette Robinson's office.

The Restore Brooklyn Annual Benefit Dinner, a benefit for the 47-year-old Restoration, was held at Jazz at Lincoln Center, on Monday, Oct. 20.

Colvin Grannum, president of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, welcomed supporters, "As the nation's first community development corporation, founded nearly 50 years ago by Senators Robert Kennedy and Jacob Javits, Restoration has been working to ensure that residents of all incomes receive the economic opportunities they deserve and enjoy the benefits of healthy

and prosperous communities."

During the evening, director Spike Lee presented actress Rosie Perez with the "Jacob Javits Award" for Excellence in Public Service for her public service and commitment to Brooklyn. Lee emphasized, "It is incredibly important to support organizations like Restoration that work to preserve the cultural integrity of Brooklyn while also providing services to help families survive and thrive."

In accepting her award, Actress Rosie Perez, said, "When I was a young girl, no one believed in me or gave me a chance to accomplish anything. It was a local organization like the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation that changed everything for me and provided me with opportunities I never thought I would have."

Also recognized was business leader and former president of NAACP Bruce Gordon who received the "Robert F. Kennedy Award" for Exemplary Corporate Citizenship and Honorable William Thompson Sr., former Supreme Court judge and State Senator, who accepted the "Restoration Founders Award" for Excellence in

Community.

The 2014 Restore Brooklyn Annual Benefit Dinner highlighted Restoration's new Economic Solutions Center, helping community members address the myriad of financial challenges on the path to economic self-sufficiency.

By providing job training and placement services; financial support and debt counseling programs; benefit, child care and food support services; healthcare solutions programs; supports to low-income workers; and housing assistance, Restoration seeks to comprehensively approach financial security and family stability and ensure that all residents benefit from the current revitalization of Brooklyn.

The roots of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation hail back to 1964 with federal legislation leading to a national model for community development. Formerly established in 1967, the nascent Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation involved assistance from some of the foremost leaders of the American business community and would eventually encompass housing, business, and culture in community development.

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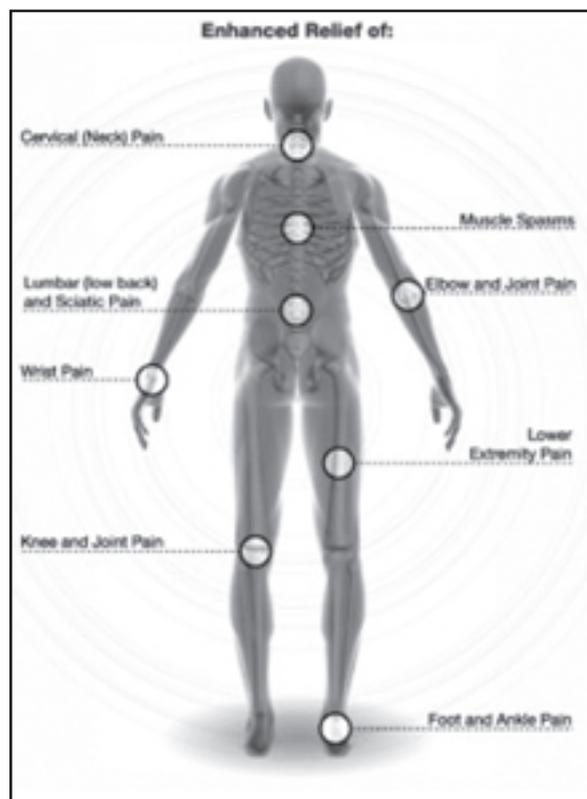
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- Speeding of tissue repair
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- Pain reduction immediately

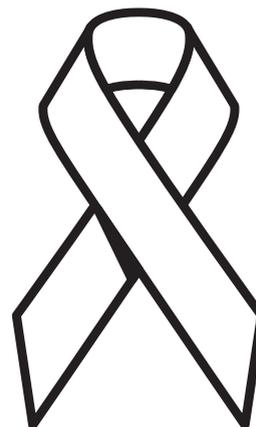
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Caribbean infrastructure needs more investment

By Nelson A. King

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) would like regional countries to invest annually 6.2 percent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – some US\$320 billion dollars – to satisfy their infrastructure demands in the period 2012-2020.

According to new estimates released by ECLAC in a report, “Economic Infra-

structure Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean Database 1980-2012 (EII-LAC-DB),” the figure of 6.2 percent of GDP comes from applying the “investment trajectory to expected infrastructure needs.”

The report assumes that the historic pattern of country investments will be repeated.

“As such, it is an approximation and not a strict recommendation,” the docu-

ment indicates.

According to the report, the average 2.7 percent of GDP allotted to infrastructure investment in the last decade shows that the region is not investing enough.

The study also says that an adequate response to requirements in this field is key for the region’s insertion in the global economy in the 21st century and for its people’s quality of life.

According to ECLAC, an

analysis of the figures in the EII-LAC-DB database reveals “a trend towards increasing investment in the aforementioned four economic infrastructure sectors during the period 2003-2012.”

ECLAC says the transportation sector has drawn the biggest amount of investment since 2005, followed by energy, telecommunications, and water and sanitation.

According to the report, in 2012 (the last year available), average regional investment in the four sectors was 3.49 percent of GDP.

According to ECLAC, investment in infrastructure projects contributes to increasing the coverage and quality of public services (for example, health, education and recreation) and reduces the costs associated with mobility and logistics, which, in turn, improves

access to markets of goods, services, employment and financing, providing a favorable environment for improvements in the population’s overall well-being.

Therefore, ECLAC stresses that countries must examine the patterns in their investment decisions to orient them towards new infrastructures that reinforce the path to equality, with sustainability and inclusion.

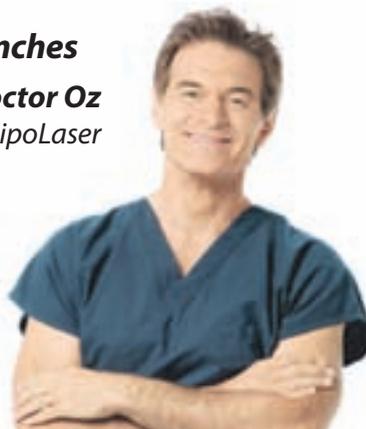
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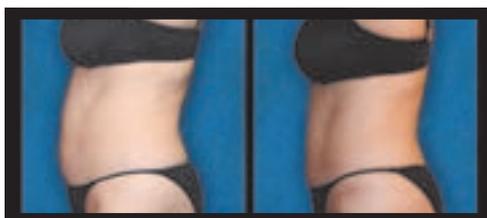
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confessed to the crime. They were convicted of second-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree robbery and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, following a jury trial, on Oct. 27, 1986.

They were both sentenced to the maximum of 25 years to life in prison.

After examining all of the facts and circumstances of the case against McCallum and Stuckey - the verdict which was based entirely on their confessions - the convictions could not be sustained. The CRU investigation concluded that the confessions were false and not supported by physical or testimonial evidence.

From the totality of the

circumstances, the CRU and the Independent Review Panel concluded that the jury’s fact-finding ability as to both defendants was significantly corrupted, and additionally finds clear reasonable doubt as to the truth and accuracy of the confessions, which were the sole bases of the defendants’ convictions.

To date, the work of the Conviction Review Unit, headed by Harvard Law Professor Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., has resulted in nine convictions being vacated, and one appeal being dropped. In addition, the CRU has found that of the cases reviewed thus far, 17 convictions are just and will not be recommended to be vacated. Approximately 100 cases are pending review.

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Petulah Commissioning; and Cyril N. “Scorcher” Thomas, ex-Deputy New York Counsel General.

Anniversary celebrations in New York continue this Friday with a Cultural Evening at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, organized jointly by COSAGO and the Consulate General.

The inaugural Independence Song Competition also takes place on Friday night at Café Omar at the corner of Clarendon Road and Nosstrand Avenue in Brooklyn.

The event is organized by Dynamite Calypso Tent,

the lone Vincentian calypso tent in the United States, and sponsored by Standard Shippers on Clarendon Road.

Thirteen soca artistes will compete for the crown, according to Ainsley Primus, president of Dynamite Calypso Tent.

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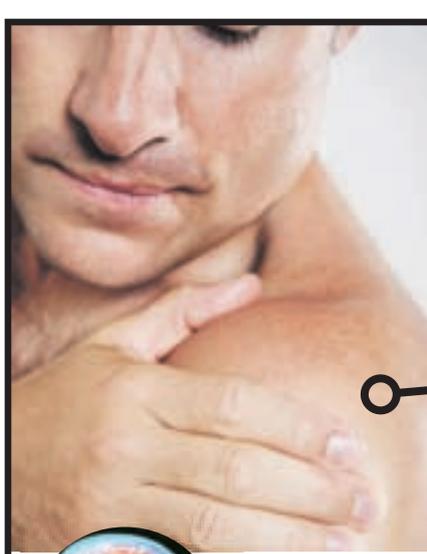
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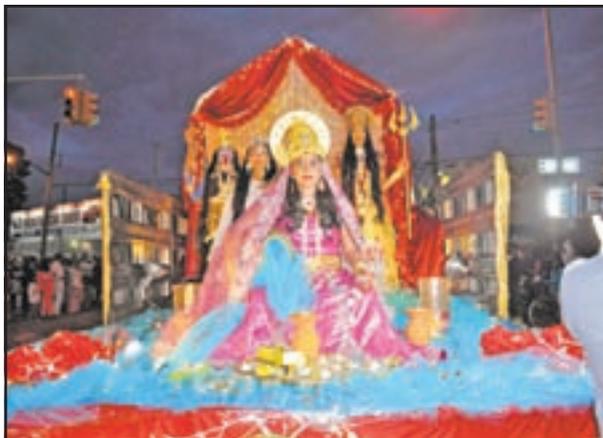
Festival of Lights celebrated in Richmond Hill

By Tangerine Clarke

Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights was celebrated with a spectacular motorcade, which lit up the night skies over Richmond Hill. Now in its 11th year, the motorcade adorned with lights, flowers and streamers wound its way along Liberty Avenue to loud cheers from spectators.

The Oct. 18 parade, showcased the youth of the community, dressed in dazzling traditional colorful Indian saris and lavish jewels. Others wore career attire and showcased their versatility on the Tassa drums with Indian music to honor Hindi God Rama, who is said to have returned to the kingdom after years of exile.

Kavita Rampersaud, a first time judge says, "there are many mythical versions in India about the origin of Diwali." She remembers all too well the excitement she felt as a kid participating in



One of the many decorated floats participating in the Diwali celebration in Queens. Right: The young man skillfully plays the Tassa drum. Photos by Tangerine Clarke

the motorcade in Guyana.

"This brings back great memories of growing up and being a part of Diwali in my village. The children were dressed up as Gods and Goddesses," added Rampersaud who scored the floats on originality and overall par-

ticipation.

Along with other judges Pandit Lakeram Maharaj, Mavim Phagn and Devicka Persaud, who had the tough task of scoring the fascinating floats, Kem Manadeo praised community temples for motivating the youth to



participate in the celebration.

"This parade is getting bigger every year and thanks to the beautiful weather tonight, thousands came out to support and celebrate this joyous festival," said Manadeo who added that many of the participants took only one week

to decorate their float.

Organized by Lakshmee Singh of the Divya Jyoti Association of New York (DJA), "Deepavali" – meaning row of lights in Sanskrit - is commemorated with the lighting of candles and lamps called "diyas." They decorate homes and yards. Hindus also cel-

brate the joyous occasion with the eating of sweet treats, singing and dancing.

"The Divya Jyoti Association started by what we call the founding Mothers. My mother Dolly Singh who started the 1st Diwali parade with the Arya Spiritual Center led by Pandit Ramlall desired to uphold Diwali our festival of lights in NYC, said Singh"

The "torch" has been handed down to the "children of the community."

DJA is carried on by now a younger group of friends who's main goal, is to bring a little light in to the lives of our community.

Diwali festivities began with Lakshmi Hawan to sanctify the event. This religious offering took place at The Arya Spiritual Center and was led by Pandit Rajendra Persaud of Hari Om Tat Sat Mandir in New Jersey. All Mandirs, kirtan groups, and Pandits were in attendance.

Winner of the motorcade are: 1st Place Natya Tillakam Dance Company, 2nd Place Indo Caribbean Foundation, 3rd Place Operation Dream Catchers and Best Booth went to Save Abee Foundation.







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Paragon of Reggae John Holt passes

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaican reggae singer John Holt was booked to perform in Florida next month. Although rumors of his death had been rampant on social media outlets, since he became ill at the "One Love" Festival on Aug. 16, the reality of an absent 1000-volt entertainer seemed unfathomable.

However, on Oct. 19, the 70th birthday anniversary of Peter Tosh and the eve of Jamaica's National Heroes Day celebrations, the 69-year-old Holt died at the Wellington Hospital in London.

Holt was one of the entertainers booked for the 2014 "One Love" Festival in London, which was dedicated to the memory of South African icon Nelson Mandela.

Renowned for his distinctive sounding voice, he debuted as one of three singers introduced as "The Paragons." Co-writers of hits beginning with "The Tide Is High" Holt, Howard Barrett and Tyrone Evans released the track in 1967.

Latter day converts probably associate the infectious track with Maxi Priest, Johnny Clarke, Sinitta, Take 5, Billie Piper, Swedish dancehall artist Papa Dee, British girl group "Atomic Kitten" and others who reprised versions of varying genres.

The song was also featured in the film "Lizzie McGuire" and in television commercials for Japanese beer company Asahi Breweries.

Gregory Isaacs first covered the song in 1978.

And Debbie Harry's blockbuster version with the group "Blondie" took the song to pop heights selling millions and topping charts in the United Kingdom and here.

Holt left the "Paragons" in 1970 and concentrated on his solo career. By the early 1970s, he was one of the biggest stars of reggae.

His "Stick By Me" in 1972 quickly emerged a super-reggae hit and that year became the biggest selling Jamaican record. Holt was branded the electrifying singer to pack 1,000 volts.

Dubbed from his album title "1000 Volts of Holt" in 1973, the compilation of Holt's reggae cover of popular hits featured "Help Me Make It Through The Night," written by Kris Kristofferson, Billy Joel's



From left, Island Records founder Chris Blackwell speaks with Noel Simms, Ernie Ranglin and John Holt, after receiving the Order of Jamaica, the country's fourth-highest honor, at the National Honors and Awards ceremony in Kingston, Jamaica, Monday, Oct. 18, 2004.

AP PHOTO/Collin Reid, File

"Just The Way You Are," and Diana Ross' "Touch Me in The Morning."

The high voltage release spawned chart hits which prompted another blast of current releases titled "3000 Volts of Holt."

His discography includes "On The Beach," "Left With A Broken Heart," "Happy Go Lucky Girl," "Wear You To The Ball," "Sweetie Come Brush me," and "Police In Helicopter."

Though it is not known

what caused the Jamaican singer to collapse onstage, there were concerns when he returned to the stage soon after an operation in July.

On national Heroes Day, Jamaica's Minister of Culture Lisa Hanna said Holt, was "one of the true heroes of Jamaican music."

"John Holt was part of that special group who spent their lives developing and promoting our music and helping to establish

Jamaica, across the world, as a cultural state. He rose from a trying young singer competing in talent competitions in the 1960's to become one of Jamaica's biggest reggae stars and will forever remain a fine example for aspiring entertainers everywhere."

The minister encouraged the music fraternity to 'stick by' Holt's family throughout this sad period of grief and bereavement.

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Vincy unofficial mayor in 'Hispanic Country'

By Nelson A. King

When Vincentian Charles Thompson left his homeland in October 1990, he never dreamed he would become the unofficial "mayor" of his block in a section of Brooklyn that is predominantly Hispanic.

Thompson, 50, presides over his block in the East New York section of Brooklyn that borders Queens. Most Vincentians in Brooklyn reside in the Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush and Canarsie sections. A few lives in the Brownsville and East New York sections.

About 99 percent of residents in Thompson's neighborhood, referred to as "Hispanic Country," originate from Latin America or the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.

On his block, 61 Obrien Place, between Grant and Nichols avenues, Thomp-



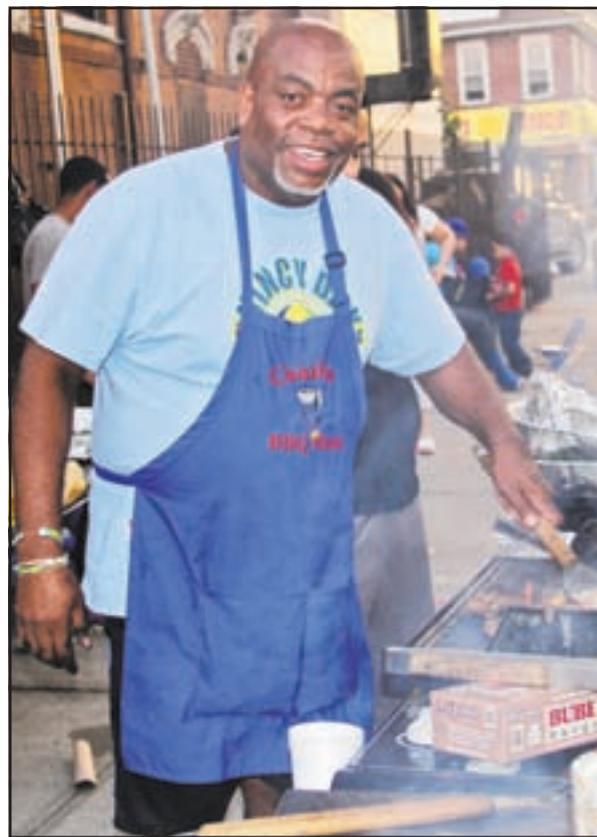
Residents moving to the bachata beat during a block party on 61 Obrien Place, Brooklyn. Right: Charles Thomspon at the grill. Photos by Nelson A. King

son is the lone Vincentian. A Trinidadian resides a few houses away from Thompson's; the other residents are from, among other places, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

Thompson – a bus operator with New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority

for the past 15 years and an Adjunct Professor in Mathematics at Advanced Software Analysis (ASA) College, downtown Brooklyn, since 2005 – said he is called on to do almost everything for block residents.

"I love it, we get along very well," said Thompson, who has been living on the



block since 2001, in a Caribbean Life interview. "They give me lots of love and respect – from the youngest to the oldest.

"I can say they appointed me the leader of the block,"

added the tireless Thompson, who served in the U.S. Army from 1991-94, as a canon crew man, attaining the rank of specialist, equivalent to corporal, in the pay grade of E4 (Enlisted 4).

"Anything they want to get done from the city or anywhere, they will come to me and ask for my opinion, and (I) take on the responsibility," continued Thompson, who also worked as a New York City public school teacher from 2000-04 while driving city buses full time, referring to block residents.

Recently, he organized his block's first party, attracting Hispanic residents in the neighborhood.

"The block party was successful," he said. "There were many people, and they were all well fed. There were lots to eat and drink.

"Instead of each household doing its own thing, I asked each to do something – one did rice and peas and beans; the other did salad; another did drinks; others did the meat, and so on," added Thompson, who, over the years, has made every effort to know every resident on the block. "Everyone did what they had to do, and it was beautiful."

Visitors were amazed to see Thompson at work at the block party, as residents dined on barbecued spare ribs, chicken, fish and hot dogs.

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Four Caribbean talents vie for Soul Train Awards

Three Jamaicans and Trinidad & Tobago's Machel Montano will represent the Caribbean when the 27th annual Soul Train Awards are held next month in Las Vegas.

Competing in the Best International Performance category Shaggy and Ziggy Marley have been named with Montano in the same category.

Both Jamaicans and the sole T&T national will go up against America-born Nigerian musician Davido, Norwegian duo Nico and Vinz, and English singer/songwriter Sam Smith for the coveted honor.

Shaggy's collaboration with r&b talent Ne-Yo earned him the nod for "You Girl."

Ziggy's "I Don't Wanna Live On Mars" guaranteed him a place on the list and Montano's "Ministry of Road" returns his name for the third time.

Last year, Bunji Garlin took the honor with his "Differentology" release.



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

And now that the category seems to be holding for four years, Montano may have to charm soca and calypso voters to sure-up a win.

Jamaica's jazz genius Monty Alexander is also named in the Best Traditional Jazz Performance category. He will face tough competition from six-time Broadway songstress Audra McDonald, Wynton Marsalis, Gregory Porter, Kenny Garret.

There was a time Caribbean artists were overlooked as contenders for rhythm and blues' highest honors. Created by Chicago, radio personality Don Cornelius in 1987, the awards to Black singers focused on home-grown soul with categories devoted primarily to gospel, jazz, hip-hop, soul, and

rhythm and blues.

Not a single category defined the music of the Caribbean region and not until the 21st century – 2009 – did Jamaica's Sean Paul champion the very first win in a newly-created Best Reggae category.

Paul had earlier won in a special r&b/rap soul or dance category in 2007. However in 2010 a Best Reggae opening made way for Gyphtian to claim.

Since that year, a Caribbean presence became elusive and the category is now absent from the 12-category line-up.

Chris Brown leads with seven nominations. Beyonce is up for six nods. And the "Happy" five-time nominee is Pharrell.

Recently, Dionne Warwick announced the name



Jamaican singer Shaggy performs on stage at the Avo Session in Basel, Switzerland.

AP Photo/KEYSTONE/ Georgios Kefalas, File

of the host on the Wendy Williams show. She said the former WBLS radio personality will helm the emcee duties slated for the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

Best International Performance

Davido – "Aye"

Machel Montano – "Ministry of Road (M.O.R.)"

Nico & Vinz – "Am I

Wrong"

Sam Smith – "Stay With Me"

Shaggy feat. Ne-Yo – "You Girl"

Ziggy Marley – "I Don't Want to Live on Mars"

Best Traditional Jazz Performance

Audra McDonald – "What a Little Moonlight Can Do"

Gregory Porter – "Hey

Laura"

Kenny Garrett – "Pushing the World Away"

Monty Alexander – "Concierto de Aranjuez"

Wynton Marsalis – "Flee as A Bird to the Mountain (Live)"

MARLEY RULES FROM THE GRAVE

On a list compiled to be the highest-earning dead celebrities, Bob Marley makes a presence as the fifth among the elite deceased entertainers.

Last year, his estate raked in \$20 million – Oct. 2013 to Oct. 2014 -- to put him in the middle of the top 10 money-earners among the dead.

Forbes Magazine reports that with sales Bob Marley speakers, messenger bags, coffee and a line of drinks named for the reggae superstar, his assets are steadily rising since his untimely death at age 36 on May 11, 1981.

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Grenadian American teaches dance

Award-winning professional dancer, Shola K. Roberts, is now in Grenada teaching traditional West African dance to emerging dancers on the island.

Roberts, who is of Grenadian descent, was invited to return to the island of her roots to teach at Conception Dance Theatres' Diversity in Dance Workshop series — an invitation she considers an honor.

"It feels amazing to be asked to return home to share my passion and love for the art form," she said. "Grenada's culture has roots in African traditions, so I am excited to teach a technique that is close to the dances that are traditionally done there."

Roberts, who has performed with the Kowteff West African Dance Company, will demonstrate dances that are indigenous to Guinea, Ivory Coast and Senegal to stu-



Professional dancer Shola K. Roberts.

Photo courtesy of Shola K. Roberts

dents along with lessons on the history of these specific dances and their cultural significance.

Conception Dance Theatre founder, Cecilia Griffith is excited to have Roberts teach her students dances like Kuku, Sinte and Doudonba.

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Freedom Riders

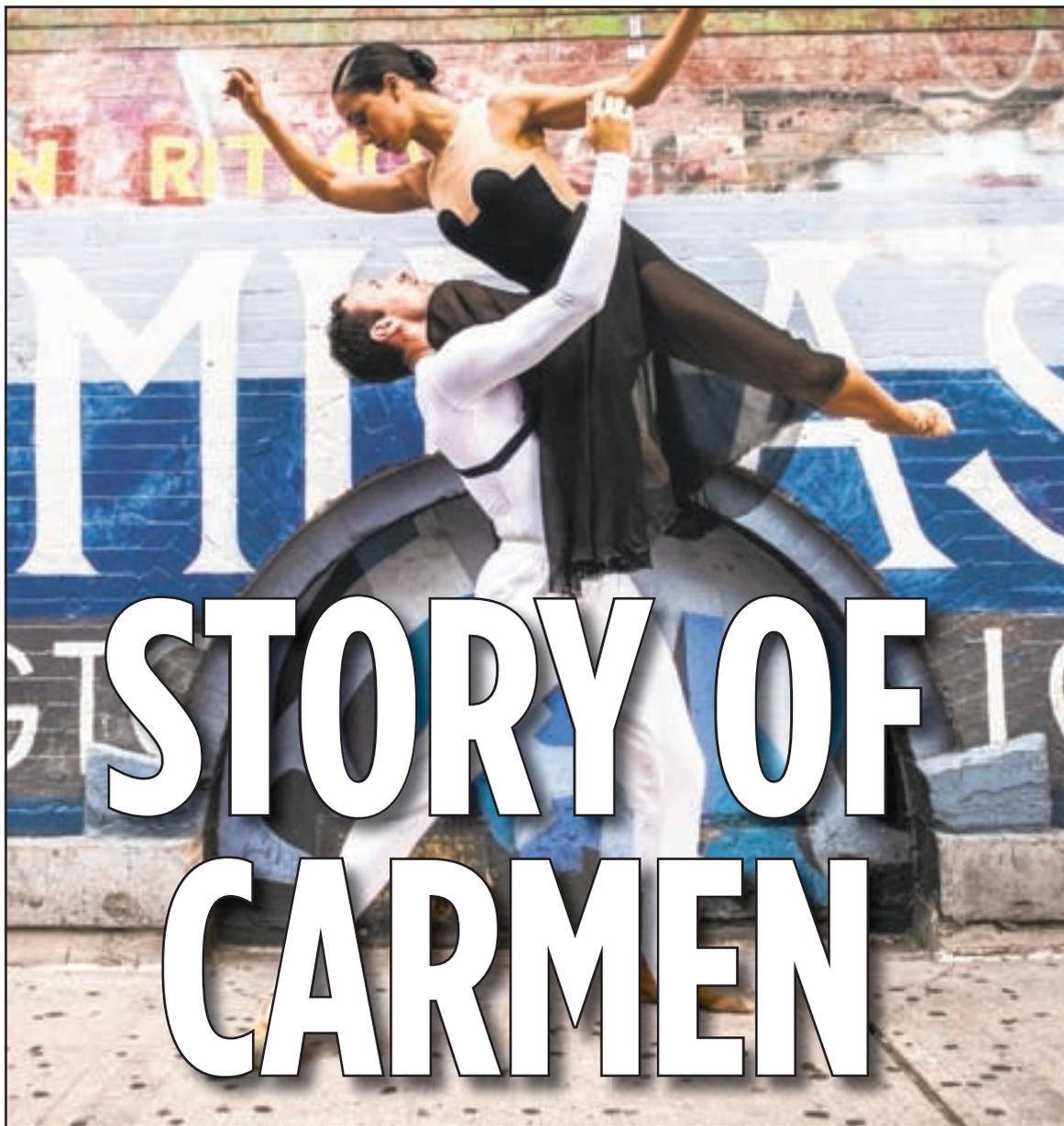
By Deadra Shuler

Actress Vinnie Burrows as Aunt Flora is bringing Drama Desk Award winning playwright J.E. Franklin's play "Freedom Rider" to life and to memory. The play showcased at the Dwyer Cultural Center, located at 258 St. Nicholas Ave. in Harlem, revisits the 1960s when interracial activists challenged the segregation laws and harsh treatment African Americans had to endure under the harsh Jim Crow Laws of the south. It was a time when young college students and brave individuals who fought for civil rights, boarded buses and traveled south to segregated areas.

This became known as the Freedom Rides.

Although many of the activists were told to practice non-violence and given training on how to deal with abuse by rolling into a ball when struck by violent individuals bent on keeping segregation in effect, many had no idea the hate they would encounter and the dangers they would face, which for some resulted in their death. Buses were fire bombed and freedom riders were jailed and viciously beaten by violent mobs of southern men, women and children filled with such inordinate hatred they attacked civil rights

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Ballet Hispanico's dancers in a scene from "CARMEN.maquia."

Photo courtesy of Ballet Hispanico

STORY OF CARMEN

Ballet Hispanico premieres in NY

Ballet Hispanico, recognized as the nation's leading Latino dance organization since 1970, makes its annual return to the Apollo stage to present the New York Premiere of its first evening-length narrative work, CARMEN.maquia, choreographed by Gustavo Ramírez Sansano, in a one-night-only engagement on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

The performance is sponsored by Goya Foods. Tickets are available online at Ticketmaster.com, or in person at the Apollo Theater Box Office at 253 W. 125th Street, NYC. For more information, visit www.balleshispanico.org.

Hailed as a "masterpiece" by the Chicago Sun-Times, Gustavo Ramírez Sansano's CARMEN.maquia, like Georges Bizet's iconic opera

about a passionate gypsy, is riveting from start to finish. The physically charged and sensual choreography fuses contemporary dance with the subtleties of the Spanish paso doble and flamenco dances. A stunning set design by Luis Crespo and minimalist black-and-white costumes by fashion designer David Delfin evoke the paintings of Pablo Picas-

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Shake It Off**
Taylor Swift
- 2 **All About That Bass**
Meghan Trainor
- 3 **Black Widow**
Iggy Azalea Featuring Rita Ora
- 4 **Don't Tell 'Em**
Jeremih Featuring YG
- 5 **Bang Bang**
Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki ...
- 6 **Stay With Me**
Sam Smith
- 7 **Habits (Stay High)**
Tove Lo
- 8 **Boom Clap**
Charli XCX
- 9 **Break Free**
Ariana Grande Featuring Zedd
- 10 **Am I Wrong**
Nico & Vinz

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Old Boots, New Dirt** Blake
Jason Aldean
- 2 **Hozier**
Hozier
- 3 **It's About Us**
Alex & Sierra
- 4 **Kauai (EP)**
Childish Gambino
- 5 **Everything Will Be Alright...**
Weezer
- 6 **In The Lonely Hour**
Sam Smith
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Ballet Hispanico's dancers show off their moves in Harlem.

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Ballet

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"Storytelling and movement is intrinsic to our culture and woven into the fabric of who we are as human beings, and I am thrilled to give New York audi-

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bold, and brilliant work that will delight and inspire."

Spaniard Gustavo Ramírez Sansano first presented his work in New York when he choreographed for Ballet Hispanico in April 2014, premiering *El Beso*.



A scene from the play "Freedom Rider" at the Dwyer Cultural Center in Harlem.

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Freedom

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the murders of Freedom Riders and Civil Rights workers Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman who fell prey to the local KKK, after attempting to register Black voters in Mississippi.

Ms. Franklin's play, directed by Eric Coleman, takes us back to the summer of 1964, in Harmony Village, Mississippi, where we become acquainted with the foot soldiers consisting of hundreds of youth who braved the onslaught of Jim Crow to register voters. Attempting to register voters and assure civil rights came at a high price. It is especially important to remember those who risked their lives in order to win freedom and civil rights for the many southern Blacks, Jews and people of color who bore the hardships of unfair and oppressive

laws; living under what could be called American apartheid. Not only were there the freedom riders but also the brave Black people living in these regions who remained long after the freedom fighters returned home. Those brave individuals who faced the rage and insanity of vicious whites on a daily basis; whites whose hate saw no bounds and who wielded their brand of law underneath white sheets at the slightest provocation. It took great bravado for those southern Blacks to register to vote knowing the danger they and their families were in.

"Freedom Rider," is a poignant play and very enlightening. It is definitely worth seeing and gives the viewer a perspective of the unsung heroes whose stories heretofore have gone untold. The production runs each Friday, at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Freedom Rider will run until Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Diversity dance classes

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"As Caribbean dancers we already have a connection to Africa and with the introduction of African dance it will strengthen our roots, while making our students more diverse in the movement capabilities," Griffith said.

Up to 75 students will participate in the five-day dance work-

ment".

Roberts will appear on "Good Morning Grenada" during her time on the island to talk details on the workshop as well as her love for dance and her Grenadian heritage.

Roberts is a Brooklyn-based professional dancer, fitness instructor and model. Her credits include performances with Kowt-eff West African Dance Company, David Dorfman, Francine Elizabeth Ott and Otis D. Herring, for whom she serves as an assistant choreographer. Traveling and taking her message of uplifting people through dance and fitness is something this Howard University Fine Arts graduate has made her mission.

Conception Dance Theatre was formed in October 2007 by Cecilia Griffith, a graduate of the dance program at the University of the West Indies, Mona. The dance school and performance group specializes in Acro, Ballet, Modern, and Grenadian/Caribbean folk forms. The school was started with approximately 50 students and has since grown to approximately 200 students. The dance school is currently located upstairs the National Museum, St. George, Grenada.

"I am also looking forward to working with new bodies. As an instructor it is always interesting to see how a body might interpret the movement".

shop from Saturday, Oct. 18 to Friday, Oct. 24. At the end of the week of classes, students will perform routines learned throughout the week.

"I am looking forward to seeing how receptive the students will be to the dance and music that is so close to our culture," Roberts said. "I am also looking forward to working with new bodies. As an instructor it is always interesting to see how a body might interpret the move-

Downey, Duvall square-off in courtroom drama

“The Judge”
Excellent (3.5 stars)
Rated R for profanity
and sexual references
Running time: 1
41 minutes
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By Kam Williams

Hank Palmer (Robert Downey, Jr.) is a very successful, criminal defense attorney with a good reason to hide his humble roots. After all, he was a rebellious kid who frequently landed in trouble with the law while growing up in tiny Carlinville, Indiana.

That juvenile delinquency only served to alienate him from his father, Joseph (Robert Duvall), who just happened to be the town's only judge. In addition, one of Hank's more egregious missteps left him permanently estranged from his older brother, Glen (Vincent

D'Onofrio). And since their only other sibling, Dale (Jeremy Palmer), was mentally handicapped, Hank hadn't been back in ages when he received word that his mother (Catherine Cummings) had died.

So, he only planned to make a perfunctory appearance at the funeral before quickly returning to Chicago where he had his hands full, between his high-flying career and a custody battle with his estranged wife (Sarah Lancaster) over their young daughter (Emma Tremblay). However, everything changes when Judge Palmer is suddenly arrested in the hit-and-run killing of a creepy convict (Mark Kiely) he'd publicly castigated in court before releasing back onto the street.

This shocking development conveniently forces Hank to stick around to represent his father, and simultaneously affords him the opportunity to mend a few fences. Plus, it gives him time to unwittingly seduce a woman he meets



Robert Downey, Jr. and Robert Duvall in “The Judge.”

in a bar (Leighton Meester), who is not only the daughter of his high school sweetheart (Vera Farmiga), but might be the love child he

never knew he had.

Thus unfolds *The Judge*, a character-driven drama which is half-whodunit, half-kitchen sink soap

opera that pulls another rabbit out of the hat every five minutes or so. A potentially farcical film remains rather well grounded thanks to Robert Duvall who plays the Palmer family patriarch with a sobering, stone cold gravitas.

Both Robert Downey, Jr. and Billy Bob Thornton turn in inspired performances, too, as the opposing attorneys matching wits in a classic courtroom showdown. And the rest of the ensemble more than holds their own as well in service of a script that has a tendency to strain credulity.

A fanciful, thoroughly-modern variation on the parable of the Prodigal Son!

Independent & Foreign Films

23 Blast (PG-13 for underage alcohol consumption) Fact-based, overcoming-the-odds drama about a high school football star (Mark Hapka) who didn't let sudden blindness due to a sinus infection derail his dream of gridiron greatness. With Bram Hoover, Stephen Lang and Max Adler.

1,000 Times Good Night (Unrated) Marital crisis drama revolving around a celebrated war photographer (Juliette Binoche) whose husband (Nicolaj Coster-Waldau) has tired of her dangerous line of work. Support cast includes Chloe Annett, Larry Mullen, Jr. and Eve Macklin. (In Norwegian and English with subtitles)

Citizenfour (Unrated) Patriot or traitor documentary featuring interviews with whistleblower Edward Snowden about his leaking thousands of classified documents he had access to in his capacity as an NSA contractor with Top Secret clearance. Featuring commentary by Julian Assange, Glenn Greenwald and Jacob Appelbaum. (In English, Portuguese and German with subtitles)

E-Team (Unrated) Human Rights Watch-sponsored



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

documentary chronicling the exploits of monitors dispatched by the organization to chronicle atrocities being committed by ruthless dictators around the world. (In English, German, French, Russian and Arabic)

Force Majeure (R for profanity and brief nudity) Dysfunctional family drama about a Swedish couple (Johannes Kuhnke and Lisa Loven Kongsli) whose marriage hangs in the balance after the cowardly husband just saves himself, ignoring his wife and kids (Clara Wettergren and Vincent Wettergren), when an avalanche hits during their vacation in the Swiss Alps. With Brady Corbet, Jakob Granqvist and Kristofer Hivju.

Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me (PG for mature themes and brief profanity) Reverential biopic chronicles the legendary country singer's farewell tour as he struggles with Alzheimer's.

The Heart Machine (Unrat-

ed) Romance thriller about a guy (John Gallagher, Jr.) who comes to suspect that the long-distance lover (Kate Lyn Sheil) he met on the internet might actually live in the same town. With David Call, Louis Krause and Libby Woodbridge.

John Wick (Unrated) Keanu Reeves handles the title role in this revenge thriller about a former assassin who comes of retirement to track down the gang that robbed him of everything. With Alfie Allen, Michael Nyqvist, Bridget Moynahan, John Leguizamo, Lance Reddick and Willem Dafoe.

Laggies (R for profanity, sexuality and partying) Romantic comedy revolving around a 28-year-old (Keira Knightley) who regresses and starts hanging out with a 16-year-old (Chloe Grace Moretz) with a handsome single-dad (Sam Rockwell) after her longtime boyfriend (Mark Webber) pops the question.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRI., OCT. 24

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COMEDY: "No Name... & A Bag O' Chips" comedy / variety show will feature No Name favorite Nancy Lombardo (Saturday Night Live); Miguel Dalmau (FOX-TV's "Good Day New York"); Fariaz (Comedy Central's "Inside Amy Schumer") and sketch comedy collective Kokomo along with "No Name" house band "The Summer Replacements" including Carl (Babyfreak) Fortunato and Fernando (Dr. Sandman) Morales Gonzalez. Showtime: 7:00 p.m. No cover, no minimum. Otto's is located at 538 E 14th St (Cross Street: Between avenues A and B) "L" subway train to First Avenue. For more information, call (212) 228-2240 or go to: www.ottosshrunkenhead.com/. Performers subject to change. For more "No Name," information, contact (347) 885-3466 / NoNameNYC@hotmail.com.

WORKOUT FOR ASTHMA ZUMBA: This is a dance fitness class that is lively and fun from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. It uses the Zumba formula, with modified moves and pacing for active older people and those with well-managed asthma. These simple movements are designed to strengthen upper body muscles and support lung functions. Be sure to let your doctor know that you will be taking part in an exercise class. 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411. RSVP: 1-866-539-0999.

SAT., OCT. 25

FINANCIAL WELLNESS DAY: The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) will host a group of distinguished guests and panelists in a much-needed, solution-based discussion, surrounding the economic downturn in America and its direct impact on the African American community. The one-day seminar will have three workshops: "Are you ready" which discusses credit solutions, down-payment solutions and HUD certified counseling, "Pathway to Wealth" discusses home renovations, tax and estate planning, foreclosure prevention solutions and "Money Matters," which discusses money management. The workshops will be from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 279 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238. Register at <http://brooklyn-shiba.eventbrite.com>. For more about SHIBA, call or email: cwilson349@aol.com or (718) 480-5046.



PRENATAL PROGRAM

OCT. 30: Learn what to expect when you are expecting and have the healthiest pregnancy possible from 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. The program will discuss: how to keep healthy during pregnancy, the best pregnancy diet on a budget, what to expect during labor, delivery and after the baby is born. 206-20 Linden Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411. RSVP: 1-866-539-0999.a

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

OCT. 29: Ridgewood Savings Bank will be hosting a financial education seminar from 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. at their Jerome Ave., Bronx branch. The seminar will explain how to start and manage checking and savings accounts for emergencies, financial goals, retirement among other topics. Jerome Avenue branch - 3445 Jerome Ave., Bronx, NY. RSVP by calling (718) 881-3430.

GET IN SHAPE

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SUN., OCT. 26

FILM FEST: Centric, a BET Network, will join Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival & Lecture Series in honoring three visionary women in film and television at a gala from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Kumble Theater, LIU Brooklyn. The Awards Ceremony will celebrate trailblazing industry leaders Mable Haddock, founder of the National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC), Mahen Bonetti, founder of the African Film Festival, Inc. and actress/singer Margot B, star of Boardwalk Empire (HBO). Emmy award-winning journalist Richelle Carey, an anchor at Al Jazeera America, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Discount tickets are available to celebrate Centric's partnership with Reel Sisters until 10/25/14. Code: BETBREAK14. Tickets are \$35 (\$25 with discount). For tickets and information, visit www.reelsisters.org.

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TUES., OCT. 28

WOMEN'S FORUM: The St. Francis College Center for Entrepreneurship welcomes former WNBA President Donna Orender as the keynote speaker for the first Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Forum from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the College's Founders Hall. In addition to the keynote, guests will be able to watch a panel of successful women entrepreneurs moderated by Ita Ekpoudom, founder & CEO, Tigress Ventures, LLC. Panelists include: Elizabeth Crowell, founding member & market lead, Astia Angels NYC; Bettina Eckerle, founder, Eckerle Law; Deepa Gandhi, co-founder & COO, Dagne Dover; Jocelynn Rainey, chief administrative officer, Brooklyn Navy Yard; and Maja Vujinovic, founder, Orpheus Investments.

This event is free and open to the public. Register for the Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Forum now on the Center's website at sfc.edu/entrepreneur.

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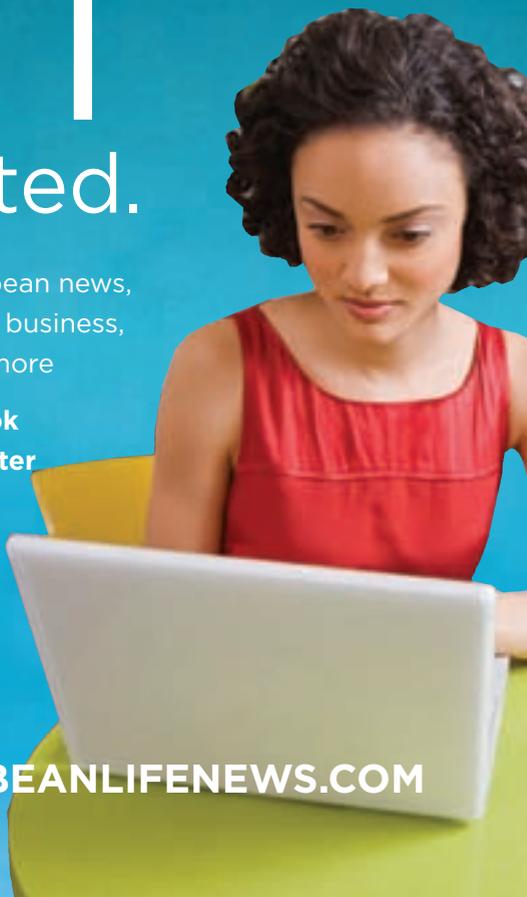
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Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Garnett practices his throw during a session open to the media at the MasterCard Center in Beijing Oct. 14, 2014. AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

Brothers face off

By Robert Elkin

With 19-year-veteran K.G., better known as Kevin Garnett, heading the roster in the front court, and some new players on the 2014-2015 team, the Brooklyn Nets feel confident that they can make a good run during regular season and maybe even go deep into the playoffs.

Last year at the beginning of the season, players, coaches and management had one goal in mind - winning the title. But after a slow start, they made the playoffs with a

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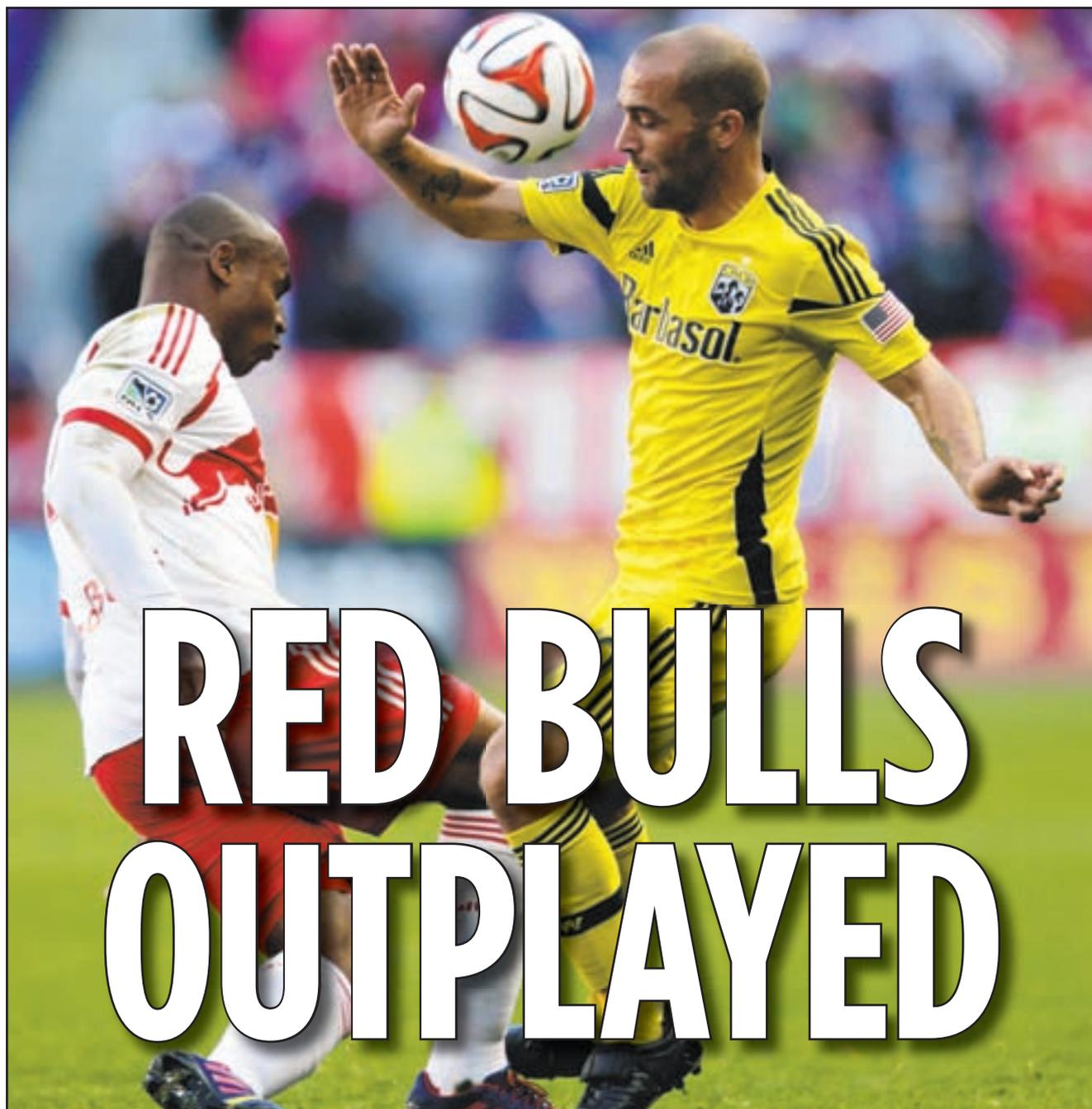
WIPA, players in dispute

By Azad Ali

West Indies Players' Association (WIPA) President Wavell Hinds has refuted claims made by members of the West Indies cricket team in India that they were not consulted during the negotiations for the new Memorandum of Understanding with the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and insisted that there will be no resignation by members of the current WIPA executive.

Hinds was replying to a letter from the West Indies cricketers currently on tour in India, signed by one-day captain Dwayne Bravo, which stated, "We believe that this present WIPA executive under your leadership has failed to properly represent the best interest of all the players."

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New York Red Bulls defender Jamison Olave, left, defends against Columbus Crew's Federico Higuain during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Harrison, N.J. AP Photo/Julio Cortez

RED BULLS OUTPLAYED

Columbus Crew in fourth place playoff spot

By Patrick Horne

The New York Red Bulls (12-10-11, 47 pts.) coach Mike Petke must have some serious concerns about his team after a very lackluster performance in a 3-1 loss to playoff rival, Columbus Crew, last Sunday afternoon at Red Bull Arena.

With the playoffs only a game away, the Red Bulls should be picking up steam and see themselves as fortunate to be in the playoffs; instead, the New Yorkers were embarrassingly outplayed and allowed the Columbus to leapfrog into the fourth place playoff spot, while New

York dropped to the fifth and final playoff position in the MLS Eastern Conference.

The Red Bulls' last regular season game is at second-place Sporting Kansas City on Sunday, Oct. 26, a difficult

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New York Red Bulls defender Armando, left, clears the ball as Columbus Crew's Ethan Finlay attacks during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Harrison, N.J. AP Photo/Julio Cortez

Difficult road ahead for Red Bulls

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place to win. Judging from last Sunday's performance, it seems New York may well end the season in the fifth spot and will have to travel to Columbus for the single elimination game. The Red Bulls would be hard-pressed to win considering the psychological edge that the Crew established with the win at Red Bull Arena.

Columbus totally outplayed New York last Sunday. Ironically, leading the way for the Crew was midfielder Tony Tchani, a player traded away by New York just three years ago. Aaron Schoenfeld scored twice (17th, 87th minutes) and Ethan Finlay (30th min.)

once to lift the Crew; midfielder Lloyd Sam tallied for the home team with a hard shot just inside the right goalpost midway into the second half.

In other MLS games, in the Eastern Conference, Toronto FC and Montreal Impact, two teams that are just waiting to close out dismal seasons, played to a 1-1 draw. Felipe equalized for Montreal after the host Toronto FC led in the game through Warren Creavalle's goal. Conference leader DC United knocked off the Chicago Fire, 2-1, in DC as Chris Pontius and Eddie Johnson scored for United; Harrison Shipp pulled a goal back for Chicago.

Host Philadelphia Union topped Sporting KC by the same 2-1 margin at PPL Park; Brian Brown scored for Philadelphia just before the half time, but Dom Dwyer equalized for Sporting early in the second period to equalize. Pedro Ribeiro registered the winner for Philadelphia. The New England Revolution also won, 2-1, over host Houston Dynamo. Lee Nguyen scored twice for the playoff bound winners and Giles Barnes tallied for Houston, which will have a new coach next season. Dynamo head coach Dominic Kinnear is moving back to the San Jose Earthquakes.

In the Western Confer-

ence, the Earthquakes and Vancouver Whitecaps played to a goalless draw while FC Dallas defeated the Colorado Rapids, 1-0. Panamanian Blas Perez got the winner for the playoff-bound Dallas, which is now in the third playoff spot in the West, a point ahead of Real Salt Lake, which played to a goalless draw with the Portland Timbers. Also during the week, the Seattle Sounders rallied from a 2-0 deficit to tie the Los Angeles Galaxy and increased its chances of winning the MLS Supporter's Shield, the trophy that goes to the team with the best regular season record.

Teague brothers

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chance to go far.

However, they did not go far during the second season.

The present Nets' roster they carry one particular player and he in his first complete year on the team. This is the Teague family with a young man in Marquis Teague on the squad. He is returning from last year's Nets team.

He played in the National Basketball Association (NBA) with the Nets and Chicago Bulls for a combined 88 games in almost two years and didn't get much playing time. In about mid-season, the Nets traded for him.

Now Teague expects to get more playing time in what he hopes to be for a full season on the Nets.

In about a month, the point guard is going to go against the Atlanta Hawks on December 5. The Hawks have on their roster also a 6-2 point guard Jeff Teague, who is slightly older than his younger brother. He assisted for about 13 times a game last winter. Seeing action in the backcourt, they may even guard each other. That is up to the coaches.

Going against each other will certainly be fun and a crowd will be on hand to watch them in action. But anything can happen. For instance inju-



Brooklyn Nets guard Marquis Teague works ball inside against the Denver Nuggets in the fourth quarter of the Nets' 112-89 victory in an NBA basketball game in Denver earlier this year.

AP Photo/David Zalubowski, File

ries or even trades could play key roles.

"Marquis is a good, young player," said Chicago Coach Tom Thibodeau at the time of the trade last winter. "He had some good moments that obviously he could do better in, but that could be expected. I think that he's much further along today then he was when he was first got drafted. And he's done a good job overall."

Drafted in the first round by Chicago, he was used a great deal as a sub after being a starter at the University of Kentucky. He spent one year in college, felt that he was ready for the pro game.

Players dispute

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In response to Bravo, Hinds stated, "I am compelled to first refute in the strongest possible manner all your previous assertions claiming ignorance on the part of the "senior players" regarding the proposal to discontinue the payment of US\$35,000 per day of cricket for the benefit of members of the senior West Indies team, and the reallocation of these monies to help fund retainer contracts for an additional 90 members of WIPA."

Hinds referred Bravo to the minutes of WIPA's



West Indies' Wavell Hinds.

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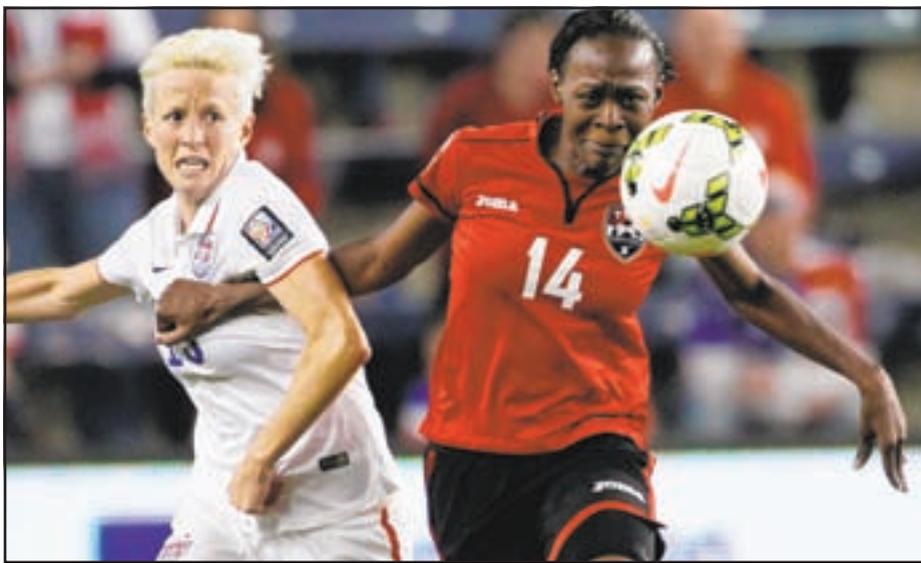
AGM in February where it was recorded that Bravo expressed support for the initiative.

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United States' Megan Rapinoe (15) and Trinidad and Tobago's Karyn Forbes (14) battle for control of the ball during the second half of a CONCACAF Women's Championship soccer match, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Kan.

AP Photo/Colin E. Braley

Wambach scores, US beats T&T 1-0

By Kelly McHugh

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Abby Wambach scored in the 54th minute to help the United States beat Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 on Wednesday night in their opening Women's World Cup qualifying game.

Wambach scored on a header off Alex Morgan's cross for her record-extending 171st international goal. Hope Solo made one save to push her U.S. record for shutouts to 74.

"It was frustrating," Wambach said. "We created a lot of chances but their goalie basically stood on her head this game until the end. We just couldn't break them down. In this tournament, we knew that we were going to be up against teams bunkering back and making things difficult for us in the 18, and we just weren't on our last bits. We were just a little bit off."

Trinidad goalkeeper Kimika Forbes made 11 saves and the United States had a 29-7 shots advantage.

"She was big time tonight," Trinidad coach Randy Waldrym said. "She was the player of the game for us. She kept it close and kept us in it. She's special. She was fantastic tonight."



United States' Abby Wambach celebrates her goal against Trinidad and Tobago during the second half of a CONCACAF Women's Championship soccer match Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Kan.

AP Photo/Colin E. Braley

The game was the United States' first competitive match since Jill Ellis took over as coach.

"I was happy, relieved, thankful that Abby put one away because, at the end of the day, with all those opportunities you need to put one in the net," Ellis said. "Credit to Trinidad. We don't see teams that often that sit as organized and put so many numbers behind the ball. I thought it was an

excellent challenge for us. We created a lot of opportunities, but defensively gave up some big mistakes. We should have done a better job finishing."

The Americans are 23-1-0 in Women's World Cup qualifying. They are 4-0-0 against Trinidad and Tobago in World Cup qualifying and 8-0-0 overall in the series.

"There was definitely relief," Morgan said about Wambach's goal and the victory, "but there was also a lot of thinking that we should have had a higher score than that from the beginning. It was great to get that goal, and that was the game-winner at the end of the day, but we should have done better than that."

The United States and Trinidad and Tobago are in Group A along with Haiti and Guatemala. In the opener at Sporting Park, Haiti beat Guatemala 1-0 on Lindsey Zullo's goal.

On Friday night in Bridgeview, Illinois, the United States will play Guatemala, and Haiti will face Trinidad and Tobago. On Monday night in Washington, the United States will play Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago will face Guatemala.

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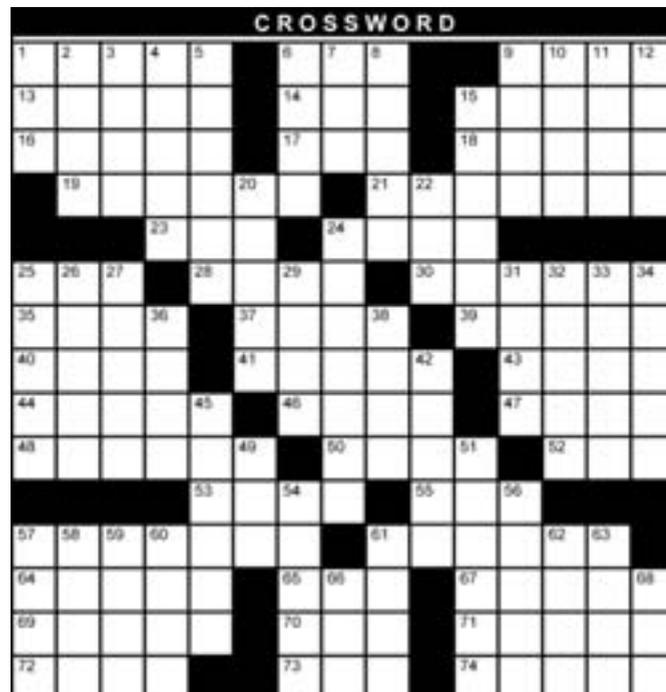
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67. *Steve McQueen in "The _____ Escape"
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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
 Conflicting messages confuse you this week, Aries. Just don't let this confusion keep you from doing what you think is right. Choose a course and stick with it.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
 Don't be too hard on yourself this week, Taurus. You really do not need to push yourself unless you are feeling motivated to do so. If you feel like relaxing, so be it.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
 Gemini, stick to the outskirts of the room and be a quiet observer of what's going on around you instead of being the center of attention. You may enjoy being a fly on the wall for a change.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, this week you may feel an unusual need to be noticed and appreciated by others. Embrace the spotlight and make the most of this opportunity to share your thoughts.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you may find it hard to establish your priorities this week, but you have a good head on your shoulders and will figure out the path to take. Give yourself a chance to have fun.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, do the right thing even if it costs you something emotionally. Your actions may be carefully monitored, and someone is learning by your example.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, try your hardest to make a tricky set of circumstances work to your advantage. Working with a partner is a great way to get things done.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, you are better at dealing with things when they're out in the light of day. You don't like to be secretive, nor do you like the idea of others keeping secrets.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, do not look at a current problem as something that will always block your success and happiness. Instead, use this obstacle as a way to get your bearings.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, though you may feel like lashing out at others, this week you show an impressive amount of self-restraint. Get through the week, and things will turn around.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
 The messages you are receiving from everyone around you seem mottled and mixed, Aquarius. Instead of socializing with others, maybe you just need some alone time.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, speak up if you do not feel you are receiving enough emotional support from your closest allies. Maybe they do not know how you're feeling.

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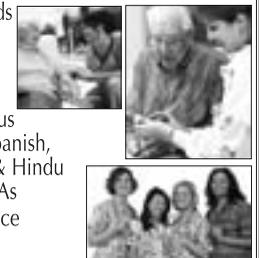
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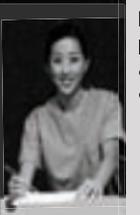
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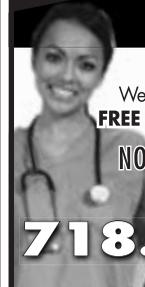
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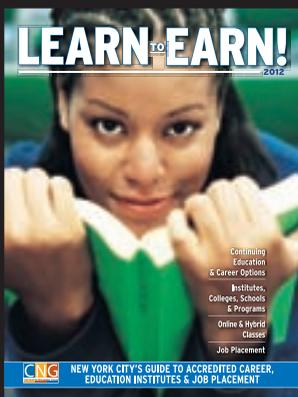
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