



People's choice

Miss Jamaica, Kaci Fennell poses for the judges, during the national costume show during the 63rd annual Miss Universe Competition in Miami, Fla., Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. See story on page 31.

Associated Press / J Pat Carter

Caribbean agrees to new energy security

By Nelson A. King

Caribbean countries have agreed to new energy security with the United States and other international partners.

In a joint statement issued at the end of an extraordinary Energy Security Summit, organized by the White House, delegates stated their "commitment to support the Caribbean's transformation of the energy systems of Caribbean states, to share lessons learned through new and expanded regional information networks, [and] to report progress in relevant fora."

They agreed to comprehensive,

planning-based and research-driven approaches to energy transition, including implementation of pilot and demonstration projects, based on successful models "so that individual clean energy projects are part of a fully integrated, climate-resilient energy transition plan toward clean sustainable energy for all."

For Caribbean countries, "necessary and specific reforms", including recommendations from the 2013 CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Energy Policy and the outcome of the 2015 Dominican Energy Pact, were agreed to in sup-

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ELECTION TIME IN CARICOM

Five general elections scheduled

By Bert Wilkinson

At least five general elections are scheduled to be held in the 15-nation Caribbean Community this year including three in the politically volatile Southern Caribbean region but if opinion polls are anything to go by at least three could result in new governments.

First out of the starting blocks will most likely be St. Kitts and Nevis as Prime Minister Denzil Douglas Tuesday night fixed Monday Feb. 16 as the date when islanders will vote for a new government.

Douglas, head of government since the late 90s, will face challenges from an opposition group, Team Unity, headed by former foreign minister Timothy Harris and including Douglas' ex deputy prime minister, Sam Condor.

The faction broke away from Douglas' Labor Party several years ago, complaining about his links to the underworld, a well developed dictatorial management style, the implementation of a controversial dollars for St. Kitts passport scheme, citizenship grants to foreigners and general widespread corruption involving high officials.

Next in line most likely could be Guyana, the mainland South Amer-

ican country that is home to the region's administrative secretariat and one of the original founders of the community.

Its general and regional elections are scheduled for Monday, May 11 and a concerted effort is being made to oust the Indo-led People's Progressive Party (PPP) which has run the country since October 1992 amid credible domestic and international charges of widespread corruption, official blessings of the narco trade and the use of private hit squads to take out suspected criminals among other malfeasant acts.

A Partnership For National Unity (APNU), which the PPP defeated by a mere 26,000 votes feels that it will form a new government by May 12 when the bulk of the results should be known. It is led by retired army commander Brig. Gen. David Granger.

In the same month of May, voters in neighboring Suriname, which is the other geographical continental nation in the regional bloc, will vote for a new government on May 25, five years to the date when former military strongman and two-time coup-maker Desi Bouterse was elected president with a decent parliamentary majority.

His National Democratic Party
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Barbados

The Central Bank of Barbados (CBB) said that the island's economy is poised to achieve growth of about two percent this year up from 0.3 percent in 2014.

In an analysis of the Barbados economic performance, the CBB said that the growth in 2015 will be as a result of tourism and construction activity and the spin-off effects to wholesale, retail and business service sectors.

It said the tourism industry is expected to benefit from increases of nine percent and 20 percent in airlift from the United States and Canada, respectively during the winter season.

The CBB is projecting an estimated Bds\$300 million of construction activity in 2015, mostly in the private sector.

The bank said overall economic activity is estimated to have improved by 0.3 percent in 2014. Construction activity expanded by an estimated one percent, largely on account of about Bds\$152 million in investment in tourism related projects.

The CBB said that construction and increased export demand for quarrying products, contributed to the 21 percent growth and mining and quarrying, contributed. Solar generation capacity grew by three mega-watts hours to seven mega-watts hours.

But the CBB noted that the fiscal consolidation measures of the past 18 months have stabilized the foreign reserve movements in 2014 reverted to the normal pattern observed in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The CBB said that the stock reserves was Bds\$1.05 billion at the end of December, representing 14 weeks of import cover.

Cayman Islands

Global News Matters, which produces the fortnightly Market Dynamics Caribbean newsletter, has listed Health City Cayman Islands as one of the top five Caribbean investment opportunities to watch in 2015.

During the recent live webinar entitled, "Caribbean Outlook: Winning in 2015 and Beyond", which presented the major highlights if regional investment opportunities, Global News Matters listed the state-of-the-art Cayman Islands facility as one of the five "Top investment projects to follow" in the upcoming year.

Melissa Marchand, managing director of Global News Matters, said medical tourism is on the rise in the region but there is a danger that organizations will build facilities and then hope and wait



Remembering Haiti's earthquake

Head of the Bureau of Ethnology Erol Josue joins the other religious clergy during the memorial service in Haiti. See story on page 14.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

for patients to come.

"The sector has to be carefully planned with Caribbean countries coordinating to avoid costly duplication and inefficiencies," she said.

Marchand believes countries should look at using the solid medical depth and experience of Health City to identify complementarities that can benefit other Caribbean institutions.

Shomari Scott, marketing director of Health City Cayman Islands, said the international hospital was honored to be considered a top five "game changer" for the new year.

Dominica

The Dominica Ministry of Employment, Trade, Industry and Diaspora Affairs, in partnership with the CARICOM Secretariat, is developing a Caribbean Single Market Economy (CSME) Communication Plan.

A recent workshop brought representatives from the public and private sectors around the table to formulate a strategic approach for sustainable information flows on the CSME in Dominica.

The CSME Communication planning workshop is part of a broader platform to build capacity among public and private sector stakeholders to develop and sustain well packaged information on the Single Market for use by nationals.



In his opening remarks, Director of Trade Matthan Walter reinforced the importance of ownership of all Dominican entities which are responsible for facilitating CARICOM nationals — resident or moving, through the administration of processes, or in information sharing about the CSME.

"Dominica has several achievements in honoring its obligation under the revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, as it remains on the path towards sustained regional integration... All authorized restrictions on the free movement of goods, services, capital and rights of establishment to specified, identified categories of CARICOM nationals have been removed," he said.

Grenada

Grenada police have launched an investigation to determine how several pornographic photos, some showing school children have been posted on the Internet.

The photos were first posted on the social media site, Facebook, but were removed amid complaints they were in violation of the Facebook legal agreement.

But the photos are now appearing on other social websites and the police said they have received numerous complaints from several people on the matter.



The photos not only feature students from several secondary schools on the island and who are under age, but also young women from different parts of the island.

Parliament recently approved the Electronic Crimes Act that prohibits the publication of child pornography and pornographic materials online.

Anyone found guilty of contravening the law is liable to a fine of EC\$200,000 or to a term of five years imprisonment.

Guyana

Civil aviation authorities in Guyana say engine failure caused a small plane crash that killed a Canadian pilot and another man over a remote area of the rainforest last year.

The Guyana Civil Aviation Authority said that investigators concluded that the Cessna Caravan experienced critical engine failure while ferrying fuel and other supplies for gold mining operations.

Pilot Blake Slater and cargo handler Dwayne Jacobs of Guyana were killed in the January 2014 crash.

Canadian aviation authorities, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board and engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney participated in the investigation.



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Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Community look forward to Mayor Bill de Blasio

By Vinette K. Pryce

There were no backs turned in protest of the appearance of New York City's Mayor Bill de Blasio when he appeared in Brooklyn to attend the nation's largest gathering held annually in tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Instead, during the 29th anniversary commemorative, the city's number one citizen received a standing ovation with cheers that may have boosted his approval rating to new heights.

Unlike the tepid, NYPD reception he met at Woodhull Hospital and twice at funerals for slain police officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu who were killed execution-style in the borough last month, approving applause and welcoming whistles greeted him following an introduction from the borough president.

"We love you!"

"And we love Dante too," spontaneous voices shouted as he made his way to the podium.

And with an embrace and handshake — the former police lieutenant and former president of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care — the now Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams punctuated his message of support for the mayor.

Tasked with emcee duties at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, BP Adams explained that de Blasio is the CEO of the city.

"We did not elect the PBA (Police Benevolent Association)," he amplified to an audience seemingly fully aware of the rift that widened when police union leader Pat Lynch said he felt betrayed when the mayor explained how he had talked with his son Dante about possible confrontations with members of the NYPD.

Una's a phenomenal woman: JA prime minister

By Nelson A. King

As members of the Brooklyn-based Progressive Democratic Political Association (PDPA) on Sunday celebrated the 80th birthday of former New York City Councilwoman Dr. Una S. T. Clarke, Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller described the trailblazing Caribbean woman as "phenomenal."

In her glowing tribute — read by PDPA member Rose Graham, at the gala banquet at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn — Simpson Miller called Clarke, who is also PDPA founder and president, a "blessed woman."

"And I am proud to call you my friend," the Jamaican leader said. "During your lifetime, you have blazed illustrious professional paths, including achieving the distinction of being the first Caribbean-born woman to be elected to the New York City Legislature.

"The tremendous contributions that you have made, as Councilwoman, to education, children's welfare, health, mental health and economic development, among other areas, are simply outstanding," Simpson Miller added.

Noting that Clarke has been driven by her passion to see people excel in academics, the Jamaican prime minister said the former legislator "worked tirelessly to secure significant resources to upgrade" the schools in her 40th Council District in Brooklyn.

"And, for this, I salute you," said Simpson Miller, adding that, through Clarke's "determined efforts," she was also able to expand services for the elderly, rebuild parks and playgrounds, and enhance the quality of childcare programs.

"Because of your hard work and com-



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (left) pays tribute to her mother, Una. Photo by Nelson King

mitment, several communities in New York, as well as in Jamaica, have been made a better place," the prime minister said.

"You have not only lived a long life; your warmth and caring disposition as an exemplary matriarch — wife, mother, grandmother — are also worthy of emulation," she continued. "I, therefore, commend your family [and PDPA] for organizing this memorable celebratory event to show their affection to you and to reflect on your stellar achieve-

ments."

Guyanese-born Hugh Hamilton, a former Clarke legislative aide, noted that his former boss has been "variously described as the 'Queen Mother' and 'the Doyenne' of our Caribbean American community."

Hamilton, whose tribute was read by PDPA Secretary Joyce Henry, also described Clarke as "a trailblazing and visionary activist and political maverick who proudly embodies the revolutionary spirit of her Maroon heritage."

Candle light vigil for SVG minibus victims

By Nelson A. King

Despite the very frigid and rainy weather, hundreds of nationals in the New York metropolitan area last Saturday night participated in a candle light vigil for the victims of the minibus tragedy in North Windward, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"Friends, we gather here, we come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss," the Rev. Dr. Glyzer Beach told congregants at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, which hosted the event, in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

"In pain, we may find comfort; and, in death, resurrection," added the church's pastor, who hails from Brighton.

"Remember, we're the light," continued Rev. Beach, as ushers distributed candles at the two-hour-long event. "Where our people are suffering, His

(Christ) hands shall reach out. Light sustains us. God be with us."

Dr. Roxie Irish, youth minister at the evangelical Miracle Temple Ministries International in Brownsville, Brooklyn, offered prayers for all mothers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, especially those who lost children in the accident.

Before praying, Irish, who is also president of the United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn, referred to Isaiah 42:2, and asked all mothers in the congregation to stand and place their right hand on their stomach.

Isaiah 42:2 reads: "When thou passes through the waters, I'll be with thee; and through the rivers, we shall not overflow thee. And when thou walkest through the fire, thou shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

"Father, we lift up every mother who's lost a child (in the tragedy)," Irish prayed. "Cover their minds; Father, you're going to walk with them in the name of Jesus.

"God, we want to glorify you; so, Father, we want to thank you for who you are," she added. "Lord, have your Holy Spirit look over St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

The Rev. Cornelius Olive, pastor of Trinity Apostolic Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, read Samuel 12:20.

Lennox "Skully" Hunte, a Seventh-day Adventist Church minister in Brooklyn, alluded to Matthew 18 in stating that "God is in absolute control."

Hunte, an erstwhile popular mas producer in St. Vincent and the Gren-

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Caribbean electioneering in full swing

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(NDP) is the main political force in the multi-party Mega Combination which will compete with the New Front Coalition Group that has run the country several times since independence from The Netherlands in late 1975.

Just north of Guyana and Suriname is oil and gas-rich Trinidad and Tobago. The mandate of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and her Indo-led People's Partnership administration expires on May 25 as well but she is yet to set a date for fresh elections.

Like her counterparts in Guyana, the main charges against the PP are linked to runaway corruption, the enrichment of a class of friends and family of people linked to the ruling elite, the growing power of narco traffickers and government's inability to stem a murder every 36 hours and an economy that is slowly sinking under very soft oil prices.

The Afro-dominated People's National Movement (PNM) of Opposition Leader Keith Rowley is likely to wrest control from Persad-Bissessar if political loyalties hold steady in the coming months.

And just further north of Tobago lies



Suriname's President Desi Bouterse. Associated Press / Edward Troon

St. Vincent and the smaller Grenadines island group. Its polls must be held by December 2015.

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves is rushing to complete construction of a new airport with a runway that is adequate to accommodate international jet aircraft. Like neighboring Dominica, their main airports can only cater to commuter aircraft and mid-sized private jets, robbing the islands of the chance of expanding their lifeline tourists sectors. The airport project would likely be Gonsalves' main campaign item sell to voters.

Caribbean energy reform

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porting policy and regulatory environments that "facilitate the introduction of new technologies favoring sustainable and clean energy that provide legal certainty for investors and improved predictability in price and supply for users."

Delegates also agree "where viable" to alignment of national legal and regulatory approaches to facilitate greater clean energy investment throughout the region, provided that countries can access finance and other resources on affordable terms, "to set the stage for future electrical interconnection in keeping with the goals of Connect 2022."

In addition, "where technically and commercially feasible," participants agreed to promote and develop affordable no- or lower carbon electricity generation through wind, solar, geothermal power, hydropower, bioenergy, ocean energy, energy recovery from waste, and other clean energies, and energy efficiency measures.

They recognized also that alternative fuels, such as natural gas, can play a "useful bridging role."

Delegates also concurred on "open, transparent, competitive and criteria-based processes, including liberalization where cost effective, to procure energy investment and facilitate access to finance for cleaner and

climate resilient energy projects and infrastructure."

Summit participants included the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and United States.

Other participants comprised the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, Caribbean Development Bank, European Union, Inter-American Development Bank Group, International Renewable Energy Agency, Organization of American States, and the World Bank Group.

Delegates recognized that energy security, access to energy, economic development, environmental and climate goals benefit from and contribute to sustainable, modern, clean and diversified energy sectors.

They, therefore, reaffirmed their commitment to support access to "sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy services, with a particular focus on cleaner alternative energy resources, for all citizens in the region," the statement said.

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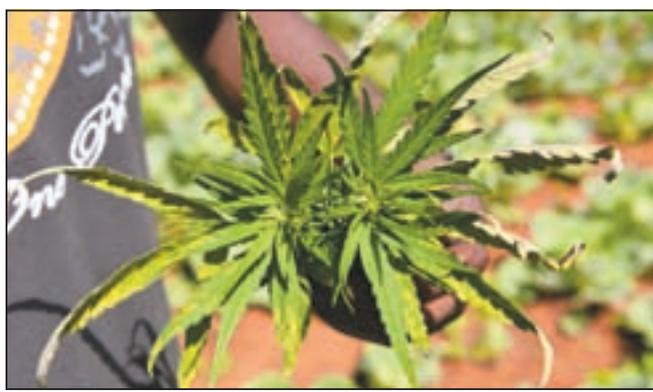
By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's Cabinet has approved a much-anticipated bill of drug law amendments that would decriminalize possession of small amounts of pot and pave the way for a legal medical marijuana industry on the Caribbean island, the justice minister said Wednesday.

Following the Cabinet's authorization, Justice Minister Mark Golding said he expects to introduce the legislation in the Senate by the end of this week. Debate could start before the end of the month in the pot-steeped country where the drug, known popularly as "ganja," has long been culturally entrenched but illegal.

Golding said the bill would establish a "cannabis licensing authority" to deal with the various regulations needed to cultivate, sell and distribute marijuana for medical, scientific and therapeutic purposes.

"We need to position our-



In this Aug. 29, 2013, file photo, farmer Breezy shows off the distinctive leaves of a marijuana plant during a tour of his plantation in Jamaica's central mountain town of Nine Mile.

Associated Press / David McFadden, File

selves to take advantage of the significant economic opportunities offered by this emerging industry," Golding said.

It would make possession of 2 ounces or less a ticketable offense that would not result in a criminal record. Cultivation of five or fewer plants on any premises would be permitted. Rastafarians who use marijuana as a sacrament could also legally use cannabis for religious purposes for the first time in Jamaica, where the spiritual movement was founded in the 1930s.

For decades, debate has raged in Jamaica over relaxing laws prohibiting ganja. But now, with a number of countries and U.S. states relaxing their marijuana

laws the Jamaican government is advancing reform plans.

Golding stressed that the government will not soften its stance on transnational drug trafficking and it intends to use a portion of revenues from its new licensing authority to support a public education campaign to discourage pot smoking by youngsters and mitigate public health consequences.

The head of Jamaica's Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Taskforce said he expected the bill to be passed soon in Parliament, where Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller's governing party holds a 2-to-1 majority.

St. Kitts paves way for general elections

By Nelson A. King

Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis Dr. Denzil Douglas on Friday announced he had advised Gov. Gen. Sir Edmund Wickham Lawrence to dissolve Parliament with immediate effect, paving the way for general elections in the twin-island federation.

"Fellow citizens, earlier today the Parliament of St. Christopher and Nevis, the National Assembly met in emergency session to debate the draft proclamation that was laid before it pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 or 5 of Section 50 of the Constitution of St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis," said Douglas in making the announcement on the steps of Government Headquarters in Basseterre, the St. Kitts capital.

He said the draft proclamation was approved by resolu-

tion of the National Assembly.

"Subsequently, the draft proclamation with accompanying resolution was submitted to His Excellency the Governor General and a proclamation in the terms of the recommended draft was gazetted today, Jan. 16, 2015," Douglas said.

"I hereby now announce that I have advised His Excellency the Governor General to dissolve the Parliament, the National Assembly, effective today, Jan. 16, 2015 to give effect to the proclamation which has realigned the constituency boundaries of St. Christopher and Nevis," he added.

"The date of the General Election in St. Christopher and Nevis shall therefore be announced at a later date," he added.

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Vincetians offer prayer for victims

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adines, described the tragedy as devastating and reflected also on the Christmas 2013 freak storm that left at least seven people dead and a trail of damage and destruction.

"But, we must say 'God is in control', and we ought to be prepared," he said.

Among dignitaries who attended the vigil were: United Nations Ambassador I. Rhonda King; New York Counsel General Selmon Walters; Deputy New York Counsel General Sehon Marshall; former New Democratic Party (NDP) minister and counsellor at the Mission to the United Nations Bernard Wyllie; and Laverne McDowald-Thompson, president of the Brooklyn-based Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A. Inc. (COSAGO), the umbrella Vincentian group in the United States.

After the congregation rendered "How Great Thou Art", St. Mark's United Methodist



St. Mark's United Methodist Church Praise Team at the candle light vigil. Photo by Nelson A. King

Church Praise and Worship Team brought more solemnity with "You Raise Me Up" and "You are My Strength (When I am Weak)."

A number of Vincentian gospel artistes also sang praises before and during the lighting of the candles.

They comprised: Stephen Mayers ("People Need The Lord"); Andean Charles ("What Don't Kill Will Make You Stronger"); Garfield Bowens ("Ride Out The Storm"); Kathleen Hills ("One Day at a Time"); Monodel Ollivierre ("Beulah Land"); and Cherise King ("Hold Fast Your God").

With the candles lit, the

gospel artistes led the congregation with "It Only Takes a Spark," "Hold Out the Candle," "My Heart, My Soul Belongs to You," and "It is Well with My Soul."

Congregants danced and shouted "Allelujah" with the singing of songs/ hymns.

A congregant in the back pew also wailed as the names of some of the victims scrolled on the screen behind the altar: "Annique Alexander - 11 years old; Chaustacia Stay (missing), 15 years old; Glenroy Michael, 12 years old; Jamalie Edwards, 14 years old; Racquel Ashton, 18 years old; Simonique Ballyntyne (missing)."

CAL pilots suspended

By Azad Ali

The two pilots of the Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) flight, which almost collided with a JetBlue plane at JFK International Airport in New York last Saturday night, have been taken off duties, pending the outcome of an investigation.

This was confirmed by director of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA) Ramesh Lutchmedial in a news release.

He did not say whether they are on suspension.

He noted, though, that safety inspectors of the TTCAA are expected to meet with Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control (ATC) officials at JFK Airport to determine the facts surrounding the incident.

He said CAL is fully co-operating with the investigators.

The JetBlue passenger flight 1295, which was bound for Texas, was forced to abort its take-off after BW526 shot across the runway in front its path.

Reports have stated the CAL flight had landed on runway 22L of JFK at 10:27 p.m. following a flight from Cheddi Jagan International Airport in Guy-

ana. Its pilots were instructed by air traffic controllers to "hold short" or stop before the parallel runway (22R) on which JetBlue 1295 was about to gain speed for take-off.

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At 10.30 p.m, the final warning was given: "Caribbean 526, hold short... 526 STOP!"

The CAL pilots never responded and as a result JetBlue 1295 was immediately told to abort take-off to avoid a collision.

There were no injuries to passengers and both planes were not damaged. The JetBlue, an Airbus320, returned to the gate and took off for Austin, Texas three hours later.

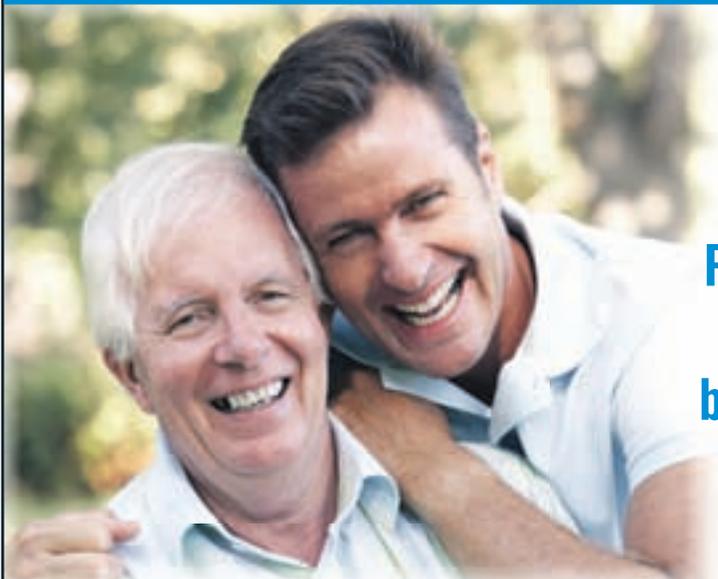
In the news release, CAL said it was taking the alleged incident very seriously.

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Two kinds of income inequality

By Sheldon Richman

Income inequality is back in the news, propelled by an Oxfam International report and President Barack Obama's State of the Union address. The question is whether government needs to do something about this — or whether government needs to undo many things.

Measuring income inequality is no simple thing, which is one source of disagreement between those who think inequality is a problem and those who think it isn't. But it is possible to cut through the underbrush and make some points clear.

We can identify two kinds of economic inequality, and let's keep this in mind as we contemplate what, if anything, government ought to do.

The first kind we might call market inequality. Individuals differ in many ways, including energy, ambition, and ingenuity. As a result, in a market-oriented economy some people will be better than others at satisfying consumers and will hence tend to make more money. The only way to prevent that is to interfere forcibly with the results of peaceful, positive-sum transactions in the marketplace. Since interference discourages the production of wealth, the equality fostered through violence will be an equality of impoverishment.

Is it better that people be equally poor or unequally affluent? This is the important question that political philoso-

pher John Tomasi, author of *Free Market Fairness*, puts to his classes at Brown University. Would they prefer a society in which everyone has the same low income, or one in which incomes vary, perhaps widely, but the lowest incomes are higher than the equal income of the first society?

Which would you choose? Let's remember that it is entirely possible for the poorest in a society to become richer even as the gap between the richest and poorest grows. Imagine an accordion-like elevator that is rising as a whole while being stretched out, putting the floor further from the ceiling. Would such a society be objectionable? Why is the relative position of the poorest more important than their absolute position? Is concern about relative positions nothing more than envy?

We could argue about that all day, but a much more urgent subject is political-economic inequality. This is the inequality fostered through the political system. Since government's distinctive feature is its claimed authority to use force aggressively (as opposed to defensively), this second sort of inequality is produced by violence, which on its face should make it abhorrent.

Political-economic systems throughout the world, including ones typically thought to be market-oriented (or "capitalist"), such as in the United States, are in fact built on deeply rooted and long-established systems of privilege. Favors,

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A new era of hemispheric cooperation is possible

By Luis Almagro

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 18, 2015 (IPS) - Two decades after the first Summit of the Americas, a lot has changed in the continent and it has been for the good. Today, a renewed hemispheric dialogue without exclusions is possible.

Back in the mid-1990s, at the time of the Miami summit, it was the time of imported consensus, models of economic and social development exclusively based on the market and its supposed perfect allocation of resources through the invisible hand.

Hidden under a development rationale, the greatest wave of privatization and deregulation took over the continent. The role of the state was reduced to be a facilitator of a process based on the principle of survival of the fittest. Solidarity, equity and justice were all values from the past and poverty a necessary collateral damage.

However, these values were in the top of the minds of the people of the hemisphere, who turned their backs to these policies and instead during the past 15 years, have forcefully supported the alternatives that combine economic growth with social inclusion, broadening opportunities for all citizens.

Economic growth went hand in hand with social inclusion, adding millions to the middle class — which today accounts for 34 percent of Latin Americans — surpassing the number of poor for the first time in the history.

Today, all voices count, and if they do not, they will have to. The powerful club of the G8 turned into the G20.

If this was possible it was because governments added to the invisible hand of the market, the very visible hand of the state.

And this took place within the context of the worst post war global financial crisis that led to an unprecedented recession in the United States and Europe, which the latter still strives to leave behind.

Growth with social equity turned out to be the new regional consensus.

Today, this binds the region together.

Today, conditions are present to set up a more realistic cooperation in the Americas, where all members could partner in equal conditions, from the most powerful to the smallest islands in the Caribbean.

Today, nobody holds the monopoly over what works or does not; neither can anybody impose models because the established truths have crashed against reality. While in the 1990s social exclusion in domestic policies and voice exclusion at the international level were two sides of the same token, this is not any longer acceptable.

Today, all voices count, and if they do not, they will have to. The powerful club of the G8 turned into the

G20; still, this is not enough to embrace the new reality of our hemisphere.

To the existing bodies, the region has added in this past decade the dynamic UNASUR in South America and CELAC in the Americas, thus leaving the OAS as the only place for dialogue among all countries of the Americas, whether large, medium, small, powerful or vulnerable.

But, governmental or inter-governmental actors by themselves are not the only answer to the problems of today's world. Non-state actors of the non-governmental world, the private sector, trade unions and social organizations must be part of the process.

Leaders need to interpret the time in order to generate an agenda for progress, but progress that is tangible for people, for citizens, to whom we are accountable to.

Therefore, in a more uncertain international economic environment, we should focus on maintaining and expanding our social achievements and a new spirit of cooperation in the Americas can be instrumental for that.

The Summit of the Americas in Panama, in April 2015, may be the beginning of this new process of confidence building, where all countries can feel they can benefit from a cooperative agenda. This will be a historical moment because this time there will be no exclusions.

The recent good news on the diplomatic front related

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Dems not blameless in GOP Capitol gains

Speaker John Boehner was constrained to remark in a TV interview the other day that President Obama, during his recent State of the Union address, was looking out on members from the House and Senate that included 80 more Republicans than the last time he had done his State of the Union routine. Boehner's beef — that the president's speech should have reflected in tone and content the new Republican plurality, but didn't — was of course no excuse for the scowl the speaker wore on his face while sitting in back of the president for the entire hour or so of the address. But it does underscore a need to follow up on our comments last time around about the healthy GOP majority of Boehner's boast, and the distorted picture it paints of political reality across the landscape. And the role Democrats have accommodat- ingly played in facilitating this.

If last year's midterm results didn't light a fire, not under the average Democratic voter (since that clearly looks to be a stretch), but under those who consider themselves party leaders, heaven

only knows what else would. The presidential election year of 2012 found Obama staring at a sizeable enough chunk of the electorate hating his guts, a GOP/Tea Party hierarchy obsessed with making the president a one-termer. The president's bold Affordable Care Act, fraught with teething problems, taking heat from all sides and with an "Obamacare" label derisively attached, gave opponents what they felt sure was a winning arsenal. Yet Democratic strategists were able to rally the troops, again assembling the same coalition of the Democratic faithful and middle-ground moderates as in 2008, to pull off a second-term victory. Two years later, all of that boundless energy within the ranks dissipates and Democratic masterminds meekly cede the responsibility and power to energize to a Republican party that comes up on the wrong side of so much that ordinary people care about. An incredulous turn of events!

Gerrymandering in GOP-controlled states explains a disproportionate breakdown of Congressional seats that favors Republicans. It does

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

not explain, even in borderline states, an incumbent Democrat or a new Democratic aspirant losing a Senate seat to the GOP, since gerrymandering isn't a factor. The more likely scenario is Democrats losing such contests either because of a resources deficiency or simply being outmaneuvered by the other side. Either way, the Democratic party leadership's pattern of a full-throttle, ramped up operation in presidential election years and markedly less pedal to the metal in off-year elections has been shown now, often enough, to be the inexplicable folly it is.

Democrats have a sizeable advantage, as far as the public siding with their views on what is America's better way forward. On issue after issue, Republicans are out of synch with the majority public perception. On hiking the hourly federal minimum wage to

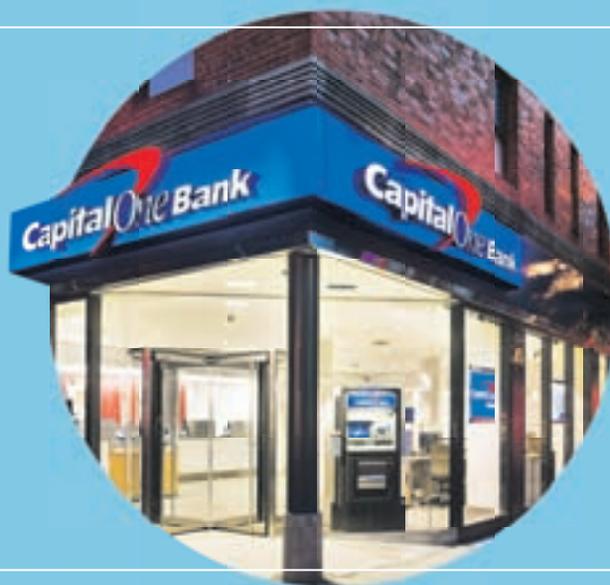
\$10.10 from the current \$7.25, which Republicans in Congress steadfastly oppose, a Pew Research Center poll last year found raising the wage favored by 73 percent of respondents. One survey of small businesses, the regular Republican straw man in opposing this, found roughly two-thirds in favor of the wage hike. On giving priority to protection of the environment as opposed to allowing businesses to sidestep environmental considerations in the course of development plans, the public, by a healthy margin, again rejects the position of near indifference to environmental protection espoused by the GOP. On taxes, the public favors, by a wide margin, closing tax loopholes for large corporations that allow them to ship jobs overseas, another Republican no-no. And the public also gives broad support to raising taxes on the wealthy and big business to fund programs in education, job training, etc or, as the president has proposed, to offset a tax cut for middle-income earners. And the list goes on.

Given such broad public

backing for where they stand, what excuse could there be for Democrats losing elections in places that aren't irreversibly red? We know all about the Koch brothers and others of that ilk prepared to spend whatever it takes to make the country more red than it is. And we know about the con jobs and dirty dealing that could come into play in campaigns. But Democrats coming out second best in places where they have no business doing so can only be attributed to the party organization's failure to up its game to the extent it has to.

If, institutionally, there's a malaise that attends much of the Democratic base, when a hot presidential candidate isn't leading the charge, then it's obvious that purging the base of that off-year stupor requires a focus it hasn't so far had from those calling the plays. Messaging may be wrong-headed, tactics as well. But devising effective means of sensitizing the troops to how critical is participation in the off-year game is priority bar none, to stem the tide of those losses by default.

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which the rest of us must pay for one way or another, typically go to the well-connected, and prominent business executives have always been well represented in that group.

In the United States this has been true since the days of John Jacob Astor, the fur trader who had the ears of such influential politicians as James Madison, James Monroe, and John Quincy Adams. Government was little more than the executive committee of leading manufacturers, planters, and merchants (to risk opprobrium by paraphrasing Marx). As Adam Smith put it in *The Wealth of Nations* in 1776, "Whenever the legislature attempts to regulate the differences between masters and their workmen, its counsellors are always the masters."

While business interests today are not the only ones that get consideration in the halls of power, it's a mistake to think they do not retain major influence over government in economic and financial matters. "Regulatory capture" is a well-known phenomenon, and ostensible efforts to limit it always fail.

Unlike market inequality, political-economic inequality is unjust and should be eliminated.

How? By abolishing all direct and indirect subsidies; artificial scarcities, such as those created by so-called intellectual property; regulations, which inevitably burden smaller and yet-to-be-launched firms more than lawyered-up big businesses; eminent domain; and permit requirements, zoning, and occupational licensing, which all exclude competition. These interventions and more protect incumbent firms from conditions that would lower prices to consumers, create self-employment and worker-ownership opportunities, and improve bargaining conditions for wage labor.

Instead of symbolically tweaking the tax code to appear to be addressing inequality -- the politicians' charade -- political-economic inequality should be ended by repealing all privileges right now.

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to the normalisation of diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba and the participation of Cuba in the Summit represent an additional positive signal. Panama deserves the support of the entire region before and during the Summit.

This will be a great opportunity to strengthen democratic values, the

defence of human rights, institutional transparency and individual freedoms together with a practical agenda for cooperation for shared prosperity in the Americas.

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Commemorating Haiti's earthquake, 5 years later



By Tequila Minsky

In the morning of Jan. 12, 2015, Haitian government officials, foreign ambassadors, and ranking police commemorated the five-year anniversary of the Haitian earthquake at the site where thousands had been buried in a mass grave near Titanyen, miles north of Port-au-Prince. The earthquake killed 230,000 and injured thousands more.

Following speakers from Haiti's Catholic, Protestant and Vodou religious communities, President Michel Martelly spoke. During the proceedings, covered extensively by Haitian media, Martelly reminded the public how in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake everyone had come together, there was no Lavalas or Makout (political affiliations) or black or white and that Haitians, sometimes using nothing but bare hands and digging through the rubble of collapsed buildings, helped "a neighbor, a colleague, someone whom we had never met before."

Erol Josue, a Vodou priest called for all to reflect on the country as he recounted its his-

tory and that Vodou had been blamed for the earthquake. He retold that in fact, it was Vodou that set in motion the revolution. "Give Haiti a chance, put aside all of your personal problems," he said. "We lost a lot of people, even people who came to visit us...we lost hope."

Following remarks, the president and his wife placed wreaths on a memorial that had been constructed just days before.

Outside the ceremony, two small groups of Haitians demonstrated for and against the current government.

Now Haiti's memorial day, other intimate local commemorations took place on Jan. 12 including one held at a memorial area at the environmental education center Martissant Park.

A mass took place at a church adjacent to the main Cathedral that collapsed during the earthquake. There was an observance at the Bureau of Ethnology where Vodou priestesses performed a ceremony to bless those killed.

President Michel Martelly and his wife, to his left the newly named Prime Minister, Evans Paul.

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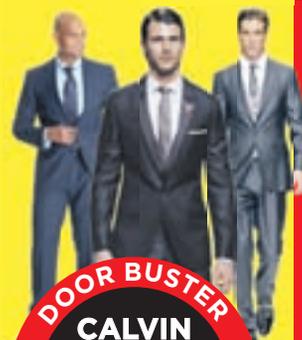
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In this Jan. 14, 2015 photo, a man walks next to a “gingerbread house” in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. It wasn’t until the 2010 earthquake devastated Haiti’s capital that many people even realized that dozens of the city’s grandest old buildings were still standing — its quirky and ornate “gingerbread houses” with their fancy latticework, turrets and spires.

Fight to save Haiti’s gingerbread homes

By David McFadden

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — It wasn’t until the 2010 earthquake devastated Haiti’s capital that many people even realized that dozens of the city’s grandest old buildings were still standing — its quirky and ornate “gingerbread houses” with their fancy latticework, turrets and spires.

Amid the destruction, some Haitians realized time was running out to save the architectural gems, often hidden behind concrete walls, that had been steadily vanishing to bulldozers and cheap renovations as Port-au-Prince became a sprawling and overcrowded city.

“It was when the concrete walls and structures crumbled all around them that you suddenly saw these gingerbread houses from the street,” said Lucie Couet, a French city planner working for a Haitian nonprofit group trying to safeguard the old dwellings.

Now, there’s an uphill race to save them the graceful structures that, unlike the tens of thousands of modern concrete buildings leveled by the 7.0-magnitude quake, often emerged largely unscathed because of the flexibility of their wooden frames.

Local craftsmen working for the Haitian nonprofit Knowledge & Freedom Foundation, or FOKAL, are learning how to restore the homes to their former splendor. Since masonry and carpentry skills aren’t being passed down the generations as they used to be, the dozen young builders are being trained how to work with imported wood, ochre-colored bricks and lime mortar instead of contemporary concrete blocks and cement.

“These old houses are works of Hai-

tian art, not like the concrete block boxes that replaced them,” trainee Jean Lucknor Lefevre said while using a trowel to mix lime mortar in a wheelbarrow at one of two dilapidated gingerbread homes bought by FOKAL in hopes of restoring them into showpieces of cultural preservation.

The group’s president, former Prime Minister Michele Pierre-Louis, said the roughly 200 gingerbreads still standing in Port-au-Prince are an important part of the national identity. While their restoration might be seen as inessential given the sheer scope of Haiti’s housing problems, she believes it is imperative to protect the troubled country’s architectural heritage.

“You see there is a trend, a tendency to say since you are poor, it’s like you don’t deserve this type of thing (restoration efforts). This is really what we have been fighting against,” said Pierre-Louis, whose group is getting support from the New York-based World Monuments Fund and the Walloon Heritage Institute in Belgium.

The hurdles are many.

Unlike in many countries in the developed world, Haiti has no government subsidies for restoring privately owned, historic buildings. And as the price of real estate soars amid quake reconstruction, owners of land with gingerbread homes are being enticed by offers from developers wanting to build offices or apartments.

Still, some families say they are determined to safeguard their treasured properties for future generations, and FOKAL is providing technical assistance to homeowners who have the financial means to pay for renovations.

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Fly Jamaica Airways celebrates second year

By Tangerine Clarke

Consul General of Jamaica to New York, Herman G. LaMont said Guyana and Jamaica have always bonded, and did exceptionally well over many years, while making remarks to celebrate the second anniversary of Fly Jamaica Airways on Jan. 23.

Standing in the Hall of Lights Banquet Hall in Ozone Park, festooned with national colors, LaMont told guests, "I know this airline will do exceedingly well because the spirit of Air Jamaica lives within, and I recognize that the people of Guyana and Jamaica have always bonded in our region."

LaMont congratulating the carrier, which has a partnership between the two countries, saying, "I remember two years ago when Fly Jamaica announced its service at the consulate and was introduced to the Jamaican community. I am pleased to see the airline is still flying, and has grown to include a second aircraft."

"Any business that can continue to grow after two years shows it has a bright future ahead."

LaMont lauded the airline its exceptional customers service he said, from check-in, to boarding, and final destination. "As far as I can see Fly Jamaica Airways truly live up to our expectation."

"I welcome Fly Jamaica to the airline business and feel pleased that you are flying



Fly Jamaica JFK Manager Ann Marie Francis, Captain Ronald Reece, Consul General of Jamaica to New York, Herman LaMont and Manager Roxanne Reece. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

to my beloved Jamaica." "Fly Jamaica mirrors the better part of Air Jamaica." "The community fully embrace the airline, and the nostalgia it brings," he said.

President of the Fly Jamaica, Captain Ronald Reece and his wife, Roxanne Reece, manager, who partnered with Jamaicans two years ago, took off on inaugural flights from JFK to Geor-

getown, and Georgetown to Jamaica in September 2013.

The airline, which operates 757 and 767 aircraft, hopes to add two more to its fleet within the next five years, according to Captain Reece who promised to bring reliable charter and continued scheduled flight opportunity to the flying public.

"The airline business is not an easy one, it's something

that has to develop over a certain amount of time." "Noting happens simultaneously, everything goes step by step in the airline industry," added the former Guyana Airways pilot. "We are thankful to God for everything that has happened over the last two years."

Fly Jamaica whose theme is "One Team One Dream," purchased a new aircraft in

April 2014, making the peak Christmas season flawless, said Captain Reece who does not foresee any problems with its scheduled New York, Kingston, Georgetown, and Toronto routes, catering to travelers at the same competitive prices as other airlines in the region.

Captain Reece is hopeful that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will very soon give Fly Jamaica Airways the go-ahead to begin a direct Georgetown, New York route.

The DOT is yet to approve this route, which it claimed was not necessary for the airline to take, since it already plies a Jamaica, New York route.

Mrs. Reece, who announced that Fly Jamaica would begin a cargo service, as well as charter and package tour opportunities to the two countries, and eventually other parts of the world. She said she looks forward to the continued support from travelers.

"We have a second plane, and we hope you savvy business people will sign up to fly with us any part of the world," she said, before naming countries such as China, Africa and South America as examples.

The evening that celebrated with Deejay music, and attended by travel agents, frequent flyers, and business associates, also hosted a live performance by Guyanese singer and ABC TV Rising Star finalist, Lisa Punch.

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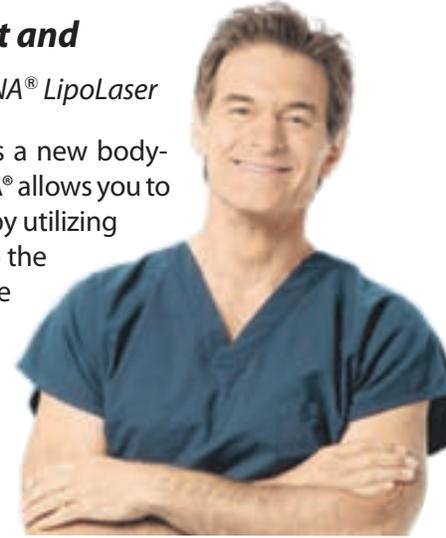
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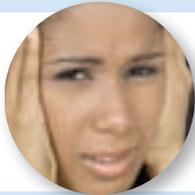
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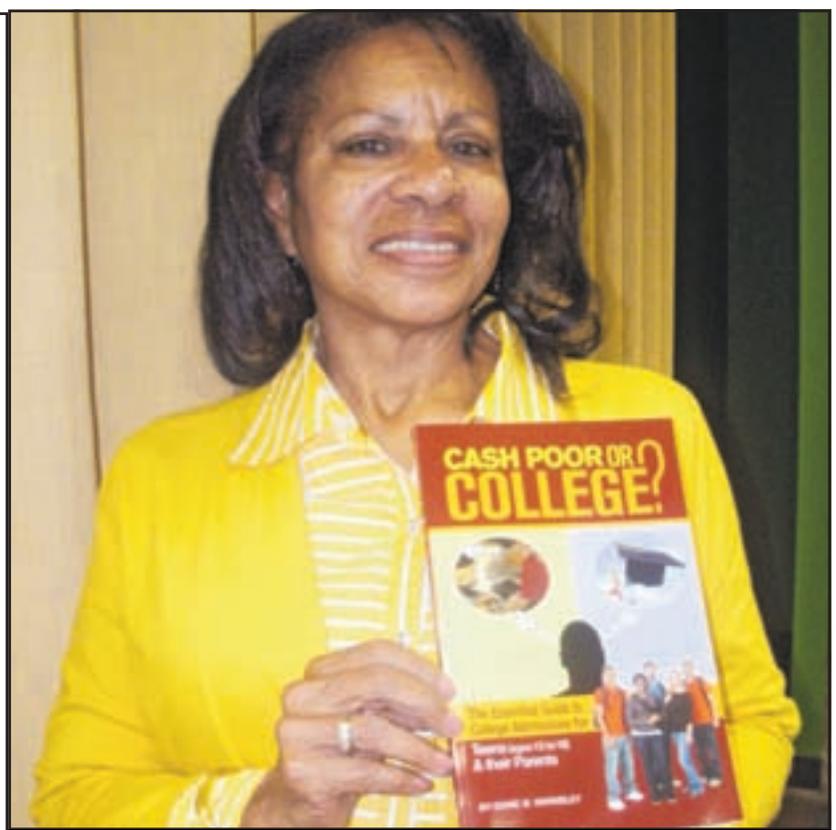
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Diane M. Warmsley with a copy of her book "Cash Poor or College? The Essential Guide to College Admissions." Photo by Laura Andrews

Cash poor essential college guidance

By Laura Andrews

"Cash Poor or College? The Essential Guide to College Admissions," a free and open-to-the public lecture series at Queens Library at Laurelton, Queens is equipping, a predominantly group of teens and families to navigate the college admissions process.

The two-month series offers a chock-full-of nuts impressive step-by-step walk through untangling the college entrance adventure.

At each weekly evening class, 35-year-veteran admissions officer Diane M. Warmsley builds upon the college preparation and admissions process.

At one of the workshops in the Laurelton Library Conference Room, Warmsley distributes an assignment to students enrolled in New York City's public, private and parochial schools to assess their comprehension of college-related matters from financial aid to the recognized degrees offered by accredited colleges and universities in the United States.

Interestingly, the students of varied ages stumbled as Warmsley masterly guided them through a list of their tested incorrect responses with insight and precision.

Warmsley, a recipient of a masters degree in administration and supervision in higher education from Baruch College CUNY – emphasized the importance and advantages of a college

degree.

"Folks with college degrees made \$49,593.00 more a year than those with high school diplomas!" explained Warmsley, as noted in her book titled similar to her workshops.

"Cash Poor or College: The Essential Guide to College Admissions for Teens (ages 13 to 18) & their Parents" (Motivational Press).

Warmsley's much-needed enlightening invaluable tool to make college assessible highlights,

Three reasons why college matters, 40-plus must-do-and-know tips to embrace by senior years, college on little-to-no debt, top 10 factors in admission decisions, college search activities/calendar and 13 ways parents can support their teens.

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Former Guyanese MP Dr. Faith Harding has died

By Tangerine Clarke

Compatriots are in shock and saddened at the passing of Dr. Faith Harding, a Guyanese treasure and an educator who touched the lives of thousands of citizens in the Republic and around the world. She was 67-years old.

Dr. Harding, a former member of Parliament under the People's National Congress/Reform (PNC/R) and government minister, died on Friday, Jan. 23, in her homeland after a brief illness.

"I feel deep sadness to hear of the death of Dr. Harding." "She was a phenomenal woman," "she had an infectious laughter," "a warm personality," "a woman of class," "lovely lady" "I feel deep sadness to hear of the death of Dr. Harding." were all sentiments shared by many.

Dr. Harding who was the first female born in Guyana to seek the nomination of her party to vie for the presidency in 2011 but was unsuccessful, inspired a generation.

A psychotherapist and fierce advocate for women's rights, Dr. Harding was vigilant in her pursuit to educate youth and empower women through several projects. She started an agricultural initiative with



Dr. Faith Harding.

a gift of sorrel seedlings she received from the Mexican government, giving women the opportunity to start their own businesses.

"I loved that she always sent out positive vibes. She always had a smile, and would extend a hug. My most indelible memory was attending a Kwe Kwe at her home for her son's marriage," said Dr. Vibert Cambridge, president of the Guyana Cultural Association.

He added, "She enjoyed and celebrated her heritage. I will always remember her culinary skills. For me, she made the best souse in Guyana."

Cultural Director of GCA, Claire Goring expressed her sadness, and remembered Dr. Harding as a staunch supporter

of the Annual Folk Festival in Brooklyn.

"Faith Harding was a strong supporter of the work of the Guyana Cultural Association of New York. Once she was in New York she attended the Folk Festival functions and in fact was in the front row at the Family Fun Day last year."

"Her dedication to service and her ability to engage and inspire impoverished women in Guyana will be remembered. Our sympathy to her family,"

creator of facebook page — Georgetown People.

Faith, a woman of dignity, loved and respected throughout her life's journey, was a great cook and entertainer said her friend Lorna Welshman-Neblett. "The legendary Guyanese prepared the best cuisine for pageant contestants whenever they visited her home in Guyana," she added.

Dr. Harding who helped to shape the development of Guyana, leaves behind a rich legacy

democracy in East Timor. She was later named leader of a crisis team by the World Bank to reform South Sudan in Africa.

Hundreds of student benefited from Dr. Harding's scholarship programs which contributed thousands of cash grants, and many others educated through training in the medical field and vocational problems.

According to Guyana's Kaieteur news, the veteran mental health practitioner was instrumental in developing the Early Childhood (Nursery) Education curriculum for the Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE) in the 1980s. She once held the position of assistant chief education officer within the Ministry of Education.

Dr. Harding, who did extensive work studying the human brain, graduated from Columbia University and held a Bachelor of Education Degree, and two master's degrees, one in Arts & Curriculum and the other in Education.

Husband Patrick Harding, president of the Gold Miners Association, son, Patrick Jr., sister Christine Blackmoore Williams, and others mourn her death.

She was the only person in the private sector and opposition who encouraged Guyanese to return to the soil to utilize the vast hinter land of Guyana and to be independent of the government."

added Goring.

"The late Dr. Faith Harding had many industrious visions for improving and developing Guyana. She was the only person in the private sector and opposition who encouraged Guyanese to return to the soil to utilize the vast hinter land of Guyana and to be independent of the government," said Winslow Padmore, blogger, and

that includes her service to her country and contributions to politics that began with her stint at the Ministry of Planning and Development and later with then President Desmond Hoyte.

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Jamaica

Canadians are to enjoy exemption from stocks purchased on the Jamaican Stock Exchange (JSE) as of April 1, 2015, said Arnaldo Brown, minister of state in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.



The minister was speaking at the Jamaica Association for the Resettlement of Returning Residents (JARRR) Conference at the Jamaica Conference Center in Kingston recently.

The Canadian government has previously announced that as June 2014, Canadian investors were exempt from taxes on the income derived from stocks purchased on the Jamaican Stock Exchange.

The Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica Robert Ready, noted these changes to the Income Tax Act while speaking at the Jamaica Stock Exchange Best Practice Awards last month.

He said that this development "will be more attractive to Canadian pension funds, investment managers and investors, including the diaspora."

With the implementation of measures to facilitate Jamaican Canadians purchasing Jamaican stocks, Brown is urging members of the diaspora to invest in the Jamaican stock market. He said that this would be the main focus at the Jamaica Diaspora Conference to

be held in June.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia has recorded a six per cent increase in tourist arrivals in 2014 when compared to figures for 2013.

According to the St. Lucia Tourist Board, total stay over visitor arrivals are estimated at 338,158.

It said figures recorded for seven months in 2014 — February, March, April, June, October, November and December were the highest ever reached for these specific months.



At a recent news conference called to review the industry's performance, Tourism Minister Lorne Theophilus reaffirmed the buoyancy of the U.S. market as the island's main geographic market.

"The U.S. is by far the island's largest source market, commanding just under half (42 percent) of total arrivals. Further, arrivals from this market is due to targeted marketing strategies grew 11 percent over the last year's figures," Theophilus noted.

The UK maintained the second-largest source market, with 22 percent share of arrivals.

However, the minister said the Caribbean market shrank by eight percent in 2014, acquiring 16 percent of market share. — compiled by Azad Ali

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Yearlong birthday celebration for Bob Marley

While many distinguished individuals share Black History Month to commemorate their life's outstanding work, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., remains the singular achiever afforded a day to mark his iconic deeds.

However, Bob Marley, Jamaica's reggae icon and the acclaimed first Third World superstar will get a year-long celebration to honor his 70th birthday anniversary. Since his death at age 36 on May 11, 1981, each decade has heightened his profile on the international circuit.

On his 50th birthday anniversary, a massive celebration at his former home at 56 Hope Road in Kingston, attracted international acclaim, media frenzy, concerts, celebrated entertainers, football games and probably the biggest party the island had previously ever marked for any individual.

Undoubtedly the biggest remains the global 60th held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where an estimated 360,000 celebrants marked the occasion of his Feb. 6 birth to a theme billed "Africa Unite," the title of one of his



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

songs. The seventh era commemoration will likely encompass various aspects of his accomplishments with specific celebrations targeted to as many disciplines as he is revered.

Together with his music's theme of liberation, Marley's rags-to-riches story brought inspiration to subjugated people around the world, where he is revered as a larger-than-life leader.

Inducted posthumously to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Marley is notably the singer who popularized reggae and established the genre on the global map. He is also regarded a statesman in his native Jamaica. It was there that he reportedly brought together the country's warring factions of supporters of the Jamaica Labor Party and People's National Party — symbol-

ized by rival politicians and former prime ministers Michael Manley and Edward Seaga who joined hands on-stage.

The historic unity gesture during his legendary "One Love Peace Concert" in Kingston took place on April 22, 1978.

It was five years since Marley and the band arrived from Jamaica, with the 1977 release of "Exodus" which was recorded in London just after an assassination attempt on his life. Many believed his actions sparked a socio-political statement but also inspired hits such as "Waiting In Vain" and "One Love."

Also known as Tuff Gong, his legacy will be remembered by new releases of rare and unreleased material as well as fan favorite deluxe editions of his most memorable work titled "Bob Marley & The Wail-



Robert Nesta Marley.

Associated Press / Island Records

ers — Easy Skanking in Boston '78." It will feature two historic live shows from Boston's Music Hall held June 8, 1978.

Slated to be released on Feb. 17, the new and unreleased performance is made possible due to the Marley family's unprecedented decision to allow access for the first time to their personal material from their private collections and their vaults.

The album will be available on blu-ray/cd combo pack as well as dvd/cd and cd versions. The video footage was shot with a hand-held camera by a fan that Marley allowed to sit right in front of the stage. The result is imagery that captures Marley from just a few feet away, allowing viewers to experience the intimacy of his set.

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Di Boss Lady Tenza rocks the crowd in Scotland.

Tenza charms Scottish crowds

Over the past few years multi-award winner Tenza from Montego Bay, Jamaica has cultivated a very specific brand identity with her charismatic, prolific and candid lyrics.

Recently in Scotland, the gold recording star delivered two high energy and mesmerizing performances.

Tenza fans and music lovers braved sub zero temperature and heavy snow to be rewarded by the sweet reggae juggling of Baseline Warrior Sound who warmed

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Kings Theatre re-opens in Flatbush

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Councilman Dr. Mathieu Eugene last week joined top city officials at the re-opening of Kings Theatre in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen, New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President Kyle Kimball, ACE Theatrical Group President and Chief Executive Officer David Anderson, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group Managing Director Margaret Anada, and National Development Council (NDC) Executive Vice President Dan Marsh

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Miss Nicaragua Marline Barberena, right, kisses and Miss Tanzania Nale Boniface, left, hugs Miss Jamaica Kaci Fennell, center, at the end of the Miss Universe pageant in Miami, Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

Associated Press / Wilfredo Lee

Jamaicans cry 'robbery' in Miami

By Vinette K. Pryce

"Old pirates, yes they rob I" — Bob Marley.

Some Jamaicans are voicing Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" to express their ire about Miss Jamaica's fourth-runner up position in the recent Miss Universe beauty pageant.

They are convinced Kaci Fennell was robbed of the jeweled crown and title she contested against 87-queens from as many nations at the Florida University Arena in Doral, Miami.

Named among the five finalists to win the title, Fennell received overwhelming approval from the crowd early in the contest and from the applause and cheers from patrons was perceived favored to win.

However, when the last segment of the pageant announced the runners up to the winning queen, loud boos were heard after 22-year-old Fennell was named first to be eliminated from the international contest.

"Kaci was robbed," dominated social media network.

And at viewing parties throughout the Caribbean island, Jamaicans conceded their queen may have been victimized.

An overwhelming number of Jamaicans on the island and throughout the diaspora reacted with anger after it was announced that Fennell would claim the fourth runner up position.

Almost instantaneously social media network Twitter reported that the trending hashtag was #MissJa-

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Pageant



The five final contestants, from left, Miss Colombia Paulina Vega, Miss Jamaica Kaci Fennell, Miss Ukraine Diana Harkusha, Miss Netherlands Yasmin Verheijen and Miss USA Nia Sanchez pose during the Miss Universe pageant in Miami, Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

Associated Press / Wilfredo Lee

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Taylor Swift
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Sam Smith
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Nick Jonas
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Ed Sheeran
- 8 **Lips Are Movin**
Meghan Trainor
- 9 **Animals**
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- 10 **The Heart Wants What...**
Selena Gomez

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Title**
Meghan Trainor
- 2 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 3 **Reality Show**
Jazmine Sullivan
- 4 **Kidz Bop 27**
Kidz Bop Kids
- 5 **Uptown Special**
Mark Ronson
- 6 **x**
Ed Sheeran
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J. Cole
- 8 **The Pinkprint**
Nicki Minaj
- 9 **Chapter One**
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maicaShouldHaveWon.

"I have tried to suppress my endemic spirit and look at it objectively but, personally, I am convinced by the global outrage seen across the Internet that there was a genuine error of judgment in placing Miss Jamaica Universe, Kaci Fennell, fifth in a competition in which the majority of the audience seemed convinced that she should have won," Olivia Grange, a member of Parliament and former minister of culture in Jamaica said.

"After reading the responses of the international media, including well-known newspapers in both the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as our own media, not to mention the indignation expressed via social media, globally, I am convinced that a serious error was made," Grange added.

Sporting a short-cropped, hairstyle, Fennell was the only contestant to flaunt a clean-cut, Halle Berry style fashion statement.

Poised and stately Fennell seemed to represent the pageantry and beauty required to reign. She was overwhelmingly cheered each time she walked

onstage and named first to qualify in the Top 10 portion of the pageant.

In the swimsuit category, she seemed to ace votes needed to move onto the evening gown and question and answer stages of the pageant.

Chosen as one of the five most likely to win the crown Fennell seemed a shoo-in as the only contestant to parade a short-cropped hairstyle.

"I don't have long tresses like everyone else, I'm just representing myself and that's what

beauty pageants are all about," Fennell stated as if conscious of the unpopular decision.

Notwithstanding judges voted her among the most beautiful of the beautiful.

But Fennell might have lost points when she responded to a question submitted from social media asking about her country's biggest contribution to the world.

Fennell said it was Bob Marley and Usain Bolt.

"She should have at least said reggae music, the fastest

man and woman on earth and the fastest swimmer," a viewer in Fort Lauderdale, Florida told Caribbean Life.

"Not to mention, the food, the beaches, the beautiful people and so much more."

"Personally, I find no fault with Kaci suggesting Bob Marley and Usain Bolt as universally accepted examples of the tremendous contributions made by our human resources in areas of international competition or cooperation," Grange said.



SNIP AWAY: Borough President Adams and other local pols and civic leaders cut the ribbon at the ceremonial opening of the Kings Theatre in Flatbush on Friday. Photo by Paul Martinka

Theatre

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were among dignitaries attending the event.

Initially constructed in 1929, the historic Kings Theatre, for decades a movie palace, reopened its doors for the first time since 1977.

Eugene said he worked closely with partners to restore and revitalize the theater, which is now the largest one in Brooklyn, with more than 3,000 seats.

"Primed to be a cultural hub for Flatbush and the neighborhoods that surround it, Kings Theatre will provide a

wide range of theatrical, musical and artistic programming that will reflect the rich cultural diversity of the community and borough it is rooted in," Eugene said.

He said he was delighted to be one of the featured speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of the famed theater.

"I know that Kings Theatre is a great cultural resource for New York City and beyond, and words cannot fully express how honored I am to have this great treasure located in the district I represent," said Eugene, adding that Kings Theatre is already proving to be an economic engine for the community.

Tenza

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up the venue until Di Boss Lady Tenza hit the stage to thunderous applaud from the eager patrons. The first show was full of vibes flowing across the entire venue as Tenza brought the crowd to a fever pitch by belting out new and old hits, adeptly handling the deejaying as well as the singing. Di Boss Lady entered the stage with her now signature riddim "Stage Time" and delivered a quick fire medley of hits. To the delight of her fans, Tenza followed up with several such classics as "Light Up the Herbs," "Greetings" and "Grab a Man." Engaging with the fans, Tenza broke into another medley selection with "Jah Nuh Ready Fi Mi," "Blood Shed" and "African Empress" before exiting the stage with "Good Morning Jah."

Tenza is a performer. Her stage presence is remarkable. She truly enjoys every minute of every song, and leaves a musical piece of herself with her fans. And on her second night Saturday, she did just that, Di Boss Lady stepped out



Jamaica's Tenza performing in Scotland recently.

on stage dressed in her own signature designs "Rasta Festish", showed her class and style, and reminded all why she is called the Boss Lady. Tenza delivered yet another blockbuster performance, for over 45 minutes dropping tracks such as "The War is On," "Dancehall Nice Again," "Tek Him Back" and "Push n Turn," and before exiting the stage leaving the Edinburgh faithfuls wanting for more, Tenza unleashed "Run Things" and "Pull It" much to the delight of her Scottish based fans. "If you ever have the opportunity to see her in concert do not miss it. You will be treated to a memorable experience," stated an excited patron.



Grandparents square-off over biracial child

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By Kam Williams

When Elliot Anderson's (Kevin Costner) wife Carol (Jennifer Ehle) perishes in a tragic car accident, he suddenly finds himself facing the prospect of raising his seven-year-old granddaughter Eloise (Jillian Estell) alone. After all, the couple had originally assumed custody from the moment their own daughter died giving birth to the little girl, since the baby's drug-addicted father (Andre Holland) was behind bars and



Jillian Estell (left) and Kevin Costner in a scene from the film "Black or White."

Photo courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes

totally unfit to be a parent.

Today, however, Elliot does have a drinking problem which proceeds to escalate out of control in the wake of his spouse's

untimely demise. And this state of affairs comes to the attention of Eloise's fraternal grandmother, Rowena "Wee-Wee" Davis (Octavia Spencer),

who soon resurfaces for the first time in years.

She approaches Elliot about setting up visitation, in spite of her son's substance abuse prob-

lems, since Eloise has a lot of other relatives on her father's side of the family eager to see her. But the wealthy, white lawyer balks at the very suggestion, presumably because they're black and from the 'hood, and he's thus far managed to shield his relatively-privileged granddaughter from the ghetto and its host of woes.

Of course, Wee-Wee doesn't take the rebuff sitting down, but rather prevails upon her attorney brother, Jeremiah (Anthony Mackie), to file suit. Next thing you know, the parties are slinging mud at one another in an ugly custody battle where Reggie is accused of being a crack head with a criminal record and Elliot is labeled a racist and an alcoholic. Responsibility for dispensing justice blindly falls to Judge Margaret Cummings (Paula Newsome), who might very well be a bit biased in favor of plaintiff Rowena, given that she's also African-American and female.

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Amira & Sam (Unrated) Romantic dramedy about a returning war vet (Martin Starr) who takes a shot at stand-up comedy back in the States while dating the niece (Dina Shihabi) of his former Iraqi translator (Laith Nakli). With Paul Wesley, David Rasche, Ross Marquand and Taylor Wilcox.

Backstreet Boys: Show 'Em What You're Made Of (Unrated) Rockumentary chronicling both the career of the iconic boy band as well as its 20th anniversary reunion to record a new album. Featuring Brian Littrell, Nick Carter, A.J. McLean, Kevin Scott Richardson and Howie Dorough.

Girlhood (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a troubled 16-year-old (Karidja Toure) who joins an all-girl gang after becoming fed up with being abused both at home and around the 'hood. With Assa Sylla, Lindsay Karamoh, Marietou Toure and Idrissa Diabate. (In French with subtitles)

Hard to Be a God (Unrated) Outer space adventure about a team of scientists sent from Earth to a distant planet to help put its primitive inhabitants on a path of progress. Co-starring Leonid Yarmolnik, Laura Lauri, Dmitriy Vladmirov and Aleksandr Ilin. (In Russian with subtitles)

My Name Is Hmmm... (Unrated) Unlikely-buddies road drama about an 11-year-old French girl (Lou-Lelia Demeriac) who stows away in the cab of a Scot-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

tish truck driver (Douglas Gordon) after being sexually-abused by her own father (Jacques Bonnafe). With Sylvie Testud, Emile Gautier, Noemie Ducourau and Marie-Christine Barrault. (In French and English with subtitles)

Suburban Gothic (R for sexuality, profanity, violence and drug use) Horror comedy about a down-on-his-luck MBA (Matthew Gray Gubler) who moves back in with his parents (Barbara Niven and Ray Wise) when he can't find a job. Plot thickens when he enlists the assistance of a ballsy bartender (Kat Dennings) to engage the ghost terrorizing their hometown. Cast includes Muse Watson, Sally Kirkland and John Waters.

Supremacy (Unrated) Abduction drama about a white supremacist (Joe Anderson) who kills a police officer and takes a black family hostage with the help of his girlfriend (Dawn Olivieri) on the day of his parole from prison. With Julie Benz, Mahershala Ali and Jenica Bergere.

Timbuktu (PG-13 for violence and mature themes) Oscar-nominated drama (in the Best Foreign Film category) about the occupation of Timbuktu in 2012 by Islamic jihadists known as the Ansar Dine. Starring Ibrahim Ahmed, Abel Jafri and Toulou Kiki.

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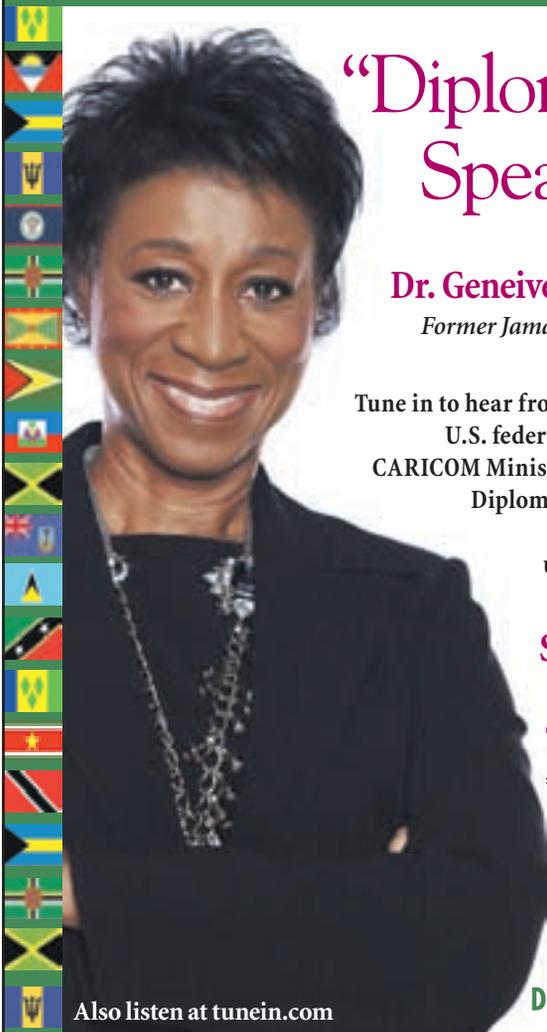
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Dacres seeks County final

By Robert Elkin

Malik Dacres, a senior at Lawrence High School, is thinking about attending Monroe College in Westchester County, because, as he puts it 'it has a good program.' He also recently said that if he goes there it will be for four years come this fall.

For the immediate concern he wants to help his school be a contender to win the Nassau County or Section VIII indoor track and field title in the upcoming County Championships. He would like to become an all-around athlete by competing on his high school's indoor track and field and football teams.

"Track and field is an easy sport, and I can win medals in it," said Dacres, earlier during this indoor season. "It's fun."

In the meantime, Dacres will try to do well on the track and field team at Lawrence. Right now he wants to concentrate on winning medals at his high school.

He won 10 medals in three years for

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South Africa defeats Windies

By Azad Ali

West Indies put on a very poor performance in the third of the five-match One-Day Internationals to give South Africa a series and nine-wicket win at Buffalo Park, East London, South Africa.

Needing a win to stay alive after trailing behind 2-0 in the series, the regional side could only muster a dreadful 122 all out off 34 overs after opting to bat first.

Stroke-maker Marlon Samuels top scored with 26 but no other batsman could pass 20, as Man-of-the-Match Vernon Philander, with three for 27,

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Mexico's Alejandro Diaz celebrates scoring.

Associated Press / Hassan Ammar, File

MEXICO, USA PREVAIL

CONCACAF Under-20 men's tourney

By Patrick Horne

Last Saturday, Jan. 24, was a crucial date in the CONCACAF Under-20 men's soccer tournament in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Group A winner Mexico came up against Group B winner Panama in the 2015 CONCACAF Under-20 championship, while the USA was in

a must-win battle against El Salvador for a berth in the FIFA Under-20 Men's World Cup slated for New Zealand next summer. Mexico and the USA prevailed.

After a hard-fought battle between Mexico and an emerging and talented Panama team that lasted two over-

time periods, Mexico came away with a 4-2 win in penalty kicks to capture the 2015 CONCACAF title in this age group; it was Mexico's third consecutive title in the event and 13th overall. The CONCACAF tournament also qualifies the top four teams for the

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excelling on the school's track team. His favorite event is the shot put. However, he is also a star player and starter on the Lawrence High football team as well. If Dacres decides to attend a Division I or II college he might have to choose which sport he will accept the offer from.

"I feel that I am strong and the shot put comes easy to me," he said.

He has been on this track and field team for three years, starting out in his sophomore year.

"The coaches didn't keep me in my event for three years and I have won medals for the school," he went on.

He also can do the weight throw, but the school doesn't hold such an event at present. According to one of the coaches, Lawrence is working on installing another event to its meets — the weight throw.

"I learned how to do the shot put by myself," he went on. "My friends told me about my events and I picked it up by myself, and fast."

His father Dominic Dacres, who presently resides in Flushing, Queens, is an engineer by trade Dominic and originally comes from the Caribbean.

"I'm not sure what sport he played," Malik added. "But I think it was cricket."

"Competition is pretty hard here at Lawrence High," he added. "My teammates and I compete against other Nassau County schools like Baldwin, Lynbrook, and Roosevelt.

Now he wants to be the best of my field event throwers both for indoors and outdoors. The indoor County meet is coming up Tuesday and Wednesday both at St. Anthony's High School in Suffolk County, followed by the State Qualifier, and then the State Meet, the highlight for track and field program in New York State. The State meet is everybody's goal, both as a team and as an individual.



United States under-20 soccer team head coach Tab Ramos listens to the U.S. national anthem prior to a match against Spain. Associated Press / Gero Breloer, File

CONCACAF Under 20 champions

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FIFA tournament, which means, despite the championship loss, Panama, along with second-place group finishers USA and Honduras, will join Mexico to represent CONCACAF in New Zealand at the FIFA Under-20 Men's World Cup in June.

Mexico forged ahead, 1-0, on Guillermo Martinez's header off a corner kick in the 50th minute and continued to lead for most of the game; it was the first goal scored against Panama during the tournament. The talented and relentless Panamanians kept playing, searching for the equalizer, which came in the 70th minute when Fidel Escobar registered a penalty kick after Ismael Diaz was fouled in the penalty area.

Both teams battled tirelessly through two overtime periods in a well-played game. Mexico won on penalties from Martinez, Alejandro Diaz, Jose Robles and Erick Aguirre; Escobar and Diaz hit penalties for Panama.

In another game at the same venue, the USA, which got off to a slow start in the tournament, had put together late wins versus Trinidad and Tobago and Guatemala in earlier games to put the team in a position to battle El Salvador for the second place in Group B. Goals from Ben Spencer and Paul Arriola gave the Americans a 2-0 win.

The Tab Ramos-coached U.S. team depended on its bench for the win. Spencer gave the U.S. a 1-0 lead in the 37th minute off an assist by Emerson Hynd-

man. The lead lasted through halftime. Ramos, a former U.S. international forward, went to his bench and replaced Spencer with Arriola just after the half. Arriola combined with another second half substitute, Junior Flores, to ensure the win with the second goal in the 68th minute. Arriola tallied off Flores' cross when Bradford Jamieson' initial shot was fruitless. U.S. goalkeeper Zack Steffen saved a penalty kick that would have tied the game for El Salvador in the 53rd minute.

Honduras captured a berth for its sixth appearance in the FIFA tournament with a 2-1 win over Guatemala. Michael Chirinos and Albert Elis scored to propel Honduras. Chirinos scored in the 39th minute from seven yards with a left-footed shot, and then the forward beat two Guatemalan defenders and crossed the ball to Elis for an easy tap-in for the winning goal. Guatemala pulled a goal back in the 74th minute through Diego Alvarez's free kick from 35 yards, but it wasn't enough.

West Indies humiliated

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ripped apart the West Indies innings.

At one stage, the Caribbean side was reeling at 52 for five with all the top batsmen, including hard-hitting opener Chris Gayle back in the pavilion.

In reply, South Africa's opener Hashim Amla, who has been terrific with the bat, faced 63 balls and counted nine fours, while de Plessis, also a right-hander, hit five fours in a 71-ball innings to take his side to victory.

For Amla, the knock was the third time he had passed 50 in the series, following his 66 in Durban and 153 not out in Johannesburg two weeks

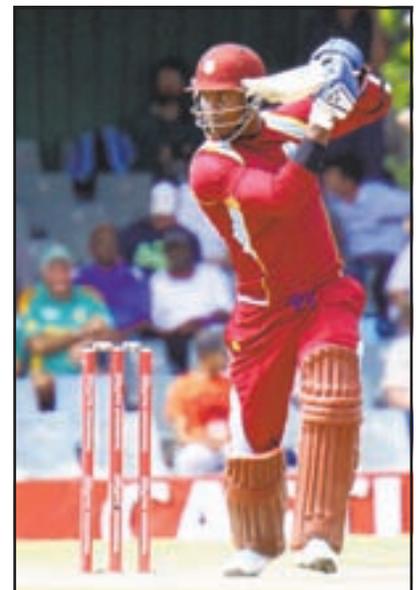
ago. South Africa made 124 off 24.4 overs for one wicket.

New West Indies ODI captain Jason Holder said he was concerned the players were not learning fast enough from their mistakes.

"I am worried the way we are going about our cricket. At the moment, it just seems as we are making the same errors over and over again," he said.

West Indies Marlon Samuels at the wicket during their ODI cricket match against South Africa in East London, South Africa, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015.

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Eyes on Cricket
 By George H. Whyte



T&T wins Nagico Super 50 Final

Hard-hitting batsman Jason Mohammed slammed a swashbuckling 117 runs from 132 balls with 11 fours and six sixes for Trinidad & Tobago against Guyana in the Nagico Super 50 final. Trinidad scored 200 for 8 wickets in their 50 overs.

For Guyana, fast bowler Paul Wintz picked up two wickets for 44 runs off nine overs, left-arm spinner Veerasammy Permaul got three wickets for 22 runs off 10 overs and spinner Royston Crandon two for 27 off 10 overs.

Guyana bowled out for 65 runs in 23.5 overs

Sunil Narine's six wickets for nine runs from eight overs with three maidens and Dwayne Bravo two for 29 from seven overs totally devastated the Guyanese batsmen. Trinidad and Tobago won by 135 runs.



West Indies' Sunil Narine.
 Associated Press / Andres Leighton, File

Smith, Gayle must bowl

West Indies cricket team must modify their strategies in order to win One-Day competitions. Chris Gayle and Dwayne Smith must do some bowling in this type of competition. Twenty overs must be shared between Dwayne Smith, Chris Gayle, Andre Russell and Darren Sammy.

Sheldon Cotterell, Jason Holder and Jerome Taylor will do their 10 overs each. Some sort of system must be introduced for the bowlers to have some rest.

Gayle's disappointing performance

West Indies senior opening batsman Chris Gayle has not been performing well in the limited overs competition against South Africa. He has to lift his performance in preparation for the World Cup. Gayle is a senior player on the West Indies team and he must show some maturity to the players with less experience.

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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may feel that a goal is beyond reach, but you can get there if you are willing to make some sacrifices. Make a decision quickly this week.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Many different people, including loved ones and colleagues, hold you in high regard, Taurus. That's because you are a forward thinker willing to take chances.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, take a careful approach to any obstacles that come your way this week. A problem that arises will require some thoughtful analysis and a slow and steady approach.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, be honest about what you desire, even if it seems like getting it is impossible. You never know what you can achieve if you push yourself and have a little patience.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you have many good ideas and are ready for many of them to come to fruition. Muster up some energy and clear your schedule so you can conquer the tasks at hand.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have more in common with a colleague at work than you originally imagined. Pool your resources and work as a team to get the job done.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may have to be a little more assertive than usual to get your way this week. If you have good ideas, stick behind them and make your voice heard.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Set goals that are difficult to reach, Scorpio. This is a great way to push yourself to be the best you can be. Expect some special news to arrive very soon.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Something that may have been important to you a few days ago has lost its luster this week, Sagittarius. Don't pursue it any longer because it's not worth your time.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, make the most of a business opportunity that presents itself in the coming weeks. This opportunity could be the chance you have long been waiting for.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't push yourself beyond your limits this week, Aquarius. There's no rush to get things done and no need to subject yourself to fatigue or burnout.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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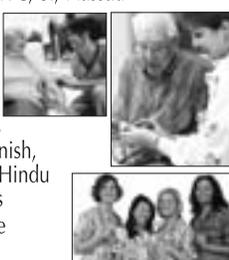
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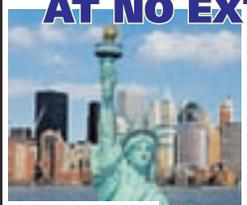
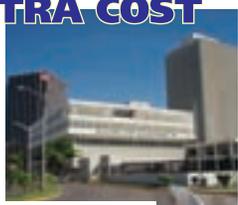
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