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### Vincentians celebrate

Ancilla Friday introduces Ambassador Rhonda King at a service marking their country's 36th anniversary of political independence. See page 16.

Nelson A. King

### Carib nations boost income with passport sale

By Bert Wilkinson

Forced to look for alternative ways of raising revenue for development purposes, some Caribbean trade group nations are coming up with novel ways to get around worrying cash flow problems.

Twenty years ago, many of the member states sent banana shipments to the European Union. Others made foreign exchange by selling sugar, rice, nutmegs and spices but international export trade regimes have been altered so badly that national coffers have virtually dried up.

Today, governments particularly those in the Eastern Caribbean sub economic grouping, are selling national passports and citizenship to make money despite the attendant risks that people with dubious backgrounds and those linked to terror organizations could end up being part of the national fabric.

For example, the administration of Prime Minister Gaston Browne in Antigua was just this week forced to cancel a passport and citizenship it had sold to a Chinese national after discovering that she had lied on background information forms linked to whether

she had ever been denied an American visa. Officials say she would also have to forfeit the more than \$200,000 she had paid to obtain citizenship rights.

The passport route is commonly referred to as Citizenship by Investment Program (CIP) and offered by St. Kitts, Grenada, Antigua, Dominica and St. Lucia where the administration of Prime Minister Kenny Anthony has just announced plans to become the latest country to offer the program worldwide.

In most of the cases ordinary citizens or business folk from countries where it is tough to get travel visas to western countries like the US and Britain, the Caribbean Asia and South America, have the option of paying between \$250,000 and up to \$1.5 M to obtain a passport, citizenship and hassle free travel as though they are natives of their new found homes.

In Antigua's case, just over 500 passports have been sold to people from 38 countries in the past year and a half netting about \$65M in revenues. Revenues from 416 of the 510 passports sold have been placed in

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### Protest over anti-Haitian job posting

By Nelson A. King

Caribbean American legislators in New York have expressed outrage over a job listing published in the New City Pennysaver that specifically excludes individuals who are Haitian.

The Ad, posted last Thursday, by Interim HealthCare, Inc., which considers itself "the leading home care, hospice and medical staffing company" in the United States, stated that female Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and

Registered Nurses (RNs) were needed at West Haverstraw, a village in the town of Haverstraw, in Rockland County. West Haverstraw is just over an hour's drive from New York City.

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President of Medgar Evers College Rudolph F. Crew.

## Medgar Evers College lauded

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has congratulated Brooklyn's predominantly Black Medgar Evers College for earning a grant under the Institutions Competitive Grant Program from the United States Department of Education.

The five-year grant — for US\$600,000 in the initial period — will allow the college to create programs that support the academic achievement of students.

"I want to commend President Rudolph F. Crew and his team at Medgar Evers College on earning this highly-competitive, five-year grant, which will allow the college to create programs that assist students in remaining enrolled and completing their course of study," said Clarke, who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn.

The grant will also support programs that promote highly-effective teaching methods "that connect with students," Clarke said.

Since it was established in 1970, the congresswoman said Medgar Evers College has offered students an "excellent opportunity both to study the liberal arts and to prepare for a professional career at a cost affordable for families in Brooklyn."

Clarke said Medgar Evers College, under the leadership of Dr. Crew, a former public schools chancellor in New York City, has "worked tirelessly to provide every student with the skills and intellectual resources necessary to succeed in the classroom and in their future endeavors." She said the grant will support the college's efforts to expand opportunity "and develop the talents of the women and men who pursue an education there."

"As the representative of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, which includes Medgar Evers College, I will continue to work with Dr. Crew, his team and the entire community of Medgar Evers College to support these programs and expand opportunity in Brooklyn," Clarke said.

# Adams honors firefighter, volunteer organization

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams on Wednesday, Oct. 14 paid tribute to a firefighter who saved an unconscious two-year-old during an early morning fire in Marine Park, as well as a not-profit organization in Borough Park which distributed more than 3,000 free hot meals last month to needy patients in hospitals across Brooklyn.

New York City Fire Department (FDNY) Lt. Victor Milukas, of Ladder Company 159 in the Flatlands, Brooklyn, was declared "Hero of the Month" for August in honor of his courage under fire.

Adams also honored volunteer members of Borough Park-based Yad Ephraim in honor of their commitment to the less fortunate.

The honors are a continuation of Adams's monthly "Hero of the Month" events honoring the accomplishments of Brooklynites from all walks of life.

"When someone goes beyond the call of duty in serving their community, I think it's important that we acknowledge them and hold them up as the bright stars that shine the way forward for our borough," Adams said.

"The stories of Lt. Milukas and Yad Ephraim are proof positive of angels on Earth, ordinary people that do extraordinary things," he added. "I applaud our latest 'Heroes of the Month,' and I hope that they serve as enduring examples of good for all Brooklynites."

On Aug. 24, the FDNY received numerous calls for a house on fire on Avenue P in Marine Park.

Minutes later, firefighters, including those from Ladder Company 159,



Brooklyn Borough President Adams recognizes FDNY Lieutenant Victor Milukas of Ladder Company 159 in Flatlands as "Hero of the Month" for August during a ceremony in Brooklyn Borough Hall, following his life-saving rescue of two-year-old Justin Pierre from a house fire in Marine Park; he is joined by the Milukas and Pierre families as well as firefighters from Ladder Company 159.

Stefan Ringel / Brooklyn Borough President's Office

arrived to find neighbors on the block reporting that a child was trapped inside.

Adams said Lt. Milukas headed to the second floor, where he searched multiple smoke-filled bedrooms and ultimately found one bedroom fully engulfed in flames.

Milukas called for additional firefighters to bring water to the fire in order for him to perform a search.

In zero visibility, he found bunk beds, indicating that this was the child's room, Adams said.

He said Milukas continued searching until he found unconscious two-

year-old Justin Pierre, after which he quickly removed the young boy and brought him to firefighters and EMTs, who transported him to the hospital.

Adams said it was the second rescue of Lt. Milukas's career. He had previously rescued an adult from a fire in Queens, when he was a member of Ladder Company 142 in Ozone Park.

"We don't do our job this way to be honored; it's just something we have a calling for," Milukas said. "Most of the time, events are tragic; this is one time that is just amazing."

"It changed my life; and, for most

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## NDC aims to strengthen ties with Diaspora

By Alley Olivier

Members of Grenada's National Democratic Congress party — the main opposition party of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique — kicked off the North East United States and Canada tour Oct. 16 with a press conference to reopen communication with the Diaspora.

Starting with New York, Sen. Nazim Burke, Sen. Dr. George Vincent, Sen. Franka Bernadine, Sen. Tillman Thomas, and Deputy Leader Joseph Andall will also visit Washington, D.C., Toronto and Montreal before returning to Grenada.

The theme of their visit is, "Partnering with the Diaspora to Build a New and Vibrant Grenada." It is their belief that with the support of the Diaspora they can successfully reenergize Grenada

in improving the country's economy and providing support to the youth.

"We see our role as constructing, not destroying and in that sense we find it important to identify those key components of economic and social life that are going to determine the future of the country. In that context, we firmly believe that the Diaspora has a very critical role to play," Sen. Burke said during his opening presentation.

"It is a wonderful feeling being with Grenadians in the Diaspora because we all have a common interest. We have a country with 65 percent young people under the age of 36 / 37 and so that sizeable youth population translated into jobs and opportunities, which isn't happening has tremendous impact on Grenada," Sen. Bernadine said.

Each member provided a brief pres-

entation to those in attendance — both media persons and Grenadians residing in New York — touching on topics such as the state of the economy, youth and women's services, and critiques of what the current political party has implemented.

Within each presentation, each member noted how vital a resource the Diaspora is to the country's development. Mentioning that the knowledge acquired is vital capital which could then be transferred to those in Grenada — training those back home to become more competitive in areas such as business and sustainability.

"We must treat the members of the Diaspora as an equal member. The days where the Diaspora was seen as a cow to be milked must be put behind us. We

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## Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda has won its first case involving confiscation of money laundering under the Proceeds of Crime Act in the High Court recently.

Luke Joseph, who was convicted of cocaine possession, about two years ago, was ordered to pay EC\$80,644 to the state after the court found that he benefitted from his drug running operations.

It was also determined that he had realizable assets, which could satisfy the confiscation order application made by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Anthony Armstrong.

Justice Keith Thom agreed with the DPP's arguments, made earlier this year, that Joseph benefitted from his crime; that the benefit was the value of the cocaine which was worth EC\$5.9 million; and that the cocaine had a market value, albeit an illegal market for drugs such as cocaine; and lastly that the law allows the court to draw inferences, based on evidence, that any assets held by the defendant at the time of his conviction are presumed to be the result of or derived from the offence for which he was convicted.

The DPP said the convict had realizable assets in the form of a house in the British Virgin Islands as well as US\$30,000 recovered in the house.



## Hurricane unleashes fury on Bahamas

In this aerial photo, homes are seen under the floodwaters caused by Hurricane Joaquin in the Southern area of Long Island, Bahamas, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015. Joaquin unleashed heavy flooding as it roared through sparsely populated islands in the eastern Bahamas.

Associated Press / Tim Ayles

## Bahamas

Bahamas Education Minister Jerome Fitzgerald estimated that it would cost the government about \$1 million dollars to repair the damage caused to Family Islands schools by Hurricane Joaquin recently.

The minister said he visited all of the devastated islands over the past several days and saw most of the schools.

He said it will be a "major rebuilding exercise" to get all the schools to an acceptable condition. Though several schools were hit, Fitzgerald said many of them are small institutions. He said while officials expect to begin to issue contracts in a few weeks time, the process could take months in some cases.

Hurricane Joaquin ripped through Long Island, Long Cay, Rum Cay, Crooked Island, Acklins and San Salvador over two days, leaving hundreds of families homeless.

Some displaced residents have relocated to New Providence.



had moved to take the island off their tax haven black list.

He told a two-day conference at the Hilton Barbados resort, which forms part of the recent International Business Week activities, that Spain and Italy were removing Barbados from the list. Italy and Barbados recently signed a double-taxation agreement.



Stuart said Barbados must remain committed to the "tried and tested standards" of being a transparent, well-regulated, globally competitive jurisdiction that offers political, social and economic stability.

## Guyana

Guyana President David Granger recently held talks with new Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley on several bilateral issues, according to a government statement.

It said that Granger, who was elected head of state in general elections earlier this year, led a delegation to Trinidad and Tobago recently which included Minister for Foreign Affairs Carl B. Greenidge.



"This was the first encounter between the two recently-elected leaders and they availed themselves of the opportunity to re-affirm the Guyana-Trinidad and Tobago bilateral relationship which

is based on a history of shared values, respect, friendship and a tradition of cooperation at all levels of government, business and civil society," the statement said.

It said the two leaders "engaged in bilateral discussions, which focused on enhancing the existing bilateral relationship in various spheres."

"Both leaders exchanged views on deepening the collaboration already initiated in agriculture, skills development and energy cooperation," according to the statement.

The release states that Granger briefed Dr. Rowley "on the latest developments regarding the Guyana-Venezuela border controversy."

## Montserrat

Representatives of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) recently paid a visit to Montserrat.

Chairman of CTO Richard Sealy, who is Barbados' minister for tourism and international transport, and Hugh Riley secretary general of the CTO, held talks with Montserrat's Premier and Minister for Tourism Donaldson Romeo.

The main purpose of the visit was to understand Montserrat's unique position and situation to be better able to offer advice and technical assistance where needed.

It was also important for the CTO to outline to Montserrat the areas in which it can assist, such as identi-

fying funding opportunities, preparation of funding proposals, assistance in sharpening the focus to meet donor requirements and showing the possibilities of accessing resource materials that would otherwise be available only to the donor's members.

The CTO is the region's tourism development agency.



## St. Lucia

The St. Lucia Citizenship by Investment program which was approved by the Senate five months ago will go into effect from January next year.

Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony in making the announcement said the country would begin accepting applications from Jan. 1, 2016.

Anthony said the time had come to think beyond the traditional approaches, in order to deal with the myriad of problems facing small states and offering citizenship through investment has now become a viable alternative.

Addressing the Global Citizens Forum in Monaco recently, which included lawyers, wealth managers, marketing agents, investors and VIPs Dr. Anthony said that new citizens must embrace St. Lucia's global standing and ensure that the country's proud



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From left: Sen. Franka Bernadine, Dep. Leader Joseph Andall, Party Leader and Sen. Nazim Burke, Sen. Thomas Tillman, and Sen. Dr. George Vincent.  
Floyd Bennett

## NDC reopens talks with Northeast

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have to ensure that there is a proper dialogue and a protocol established to provide Grenadians and other Caribbean people with the means they desire to invest in our country," Andall said.

While the economy is a major focus, both senators Bernadine and Burke applied special emphasis on the matters regarding the youth who are facing major unemployment rates.

"We cannot develop without addressing these needs and issues and our party has spent a lot of

time in reflecting and reprogramming what we have set up for the young people in Grenada," Sen. Bernadine said. "We want them to have a seat at the table."

The National Democratic Congress party will host a town hall meeting on Oct. 25 before continuing their trip to Washington.

National Democratic Congress Town Hall Meeting (2510 Church Ave. between Rogers and Bedford avenues in Flatbush, 347.350.4285, hopkincsg@gmail.com) Oct. 25, 5 pm. Free.

## Borough president honors firefighters

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people that I know that were there, it changed theirs," he added. "This is just another good day for the Fire Department, and I'd like to thank Borough President Adams for this honor."

Adams said the volunteer members of Yad Ephraim work to ease the pain and suffering of patients in hospitals throughout Brooklyn.

He said members donate their time on a 24-7 basis to ease the burden of the sick and the suffering.

In addition to free hot food programs, volunteers visit patients in hospital rooms every day, offering a listening ear, a warm meal, or sometimes simply their presence to

help pass the time more pleasantly, Adams said.

Last month, in time for the Jewish High Holiday season, Adams said Yad Ephraim distributed over 3,000 free hot meals to patients and their families.

Additionally, the group organizes blood drives, as well as offers prayer services and sleepover accommodations.

"Yad Ephraim is an organization that is a parachute and a lifesaver for the communities of Borough Park and Flatbush," said Yumi Kleinbart, a board member of Yad Ephraim. "Volunteers of Yad Ephraim are there, giving chicken soup for the soul or a freshly cooked meal, all cooked in their own kitchens."

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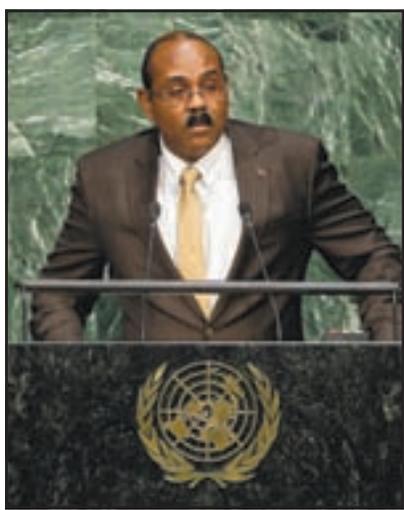
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# Citizenship by investment



Prime Minister for Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Alphonso Browne, addresses the 2015 Sustainable Development Summit, Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, at the United Nations headquarters. Associated Press / Frank Franklin II

know that the program has the potential to generate significant sums of money. It is important particularly at this time in terms of the economic realities of the world and economic realities of St. Lucia to look at various modalities such as this to raise the requisite revenue."

Other countries like neighboring St. Vincent have balked at the idea but it is unclear whether the opposition if it wins general elections slated for later this year will opt to go this route as its banana export industry has fallen on hard times like its sister bloc islands.

# Discrimination against Haitians

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The Ad stated that "no Haitian" must apply for the positions.

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has joined a number of Haitian American legislators in New York State Assembly and New York City Council in condemning the Ad, describing it as "immoral, unacceptable, despicable, discriminatory and racist," among other superlatives.

"The submission of a job listing that excludes individuals of any ethnicity and the publication of such an advertisement was immoral and unacceptable, and a violation of state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in hiring," said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn.

"This job listing recalls a form of discrimination that was once routinely practiced in the United States, and should remind us that discrimination in hiring – whether explicit or implicit – remains a serious problem that continues to undermine opportunity for many Americans who are qualified to enter into a particular job or profession but, nonetheless, cannot find work," Clarke further told Caribbean Life on Monday.

She, therefore, called for "a full investigation of this incident by the New York State Department of Labor,

the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, and the Department of Justice to determine the reason this job listing was submitted and published, and the prosecution of those individuals who are responsible to the full extent of the law."

New York City Councilman Dr. Mathieu Eugene, the first ever Haitian to be elected to New York City Council, described the Ad as "despicable," adding that it "illegally discriminates against a class of people and that is simply not something we tolerate in America.

"It should go without saying that I am absolutely disgusted that this Ad was published in a Rockland County classified section," said the representative for the predominantly Caribbean 40th Council District in Brooklyn.

"I was stunned to see such an ignorant, hateful post, and I thank State Sen. David Carlucci for launching an investigation into Interim Health for the publication of this Ad, and I look forward to working with him," Eugene added.

He also urged all Haitians and friends of Haitians "who believe in human rights and dignity" to join him in condemning "this abominable act and demand an apology for the Haitian community."

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# Clarke conducts forum on domestic violence awareness



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (center) with representatives of several organizations.  
Office of Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke on Wednesday, Oct. 14 conducted a Forum on Domestic Violence Awareness in Brooklyn, providing members of the community with information

about preventing domestic violence and offering survivors the resources needed to reclaim their lives.

"The problem of domestic violence threatens us in every community in the United States," said Clarke, rep-

resentative for the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, at the event held at the Brooklyn Museum.

"In New York City, the police department responds to 7770 reports of domestic violence every day," she added. "Those reports amount to 281,000 incidents each year.

"We must end the pervasive silence about domestic violence that continues to prevent survivors from accessing critical services and allows these attacks to continue," continued the congresswoman, who worked to include protections for women, who are undocumented immigrants or who are Native Americans, in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

"I am proud that we could assemble some of the most preeminent experts on domestic violence in world, women and men who are leaders in the effort to secure the personal dignity of each individual person," Clarke said. "Now, we must continue the conversation with our families and our friends, with people we know in our community. We cannot remain silent."

Clarke said silence allows domestic violence to continue.



The Mighty Sparrow.

William Farrington

## Mighty Sparrow to receive British honor

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The Calypso King of the World will receive the award in his birthplace Grenada, on Oct. 22. This honor recognizes distinguished service to the arts and sciences, public services outside the Civil Service and work with charitable and welfare organisations of all kinds.

Sparrow is the holder of the Order of Trinidad and Tobago (OTT), the nation's highest award in 2014.

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# The unlikely chance of a serious human rights debate in Cuba

By Louise Tillotson

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 19, 2015 (IPS) - Nearly a month since Pope Francis ended his historic visit to Cuba, any hope that authorities would loosen control on free expression in the country is fading as fast as the chants that welcomed him.

At the start of his tour, Pope Francis said Cuba had an opportunity to “open itself to the world.” He urged young people in the country to have open minds and hearts, and to be willing to engage in a dialogue with those who “think differently.”

Cubans listened, but the government didn’t.

Instead, the Cuban authorities continued to prevent human rights activists from expressing their dissenting views.

According to the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation, an independent organization, in 2014 there was an average of 741 arbitrary detentions each month.

Last month, during the Pope’s visit, the number increased even further, with 882 arbitrary detentions registered.

Activists Zaqueo Baez Guerrero, Ismael Bonet Rene and María Josefa Acón Sardinas, members of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (Unión Patriótica de Cuba, UNPACU), a dissident group, are three of the activists

detained. They were arrested on Sept. 20 after they crossed a security line in Havana as they attempted to talk to the Pope and have been held in prison since then.

They are believed to be charged with contempt (“desacato”), resistance (“resistencia”), violence or intimidation against a state official (“atentado”) and public disorder (“disorden publico”). If convicted, they face prison sentences of between three and eight years.

The crackdown seems to have escalated since the Pope left the country.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, hundreds of human rights activists and dissidents, including members of the Patriotic Union of Cuba and of the group Ladies in White (Damas de Blanco) were arbitrarily arrested and detained on their way to peaceful protests organized across the country calling for the release of the activists and prisoners of conscience. The Patriotic Union of Cuba is one of the organizations reporting the highest number of detentions.

One activist recently told me how a bus carrying him and 29 other people was stopped on the way to the city of Santiago de Cuba by 40 police officers.

“They took us off the bus one by one and threatened us with blows and imprisonment. I was taken in a jeep and left

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# Having to choose, a nation’s agonizing immigration duty

By Dr. Peggy Sands Orchowksi

WASHINGTON DC, Oct. 15, 2015 (IPS) - It’s a universally acknowledged truth that no nation can sustain open borders. Even the wealthiest, most popular “nations of immigrants” like the U.S. cannot possibly accept everyone who wants to immigrate here or even qualifies to do so

Nations have the core right and duty to choose who can immigrate: come in, stay, work and become a citizen. They do it through immigration laws established and enforced by democratic representative governments. Saying that, immigration decisions certainly are some of the most difficult any nation state must make.

Think of the U.S. and other highly desired immigrant host countries as a popular public college. Millions of people qualify for entry but college administrators get to and must choose who is accepted for admission. They are making life changing decisions for the applicants, and often agonizing ones for the colleges trying to be fair and diverse.

As a result, responding to changing conditions, college admission requirements usually change over time, as do immigration laws. But the admission policies in place at any one time have to be upheld and enforced (allowing for some flexibility in special cases) or there is chaos.

**Even a collective of small well off nation states like the EU can’t provide enough housing, services and jobs for them all.**

The U.S. 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) is 50 years old this year. It is the most liberal immigration law in the world, the legacy of Ted Kennedy and the last major Great Society bill to be passed by the “fabulous 89th Congress.” It truly changed the diversity of America. But it did not allow open borders. Instead it imposed a complicated seven per cent formula.

Still today, immigrants from any nationality can apply for a green card. But no nationality will get more than seven percent of all the permanent immigration visas granted in one year (currently about 1.2 million annually). Surplus applicants from that nation are placed on a waiting list. Every nationality is to be treated equally with no discrimination against and no preferences for (a political exception was made for Cubans in 1966).

The INA also changed another traditional admission priority for immigrants. Instead of basing admission on the individual migrant’s ability to work, as had been the case since earliest days of the nation (remem-

ber, handicapped and ill migrants were turned away at Ellis Island no matter how close a family member they were), the INA gave a priority for green cards to extended family members. “Family unification” not “work ableness” is still the top qualification for a green card today.

Significantly, the Congressional jurisdiction for immigration also changed from the Labor Committee to the Judiciary committee. Immigration suddenly took on the tenor of social justice and even a sacred civil right — which it isn’t of course. Now millions of people feel qualified to immigrate to the United States. Millions apply. The U.S. simply can’t take them all.

The agonizing universal truth about immigration is that immigrants get to apply but the nation state gets to decide based on national immigration laws. Those laws have two roles: to bring in the fresh new eager labor and energy of new immigrants that most every nation now wants to add to their growth and prosperity; and to protect the integrity, national identity and labor standards of the host country’s citizenry.

That difficult choice becomes a most terrible dilemma when facing millions of desperate migrants at the borders with their families. Humanitarian and ethnic supporters demand their right to immigrate. But even a collective of

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# Passion, not pragmatism fuels Sanders bid

There's an element of the Democratic Party apparently dead-set on pursuing a course of action driven by passion and bereft of pragmatism – a pursuit that is eerily reminiscent of Democratic misadventures with leadership choices in the 1960s and 70s, much to the party's and indeed the country's eventual regret. Talking about the heat they're generating in the Democrats' left wing over the candidacy of Senator Bernie Sanders, convincing themselves and aggressively trying to convince others that Sanders is an electable White House prospect for 2016.

This run by Sanders should evoke for more sober-minded Democrats, if not the ginned-up crowd on the left flank, the names of Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern, presidential aspirants for the Democrats in 1968 and 1972 respectively. Strong anti-Vietnam War sentiment was the impetus for both their campaigns. McCarthy didn't make it to the Democratic nomination, but McGovern did, losing out, as did the nominee in 1968, to Richard Nixon, who

would go on to leave his own ignominious mark on presidential history.

For Sanders, who has described himself as a “democratic socialist,” the cornerstone plank of his campaign seems to be the lopsided wealth distribution picture in the country, where a tiny percentage of folk at the top control greater wealth than the remaining almost one hundred percent of us. But by no means is Sanders a lone-wolf Democrat in his focus on the hugely disturbing wealth pattern. Income inequality has become a core Democratic platform issue, robustly assailed by many Democrats who are perceived to be of more centrist orientation than is Sanders. Which gets to the heart of what's concerning about the senator's presidential ambitions.

Look, let's cut to the chase and deal with some political nuts and bolts here. Even in the best of times, over the past 40 or more years, a Republican in the White House hasn't exactly inspired confidence that the best interests of average Joes had a champion in the guy holding the nation's top job. Republicans being unapologet-

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

ically partial to the privileged set is the reality we've known. That situation has only incrementally worsened, with the Republican Party being today in as sorry a state as it is. It would be downright dumb for the larger population of Democratic voters to allow a fired-up insurgency during the primary process to dictate a nominee choice that has the party looking squarely at losing the general election practically by default. And that's precisely what Democrats would be risking if anyone professing to be a “socialist” of any stripe is foolhardily anointed the Democratic nominee.

In the Democrats' first debate the other day, Hillary Clinton was correct in responding with a more measured read of what's required by way of reform in the business sector, to what came across as a take-no-prisoners hard line from

Sanders. Clinton made clear that she was not about discouraging the spirit of entrepreneurship that had built America, while also insisting that the business class be made to pay its fair share. Clinton, in other words, firmly positions herself against the protectionist agenda where big business is concerned, that continues to be a Republican rally cry. The Republican notion that regulation of big business is a bad idea, that increasing the minimum wage is a “job killer,” that any tax increase for big business is a no-no, that basic workplace entitlements like pay equity or paid family leave are matters for protracted hemming and hawing — these are among the fundamental differences separating Democrats, as exemplified by Clinton, from their GOP counterparts. If the “revolution” Sanders is advocating means getting around Republican opposition to have those and other related issues satisfactorily addressed, Clinton would likely posit that she is every bit the crusader for revolution that Sanders purports to be.

But the major question about the Sanders campaign remains how electable is he. The answer to which, from where we sit, is not very. One can just imagine the salivating a Sanders candidacy would engender from Republican strategists and the non-stop network of right-wing chatter. Not unlike the red meat Republicans saw for George H.W. Bush, in 1988, in candidate Michael Dukakis' furloughing, as Massachusetts governor, of a convicted killer later charged with rape while on furlough. The GOP opposition would do cartwheels over the opportunity falling right into their laps to paint a candidate Sanders as probably more left-leaning than he actually is, come to unravel the country's social order.

The right wing's frenetic targeting of Clinton, on the other hand, has entirely to do with how electable they fear her to be. And with her commitment to all those core Democratic principles, no less. Not to mention her being the wife of someone whose presidential record of accomplishment is unarguably one of distinction.

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# Human rights debate in Cuba

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somewhere remote and had to walk for various miles to get home," he said.

According to José Daniel Ferrer, general secretary of UNPACU, four homes of social leaders were recently robbed or vandalized.

Another activist said he was hit after being arrested: "An official told us we all had to shut up or the police could take out our teeth if it was necessary," he said. He said the police only stopped hitting him when they saw lots of blood.

Also on Sunday, in Havana, 60 Ladies in White were arrested. Some said they had been beaten, and detained for hours after a peaceful march that lasted less than 10 minutes. "The march started at 1:30 pm and was stopped at 1:40 pm," Berta Solar, leader of the group told me.

The mother and grandmother of prisoner of conscience Danilo Maldonado Machado, a graffiti artist known as "El Sexto," also joined the Ladies in White. Danilo's mother said: "There were lots of police, who picked up the Ladies in White in buses. They picked them up so no one would see them protest. It left me traumatized to see how

they dragged the women."

For many, Pope Francis' visit to Cuba was a sign of hope for freedom of expression in the country. But the recent crackdown on those who think differently shows that the same old tactics of repression are still being used to stifle dissent.

Cuba is undoubtedly at a crossroads when it comes to the protection of human rights. The Cuban government has long said it promotes the rights to education, healthcare and that it has made some advancements for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people.

But it is impossible to comprehensively assess the wider human rights situation in Cuba when the fundamental right to peacefully express a view is tightly controlled and independent monitors are unable to enter.

As long as Cubans are only allowed to disagree in spaces controlled by the government, but not on the streets, and while the right to protest is severely restricted, a wider discussion on human rights remains an unlikely reality.

*Louise Tillotson is a Cuba researcher at Amnesty International.*

# A nation's immigration dilemma

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small well off nation states like the EU can't provide enough housing, services and jobs for them all.

They can't expect that hundreds of thousands of migrants from vastly different cultures will integrate within a reasonable time into their national cultures — ones based especially on freedom for women. Who among them should be chosen? What happens to the vast majority who aren't?

Obviously massive permanent immigration is not a solution. It is unreason-

able to expect nation states to do it and unfair to call them "anti-immigrant" when they won't. Another process other than massive immigration will have to be negotiated to help citizens of failing states find refuge, peace and prosperity.

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Increased frequency & difficulty urinating (especially frequent urination at night), weakening of the stream of urine, feeling of incomplete emptying of the bladder, and difficulty holding in urine.

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often mistakenly blamed on age, stress and other factors, which is absolutely not the case.

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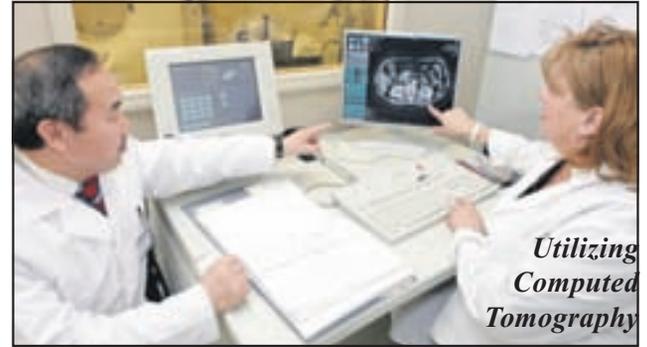
### Medication & Drug Therapies

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# OAS to observe Belize elections



New Organization of American States (OAS) Secretary General Luis Almagro speaks to the media during a news conference at the 45th OAS General Assembly, Tuesday June 16, 2015, in Washington. Associated Press / Jacquelyn Martin

Guatemala, and Haiti.

A few days later, it will be sending a mission to the legislative elections in Paraguay.

Almagro said there is a possibility of additional ones before year's end, "particularly in the Caribbean where the OAS has observed elections in

all countries, except Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago."

"It is an active schedule that demonstrates the OAS EOMs are, therefore, making a meaningful contribution to the strengthening of democracy in the hemisphere," Almagro said.

# Adams releases bilingual parent guide

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams has released English and Spanish versions of the Brooklyn Parent Guide to Public Education, a handbook compiled to help Brooklyn parents navigate City resources for students.

Adams said the guide addresses important educational issues, such as pre-K enrollment, high school admissions, career and technical schools, special education and charter schools.

It also provides contact information for various offices in the New York City Department of Education, as well as Community Education Councils representing families in Brooklyn and citywide.

"I am a firm believer in the principle that the more Brooklyn parents are involved in their children's education, the better the results are for our students and for our borough's future," writes Adams in the guide's introduction.



Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

Associated Press / Seth Wenig

"Whether you are looking for information on enrollment, finding your zoned school, getting safety or transportation services, or simply need to speak to someone about the many programs available for your child, just turn to the correct page in this guide and you will find the key you need to unlock the answer," he added.

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# Envoy says St. Vincent and the Grenadines record 'solid'

By Nelson A. King

As Vincentians in New York on Sunday began celebrating their 36th anniversary of political independence, United Nations Ambassador I. Rhonda King says the nation's record amid debilitating economic forces has been "solid."

In her address, at an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, at St. Paul's Episcopal (Anglican) Church in Flatbush, King referred to Pope Francis' recent speech before members of the United States Congress.

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability," said King at the service organized collaboratively by the Brooklyn-based umbrella group, Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc.(COSAGO), and the New York Consulate General.

"As a self-governing state, as a political society, we must meas-



Ambassador I. Rhonda King addresses the congregation.

ure our success by these aims," she added. "So how have we done? The answer is simple. Our record, against the backdrop of Pope Francis's understanding of the aims of an enduring society is solid.

"In spite of the fact that we are beset by crippling circumstances that originate beyond our shores, such as the conse-

quences of climate change and the financial crises in the developed world, we have endured and are making sound progress," the envoy continued.

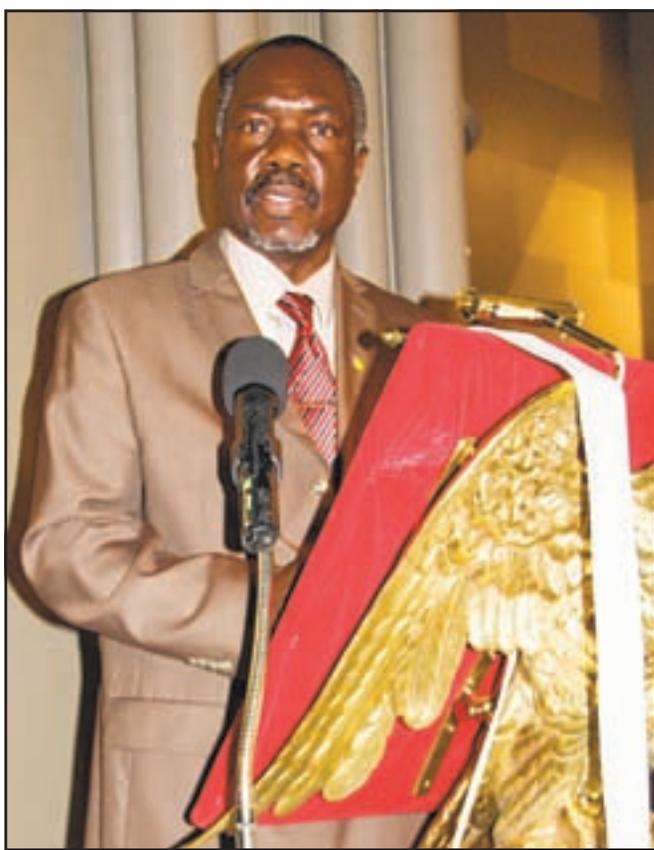
Over the past 15 years, she said extreme poverty has been reduced from roughly 26 percent of the population to a mere 2.9 percent.

In addition, she said the nation has "far exceeded the goal of universal primary education" and that universal secondary education has been achieved – improving access from 39 percent to 100 percent in just five years.

In 2015, King said St. Vincent and the Grenadines "can be proud of the fact that it has achieved universal access to early childhood, primary and secondary education."

She said the nation is also "proud to be among the early adopters, if not forerunners, of gender sensitive development strategies."

King said under-five child mortality has been reduced by half; the spread of HIV has sta-



Counsel General Selmon Walters addresses the congregation. Nelson A. King

bilized; increased access to pipe-borne water has significantly increased from 70 percent to over 98 percent "through prudent infrastructural investments; "and this government's

record in 'no and low income housing' is exemplary."

But she said there is still more work to be done, stating that "poverty, more broadly defined,

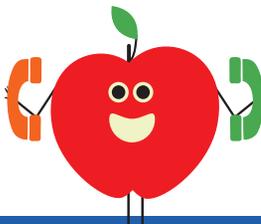
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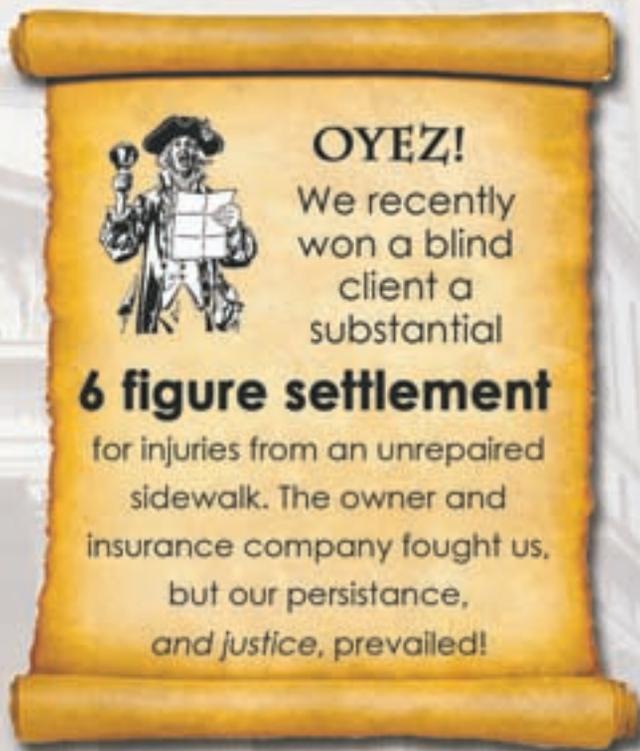
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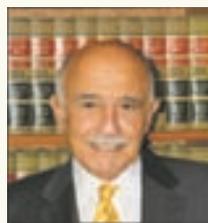
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**1.** Fidelis Care officials cut the ribbon to open a new branch in Jamaica. From left: Lori Vavrinec, director, marketing; Maria Ramirez, public relations manager; Mark Sclafani, vice president, marketing; Rev. Patrick J. Frawley, president and CEO; David Thomas, executive vice president and chief operating officer; Pamela Hassen, chief marketing officer and Abdo Almasmary, outreach specialist. **2.** Rev. Patrick J. Frawley, president and CEO of Fidelis Care with Mr. Met and the Fidelis mascot at the opening of the new Jamaica branch. Michael Shain

## Fidelis Care opens Jamaica Community Office in Queens

Fidelis Care, a statewide health plan with over 1.3 million members, opened its Jamaica Community Office located at 146-01 Jamaica Ave. in Queens on Friday, Oct. 16.

Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony with local dignitaries, neighbors were invited to enjoy refreshments, giveaways,

and entertainment from a local radio station.

Staffed with Fidelis Care representatives that speak several languages (English, Spanish, Hindi, Urdu, and Gujarati), the 800-square-foot community office is a one-stop shop where neighbors can obtain information about health insurance cov-

erage and learn about Fidelis Care products.

“As a mission-based organization, our goal is to ensure we deliver excellent customer service and access to quality, affordable health care,” said Fidelis Care Chief Marketing Officer Pamela Hassen. “Our new Jamaica Community Office will

not only allow us to provide our members and other residents with personal one-on-one time, it will also be a central hub for neighbors to attend workshops and events with community partners.”

The Fidelis Care Jamaica Community Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9

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# New meet up for Caribbean techies



**Above:** All in attendance listened and provided feedback to three very different technology-driven business pitches. **Below:** Jason John pitched his plant-based food company, presenting a raw plantain salad for everyone to sample.

Georgie-Ann Getton

By Alley Olivier

Calling all lovers of technology — followers of Apple or Android, coders, and other innovators are welcome to occupy the same space for a meeting of like-mindedness.

Created by Georgie-Ann Getton, a self-taught coder, a new meet up group invites tech wizards of Caribbean descent to network, learn, and most importantly grow their ideas in a positive space.

“There’s a lot of different niche tech groups, Blacks in tech, Latinos in tech — there’s so many different tech groups and I went search for if there was any Caribbean in tech groups and saw none,” Getton, who is Jamaican, said.

A member of various tech groups, Getton believed that a Caribbean in tech meet up would be beneficial as it would encourage an environment to where their shared Caribbean heritage could influence ways to impact their communities locally and

abroad.

Getton also views the meet up group as a springboard to foster new innovations, setting the example for the Caribbean community to follow.

“I felt like that would be beneficial especially because the Caribbean as a whole I feel is a lot more behind than it should be. Not saying that things aren’t happening but it could be at a faster pace — that just takes us collaborating wherever we are all over the world in order to help our home countries,” Getton said.

Taj Richards, an attendee of the most recent meet up said, “My own goals are related to fostering the involvement of more Caribbean youth in technology and engineering so that they can learn how to use those schools of thought to solve problems in their immediate communities. But for that to happen, they have to see clear examples of struggles and successes as far as Caribbean entrepreneurs, tech-

nologists and engineers.”

Getton began hosting the meet ups earlier this year in May and has since strived to hosting the event monthly. At the last meeting, Getton allowed for three innovators to pitch their ideas.

“Two people had power points and one person his company was food based so he did a demo of

the food that they make,” Getton explained. “After the power points it was open up questions if anybody had any ideas about the structure of how the business worked etc. It was incredible feedback that was given. Everybody had at least one question.”

Jason John, owner of Plant Based for You Inc. — a plant based food company — presented his company to the intimate audience. Providing a tasting of a raw plantain salad, John was appreciative of the feedback he

received to better his business.

“I loved the feedback, I just wanted to keep my ears open, be open to different ideas business wise and how we can expand our business, make more profits, and how we can build reputation as well,” John, who is Guyanese American, said.

Malcolm Paul, another attendee of the event said, “They were really good presentations and they listened to feedback which is really hard to do when you’re presenting your baby to everybody else.”

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# HEROC strides at 'cancer walk' to assist Guyana

By Tangerine Clarke

Thirty-seven-year-old breast cancer survivor Seeka Woodson embraced the chilly weather in Prospect Park on Sunday, Oct. 18, to walk with the New York-based, Guyana Health & Education Relief Organization For Cancer (HEROC), as she continues her fight for a cure for cancer that the American Cancer Society noted would affect millions of women yearly.

As she stood behind a banner that read: "Give Cancer The Boot" this brave young woman who fought for her life with her loving siblings and father beside her after losing her mother to the disease, implore her peers to practice self examination.

"It has been a hard journey for me as a cancer survivor and losing my mother to breast cancer. But thankfully, my father and brothers helped me as I went through this ordeal," said

the young woman, wearing a pink tee shirt, and a determined smile that resonated strongly among supporters.

"I am doing well, but I tell my friends to check themselves to ensure sure everything is okay, and if you find anything abnormal, go to your doctor and follow their guidelines and rules," said Woodson, whose mother would have celebrated another birthday on Oct. 18.

President of the Guyana Tri-State Alliance Patricia Jordon-Langford who was diagnosed with the disease two years ago, is living proof that positivity conquers all. After three surgeries, radiation treatment and a change in diet, this go-getter was out striding for a cure.

"Early detection through screening is key," said Jordon-Langford, adding, "if something don't feel right, get a second opinion. A second opinion



The committee and supporters of HEROC with cancer survivors, Patricia Jordon-Langford and Seeka Woodson (center).  
Tangerine Clarke

saved my life. Pass the message along."

"Many of my friends were diagnosed with the disease after I was. Hearing the word 'cancer' is earth shattering. Surviving should be the ultimate goal."

"I am here to support team HEROC, and the American Cancer Society that has been very helpful to me. The organization offered support, and shared

information to help me deal with the disease. I am a survivor and I stay positive. You have to fight the battle after hearing you have cancer even though it is scary," said the community activist.

Jordan-Langford who was recently named Ambassador of Brooklyn by Borough President Eric Adams, called on women to be vigilant, by seeking informa-

tion, said the Guyanese-American who is staying healthy by juicing, and eating the right foods.

Audrey Smith-Hogan, who lost an aunt to the disease, started walking 10 years ago with various organizations, and joined HEROC's walk after the May strides for cancer was cancelled.

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St. Lucia is expecting significant benefits from the program.

## Suriname

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) has approved US\$30.8 million to Suriname to support a secondary and technical education project in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member country.

Suriname's Minister for Foreign Affairs Niermala Badsisingh expressed her government's desire to continue expanding ties with the Organization of Islamic Corporation (OIC) and the Islamic Bank.

The bank is a branch of the OIC, which Suriname joined in 1996. Suriname is now working on a permanent member country partnership with the Islamic Bank according to the Minister for Finance Gillmore Hoefdraad. Another mission from the



Islamic Bank will visit Suriname and Guyana next month. Guyana has often expressed interest in joining the bank and is the only OIC-member that is not part of the Islamic Development Bank.

## Trinidad

The Trinidad and Tobago government has approved TT\$5 million to help Dominica recover from the damage caused by Tropical Storm Erika.

The announcement was made by Communications Minister Maxie Cuffie during a post-Cabinet new conference at the Office of the Prime Minister.

He said that Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley had discussed the issue of help for Dominica with his Caribbean colleague PM Roosevelt Skerit.

Cuffie said Skerit was pleased with the assistance provided to his country.

He explained that the \$5 million will be used to purchase construction material in T&T and have it transported to Dominica. Shortly after assuming office, Dr. Rowley sent former West Indies cricket captain Brian Lara to Dominica as a special envoy to ascertain the damage in that island that caused by the storm and how the T&T government could help.



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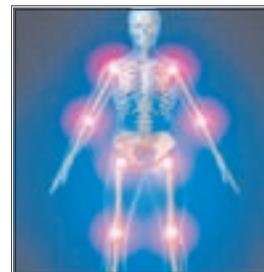
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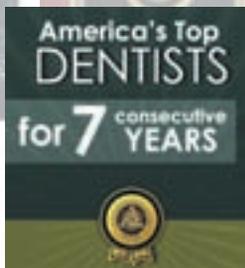
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# Gray offers education for the very young



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Dasetta Gray

By Alley Olivier

Who is really thinking about filling a child's mind with the knowledge they need to be successful when they are between the ages of newborn and three?

As much as we would love to only pinch their cheeks, specialized infant and child specialist Dasetta Gray urges parents to foster their child's brain development from the moment they enter the world.

"Research shows that at birth your brain is actually 25 percent developed. By the time you are three years old, your brain is 85 percent of that of an adult," Gray explained.

After losing her job as an education director three years ago, Gray turned to her vast amount of knowledge and experience to pursue owning her own business.

Sabree Education Service began as a response to research containing negative statistics in regards to brain develop-

ment of minority children in comparison to white children.

"There is a lot of negative statistics about kids of color that indicates that at nine months they are actually cognitively behind their white counterparts and by the time they get to kindergarten they are 20 months behind. I thought that

community would say to me, 'we don't do those classes in our neighborhood take that downtown and when you get famous bring it back,'" she reflected. "The idea that some things are for them and some things are for us is too prevalent in our community and I think that's really one of the drawbacks."

**"When I started three years ago, some people in the community would say to me, 'we don't do those classes in our neighborhood take that downtown and when you get famous bring it back,'"**

with all of this knowledge I should start a business because there is a need in the underserved community," she said.

The road to presenting her business has not been easy. In fact, while she is armed with the facts many people within the community are not exactly listening.

"When I started three years ago, some people in the com-

Despite her uphill battle, Gray continues to host mommy-and-me classes for pregnant moms and parents of children between the ages of infant to three.

She also writes a parent blog as it relates to fostering cognitive skills and hosts a talk show on an Internet radio station, Islandvoices.net.

"With the information

I have, I know if you show parents what they can do at home it'll help," she explained. "Currently, they're suspending three-year-old children from day care centers across America; mostly black boys. With these kinds of statistics, kids are already being criminalized before they get to kindergarten.

These are some of the discussions we need to start having in our community."

Gray is providing bi-weekly classes at PS 287 located on Navy Street between Nassau and Concord streets. She can be reached at [dasettagray@gmail.com](mailto:dasettagray@gmail.com) or via her website, [sabreeeducationservices.com](http://sabreeeducationservices.com).



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# ENVOY

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remains a stubborn and vexing challenge in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"Still, it is important to count the progress made and note that, over the last 15 years, non-indigent poverty was reduced by 20 percent," she said.

The ambassador said, while governments have a great responsibility to their people, the people, at the same time, have "equal responsibility to our brethren".

She alluded to a popular quote of slain United States President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

King noted — as enunciated in the sermon by Pastor Nelverne Samuel, of the denominational Love Tabernacle Fellowship International in the Brownville section of Brooklyn — that Vincentians are "God-fearing people."

She said this means that "we do know it is by our individual fruits that each of us shall be known; and it is by those fruits we shall enter or be barred from entry into the kingdom of Heaven.

"We are called to be a right-

eous people; for it is by our righteousness that we will be exalted," King said.

Pastor Samuel, son of the Rev. Nelson Samuel, who has just retired as the Senior Pastor of Love Tabernacle Fellowship International and has returned home to spend his golden years said, in his sermon, that "righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

"You need to remember to keep God first," he preached, receiving a standing ovation at the end. "You can't seek God and not seek His righteousness. God is looking for a righteous people."

Many New York-based Vincentian clergy also officiated at the Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving, reading the scriptures and offering prayers for their adopted homeland, the United States; the government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; the youth; peace; and thanksgiving.

New York Counsel General Selmon Walters said "it's always good to praise God," thanking members of the Diaspora whom he said have been working diligently in the interest of nation-building.

Laverne McDowald-Thompson, the president of COSAGO, expressed gratitude for the support members of the Diaspora

have been giving to the umbrella organization, adding that "it is imperative that we work together as patriotic Vincentians.

"I encourage you not to make our differences get between us," she urged. "We must believe in our ability to achieve. Together, we can; together, we can."

McDowald-Thompson also appealed for support for the national football (soccer) team, known as Vincy Heat, as it prepares to battle the United States on Nov. 13 in St. Louis, Missouri.

She said monies given in the church service's second collection will go towards helping Vincy Heat. Independence celebrations in New York continue on Friday night with a COSAGO-organized cultural evening, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn; and a calypso competition, at Café Omar, in Brooklyn, organized by the Dynamite Calypso Tent.

On Sunday, COSAGO and the Consulate General, hold a gala Independence Luncheon at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn. COSAGO public relations officer Earl Horne and community advocate Pastor Robert McBarnett, of the Bronx-based St. Matthias Charities, Inc., will be honored.

# HEROC

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"I am here to support anyone who has been touched directly, or indirectly by this disease," said Smith-Hogan, treasurer of the Bishop's High School Alumni Association.

HEROC, a two-year-old organization led by Lorna Welshman-Neblett, has been working diligently to garner support for its outreach programs and to conduct its medical missions to Guyana.

Welshman-Neblett said 50 percent of the proceeds raised from this year's second walk would go toward education and the purchase of prosthesis bras-sieres and wigs to send to Guyana.

The other 50 percent will be donated to the American Cancer Society, said Welshman Neblett, who, with the help of the umbrella organization HEROC will solicit donations, or a reduction in price of medical supplies, and bras from manufacturers of the undergarment.

"We have been on a wig collection spree for women in Guyana who have lost their hair due to the disease, and so far our efforts have been successful," she said.

"Most importantly, we will

focus our attention on educating women about cancer," added Welshman-Neblett who noted that the disease does not have an age limit.

Vice President, Harold Lutchman in turn, has been instrumental in galvanizing support from the community through word of month efforts, and praised HEROC for reaching its target.

Liaison Barbara Chase, will travel to Guyana to conduct "Project Dawn" — an initiative to outfit survivors with bras and wigs.

It is hoped that the bras could be made in Guyana, due to the high cost of \$65.00 each in the U.S., an expense too great for the 5013c HEROC that relies on donations.

Chase is depending on the new coalition government to do its best to help survivors, and others suffering with cancer in a country where prices are inflated. She noted that a mother would prefer to feed her child than spend money on a mammogram, or critical care.

In the meantime, Chase calls for women to practice self-examination, a simple action that could save lives.

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## Oneness unites IRAWMA fans in Florida

By Vinette K. Pryce

Chicago-based concert promoter Ephraim Martin can add another year of honoring achievers in the music industry after recently celebrating the 34th International Reggae and World Music Awards (IRAWMA) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

According to the Jamaican businessman, last week's celebration at the Bro-

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## Calypso Rose to perform in Grenada

By Nelson A. King

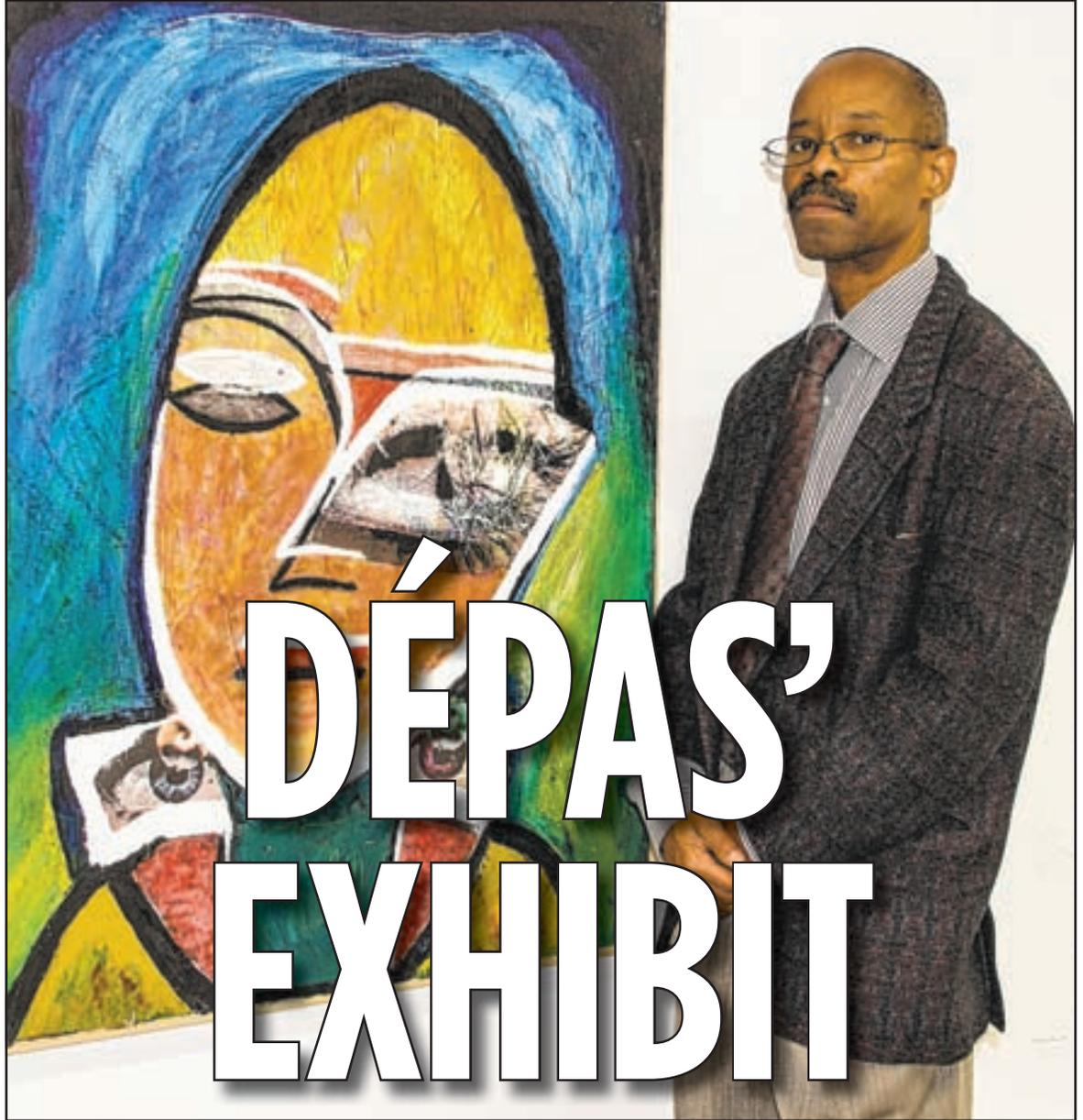
The undisputed Calypso Queen of the World, Calypso Rose, will headline a major gospel concert in Grenada on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Calypso Rose, whose real name is McCartha Lewis, will be among four of the Caribbean's top gospel artistes, who will perform at the Spice Basket in a fundraising venture organized by the Methodist Church Circuit and the Brooklyn-based Dee Vee International Production.

Just before leaving for the "Spice Isle," Rose told Caribbean Life that she will grace the stage with some of her greatest and well-known gospel hits.

"I'm expecting a very large turn-out,"

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# DÉPAS' EXHIBIT

Artist Albert Dépas in front of his painting Subconscious Emergence 3, oil on digital print / paper in exhibition, "Self: The Quest for a Personal Identity." The exhibit runs until Oct. 30. Tequila Minsky

## Haitian artist yearns to know self

By Tequila Minsky

Haitian-American painter Albert Dépas fills the 4th floor gallery of Boricua College, in Washington Heights, with vibrantly colored paintings, some that extend floor to practically the ceiling. His current solo exhibition, "Self: The Quest for a Personal Identity" runs until Oct. 30 at the College, 3755 Broadway, corner of West 156th Street in upper Manhattan.

In the age of branding and identity, everyone is asserting a self and

artists are far more engaged in the pursuit of finding an identity to claim their own niche. "This is a life-long pursuit of mine," says Dépas, of his yearning to know self.

Dépas says, "I was inspired by philosopher David Hume, who asserts that for most people, when they search for a personal identity, all they see is a bundle of perception." He continues, "However, I believe that for those who may not be conscious of this perception of a self, they have an instinctual ability by which they

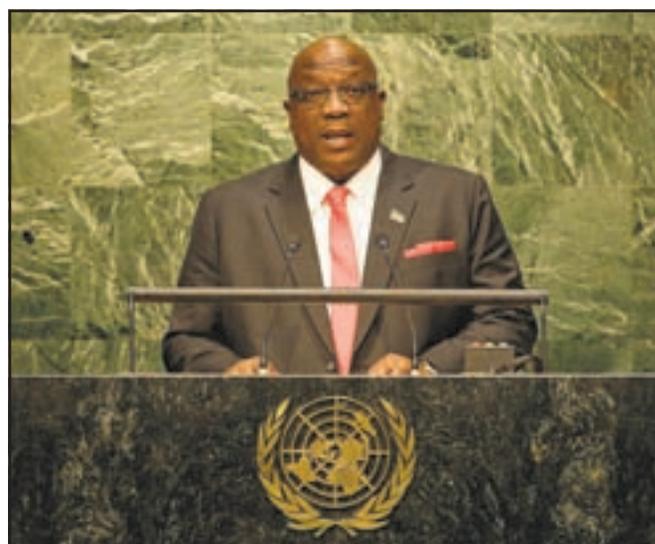
can discover this self."

Drawing from his extensive studies and life experiences, the artist has attempted to depict aspects of Hume's bundles of perceptions, through which, while moving from one image to the next, the viewer might extract a recognizable element that congeals into this notion of a personal identity.

Prominent in this exhibition are four large oil paintings (4' x 6') in the self-conscious phase. In these vivid

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# St. Kitts joins Caribbean fight for reparations



Timothy Harris, prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, addresses the 2015 Sustainable Development Summit, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at United Nations headquarters.

Associated Press / Seth Wenig



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Backlash from UK Prime Minister David Cameron's dismissive attitude toward addressing the issue of reparations while on a visit to Jamaica seems to be galvanizing support from Caribbean leaders.

Last week, Prime Minister Timothy Harris of St. Kitts & Nevis joined the chorus championing discussion of the topic by declaring his government's "unwavering support for the call for reparations for the atrocities of slavery."

"It did irreparable damage to the psyche of the people who underwent that wicked system. In the consequence of that disadvantage there is a need now to help those societies that have suffered to get their development agenda fast tracked."

The Kittitian leader said it was imperative to call on the countries that should be providing support to accept that slavery was an atrocity against

humanity.

The twin island leader acknowledged that given the leadership in Britain, getting compensation will be difficult.

"I believe what we have to do is find the correct messaging. I believe it has been and will continue to be a difficult message for a conservative government in the UK to accept the notion of reparations if it comes packaged as compensation."

PM Harris endorsed urgings from former Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Paterson, Andrew Holness, opposition leader of the Jamaica Labour Party, CARICOM Reparations Commissioner and chairman Sir Hilary Beckles and the Guyana Reparations Committee to face the issue.

He clarified his position on the matter at a time when the topic is being feverishly debated and perhaps because the British leader told Jamaica's government representatives to put the memory of slavery behind them and move on.

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller did not elaborate on the statement made by the UK visitor but said: "The difficult issues of reparations which is being contemplated under the auspices of the Caribbean community" was never fully addressed.

On hindsight, it appears that the British emissary had his government's agenda at the forefront of his mission and that was to inform the independent nation of a plan to

help incarcerate Jamaicans by funding construction of a new prison in the capital city of Kingston.

Human rights activist and Hollywood actor Danny Glover blasted the dismissive saying he felt insulted by the response to the nation's request for a conversation.

"To make such an outrageous statement is an insult."

"If you don't bring up the issue, the brutality of it, you don't get a discussion around

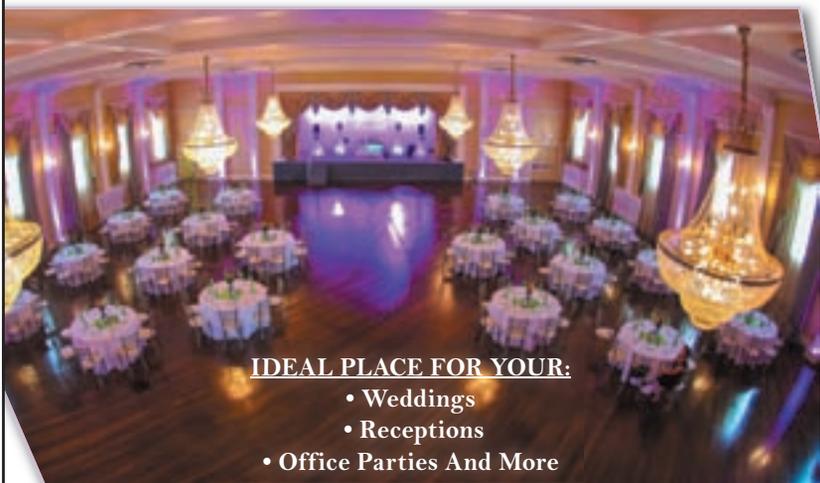
it " The star of a series of sequels of action films billed "Lethal Weapon" and many box-office attractions called PM Cameron's statement "outrageous."

"It just shows his ignorance," Glover said.

Invited to Jamaica by Sir Beckles, Glover is a frequent visitor to Africa, an advocate for civil and human rights and a relentless spokesperson for the cause of reparations from colonial enslavers. "I'm not

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# Eye-opening expose' on prosecution of Muslims

“(T)error”  
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By Kam Williams

It's no surprise that government surveillance of Muslims has intensified since 9/11. That scrutiny has paid off, as it seems like once a month or so, we hear about how another terrorist plot has been thwarted by authorities just before it was about to be hatched.

However, upon closer scrutiny, it actually turns out that the FBI might just be setting traps for dummies who really have neither the desire nor the wherewithal to mount an attack. According to this incendiary investigation, the Bureau has basically been manufacturing homegrown jihadis by sup-



Khalifah Ali Al-Akili convicted on a lame weapons charge.

plying the bombs and looking for gullible marks willing to say they'd light the fuse. And once they answer “yes” to an agent posing as a radical Islamist, off they go to a federal penitentiary for a very long stretch.

Granted, no one wants to

see any ISIS-inspired mayhem occur on American soil. But by the same token, there is a legitimate question to be asked as to what lengths an undercover operative ought to go to determine whether a Muslim might be inclined to commit mass

murder in the name of Allah.

That is the subject of “(T)error,” an eye-opening expose' co-directed by Lyric Cabral and David Sutcliffe. The documentary zeroes-in on the exploits of Saeed “Shariff” Torres, a Black Panther-turned-police snitch

who received a six-figure salary to infiltrate mosques and snitch on fellow Muslims.

Shariff has a great track record, having helped convict eight religious extremists. His most notorious case was against Tarik Shah, a famous jazz bassist who played with everybody from Betty Carter to Pharoah to Ahmad Jamal. Well, Shariff befriended the cash-strapped musician, first taking bass lessons from him, and then offering him a big payday for participating in a conspiracy.

I know what you're thinking, why feel sorry for anyone who'd even think of siding with the enemy? Still, there is something unsettling about overbearing Shariff's way of pressuring his targets after gaining their confidence. Plus, he never had to testify in court against them, except in the case against the last fanatic he fingered. That would be Khalifah Al-Akili, a devout, mild-mannered Muslim with a wife and young child.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**Burnt** (Unrated) Culinary dramedy about a disgraced Parisian chef's (Bradley Cooper) attempt to restore his reputation in London with the help of an attractive assistant-turned-love interest (Sienna Miller). With Omar Sy, Uma Thurman, Emma Thompson and Alicia Vikander.

**Difret** (Unrated) Women's rights drama, set in Ethiopia, revolving around a 14-year-old girl (Tizita Hagere) on trial for the murder of the man (Girma Teshome) who'd kidnapped and raped her with the intent of turning her into his child bride. Co-starring Meron Getnet, Abel Abebe and ShitayeAbraha. (In Amharic)

**Extraordinary Tales** (Unrated) Animated adaptation of five short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, including “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Fall of the House of Usher,” “The Pit and the Pendulum,” “The Facts in the Case of Mr. Valdemar,” and “The Masque of the Red Death.” Voice cast includes Christopher Lee, Guillermo del Toro and Roger Cornman.

**Heart of a Dog** (Unrated) Performance artist Laurie Anderson wrote, directed, produced, filmed, scored, animated and stars in this introspective auto-biopic reflecting upon the deaths of her mother, dog and husband, Lou Reed.

**I Smile Back** (R for profanity, substance abuse, disturbing behavior and graphic sexuality) Dysfunctional family



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

drama revolving around a New Jersey housewife's (Sarah Silverman) quest for redemption following a self-destructive descent into depravity marked by addiction, promiscuity and child abuse. With Josh Charles, Skylar Gaertner and Shayne Coleman.

**India's Daughter** (Unrated) Women's rights documentary recounting the events surrounding the murder of Jyoti Singh, the 23 year-old, medical student gang-raped on a moving bus in Delhi in December of 2012. (In English and Hindi with subtitles)

**The Looking Glass** (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a recently-orphaned 13 year-old (Grace Tarnow) forced by circumstances to who move to Indiana to live with a grandmother (Dorothy Tristan) suffering from Alzheimer's. With Trish Basinger, Ed Ernstes and Elizabeth Stenholt.

**Nasty Baby** (R for sexuality, profanity, drug use, graphic nudity and disturbing violence) Homoerotic drama, set in Brooklyn, about a gay couple (Sebastian Sliva and Tunde Adebimpe) that enlists the help of their best friend (Kristen Wiig) in their attempt to have a baby. Support cast includes Alia Shawkat, Mark Margolis and Reg E. Cathey. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

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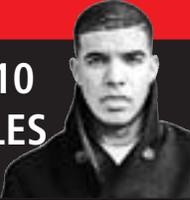
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- 6 **Stitches**  
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ..
- 7 **Can't Feel My Face**  
The Weeknd
- 8 **Photograph**  
Ed Sheeran
- 9 **Renegades**  
X Ambassadors
- 10 **Good For You**  
Selena Gomez Feat. A\$AP Rocky

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Revival**  
Selena Gomez
- 2 **The Documentary 2**  
The Game
- 3 **Beauty Behind Madness**  
The Weeknd
- 4 **What A Time To Be Alive**  
Drake & Future
- 5 **1989**  
Taylor Swift
- 6 **Thirty-One**  
Jana Kramer
- 7 **Black Lines**  
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Fetty Wap
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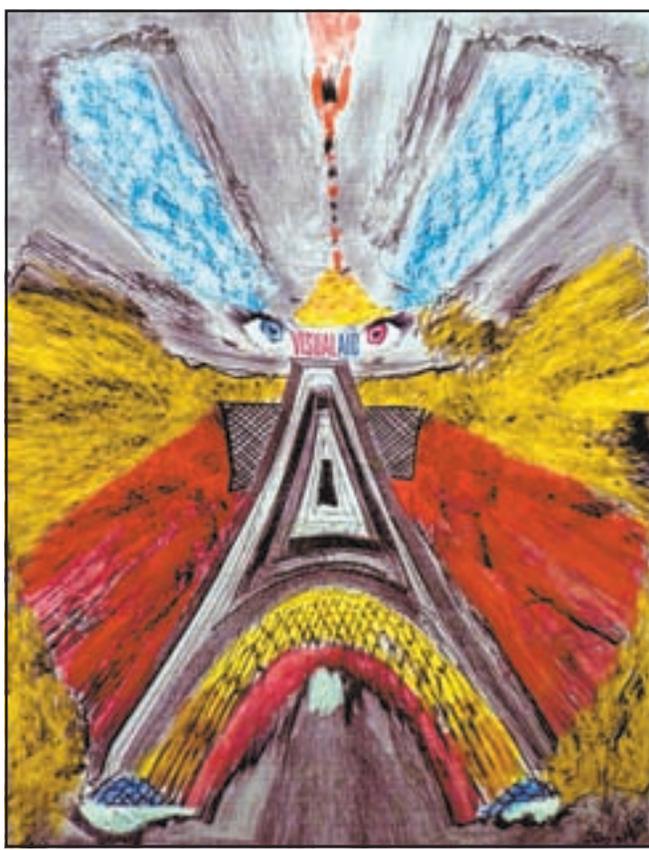
images, the viewer is dazzled by primary and some muted colors, with strong black outlines, that evoke stained glass composition.

While saturated color dominates the exhibit, there are two panels, reproductions of a series of 48 black and white drawings—smaller works, that highlight the conscious and the sub-conscious phase.

Dépas's focus extends over 25 years. Exhibited at Westbeth Gallery (1991) in the West Village, his painting entitled "Twin of Different Father" alluded to the notion that as human with consciousness, born of physical parents, we also have a spiritual connection.

In Dépas's first volume of poetry, "Metamorphosis of Joy," in his poem "A Puzzle Within" Dépas, as poet, addresses the complexity of finding that self. He begins his poem: With a do it yourself kit, I painted a portrait, a self-portrait, With a do it yourself kit I painted a portrait, a self-portrait, Me-Myself-and I.

This current exhibit is, in



fact, part of a full "Self Series" where Dépas depicts the three phases of self: the conscious, the subconscious and the self-conscious—each phase having 24 images to represent the hours of the day.

Dépas's artwork has been exhibited in numerous exhibitions, here and abroad. His art and poetry have been published in several journals. Currently, artist Dépas is an adjunct professor at Boricua College,



**Above:** Self-Conscious Being 1, a 4' x 6' oil on canvas painting in the Dépas Self-conscious Being Series.

**Left:** Dépas' painting entitled: Subconscious Emergence 21. Tequila Minsky

teaching art history and a hands-on workshop, in which the students create art in different mediums.

"Self: The Quest for a Personal Identity" remains on view until Oct. 30, 2015, at Boricua College. Hours are Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon.

## Reggae

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ward Performing Arts Center marked another milestone for his trailblazing effort in rewarding often unsung talents with a symbolic trophy akin to the miniature, golden gramophone popular known as a Grammy.

At its inception, the music celebration was known as the International Reggae Music Awards (IRMA) and was limited to highlighting the creativity of recorders in the genre.

"It was right after Bob Marley died and I wanted to dedicate something significant to his legacy," Martin said.

However, that idea was not unique to reggae-loving business investors who quickly launched similar honors which included The Rockers Awards, Reggaesoca Awards, New York's Tamika Awards, Jamaica Music Awards and a myriad of Jamaica / reggae-dominated titles.

Eventually, Martin broadened his realm lauding Caribbean and African contributions and for an even broader acknowledgement toasted the outstanding achievers in soca / calypso, hip-hop, gospel, rhythm and blues with an annual gala now known as the IRAWMA.

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boasts 46 categories that exemplify the diversity Martin and his team aim to exalt this year.

In addition to performance categories, he also named the Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award in honor of Jamaica's first national hero; another in honor of Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I, and to exhibit pride in the motivating force that inspired the honors he attributed the Bob Marley achievement honor to the Rastafarian superachiever.

Since first held in the mid-western city he resides, Martin has taken his concept to New York City, New Orleans, Louisiana, Atlanta, Georgia and internationally to Ocho Rios and Montego Bay, Jamaica as well as Trinidad & Tobago.

## Rose headlines concert

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she said. "I hope to give them (audience) all on my spiritual side. I'm a Spiritual Baptist [because of] my father.

"I got all of my gospel songs – some I got in my dreams," she added. "I know it'll be a very, very, very, very good show down there."

Derek Ventour, the Grenadian-born president of Dee Vee International Production, said the other top gospel artistes are Gerald Placide, Beverly "Sister Beverly" Irish and the Rev. Eastlyn Orr.

Ventour said the show will also feature the Methodist Church Choir; Jeverson Ramirez; Randal Robinson; and Thornia Williams, the 2015 Grenada Broadcasting Network (GBN) Gospel Challenge winner. Popular Grenada radio personality Harold Pysadee will serve as master of ceremony.

"The date and time for this show were specifically chosen to coincide with the Thanksgiving holiday, so we can give God thanks in praise and songs with some of the top gospel artistes in the region," said Ventour, who is assisting the Methodist Church in coordinating and producing the event.



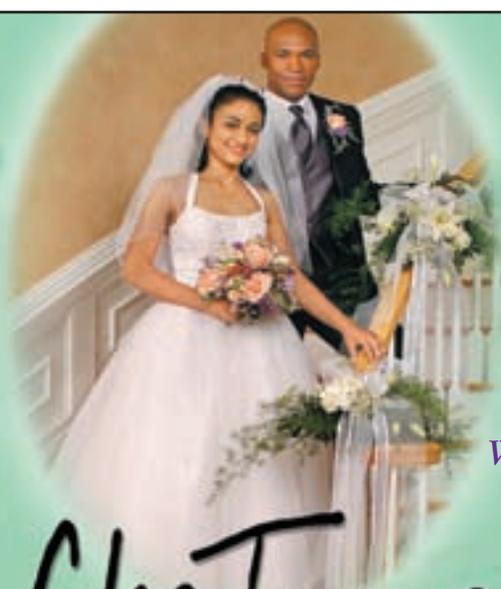
Calypso Rose to headline major gospel concert in Grenada. William Farrington

"This is an opportunity for all of Grenada to come out and give thanks," he added.

Christopher DeRiggs, chairman of the fundraising committee, said: "I think that the cast of gospel singers from the US will experience a kind of homecoming on this visit to Grenada, as, at least, one of them has Grenadian roots.

"It is also an opportunity to celebrate the Grenada-Tobago connection in the case of Rose and Eastlyn," he said.

This will be the second major fundraising event organized by the Methodist Church, as it embarks on activities to raise much-needed funds for the circuit.



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# SPORTS

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## Charles readies for another run

By Robert Elkin

Terry Charles of Brooklyn appeared in his second Manhattan College Invitational Scholastic Cross Country Meet near the host school at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, a short walk from the host organization.

Terry and the rest of his teammates are familiar with the surroundings because he has raced at this park numerous times. However, he did not win this race, one of more than 40 such races on the all-day program. A large field was in the race. He will still think about the sport of running while in high school.

His goal is to get into college, like any other standout schoolboy athlete with a track scholarship to the next level. Getting a scholarship certainly helps any athlete with his finances. And he wants to attend at any other college including outside ones; that is to run and live on

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## Phil Simmons awaits his fate with WICB

By Azad Ali

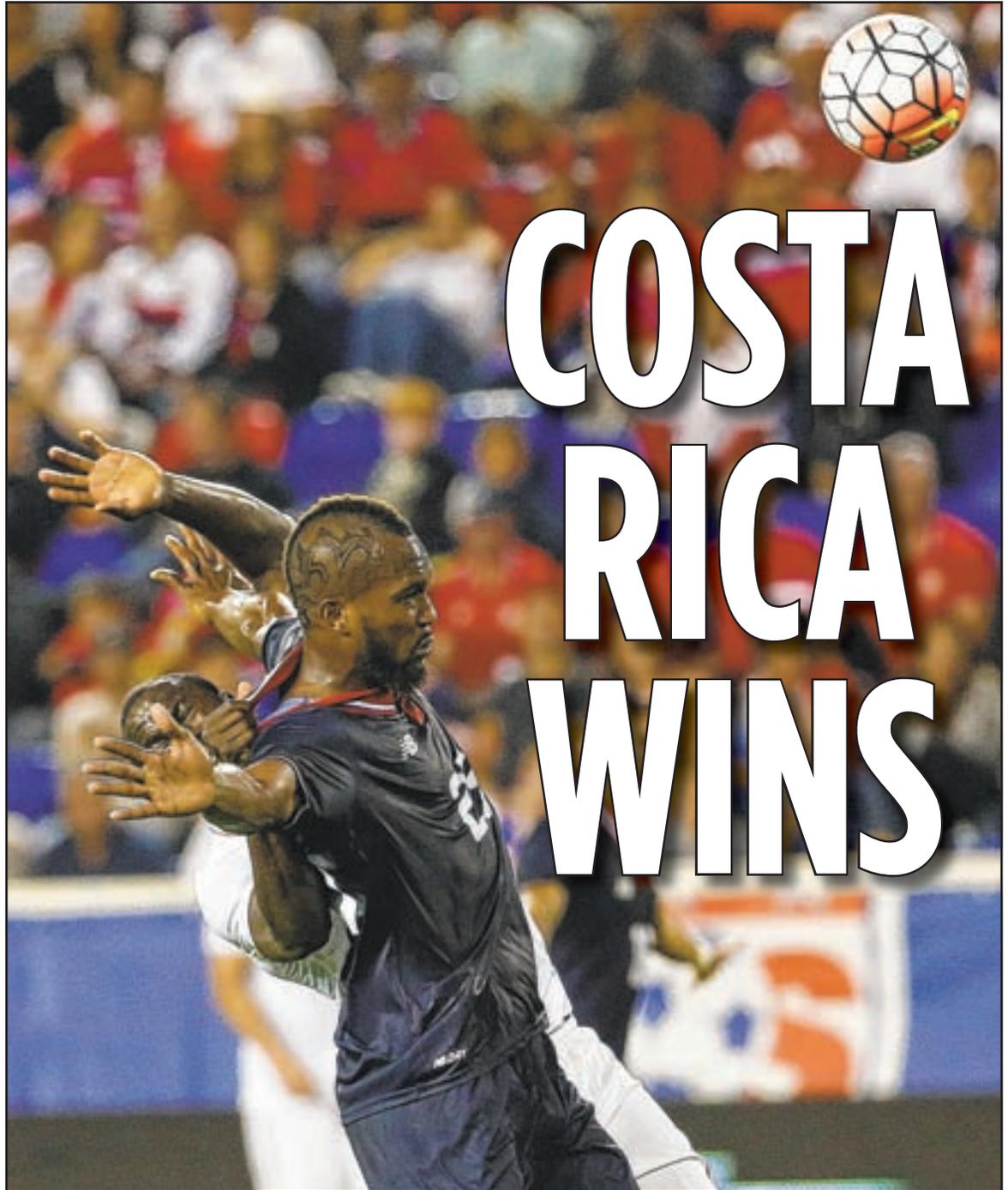
The fate of suspended West Indies coach Phil Simmons hangs in the balance as no date has been set for the disciplinary hearing against him.

Simmons was due to face a four-member panel last week, but his lawyers objected on the grounds that the former West Indies cricketer was not given adequate notice.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has agreed to the request for the hearing to be deferred.

Simmons was suspended for alleging internal influences in team selection for the tour of Sri Lanka, which started this week.

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# COSTA RICA WINS

Costa Rica's Kendall Waston, right, defends against United States' Jozy Altidore during the first half of an international soccer friendly match, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, in Harrison, N.J. Associated Press / Julio Cortez

## Howard fails to save the day

By Ronald Blum

HARRISON, N.J. (AP) — Tim Howard made his first appearance in goal for the United States in 15 months and was unable to stop the Americans' slide.

Joel Campbell scored in the 70th minute, and Costa Rica beat the list-

less U.S. 1-0 in an exhibition Tuesday night.

Three days after a 3-2 loss to Mexico in a playoff for the region's Confederations Cup berth, the U.S. generated few scoring chances in the latest of a string of dismal performances this year that have led to criti-

cism of coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who sent defender Fabian Johnson home for asking to be substituted late in Saturday's defeat.

The Americans finished fourth at this year's CONCACAF Gold Cup, their poorest performance since

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premises. And he prefers being part of with a good and competitive team.

After the cross country team in a few weeks, he intends to run both indoor and outdoor track and he will be a 200 and 400-meter athlete as he moves up the ladder to another level.

Oddly, he started his high school career at Bishop Ford of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association and after the school closed down for financial reasons he switched to Bishop Loughlin.

Every year during the fall, Ed Bowes, former coach at Bishop Loughlin High School, in the Fort Greene, Brooklyn, stages a huge meet. He organizes the meet with the help of officials, coaches, and automatic electronic timing.

All the athletes feel that Bowes has done a great job over the years. “(Even though) Bowes is old, he is still a good coach,” Charles said. “And he started this meet. It has grown (in number). This is the largest meet in the City. I knew him since my freshman year. He puts us on line, gives us a tag, and says ‘put it on,’ he said.

On the distaff side, of the meet, where boys and girls compete in different events, Adila Calaner maintained her pace, had a good finish and captured a Youth Race.

“It was nice to see all the high school athletes compete,” said Calaner, a student of Kings College Charter School. “Running helps my body stay healthy. I started running for the City Parks Foundation about two and a half years ago. Running is what I like to do.

The Manhattan Cross Country Invitational was highlighted by seven boys varsity high school events of 2.5 miles and drew many athletes from out of the met area. The races, also co-directed by Ed Gorman, were all of equal competition.

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United States' Gyasi Zardes, left, and Costa Rica's Johnny Acosta compete for the ball during the first half of a international soccer friendly match, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, in Harrison, N.J. Associated Press / Julio Cortez

# COSTA RICA CELEBRATES VICTORY

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2000, and are a team in transition as they head into the start of World Cup qualifying.

Howard took a one-year sabbatical from the national team after making 15 saves in the 2-1 round-of-16 loss to Belgium at last year's World Cup. When Howard returned last month, Klinsmann installed him as his No. 2 behind Brad Guzan. Howard sat on the bench for a pair of September exhibitions and for Saturday's extra-time defeat at the

Rose Bowl.

Before a crowd of just 9,214 in almost two-thirds empty Red Bulls Arena, the Americans struggled defensively after second-half substitutions.

Jonathan Spector turned the ball over, leading to the goal. Dave Myrie, who had just entered, crossed for Campbell, and the forward beat Danny Williams into space and sent a 12-yard, left-footed shot just past Howard's outstretched right arm into the far corner of the goal. Campbell, who has struggled for playing time at Arsenal, scored

his 11th international goal but first since Costa Rica played Uruguay in last year's World Cup.

Nine players returned to their teams following Saturday's defeat, including starters DaMarcus Beasley, Matt Besler, Fabian Johnson, Kyle Beckerman, Michael Bradley and Clint Dempsey. Klinsmann said Monday he was angry with Johnson and sent him home because the defender asked to be substituted in the 111th minute Saturday.

Klinsmann kept only three starters from Saturday: central defender Geoff Cameron, midfielder Jermaine Jones and forward Jozy Altidore. All three were replaced at the start of the second half.

Costa Rica had several earlier chances. Brad Evans made a block to deny Johan Venegas with Howard's net open in the 43rd minute. Then in the 47th, a Campbell pass bounced past defender Michael Orozco to Marcos Urena, and Ventura Alvarado came over to interfere with the forward as Howard slid out.

Williams lost possession in the 59th minute, and Campbell dribbled in and took a 25-yard shot that Howard jumped to tip over the crossbar with his right hand. Venegas was just wide when he redirected a cross to Howard's far post in the 49th.

Howard made an excellent sliding stop on Urena in the 88th.

# Phil Simmons

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Former West Indies fast bowler and current Test selector Elden Baptiste was appointed interim coach for the first Test match against Sri Lanka in Galle.

Kieron Pollard and Dwayne Bravo were not selected for the ODI team despite requests from Simmons and Captain Jason Holder, along with the support of the chairman of selectors Clive Lloyd.

Simmons has since apologized for his outburst describing it as a “moment of madness.”



West Indies cricket team Phil Simmons, fields during a practice at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Thursday, April 30, 2015. Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

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# Rangana Herath rattles West Indies batting

Sri Lankan left-arm spinner Rangana Herath bagged 10 wickets in the first Test match featuring Sri Lanka vs. West Indies. He took 6 wickets for 68 runs in the first innings and 4 for 79 in the second. Sri Lanka scored 484 runs in their first innings with opening batsman Dimuth Karunaratne scoring 186 and number four Dinesh Chandimal scoring 151. Captain Angelo Mathews scored 48.

Jerome Taylor picked up two wickets for 65 runs, Kemar Roach 1 for 57, Marlon Samuels 1 for 84, Jason Holder 1 for 36, Shannon Gabriel 1 for 76 and Devendra Bishoo 4 for 143 from 40.3 overs.

## WEST INDIES BOWLED OUT FOR 251 AND 227

Darren Bravo scored 50 in the West Indies first innings and Jerome Taylor 31 from 31 balls. In the West Indies second innings, Jermaine Blackwood blasted away at the Sri Lankan bowling scoring 92 runs with 10 four and 3 sixes. Bravo scored 31 and opener Kraigg Braithwaite 34. Sri Lanka won this Test match by an inning and 6 runs.



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

### WEST INDIES POOR BOWLING PERFORMANCE

West Indies Test Captain Jason Holder failed to use his quicker bowlers much more. Roach bowled 19 overs, Taylor 20, Shannon Gabriel 20 and Holder 21. The two spinners Marlon Samuels and Bishoo bowled 27 overs and 40.3 overs respectively, these two bowlers were not appropriately used. Samuels should not have allowed to bowl 27 overs when there are four seamers on the team. Roach and Taylor bowled a total of 39 overs and Bishoo sent down 40.3 overs. Too much pressure was put on Bishoo while the other bowlers stood idle.

### BOWLERS MUST BE KEPT BUSY

Bowlers are chosen in a team to participate meaningfully and share their skills. During the first Test match, Captain Holder

failed to fully execute the power of his bowling. Roach and Taylor toured Sri Lanka before and these experienced bowlers should have the knowledge on how to pickup wickets. West Indies bowling fell very short of expectations and the dropped catches did not help.

### DENESH RAMDIN CONTINUES TO FAIL

Axed West Indies Captain Ramdin must be given a significant responsibility and that is batting at the fourth position. Some stability is needed in the top order. When the opening batsmen are failing, it is important that the other batsmen to follow perform credible. Bravo is struggling at number three but he has to fight his battle and win it in that position. No more experimenting with that position. The experienced Samuels should be moved to number five and Ramdin at number four.



Sri Lankan captain Angelo Mathews, right, congratulates his bowler Rangana Herath at the end of the first Test cricket match in Galle, Sri Lanka, Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015. Sri Lanka beat West Indies by an innings and 6 runs in the first Test cricket match.

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**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, you have high hopes of solidifying a relationship this week and things will go according to plan so long as you stay focused. Enjoy the fruits of your labors.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, some interesting things unfold at the office this week. Your hard work and ability to keep a cool head will prevail, and others will notice.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
You're ready for fun and games even before the weekend arrives, Cancer. You may start daydreaming about all the plans to make. Just don't let it distract you.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, a particular situation will take up much of your time this week, even into the weekend. You may have to postpone some of your plans for a later date.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Focus your attention on maintaining a healthy perspective on information that comes your way, Virgo. A new perspective might be just what you need to sort this situation out.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, good things are ahead in the weeks to come. Both your personal and professional lives are about to take a turn for the better, and you deserve these positive developments.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, insecurities can hinder your plans this week. Think positively and you can accomplish whatever comes your way. Lean on a friend or two if need be.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, enjoy the company of others this week. Spend time with your friends and family and don't be afraid to try new things. Fun times are ahead.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, the more you can focus on the tasks at hand, the faster you will accomplish each of your goals. Procrastination has no place in your week right now.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
You thrive on mental puzzles and complex concepts, Aquarius. So you're ready to tackle whatever gets thrown your way this week. Challenges are your strong suit.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
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