

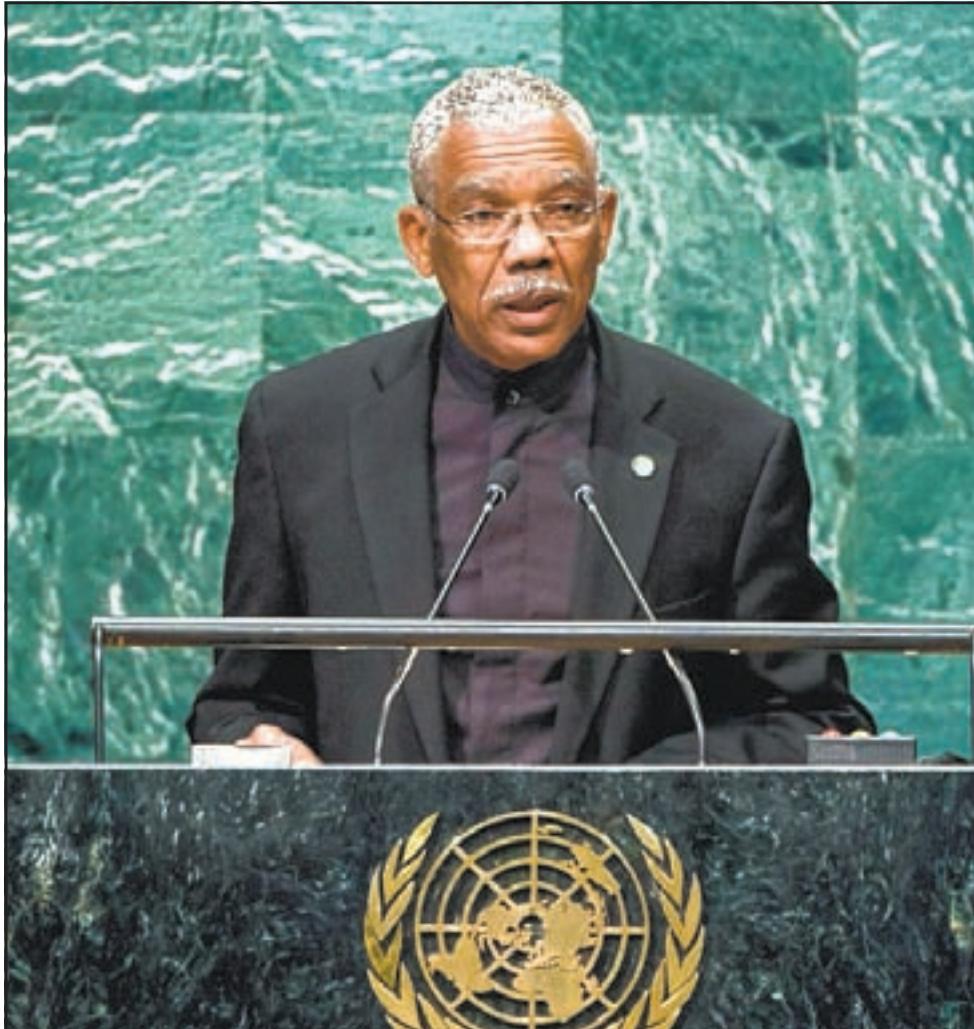
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Guyana President David A. Granger addressing the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.  
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## Guyana emerging as 'green state': Prez

**By Nelson A. King**

Underscoring the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, Guyana's President David Granger has underscored that his country will

continue to pursue a "green" economy.

As such, Granger told the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly Debate on Tuesday that the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)-member state

"will be a reliable and cooperative partner in international efforts to protect the earth's environment."

"[Guyana] realizes that the establishment of a 'green state' is consistent with building cli-

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# MURDER RATES SOAR

Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago officials express concern

**By Bert Wilkinson**

Two of the founding and main members of the 15-nation Caribbean Community of nations are grappling with murder rates that are so ridiculously high that police and national security officials are at a loss to come up with solutions to stem the bloodletting.

Jamaica, which in recent years had seen a drop in the rate from more than two killings per day is close to breaking recent records with 900 killings so far in 2016 even as more than a week is left in the month of September and as three full months remain in the year.

Trinidad on the other hand, is averaging more than one a day, up from one every 36 hours as was the case in recent years. The Express Newspaper this week tallied the figure as 333, hours after two men were slain in drive by shootings in and near the city.

As of mid week, the Jamaican official figure was 893 according to the records of the 19 main police divisions across the island nation of about three million. Last year's figure was 882, down from numbers like 1,100 and more in the past two decades.

The Gleaner Newspaper says  
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# TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

## Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

## Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

## Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

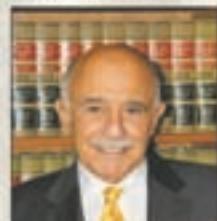
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Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves.

## St. Vincent still seeks seat on United Nations Security Council

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves says the nation is still pursuing its "ambitious" bid for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

"It's still on the agenda, and we're pursuing it," Gonsalves told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview last Tuesday while on a brief visit to New York. "It's something that's pretty ambitious."

The Vincentian leader said there is dire need for a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) to sit on the Council "to assist with the articulation of issues, such as climate change."

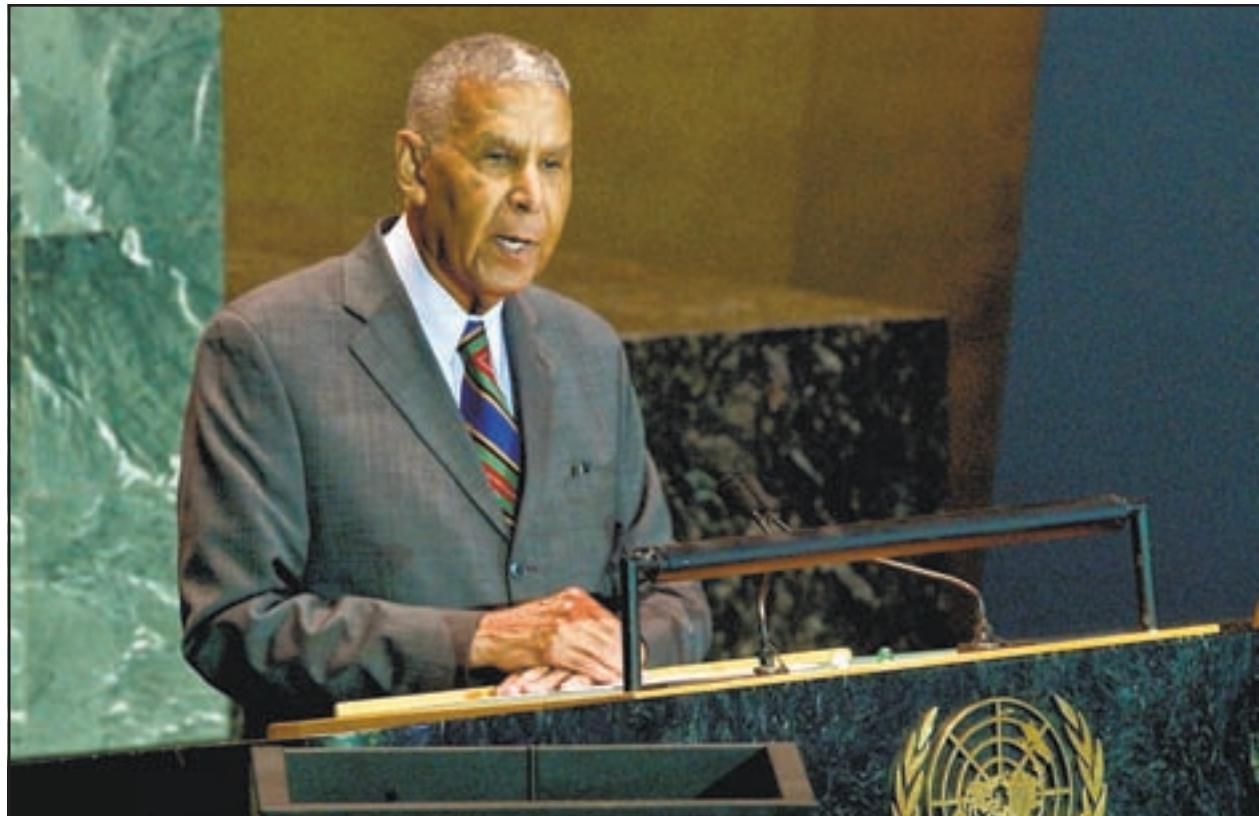
"It's a matter that we're pursuing very, very much," said Gonsalves, adding that the nation's pursuit is done through the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and SIDS DOCK.

AOSIS is a coalition of small island and low-lying coastal countries that share similar development challenges and concerns about the environment, especially their vulnerability to the adverse effects of global climate change. It functions primarily as an ad hoc lobby and negotiating voice for SIDS within the United Nations system.

AOSIS said it has a membership of 44 states and observers, drawn from all oceans and regions of the world: Africa, Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Pacific and South China Sea. Thirty-nine are members of the United Nations, close to 28 percent of developing countries, and 20 percent of the UN's total membership. Together, SIDS communities constitute some five percent of the global population.

SIDS DOCK is an initiative among AOSIS member-countries, providing SIDS with a collective institutional mechanism to assist them transform their national energy sectors into a catalyst for sustainable economic development and help generate financial resources to address adaptation to climate change.

# Clarke, Adams pay tribute to late Grenada UN ambassador



Lamuel Stanislaus, chairman of the delegation of Grenada, addresses the 59th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004.

Associated Press / Richard Drew, File

By Nelson A. King

Caribbean American Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams have added their voices to the outpouring of tributes to the late Grenada United Nations Ambassador Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus.

Dr. Stanislaus died on Sunday at a hospice in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn, New York, where he was taken to, from his Brooklyn home, on Friday. He was 95.

Dr. Stanislaus, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II, was confirmed dead by his wife, Beryl.

Shortly after celebrating his 95th birthday on April 22, Sir Lamuel told the Caribbean Life that he was "suffering with the ravages of cancer of the prostate and cancer of the bones."

"On behalf of myself, the Clarke Family and the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, I wish to respectfully offer my deepest and most heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Excellency Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus to his family, friends and to the people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique," said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants.

As a highly-respected diplomat, Clarke said Sir Lamuel was renowned for his work as ambassador of Grenada to the United Nations, "where he formed partnerships with individuals such as New York State Governor Mario Cuomo and my esteemed predecessor,

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, to support the people of Grenada both at home and around the world.

"The contributions of Dr. Stanislaus, a native of Petite Martinique, Grenada, were also critical to establishing the West Indian Labor Day Parade, a beautiful celebration of culture that draws millions of people to central Brooklyn every year," added, who was instrumental in Stanislaus receiving a U.S. Congressional Proclamation on his 95th birthday.

"Known for his eloquent oratory, Dr. Stanislaus was not only an advocate for Grenadians, but he used his voice to advocate for all people of Caribbean decent and the Caribbean region from whence they have come.

"Dr. Stanislaus was a gentleman and a scholar with a wonderful sense of humor," the congresswoman continued. "Indeed, he was a 'Renaissance Man of sorts'"

Clarke said she was "deeply honored" to have known Dr. Stanislaus as "a dear friend," adding that Sir Lamuel "will forever serve as testament to the fact that people of good faith have the ability to change the world and build a legacy that following generations will continue to enjoy."

"He will be sorely missed, but his legacy will live on through his family, friends and relations, and the many lives that he touched throughout his lifetime in service to others," she said.

Adams said that, for decades, Stanislaus was "a bulwark of public service," who was "a respected figure in Brooklyn's Caribbean community, serving on the board of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)."

The Brooklyn Borough President also noted that Dr. Stanislaus was "a brainchild behind one of New York City's largest parades, the West Indian Labor Day Parade, and for decades also practiced dentistry in Brooklyn."

"Dr. Stanislaus' advocacy on behalf of the Caribbean-American community was immeasurable, and his presence will be sorely missed in our borough by all Brooklynites who care about community development and public service," Adams said.

James Connolly, a Cayman Islands native, who had unsuccessfully sought elective office in New York City in the 1980s and 1990s, also told Caribbean Life that Dr. Stanislaus was "a Caribbean American icon," adding that he was his mentor and friend.

"It was he who introduced me to the political arena in the 1980s," Connolly said. "He personally took me to meet the Hon. Shirley Chisholm, who later became my political godmother."

"My condolences to his family," he added. "He will be missed."

The family said Stanislaus' funeral service will be held at a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn on Saturday morning.

# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Caribbean

The World Health Organization (WHO) is urging Caribbean and other countries to start using immediately the updated guidelines to reduce sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in response to the growing threat of antibiotic resistance.

In issuing the new guidelines, the WHO said chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis are all caused by bacteria, noting that they are generally curable with antibiotics.

However, WHO said these STIs often go undiagnosed, and they are becoming more difficult to treat, with some antibiotics now failing as a result of misuse and overuse.

It is estimated that, every year, 131 million people are infected with chlamydia, 78 million with gonorrhea, and 5.6 million with syphilis.

WHO said of the three STIs, gonorrhea has developed the strongest resistance to antibiotics.

WHO said strains of multidrug-resistant gonorrhea do not respond to any available antibiotics have already been detected.

The health organization said an untreated STI in a pregnant woman increases the chances of stillbirth and newborn.

## Bahamas

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism plans to meet with stakeholders to discuss preventative measures against the Zika virus.

More cases of the virus have recently surfaced in the island, making the total number of cases eight.

Tourism Minister Oble Wilchcombe told the Guardian Business that a regional effort should be made in order to seek funding to help prevent the virus from infecting visitors that come to The Bahamas and other Caribbean states.

Wilchcombe referred to the virus as a "red flag" for tourist destination, par-



## Happy Independence

St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris reads his Independence Day Message during the Independence State Service on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016. See story on page 14.

St. Kitts and Nevis government

ticularly in the Caribbean.

He said the country has to adapt into a "state of emergency" so that "we are fighting to ensure prevention."

Since the first case of Zika was reported on Aug. 10, The Bahamas has received three international travel warnings.

Recently, three additional Zika cases were confirmed and health officials say there were 83 suspected cases found, eight of whom are pregnant women.

The tourism minister warned about the short and long term effects of continued international travel warnings for The Bahamas.

## Barbados

Barbados has established a Special Committee to review a proposal for duty-free zones and is currently looking at the experiences of other countries to

help get it right.

Finance and Economic Affairs Minister Christopher Sinckler announced the plan for duty-free zones during last month's Financial Statement and Budgetary proposals.

He said a Cabinet paper outlining the composition of the committee and its terms of references is expected to be taken to Cabinet for approval soon.

The committee will review the duty-free zones initiative and report its findings and recommendations to Minister Sinckler within three months, so a firm proposal can be taken to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Policy for examination and then forwarded it to Cabinet for approval.

It will benefit from the technical

expertise of some countries that have already implemented a similar initiative.

The finance and economic minister has expressed hope that the duty-free zones in operation, visitors, especially those from the Caribbean, would consider Barbados a destination for cost-effective shopping.

However, only selected products would be available in the duty-free zone.

## Cayman Islands

Honduras President Juan Hernandez recently paid a visit to the Cayman Islands and met with Cayman Islands Premier Alden McLaughlin to discuss trade.

This was a follow up on the Cayman Island government's recent announce-

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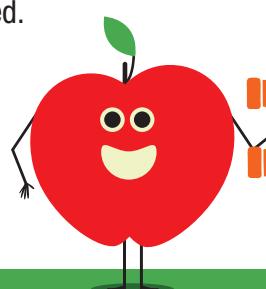
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# Crime rate escalates

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that three persons are being killed daily or about 100 per month with the rural parish of St. James topping the list of bad districts with close to 200.

The reports come just as the seven-month-old administration of Prime Minister Andrew Holness is preparing to comply with a commission of inquiry recommendation to apologize and compensate residents of the low-income, volatile, but infamous Tivoli Gardens constituency, which was the scene of a mid 2010 operation by soldiers and police to capture or kill renowned drug king pin and gang leader Christopher "Dudus" Coke. The United States government also assisted in the operation to successfully extradite him to the United States where he was convicted and jailed on felony charges.

Gun battles involving heavily armed supporters of Coke and security forces left 73 people dead, most of them civilians. The apology is to be read by the prime minister in parliament.

But even as officials are preparing to bring closure to one of the most violent episodes in recent history, churches of vari-

ous denominations, private sector and other groups say they are concerned with the direction that the murder measuring gauge is headed.

The escalating crime rate has not escaped the attention of private-sector leaders and members of the Economic Growth Council (EGC), the body appointed by Prime Minister Andrew Holness to help spur economic growth.

PM Holness recently appointed the body to come up with ways of improving the country's economic performance but officials quickly drew the link with escalating crime and murders as hindrances to growth.

Down south in Trinidad, the killing spree has so flustered the 12-month-old administration of Prime Minister Keith Rowley that it called in Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar and her team to an emergency meeting to discuss the situation.

And if that was not an enough show of concern, titular or ceremonial President Anthony Carmona might have broken constitutional protocol by demanding a security meeting with Minister Ed Dillion, the police and army chiefs. The move triggered a rag-



Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness. Yhomo Hutchinson

ing debate about whether he had such powers to do so. Officials are awaiting his return from an international law assignment in Guyana to listen to explanations as to why he dabbled in daily politics.

Still, the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) says it is studying crime and violence in the Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad.

"The pervasive effects of crime and violence can be seen in all parts of the world and the Caribbean is no exception," the IDB said.

"It is important to recognize these differences and understand the unique dynamics of crime in each country to design relevant policies," the bank said.

# Sustainable development

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mate resilience while mitigating the effects of climate change," he said.

"Guyana promises to work towards the [2030] Agenda's goals (SDGs), particularly, by contributing to limiting increases in global temperatures; and to work towards a 'green path' of development that is in accord with the [Paris] Agreement's nationally-determined commitments," Granger added.

Making specific reference to the importance of Goal 13 that calls for urgent action to combat climate change and its impact, as well as the Paris Agreement's obligation to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degree Celsius, the Guyanese leader informed the General Assembly that his country is developing a comprehensive Emissions Reduction Program as part of its responsibility to contribute to global solutions to the threat of climate change.

"However," he said "all our efforts – nationally,

regionally and globally – the advancement of development in an environment of peace and stability are being challenged by the territorial ambitions of our neighbor, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela," referring to an "external assault on Guyana's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Granger also hailed the efforts of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for his leadership of the organization and, especially, for his commitment to sustainable development that was illustrated in the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the Paris Agreement, according to the UN.

The Guyanese president stressed the importance of a collective commitment by the international community to collaborate with small states, including his, to pursue a low-carbon, low-emission path to sustainable development and to constraining the rise in global temperature.

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# An impending change to crime fighting

By George Alleyne

Expert on regional security matters and former Jamaica Police Commissioner, Francis Forbes, has warned that the Caribbean faces a growing threat, which would radically change the methods of law enforcement.

He told a Caribbean and Latin America meeting on natural and man-made menaces to the region, in Barbados this week, that recent seizures of large weapon caches, new technology guns, and citizens trained in advanced terrorism tactics present the unnatural hazards that add to threats to the well-being of Caribbean persons.

Forbes, the executive director of CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) said that not only are the people of the Caribbean facing growing disturbances by the increased number of illegal weapons on the streets, but also that some items in the arsenal are difficult to detect, and users of these armaments are being trained by international terrorist groups such as the Middle Eastern located, Islamic State, or ISIS.

"Between 2006 and last year, 20,000 illegal firearms were removed from the streets," said Forbes, who served as Jamaica's commissioner of police for 10 years, ending in 2005.

Accounting for last year alone, he said that in 13 of IMPACS' 15 full-member states, there were 2,178 mur-



Regional security expert Francis Forbes.  
Photo by George Alleyne

ders; 1,596 rapes; 10,227 robberies; 2,488 illegal guns seized, alongside 32,364 rounds of ammunition.

He said that the success of the arms and ammunition seizure means very little in face of the 'alarming' fact that there are polymer, modular, and 3-D printed weapons.

Polymer and 3-D printed weapons have a relative low metal content, or none at all, making them undetectable by scanners at airports and other entrances that use some security mechanism.

"There is no doubt that this is indeed a man-made disaster of epic proportions unfolding slowly, but surely," he said, and added, "the issue of these

new-type of weapons now demands greater attention."

Forbes added, "the current terrorism picture takes into account the return of foreign terrorist fighters; the nexus between terrorism and organised crime; the potential spread of a radical ideology, and the introduction of advanced military tactics and technology."

Forbes painted a picture of regional 'dynamic threats', which he split in two, with the first part being the traditional dangers of trans-national organised crime, guns, drugs, gangs, and money-laundering, trafficking in persons.

He said the second part of that picture comprises evolving menaces such as cybercrimes, new psycho-active and counterfeit drugs; terrorism; cyber-terrorism, and electronic crimes.

He added as uncategorised, the potential of trained persons to target the critical Caribbean infrastructure.

The security expert said that the trend of Caribbean nationals obtaining training in social disturbance abroad introduces another presence in the regional security threat.

"It is no secret that some of our citizens, men, women and children, are migrating to join groups such as ISIS. There is proof that approximately 200 citizens from one member state alone have already migrated to Syria, intending to join ISIS."

## FBI to open office in Jamaica

By Azaad Ali

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau, of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (AFT), will soon be setting up offices in Jamaica to help fight crime and violence.

The offices of both agencies will be located at the US Embassy in Kingston.

This was revealed by U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, Luis G. Moreno during the U.S. Bilateral Relations Forum, recently held at the regional headquarters of the University of the West Indies Mona Campus, Jamaica.

The Forum focused on a report from the Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI) entitled "Dialogues between Democracies: The Future of US-Jamaica Bilateral Relations".

The ambassador explained that officers from the agencies will help train local personnel.

He noted that over the past year, 16 courses have been conducted in areas such as forensics, investigation terror networks, investigating cyber-security crimes and spotting false documents.

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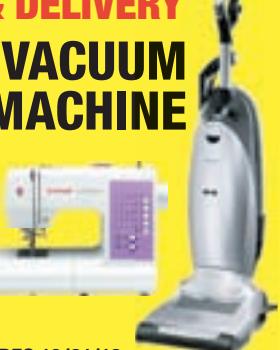
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# Vincentians should come out and play mas on the parkway

## To The Editor:

I read the article headlined "Vincentians jump for education" by Nelson A. King in your newspaper and I chuckled a little bit. Why? Because I hear and have heard for 46 years the same lofty wishing and hoping by Vincentians in USA about the presence of a Vincy band on the parkway. It's all empty wishing and hoping.

We have nobody to blame but ourselves. The Vincentian community particularly in New York is not a culturally oriented group. I am not just talking about mas (carnival). I mean the wide plain of culture. Most Vincentian functions attract only that group of people who are directly connected to it (teachers to teachers, nurses to nurses, this school alumni to their group and ex-police to ex-police etc.).

No matter how much advertising is done, it falls on the deaf ears of the wider community. I am talking from firsthand experience. I am the god father of Vincy Mas in New York and the Vincy Expo, also, starting with the first Vincy band in 1972 at the behest of my friend Sam DeBique.

The general talk at the time was exactly the same as today. Then in 1973 with my second band only fractionally bigger than the first, it was the same talk again, and '74, '75 and '76 the same lament again and

**No matter how much advertising is done, it falls on the deaf ears of the wider community.**

again.

They talk the talk but never walk the walk. The loudly begrudge the other islanders who come out in huge numbers and wave their flags. It's not others, it's not foreigners, it's Vincentians themselves. they can't blame anyone but themselves. When we restarted Vincy Mas on the parkway as Mas Productions in 1991 and I brought Puzzle Grant to New York, it was the same old song being sung, the wishing and the hoping.

Every year since then, Wesley Millington single handedly has kept a Vincentian presence on the parkway going out of pocket most times to make the band a reality and you would think by now the tune would have changed. No. Even with our competition successes including Queen of the Band in 1974 (Butterfly, designed by Skully Hunte) and Adell DeBique 20 years later, you would think that would be enough to coecere this lethargic community to come out and play. It has not happened. I doubt sincerely that it will ever happen. *E.J. Paddy Corea*

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# Fossil fuels: At what price to the environment?

By John Scales Avery

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OSLO, Sept. 7, 2016 (IPS)

- We often read comparisons between the prices of solar energy or wind energy with the prices of fossil fuels. It is encouraging to see that renewables are rapidly becoming competitive, and are often cheaper than coal or oil. In fact, if coal, oil and natural gas were given their correct prices renewables would be recognized as being incomparably cheaper than fossil fuels.

## Externalities in pricing

The concept of externalities in pricing was first put forward by two British economists, Henry Sidgwick (1838-1900) and Arthur C. Pigou (1877-1959).

In his book "The Economics of Welfare," published in 1920, Pigou further developed the concept of externalities in pricing which had earlier been introduced by Sidgwick. He proposed that a tax be introduced to correct pricing for the effect of externalities.

An externality is the cost

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They use part of this vast sum to conduct advertising campaigns to convince the public that anthropogenic climate change is not real.

## Betrayal by the mainstream media

If we turn on our television sets, almost nothing that we see informs us of the true predicament of human society and the biosphere.

Programs like "Top Gear" promote automobile use. Programs depicting ordinary life show omnipresent motor cars and holiday air travel. There is nothing to remind us that we must rapidly renounce the use of fossil fuels.

If we do not act very quickly to replace fossil fuels by renewables, we risk initiating a sixth geological extinction event. This might even be comparable to the Permian-Triassic extinction, during which 96 percent of all marine species and 70 percent of all vertebrates were lost forever.

## Subsidies to fossil fuel companies

Far from being penalized for destroying the global environment and threatening the future of all life on earth, fossil fuel companies currently receive approximately \$500,000,000,000 per year in subsidies (as esti-

mate by the IEA).

Despite the misinformation that we receive from the mainstream media, we must remember our urgent duty to leave fossil fuels in the ground. If threats to the future are taken into account, the price of these fuels is prohibitive.

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# Dem, GOP set to argue – Indy issues non-debatable

Despite the fact 70 percent of Americans polled insisted the need for a four-party presidential debate, a commission decided that only the two leading political parties — Democrats and Republicans — met the mandate to share a podium for the first slated for Hofstra University on Sept. 26.

The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) ruled recently that neither Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson nor Green Party candidate Jill Stein qualified.

According to the CPD, in order to be eligible for the national question and answer forum, third party candidates must achieve 15 percent favorability in national polls.

The group said while Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump each received 43 percent and 40.4 percent in the polls, respectively, independent candidates Johnson and Stein polled at 8.4 percent and 3.2 percent.

Reportedly, the polling average is based on five polls conducted by major TV networks — ABC-Washington Post, CBS-New York Times, CNN-Opinion Research, Fox News and NBC-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Wall Street Journal.

But some skeptics believe the commission's decision stems from the fact, it is comprised of Republicans and Democrats and prefer to have their party's views front and center of the discussion with no distractions from candidates unlikely to be elected in November.

Although the two most unpopular candidates in recent history are practically locked in a tie for the coveted prize of leading the most powerful nation on earth, the leading, independent party, candidates have been garnering attention while amassing formidable approval ratings without help from media.

Soon after the ruling, Johnson issued a statement saying that Americans were tired of "rigged systems," and that the "CPD had created a monopoly on debates."

"The CPD may scoff at a

ticket that enjoys 'only' 9 or 10 percent in their hand-selected polls, but even 9 percent represents 13 million voters, more than the total population of Ohio and most other states. Yet, the Republicans and Democrats are choosing to silence the candidate preferred by those millions of Americans."

Stein turned to social media to respond saying that "Corporate political and media establishment is trying to manufacture consent for the least liked / trusted candidates ever."

"Stand up and say no!" she urged supporters.

Johnson and Stein have fulfilled one major criterion. Despite low polling they both will appear on ballots in many states and could win approval with votes gained in the electoral college.

When Trump, the New York mogul and GOP's choice, and Clinton, the Democrats first



Supporters of Green Party Presidential candidate Jill Stein protest in front of the Commission on Presidential Debates in Washington on Sept. 14, 2016, calling for the inclusion of Stein and Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson in the upcoming Presidential debates.

Bill Clark / CQ Roll Call via Associated Press

approved woman qualified to run the White House propose adverse platforms related to immigration, foreign policy, gun control and maybe the controversial birther issue, dissenters are expected to rally outside in protest.

Allegedly busloads of demonstrators will publicly stake their opposition to the two-party, 90-minute, talkfest by

rallying outside the venue.

There in Long Island, the topic of President Barack Obama's birthplace may be moot considering that after five years as the centerpiece of Trump's presidential bid, the businessman conceded the idiocy of his campaign rhetoric saying "Barack Obama was born in the United States."

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# Brooklyn father pleads for son's safe return



Eric Joseph, jr. with his dad, Eric Joseph Snr., during happier times.

Joseph Family

By Tangerine Clarke

Distraught Brooklyn resident, Eric Joseph Snr., is pleading with anyone who sees his son, Eric Lesley Joseph, Jr. to contact him at telephone number 347-693-6859 or alert the nearest police station to make a report.

Eric's grandmother could be reached at (917) 822-5048 and his aunt at (516) 204-3663.

Joseph senior told Caribbean Life via phone, that he last saw his son mid July of this year, after returning from a trip to Guyana, but has not seen or heard from his son since then.

Eric Snr., admits that he was not too concerned in the beginning, since his son worked at his aunt's insurance company on Long Island, and at times stayed over at his grandmother's home in Brooklyn.

However, it is now almost two months since Eric Jr., who will be 24 years on Nov. 4, has gone missing and has not logged on to his Facebook page, which is now inactive.

Eric Jr. migrated to the U.S. in 2001

at age nine to live with his father. According to his father, the young man had missed his mother Leslyn Douglas, a Guyana resident, and returned to his homeland for a while.

Eric Jr. spent five years to complete his studies and returned to the U.S. last November and was getting back into his normal routine when he went missing.

Mr. Joseph distributed flyers, posted his picture on Facebook and tried unsuccessfully to reach his son by phone. His pleas to Metro PCS phone network to track down his son were rejected due to privacy issues. He was also unable to get help from the NYPD because according to them Eric was an adult.

"Eric is a Facebook fanatic, and a Pokémon follower, but he has not accessed his social network account in over a month," said grieving father Eric Joseph.

"We are pleading with Eric to make contact with his family who are deeply concerned for his safety and are praying for his safe return," said his dad.

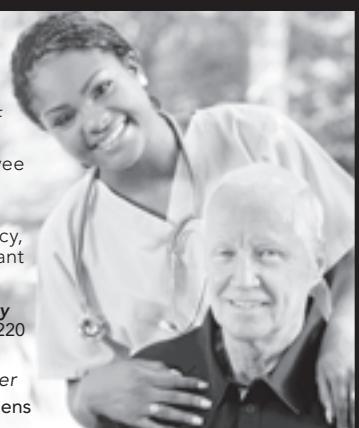
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# US 'proud' to partner with St. Kitts and Nevis

By Nelson A. King

The United States says it is "proud" to partner with St. Kitts and Nevis as the twin-island federation on Monday marked its 33rd independence anniversary.

"On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I congratulate the people of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as you celebrate the 33rd anniversary of your beautiful nation's independence on Sept. 19," said US Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday.

"Our countries enjoy a close friendship rooted in our deep respect for democratic principles and individual freedoms," he added. "The United States shares your commitment to inclusive and sustainable growth, and is proud to partner with you to empower youth, eradicate devastating diseases, and promote clean energy."

Kerry also said Washington values St. Kitts and Nevis' leadership in the fight against narcotics trafficking,

"and look forward to building on the progress that we have made through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative."

"As you gather with family and friends from Basseterre to Charlestown, the United States sends best wishes for a joyous Independence Day and a happy, safe, and prosperous year to come," Kerry said.

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris in his Independence Day Message said the country is celebrating its independence under the theme "Promoting Prosperity through Sustainability and National Unity."

"This theme was chosen specifically to encapsulate how only a stable nation in unity can thrive and prosper, for the betterment of all of its citizens and residents," Harris said.

The prime minister said as an independent nation, the country has done reasonably well over the last 33 years of its independence journey. "Our economy today is stable. We are among the best



St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris attends the Independence State Service on Sunday, Sept 18, 2016.

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performing economies in Latin America and the Caribbean. Our fiscal house is in a very good shape – better than most. While others suffer from negligible economic growth rates, ours is projected to be above average for the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), the borrowing member states of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)," he said.

# St. Lucia PM proposes tourism summit

By Azad Ali

St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet is proposing a tourism summit, which he said should be convened by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in the short to medium term.

The idea was put forward to CARICOM Secretary General Irwin La Rocque when they met in St. Lucia on Sept. 6, 2016.

The St. Lucia prime minister has suggested the implementation of two initiatives that he believes will assist Caricom in finding solutions for overcoming some of the economic challenges facing the region.

He also emphasized the need for the Council of Finance and Planning (COFAP) to convene an urgent round of joint discussions, noting that they must undertake a more active



St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet.

role in an environment where the region is confronting several critical micro- and macro-economic challenges.

COFAP is also responsible for economic policy coordination, along with the financial and monetary integration of member states.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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ments that it wants to see the British territory trading more with Honduras.

The premier, Deputy Premier Moses Kirkconnel and other ministers continued the talks initiated by their recent visit to Honduras.

McLaughlin said in a release, "the visit reinforces the friendship between our two countries and affirms the importance accorded by the Cayman Islands and Honduras to strengthen bilateral opportunities for cooperation."



Discussions focused on furthering opportunities for trade and commerce as well as "other mutually beneficial initiatives."

Kirkconnel said the government appreciates the visit coming soon after the Cayman Islands initial visit to Honduras.

## Jamaica

The Jamaica government is moving to develop a national health insurance scheme to fund the public health system.

The National Health Fund (NHF) will be responsible for developing the system.



NHF Chairman Christopher Zacca said Health Minister Dr. Christopher Tafton gave the mandate.

The minister said a national health system is a solution to address the need adequately to fund the health sector and the significance to the public who will have a better healthcare system.

Zacca said the work to develop the scheme has just started. He said it is a very complex process that requires lot of stakeholder consultations but it is not a process that will take months, may be more than a year or two.

The NHF was established by the government to reduce the financial burden of healthcare on the population by subsidizing the cost of medication for 16 chronic illness.

## St. Lucia

St. Lucia is preparing to host a major Brazilian investment mission in November which will have numerous opportunities for business and strengthen ties between the two countries.

The Embassy of Brazil in St. Lucia said the mission will comprise investors and parliamentarians who want to do business with St. Lucia entrepreneurs and other business persons, in a wide range of sectors.



The mission is scheduled for Nov. 1-17, 2016 and it will comprise 15 members who are willing to establish and open opportunities to invest in St. Lucia.

The trip is being organized by a Brazil-based group called Nomad Development.

According to Ambassador Sergio Court, the Brazilian Business Mission

will offer a wide range of opportunities to the government and people of St. Lucia, through the business community.

The wide range of opportunities, will include prospects for investment partnerships in construction and infrastructural development, tourism, hotel development, agriculture and agro industries, farming and food production, sports, alternative energy, water and electricity.

## Suriname

As of Sept. 15, 2016 Haitians who wish to visit Suriname will need a visa as the Dutch CARICOM country is moving to clamp down on criminal activities, including illegal immigrants.

Haitian authorities said Suriname has made it mandatory for Haitian nationals, a CARICOM member state, to be in possession of a visa to enter the country.



Media reports in Haiti said the French government, through its embassy in Suriname, had complained that Haitian migrants passed through the Dutch island to enter French Guiana in large numbers seeking asylum.

Figures released in Haiti show that more than half of the passengers on the airline, Insel Air, which serves the French side of the Caribbean island, were of Haitian origin.

On March 16, 2016 a report stated that more illegal Haitian migrants had entered French Guiana and that many had used Suriname's international airport.

It said airlines now have to file full lists of passengers to the Suriname Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that while a tourist card will be issued to travelers from Sept. 15, all Haitian nationals with a ticket to Suriname will have to be in possession of a visa.

## Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana will soon sign a formal agreement for technical assistance to provide the South American country development its oil and gas sector.

The agreement is expected to be executed by November, following visits by Guyanese officials to T&T.



T&T Energy Minister Nicole Olivierre recently visited Guyana to hold talks with President David A. Granger where the offer of technical support was made.

She said Guyana has no experience in the oil and gas industry and was very receptive of the offer.

The minister said Granger had also asked for support in education with emphasis on engineering and technical studies, as well as infrastructure development, agriculture and eco-tourism.

Olivierre said a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being drafted.

— Compiled by Azad Ali

# Our Perspective Eliminate Tip Credit for Car Wash Workers



By Stuart Appelbaum, President,  
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union,  
RWDSU, UFCW

**C**ar wash workers in New York City – or “carwasheros,” as they call themselves – have made great strides since their campaign to unionize began in 2012. Hundreds of carwasheros at 10 car washes have won the dignity and respect that comes with union membership.

Union contracts have given carwasheros – for the first time – paid time off, the ability to return to their home countries for visits and have their jobs protected, and guaranteed wage and benefit improvements.

But throughout New York State, the so-called “tip credit” threatens to continue to undermine progress that workers are making in the car wash industry.

The tip credit is a part of New York State minimum wage law that allows industry operators to pay car wash workers a different, lower minimum wage. In theory, workers’ tips are supposed to make up the difference, and possibly more. And, if workers’ tips don’t raise the level of pay to at least the minimum wage, car wash employers are supposed to make up the difference in additional hourly wages.

In actual practice, it’s a flawed system that enables wage theft and contributes to systemic underpayment of car wash workers – exactly what the car wash unionizing campaign and carwasheros have been fighting against. Investigations have shown that employers don’t always make up the extra pay for workers when tips are short, and carwasheros don’t always receive the tips customers presume they are getting. We shouldn’t be giving unscrupulous employers additional incentives to underpay their workers.

Earlier this summer, workers at one Queens car wash won a \$130,000 settlement against an owner who was paying below minimum wage, withholding overtime pay, and committing other wage and hour violations. And that’s just the latest settlement of many, including one that saw a New York carwash operator pay almost \$4 million in 2014. Wage theft is still rampant in the industry, and the tip credit helps create an environment where it happens.

The Cuomo Administration has done a good job prosecuting wage theft, and helping win justice for workers across New York. But we need to do more. We call upon the Governor and the state legislature to eliminate the car wash tip credit, and bring the base pay for all car wash workers in New York up to the minimum wage.

It’s an important move that will show New York’s commitment to fighting for worker rights, and protect worker pay.

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# Flatbush church holds Homecoming International Day

From left; Minister of Foreign Affairs Carl B. Greenidge, First Lady Sandra Granger, Sir Shridath S. Ramphal, and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Rudolph M. Ten Pow.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## End border dispute: Guyana prez

By Tangerine Clarke

President of the Republic of Guyana, David A. Granger, renewed his call to the United Nations for a final resolution of the Guyana / Venezuela border dispute during his address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York City, stating that last year he warned of the danger Venezuela posed to the peace and security of "our region not only by its internal instability but by its external assault on Guyana's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

While addressing the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, on Sept. 20, at the UN Headquarters, President Granger said, "I placed hope in the fact that the process for final resolution of Venezuela's unworthy territorial claims rests now in the hands of the secretary general of the United Nations."

Now in his second year as head of state, Granger said Guyana stands ready to have the International Court of Justice determine the matter with finality. "We will work resolutely with the secretary general in his final months in office to free Guyana, and his successor, from this surreal burden."

President Granger was resolute in his demand for Venezuela to relinquish its claim of Guyana's territory, stating that, Venezuela agreed, in the Geneva Agreement of 1966, that the United Nations' Secretary General shall decide the means of settlement of this matter, including by judicial settlement. Yet, it defines its every effort to fulfill that commitment.

Reminding the United Nations that Guyana celebrated its 50th year of independence this year, President Granger said that Venezuela, regrettably, acknowledged this anniversary by reasserting its repudiation of a border treaty it has solemnly signed more than 117 years ago and ratified and respected for 60 of those years.



The St. Paul Dance Ensemble perform one of their routines at the Homecoming International Day held at the St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush.

Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush two weekends ago held another very successful annual Homecoming and International Day celebration, organizers say.

"This year's Homecoming / International Day at St. Paul's was a transformative experience," said the church's Barbadian-born pastor the Rev. Sheldon Hamblin, in a Caribbean Life interview. "Members represented 20 different cultures from around the world, including the United States of America."

"This is an exciting time for the church to fellowship with friends and family, and for members of the community who want to join in the celebration," he added. "As the leader of the church, it shows me that, when we, as a people, come together as one large body, we can make a difference to move our community forward."

The grand celebration, at the 180-year-old church in the heart of Flatbush, took place on Sept. 10 and 11, with a Homecoming Lecture on Sept. 10.

Byron Rushing, of the Massachusetts House of Representatives presented the lecture, entitled "African Americans in and out of the Episcopal Church: From

Absalom Jones to Michael Curry." Rushing is also House majority whip and vice president of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9 am, the Holy Eucharist was followed by a multicultural celebration, dubbed "International Food Festival." Rushing was the preacher during the Holy Eucharist, which was presided over by Rev. Hamblin.

With the colors of their respective nationalities on display and adorned, hundreds of Caribbean and other nationals attended and participated in the Fourth International Day at the church.

Parishioners intermingled with family, friends and supporters, and participated in a host of cultural events in the church's auditorium.

Patrons also sampled a variety of national dishes, including Jamaica's ackee and saltfish, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines' breadfruit and saltfish, washing them down with mauby and ginger beer, among other local drinks.

Emceed by Vincentian "Sir" Denaro Liverpool, the cultural package comprised folk songs, dances, drumming,

skits and steel pan music.

It featured, among others, St. Paul's Dance Ensemble (Chinese); National Hymnal from Costa Rica; Dance from Guyana – "Won't Go Back"; Skit from Jamaica; Anthem Dancers from St. Lucia; Singing from Barbados; and the National Anthem from St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Registered Nurse Judith Lewis, a member of the vestry and co-chair of the committee, who hails from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, lauded Trinidadian Gemma Cureton, chair of the Cultural Committee, who is also leader of St. Paul's Ensemble, for doing a "phenomenal job in pulling all the pieces together to make this celebration a success," with over 300 attendees."

Countries represented at St. Paul's are: Antigua and Barbuda; Barbados; Costa Rica; Cote d'Ivoire; Cuba; Ghana; Guyana; Grenada; Haiti; Liberia; Jamaica; Panama; St. Lucia; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands; South Africa; the Dominican Republic; Nigeria; the USA; Trinidad and Tobago; and Uganda.

St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush is located at 157 St. Paul's Pl., Brooklyn.

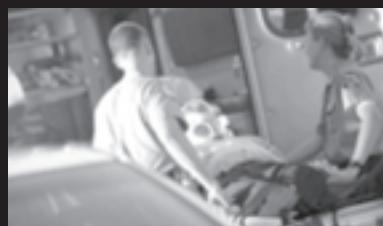
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# Workplace diversity ‘sparks creativity’

“Crossing the Thinnest Line”  
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Your business is doing well. It could do better.

Just like every other business in America, you have good weeks and bad. Sales go up and they flatten. You have financial feast-or-famine and you'd like more of the former than the latter. Author Lauren Leader-Chivée says she knows how you can achieve that and in “Crossing the Thinnest Line,” she explains.

Open the door to your office and look around. What does your staff look like? Many managers, as Leader-Chivée learned at a conference, tend to surround themselves with people who look like them. That might feel most comfortable, she indicates, but to do so is to miss out.

While some may find it awkward to actively, purposefully seek diversity, Leader-Chivée says it's important to remember that most of us have ancestors

who were outsiders once. It's also rare in today's world for anyone to live in a bubble: you probably already know, are related to, or come in regular contact with someone who is different than you, and you think nothing of it — which is to say that while humans generally resist change, you may already have “acquired diversity.”

Many folks find acquired diversity through family relationships and personal discoveries. Others simply jump in and get to know people who don't

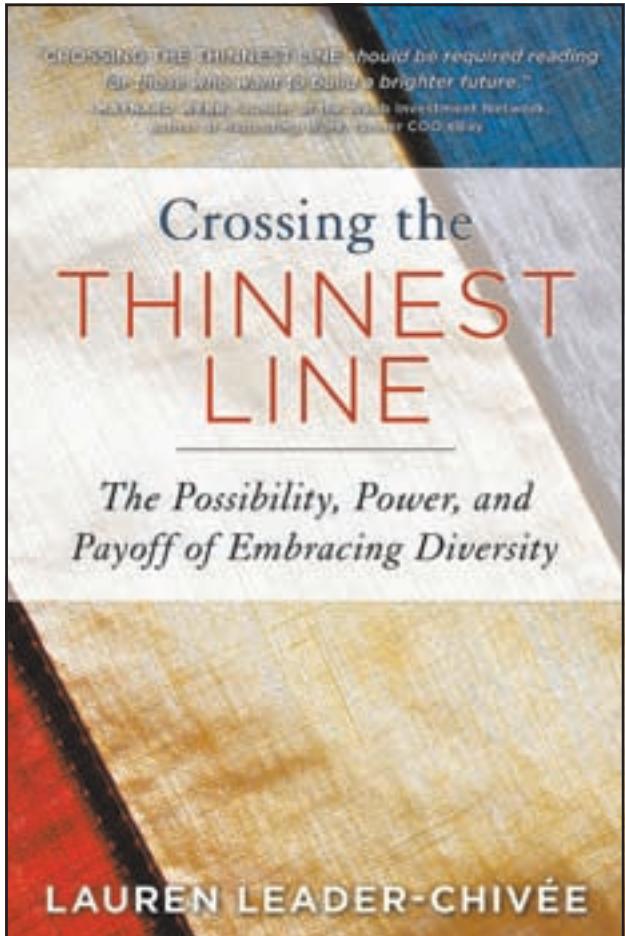
look like them.

Insisting on diversity in the workplace not only “sparks creativity,” but it's also forward-thinking: within the next 25-to-30 years, the U.S. will “become a majority-minority.” Diversity makes it easier to tap into new markets with impressive buying power, it allows your company to gain a foothold on other continents, and it will help to avoid the embarrassment of miscommunication. By utilizing new experiences from divergent people, you and your employees will benefit from a fresh point-of-view, taking “full advantage of... talents, insights, and creative energies” and a much larger scope of knowledge.

Without diversity, says Leader-Chivée, “we'll suffer as a nation...”

“It's a mistake we can't afford to make.”

I cannot deny that what's inside “Crossing the Thinnest Line” could be helpful. It's filled with statistics, surprising solutions, and illustrative stories that show what world leaders and big business are doing. But that richness of information can also be a downfall: there's just too much to take in here.



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Haitian pride: Rose Cine came to the festival flag-in-hand.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

## Flatbush carnival

By Alexandra Simon

Call it a J'ouv-over.

Flatbush business leaders held a street fair on Hillel place at the Flatbush Junction to showcase the best of Caribbean culture on Sept. 15 — a response to recent calls to end the violence-marred J'Ouvert celebration, where four people were shot this year despite increased police presence at the pre-dawn Labor Day party. Organizers created Thursday's fair, called "After the Fete," to focus on the positive, one

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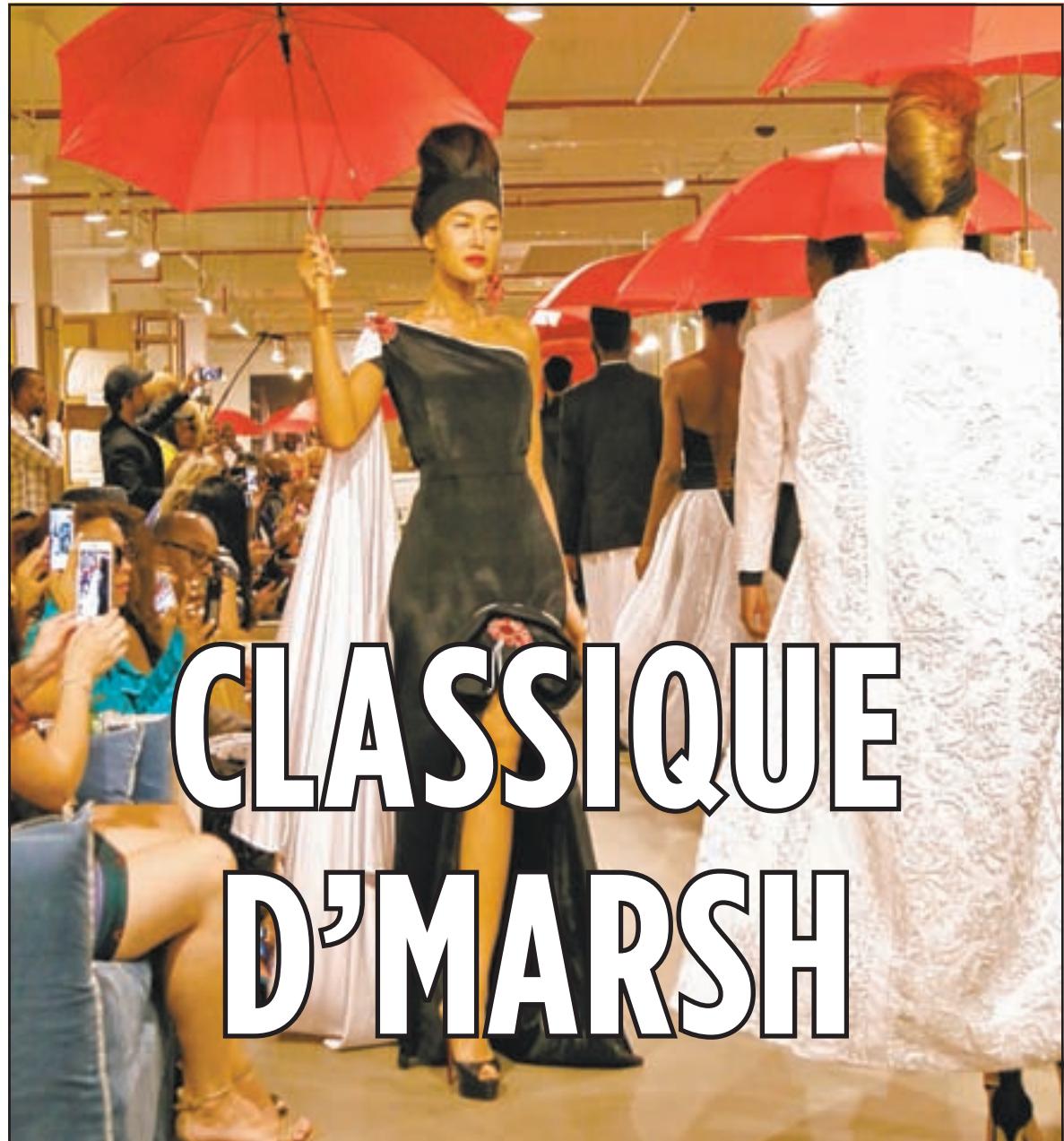
## GAC culture to combat gun violence

By Tangerine Clarke

The Guyana Action Committee (GAC), a non-profit will bring together some of Guyana's artists including the Hooper Sisters, saxophonist, Flantis to raise their musical voices in a cultural presentation against Gun Violence at St. Stephens Church Hall, 2806 Newkirk Ave., (between E 28 and 29th streets) in Brooklyn, on Friday, Sept. 30 from 8 pm.

The event will come alive with the Caribbean rhythms of African Drummer Mboya Wood, followed by a fashion show, skits and dance performances, as GAC kicks off a series of activities to raise funds to combat gun violence which continues to plague the com-

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A Classique D'Marsh evening gown designed by Glenroy March.

Mickey Photo Studio

## Jamaican designer returns to his roots

Jamaican-born New York based designer Glenroy March continues to make a name for himself in the fashion capital and his latest collection Classique D'Marsh did not disappoint. On Tuesday, Sept. 13, the designer returned to his fashion roots presenting another creative and compelling collection as part of New York Fashion Week Spring / Summer 2017 which delighted the capacity sized audience at the new midtown location of high-end European mattress maker Coco Mat.

As a prelude to the Classique D'Marsh presentation, the show opened with student fashion designers Kadeem Lamorell and Marcel Kosmider, from The High School of Fashion Industries each presenting a look they designed and developed during a six-week internship at D'Marsh Couture, where they learnt about the business of fashion and what it takes to run a fashion house.

A signature of the designer's runway shows over the years is the opening and this year was no different as

the presentation opened with violinist Tia, a Manhattan School of Music alumnae making her melodic runway debut.

Classique D'Marsh represented a return to the designer's roots or the essence of the D'Marsh brand. This season the designer selected some of his favorite silhouettes over the years: recreating several looks which embody the signature colors of black, red and white and presented some 20 looks ranging from cocktail

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

#### 1 Cheap Thrills

Sia Feat. Sean Paul

#### 2 Send My Love

Adele

#### 3 Cold Water

Major Lazer

#### 4 Closer

The Chainsmokers Feat. Daya

#### 5 Treat You Better

Shawn Mendes

#### 6 This is What You Came For

Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna

#### 7 Ride

Twenty One Pilots

#### 8 Can't Stop the Feeling!

Justin Timberlake

#### 9 One Dance

Drake Feat. WizKid & Kyla

#### 10 Too Good

Drake Feat. Rihanna

### TOP 10 ALBUMS

#### 1 They Don't Know

Jason Aldean

#### 2 Wild World

Bastille

#### 3 Signs of Light

The Head and the Heart

#### 4 Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight

Travis Scott

#### 5 Sunlit Youth

Local Natives

#### 6 Schmilco

Wilco

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#### 8 Lemonade

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#### 9 Blonde

Frank Ocean

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# D'MARSH FASHION

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dresses to a couture evening gown to swimwear and great separates.

Caribbean Food Delights (CFD), the leading Caribbean frozen food manufacturer of Jamaican style patties, returned as title sponsor this season. Among the other sponsors were Caribbean Shopping Network, Clyopatra Couture, Coco Mat, Dream Castle Villa, En Blanc Couture NYC, iLAND Magazine, LaFace Models, Land We Love.com, LNJ Media PROduction and Runway Life. CG & D New York provided shoes.

#### About House of D'Marsh

House of D'Marsh had its genesis in Spring 2003 when designer Glenroy March launched his Spring collec-

tion during Caribbean Fashion Week in Jamaica's capital city, Kingston. This start gave rise to the pursuit of a passion by a talented Jamaican who would later go on to stun audiences not just locally but internationally.

With an eye for detail and perfection, the New York based March, honed his design skills at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, obtaining practical experience while working in the costume department. With a constant pulse on trends and new innovation combination, House of D'Marsh, seeks to marry sophistication with fashion-forward sensibility. The House of D'Marsh has received many editorials in a variety of local and international fashion and consumer magazines.



One of the models sporting a Glenroy March's signature outfit.  
Mickey Photo Studio



Smoking grill: Juanoi Parkenson, left, and Cecil Thompson of Fisherman's Cove restaurant grill chicken for festival-goers.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

# Festival

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"With all the negative noise coming out of Carnival — especially J'Ouvert — we just thought it was important to identify the economic and cultural aspect of the Caribbean people away from that noise," said Kenneth Mbonu, director of Flatbush Junction Business Improvement District. "We wanted to give the community here a small dose of the impact of Carnival, and reflect the positivity of Caribbean experience and culture."

Some festival-goers weren't aware the party was a reaction to anti-J'Ouvert sentiments — but they were none-the-less happy to set the record straight on the controversial gathering that precedes the pre-West Indian American Day Carnival.

"I'm really glad they did this, because J'Ouvert is a part of Caribbean culture, and to hear

that some people want to take away is upsetting," said Amelia Williams, who happened upon the seven-hour party and liked it so much she stayed all day.

The festival featured Caribbean food, steel pan music, and dancing, as well as some New York street-fair staples such as face-painting booths. But the traditional tunes really rose above the rest, another attendee said.

"What really stuck in my mind at end was the steel pan band," said Rose Cine, a representative for the humanitarian group Phoenix Rising for Haiti. "They were really powerful and played with so much energy. They brought people together, and it was nice that everyone of all ages were so into it."

After the Fete was such a success that the business improvement district intends to make it an annual gathering, Mbonu said.

"We wanted to showcase the powerful impact of Caribbean culture — its intent is to make it every year," he said.

# Musical voices fight crime

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Now in its fifth year providing scholarship grants and funding educational programs both in the U.S. and Guyana, GAC's Operations Director Bonita Montague and President Errol Lewis will continue to engage in projects and discussions aimed at providing support for cultural, economic and social change.

After its cultural presentation, GAC will hold its first, Stop the Violence — Gun Violence Prevention Walk-A-Ton on Sunday, Oct. 16, in Prospect Park. Participants are asked to assemble at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Parkside in Brooklyn. Start

time is 7 am.

Registration is now open on GAC's website — www.guyanaactioncommittee.org. A registration fee of \$20.00 per person would be accepted through the site.

Groups and organizations are encouraged to participant but must contact the organizers. Full name, program pertaining to Gun Violence, donated amount, as well as organization, or group represented if any — must be stipulated.

Montague said all participants are asked to wear "slogan" branded Gun Prevention Tee shirts / sweaters. The walk is planned as a peaceful rally that will feature a wide cross-section of the community. Sponsors are welcomed.

Refreshments will be provided. Visit www.guyanaactioncommittee.org for further information.



Saxophonist Flantis entertaining First Lady of Guyana Sandra Granger and wife of Guyana's Vice President Sita Nagamootoo at a recent event.  
Photo by Tangerine Clarke

# Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays infamous whistleblower

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Edward Snowden in the movie "Snowden."

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By Kam Williams

Earlier this year, the film *Citizenfour* won the Academy Award in the Best Documentary category. But given how the movie made less than \$4 million worldwide, one might reasonably conclude that the details of Edward Snowden's (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) dump of National Security Agency documents remains substantially unknown.

This is ostensibly the thinking of three-time Oscar-winner Oliver Stone (for *Platoon* and *Born on the Fourth of July*) in turning the story into a cloak-and-dagger drama about the NSA whistleblower-turned-fugitive's leak of classified information before going into hiding from the U.S. government. The movie unfolds

in June of 2013 in the Hong Kong hotel room where Snowden met with journalists Glenn Greenwald (Zachary Quinto) and Ewen Macaskill (Tom Wilkinson) along with Laura Poitras (Melissa Leo), the eventual director of *Citizenfour*.

We learn that following four days of interviews, Greenwald published his first story in the

British daily newspaper, *The Guardian*. The Pulitzer Prize-winning series related in stunning detail the extent of NSA surveillance of American citizens in direct contradiction of a recent denial uttered under oath to Congress by James Clapper, the nation's Director of National Intelligence.

Because the articles identi-

fied Snowden as the source of the information, he immediately became the subject of an intense international manhunt. He somehow managed to slip through the dragnet and boarded a commercial airliner bound for Moscow, despite the fact that his passport had been revoked and the U.S. had requested his extradition from Hong Kong.

Upon landing in Russia, Edward was awarded temporary asylum and he has languished there ever since. Lucky for him, this movie has revived interest in his case, inspiring him to recently make a public appeal for clemency.

But a presidential pardon is unlikely to be forthcoming, even though President Obama considered the apprehension of the "29-year-old-hacker" a very low priority back in June of '13. So today, Snowden remains a fugitive from justice charged in absentia with theft, espionage and conversion of government property.

Via a variety of empathetic flashbacks, we are informed by the film that Edward was a high school dropout who suffers from epilepsy. He also enjoys a very loving, enduring relationship with Lindsay Mills (Shailene Woodley), the loyal girlfriend who followed him from Virginia to Hawaii to Moscow. More importantly, the movie establishes Edward as so patriotic he was willing to jeopardize his future to sound the alarm about the surreptitious NSA's widespread violations of our Constitutional rights.

## Independent & Foreign Films

Chronic (R for nudity and profanity) Poignant character study starring Tim Roth in the title role as a caregiver for the terminally-ill who apparently needs his patients as much as they need him. Support cast includes Michael Cristofer, Elizabeth Tulloch and Tate Ellington.

*Closet Monster* (Unrated) Homoerotic drama, set in Newfoundland, about a gay teen (Connor Jessup) who hides his sexual preference from his intolerant, short-tempered father (Aaron Abrams) after witnessing a hate crime, until he falls in love with a handsome co-worker (Aliocha Schneider). With Isabella Rossellini, Joanne Kelly and Jinji Dawson.

*Dirty 30* (PG-13 for sexuality, drug use and debauchery) Female empowerment adventure about a couple of jaded women (Grace Helbig and Hannah Hart) who throw a bawdy birthday party to lift the sagging spirits of a lifelong friend turning 30 (Mamrie Hart), only to see the soiree spiral out of control. Featuring Adam Lustick, Anna Akana and Annie Sertich.



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

*The Dressmaker* (R for brief profanity and a scene of violence) Kate Winslet handles the title role in this *Prodigal Daughter* drama, set in 1926, as a fashion designer who falls in love with a local hunk with a heart of gold (Liam Hemsworth) and transforms her hometown upon returning to Australia to care for her ailing, long-estranged mom (Judy Davis). Cast includes Hugo Weaving, Kerry Fox and Sarah Snook.

*Generation Startup* (Unrated) Millennials are the focus of this documentary revolving around the entrepreneurial efforts of a half-dozen college grads building businesses in Detroit.

*I.T.* (Unrated) Cat-and-mouse crime thriller about a successful businessman (Pierce Brosnan) who turns vigilante when his most trusted confidante

(James Frecheville) starts sabotaging the company, stalking his teenage daughter (Stefanie Scott) and threatening his family. With Anna Friel, Austin Swift and Michael Nyqvist.

*The Lovers and the Despot* (Unrated) Bamboo Curtain documentary about a successful South Korean director (Shin Sang-ok) who was kidnapped with his wife / actress (Choi Eun-hee) and delivered to dictator Kim Jong-Il to serve as the North Korean dictator's personal filmmakers. (In Korean, Japanese and English with subtitles)

*Made in France* (Unrated) Jihadist thriller about an investigative journalist (Malik Zili) who infiltrates a cell of disaffected Islamic youth planning a terrorist attack on Paris. With Dimitri Storoge, Francois Civil and Nassim Si Ahmed. (In French with subtitles)

French with subtitles)

*Queen of Katwe* (PG for an accident scene, mature themes and suggestive material) Madina Nalwanga portrays the title character of this uplifting biopic, Phiona Mutesi, the Ugandan chess prodigy who overcomes poverty and misogyny to become a grandmother with the help of a volunteer (David Oyelowo) who organizes a chess club in her humble village. With Lupita Nyong'o, Martin Kabanza and Taryn Kyaze.

*The Ruins of Lifta* (Unrated) Middle East documentary about a Palestinian village which was abandoned during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War but never repopulated after the founding of the Jewish state.

*Seed: The Untold Story* (Unrated) Eco-documentary chronicling the David vs. Goliath effort of indigenous peoples and family farmers to preserve thousands of varieties of seeds being destroyed and / or appropriated by agribusiness and chemical conglomerates. (In English, Spanish and Hindi with subtitles)

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

*The Magnificent Seven* (PG-13 for intense violence, smoking, profanity and suggestive material) Remake of the 1960 classic Western revolving around a rag-tag team of gunslingers recruited by a desperate widow (Haley Bennett) to defend her tiny frontier town from a ruthless gang of outlaws. Co-starring Denzel Washington, Peter Sarsgaard, Ethan Hawke, Chris Pratt, Vincent D'Onofrio, Byung-hun Lee and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo.

*Storks* (PG for mild action and mature themes) Animated comedy about a flock of storks that abandons its traditional mission to deliver packages for a global corporate giant. Plot thickens when a rising star (Andy Samberg) risks a promotion promised by his boss (Kelsey Grammer) by attempting to make his first ever baby drop after accidentally manufacturing an adorable, little bundle of joy. Voice cast includes Jennifer Aniston, Ty Burrell, Keegan-Michael Key, Jordan Peele and Danny Trejo.

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West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul gestures while attending a training session in Georgetown, Guyana.

Associated Press/Andres Leighton

## Chanderpaul still peeved over dismissal

By Azad Ali

Former West Indies middle-order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul is hurt over his unceremonious expulsion from the regional squad, saying he gave yeoman service without being honored.

Chanderpaul, 42, who was dropped from the West Indies squad before the series against Australia last year, said his departure "was not handled properly."

The Guyanese left-hander was dropped after a poor run of low scores

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## WICB fires senior coach

By Azad Ali

West Indies head coach, Phil Simmons has been fired by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

Simmons is the 14th coach to be sacked over the past two decades. His firing comes on the heels of matches between the West Indies and Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

In a press release the WICB stated: Effective immediately, the WICB today (September 13) announced it has separated from the head coach Phil Simmons".

The board of directors made the decision to fire the 53 year-old on September 10.

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Practice makes perfect: Lynette Taite averaged double digits for Bishop Loughlin last year, but the senior guard is determined to get better, especially after committing to play basketball at Manhattan College.

File photo by Louise Wateridge

## Loughlin guard commits to Manhattan College

By Laura Amato

This offer was too good to pass up.

Bishop Loughlin basketballer Lynette Taite stepped onto the campus at Manhattan College earlier this month and knew she was exactly where she was meant to be. Taite

didn't waste any time — the senior guard committed to the school on her official visit earlier this month, joining the Jaspers' women's hoops squad and cementing a future she's certain will be nothing short of fantastic.

"I loved the way they treated me.

I felt like I was a part of the team as soon as I even got there," Taite said. "I feel really confident with my choice."

Taite did her research before visiting Manhattan — scoping out the Jaspers' roster and the positions

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that saw him make 183 runs at an average of 16.63 in the 11 innings that followed his 30th and final Test century a few months earlier against Bangladesh.

In an interview in Miami recently, Chanderpaul said, "you give so much service to your country and to West Indies and on the back end you were not properly honored for it."

Chanderpaul who boasts a career average of 51, has averaged just 16 from his last 11 innings.

Overall, he has scored 11,867 runs from 164 Tests with 30 centuries and is just 87 runs short of overtaking Brian Lara as the leading West Indies run-scorer of all time.

He complained "that's nobody to properly honor you and send you off properly. It hurt in the end because you've done so much for the West Indies."

The Guyanese insists that there has been a lack of gratitude for his service to the region but conceded that he was not the only one who received an undignified send off.

Bronx bound: Bishop Loughlin guard Lynette Taite visited Manhattan College twice and committed to the women's basketball team earlier this month, cementing her future in the Bronx with the Jaspers.

File photo by Louise Wateridge

## Loughlin guard seeks championship

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that would be open if she joined the team next season. It didn't take long for Taite to realize there was a place for her, encouraged by the enthusiasm of first-year head coach Heather Vulin.

"Coach told me that she 'goes crazy' when she looked at me and some of the other players on the floor," Taite said. "I knew I would have some time to help her do what she's trying to do there, which is build a strong program."

Taite — who averaged 12 points, seven rebounds, and four steals with the Lions last season — knows it won't be easy at the next level, but she's willing to put in the work.

In fact, the standout wanted to suit up for practice with her future Manhat-

tan teammates during her visit. She would have, if it weren't for National Collegiate Athletic Association rules stating she can't.

"I'm not allowed to work out with the team until everything is final," Taite said. "But the first thing I thought of [after committing] was practice. I know it's going to be hard, but I really don't mind honestly. I want to get in there, and I want to work hard."

Taite also had an offer from St. Francis in Pennsylvania, but opted not to go on her visit — slated for early October — after realizing Manhattan was her perfect college-hoops fit.

"There were three or four other girls who could have maybe had this scholarship," Taite said. "So I as soon as I

visited Manhattan, I just knew I wanted to be there. Waiting that long could have messed me up and I could have missed out."

Now that her college choice is set, Taite is ready to focus entirely on her final season of high-school basketball and — more importantly — her next practice.

She's determined to get better every day and knows that practice will help her reach her final goal — a city championship.

"I want a championship. I'm not leaving without one," Taite said. "This year, I'm going to do whatever I have to do. We're going to work and it's just a matter of putting that work in. If I have to put in some more work or do anything extra, that's what I'll do."

## WICB senior coach fired

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"In recent times, based on the public pronouncements of the coach and the approach internally, we have identified differences in culture and strategic approach," the WICB said.

Simmons, who took over as head coach of the regional team following the ICC World Cup last year, replacing Ottis Gibson was not afforded a long term at the helm, "crossing swords" with the selection panel, which led to his suspension.

Simmons took over at a time when the WICB was struggling to come to

terms with cricket officials in India over the abandoned West Indies tour.

Dwayne Bravo was subsequently fired as the ODI captain and was left out of the West Indies World Cup squad along with teammate Kieron Pollard.

Simmons alleged that there were outside influences in the selection of the ODI team for a tour of Sri Lanka late last year and was suspended for inappropriately commenting on the selection process, before being reinstated ahead of the tour of Australia in December.



Former West Indies' Head Coach Phil Simmons.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

## Cricket audit needed

By Azad Ali

Six former West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) officials are calling on CARICOM to conduct a forensic audit of the board to save West Indies cricket from a "total collapse."

The officials — Ken Gordon, Pat Rousseau, Anthony Deyal, Charles Wilkin, Bruce Aanensen and Imran Khan — have claimed that the current administration under Jamaican Dave Cameron has seemingly become "untouchable," and is not doing anything that would lead to the "inevitable demise" of cricket in the Caribbean.

Former WICB president Ken Gordon said: "We must reinforce the message that West Indies cricket belongs to the people of the West Indies, not to the WICB."

Gordon, who was president from 2006-2008 added, "it may be timely to call for a forensic audit of the organization. We need to lift the cloud veil which now surrounds that body. Answers are required and this can be a first step to return to the transparency required of a body which is a major beneficiary of regional resources and private sponsorship."

"We need to save our cricket and this has to start with getting the WICB right. It would be entirely legitimate for CARICOM to fund such an exercise and I urge that they consider doing so," he added.

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# Grenada's PM condemns Coach Simmons' firing

## Statement by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell

Disappointingly once again, and to the detriment of West Indies cricket, I have noted the bizarre action of the West Indies Cricket Board to fire coach Phillip Simmons, just over a year and a half after his initial appointment, and just two days before the team leaves the region on a tough assignment.

The decision to fire Coach Simmons is consistent with the actions of this current WICB, whose actions are usually motivated by spite and vendetta, rather than by what is in the best interest of West Indies Cricket.

I wish to go on record to register my disgust, (although I am not surprised), at this latest move by the board, which will only be disadvantageous to the game and the players who have come to know and love working with Coach Simmons.

The following must be noted:

1. In the last two decades, West Indies cricket has been in a steady decline, even though the board has had several presi-

dents, CEOs, coaches and captains. The board's major problem over the years has not just been its leadership: some of its former leaders were competent people.

However, it has been doomed to failure because of the environment and structures in which it has operated. Structure controls behavior and performance. If reform and restructuring are not incorporated in the board's improvement plan and strategy, West Indies cricket will remain trapped in its ever-increasing failure spiral.

2. In the last two or three years, conflicts between the board and its coaches and players have intensified. The board has now become an extremely inflexible and autocratic unit in which power and control dominate. Cricket development and cricket performance appear to be low on the board's list of most important priorities.

During that time, the board got rid of some of its best people—coach Ottis Gibson; Phil Simmons, a successful T20 World Cup coach; Darren Sammy, a two-time successful T20 World Cup captain;

Clive Lloyd the most successful West Indies captain; and Curtly Ambrose, one of the greatest fast bowlers the world has seen.

3. Coach Simmons had a positive impact on the players and could have resurrected West Indies cricket if he was allowed to create a learning environment for his players. Instead, he was stymied by uncooperative administrators, antiquated structures and systems, and by a hostile working environment. Once again the board failed to see and seize a glaring opportunity.

4. The WICB in a release on their firing of Coach Simmons, stated, "In recent times, based on public pronouncements of the coach and the approach internally, we have identified differences in culture and strategic approach."

The board is satisfied with its losing culture and will get rid of anyone who questions or challenges that culture. The question must be asked: How much does the director of cricket, who was brought up in England and Australia, know about West Indies culture and history and the psyche of Caribbean



Prime Minister Keith Mitchell.

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As prime minister of Grenada, and as a leader in the wider CARICOM region and an ardent cricket fan, I will continue to support the initiatives and demands of various stakeholders, and especially the calls

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### TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21

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### GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, resist the urge to put limits on your personal life. Anything is possible when you are open to new experiences and opportunities, so don't be afraid to go with the flow.

### CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may find the energy surrounding you is a bit overwhelming. If you need a brief break from the hustle and bustle, take a step back and enjoy some quiet time at home.

### LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23

The little things will catch your attention this week, Leo. A small detail, a note in a song or a particular color may bring back memories. Try to embrace these feelings.

### VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22

You may have to put your feelings on the line if you are to gain the respect of someone important to you, Virgo. Although it may feel uncomfortable, forge ahead.

### LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you and a relative or significant other clear a hurdle in your relationship. This may pave the way for a fruitful, happy relationship for years to come.

### SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, expect a lot of passion and adventure this week. Talk to your spouse or partner about the best way to make the most of this renewed vigor.

### SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21

Celestial energy will rejuvenate and reenergize you, Sagittarius. Someone you meet may provide a spark that will benefit you greatly in the days ahead.

### CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, inspirational forces are all around you, and they can help you make some tough decisions. Pay special attention to an overheard conversation that offers subtle clues.

### AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a situation presents itself and you may need to act immediately. Don't delay and trust your instincts. The more quickly you respond, the more smoothly things will go.

### PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20

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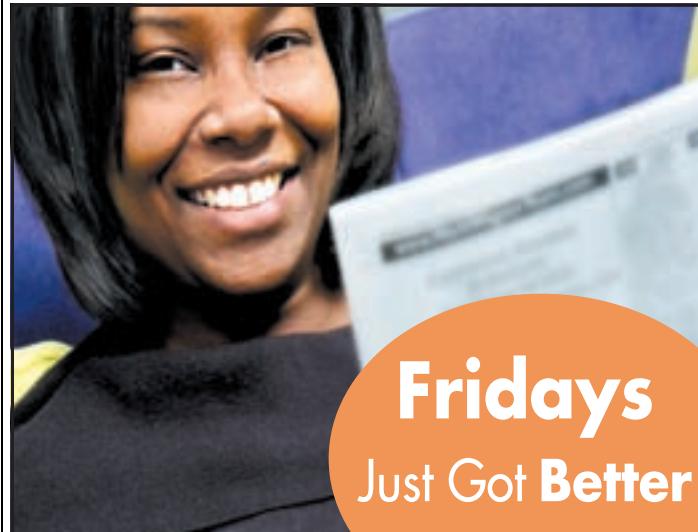
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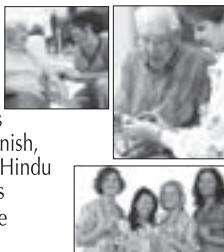
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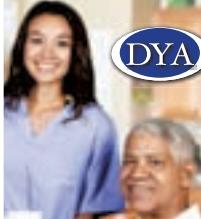
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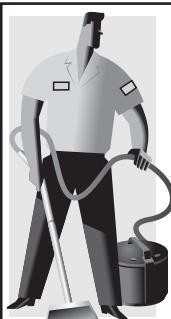
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