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## Foods with talent and flair

Haitian chef Elle Phillpe is devoted to marrying tastes and textures together. And she loves mangoes. See story on page 40.

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## Clean energy success stories

**By Nelson A. King**

Latin American and Caribbean delegates attending a renewable energy finance forum in Miami have underscored the importance of clean energy, as investment in the region continues to grow.

According to one of the organizing groups, the Washington-based American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE), a non-prof-

it membership organization, the Third Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum – Latin America and Caribbean (REFF-LAC) is “dedicated to building a secure and prosperous” region, with clean, renewable energy.

“The region represents a real opportunity for investment and more success stories like the ones we heard this week from Barbados,

Costa Rica, Mexico and Aruba,” said Carlos St. James, president of the Latin American & Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE).

“Renewable energy is an exciting growth industry globally,” he added.

St. James said more than 200 senior level executives, govern-

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# GREEN CARD DEBATE

## All eyes on the US Senate

**By Nancy Benac**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - This may be the year Congress decides what to do about the millions of immigrants living illegally in the U.S. After years of gridlock, there are ideas whizzing all around Washington.

For now, all eyes are on an 844-page Senate proposal with the you-said-a-mouthful title of the “Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013.”

The Senate Judiciary Committee was expected to take its first votes on the legislation on Thursday.

What’s in that bill? Is there a Plan B? And who are all these immigrants, once you get past the

big round numbers?

A big dose of facts, figures and other information will clarify the issues surrounding the current debate:

**WHY NOW?**

Major problems with U.S. immigration have been around for decades.

President George W. Bush tried to change the system and failed. President Barack Obama promised to overhaul it in his first term but never did.

In Obama’s second term, he’s making immigration a priority, and Republicans also appear ready to deal.

**Why the new commitment?**

Obama won 71 percent of Hispanic voters in his 2012 re-election.

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Antigua

The International Monetary Board (IMF) has completed the eighth and ninth reviews of Antigua and Barbuda's economic performance under a program supported by a 36-month Stand-by Arrangement (SBA).

The completion of the reviews allows the immediate disbursement of about US\$10 million, bringing the total disbursements under the arrangement to about US\$76.2 million).

In completing the review, the executive board approved the authorities' request for a waiver of nonobservance of the continuous performance criterion on external arrears.

This waiver was granted on the basis of the temporary and minor nature of the deviations from the program objectives and the corrective measures undertaken by the authorities.

Naoyuki Shinohara, deputy managing director and acting chair of the executive board said; "Antigua and Barbuda's economy is recovering gradually after three years of recession brought on by the international financial crisis. Tourism arrivals increased in 2012 and government programs provided incentive for housing investment.

## Barbados

The Central Bank of Barbados recently said the Barbados economy contracted by 0.4 percent in the first three months of 2013 and urged the authorities to "put back on track" the fiscal consolidation strategy as well as a new medium term adjustment strategy to turn around the island's economic fortunes.

In its review of the Barbados economic performance for the first



## St. Vincent co-chairs UN group

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Ambassador to the United Nations, Camillo Gonsalves, is co-chairing a meeting of the Regular Process for Assessment of the Marine Environment. See story on page 26

Photo courtesy of the SVG Mission to the UN

quarter of this year, the Bank said that on current trends there may be no real increase in the contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) from tourism or international business sectors in 2013.

It said that the forecasts for the rest of the economy are no better, with overall GDP expected to be virtually flat.

The Central Bank said that investment currently underway or recently completed in increasing capacity in the luxury tourism segment and enriching the visitor experience, are elements in the foundation for growth of the economy in 2014 and beyond.

But it said more investment is needed, covering specialist niches such as eco, sports and cultural

tourism, as well as to cater for the more discriminating middle income visitor, who values the distinctive Barbadian experience.

The Bank said that growth tourism output that was experienced in the first quarter of 2012 has not been sustained this year, and as a result Barbados' overall GDP is estimated to have contracted by 0.4 percent in the first quarter.

However, spending on imports slowed down, and there was no substantial erosion of foreign exchange reserves.

## Guyana

The Guyana government says the decision by the speaker of the National Assembly to allow cuts to its budget estimates leaves it in a

precarious position and could affect the country's future development.

Attorney General Anil Nandlall said: "On one hand we have the court ruling in a particular manner specifically to say that in accordance with the Constitution of Guyana the National Assembly has no power to cut. That institution call the judiciary under our constitutional construct is the final arbiter on what the constitution says and what the constitution means.

"On the other hand, you have the National Assembly pronounced that it has to power to cut. So now we have a situation of utter and complete confusion."

Nandlall said he was convinced that there was a "serious conceptual difficulty" in understanding the role of the National Assembly and that the situation would further be compounded when acting Chief Justice Ian Chang gives his final ruling on the challenges to last year's budget cuts.

Recently Minister for Finance Dr. Ashni Kumar Singh presented a historic Guy \$208.8 billion budget that the government said would continue with the social-economic development of the country, but which the opposition claimed did not deal with issues such as poverty.

## Haiti

Haiti has launched an ambitious vaccine campaign against tetanus and the rotavirus that causes severe, fatal diarrhoea in children under the age of five.

The campaign comes a year after the Michel Martelly administration launched a similar campaign against childhood diseases, including measles and polio.

"To protect children against rotavirus is extremely important, especially in a place like Haiti where we also are seeing not a lot of high access to water and sanitation," said Dr. Carissa Etienne, the Dominica-born newly-appointed director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Etienne said she was among several medical professionals who joined Haiti's health minister in launching the nationwide vaccination effort. This year's campaign is coinciding with the World Health Organization's /PHAO immunization Week in the Americas.

## Jamaica

Jamaica's energy officials say the government plans to sell off the Caribbean island's petroleum mar-

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Governor General Dr. Cecile La Grenade.  
Photo courtesy of Grenada government

# Grenada swears in first female governor general

By Nelson A. King

A former head of the Grenada Public Service Commission was sworn in on May 7 as the first ever female governor general of the "Spice Isle."

Dr. Cecile La Grenade took the oath of office before Justice Margaret Price-Findlay, becoming the second woman to be the island's head of state and the sixth governor general.

The late Dame Hilda Bynoe, who died earlier this year, was Grenada's first head of state. She was the island's first governor with the attainment of statehood status from Great Britain in 1967.

La Grenade, a U.S.-trained food technologist, succeeds Sir Carlyle Glean, who served under former Prime Minister Tillman Thomas.

La Grenade, who was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) from Queen Elizabeth II for her work in managing the family-owned De La Grenade Industries, said she was "honored and humbled by the confidence placed in me with this appointment."

She noted that she was following in the "formi-

dable footsteps" of Dame Hilda, stating that the task ahead will not be easy.

The new governor general lauded her mother, Sybil La Grenade, a home economics pioneer, and her grandmother, Eva Oliver Sylvester, the first female to be elected to the Legislative Council in Grenada.

"All of these women pioneers were strong, committed, patriotic and dedicated individuals who seized the opportunity, not just to make history but to use the positions of power, decision making and leadership for the greater good of the people they served," she said.

"I have every intention of doing my utmost to continue the legacy that they have already established – the foremost being innovation, scholarship, service and patriotism," she added.

"My single ambition is to exercise the functions of this esteemed position with grace and honor in the manner in which the eminence of this high office dictates," La Grenade continued.

# PNC cries shame on ANC

## As Pretoria scrubs plan to honor Burnham

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyana's main opposition party, the People's National Congress (PNC), is describing South Africa's governing African National Congress (ANC) as a bunch of ingrates for cancelling plans to honor the late Guyana President Forbes Burnham, the former PNC leader, for his unwavering support for the African liberation movement during the apartheid years including allowing Africa-bound Cuban military planes filled with heavily armed troops to refuel here.

The People's National Congress (PNC) which ran the country for 28 years until 1992, said this week that the ANC should be ashamed of itself to "indefinitely postpone" the Order of the Companion (of O.R Tambo) to Burnham, being fully aware that Burnham had risked incurring the wrath of America and the West in general, had they known that Cuban planes with anti-apartheid fighters on their way to Southern Africa were allowed to pick up free fuel in Guyana.

Government officials in Pretoria, recently announced plans to scrub the award to Burnham because of lobbying from friends and associates of



Cuban President Fidel Castro (left) is shown with Forbes Burnham, premier of Guyana, Sept. 1973, in Guyana.  
AP Photo

world-renowned Guyanese academic Walter Rodney whose June 1980 assassination in Guyana has persistently been blamed on Burnham and his close men; charges the PNC have always denied.

"We did not beg for it," said former Guyana vice-president and retired PNC Leader Robert Corbin, who currently is an executive

member of the PNC, speaking of the award. The fact that (Burnham) is only now being recognized for all what he did for the Liberation Struggle in Southern Africa is in itself an insult to now say it is being withdrawn," Corbin said, adding that Burnham's Canada-based daughter and son-in-law were preparing to travel to Pretoria later

this month to receive the award, having been invited by authorities, when they were abruptly told about the postponement, because of Burnham's alleged involvement in the death of Guyanese academic Walter Rodney in 1980.

Rodney who had taught in Africa and had authored the respected, "How Europe

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# Lottery scammers face extradition to the US

PORTLAND, Maine, May 2, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- FairPoint Communications today praised Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Bill Nelson, (D-FL) for their efforts leading to the Jamaican government's recent decision to extradite lottery scammers to the U.S.

Last week, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica Pamela Bridgewater notified Sens. Nelson and Collins that Jamaican officials have agreed to extradite to the U.S. individuals involved in the lottery scam that is bilking hundreds of millions of dollars from senior citizens across the nation.

Sen. Collins repeated her assertions that the Jamaican

government has "turned a blind eye to this fraud" for years. In a story in the Portland Press Herald, Sen. Collins was quoted as saying, "I am deeply troubled that it has taken Jamaica so long - years - before getting serious about this problem that has robbed so many elderly Americans of their savings and their dignity."

In March, a Maine group led by FairPoint, traveled to Washington, D.C. to testify before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging about a telephone scam originating from the Jamaican 876 area code that has been targeting seniors in Maine and across northern New England.

The committee is chaired by Sen. Nelson and Sen. Collins is the aging panel's ranking member. Both senators have been pushing Jamaican officials to indict and then extradite scam artists operating out of Jamaica. Collins and Nelson also called on U.S. law enforcement agencies to step up efforts to combat the crime rings and assist victims.

The hearing investigated the scam that's sweeping the country and robbing many vulnerable seniors of their life savings. The scam has victimized elderly residents throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Officials estimate

that nationwide the losses exceed \$300 million.

The Jamaican Parliament then passed new laws criminalizing such scams with penalties of up to 25 years in prison. Passage of the bills came roughly two weeks after the Senate Special Committee's hearing as the scams received widespread media attention in the U.S., which is Jamaica's largest trade partner. Jamaica's leading newspaper - The Gleaner - published a story saying: "Jamaica's image will take a beating across the globe this week as the deadly lottery scam goes before the United States Senate."



# Green card debate

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tion campaign, and he owes them. Last year's election also sent a loud message to Republicans that they can't ignore this pivotal voting bloc.

It's been the kind of breathtaking turnaround you rarely see in politics. Plus, there's growing pressure from business leaders, who want to make it easier for the U.S. to attract highly educated immigrants and to legally bring in more lower-skilled workers such as farm laborers.

## What's The Problem?

Talk about "comprehensive immigration reform" generally centers on four main questions:

- \* What to do about the 11 million-plus immigrants who live in the U.S. without legal permission.

- \* How to tighten border security.

- \* How to keep businesses from employing people who are in the U.S. illegally.

- \* How to improve the legal immigration system, now so convoluted that the

adjective "Byzantine" pops up all too frequently.

## What's The Gang Of Eight?

A group of four Democrats and four Republicans in the Senate that crafted a bill to address all four questions. In a nutshell, this proposal would tighten border controls, allow more high- and low-skilled workers to legally immigrate, require employers to verify their workers have legal status, and create an opportunity for those who are in the U.S. illegally to eventually become citizens.

## Is There A Plan B? And C and D.

Obama has his own backup plan in case congressional talks fail, but he's given his support to the Senate bill as a worthy compromise.

In the House, Republican Rep. Bob Goodlatte, the head of the House Judiciary Committee, says his committee will tackle the main immigration issues one by one, instead of starting with a single sweeping bill.

Separately, there's a bipartisan House group working on legislation.

Obama says he will keep an open mind about the various proposals, but the final deal has to address all the big issues.

## Coming To America

A record 40.4 million immigrants live in the U.S., representing 13 percent of the population. More than 18 million are naturalized citizens, 11 million are legal permanent or temporary residents, and more than 11 million are in the country without legal permission, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a private research organization.

Those in the U.S. illegally made up about 3.7 percent of the U.S. population in 2010. While overall immigration has steadily grown, the number of immigrants in the U.S. illegally peaked at 12 million in 2007.

## Where From?

Twenty-nine percent of the foreign-born in the U.S., or about 11.7 million people, came from Mexico. About 25 percent came from South and East Asia, 9 percent from the Caribbean, 8 percent from Central America,

7 percent South America, 4 percent the Middle East and the rest from elsewhere.

The figures are more lopsided for immigrants living here illegally: An estimated 58 percent are from Mexico. The next closest figure is 6 percent from El Salvador, says the government.

## Where To?

California has the largest share of the U.S. immigrant population, 27 percent, followed by New York, New Jersey, Florida, Nevada, Hawaii and Texas, according to the Migration Policy Institute, a private group focused on global immigration issues.

California has the largest share of immigrants in the U.S. illegally, at 25 percent, followed by Texas with 16 percent. Florida and New York each has 6 percent, and Georgia has 5 percent, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Associated Press writers Alicia Caldwell and Erica Werner contributed to this report.

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# Clean energy

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ment officials and financiers from the region attend the two-day conference "to discuss success stories and the future of clean fuels in the region."

LAC-CORE also awarded the first annual Clean Energy Award to Jose Maria Figueres, President of the Carbon War Room and former President of Costa Rica.

The award is given jointly by LAC-CORE and Spanish-language Clean Energy magazine to "a public figure who has done significant work towards the advancement of renewable energies in the region," St. James said.

"President Figueres is an important leader in the work being done in the region to build a sustainable energy future for the world," he said.

"This year's Forum was a remarkable success – clean energy in the region is growing rapidly which is why it is important to coordinate policies and share best

practices," said Henry Hely Hutchison, managing director of Euromoney Energy Events, which produces high-profile events for energy professionals worldwide.

"The leaders at REFF-LAC are exactly the right people to develop the finance mechanisms and policies that will continue to drive the growth of clean energy," he added.

Reports indicate that clean energy investment in non-Brazil Latin America last year reached US\$4.6 billion, a 127 percent increase from 2011.

"Clean energy investment in many of these countries has now reached equity with Brazil," said St. James.

"Growth in our industry is supported by investment and smart policy decisions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean," said ACORE president Dennis V. McGinn. "The value chains we are creating are compelling," he added. "I am optimistic about the future, based on the knowledge we have shared during the past two days."

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# Warner gives up his parliamentary seat

By Azad Ali

Former National Security Minister Jack Warner has resigned his seat in the House of Representatives as Member for the Chaguanas West constituency in Central Trinidad.

He made the announcement when he addressed a crowd of supporters at a special rally last Thursday at the Felicity Recreation Ground, Charlieville, which is part of his constituency.

His resignation became effective on April 26, 2013. However, Speaker Wade Mark is yet to make the announcement declaring his seat vacant. Parliament has been adjourned "to a date to be fixed" and it is expected that he would do it once the House of Representa-



Former National Security Minister Jack Warner. AP  
Photo/Shirley Bahadur, file

ment tradition, after having resigned his Cabinet portfolio as National Security Minister a week ago amid allegations of fraud while he was head of CONCACAF football organization.

Warner handed in his resignation to Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the day after she returned from an official visit to Canada.

However, Warner said he would seek to contest the bye-election as a United National Congress (UNC) candidate again.

Warner had won the seat with over 18,000 votes as a UNC candidate in the May 24, 2010 general election.

The Chaguanas West constituency is regarded as one of the UNC's stronghold.

tives sits again.

This move by Warner, 70, has triggered the process of holding a bye-election for the seat within 90 days.

He told his constituents he was resigning in keeping with the high Parlia-

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# Haiti in a leadership role

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, April 26, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Haiti hosted the 5th Summit of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) this week in Port-au-Prince and the event proved to be an extraordinary show of support for President Michel Martelly and Prime Minister Laurent

Lamothe who have long noted that this Caribbean country is indeed headed in the right direction. By week's end nearly 20 heads of state or government had come and gone after signing the Summit's final declaration without incident. At the closing ceremony it became clear that the Martelly/Lamothe government was also assuming surprising leadership role in Caribbean affairs and was quickly inserting Haiti into the most important hemispheric discussions

The ACS is a multilateral organization that groups nations of the broader Caribbean Basin including Colombia, Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico and most of Central America. Attending the ACS's Fifth Summit were President Enrique Pena Nieto of Mexico and Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia who extolled wide praise on the government of Haiti's ability to bring together such as wide group and for moving the country in a decidedly positive direction. Also in attendance as an observer was President Sebastian Pinera of Chile among others.

During the even Haiti showed off its new hotel infrastructure in Port-au-



Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto, right, speaks with Haiti's President Michel Martelly, center and Haiti's Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe during the final day of a meeting by leaders from the Association of Caribbean States in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, April 26, 2013.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

Prince as hundreds of Summit delegates and journalists covering the event were able to stay in comfortable first class accommodations. Until very recently obtaining a hotel room in Port-au-Prince was difficult owing to the collapse of existing infrastructure during the 2010 earthquake and the lack of investment in new tourism infrastructure during the last three decades.

In hosting the Summit, Haiti also showed that it is a safe destination. Indeed hosting so many heads of government is a major security challenge. Apart from the usual traffic jams generated by the movement of such important people, no major security concerns were evident around Port-au-Prince and the visiting presidents and prime ministers got in and out of town

without problem.

The most positive outcome for Haiti was the leadership role it has assumed in Caribbean affairs. The ACS meeting -and the presence of so many heads of state-is a huge boost for a country that has been absent in regional and broader hemispheric affairs for the better part of its history.

The success of the meeting coupled with its chairmanship of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) -- the other major sub regional organization-- has provided Haiti with an extraordinary platform to showcase its achievements and to become a leading actor in Caribbean affairs. Going into the last weekend of April, the Martelly/Lamothe government's slogan that Haiti is moving forward was slowly becoming a reality.

# Airport named after Chavez

By Azad Ali

Haiti is naming an airport in the country's north after the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Cap-Haitien International Airport will now be called the Hugo Chavez International Airport, said Gary Bodeau, a spokesman for Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe.

The airport's 17,500-foot runway was repaved in October with a loan from the Venezuelan government.

The repair came just in time for the inauguration of an industrial park in the north that is largely financed by the United States government.

Like the U.S, Venezuela has been one of Haiti's biggest supporters. Venezuela pledged \$1.2 billion for Haiti, more than any other country, following the 2010 earthquake but releases just \$222 million.

Venezuela's PetroCaribe

fund has also helped Haiti. Haiti has used millions of money from the pact that was created in 2005 to pay for fuel, renovate power stations and develop a social program for the country's poorest people.

Both Lamothe and President Michel Martelly attended Chavez's funeral.

Martelly recently attended the inauguration of Venezuelan President-elect Nicholas Maduro.





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# Small businesses say raise minimum wage

By Holly Sklar

Do you think a national poll of small business owners would show majority support for increasing the minimum wage? How about a poll in which the small business owners were predominately Republican?

Well, 67 percent of small business owners support increasing the federal minimum wage and adjusting it yearly to keep up with the cost of living, a new poll shows. Forty-six percent of respondents identified themselves as Republican, 35 percent as Democrat and 11 percent as independent. The nationally representative opinion survey of small business owners was conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research and released by Small Business Majority.

Often-heard claims that most small business owners oppose a minimum wage increase are wrong. Small business owners across the political spectrum believe a minimum wage increase would boost business and help the economy. They think it will help job growth, not hurt it.

Sixty-five percent of small business owners agree that "increasing the minimum wage will help the economy because the people with the lowest incomes are the most likely to spend any pay increases buying necessities they could not afford before, which will boost sales at businesses. This will increase the customer demand that businesses need to retain or hire

more employees."

Greater New York Chamber of Commerce CEO Mark Jaffe was not surprised the national poll found strong business support for increasing the minimum wage. "That's what our members have told us," he said. "It makes good economic sense. A minimum wage increase will boost the consumer demand that spurs businesses to hire and grow."

Workers are also consumers. The minimum wage sets the floor under worker paychecks. Minimum wage increases have been so little and so late in recent decades that there's been heavy erosion in the buying power of the minimum wage, and in worker wages up the ladder.

The federal minimum wage was last increased in 2009 to \$7.25 an hour – just \$15,080 a year for full-time workers. Today's minimum wage workers are paid much less than their counterparts decades ago.

Adjusted for inflation to 2013 dollars, the minimum wage was \$8.56 an hour way back in 1956. At its inflation-adjusted high point in 1968, the minimum wage was worth \$10.70.

Contrary to conventional portrayal, the overwhelming majority of small businesses don't have any employees earning minimum wage. The poll found that 85 percent of small business owners pay all their employees more than the minimum wage.

Minimum wage workers are

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# McCarthy - the best choice to head the EPA

By Richard Eidlin

It is one of the great myths of our political debate that we must choose between economic growth and environmental protection. Gina McCarthy, President Obama's nominee to head up the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has spent her career proving this a false choice.

McCarthy has been an advocate for crafting solutions to environmental challenges, while simultaneously increasing market certainties and creating opportunities. For the business community, certainty translates into confidence, and confidence leads to more investment, more jobs and more robust growth.

Created in 1970 by President Nixon, the EPA has to balance the nation's allegiance to individual rights with its equally cherished commitment to protecting the environment commons. EPA administrators, regardless of party, have relied

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on a mix of regulatory and market forces to ensure that our air, water and soil allow future generations to thrive, while dealing with serious challenges. Having worked in both Democratic and Republican administrations, McCarthy understands that good regulations can bridge partisan divides.

She also appreciates that preserving natural resources and the ecosystem in which we live and upon which our children depend is inherently a conserva-

tive idea. As Sen. Barry Goldwater wrote in *The Conscience of a Majority*, "While I am a great believer in the free enterprise system and all that it entails, I am an even stronger believer in the right of our people to live in a clean and pollution-free environment."

Now, almost 50 years later, our nation faces even more serious environmental challenges. Cancer-causing chemicals proliferate. Increasing levels of greenhouse gas emissions continue to pose health and economic challenges. A new report by the EPA found that the majority of rivers and streams in the United States can't support healthy aquatic life, and the trend is going in the wrong direction. The report labels 55 percent of the nation's waterways as being in "poor" condition.

These challenges call for a well-funded EPA, managed by an administrator who appreci-

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# Appeal for Caricom leadership

By Abiola Inniss

The last decade has seen the emergence of the Internet at a pace that has left those who use it scrambling to grasp at the enormity of its existence. Policy makers, rights holders, legislators, content creators, users, producers, and a host of others while caught up in its momentum, are still uncertain about how to treat with the issues of regulating aspects of its usage. Some proponents of regulating the usage of the internet think that the interests of all parties should be balanced as fairly as possible through the use of regulations, while others feel that the free market should dictate its development, letting the chips fall where they might.

The issue is not simply one of regulating the usage of the internet by giving rights to those who have or claim entitlement, and making everyone else pay for access to those materials they wish to use, it goes far deeper into complex issues and intersects in a number of areas as it does so. The field of international intellectual property and its attendant laws and policy issues have effects that reach from the top levels of management of large international companies, to the ordinary woman sitting in an internet café in a Caribbean country, making an internet call to the United States about the next expected remittance, or the offshore internet gaming employee in Antigua or the Bahamas. Issues

of international trade law, consumer laws and protection, private international law, international finance and local regulatory provisions (where these exist), all combine to create a convoluted mass through which considerable navigation skills (mostly legal) are needed to make any sense of it.

Throughout the years there have been a number of attempts to regulate the varied forms of intellectual property usage by the establishment of conventions such as the Berne and Paris Conventions to which signatories agreed to implement laws within their own countries which would reflect the intention of those agreements and give reciprocity

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# Warner enjoins the public to defy reality

After Jack Warner resigned last month from the cabinet of Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Trinidad and Tobago's prime minister, we pretty much surmised that, as far as this space was concerned, the question of any further notice of Warner had been effectively put to rest. An odious guy who evidently believes fat-wallet status guarantees him access to anything upon which he sets his sights (whether or not a situation conventionally lends itself to any "purchase"), Warner had stood as one of the symbols of the government's reckless disregard for principled governance ever since he held a ministerial post while a FIFA vice president. Shame on us for misreading the resignation gambit, for thinking the resignation would end the hokey stuff from one of the main clown acts in the circus.

Warner must think he is an absolute master of sleight-of-hand and subterfuge. Assuming his first portfolio, ministry of works, the razzle-dazzle impetus kicked right in, with a Johnny-on-the-spot, first-man-on-job regimen. With a "hardest working minister" reputation duly established, who among the citizenry would dare ponder that Warner had no business being simultaneously a

minister of government and FIFA big cheese? But as one knew to be inevitable with the man, it wouldn't be long before there'd be a dicey intersecting of those two lines of authority. Warner's ambitious move in backing a representative from Qatar in a challenge to the sitting FIFA president was perhaps where things began coming unglued beyond Warner's calculations. The alleged distribution of cash bribes to regional football representatives at a Port of Spain meeting became what came to be seen as one power-grab maneuver that was the bridge too far.

Still, though, the irresistible predisposition to duping whoever cared to listen to his rants. The turn of events, with a FIFA inquiry into the bribery scandal that forced him to resign from the organization rather than face the music (which assuredly wasn't going to be "He's a Jolly Good Fellow"), was smoothly papered over in the Warner accounting. He resigned from FIFA, he declared, because he loves Trinidad and Tobago and chose to work for the country. Of such is the man: an unusual specimen wherein resides this incomprehensible penchant for lumping all but himself

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

into one humongous ship of fools.

The prime minister of the country is not without blame, naturally, for having named Warner to the cabinet in the first instance in an appearance-of-conflict situation so crystal clear. And Persad-Bissessar only compounded the bad call by subsequently making Warner minister of national security. This feigning indifference, if that's what it was, by the prime minister to all the crap swirling around Warner was the kind of devil-may-care display from her that for the umpteenth time called her judgment into question. Persad-Bissessar acting clueless as to the far-reaching implications of a radioactive Warner overseeing Trinidad and Tobago's security wasn't exactly a badge of honor for the lady.

We don't know whether that report last month on the financial affairs of CONCACAF, the regional football body, that called out Warner big time and caused him to resign

from the cabinet, also prompted a call from his party colleagues that he resign as chairman of the party and relinquish his parliamentary seat. The first would be more plausible. Asking Warner to give up the seat he holds in Central Trinidad would be foolhardy for the party, the United National Congress, to have done, given the situation on the ground. But here was Warner, after he had resigned all three positions, in the wake of damning evidence made public of his finagling ways in CONCACAF, again running true to form with a subterfuge routine. As he instructed, "the people" were supposed to turn a blind eye to the misappropriating, double-dealing, what-have-you that transpired in CONCACAF that some learned professionals had investigated and revealed. He resigned, Warner said, because he realized there were individuals, presumably within the party fold, who were out to get him.

It gets more preposterous. The problem, he said, became really serious when he saw that some of his colleagues in the party had made a "slide into gutter politics." Yup, that's what the press quoted Warner saying to a public gathering the other day. Warner, who has

shown a preference for a retort that involves invoking the questioner's mother, or something comparable, when an issue he deems out of bounds is raised with him. Warner, who said of that activist on a hunger strike a while ago, that the man should "hurry up and dead." His party's gutter politics appalled him, he said.

Those unimaginably dumbfounding remarks were made at a rally in his former constituency where he was launching his bid to be a candidate for the seat he resigned. The beat goes on. It's anything for a sideshow. Warner's antics will be a continuing distraction, regrettably so. But there's nothing more pleasing to the man himself. Having by now gotten used to the idea of possessing the wherewithal to be a "fixer" of all things – no exceptions -- he isn't about to let a FIFA inquiry that forced his ouster from there or a CONCACAF report that forced him out of government, to derail his locomotive. Denial of reality will continue ad infinitum. The tragedy is there'll likely be enough lame-brained lackeys around to keep him secure in his state of sick self-deception.



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# Minimum wage increase

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more likely to work for big chains than small businesses.

Sixty-five percent of small business owners agree that "increasing the minimum wage would allow people to afford basic necessities and decrease the pressure on taxpayer-financed government assistance to make up for the low wages paid by some employers."

Lew Prince, owner of Vintage Vinyl in St. Louis, Mo., made similar points in testimony to a U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing on minimum wage in March. Prince spotlighted the irresponsibility of big corporations paying wages so low that workers qualify for food stamps and Medicaid.

Citing the Missouri Healthnet Employer Report, Prince said, "In the first quarter of 2011 (the latest data available) Wal-Mart alone cost Missouri taxpayers \$6,506,254 in Medicaid costs. McDonald's

cost \$3,781,373."

"It hurts our economy when big chain stores pay workers so little they have to work two jobs or rely on public assistance to scrape by," says Melanie Beam, president of Capital District Local First, an independent business alliance in New York. "Full-time workers should be able to afford the basic necessities businesses are eager to sell and no business owner who pays a living wage should be undercut by competitors who do not. A higher minimum wage would level the playing field for small businesses and keep more dollars circulating in our local economy and our tax base."

We can't build a strong economy on a falling wage floor. The minimum wage would be over \$10 if it had kept up with the rising cost of living since the 1960s instead of falling behind.

Most small business owners, like most Americans, want a minimum wage increase. Let's get it done.



Gina McCarthy.

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ates the need for both market-based approaches and effective regulatory policies that together can encourage choice, provide clear pricing signals, avoid hidden costs and hold industry accountable.

In her 25 years in public administration, McCarthy has been an environmental advisor to five governors, including former Gov. Mitt

Romney. At the EPA, she has been adept at listening to and working with the private sector to set clear rules.

As assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, McCarthy shepherded through new carbon pollution standards, issued jointly with the Transportation Department's fuel economy standards. Those standards will nearly double the

# EPA nominee

fuel economy of new cars and light trucks, and cut carbon pollution of vehicles in half by 2025. These new standards are good for the environment, and will reduce reliance on foreign oil imports.

These standards are also good for business, helping companies save money on fuel and operating costs and allowing them to better compete against foreign corporations. Moreover, auto manufacturers, biofuel producers, venture capitalists and the clean-energy sector were given the confidence they need to invest in new technologies and products that make these fuel efficiency standards a reality. McCarthy helped open the door for these investments and future savings, and she did it while working with industry to fine-tune details that will make for a smooth transition.

Whoever takes the reins at the EPA will face other challenges as well. The Toxic Substances Control Act is in desperate need of

reform. The EPA is currently undertaking an important study on the environmental impact of hydraulic fracturing, which will be published in 2014.

Several business organizations, including the American Sustainable Business Council, have endorsed McCarthy to be the EPA's administrator because of her experience bridging the gap between business and environmental concerns.

The business community can be confident that McCarthy will work with the private sector in a transparent way that gives us the clarity we need to write our business plans and make investments that matter for the economy. We can be united in our support because she has done it before. And as she has said, "Environmental protection is not a partisan issue."

*Richard Eidlin is policy director for the American Sustainable Business Council.*

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# Intellectual property rights

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among signing nations. The World Trade Organization and the famous TRIPS agreement (Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) to which developing countries are forced to adhere if they wish to benefit from trade agreements with developed countries, is a stark reminder of the financial power of the intangible known as intellectual property rights and the quest for absolute control over it.

CARICOM and its Caribbean Single Market and Economy secretariat are yet to respond to the growing complexity of international intellectual property in any comprehensive manner and to proffer its citizens some form of leadership on the issues. Internet law is as yet underdeveloped in the region and the lack of investment in technological research and development will serve to ensure that no forward movement is made in this direction. The WIPO World Intel-

lectual Property Indications Report of 2012 has once again reflected the lack of any significant growth in research and development through patent filings in the Caribbean Region augments this position. The list of top 20 country offices that reflected increased patent registrations belonged mostly to developed countries with a few from Asia, namely China and India, though Brazil and Mexico did present a notable number of registrations. The reports from past years (available at [www.wipo.int](http://www.wipo.int)) indicate that there is a direct correlation between research and development and patent filings, both of which have been instigated by the private sector and the governments of the countries listed. I have discussed this issue at length in the WIPO Journal issue of November 2012 and am still firmly disposed to the position that the responsibility for encouraging innovation and research remains with CARICOM and its leaders. Just as CARDI (Caribbean

Agricultural Research and Development Institute) was founded, a regional institute for the development of technological innovations needs to be established. No single country within the Caribbean region has the capacity to single handedly tackle the issues of research and development at the level and pace required for any competitive contribution in this field, so that insularity and national pride are of no use to Caribbean citizens in this situation.

Connecting the internet to intellectual property in the Caribbean requires the political and intellectual will of those in authority to create the opportunities for this to happen by developing research and development collaborative agreements, and by establishing the facilities for the purpose. It goes without saying that this is a matter of great urgency. It is left to be seen how the policy makers will act.

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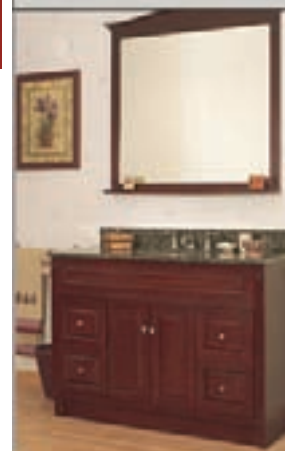
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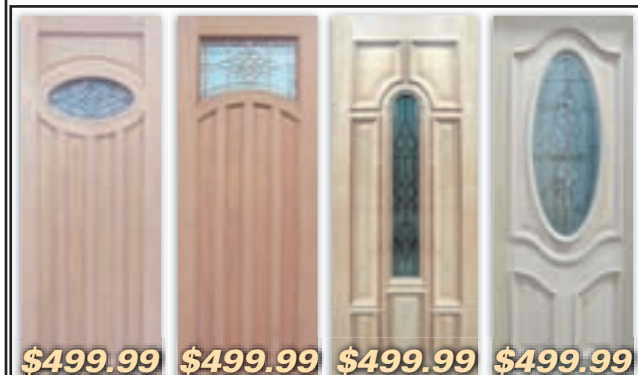
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keting company.

In his budget debate presentation, Minister for Energy Philip Paulwell announced that the Cabinet had decided to divest the Petroleum Company of Jamaica, usually referred to as Petcom.

Paulwell says a valuation of the state-owned company is being done and a team has been established to move the privatization plans forward.

He is encouraging local investors to bid on what he describes as an "important Jamaican asset."

In recent years, Jamaica has sold off several state-owned businesses. These include money-losing entities such as national airline Air Jamaica and sugar factories.



### Trinidad

The Trinidad and Tobago government is negotiating with authorities in Canada for the purchase of two long-range Multi-Mission Aircraft to assist in the fight against crime.

This was revealed in a joint release by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and her Canadian counterpart Stephen Harper following a joint news conference in Canada recently.

Persad-Bissessar was on an official four-day visit to Canada.

The statement said Canada and T&T shared a common interest in improving security throughout the Americas.

With a view to achieving this, they welcomed the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between T&T's National Security Ministry and the Canadian Commercial Corporation. The MoU relates to the development and implementation of projects in the field of defense, security and related infrastructure.

The MoU will facilitate closer ties between the two countries, including the provision by Canadian companies of technology and services to enhance the capacity of defense and security institutions in T&T.

The prime minister also noted that Canada's Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program was supporting T&T in modernizing criminal investigations.



### Jamaica

Jamaica's National Security Minister Peter Bunting is admitting the fight against crime seems to be a futile endeavor in Jamaica.

"I am not embarrassed to say that right now as minister of National Security, I am going through a kind of dark night of the soul.

"We are trying very hard as a ministry; I see the men and women of the security forces are trying very hard, I see the leadership both of the police and the military working hard and so much effort is being made and yet so little headway, such slow headway is coming out of the statistics," he said, days after the wife of the Governor General, Lady Patricia Allen express growing frustration with the



level of crime in the country.

Bunting speaking at the recent annual appreciation service for policemen at the Northern Caribbean University in the central parish of Manchester, reflected on his 15 months in the job and offered a frank assessment.

"I am convinced that the best efforts of the security forces by itself will not solve the crime problem in Jamaica, but it is going to take a divine intervention, touching the hearts of a wide cross-section of the society," he said.

### Trinidad

A high-powered meeting of government officials within CARICOM and South America will take place in Port of Spain this month to create sustainable forms of tourism, with the understanding that the efficient air-links would be crucial to achieving this objective.

Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Dookeran said sustainable tourism for Trinidad and Tobago is one of the seven pillars through which the State aims to diversify the local economy away from energy.

Dookeran said the meeting was being held to better understand the commercial requirements of the airlines, as governments move to improve inter-Caribbean trade and visitor arrivals.

The meeting follows concerns raised at an Association of Caribbean States congress in Panama recently. There, it was agreed the time has come for regional leaders to deal directly with the question of connectivity.

Colombia's Foreign Minister, Maria Angela Holguin, undertook the responsibility to co-ordinate the effort to have serious discussions on the air-links between the Caribbean and South America.



### Jamaica

Police have charged three persons, including an activist with the main opposition party in Jamaica, in connection with the multi-million dollar robbery at a jewelry store last month.

Police said they have charged Kayon "Treasure" Campbell, a political activist with the Jamaica Labor Party (JLP), businessman Donald Ho and Norman Robertson from Spanish Town, St. Catherine.

Campbell and Robertson were charged with robbery with aggravation, illegal possession of firearm and conspiracy to commit robbery, while Ho is charged with receiving stolen goods, illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Campbell and Ho have been in custody since April 18, eight days after the daring daylight robbery on April 10 when a gunman walked into the jewelry store and made off with more than Jam\$7 million worth of Rolex watches.

Police said they recovered all the 23 watches stolen and also seized US\$150,000, two licensed shotguns, one illegal firearm and a quantity of ammunition.

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# Maximizing the Coney Island business space

By Lin-Jay  
Harry-Voglezon

Consulting and marketing firm, Anchor Strategy Group prepared for a large turnout at its launching of “shopconeyisland.com” on Wednesday, April 17 at its 540 Coney Island office, but a disappointing few turned up for the business informative and instructive evening. Among the several business representatives were special invitee City Councilman Mathieu Eugene, who in his brief remarks identified examples of archaic business laws in Brooklyn, and suggested that the firm could become a much needed advocate for small businesses or liaison between the City Council and businesses. **Shopconeyisland.com** represents an expansion of the business-support services offered by Anchor Strategy Group which was started in May 2009 by , Jamaican Kevin Howell, the managing director. It is promoted as an “online marketing platform for all the businesses from Park Circle to Avenue H” and is expected to later accommodate all businesses along the five miles of Coney Island Avenue. This first phase covers approximately 50 percent of the distance and includes



Front: Nicole Scott, Damian Allen and Sherri Williams Back: Emine Ziyatdinova, Natalee Scott, Kevin Howell and Hichem Benazzouz.

105 businesses.

Anchor's Director of Strategy, Grenadian Damian Allen said their very experience in Coney Island demonstrates the need for the marketing portal. The Anchor Strategy Group he said, on opening its Coney Island office in January this

year, wanted signs made and its floor done. For over two months it “looked all over” and even got quotations from China. But just across the road, unknown to the firm at the time, is a producer of quality signs at competitive prices who completed the task within a

day. This is the kind of problem constraining business growth and efficiency in the Coney Island area, Allen remarked; people within and without the community scarcely know what is available and by whom. He sought to debunk the complaint that Coney Island

Avenue is not business attractive, explaining that notwithstanding the ethnic restaurants and haberdasheries, the area is essentially an “industrial space” where you can find lots of hardware products and services.

He attributes the business constraints mainly to

the immigrant demographics of the area. It is segmented among Pakistani, Indian, Jewish, Trinidadian, Jamaican and others who seemingly do not engage each other. The marketing portal however is expected to break the isolation of the businesses through online listings and networking. The businesses may be listed for free but a minimum fee would be required for promotional content. The website would also post a newsletter which reports on events of the area. According to Howell the biggest challenge is to get immigrant business owners “to think bigger than they are”.

The Anchor Strategy Group has “trained, directed and coached over 1,000 business owners” across North America, the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa in areas such as finance, marketing, technology and strategy, the group claims. They see themselves as “key strategic partners” to Caribbean and immigrant businesses. Recently Anchor Strategy Group sealed a business deal in Barbados for the marketing of Sea Island Cotton and is currently negotiating other business deals in Guyana.

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# Brooklyn nurses fight 'diabesity' in seniors

This week marks National Nurses Week – and what better way to celebrate the men and women who have dedicated their lives to helping others than by highlighting the wisdom that they've shared in our own community? Home care nurses serve as the “eyes and the ears” of the doctors, helping patients navigate and manage their healthcare every step of the way. Tanya Kaplan, a registered nurse with the not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Service of New York, the nation's largest home- and community-based health care agency helps Brooklyn seniors everyday manage a range of chronic diseases and life interruptions, including diabetes.

“Diabesity” is a preventable but deadly disease. Excess weight destroys the body's ability to process sugar properly, with life-threatening consequences. While you can't change having a family history of diabetes, you can do something about other risk factors, such as being overweight or sedentary (inactive). If you or a loved one has diabetes, your doctor will suggest lifestyle modifications and may prescribe medications to control blood sugar levels.

The good news is, fighting diabesity

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sity also helps you reduce the risk of long-term complications, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney or nerve damage and vision problems. To get your diabesity under control, you'll need to consider a number of factors, including exercise, proper nutrition, monitoring your blood sugar, and taking medications effectively so you can reduce the risk of long-term consequences and feel better.

### UNDERSTANDING DIABETES

If you have diabetes, your body doesn't produce enough insulin, or your body doesn't respond well to insulin—an important hormone. Insulin helps your body move glucose from the foods you eat into your cells for fuel (energy). There are a variety of symptoms of uncontrolled diabetes, from fatigue to increased thirst and urination to slow wound healing. Blood sugar monitoring, healthy eating, exercise and taking doctor-prescribed medications properly are important steps in managing this chronic condition.

### Three Steps To Beat Diabesity

“If you're overweight, eating poorly or exercising infrequently, don't wait until you're diagnosed with diabetes to make lifestyle changes,” advises Kaplan. “There are three things you can manage now, whether you've got diabetes or not.”

#### 1. Nutrition

This is the number one issue for someone confronting diabesity. “When a VNSNY dietician creates a care plan for the member,” explains Kaplan, “he or she is going to focus first on diet.” When shopping and planning meals for someone with diabetes:

- Exclude all refined sugar.
- Eat slowly and chew your food well.
- Add fruits and vegetables to the diet
- Avoid white flour, choosing brown rice and whole-wheat pasta.
- Avoid salt and fat in cooking. Use vegetable spray and add herbs, seasoning and spices to add flavor to food.
- Avoid drinking soda and juice. Eat fruit instead and drink low-fat milk.
- Control portions and don't skip

meals.

- Eat fish at least three times a week.

A caregiver should also make sure that a diabetic loved one has sugary items on hand in case of an emergency. “Always examine the refrigerator,” says Kaplan “and make sure that orange juice is present, and hard candy is kept at hand.”

#### 2. Hydration

Water may be the secret weapon in weight loss, say researchers in the U.S. and Germany. Although the impact is modest and the findings are preliminary, the researchers say water consumption increases the rate at which people burn calories which could have important implications for weight-control programs. Drinking water packs a one-two punch for those with diabetes, since insulin dries out the natural moisture of the skin. “Make sure someone with diabetes drinks enough water,” advises Kaplan. “Caregivers should check skin for dryness and encourage hydration.” He suggests filling a pitcher to the maximum daily requirement in the morning, dispensing water by the cupful, and making sure the pitcher is empty

by bedtime. A minimum of 8 cups of total fluids is recommended in a day unless restricted by other medical conditions.

#### 3. Exercise

Staying active is a critical part of keeping diabetes under control. Interval training -- alternating between short periods of high-intensity exercise and longer periods of low-intensity training -- can be done at all fitness levels. It burns more fat and calories than trekking along at a constant pace.

Research shows that exercising like this improves endurance, strengthens the heart and has positive effects on metabolism. If you go for a walk, power-walk for a minute or two every five minutes. A minimum of 30 minutes of exercise everyday is recommended. If you jog, bike or swim, bump up the intensity every few minutes and sustain that pace for at least 60 seconds. (Always check with your doctor before embarking on an exercise regime.)

To learn more about programs that can help you or someone you love cope with diabetes, visit [www.VNSNY.org](http://www.VNSNY.org) or call 1-800-675-0391.

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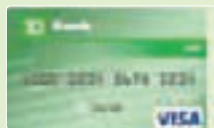
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# Choosing a weight loss plan that's right for you

(Family Features) Losing weight and getting into shape is a goal many Americans aspire to achieve. Choosing a weight loss plan that fits your lifestyle is a crucial first step in developing the diet that works

for you.

The road to a sound weight loss plan should begin with the following

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steps:

### Talk with your doctor

First and foremost, speak with your doctor. Your healthcare provider can help you set attainable weight loss goals as well as discuss any medical conditions you have or medications you may take that could affect your ability to modify your diet. Talking with your doctor can help you find a plan that's tailored to your particular needs.

### Choose the right plan for you

One size does not fit all when it comes to diets. In fact, several studies featured in the International Journal of Obesity Supplements (IJOS) reported that adults with greater insulin resistance are more successful with weight loss on a low-carbohydrate diet compared with a low-fat diet. In such cases, a low-carbohydrate diet such as the Atkins Diet has been proven to have positive results on insulin resistance. Dieters start with a focus on carbohydrates from vegetables and slowly add back fruit, nuts and whole grains as one's carb balance is established and weight loss goals are met. Opt for a diet backed by science over the latest fad.

### Commit to your Plan

Losing weight and keeping it off requires a long-term commitment. Once you have developed your weight loss plan it is impor-

tant that you stick with it. You need to make healthy changes to both your diet and lifestyle.

Your diet should include foods you will enjoy eating for a long time, not just for a few weeks or months. Adopt a plan that gives you the ability to enjoy a variety of food options. For example, if you are a veggie lover, the Atkins Diet could be a good plan for you to follow. From day one, the low-carb diet allows you to consume more vegetables than are recommended by USDA Guidelines. In fact, you can even follow Atkins as a vegetarian or vegan. Finding a plan that works for your lifestyle and incorporates more of the foods you already love will help reinforce your new healthier eating habits.

### Drink more water

The Beverage Institute reports that the average adult in the U.S. gets a significant portion of their calories from beverages, mostly in the form of carbohydrates. Avoid drinking sugary sodas, juices and alcohol, and replace these with more water.

### Rally support

The first few weeks of the diet can be the most difficult. To be successful, look to family and friends who have made similar lifestyle changes for support and advice.

Doing a little homework and smart planning can help you choose a weight loss plan that will help you be successful both now and for the rest of your life. For more tips, ideas and free tools, visit [www.atkins.com](http://www.atkins.com).



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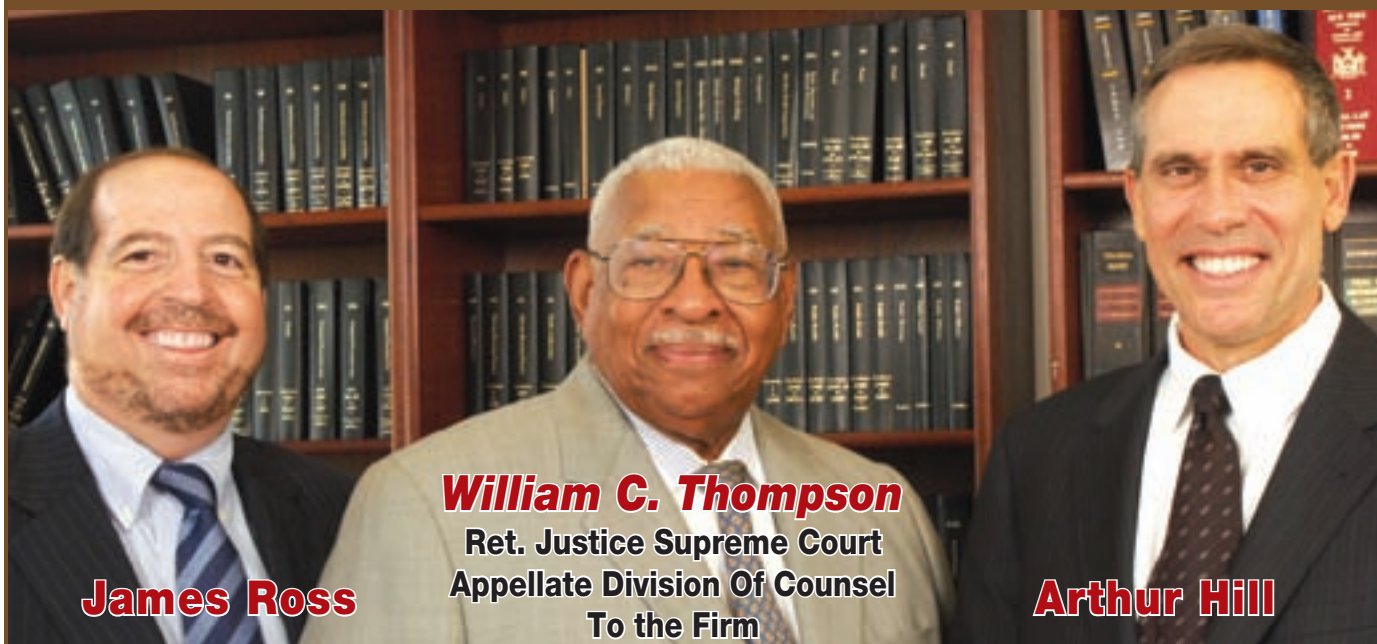


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# Tips for launching a businesses

(StatePoint) Tired of taking orders? Have a great business idea? May, which is National Small Business Month, is a great time to think about starting your own endeavor.

But do you have what it takes to do it all yourself?

A new survey of business owners, conducted by Deluxe, a provider of marketing services and products to small businesses, concludes that small business owners share many of the same tendencies and even similar personal histories -- a sort of unique DNA that allows them to thrive.

For example, when it comes to heredity and actual DNA, 76 percent of small business owners have relatives who owned businesses. And 86 percent are ultra-confident, believing they can do anything they really set their mind to.

Most interestingly, the research found a tendency to try and fail, then succeed. Seventy-seven percent of small business owners surveyed said they would



Proud owner opens for business.

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rather learn from failure than never try at all.

"With confidence, drive, tenacity and talent, small business owners will improve their chances at being sustainable and profitable," says Tim Carroll, vice president of small business engagement at Deluxe.

In time for National Small Business Month, here are some tips for those looking to launch businesses:

- Do your research:

While starting a business involves risk, you can mitigate some uncertainty with proper research. In fact, seventy-nine percent of small business owners research products before purchasing, according to the survey -- a tendency that far exceeds that of the general population.

Have a clear understanding of your market, competitors, expected startup costs, overhead and return on investment. Know who your customer base will be and learn about them.

- Build a brand: Powerful branding differentiates a company from its competitors, making it easier for customers to choose that company for business relationships, and allows a company to get referral business.

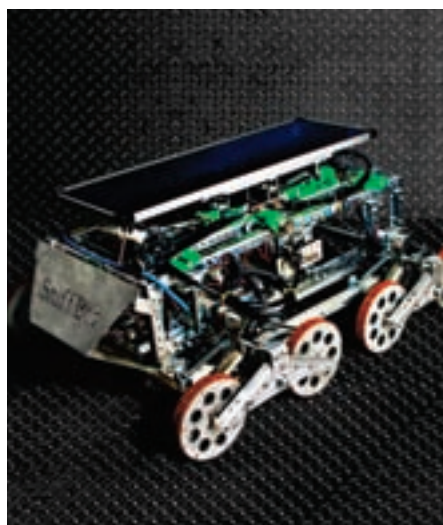
However, don't wing it yourself on your home computer. A professional design team can help you stand out for the right reasons. For example, Deluxe offers logo packages that can include a

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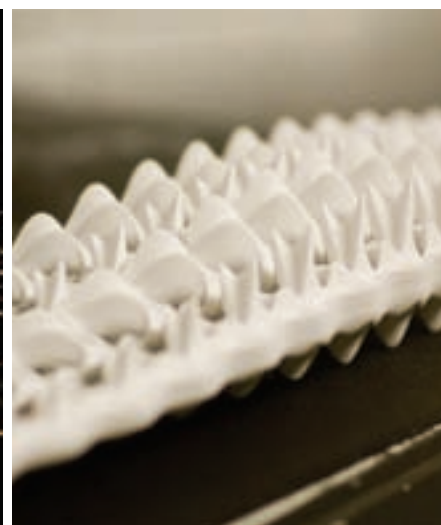
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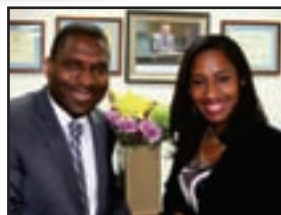
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St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Ambassador to the United Nations Camillo Gonsalves.  
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## St. Vincent co-chairs UN Marine Group

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' UN Ambassador Camillo Gonsalves has been appointed co-chair of the UN Marine Assessment Process and lead spokesman for group of states advancing Security Council reform.

Gonsalves said on May 1 that the appointment demonstrates his country's continuing consolidation of its leadership role at the global body.

Regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, is a UN-mandated effort to gather the relevant international experts together to produce the first ever global marine assessment of the world's oceans and seas, including socio-economic aspects.

"The international community has recognized that local and regional marine environmental assessments have lacked the context of a global overview of the state of the oceans, and have not always assessed the full range of human activities that impact or depend on ocean resources, or changes in goods and services related to the ocean," Gonsalves said. "The availability of data and information in different regions has also been highly variable," he added.

The United Nations General Assembly plays an essential role in ocean governance and policy development. The international community expects the global assessment to provide decision-makers with accurate information on the state of all aspects of the marine environment, including the impact of land-based activities on the marine environment.

Gonsalves said the outcome of the regular process should help policymakers to make informed choices, respond effectively to challenges and coordinate activities for the benefit of countries sharing the marine environment.

He said the Ad Hoc Working Group recently discussed issues related to capacity-building, the format, financing and focus of the Marine Assessment, and gave direction to the experts working on the assessment document.

The assessment document is expected to be up to 750 pages long and contain the input of as many as 2,000 experts in their respective fields, Gonsalves said, adding that experts from Barbados, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica are already participating in the process.

In addressing the open-

ing of the week-long meeting, Gonsalves said that the importance of this session cannot be overstated in the Caribbean and in most other regions.

"My region's ties to the ocean and marine environment are cultural, economic and existential," he said. "Our fisherfolk, our coastal residents, our tourism industry, our commercial traffic, our traditional ways of life and our very identity are intrinsically intertwined with our marine environment," he added.

"Our future development, and our role as stewards of this precious resource, is dependent on sound data and improved capacity to utilize that data in an efficacious manner," he continued. "These issues, to varying degrees and priorities, are common concerns of all member states, and our common goal of a healthy and productive marine environment."

Gonsalves co-chairs the Ad Hoc Working Group with João Madureira of Portugal. They jointly preside over a 15-member bureau, which includes representatives of Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Korea, Sri Lanka, Bulgaria, Estonia, Ukraine, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Greece, Spain and the United States of America.

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# Haitians want L'Ouverture Day in U.S. calendar

By Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

At the 9th Annual Toussaint L' Ouverture Symposium and Small Business Expo, held at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, on Friday evening April 19, a petition by Jacques A. Dorcelly to name April 7, Toussaint L' Ouverture Memorial Day in the U.S. calendar met with unanimous support and standing ovation. It is to be delivered to the New York State House, New York State Senate, Governor Andrew Cuomo, United States House of Representatives, United States Senate and President Barack Obama. One may endorse it at [http://signon.org/sign/for-a-toussaint-louverture?source=c.em.cp&r\\_by=6728256](http://signon.org/sign/for-a-toussaint-louverture?source=c.em.cp&r_by=6728256)

Keynote speaker Mayor Joseph Champagne, Esq. of the Borough of South Toms River, New Jersey, contended that L'Ouverture who was born in slavery in 1743,

became free at age 33, and spearheaded the Haitian Revolution (1790- 1804), was greater than George Washington and Napoleon yet he is under-recognized. Mayor Champagne noted that over 250 books were written about L'Ouverture who did not need to read a book to understand the value of freedom, justice and equality. But through his actions and the revolution was responsible for "freedom for all in the New World" while helping the USA to double its size in 1803. "It's payback time" said the Mayor, alluding to the fact that even those who benefited through L'Ouverture saw him as a despised Negro. He added, "You don't have to be Haitian to step up."

In October 1880 the vast Louisiana Territories were ceded to France. Napoleon then embarked on aggressive French expansionism on the American Continent.

But L'Ouverture who became General-in-Chief in 1797 and later Governor General of Haiti, the most important and richest French colony in the Caribbean, defeated Napoleon causing him to sell those territories to the U.S. in 1803 for only \$15 million or 4 cents per acre. It cost no American life. That represented "one of the greatest land bargains in history" making the USA 828,000,000 acres or 16 colonies larger. "All of the Indian Territory, all of Kansas and Nebraska and Iowa and Wyoming and Montana and the Dakotas and most of Colorado and Minnesota and all of Washington and the Oregon States" (Rev. Talmage De Witt, Nov.28, 1908) became colonies of the USA.

L'Ouverture, described by some authors as humble and spiritually superior to his contemporaries, is also credited with facilitating American merchants dur-



City Comptroller and Mayoral Candidate John Liu (center) with awardees Reverend Dr. Yves Pierre, Affinity Health Plan representative and other officials.

Photo by Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

ing 1796-1797 to by-pass the European trade embargo, by initiating a trade agreement with the John Adams government of Britain. The agreement allowed British trade at Haiti's ports and safeguarded US exports to Europe through Haiti. That was critical to the American economy.

The HABNET Chamber of Commerce co-hosted

the symposium and expo with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Councilmembers Jumaane D. Williams and Mathieu Eugene, in celebration of L'Ouverture and the co-naming of Nostrand Avenue as Toussaint L' Ouverture Boulevard. Two awards were also delivered at the event.

The Service Award recipient is Reverend Dr. Yves

Pierre while the Organization of the Year Award goes to Affinity Health Plan. Reverend Pierre, a social worker and linguistic specialist, was also awarded by the Office of Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, for engaging his Church of God parish in support of community endeavors and continuous assistance to Haiti.

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# Romance with a touch of spice

*"Can't Stand the Heat" by Shelly Ellis  
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**By Terri Schlichenmeyer**

Sometimes, your entire life feels like a recipe for drama.

Oh, you really hate it and you'd like to wipe your plate clean of it all, but that's never gonna happen. No matter what's cooking around you, there's always an extra ingredient to increase the tension: raw emotion, sliced egos, boiling tempers, a teaspoon of tears, a pinch of regret, and two cups of family.

It's a daily dish you wish you didn't have, and you're not alone. In the new book "Can't Stand the Heat" by Shelly Ellis, drama causes quite a stir.

Embody grace and glamour, always. Be the image of perfection, especially to men. Don't go after someone your sister called dibs on. Have a second-stringer in the works before you leave a man, and

be sure you take everything you can on your way out.

Those were just a few of the Gibbons Family rules, passed down from Grandma Althea, now enforced by Mama Yolanda. All the Gibbons girls followed the rules – except Lauren.

Oh, Lauren used to play along. She took money and gifts from James for months, but once he started acting like he owned her, she knew she had to leave him. On the

night he beat her almost unconscious, she finally did.

And she'd never been happier.

Her raggedy little apartment was no mansion, but it was hers. When she was with James, all she did was shop, but now all she did was work and her job as sous chef at Le Bayou Bleu made her heart sing. Best of all, she wasn't beholden to any man. She was flat-broke but she'd die before she'd take anything from a man again.

And then she met Cris.

He was a retired NFL player, handsome and smart, and though he heard rumors around town about "those Gibbons girls," he believed Lauren when she said she wasn't like her sisters anymore. He actually stood up for her once so, though she guarded her feelings close, she began to believe that Cris wasn't like other men who just wanted one thing from her.

And he wasn't – but some-

one else was. Someone who thought Lauren was his property, who figured he practically owned her.

Someone who vowed that he'd never give her up without a fight...

Looking for something lightly romantic but with a touch of spice? Then "Can't Stand the Heat" should be at the top of the menu.

Like any good book cook, author Shelly Ellis changes up the standard boy-meets-girl recipe by adding in a bit of comedic drama in the form of four gold-digging women who stop at nothing to fleece their men. Yes, that's a little over-the-top, but it's also very entertaining – and though the plot has a pretty obvious ending, it'll keep you guessing nonetheless.

As the first novel in a new series, this book is perfect for a vacation, beach, or weekend read and will make you hungry for the next installment. If "Can't Stand the Heat" sounds tasty to you, then dish it up quick.

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# Future Olympians shine at 2013 Penn Relays

Jamaicans from as far away as London, England – and all points in between – converged at the Franklin Field in Pennsylvania to reminisce, congregate and cheer their high school teams of choice, country and region.

But mostly they were drawn to the 119th annual Penn Relays to indulge their passion for track and field and also provide support against some formidable teams from the United States and other parts of the world.

Dave Johnson, director of Relays, said officials received 1,070 entries and expected 50 foreign teams to participate. The Penn Relays, which began in 1895, hosts high-school athletes and Jamaica's entrance began in 1964 when several Jamaican high school teams traveled from the tiny island nation to match their skills against athletes from professional teams, colleges and universities here.

This year good weath-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

er and several Olympians attracted record numbers, which peaked past the entire population of Grenada's 110,000.

An estimated crowd of 111,284 attended.

Jamaica's black, green and gold colors were dominant. Emblazoned on flags, T-shirts, bandanas and numerous visible paraphernalia, the banner proved indistinguishable from all the others. Chants between American supporters and their Jamaican counterparts during the US vs. the World relays stole the spotlight.

Perhaps, the annual highlight, the fierce rivalry generated by the US vs. the World relays has seen the likes of Usain Bolt, Michael Johnson, Veronica Campbell Brown and Allyson Felix. Last year, Team USA swept the world

relays for the first time in history, and a stellar international contingent sought to topple them this year. More than 15 countries competed, with relays contested in the 4x100, 4x400, women's 4x800m and men's distance medley relays.

U.S. Olympic silver relay medalists Justin Gatlin, Trell Kimmons, Ryan Bailey, Doc Patton and Jeff Demps beat the Jamaican team of Nesta Carter of the 2012 Olympic gold medal relay, along with Jason Young, Kimari Roach, Dexter Lee and Rasheed Dwyer in the Men's 4x100-m

This time, Jamaica settled for second (3:01.15), Bahamas for third (3:02.23) and the second home entry, USA Blue, ran fourth (3:02.64.)

But Jamaican women were unrivalled in the 4x100-m.

Jamaica's female champs anchored by two-time Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce proved no match for the USA's team. When the gun signaled the start for Anniesha McLaughlin, Sherone Simpson and Kerron Stewart there was no looking back or stopping until the finish.

The Jamaican team of Simpson, Stewart, McLaughlin and Fraser-Pryce ran 42.42 seconds, the second fastest in the world this year. Three of the women -- with the exception of McLaughlin, ran in the London Olympics last summer, as the Jamaicans beat the USA Blue and USA Red. The women's sprint relay team was the only winners of the four Jamaican squads that competed. The men's 4x400m team, behind a brilliant anchor leg from Errol Nolan was edged out by USA and had to settle for second place.

The women had previously won in 2002 with the team of Tanya Lawrence,

Merlene Frazer, Beverly McDonald and Juliet Campbell, and were awarded the 2004 victory after the USA team that included sprinter Marion Jones who was disqualified.

Yesterday, Simpson gave the team a decent start, handing over to Stewart, who ran fiercely to hold off Allyson Felix. She handed the baton in front to McLaughlin. Fraser-Pryce, who was beaten in her previous appearance was determined to win. She held off the meteoric Jeneba Tarmoh who anchored the USA Red team.

Afterwards Fraser-Pryce told reporters she knew the USA, even without Carmelita Jeter, who sat out the meet, would be strong.

"I knew they were strong, the world record holders and favorites, but we had no fear, we came in here relaxed and everyone was in good shape."

"When I got the baton in front there was no way I was going to allow her to

catch me."

The USA won three other "USA Vs. The World" events - the men's 4x100, the women's 4x400 and the women's 4x800.

In the women's 4x400, a close finish placed the USA Red's 3:22.66 to Great Britain 3:22.68 and Jamaica's 3:24.11.

Perhaps the most spectacular home team win came in the women's 4x800.

The Penn Relays highlight six USA vs. The World relays - the men's and women's 4x100-meter and 4x400, plus a distance medley relay for men and a 4x800 for women. The gold-medal men's 4x400 relay team from the Bahamas competed.

A pair of Olympic individual gold winners - Kirani James of Grenada (400 meters) and Felix Sanchez of the Dominican Republic (400 hurdles) competed for the Caribbean all-stars in the same race.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Patti Labelle comes to Lehman Center

By Deandra Shuler

If you want a “New Attitude,” get yourself down to Lehman Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m., to catch Patti Labelle in concert. You can purchase tickets at the Lehman Center Box Office because Patti “Loves, Needs and Want’s You” to attend her concert. Lehman Center is located at 250 Bedford Park Blvd., West in the Bronx.

Patti has been a musical staple since the 1960s, when she burst into the music world with her group The Bluebelles. She was the lead singer for the group for 16 years, before the group changed their name to Labelle in the early 1970s. I know fans remember some of her hits like: “New Attitude,” “Lady Marmalade,” “Love, Need and Want You,” and “On My Own.” She will be regaling the Lehman



Patti LaBelle performs during the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

Center audience with some of these songs on May 11.

Ms. Labelle has sold over 50 million records worldwide and was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the Apollo Hall of

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## Cicely Tyson’s Broadway ‘Trip’

By Vinette K. Pryce

After a 30-year hiatus from the stage, film actress Cicely Tyson is getting bouquets, accolades and standing ovations eight times weekly for her role in “The Trip To Bountiful” which opened for a limited engagement at the Stephen Sondheim Theater.

Just one week after opening, the veteran actress received added endorsements when she was named one of only a handful of nominees for theater’s



Cicely Tyson, left, and Condola Rashad, during a performance of “The Trip to Bountiful” at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in New York.

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Joan Marcus

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# MOTHER’S TRIBUTE

Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds performs at the 17th Mercedes-Benz Carousel of Hope Ball in Beverly Hills, California.

AP Photo/Chris Pizzello

## Babyface, GUY for MSG concert

By George Marrast

New Yorkers can expect an unforgettable Mother’s Day Weekend with R&B hit-makers Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds and “GUY” on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at The Theater at Madison Square Garden.

For one night only, these Grammy Award winning, BET Award honorees, Billboard Chart topping artists will perform hit after hit

to their fans. This Mother’s Day Concert will be one for the books as these Grammy Award winners and legendary performers - Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds and “Guy” will bring the house down.

“Babyface” has garnered many titles over the years: a prolific hit maker/producer, superstar recording artist, and revolutionary label owner. The 10-time Grammy win-

ner with 11 solo albums of his own, Edmonds’ impeccably crafted explorations of love, romance and relationships and have made an indelible imprint on the evolution of contemporary pop music throughout the world. Edmonds keeps adding milestone after milestone to a legacy that seems to have no threshold or peak in sight. He is

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# TOP OF THE CHARTS

## TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 Stay**  
Rihanna Feat. Mikky Ekko
- 2 When I Was Your Man**  
Bruno Mars
- 3 Just Give Me A Reason**  
P!nk Feat. Nate Ruess
- 4 Feel This Moment**  
Pitbull Feat. Christina Aguilera
- 5 Mirrors**  
Justin Timberlake
- 6 Can't Hold Us**  
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis...
- 7 Suit & Tie**  
Justin Timberlake Feat. Jay-Z
- 8 Daylight**  
Maroon 5
- 9 Thrift Shop**  
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis...
- 10 Heart Attack**  
Demi Lovato

## TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 To Be Loved**  
Michael Buble
- 2 Bankrupt!**  
Phoenix
- 3 The 20/20 Experience**  
Justin Timberlake
- 4 Side Effects Of You**  
Fantasia
- 5 #willpower**  
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- 6 Save Rock And Roll**  
Fall Out Boy
- 7 The Heist**  
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- 8 Indicud**  
Kid Cudi
- 9 Night Visions**  
Imagine Dragons
- 10 The Truth About Love**  
P!nk

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# Concert

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currently in the studio working on new material for his next solo album.

"GUY" was formed in Harlem, N.Y. in 1987. The group consisted of: singer-songwriters Teddy Riley, Timmy Gatling and Aaron Hall. They are known for having a massive impact and seminal influence on the formation of contemporary R&B, hip-hop, soul and pop since the 1980's. With their smooth groove, "GUY" is ready to thrill audiences worldwide.

The renowned and newly renovated theater at Madison Square Garden seating capacity is 5,600. This fully appointed theatrical venue, serves as a perfect setting for such a concert. It gives the fans and artist a chance to connect and become intimate with each other. The venue is known for hosting legendary concerts of all genres of music, from Hip-hop to Country music. Showcasing the smooth sounds of R&B, Jazz, Funk from the 80's & 90's, and, "New Jack Swing" a sound created by Teddy Riley of Guy.

In addition, the concert has chosen the American Foundation for The University of The West



From left, Aaron Hall, Teddy Riley and Damion Hall of the group Guy pose backstage at the 9th Annual BET Awards.  
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Indies (AFUWI) Scholarship Fund as its official beneficiary. For further information on AFUWI Scholarship Fund visit: [afuwi.org](http://afuwi.org)  
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cial guest appearances and more. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with Showtime at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchase by visiting [TICKETMASTER.COM](http://TICKETMASTER.COM)

or call (866) 858-0008. For further information on the concert, call (718) 282 - 8041. The event is being produced by Jammins Entertainment.

# Bountiful

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highest honors in the Best Lead Actress in a Play category for a Tony Award.

Allegedly Tyson eyed the role for almost three decades.

She reportedly hoped to portray Mrs. Carrie Watts, the character Geraldine Paige conquered in a 1985 film. Tyson is a reputed thespian and quite a conquerer herself therefore with an ensemble cast comprised of Vanessa Williams and first-time Broadway actor Cuba Gooding Jr., when the offer came she immediately signed on to take on the challenge.

From every seat, Tyson champions the role.

As ageing Mrs. Watts her discontent focusses on returning to the smells, sounds and sights of a small town in rural Texas called Bountiful. She was forced to abandon the green haven because the house she cherished had become too demanding. Her only son, Ludie (Gooding) worried she might be too frail to take on the challenge of a house, farm and fast abandoning community. To ease his concern, he imported his



Vanessa Williams, left, Cicely Tyson, center, and Cuba Gooding Jr., during a performance of "The Trip to Bountiful" at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in New York.  
AP Photo/The Hartman Group, Joan Marcus

loving mom to the city of Houston to share a two-bedroom apartment with his materialistic, pretentious, upwardly mobile, lazy and fashion-frenzied wife, Jessie Mae (Williams).

Together, they are not unlike any average couple who inherits an in-law. Each individual expresses an intentioned perspective.

Tyson is able to hold the attention of nightly audiences all by herself. She sings and the audience sings with her.

# Patti Labelle

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Fame, the Songwriters' Hall of Fame as well as into the World Music Awards. She has appeared in "A Soldier's Story," "A Different World," "Mama, I Want to Sing!," "Cosby," "Living It Up with Patti Labelle," "Top Chef" and "Preaching to the Choir" contributing her both her singing and acting skills."

Lehman Center will be sponsoring a Spring Gala and Benefit with The Montefiore Children's Hospital, which will take place the day of the concert. It will be held in the Lehman Center lobby from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. "We will be serving wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Gala and Patti will attend. So if people want to say hi and snap photos, they can. I cannot guarantee that they can get close to her, but they can share the same space. I am also proud to help young artists. Patti loves to do that as well. So, Lehman will be featuring Xavier Lewis, who was a contestant on America's Got Talent, as Patti's opening act. He is a very talented young man whose song, "Georgia Clay," was featured on

the Steve Harvey show. Also, Xavier was the Grand Prize Winner of the Georgia Lottery All Access Music Search for Pop/R&B, and his single was featured throughout the State of Georgia. So, we encourage people to attend the Gala. For information about it, call 718-960-8835," said Eva.

Adding to her many talents, Labelle has authored and co-authored books such as "Don't Block the Blessings," which was on the NYT's bestseller list for weeks, "Patti Labelle's Lite Cuisine" (recipes suited for people living with diabetes), "Recipes for the Good Life," "Patti's Pearls," and "Labelle's Cuisine: Recipes to Sing About."

Patricia Louise Holte, a.k.a. Patti Labelle, has earned her props as America's premiere R&B and soul songwriter, singer and film and stage actress. She was known for her larger than life personality, outrageous costumes and hairstyles and is still known for her booming voice. Reflecting on her life, Patti remarked, "I would say that I am pretty blessed.



# Blue-collar beau meets bourgie fiancée's family

Good (2 stars)  
Rated PG-13 for profanity, sexuality and drug use  
Running time: 95 minutes  
Distributor: Lionsgate Films

By Kam Williams

After dating for over a year, Wade Walker (Craig Robinson) is head-over-heels in love with his girlfriend, Grace (Kerry Washington). He's ready to pop the question, and has even purchased a ring, but there's a slight problem: he still hasn't met her parents yet.

Because of her background, Grace is a little ashamed of her beau's modest background. After all, she's a high-powered Manhattan attorney with a proven pedigree, while he hails from the 'hood and makes a living by performing at children's birthday parties.

Concern about their class dif-

ferences has Grace taking off alone to the tip of Long Island for a weekend getaway at her family's waterfront mansion. Rather than sit at home licking his wounds, Wade decides to force the issue by crashing the gathering.

His unexplained presence gets under the skin of Grace's father, Judge Virgil Peebles (David Alan Grier), an overbearing patriarch with a need to control. Furthermore, Grace is afraid to tell him the truth about the nature of her relationship with Wade, which serves to establish the familiar, sitcom scenario revolving around a big lie that must be kept hidden at all costs.

Written and directed by Tyler Perry protégé Tina Gordon Chism, "Peeples" is a fish-out-of-water comedy whose stock-in-trade is making fun of the contrast between po' and bourgie black folks. Ala popular Perry TV programs like House of Payne and Meet the Browns, the produc-



Grace Peebles (Kerry Washington, left), Wade Walker (Craig Robinson, center) and Virgil Peebles (David Alan Grier, right) in Tyler Perry presents "Peeples."

tion is littered with colorful, two-dimensional characters bordering

on caricatures.

There's Wade's embarrassingly-

ghetto brother (Malcolm Barrett) who also shows up unannounced. He's an oaf who puts his foot in his own mouth by suggesting that Grace's lipstick lesbian sister (Kali Kawk) "looks too good to be gay." Wade conveniently loses his wallet upon arriving, which means he looks like a total loser when he can't pay for anything.

You get the idea. Is it funny? I suppose, provided you're in the target demo and haven't seen "Jumping the Broom," another comedy set at a beachfront estate (on Martha's Vineyard in that case) and pitting crass blacks from the wrong side of the tracks against the others with their noses in the air. From shoplifting to lip-synching to skinny-dipping to a sweat lodge to skeletons-in-the-closet, "Peeples" throws everything at the screen but the kitchen sink, and just enough sticks.

An amusing, if not exactly original, African-American-oriented variation on "Meet the Parents."

## Independent & Foreign Films

And Now a Word from Our Sponsor (Unrated) Quirky comedy about an advertising executive (Bruce Greenwood) who can only speak in commercial slogans after suffering a brain injury while watching television. Ensemble includes Parker Posey, Callum Blue and Allie MacDonald.

Erased (R for violence) Cat-and-mouse thriller about a former CIA agent (Aaron Eckhart) who ends up on the run with his estranged daughter (Liana Liberato) after they are both marked for termination as part of a wide-ranging international conspiracy. With Olga Kurylenko, Kate Linder and Neil Napi-er.

Sightseers (Unrated) Dark comedy about a guy (Steve Oram) with a secret agenda whose attempt to take his sheltered girlfriend (Alice Lowe) on a romantic vacation around the British Isles is frustrated by everything from bad weather to noisy teenagers. With Eileen Davies, Richard Glover and Monica Dolan.

Venus and Serena



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

(Unrated) Tennis documentary highlighting the challenges faced by the Williams sisters on and off the court over the course of 2011 season. Also featuring appearances by Chris Rock, Bill Clinton and Common, as well as reams of archival footage of the competitive siblings being groomed for greatness by their father during childhood.

#### BIG BUDGET FILMS

Aftershock (R for rape, profanity, nudity, drug use and graphic violence) Harrowing horror flick, set in Chile, about a half-dozen tourists' (Eli Roth, Ariel Levy, Nicolas Martinez, Lorenza Izzo, Natasha Yarovenko and Andrea Osvart) ordeal trying to survive the chaos and collapse of civilization in the aftermath of an 8.8 magnitude earthquake. With Selena Gomez, Dayana Amigo and Paz Bascunan.

The Great Gatsby (PG-13

for sexuality, smoking, violent images, partying and brief profanity) Leonardo DiCaprio handles the title role in this adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic chronicling the decadent indulgences of a tight-knit set of friends out on Long Island during the Roaring Twenties. With Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton, Isla Fisher and Gemma Ward.

Peeples (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Tyler Perry produced this kitchen sink comedy about a social climber (Craig Robinson) who shows up unannounced at his girlfriend's (Kerry Washington) family's summer home in Sag Harbor to ask her uptight father (David Alan Grier) for her hand in marriage. Supporting cast includes S. Epatha Merkerson, Tyler James Ferguson, Kali Hawk, Diahann Carroll and Melvin Van Peebles.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

#### HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH:

**AYITI MARCHÉ:** Haitian Kreyòl for Open Market the Ayiti Marché will bring together several Caribbean and American business and service providers offering a wealth of information and merchandise significant to the Haitian and Caribbean Diaspora inclusive of an art and photo gallery and tasty delectable native dishes and treats with live and recorded music throughout. The “Ayiti Marché” will be available pre- and post celebration. Christian Cultural Center, 12020 Flatlands Ave., 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Ticket information: Free and open to the public. Visit online at [community2community.info](http://community2community.info).

**“HOPE AND A FUTURE” – A CELEBRATION OF HAÏTI:** Haitian culture explodes as a variety of international and national cultural artists representing such genres as jazz, R&B, inspirational, rock, and Haitian music along with dancers, spoken word artists and others take center stage in celebration of Haitian Heritage Month. The event will include a special tribute to Haitian Flag Day (May 18) and Haitian Carnival. Christian Cultural Center, 12020 Flatlands Ave., 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Ticket information: Complimentary tickets – suggested donation fee \$35. For additional information, visit online @ [community2community.info](http://community2community.info).

**AYITI MARCHÉ:** Ayiti Marché – The Ayiti Marché continues in the lobby and mezzanine areas of Christian Cultural Center. 9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Ticket Info: Free and open to the public. Visit online at [community2community.info](http://community2community.info).

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

**CANCER SCREENING:** The Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care and Montefiore Medical Center’s Division of Dermatology are offering free melanoma/skin cancer screenings for people of all ages. Screening participants will undergo a total skin exam that takes 10 minutes and can save their lives. All screening participants will receive a free UV wristband to monitor exposure to harmful UVA and UVB rays. The sun-sensitive band changes color to show when to reapply sunscreen and when to get out of the sun. Appointments are encouraged, but not required. Call (718) 862-8840 to register and for more information. Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, 1521 Jarret Place, Bronx, NY 10462.

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

**WORKSHOP:** At the Homebuyers’ Workshops, bank representatives, mortgage consultants, and a licensed architect will take participants through the home buying process—including the initial decision making cost analysis, criteria for selecting the right home, and the “do’s and don’ts” of filing mortgage applications. **FREE** 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. Held at the bank’s White Plains Road branch – 3824 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY; 718-882-0440

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event marketing” from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Seating is limited, all participants have to be registered. To RSVP, call (718)722-9217 or email [info@mynacc.org](mailto:info@mynacc.org), 26 Court St., Suite 7011, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

**WORKSHOP:** Storytelling: How to Tell Your Story and Communicate Better, offers experiential exercises and take-aways that you can use on the phone, when you meet new people and for presentations with industry professionals, peers and audiences. Led by professional storyteller/author Slash Coleman, you’ll leave this workshop with the framework of a versatile, compelling, authentic and personal true story that conveys who you are and what you do. Workshop is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Queens Council on the Arts, 37-11 35th Ave., Astoria, NY 11101 (Entrance on 37th Street) M/R train to Steinway, N/Q train to 36th Ave. Admission is \$10 (Members free) Cash payment accepted at the door. Registration required. RSVP at [www.queenscouncilarts.org](http://www.queenscouncilarts.org).

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

**HEALTH FAIR:** The Haitian-American Community Coalition, Inc. (HCC) and the AIDS Leadership Coalition (ALC) will launch “Be the Parent Day” from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. in commemoration of Haitian flag day. Sponsored by EmblemHealth, and inspired by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz’s “Take



**COMPUTER TRAINING:** Mount Carmel Worship and Outreach Center is holding adult and children computer training programs, 10:30 a.m 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Call (917) 609-0909 for registration details.



**IMMIGRATION SERVICES:** Free immigration services. Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 67 Hanson Place, Office of Council Member James. Call (718) 260-9191.

Your Man to the Doctor,” HCC stresses a call to action for young adults to bring their parents and/or guardians to the event, to receive tests for vision, blood pressure, diabetes, glucose, HIV and Hepatitis C, along with weigh-ins, health education and fitness consultation. The event will offer free giveaways, demonstrations, live DJ and live performances. Partnering organizations include: GMAD, VOCAL-NY and Housing Works, among others. Flatbush-Caton Market (794-814 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226),

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### ONGOING

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3 - TUESDAY, JUNE 11

**ART EXHIBITION:** Come and see Siobhan McBrides exhibit at the Pelham Art Center. Siobhan McBride of Miami, FL, is the winner of the 2013 Alexander Rutsch Award and Solo Exhibition for Painting. This is the seventh year that Pelham Art Center is presenting the biannual award. The jury selected McBride from more

than 650 applicants from across the country. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham, NY 10803. For more information, call 914-738-2525 or send email to [info@pelhamartcenter.org](mailto:info@pelhamartcenter.org). Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Directions: Located five blocks from the Hutchinson Parkway exit 12 and two blocks from the Metro North Pelham stop.

### UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 11

**CELEBRATE NURSES:** Help us honor nurses by submitting their names and related information. As the selection is made we will forward the names of the nurses who will receive an award and an invitation to the nurses ball. Please submit names to [jacobshyatt@gmail.com](mailto:jacobshyatt@gmail.com).

### UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 11

**LIVING WITH DIABETES:** This six-week mind/body/spirit approach to diabetes management was developed by Stanford University and offers research-proven success for those who complete it. Take control, renew your sense of well-being and lead a healthy, fulfilling life. You’ll learn how to: manage symptoms, better understand your condition, reduce stress and boost confidence, problem solve and better manage everyday tasks, gain control of your diabetes and have more energy to devote to feeling healthy, content and nourished. This event is free. All who plan to attend must pre-register by calling 1-646-476-1294, 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, Queens.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Are you looking to improve your life? Take a class at Community Learning Center: How to Write a Book or Script, Create a Resume, How to Create Wealth, Get/Keep a Spouse, Start a Business. Classes for everyone. Community Learning Center 147-12 Archer Ave., Queens. For more information/RSVP, call (718) 291-1094.

**DONATIONS:** St. Robert Bellarmine Church is joining efforts with the Dioceses of Trenton to bring relief to victims in the hardest hit areas. The church has organized a sorting sub station in the parish and will be delivering donations to various locations shortly. The church is seeking donations of cardboard shipping boxes for packing or rubber bins for storage for victims. Donations are tax deductible and the church will provide you with a receipt upon request. Feel free to contact St. Robert Bellarmine Church at any time Attn: SRB Hurricane Relief Effort, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728 or [srbwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:srbwelcome@gmail.com), Pam Stengel (732) 580-0075, Linda Altini (917) 578-4852. Phone: (732) 462-7429 or Fax: (732) 409-3496.

**QUEENS SICKLE CELL:** The Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network, 207-08 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, N.Y., presents a Parent to Parent Support Group meeting every first Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. For directions and registration, call (718) 712-0873 or email [Qscanorg@verizon.net](mailto:Qscanorg@verizon.net).

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# Mill Basin Day Camp offers kids great summer fun

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

"Kids need day camp, now, more than ever," says Jack Grosbard, owner of Mill Basin Day Camp. "It can enrich one's life in unexpected ways."

Mill Basin Day Camp is eager to provide your child with this type of summer experience. Moreover, it will prepare them for the future, while they have fun, says Grosbard.

The program engages children in activities that promote character building, healthy living, and interacting with the community, he says. Children spend enough time indoors all year long, playing video games, watching television, and maybe, doing some homework. Summer is the time to get outside and experience the world. Mill Basin Day Camp provides this opportunity.

"Kids need to catch tadpoles in the creek, wander among the trees, and feel the sun on their faces to un-



Clockwise from left to right: Cheers for the Mill Basin Day Camp. Camp goes cool down around the pool. Kids in the day camp take part in all the offered activities. Photos by Steve Solomonson.

derstand the importance of those things," he says.

As they learn about the great outdoors, they become more concerned about the environment, the planet, and the community in which they live. In short, being a good camper means being a productive citizen.

"That's what Mill Basin Day Camp is all about," he says. "We have grown over the past 14 years to become

the most popular summer camp program in the Brooklyn and Queens areas."

The staff is comprised of professionals, and many of them work in child-related fields throughout the year. The staff includes licensed New York City Department of Education teachers and deans. Aquatics programs are staffed by certified and licensed personnel, as required by the city's Board

of Health and the American Red Cross, he says.

"We equip our staff and facility with the latest, most modern safety and technological products," says Grosbard. "Safety is our highest priority."

Throughout the building there are video cameras that are taping at all times, he says.

"Every activity room is equipped with a phone that

connects to 911 and to the main camp office, via intercom. We also have a public address system throughout the facility, and each of our directors carries two-way phones and radios so we stay in constant contact."

The modern, fully air-conditioned facility offers a wide range of age-appropriate activities for children in grades pre-K through nine.

Grosbard says he understands the needs of working parents, so the camp has a flexible registration program. Parents can make adjustments by adding, subtracting or changing weeks.

"It is never a problem at any time," he says. "If summer school is a worry for you, our program is entirely refundable at any time prior to the first day of camp."

The camp starts on Monday, July 1, and runs through Friday, Aug. 23. Campers can participate in programs that run from four to eight weeks, or three, four, or five

days per week.

"Camp promotes community," says Grosbard. "It teaches children how to get along with others, how to work in groups, and how to look out for one another. They understand there are rules and boundaries, as they learn to socialize with members outside of their immediate family."

As children begin to understand the leadership roles of camp directors and counselors, they learn to become leaders themselves, he says.

Parents are welcome to contact Mill Basin Day Camp to tour the facility and speak with a representative.

*Mill Basin Day Camp [5945 Strickland Ave. at 56th Drive in Mill Basin, (718) 251-6200, [www.MillBasinDayCamp.com](http://www.MillBasinDayCamp.com). Office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 11 am-4 pm; and Saturdays, 11 am-1 pm.*

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# Creating foods with talent and flair

## Marrying tastes and textures for your palate

**By Tequila Minsky**

It's not so much that Elle Philippe, aka Chef Elle is a mango expert; it's just that she's devoted to food and with talent and flare, she masters marrying tastes and textures together. And, she loves mangoes.

"My grandparents had a farm in Leogane," the Port-au-Prince native explains. "I had a great childhood. We'd visit every summer. My brothers and sister and I would have a contest: who could collect the most mangoes."

With a dreamy look in her eyes she'd list their finds—Madame Blanc, Fil, and Corne, " mentioning just a few of the 140 varieties of mangoes grown in Haiti. "Oh, Muscat! They're so fragrant, so tasty." Raving, she sums it up; "There is nothing better than a Haitian mango!"

Here in the Big Apple, green grocers and sidewalk vendors are now prominently displaying their selection of mangoes, particularly identifying Haitian mangoes. It's Haitian mango season for these fleshy—yellow when ripe, kidney bean shaped delights.

The variety Madam Francique (Madam Francis or Francine) is the only mango exported from Haiti and from the streets of Jamaica, Queens to the precisely placed displays of Whole Foods to the shops in Flatbush, it is the only type you can get in New York.

Chef Elle is taking full advantage. For the last two weeks, the chef has been on a mango marathon.

She has concentrated a lot on salads, bringing the sweet and melting texture of the mango to a variety of salad fixings. Her octopus salad adds the seafood to mixed greens over a bed of medium sliced mangoes with a shallot white balsamic vinegar



dressing.

One afternoon she made two vegan salads, one, seared tofu over a layer of mangoes topped with mesclun—young salad greens and a vinaigrette dressing, the other was the same replacing the tofu with sautéed shitake mushrooms.

In another dish, she layered puff pastry with a few cilantro leaves over the sliced mangoes topping it with fried sea bass and a handful of mesclun greens and a mild jalapeño dressing.

In addition to mango jam and mango salsa—served alongside grilled chicken, she's created mouth watering desserts like baking small mango empanadas and mango napoleons.

But, the piece-de-resistance is her mango sorbet, made with an ice-cream maker. Her first go was an eye-popping palette cleansing cool mango treat enhanced with almond extract. She then mixed mango and ginger. In another "to die for" batch, she churned up a mango sorbet with Haitian Barbancourt rum.

The kitchen of Chef Elle will continue to see mangoes in the upcoming weeks, "I'm going to cook duck ala mango, and

a mango chutney." With a glint in her eyes, she taunts, "I'm also looking forward to savory mango dumplings."

The public will be able to meet the Chef, hear about her journey in food, watch simple demonstrations of her artistry and sample some of her tasteful dishes when she speaks at 6:00 p.m. on May 31 at Five Myles Gallery, 558 St. John's Place, (suggested donation).

As part of Haiti Cultural Exchange's monthly series, "We Speak"—An'n Pale, that evening will also feature some more traditional Haitian foods prepared by the culinary artist. Accra—malanga, sweet yellow plantain (banann pleze) and chiktay moru—a cod appetizer will also sampled. <http://haiticulturalx.org/program-05>.

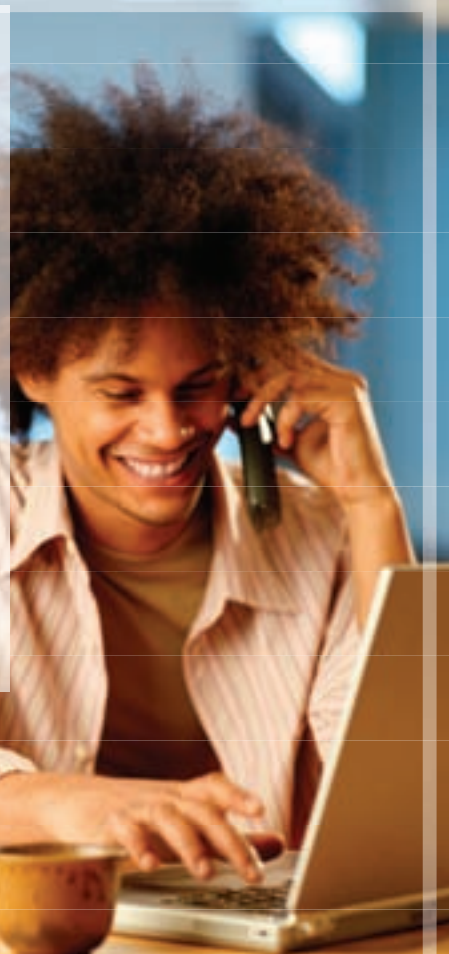
What about all those mangoes that Chef Elle collected as a kid? "With a dja-kout (woven straw satchel), we'd collect 10 to 15 mangoes. After we ate our fill, our grandparents would send us off to the road where we'd set up a stand—like a lemonade stand—and sell them for pennies."

The Haitian mango season is in its prime for about two months.

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# Pretoria

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Underdeveloped Africa" was killed in a bomb blast in Guyana. Government critics back then had blamed the PNC for his death at the height of his popular campaign to remove the PNC from power.

A clearly angry Corbin, an attorney at law, argued that "no other leader in the Caribbean or hemisphere would have risked allowing Cuban planes with troops fighting apartheid to land and refuel in Guyana during the Cold War era. Such was his commitment to the liberation struggle but he did it, and we can release that fact to the world now."

He said that Burnham had also given Guyana passports and local addresses to hundreds of liberation fighters to allow them to travel undetected internationally and that the country also donated \$50,000 a year to the struggle to liberate then Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe and South Africa. Still the award has been withdrawn.

"(Burnham's) contribution was outstanding and beyond match in the region and hemisphere," said Corbin. "But frankly it is an insult to even offer him the award after all these years. I would not have accepted it personally at this late stage," he added.

Former University of Guyana professor and PNC Executive Aubrey Norton also called the ANC an

**"I wonder if those who oppose Burnham obtaining the Tambo Award remember that he made a crucial decision that tilted the balance in favor of the liberation."**

ungrateful bunch, saying the Cubans played a key role in driving white South Africans out of Southern Africa.

"I wonder if those who oppose Burnham obtaining the Tambo Award remember that he made a crucial decision that tilted the balance in favor of the liberation."

It must be recalled that the UNITA and FNLA South -- African backed forces, were on the verge of inflicting a significant defeat on Agostino Neto's MPLA and the entire liberation movement in Southern Africa in the now famous Battle at Cuito Cunavale in Namibia, at the border with Angola. The liberation fighters requested Cuban military assistance. The Cuban planes had to refuel somewhere in the Caribbean on their way to Africa. No Caribbean country wanted to incur the wrath of the U.S. government and therefore they refused to allow the Cuban planes to refuel in their territory.

Burnham made the critical decision to allow the Cuban planes to refuel in Guyana. As a consequence, the Cuban military help arrived in time and the liberation forces and the Cubans defeated the South African forces and changed the balance in Southern Africa in favor of the African liberation movement. Recall as well that Namibia got its independence in exchange for the withdrawal of Cuban forces.

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Michael Holding.  
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## Holding is CPL ambassador

By George H. Whyte

West Indies former fast bowler Michael Holding has been nominated to the post of ambassador for the Caribbean Premier League Development Program. Holding played 60 Test matches and took 249 wickets. He also played 102 one-day internationals and took 142 wickets. He earned a medal from the ICC cricket World Cup when the West Indies took the crown.

The Caribbean premier should officially start in January 2014. Caribbean Premier League committee comprises former Jamaican Prime Minister PJ Patterson (chairman).

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## Sir Viv hopes for cricket revival

By Azad Ali

Former West Indies captain, Sir Vivian Richards says it will take some time for the regional side's success in T20 cricket to be transferred to Tests and One-Day Internationals.

Sir Viv, an advisor for the Delhi Daredevils in the Indian Premier League (IPL) said recently West Indies got much-needed confidence by winning the World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka, last year. He is hoping a renaissance in Caribbean cricket can take place.

"We are hoping for a renaissance to happen. The West Indies have got much-needed boost by winning the World Twenty20," said Sir Viv.

"They have to take it forward. I feel

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# PACERS NIX KNICKS

Indiana Pacers guard Lance Stephenson (1) shoots as New York Knicks guard Jason Kidd (5) defends in the first quarter of Game 1 of their second-round NBA basketball series at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, May 5, 2013.

## Fans cheer on Lance Stephenson at home

By Robert Elkin

Remember the name, Lance Stephenson, who was 'tearing 'em up' scoring and passing the ball to his teammates at Lincoln High School in Brooklyn?

After graduating from Lincoln, he did not last long at the University of Cincinnati

and after his freshman year felt that he was ready for the National Basketball Association. A complete player at the time, the Brooklyn resident was drafted in the second round by the Indiana Pacers. He recently completed his third year with Indiana (minus the current playoffs),

and is currently trying to help his teammates defeat the Knicks in the Eastern Conference second round of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

Stephenson was glad to return to his home State and compete before capacity.

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New York Knicks forwards Carmelo Anthony (7) and Iman Shumpert (21) react as time runs out on Game 1 of their NBA basketball playoff series in the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Indiana Pacers at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, May 5, 2013. The Pacers won 102-95.

AP Photo/Kathy Willens

## Knicks, Pacers playoff season opener

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ity crowds, which include his family, friends, ex-teammates, and ex-opponents while growing up and throughout his high school and college days.

He really impressed everybody, including the front office of the Pacers, during the exciting season.

"He played well all year long with us," said Indiana Pacer President Donnie Walsh. "He started really rebounding the ball in the playoffs. He played a great game (against the Knicks in the first game of the second round)."

The 6'5" guard stepped up his game in this, his third season of professional basketball.

"This season has been great to me," he said. "I couldn't do without my teammates. They (and the

coaches) believed in me. I took it game by game and didn't put any pressure on myself to showcase my talent."

While at Lincoln he did just that, blossomed out, and earned many honors, including all-City laurels, in having a tremendous high school career when all eyes were centered on him. He played on title winning teams.

Every time he saw action in New York, he felt great, especially playing in front of his family and friends.

"It's always as pleasure to do that," he added. "I love playing at the Garden and on this court...When I'm home (in New York, whether it be in Brooklyn or Manhattan) in front of my family and friends I feel real good. My teammates and coaches believe in me. That makes me feel more

comfortable on the floor."

He said that maybe he played at Madison Square Garden 10 times, which

**"I love playing at the Garden and on this court...My teammates and coaches believe in me. That makes me feel more comfortable on the floor."**

**Lance Stephenson**

includes both in high school and in college.

While competing in the NBA, he didn't score a lot. He put the ball in the basket on many occasions while at Lincoln, averaging in double figures. Then when he competed in college for

one year, he made some big plays.

"Now I play good defense and smart basketball," he said. "And I'm very aggressive."

Stephenson is playing against some tremendous talent in the NBA especially in 6'8" forward and the league's high score in Carmelo Anthony, who has been on fire at times for the Knicks, and maybe, the best player outside of the Miami duo in basketball.

"Melo is a great player and is unstoppable," continued Stephenson. "He'll score his 30 points."

If the playoffs go the complete seven games against the Knicks, there will be two more home games between the Knicks and the Pacers. And the local fans will be able to cheer on Stephenson when he steps onto the court.

## Richards inspires

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it will happen gradually, and time will only tell," he told cricket writers in New Delhi.

Sir Viv said he is impressed with the performance of two West Indians, Chris Gayle and Sunil Narine, who are doing exceptionally well in the IPL.

Gayle recently struck a record unbeaten 66-ball 175 for the Royal Challengers Bangalore, while Kolkata King Riders' off-spinner Narine is the leading wicket-taker with 14 wickets from seven matches.

Sir Viv's arrival as advisor to the Daredev-



Sir Vivian Richards.

AP Photo/Michael Kim

ils inspired them to win their first match in the IPL. They defeated Mumbai Indians recently.

## Eyes on cricket

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man), Zorol Barthley, Ian Bishop, Lance Gibbs, Conde Riley, Walter Scott and Charles Wilkin.

Several overseas players have officially agreed to participate including Adam Gilchrist (Australia), Ricky Ponting (Australia), Ross Taylor (New Zealand), Mohammed Hafeez (Pakistan), Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa), and Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka).

### WEST INDIES PLAYERS

Dwayne Bravo, Chris Gayle, Sunil Narine, Kieron Pollard, Darren Sammy and Marlon Samuels. On May 24, an announcement will be made concerning, which players will be representing a particular franchise. The tournament will include six franchises with 15 contracted players each, including a maximum of four international players and four players under the age of 23. Each team will have one local and one international franchise player.

### YOUNG PLAYERS ARE A BIT CONFUSED IN ADAPTING

Twenty20 cricket has caused many young players to go through a fierce bat-

tle in adapting to the four-day and even Test matches. Most of the emphasis in the Caribbean region and internationally is on Twenty20 cricket. Test cricket has lost its popularity and the International Cricket Council has to hurriedly reshape and modify Test cricket. Investing in five days for one game to get a result is too invaluable.

The adaption process has caused many cricketers to fail. Some cricketers are trying to keep up the rhythm with their team but not all cricketers are suitable for Twenty20 games. They just cannot compete in that format of the game. Scoring quickly is the popular thing to do. Test cricket gives a player sufficient time to catch up in bowling and batting because of its longer version but unfortunately, Twenty20 cricket does not. Young cricketers are developing themselves not for Test cricket but for the shorter version of the game.

Coaches must reform their strategies when tendering advice to top players. Cricket today is how much can a cricketer achieve, whether batting or bowling in a short allotted time. The quality of the game has change immensely.

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# CONCACAF promotes sportsmanship

By Patrick Horne

Considering the negative publicity that engulfed soccer recently, it was truly a breath of fresh air when last Tuesday CONCACAF President Jeffrey Webb recognized Mexican club Santos Laguna with the CONCACAF Fair Play award. Santos Laguna finished runners-up to another Mexican club, Monterrey, which rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win 4-2 and capture this year's CONCACAF Champions League trophy in a very competitive game at Monterrey. During the trophy presentation, Santos Laguna players formed two lines to create what was referred to as a 'column of honor' and applauded as the champion Monterrey players walked through to receive the Champions League trophy and their medals.

"Acts like the one carried out by Santos Laguna demonstrate the best qualities of our sport; the respect for rivals



CONCACAF President Jeffrey Webb.

AP Photo/MTI, Szilard Koszticsak, file

even in the most difficult moments, as after a defeat in an important finals match," said CONCACAF's President, Jeffrey Webb. "For that reason, I've decided to recognize Club Santos Laguna, its players, coaches, administrators and executives for elevating the ideal of Fair Play and pro-

moting this message of unity and respect to our region -- a clear example to follow."

Webb's gesture could not have come at a more opportune time. On Saturday, April 27, 46-year-old Salt Lake City referee Ricardo Portillo was punched in the face by a 17-year-old player and

died two days later at nearby Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, a Salt Lake City suburb. The referee called a foul against the goalkeeper, who retaliated with a punch to Portillo's head. After arriving at the hospital, swelling developed in the referee's brain, which led to his death.

There was the abhorrent act by Liverpool player Luis Suarez, who, during an English Premier League game versus Chelsea last month, bit Chelsea defender Ivanovic on the arm; Suarez was suspended for a mere nine games. There was also last month's damning CONCACAF report, which revealed years of mishandling of funds by former CONCACAF president, Jack Warner, and general secretary, Chuck Blazer. Racist taunts are still prevalent at games despite condemnation from fans, players and officials.

Soccer officials must be more aggressive to guard the 'beautiful game' or we'll be left with frustrated fans unable to enjoy the game. Clubs and officials should take a page from Webb's play book and promote and reward good sportsmanship and character amongst players. Conversely,

they must mete out harsher penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct, so that players truly understand that such conduct is absolutely not tolerated. Kudos to Santos Laguna - a true model of excellent sportsmanship.

## RED BULLS ON TOP

The New York Red Bulls (5-4-2, 17 pts.) climbed atop the MLS Eastern Conference standings when it won its third straight away game in a 1-0 encounter at Columbus Crew last Saturday. Cahill, who has scored three goals in the last four games, headed in a rebound after Crew goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum failed to hold onto a Jonathan Steel shot. The Red Bulls announced that it will host an international friendly between the women's national teams of the USA and Korean Republic on June 10, at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (NJ).

In other MLS news, Kansas City's Kei Kamara's successful loan stint in the English Premier League with Norwich City FC is over and the player returned to MLS last week. Norwich did not extend the deal or offer to buy the player. Said Kamara: "I want

to thank the Norwich City organization for everything they did for me. Not everyone gets to live their dreams, but they gave me mine." The player also thanked the fans and said that there will be a "...place in my heart for Norwich."

## TRINIDAD PLAYERS TO BE PAID

After a seven-year battle, the Trinidad and Tobago Football (Soccer) Federation finally will pay the 13 players from the 2006 World Cup squad who were owed World Cup monies, according to a report in the local Express newspaper. Player representative Brent Sancho told the Express that he was especially thankful to new Federation president Raymond Tim Kee for resolving the situation.

Meanwhile, the country's men's national team, in preparing for the CONCACAF Gold Cup in the USA this summer, will travel to Europe for international friendlies against Romania and Estonia in early June. Trinidad Soca Warriors open Gold Cup play versus El Salvador (July 8) at Red Bull Arena; then play Haiti (July 12) and Honduras (July 15).

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13. Garlicky mayonnaise
14. Club \_\_\_\_
15. Henry, Mary or Elizabeth
16. \*Amsterdam's Anne Frank House is where she hid from them
17. Pilot's announcement, acr.
18. Do penance
19. \*Red Square attraction
21. \*Lady \_\_\_\_\_
23. Always, in verse
24. Greek personification of Earth
25. Body, slang
28. Medicine bottle
30. Enter uninvited
35. Augments or increases, often precedes "out"
37. Pig trough contents
39. 1/100 of a rial
40. \*Italy's Mount Vesuvius is scarred by it
41. Equestrian's attire
43. Eye affliction
44. \_\_\_\_\_ Wars between China and England
46. Con
47. Capital of Ukraine
48. Gary Coleman: "What you talking

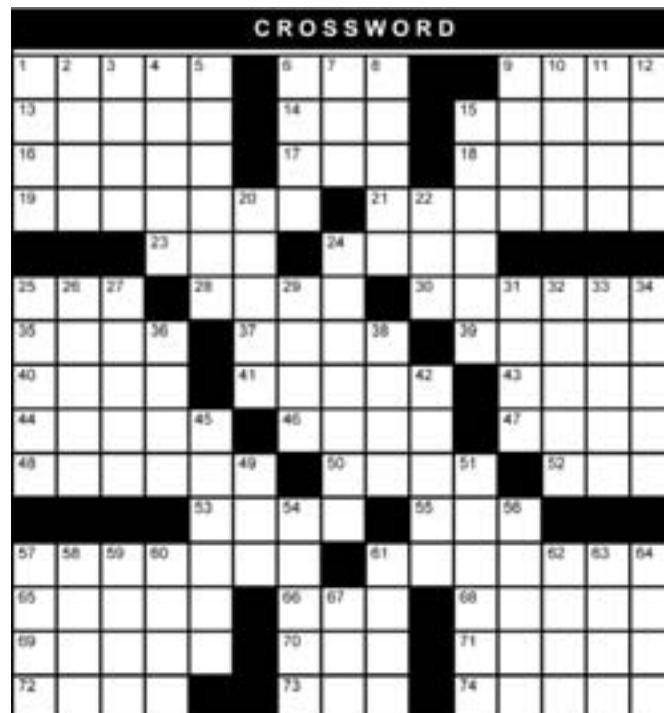
'bout \_\_\_\_\_?"

50. Mary had a little one
52. "Big Island" flower necklace
53. Calcium oxide
55. Napoleon of "Animal Farm"
57. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Chapel
61. Trendy
65. Accustom
66. Female gametes
68. All plant and animal life of a region
69. Farewell remark in France
70. \*Fort Sumter, where the Civil one began
71. To impede or bar
72. Tiny piece of anything
73. Home for #55 Across
74. Kind of tides

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ shot in basketball
2. Yarn spinner
3. Exude
4. Frigid, torrid or temperate one
5. Hanukkah month
6. Inviting sign
7. \*The Louvre in Paris has a lot of it
8. Bear Down Under
9. Mandolin's cousin
10. Carbon monoxide lacks this
11. Arial, e.g.
12. 3-pointer in basketball
15. Over-armor tunic

20. \*Like Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle
22. Junior's junior
24. A small round drop
25. Under
26. Giraffe-like African animal
27. Prince of Darkness
29. Winglike
31. Classic board game
32. Justin Timberlake's "\_\_\_\_\_ the End of Time"
33. The one who the check is made out to
34. \*"Three Coins in the Fountain" fountain
36. First king of Israelites
38. \*Site of Leaning Tower
42. Allegro or lento
45. Environs
49. Break a commandment
51. \*Big clock
54. Cat sounds
56. Sheep's clothing to wolf
57. Thailand, once
58. \_\_\_\_\_-European language
59. Executive, slang
60. Tire swing prop
61. Deviate
62. I, to a Greek
63. Octagonal sign
64. Chance occurrences
67. Giant pot



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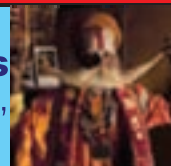
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