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## Greatest Show rolls into B'klyn

Early ticket holders for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, in Brooklyn for a two-week run, Feb. 20-March 3, will benefit from an all-access pre-show open to all ticket-holders as the Greatest Show On Earth opens a two-week run at the Barclays Center. In this Sunday, Jan. 19 photo, the final day of presentation of Legends in Jacksonville, Fla., the show was performed by the Blue Unit with Johnathan Lee Iverson as the ringmaster. Prior to each show, 100 guests could visit the Ringmaster's Zone for a special look behind the scenes and meet some of the stars. The all-access pre-show was open to all ticket-holders. The Kozeev family (from left to right) Konstantine with his daughter Anastasia, 6, and mom Svetlana holding Misha, 3, watch as Stephanie, one of the aerialists ascends in a plastic ball in the Ringmaster's Zone. (AP Photo/The Florida Times-Union, Bob Mack)

## Harnessing Caribbean creativity

**By Gerard Best**

The Caribbean region, known for the creativity of its people, is now making decisive moves to harness that innate resourcefulness.

This week, the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) will hold the first in a series of workshops intended to highlight ways for people to creatively apply

technology to solve problems in their everyday lives.

The technology innovation workshops, which began in St. Lucia on Feb. 10 and 11, will also take place in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines over the next two months. The workshops are part of the broader World Bank-funded Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure

Program (CARCIP), coordinated by the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), which is based in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

CARCIP addresses gaps in submarine cable infrastructure and landing stations, domestic backbone networks and national Internet exchange points (IXPs). CARCIP was allocated a total dis-

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# NARCO POLICE PROBE

## US explores Guyana-Italy hunch

**By Bert Wilkinson**

Earlier this week, US and Italian federal narcotic agents spectacularly dismantled an intercontinental drug ring with a very strong Guyana connection; but critics and law-enforcement experts in Guyana say they are not at all surprised that local investigators were completely shut out of the operation, in the wake of widespread speculation that the agencies are compromised at the highest levels.

U.S. and Italian police on Tuesday announced the take-down and were beaming with confidence that they had smashed the well-known and feared Gambino crime family with its strong and entrenched New York links, as well as the lesser-known but similarly feared Italian organization called the Calabrian Ndrang-

heta in southern Italy.

Agents say that the Calabrian clan is a version of the Sicilian Mafia and has been growing in size and influence in recent years.

James Singh, head of the Guyana Customs Anti Narcotics Unit said local investigators were clueless about a two-year operation that involved at least one factory in Guyana, which was used to conceal large quantities of cocaine in food products like pineapple and frozen fish, among others.

But he did point to a late-2012, \$7M bust in Malaysia, where sleuths successfully intercepted a shipment of cocaine from Guyana in far-away Malaysia, hidden in sealed cans of coconut milk. Two local can sealers were last year jailed for their part

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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## Caribbean

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) say six Caribbean countries are among 63 countries worldwide that are eligible to participate in two visa programs this year.

The H-2A and H-2B programs allow U.S. employers to bring in foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary agricultural and non-agricultural jobs, respectively.

The USCIS identified the Caribbean countries eligible to participate in the visa programs as Barbados, Belize, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti and Jamaica.

Generally, the USCIS said it only approves H-2A and H-2B petitions for nationals of countries the Secretary of Homeland Security has designated as eligible to participate in the programs.

Effective Jan. 18, 2014, USCIS said nationals of the identified Caribbean countries are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B visa program.

It said it does not affect the status of beneficiaries who are currently in the United States in H-2A or H-2B status unless they apply to change or extend their status.

## Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government says it will continue to support the cash-strapped regional airline, LIAT, and that it would also provide US\$5 million towards the construction of a new hangar facility for the company.

Finance Minister Harold Lovell, delivering the EC\$874.8 million tax free budget to Parliament last month, said the Baldwin Spencer government would also be putting in US\$4 million in acquiring new equity in the airline that employs more than 500 nationals.

The airline, whose major shareholders are Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, and St Vincent and the Grenadines, has been experiencing severe financial problems over the past few years and has obtained a multi-million dollar loan from the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to help in its re-fleet-



## Devastating effects of coastal flooding

Climate-proofing the tiny island of Petite Martinique includes a sea revetment 140 metres long to protect critical coastal infrastructure from erosion. See page 22.

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ing exercise.

Lovell said Antigua and Barbuda's share of the loan is US\$21 million and promised "we will continue our unwavering support" for the Antigua-based airline.

## Bahamas

The United States Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas, has warned Americans living in and traveling to New Providence and Freeport, Grand Bahama to be on "heightened alert" and to take "appropriate steps" to enhance their personal security to avoid becoming victims of crime.

The embassy issued a statement recently that highlighted the murder of two American citizens in The Bahamas in the last eight months and several other incidents of armed robberies last month.

Anthony Kyle Welch, 47, who moved to The Bahamas from Mississippi, was bound with duct tape and stabbed to death at his home on Albacore Drive, Freeport, Grand Bahama recently.

In May 2013, Kyle Brauner, 34,

of Illinois, who was a crew member of a vessel docked in Nassau, was shot dead during a robbery shortly after leaving a bar in the early hours of the morning.

The embassy said two men, one of whom wielded an assault rifle, robbed an American couple at Jaws Beach of their vehicle and belongings. The couple was not injured.

The embassy highlighted several other armed robberies that occurred last month, including a man who was robbed of a deposit bag containing money outside the CIBC First Caribbean International Bank on Jan. 14, 2014.

In its statement, the embassy said armed robberies remain a major threat to U.S. citizens throughout the country, including areas frequented by tourists.

## Guyana

A former Guyana beauty queen, who is charged with the murder of her husband in 2007, has turned herself in to police after disappearing several years ago.

Carolyn Lynch recently appeared in court and was remanded in custody until later this month.

She was freed in 2007 after

a magistrate found no evidence against her, but prosecutors refiled the charges in 2010. Lynch did not appear in court at that time.

Her husband, Farouk Razack, was found strangled at their home in the capital of Georgetown. At the time, he was director of the South American country's largest currency exchange business.

Lynch said she is innocent and that she loved her husband. She was crowned Mrs South America in 2006.

## Haiti

Haitian officials have announced plans to vaccinate 500,000 people in high risk areas with the aim to eradicate cholera.

At the same time, the authorities are reporting a significant decrease in cases of cholera so far this year, when compared to the number of cases reported the same period last year.

Director General of the Ministry of Public Health and Popula-

tion, Dr. Raymond Gurlaine Charite, said that as of the third week of the year, 119 cases, including 75 hospitalized and three deaths were counted, compared to 1,460 cases that include 955 hospitalized and 12 deaths for the same period in 2013.

"At the start of this year, we have already registered 17 to 3 wns where there are people who have contracted cholera," she said.

The Ministry of Public Health also plans to intensify projects of constructing public latrines and the availability of portable water, in addition to education and awareness campaigns to encourage people to change their behavior.

Since October 2010, cholera has killed more than 8,300 people and infected hundreds of thousands more.

Last year, Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe called on the United Nations to make considerable funds available to Haiti to help eradicate the epidemic.

## Jamaica

Police in Jamaica are investigating the origin of a video tape which is being circulated on mobile devices.

The Center for the Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CISOCA), which is a branch of the Jamaica Constabulary, says the pictures and video in circulation depict schoolgirls engaging in sexual acts with each other.

It also shows the female pupils carrying out sexual acts with a man. Police said the man depicted in the video makes the movies and sells them.

According to Education Minister Ronald Thwaites, at least one high school in the central parish of Clarendon has already responded to news of the probe by the police.

He said a disciplinary committee of the ministry will meet to determine what steps to take. The minister said many of the students were lured into performing the acts.

## St. Kitts

St. Kitts Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas says he will not be rushed into naming a date for the general election constitutionally due by January.

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# Mitchell calls for national unity

By Nelson A. King

As Grenadians in New York on Saturday night wrapped up their official independence anniversary celebrations, Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has reiterated his fervent call for national unity.

In delivering the keynote address at the gala Independence Anniversary Ball and Awards Ceremony, at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, Mitchell said, despite political differences, “we must be united in that exercise.

“In my view, it is time for us to unite,” he told the sell-out audience in his 25-minute address, referring to the country’s 40th independence anniversary theme, “Uniting Our People, Restoring Hope for Our Future.”

“Tonight, I make this clarion call,” he said. “We’ve fought politically for the last 40 years. That’s healthy for democracy.

“I make a call today for all of us, despite our differences, let us unite. Let us unite to build our country first,” the prime minister stressed. “If we are serious, uniting our forces is key to our success.”

After 40 years in the political arena, Mitchell said he wants his legacy to be that he “did everything possible to unite our country.

“I call on all of us to unite to build our land,” he accentuated, later repeating a brief part of his independence address made a day earlier at home on Independence Day.

“Sisters and brothers, I stand here today with pride, with a renewed sense of will, knowing that we will emerge out of the dust; and we shall rise again and cross over to a place of renewed optimism, unity and prosperity,” said the Grenadian leader, alluding to new English translation of 1 Cor. 13:11: “When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish ways.”

“I stand here today as



Prime Minister Mitchell addressing gala Independence Anniversary Ball at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

your humble servant, who has been given the onus to lead a 40-year-old independent nation of hard-working, responsible citizens,” he added. “Let us set aside childish ways, learn from past mistakes and resolve to walk with purpose to our Promised Land.

“Let the vision of our Father of Independence (the late Sir Eric Matthew Gairy) shine brightly as we strive for a better life for our children and grandchildren,” Mitchell continued. “Let the collective laughter and goodwill of our people endure through these tough times.

“And let the demonstrated love for our neighbor and our nation be the bridge that connects our pride and vision,” he said. “And let our faith in God, the Supreme Architect, never waiver.”

Mitchell also called on nationals to “correct the mistakes” of the past and “rebuild Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique,” stating that “all of us have contributed to where the country was” economically.

He underscored that Grenada has “tremendous problems” in which “70 cents of every dollar goes to pay the way bill of public servants, 30 cents goes towards meeting the debt of the country.

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Councilman Jumaane Williams (2nd from L) presents proclamation to Prime Minister Keith Mitchell (3rd from R), flanked by UN Amb. Dennis Antoine and Hon. Consul Gen. Derrick James (L).

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Grenada Independence Awards

By Nelson A. King

The Grenada Independence Anniversary Committee of New York on Saturday night honored five outstanding individuals and a community group during the 40th anniversary celebration of the Spice Isle’s independence at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn.

The individuals honored were: Kizzi Belfon (Youth Development Award); the Rev. Matthew Ray and Alston Boyke – posthumously (Special Welfare Award); Hilarius Borroughs (Humanitarian Award); and veteran radio personality Harold Pysadee (Community Service Award).

GRECAP (Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique United) received the Community Development Award.

Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, also presented a City Council proclamation to Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.

Born and raised in St. George’s, Grenada’s capital, Belfon has always been committed to improving conditions around her, according to her biography.



Kizzi Belfon receives award from PM Mitchell, flanked by Miss Grenada-U.S.A. Zenae Phillip.

Photo by Nelson A. King

She attended the St. Louis Roman Catholic Primary School and St. Joseph’s Convent, graduating with 10 O’Level examination distinctions.

Belfon received her undergraduate education at New York University (NYU), majoring in biology and minoring in mathematics and Africana Studies.

In December last year, she completed her master’s degree in public health, from SUNY Downstate Medical Center, with a focus in epidemiology and biostatistics.

At NYU, she received numerous accolades,

including a Presidential Service Award from NYU’s President John Sexton and the Woman of the Year Award for her influential role in creating community on campus.

In 2012, Belfon won the Miss Grenada/USA pageant. She executed two major projects in Grenada while holding the title – a road safety initiative and Healthy Grenadians Campaign, a competition among 11 secondary schools on the island.

Belfon is the current president of the Grenadian American Young Women’s Association, a pioneer group

of young women whose goal is to promote the advancement of youth in the Grenadian community.

Boyke departed this life on March 12 last year. Born on Jan. 2, 1942, in Munich, St. Andrews and grew up in Gouyave, Boyke migrated to New York in 1969.

He worked at Medgar Evers College from its opening to his final day, holding several senior positions in the Security Department and Building and Grounds Department.

As president of the Schenectady Avenue Block Association, Boyke worked tirelessly in the pursuit of children’s education and their personal growth and development.

Borroughs owns the Brooklyn-based Compass Shipping Company, which initially started in his backyard.

With the slogan, “The compass that takes you in every direction,” Compass Shipping has also contributed to national development.

It has directly assisted with the shipping of school and medical supplies, and helped charitable organizations and government agencies.

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# St. Lucia to launch Tech workshops

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bursement of US\$25 million, including loans to the three countries and a grant to the CTU.

Through CARCIP, the governments of the three countries have been working toward harmonising the development of their telecommunications infrastructure to maximise synergies and avoid inefficiencies.

CTU Project Coordinator

Junior McIntyre described the scope of the overall CARCIP project as “comprehensive.”

“The ultimate aim of CARCIP is to improve the efficiency of telecommunications infrastructure development not just in St. Lucia but across the whole Caribbean. So the lessons we are learning in St. Lucia will benefit the entire region,” he said.

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## LAUNCH IXP

Shortly after the St. Lucia workshop, the island is expected to launch its first IXP, on Feb. 26. An IXP is a component of critical telecommunications infrastructure that works to improve the efficiency of Internet traffic routing. Internet users can therefore benefit from higher speeds and greater affordability.

Last September, CARCIP and the CTU worked

with Packet Clearing House (PCH), the world's leading implementer of IXPs, to organise back-to-back two-day workshops with stakeholders in St. Lucia and St. Vincent to discuss implementation of local IXPs. The workshops included Internet service providers, local content providers, academics, business leaders and government officials, and focused on the role, value and requirements of a local IXP.

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## Feds’ Narco probe

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in the international smuggling scheme that had made news headlines around the world. The joint U.S.-Italian bust was announced just as the cartel was about to ship 1,000 pounds of cocaine from Guyana.

Guyana Deputy Police Chief Seelall Persaud said his department was also left in

the dark and had not been asked to help, even at the Guyana end of the investigation. This, as DEA agents were expected to arrive in Guyana later this week.

Former Police Chief and Opposition Member of Parliament Winston Felix argued that international investigators would always shy away from involving locals because of fears that

officers are compromised, as well as the fact that they fear mistakes by lesser-trained police could compromise a crucial investigation deliberately or by mistake.

“They would not involve our boys fully, maybe to conduct surveillance on a factory or something of the sort; but there is no doubt that there is a level of mistrust of the system in Guyana,” said the opposition spokesman on national

security.

Political scientist and newspaper columnist Freddie Kissoon pointed to the fact that U.S. Federal agents had had an extradition list of 13 known cocaine dealers in Guyana a decade ago and had never informed government or enforcement officials in Guyana.

“This on the list did not even know they were there. It is a clear case of distrust of Guyanese authorities at every level,” he said.

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# Layoffs in Barbados splits Cabinet

**By Bert Wilkinson**

The plan by the Barbados government to lay off more than 3,000 public servants in a country with already limited employment opportunities is beginning to take its toll even on cabinet ministers with a senior member going public to express his disagreement with the move.

Agriculture Minister David Estwick this week said the administration of Prime Minister Freundel Stuart is using the wrong medicine to send home civil servants, many of whom are the sole person working in their families. This is causing severe hardships.

He made his comments as authorities have stepped up the pace at which pink slips are being issued with many of the victims publicly shedding tears after being told they are being sent home for the foreseeable future.

"I have said to the cabinet I will not be part of the retrenchment exercise.



Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart.  
AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

I have said to them over and over that I cannot be a hypocrite to my intellect and common sense, and if the cabinet ignores me then I will be true to myself," said a clearly angry former economic affairs minister in interviews with local newspapers this week. "I am not afraid to say what I have to say because I stand by my inferences and by my

reasoning and my common sense. Where that leads me, it will lead me."  
He said the retrenchment exercise will not correct a \$700M current account deficit the tourist paradise of more than 370,000 people is carrying at the moment.  
The island's economy is largely dependent on tourism, light manufacturing and a waning financial serv-

ices industry. Stuart and Finance Minister Chris Sinkler have both said that the economy is in dire straits and need austerity measures to correct the situation including a serious trim of government spending on salaries.

Estwick wants the prime minister to make a full power point presentation of the state of the economy and to give details of the layoffs, which have caused so much grief and have triggered fears of a serious political backlash against the governing Democratic Labor Party (DLP) in the near future.

The minister said authorities need to look at other cost cutting measures apart from retrenchment while coming up with a proper growth strategy for the near future.

The main opposition Barbados Labor Party (BLP) and the main civil service union, the NUPW have asked authorities to

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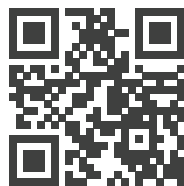
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## Carib going green

By Desmond Brown

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Jan 28 2014 (IPS) - Despite having an abundance of wind and sunshine, Caribbean countries have found that going green is requiring significant shifts in policy, and most importantly, significant financing.

But despite these challenges, they are not daunted. Barbados, for instance, which spends an estimated 400 million dollars annually on fossil fuel imports, has announced plans for a wind, gas and solar energy programme that requires almost one billion dollars in investments.

"Plans for the area include a 680-million-dollar waste-to-energy plant; a leachate treatment plant costing about 31.9 million dollars; a landfill gas-to-energy project to cost 9.4 million dollars; a solar project costing 120 million dollars; and a wind-to-energy facility projected to cost 24 million dollars," said Environment Minister Dr. Denis Lowe.

The climate change financial adviser at the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Selwin Hart, said the region's premiere financial institution has identified the promotion of renewable energy and increased energy efficiency as a strategic priority.

"The bank is in the process of developing an energy sector strategy and policy

which will be finalised in 2014," he told IPS.

"[But] we are not waiting until that policy is finalised for us to make the necessary interventions within borrowing member countries giving the priority and urgency attached to making these investments," Hart noted.

"We will be supporting the policy and regulatory reforms that are necessary to ensure the deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology."

Citing the region's "vulnerability to the negative effects of climate change", Hart said the Caribbean must be in a position to secure some of the financing needed to help it cope, adapt and reduce vulnerabilities to the serious fall-out from the phenomenon.

"We are extremely vulnerable when it comes to the consequences of climate change and we must do everything to receive our fair share of the resources being made available," he said.

Hart told IPS global investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency have quadrupled over the last decade and now stand at 244 billion dollars a year.

"The cost of renewables, and using solar, as an example, have fallen significantly and are now for the most part cost competitive with traditional sources of energy," he said.

The International Energy

Agency (IEA) in its World Energy Outlook 2013 conservatively estimated that by 2035, renewables will surpass coal as the main fuel for power generation.

In 2012, another Caribbean country, Belize, which currently generates 63 percent of its electricity from renewable energy sources, announced plans for a National Energy Policy and a Sustainable Energy Strategy.

"We have ambitious targets. We have set ourselves to change from fossil fuel to renewable energy and at the same time decrease our energy intensity," Energy Minister Joy Grant told IPS.

"We are pursuing all types of renewable energy – hydro, bio energy, solar, ocean, thermal and wind and waste-to-energy," Grant added.

But like all other small developing countries, Grant said Belize's efforts in renewable energy were constrained by the high cost of renewable technologies; the lack of domestic capacity; inappropriate frameworks to incentivise the private sector to invest in renewable energy; and small population size.

Dominica's Energy Minister Rayburn Blackmore said that 30 percent of his country's energy consumption comes from hydro, and last year it spent 51.6 million dollars to import fuel for energy generation.



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# Low minimum wage is bad for women, families and business

By Sherry Stewart  
Deutschmann

As a small business owner myself, I don't see the logic in business people arguing against increasing the minimum wage.

It's just not logical to pay people a wage that doesn't even cover basics like food, housing, utilities and transportation needed to get to work.

At \$7.25 an hour, the minimum wage comes to just \$15,080 a year for full-time employees. Think about cashiers or health aides, childcare workers or fast food servers trying to make ends meet on \$15,080.

How can you keep people fully engaged in the success of your business when they are distracted with worry about how they are going to pay rent or keep the lights on? How can they provide the best customer service when they are struggling to feed their family?

I know firsthand, you don't need to pay poverty wages to succeed. In fact, paying higher wages is truly beneficial for business.

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years running and we made the INC 5000 list for seven consecutive years.

I know we would not have had this success if we paid minimum wage. Paying better wages has helped our bottom line, not hurt it.

My company has been successful because of our employee-centric culture. We believe that if we take good care of our employees, they will in turn take great care of the customer. It works.

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We don't count on other busi-  
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# Signs of recovery for Caribbean tourism

By Beverly Nicholson-Doty

The state of the Caribbean's tourism industry is solid, with positive signs that a recovery is in progress.

We see progress in the record number of overall arrivals in 2013. Progress is also manifested in the rapid rise in the number of visitors from South America who are coming to the Caribbean in record numbers. You can tell the industry is improving when a record number of Caribbean residents travelled within the region for leisure, despite the high cost of regional transportation.

One of the strongest indicators of progress is the rise in estimated visitor spend, with expenditure growing faster than visitor arrivals for the first time in three years. Fuelled by the accommodations sector, visitors to the region spent more than 28 billion dollars in 2013, an increase of 2.3 per cent when compared to 2012. The hotel sector performed even better, recording a rise of more than seven-and-a-half per cent in room revenues. During this period all the performance indicators remained positive. According to Smith Travel Research, average room rates were up nearly 10 US dollars to 186 dollars, the average revenue per available room also grew by about 10 dollars to 125 dollars and occupancy levels were at 67 per cent, directly in line with pre-crisis levels. In fact, there wasn't a single month during 2013 that any of these indicators fell below 2012 levels.

However, these positive signs are tempered somewhat by the fact that the overall growth rate slowed last year in comparison to 2012. Mixed performance among the destinations resulted in a one-point-eight per cent rise in tourist arrivals, a lot

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slower than the 4.9 per cent rise in 2012. Still the Caribbean welcomed more than 25 million stayover visitors last year, up from 24.6 million in 2012.

Of note is the record number of arrivals in March when nearly three million tourists visited the Caribbean. That's five-and-a-half per cent higher than the previous record of nearly two-and-three-quarter million in 2008 and 6.6 per cent above the 2.6 million who came in March 2012.

The Caribbean also recorded growth in stop-over arrivals during each month of the summer season, with the exception of July and September, which were flat.

For statistics purposes, the summer season runs from May to mid-December.

The 1.8 per cent rise is an indication that the momentum experienced over the previous two years has slowed, due mainly to the relatively weak economic conditions in key markets. However, while the main source markets are recovering, tourists from South America are flocking to the region in large numbers. The total number of arrivals from that market climbed from an estimated 859 thousand in 2009 to nearly one-and-a-half million last year. That's 13 per cent higher than 2012 and an impressive 70 per cent over 2009. This is due to the strong economies in South America, particularly Brazil.

Commonwealth Caribbean

Our statistics show that arrivals to the 18-nation Commonwealth Caribbean declined by half a percentage point in 2013, with the countries of sub-regional Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) recording marginal growth of 0.1 per cent. Arrivals to the other Commonwealth countries fell slightly by 0.6 per cent.

Dutch Caribbean grew quicker than the rest of the region

On the other hand, the group of Dutch Caribbean countries performed well compared to the wider Caribbean. These territories saw a near five per cent rise in their figures, fuelled mainly by an 18 per cent upsurge in travel from South America. Arrivals from the more traditional US markets were up just under three-and-a-half per cent.

"Other" Caribbean performed well

Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Suriname, upheld their dominance of the overall market share with 44 per cent of the region's total arrivals in 2013. Cuba was flat while the Dominican Republic was up two per cent. Consequently, this group recorded an increase of around two-and-a-half per cent over 2012.

French Caribbean flat while US territories gained

The French Caribbean countries recorded a slight decrease of 0.6 per cent in arrivals in 2013, while the US territories performed better, recording nearly four million arrivals and a 3.7 per cent rise.

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# Typical half-stepping on immigration reform

By its very nature, immigration is a major worry-wart policy item for any government, and that's speaking globally. No surprise that there would be a natural tendency on the part of the citizenry to assume a worst-case scenario as far as the impact on the home space of immigrants or would-be immigrants. Never mind that, as in the U.S., citizens might largely be themselves immigrants or offspring of immigrants, a red-carpet welcome for "interloping" foreigners is anything but guaranteed. We recall again President Gerald Ford who, when he appealed to this "nation of immigrants" for the grace to provide safe haven for some Southeast Asian refugees fleeing the region in 1975, found the quality of mercy in rather short supply. That's just how it is. And politicians understand all too well this attitude in the body politic toward wannabe immigrants of: "I got mine; tough if you can't get yours."

The lines are no less sharply drawn as the debate around immigration reform comes front and center again. With the votes of immigrant blocs, most significantly Latino, having gotten to proportions that can't be ignored, Washington's

current engagement of the thorny issue is not without the balancing acts, deceit, mean-spiritedness and all else that comes with the territory. Even given that the more conservative elements in the country would expectedly be foremost objectors to an accommodating posture toward immigration, some noises heard in the Republican ranks seemed to offer hope of a softening of that opposition, induced, again, by the fear of losing immigrant voting support. The latest twist in the immigration reform saga suggests the conservative sector may have some difficulty shifting from its ideological rigidity on the issue, even when that intransigence could inflict some hurt at the ballot box.

In the space of one week recently, Republican signals morphed from a vow to embrace inclusiveness -- to reach out to women and minorities and otherwise move in a manner reflecting a changed GOP face -- only to swiftly revert to form, if their immigration reform about-face is any indication. House Speaker John Boehner may well have been laying claim to license that wasn't his to claim when he mouted off about a Republican commitment to work with the president

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

and Democratic lawmakers on an immigration reform package. Evidently, once those other GOP voices chimed in -- the ones zealously wedded to obstructionism on everything on this administration's agenda -- Boehner's brief dance with true legislative leadership came to a halt. Truth be told, when the realization settled in that Boehner was apparently only blowing smoke, it ought not to have been any real surprise.

After the hard-right Republican rump in the House and Senate engineered that tactically doomed shutdown of the government last year, some saw Boehner as ascending to a new space, as far as the control he wielded in the House, particularly with the wild bunch of extremists who, since 2011, have been the tail wagging the GOP dog. It's early yet, but those of us who remained skeptical that Boehner could rein in House renegades probably had it right. Anti-Obama sentiment is so deep-seated among

the extremists, it was difficult to see how Boehner, on any conciliation path, would not have met a solid brick wall of resistance. Unabashed, as always, in touting the "rightness" of non-cooperation with everything associated with the president, some Tea Party provocateurs even threatened publicly that any move by Boehner to support immigration reform would put his speakership in jeopardy. In the face of hard-line pushback on that order, those who expected a supposedly newly emboldened Boehner to take a principled stand against what essentially was more of the same, found themselves backing the wrong horse.

Boehner was only showing himself, on the immigration issue, to be no follower of some Republicans in the past (Senator John McCain, for instance) who have supported and even been primary sponsors of immigration reform measures passed. As opposed to which, today's GOP immigration policy mix includes the absurdity of Republican-controlled state legislatures ranging well into what's considered federal, not state affairs, and passing restrictive immigration legislation of their own. There can't

be much doubt that the Republican take on immigration "reform" doesn't go much beyond making the U.S. borders impenetrable,

And there's no need for Boehner's doing any fancy footwork around the issue if he is cut from the very same cloth. If he was premature, ill-advised or whatever in talk about a Republican willingness to address immigration, his exit routes were many, from the awkward place he got into. What he opted for, by way of explanation for why his party once again threw under the bus millions awaiting serious Congressional action, only made him more of a pitiful leadership figure. Boehner's comment that the GOP was backing off consideration of immigration reform because they didn't trust the president to faithfully administer whatever is passed, was clear acknowledgment from the speaker that he could, at the drop of a hat, blend seamlessly in with the more recklessly outlandish conduct for which his caucus has become known. What a reach! We are asked to believe that this ludicrous declaration was occasioned by Obama's indication that he intended resorting to executive orders to help overcome Congressional inaction.

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# Cruise activity expected to pick up

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**US Market continues its recovery**

The signs began emerging in 2012 that Americans were coming back to the Caribbean in their customary numbers. Although the growth slowed last year, we continue to be encouraged by the upward movement. US arrivals increased nearly three percent in 2013 when compared to 2012, with well over 12 million Americans visiting the region during this period. The US remains the most important supplier to the region, maintaining an average 50 per cent share during the last five years.

**Canada staggers**

Canadian stay-over visitors to the region increased by a small 0.7 per cent in 2013 over 2012. This was the lowest year-over-year growth in this market since 1997.

This performance reflected the fact that the number of Canadians taking international trips, except to the US, was virtually flat in 2013.

**UK/Europe Performance**

The numbers from the UK and the rest of Europe - suggest that business from this very important market remains sluggish. Under a million visitors came to the Caribbean from the UK last year. That's down nearly one-and-a-half per cent. This fall in demand for Caribbean holidays can be attributed to the Air Passenger Duty and low economic growth of under two per cent last year. There are positive signs however, for example, with British Airways announcing increased service to Barbados later this year.

Overall, the number of Europeans visiting the region last year fell by

three-and-three-quarter per cent to four-and-three-quarter million.

The ongoing challenges across Europe, though not as severe as in previous years, affected arrivals.

**Cruise up and down**

Cruise arrivals saw wild fluctuations in 2013, with Grenada recording a near 22 per cent decrease in passenger visits, while Curaçao welcomed more than 45 per cent more than it did in 2012. Overall, there was a two-and-three-quarter per cent rise with nearly 22 million cruise passenger visits to the region.

Twice as many destinations recorded increased activity when compared to 2012, however destinations farthest from the US continued to struggle to boost arrivals. Still, our numbers suggest that the summer months of 2013 were the best ever for summer cruising in the Caribbean.

The CTO is pleased to report that following a meeting with cruise executives last month, we agreed to work more closely together to ensure the destinations and the cruise companies gain the maximum benefit from our relationship.

The cruise industry is an integral part of the region and we want to ensure we in the Caribbean have the opportunity and access to provide our quality products and services for our cruise partners as well as for the thousands of visitors they carry to our shores.

**Caribbean Tourism Outlook 2014**

It's evident that change is here and the Caribbean anticipates an improved performance in 2014.

*The author is chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization*

# Give America a raise

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 nesses and taxpayers to subsidize our profits by underwriting food stamps and other safety net assistance for our employees.

Why should I be subsidizing the profits of companies that pay wages their employees can't live on?

When I pay a starting wage of \$12 plus benefit my employees have more money to spend at other businesses.

The very least other businesses can do is pay a wage that allows their employees to afford the basics.

But today's minimum wage locks workers into a nightmare of poverty. It isn't a building block of the American Dream. Adjusted for inflation, the current minimum wage of \$7.25 is worth less than it was in the 1950s.

The typical minimum wage worker is an adult woman. As Margot Dorfman, CEO of the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, has said, "Keeping the minimum wage low keeps women and families down."

Last increased in 2009 to the inadequate level of \$7.25,

the minimum wage is overdue for a raise.

The proposal to increase the minimum wage in three annual steps to \$10.10, and then adjust it yearly after that for the rising cost of living is very reasonable.

After all, the minimum wage would already be over \$10 now if it had kept up with the cost of living since the 1960s.

Today, women own 30 per cent of American businesses. The success of my company - and my personal success - is proof that the American Dream is still possible. But it's a possibility built on fair wages - not poverty wages.

Public opinion polls show that across the political spectrum, Americans want to raise the minimum wage. President Obama, many members of Congress and many business owners want to "Give America a raise." Let's make 2014 the year we get it done.

*Sherry Stewart Deutschmann is the founder and CEO of LetterLogic in Nashville, Tenn.*

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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Addressing the fourth anniversary rally of his ruling St. Kitts-Nevis Labor Party (SKNLP) recently, Douglas said he would not adhere to calls from the opposition for him to name the date for the polls.

He told supporters one year ago, traitors had sought to force the collapse of his government, a reference to former Cabinet ministers Dr. Timothy Harris and former deputy prime minister Sam Condor, who have since formed the People's Labor Party (PLP).

The two politicians have joined members of the main opposition People's Action Movement (PAM) in filing a motion of no confidence against the government. They have also taken the matter to the courts.

Douglas, who is seeking a fifth consecutive term in power told supporters that it was because of the grace of God, the government had been able to withstand the pressure and as a result, it is the SKLP and not the opposition that will decide the election date.

### St. Vincent

Six years after construction work began, St. Vincent and the Grenadines is getting ready to cut the ribbons to declare open its first international airport.



The Ralph Gonsalves government is hoping that the US\$700 mil-

lion international airport at Argyle, will be completed by the end of April this year, even as the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) continues to cast doubt on the project, situated on the island's east coast.

When he delivered his budget last month, Prime Minister Dr. Gonsalves said the airport was "on target for completion by the end of 2014."

He gave the Parliament an idea of the scope of work still to be done at the airport.

### Trinidad

The World Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean has warned that crime and drugs are having a negative impact on Trinidad and Tobago's investment climate.

Speaking during a media briefing in Port of Spain, director of the bank, Sophie Sirtaine said; "these factors do impact on the investment climate. We just had a dialogue with the Minister of Finance (Larry Howai) on this topic and we are going to have discussions with the National Security Council about this. The World Bank has developed significant experience in this area across Latin America. Your are not alone in this and many other countries face this problem,"



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### WEEKENDS

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# Greatest Show On Earth comes to Barclays Center

By Chudi Chukwudi

The 144th edition of The Greatest Show On Earth is rolling into town for an exciting two-week run at Barclays Center. From Feb. 20 – March 2, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents LEGENDS, a spectacle of unimaginable family fun featuring amazing performers from around the globe performing awe-inspiring feats of daring, spectacles of strength and thrills of wonder. The cast of talented performers are joined by an astounding menagerie of animals from around the world – lions, tigers, kangaroos, pigs, llamas and dogs – as well as mythical and mysterious visions that have until now only existed in the confines of the imagination – a unicorn, a Pegasus and a woolly mammoth!

Making his second American debut with Ringling

Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Presents LEGENDS, Alexander Lacey, along with his legendary big cats that includes lions and tigers, will show audiences the brotherly and sisterly love he shares with these majestic cats.

Originally from Nottingham, England, Alexander is the oldest of three sons. He grew up learning about big cat husbandry while his father, Martin, was a zoo and circus director and his mother, Susan, traveled the world and presented a mixed act of tigers and leopards. The family has raised more than 11 generations of lions and nine generations of tigers and continues to develop methods to maintain the integrity of the various bloodlines within the cats' lineages. Big cat husbandry and presentation continues to be a family affair. His father still

performs and Alexander's younger sister, Natasha, and younger brother, Martin Jr., work in Germany with Circus Krone.

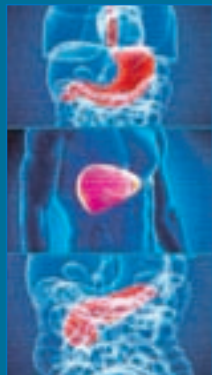
Education was very important to the Lacey family. At age 11, Alexander left Nottingham to attend school in Lincolnshire, England. He was always counting the days until the next holidays. "I couldn't wait to come home to the circus and help with the animals – especially the big cats," Alexander reflects.

After graduation, he began his professional career at his father's circus and built his first cat presentation with lions and tigers. A few years later, at age 21, Alexander took his big cat act on the road. While spending his entire life around big cats, he not only grew up with the regal animals, but he also develop

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SALUTE

# Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bunn

## — educator, community

By Nelson A. King

Educator, author, researcher, community advocate and TV and radio host Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bunn was born in Guyana and migrated to the United States in 1983 and settled in East Flatbush, Brooklyn.

Dr. Emanuel-Bunn has always demonstrated great interest in the community by conducting mentoring, domestic violence prevention, health and youth empowerment programs for many years. She said her passion is to “sow seeds of greatness in others.”

She has served the Seventh-day Adventist church in various capacities for more than 20 years. She had served as Sabbath School and communications director of the Guyana Conference. In this capacity, Dr. Emanuel-Bunn trained leaders to carry out their duties with excellence and commitment.

After three decades, her work is still bearing fruit in her homeland, as many leaders attribute their success to the training they received from this humble servant.

Dr. Emanuel-Bunn also spent five years as Sabbath School and Children's Ministries director of the African, Indian Ocean Division (now West African Division)



Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bun.

in Côte d'Ivoire, formerly Ivory Coast. She has the distinction of being the first black female to serve in this capacity.

During her tenor, she is credited for creating a strong and vibrant Children's Ministries program that transformed the thinking of leaders.

She also conducted scores of training programs in West Africa, Central Africa and the Indian Ocean islands.

On returning from Africa, Emanuel-Bunn continued to pursue her passion for teaching, serving as an adjunct professor at Medgar Evers College for many

years.

She also worked at the Bushwick Community Services Society, now Family Services Network of New York, as program director for HIV/AIDS and Harm Reduction Services.

Being a fierce advocate for education, this passion inspired Emanuel-Bunn to establish the Carol Kingston Early Childhood Center in Brooklyn in memory of her best friend.

She said this pre-school is designed to establish foundations of academic excellence and has had tremendous success over the years.

Many of the graduates have gone on to excel in gifted programs in the public school, while others have been accepted in charter schools. The children receive a balanced education focused on academics, cultural diversity and principles of health, Emanuel-Bunn said.

She later went on to work at Ciatelli Associates as coordinator of the AIDS Education Training Center, which provides training to medical providers on HIV/STD prevention.

In addition, Emanuel-Bunn coordinated training programs for municipal hospitals, in Brooklyn and Staten Island, with the city's

Health and Hospital Corporation. Later, she served as policy analyst at the Haitian Centers Council.

Dr. Emanuel Bunn has been guiding doctoral students for the past 16 years in the completion of their doctoral studies, assisting over 100 students in completing their doctoral degrees.

She is currently a professor at University of Phoenix in the school of Advanced Studies. In this capacity, she serves as chair for many doctoral committees.

“Dr. J”, as she is fondly called, currently serves as president of APC Community Services, a 501 C 3 not-for-profit, community-based organization in Brooklyn.

This organization is responsible for the first Annual Caribbean Wellness Day — a program designed to provide free health screening and health awareness for the entire community.

Last year's wellness day, in collaboration with Brooklyn Council Members Jumaane Williams and Mathieu Eugene in Paerdegat Park, provided free health screening for the community.

Dr. Emanuel-Bunn is also the originator of the Caribbean Health Summit, which convenes in June each year at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.



A scene from Fred Kuwornu's documentary “Inside Buffalo” (2010), about the 92nd Buffalo Division—a segregated African-American combat unit known as “the Buffalo Soldiers,” who fought in Italy during World War II. Photo courtesy of Fred Kudjo Kuwornu

## ‘Inside Buffalo’ at Museum of the Moving Image

By Amun

During World War II, the 92nd Buffalo Division, a segregated African American combat unit known as “The Buffalo Soldiers” fought a double battle, one against the Nazis in Italy, and one of racial discrimination, which was official United States policy. Though fighting and dying for the United States, they were ill treated by their country and their fellow American soldiers.

“Inside Buffalo” chronicles that double battle of these heroic soldiers. Director, Fred Kudjo Kuwornu, the son of a Ghanaian father and an Italian mother first became aware of these so-called “Buffalo Soldiers” when he worked with Spike Lee during the making of Lee's “Miracle at St Anna.” After the film wrapped, Fred started doing research on this little known fact of the heroic Black soldiers fighting in Italy during World War II and their personal stories. That research resulted in Fred Kuwornu making “Inside Buffalo,” with Howard Fletcher, Joe Hairston, James McBride, Joe Stephenson and Spann

Watson, directed by Fred Kuwornu.

Following the screening, Warrington Hudlin the founding president of Black Filmmaker Foundation (BFF), media community organizer, celebrated filmmaker, film curator, and Internet producer will engage in conversation with Fred Kuwornu followed by a

**“The Buffalo Soldiers” fought a double battle, one against the Nazis in Italy, and one of racial discrimination, which was official United States policy.**

Q&A with filmmakers and the audience.

The film screening, directors' conversation and Q&A will take place on at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 at the Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11106. For further information, visit: [www.movingimage.us](http://www.movingimage.us) and/or call: 718-777-6800.

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## Preparing for the annual ancestral tribute

By Vinette K. Pryce

The annual Tribute to our Ancestors of the Middle Passage ritual in Coney Island, Brooklyn will get a financial boost after a Black History Month fashion show launches the fundraising goal for 2014. Slated for Feb. 22, the fundraiser hosted by the People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective promise

the most fashionable event of the month and season.

Featuring designs by Moshood, Raif, Guereje and the Akeem Collection, a diverse showcase of African couture will highlight the continent's impact on fashion.

In addition, the African Spirit Award will be presented to Dr. John Gibbs and

Dequi Kioni Sediki who have tirelessly contributed to enhancing the community. Their work will be celebrated with spoken word and dance presentations by Kow Teff.

To those seeking Africa-centric jewelry, fabric, stationery, crafts or memorabilia, vendors are already packing enough to supply the city's most fashionable

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Before the ancestral waterside tribute hails Africans lost at sea during a boardwalk event later this year, the Black History Month annual begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Medgar Evers College Auditorium, 1650 Bedford Ave.

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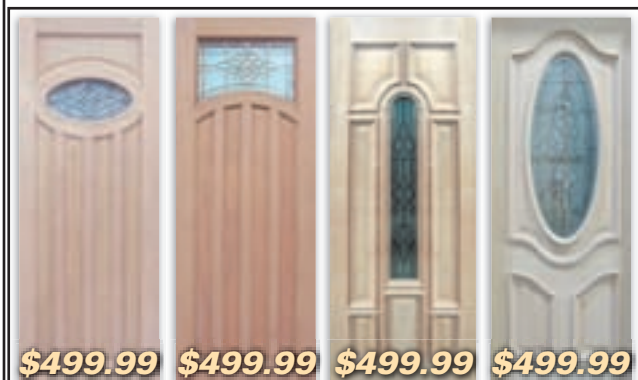
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# Four-step plan to overcome diversity and depression

By Taylor Williams

Hearing her Brooklyn patient confide that she saw the devil on the wall is no big deal for registered behavioral health nurse Laura Lau. As Voo Doo traditions remain a part of Haitian culture, Lau does not second guess her patient's alleged hallucination. Instead, she calmly offers to bring in a witch doctor. It is this cultural understanding and quest for common ground that helps her patients trust her, take her advice and ultimately get better faster.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 15 percent of adults aged 60 and over suffer from a mental disorder. There is a common belief that depression is a normal part of aging, yet it is a very treatable medical condition that often goes untreated among the elderly.

Lau works for the not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Service of New York with a team of specialized behavioral health nurses who care for

## HEALTH

older adults living with multiple mental health and chronic conditions, which are often accompanied by emotional challenges and debilitating obstacles such as social stigma, access to care, cultural differences and compliance issues.

One of Lau's patients lives in Gravesend where he feels that his homosexuality is frowned upon by his Hasidic neighbors. This scrutiny is a major obstacle to overcoming his depression and a severe OCD diagnosis. Lau worked with her patient to manage his anxiety and dilute the negative backlash from his peers by focusing on his own reality and ability to find inner happiness. By supporting his lifestyle, Lau gained his trust quickly and was able to help him develop skills and handle stressful situations triggered by a lifestyle

considered taboo by many in the community he called home.

Lau seeks to find common cultural ground with all of her patients. She understands that this is a cornerstone of trust, and an important component in shaping a healthy personal identity. She works congruently with each patient's community to provide holistic care that custom-fits their needs. She does whatever she can to help make her patients feel comfortable, as they learn to find and strengthen their own comfort and independence.

Whether you or someone you know is having a hard time, this four-step plan from Lau can help us all get through difficult, stressful situations:

1. **Break**—In the moment, you are likely too overwhelmed to address or process the cause of your anxiety. Take a moment to regroup your thoughts.

2. **Breathe**—I tell my patients to “smell the roses and blow out



A nurse checks on the health of an elderly patient.

Photo courtesy of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York

the candles,” which encourages deep breathing that helps to calm the body and mind.

3. **Reflect**—Once you calm down, think about what triggered the anxiety. Can you make a change or is it something that is likely to continue? Cannot figure it out? Do not hesitate to ask for help.

4. **Remember**—The next time it happens—even though it may feel like total hysteria—trust that you have experienced it before and are likely to survive it again. Shortly, the feeling should subside.

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# Prostate cancer — Don't let it change your life

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men over age 50, says Dr. Vitaly Raykhman of the New York Urologic Institute, and “black men of Caribbean ancestry have the highest incident of the disease.”

There are about 300,000 cases of prostate cancer in the United States, but the good news is that, if discovered in time, the survival rate is very high, he says.

“The fatality rate has dropped severely in the last decade.”

The Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test is one of the reasons for this decline.

“It gives us a five-year lead time, on average,” says the doctor. “This is a huge lead time for cancer.”

The New York Urologic Institute provides the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer, in a modern facility with state-of-the-art

equipment that allows for testing to be done at one convenient location.

Dr. Raykhman recommends that men over age 50 be screened annually. In addition, men with a strong history of prostate cancer in the family should also make an appointment to be tested.

If blood levels of PSA are elevated initially, it doesn't necessarily mean cancer is present.

“Don't panic right away,” says Dr. Raykhman. It may be that there's a urinary tract infection or a benign prostate enlargement, he says. Further blood testing, urine testing, and perhaps an ultrasound will help with the diagnosis. The doctor and patient will discuss if a biopsy is necessary.

If this is the case, it's comforting to know that The New York Urologic Institute can perform a biopsy under local or general anesthesia, at the office. An anesthesi-

ologist and a pathologist are on staff, and both are experienced in working with these types of procedures, offering patients a high level of care. In addition, Dr. Raykhman administers intravenous antibiotics before the procedure to minimize the risk of infection.

Should the results be positive, patients need to make a decision about the type of treatment to pursue. They can opt for radical prostate treatment which involves surgery or radiation treatment.

“Most patients get radiation,” says the doctor. “Surgery is appropriate in some situations, but carries risk of impotence, incontinence, post-opt pain, blood loss, and missed days of work. We have to weigh that risk.”

Radiation is very advantageous, he says. Intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) is an advanced type of radiation therapy used to

treat cancer.

“When delivered safely and effectively, there is zero risk of incontinence, after the procedure,” he says. “The risk of impotence depends on what was going on before treatment.”

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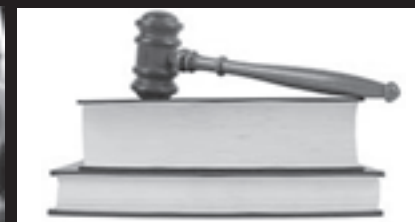


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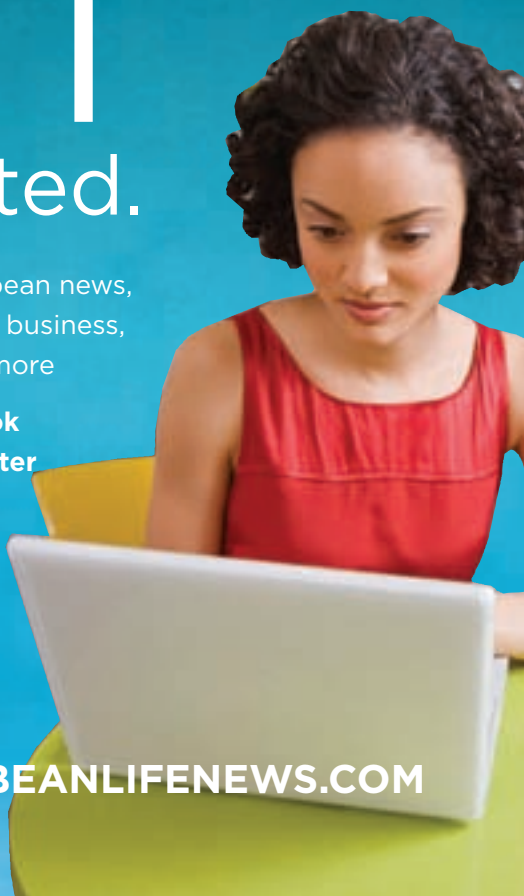
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# Saving the tiny island of Petite Martinique

**By Peter Richards**

SANCHEZ, Petite Martinique, Feb 5, 2014 (IPS) - Sanchez is a small central business district in Petite Martinique, the tiny island that forms part of the trination state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Petite Martinique's 586 acres are dominated by communal, recreational, artisanal and industrial land in close proximity to each other, and in some cases sharing the same space. The local population of about 900 people use the beachfront land on Sanchez for boat-building, sports, recreation and other outdoor activities.

But over the last two decades, the area has experienced extensive erosion. Authorities say that at least 30 metres have been lost over a 15- to 20-year period – a rate equal to 1.5 to 2.0 metres per year – causing severe destruction to the only level piece of land on the island.

The rocky coast located at the north of the beach shifts to a small coral reef, but it's not enough to protect all of the shoreline from swells and currents. Incoming waves from the Atlantic Ocean regularly pound the shoreline at Sanchez. As a result, any sand moving along the near shore is automatically swept away and lost from the littoral system.

"Our vulnerabilities to natural disasters are tremendous and while we cannot prevent disasters, we

can focus on mitigating and building resilience against impacts," the minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique affairs, Elvin Nimrod, told IPS.

The erosion has exposed the soft ash-cinder layers, which are light grey to light brown in colour. Authorities worry that if the erosion is allowed to continue, the roadway leading from the end of the recreational field will be undermined and eventually collapse.

At the northernmost section of this eroded area, the headland has been protected by a retaining wall. However, sections of this wall have failed, and although it was recently rebuilt, even parts of that newer wall are also now failing. In addition, the armour stones that have been used to protect this wall are much too small to withstand storm waves, and this has likely contributed to the failure of this structure.

But Sanchez is finally getting help to deal with the problem. It is the first completed climate change intervention under the 10.5-million-dollar Reducing the Risks to Human and Natural Assets Resulting from Climate Change (RRACC) Project being funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and administered by the St. Lucia-based Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat.

In 2012, Grenada requested support from the secretariat in addressing issues of coastal erosion and reduce

compounding impacts from climate change.

The initiative for Carriacou and Petite Martinique was three-fold, outlining a comprehensive approach to address the issues with support from the RRACC.

The coastal restoration works in Sanchez were the first of 11 examples of climate change adaptation interventions to be undertaken under the RRACC Project that will help the nine-member OECS grouping build resilience to climate change and reduce vulnerabilities to its impacts.

The project here included the reclamation of land lost to the sea, as well as the placement of one sea revetment 140 metres long to halt the ongoing erosion of the playing field area and protect critical coastal infrastructure and the armouring of the headland to the north with the construction of a revetment to withstand storm surges and strong wave action.

The director of social and sustainable development at the OECS Secretariat, Bentley Browne, told IPS that these frequent bombardments of the coastlines have resulted in significant loss of fertile land and coastal forestation, including mangroves.

"Today, the coastal assets are being degraded at a rate that is clearly visible without measurements using scientific tools, and it was recognised that this growing problem requires immediate and appropriate mitigation response measures to reduce the vulnerability of these islands to the impacts of climate change," he said.

Browne said small island developing states (SIDS) like those in the OECS can do little to stop or reverse climate change, and thus "must do all in our power to cope with its consequences".

"The impacts on small islands have been explored by many scientists and in general, it is expected that

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# National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day at Interfaith

By Eulene Inniss

In the midst of the turmoil and uncertainty surrounding the future of Interfaith Medical Center, the staff and co-sponsors found time to give a much needed HIV/AIDS prevention community workshop on Saturday, at the center located at 1545 Atlantic Ave. in Bed-Stuy. The New York City Department of Health has identified the community as one with some of the highest rates of HIV infections in the city.

Council members Robert Cornegy and Darlene Mealy; Sharonnie Perry, director of Community Outreach Pleasant Grove; Planned Parenthood of NYC Project Street Beat; the National Black leadership Commissioner on AIDS and Bishop Albert Jamison, Sr.-Senior Pastor



From left, Jamal Peterkin, Sharonnie Perry, Elder Kai Anthony and Reverend Dr. Cheryl.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

of Pleasant Grove Tabernacle all teamed up to inform the community of this deadly disease through an interac-

tive and informative workshop. After an initial private counseling and testing by Jamal Peterkin, individuals

got their results in 15 minutes. Referrals for follow-up care are given. Attendees also received small bags with snacks and health care products to take home.

Organizer and community icon Sharonnie Perry exhibits a passion for the spreading of the facts regarding AIDS/HIV. She said that "Bed-Stuy is considered an epic center for the virus but yet the lack of information and education is hindering the arrestment of the disease." The resources are not coming to Bed-Stuy as in other communities," she continued, "there is no preventive care, only emergency care and Interfaith is the only hospital which has an entire floor and a clinic in Brooklyn, dedicated to the care of HIV patients.

## Barbados layoffs

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their hand and to be more creative by targeting those near retirement and those interesting in leaving the public service rather than sole breadwinners and other vulnerable categories of workers.

NUPW General Secretary Dennis Clarke has said the union will press authorities to immediately begin reemploying sole breadwinners or face industrial action. On Friday, 300 workers of the national housing corporation were sent home amidst tears and wailing. Union leaders say workers with known health problems should be allowed to leave.

As an indication as to how severe this issue is tearing at Barbadian society, respected Anglican Cleric Charles Morris now says that the Church should shoulder the blame for much of the island's social and other woes.

"The church has to shoulder the blame for what is happening in this coun-

try, for while the warning signs were on the horizon, the church sat by and said nothing. The church has representatives in the senate but not a word of condemnation - where is the voice of God? Many of our church leaders are more

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concerned with titles than being involved in serious theological discussion and reflection. They are more concerned with being referred to as reverend doctor than making church reverent but the more doctors we have in the church, the sicker the church and society is becoming," he argued.

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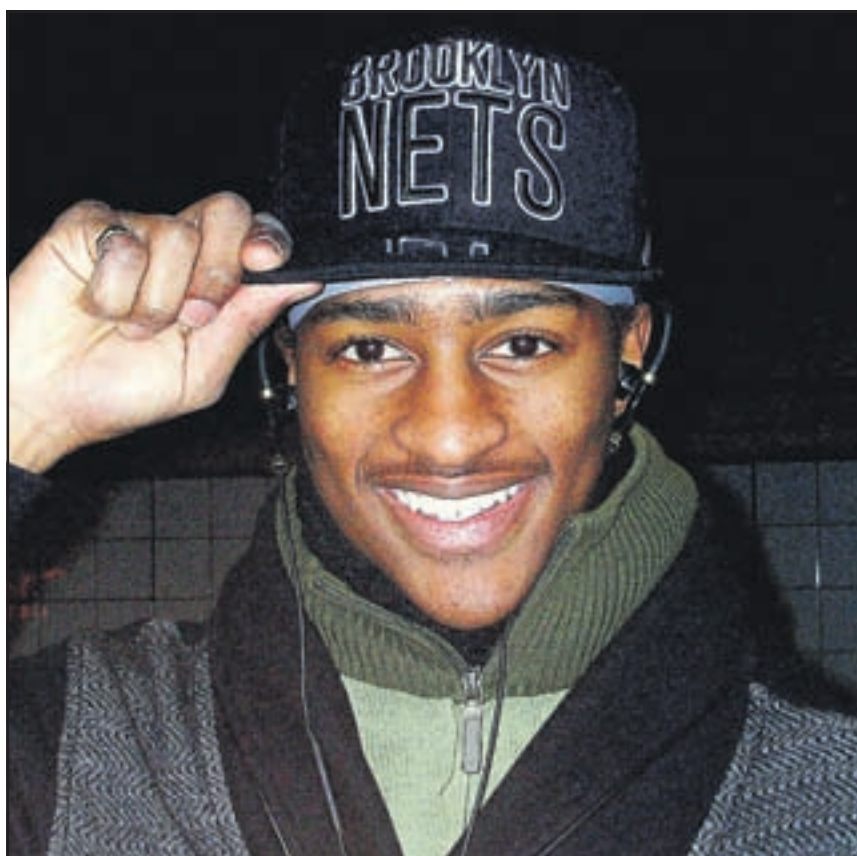


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# Garifuna Coalition honors a leader

**By Chudi Chukwudi**

The Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. is proud to announce that Ms. Xiomara Esmeralda Arriola, president and founder of the New York Honduras Soccer League, Inc., will be honored at the 5th Annual Masterpiece of Humanity Fundraising Gala at Tosca Marquee, 4034 East Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY on Sunday, Feb. 16, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. for her leadership in uniting communities through the sport of soccer.

Ms. Arriola was born in Santa Fe, Honduras and migrated to the United States in 1985.

She has always had a love for sports, especially soccer (Futbol) and participated with various teams in New York city. In 1995, after realizing that her teenage sons, who often hung around All Saints Lutheran Church on East 163rd St., needed something better to do and founded a

youth soccer team, Los Santos - "The Saints" - for the boys at the church.

In 2009, she decided to organize the New York Honduras Soccer League, Inc. to bring the various Honduran teams together, along with some clubs for players from Africa, the Caribbean and other Central American nations. The league now boasts 25 teams, each with 20 or more players, which are named for the Honduran towns that their members hail from. Different teams cater to young men, adult men and women and children.

That same year Xiomara began to lobby the New York City Parks Department to build a \$626,000 synthetic-turf soccer field in the 127-acre Crotona Park which previously only had facilities for baseball, basketball, handball and tennis.

Xiomara who was appointed by Bronx Borough Presi-

dent Ruben Diaz, Jr to serve as a member of Bronx Community Board 3, which includes Crotona Park, made several presentations to the board about the need for a soccer field, brought players from the league to board meetings and even led board members on a fact-gathering visit to Crotona Park. She also met with members of the Parks Department on several occasions, where she described the need for a field and the exact type of synthetic turf she was after.

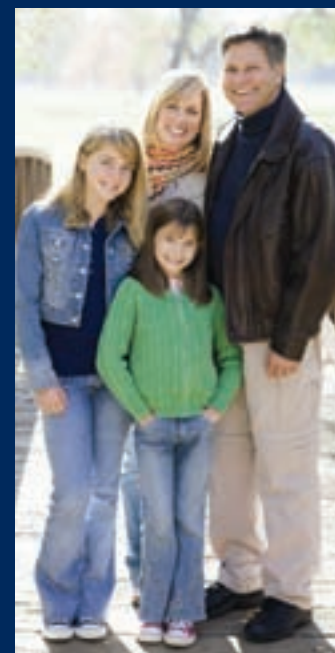
In 2010, the City decided to construct a synthetic-turf field over a former playground area at the park, which was completed in 2011. The New York Honduras Soccer League, Inc. tournaments are played on weekend games at Ferry Point Park in Throgs Neck.

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# Guyanese flicks for Caribbean launch

**By Tangerine Clarke**

The Caribbean Film Academy, a non-profit founded by Guyanese-born Romola O. Lucas and American, Justen Blaize, who grew up in Grenada, will host a CaFA Film Nights - Guyanese Edition, at its 570 Fulton St. Brooklyn cinema on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Advanced tickets are on sale via the organization's website - [www.caribbeanfilmacademy.com](http://www.caribbeanfilmacademy.com).

The evening's screening is expected to be quite entertaining with a list of exciting films that include, 2011 award-winning narrative short-film, and Cannes Film Festival winner "The Seawall" by Mason Richards.

"Beaches" by Kojo McPherson is a short narrative that was filmed in Guyana in 2012 traces the life of a man after he spreads the ashes of his wife on the Georgetown seawall.

Moviegoers will also enjoy Elijah Marchant's documen-



Co-founder of CaFA Justen Blaize.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

tary — "Tin City Voices" and "Rebecca's Story," a 2014 dramatic filmed by the Youth of the Witness Project.

In an interview with Caribbean Life, Romola O. Lucas co-founder of the two-year-old film series said that Caribbean people are naturally gifted and talented storytellers, but noted that before the screenings, their

storytelling was oral and therefore limited in reach.

"Using film as a medium to share this gift presents the opportunity for our unique style of storytelling to be shared with the rest of the world," she said. Lucas noted that it was important that "we get the word out about our filmmakers, as a means of helping them to stake their claim in the

world's storytelling space, and get the respect they deserve."

She explained that the non-profit is constantly searching for filmmakers and keeping abreast of film news from the Caribbean. "We will continue these activities as well as attend film festivals in the Caribbean, specifically to meet filmmakers so that we could share their work with the world."

Lucas, a corporate attorney by trade, who works tirelessly to put a spotlight on her culture in film, promotes the artists and their work through a blog and social media. The organization also uses its Anansi Studios ([www.ananistudios.com](http://www.ananistudios.com)) site to build an online collection of Caribbean films, some of which are offered free while others are available for a small cost, which is used to defray the cost of making films available online, and to compensate the filmmakers.

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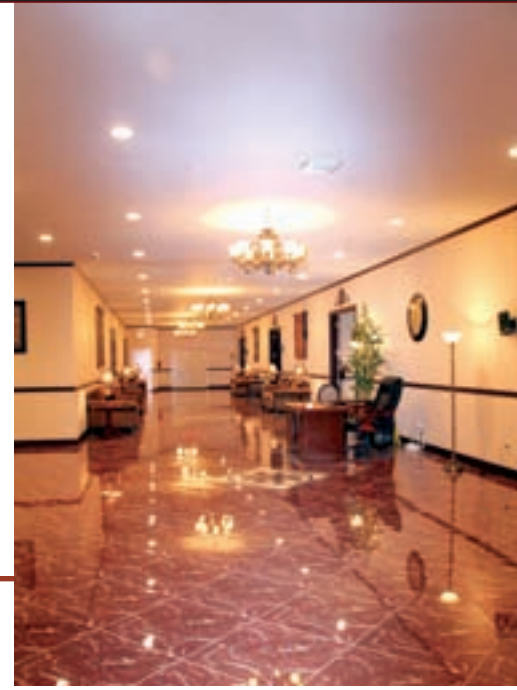


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# Grammy nominated Third World leader passes

The distinctive voice that led reggae ambassadors Third World through three and a half decades of musical adventures and 10 Grammy nominations will no longer champion the genre. On Feb. 2, William Clarke died at age 65. Also known as Bunny Rugs, his much rumored illness plagued social networks since last June when he was diagnosed with leukemia and diabetes. The very serious cancer forced him to abandon touring in celebration of Third World's 40th anniversary year. Since hospitalization news surfaced that Clarke was admitted to the intensive care unit of a Florida hospital. However, recently fans were pacified with news that he was released from hospice care to further recover at home. The tragedy stunned fans who hoped the lead singer would return touring Europe with the group he had been leading since 1976, singing on 20 albums.



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

"I am sad that Bunny Rugs has passed away," Lisa Hanna, Jamaica's Minister of Youth and Culture said. "We will no longer be able to go to a venue to watch him perform with his beloved Third World."

"However, I am grateful and proud of his contribution to music. He was a true Reggae Ambassador who, along with the rest of Third World, brought Jamaica's music to the world."

Clarke's distinct voice, charisma and stage presence added to the allure of a personality Hanna described to be "spell-binding."

She further noted that the singer commanded "a smile that was vibrant."

His infectious voice will forever be recalled singing "Try Jah Love," "Irie Ites," "Forbidden Love," "Now

That We Found Love," "Committed," "96 Degrees In the Shade" and "Reggae Ambassador."

Clarke took over the lead role with TW in 1976 but prior to that sang with the reggae group Inner Circle. He would have turned 66 on Feb. 6, the 69th birthday anniversary of Bob Marley.

### FEBRUARY IS REGGAE MONTH IN JAMAICA

In addition to marking Black History Month in February, Jamaica regards the shortest month of the year as the one dedicated to lauding its home-grown reggae music.

Officially declared by Sir. Kenneth Hall -- then Governor General of Jamaica -- on Jan. 24, 2008, Reggae Month 2014 slates an abun-



Reggae Legend Gregory Isaacs performs at the Sunset House of Blues in West Hollywood, Calif. on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

AP Photo/Robert Kenney

dance of diverse cultural entertainment to laud past and present contributors to the genre.

Throughout the month a range of reggae-focused activities, under the theme "The Journey Continues" will primarily be held in across the capital city of Kingston.

Reggae Month kicks off with a Reggae Legends Roots Party featuring poet Mutabaruka and others. The Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JARIA) is the organizer of the month-long activities which include its signature "Reggae Wednesday" series. The series will highlight the social backdrop and genres of reggae; from mento to dancehall, dramatically chronicling the evolution and dynamism of the reggae experience. Each week live concerts will feature: traditional drumming, folk, mento, jazz, clas-

sical, ska and rocksteady, reggae, rockers, dub and dub poetry, dancehall, gospel and alternative music.

"Reggae Month provides us with another great opportunity to promote capital city Kingston and its rich cultural heritage," Jamaica's Director of Tourism John Lynch said.

"With the various events being held throughout the month, reggae fans will be able to celebrate the life and music of legends such as Bob Marley, Dennis Brown, Peter Tosh and Gregory Isaacs."

On Feb. 23 a free public concert will be held in the downtown section of Kingston, in tribute to Denis Brown, the Crown Prince of Reggae. This event will be a celebration of his prolific career through interpretations of his songs performed by leading reggae artistes.

Highlights of Reggae Month also include: -- Music at the Museum slated to be held at Institute of Jamaica. A symposium, and honors awards ceremony along with a reggae trade fair are also scheduled.

"A visit to Kingston during February is sure to delight true reggae fans from around the world," Lynch added.

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## Rapping his way into T&T Carnival

By Aba Luke

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Feb. 10, 2014--Though controversial at times, well known Trinidad and Tobago rapper, Richard 'Chromatics' Raj-Kumar knows the importance of understanding the business of music. That understanding of business has led to a recent agreement made with Angostura Trinidad Limited and its LLB brand. The 'Carnival Rap Up' singer is sitting pretty these days, having recently sealed the deal to be the official brand ambassador for the beverage- something that many only dream of accomplishing. This is certainly a first for the local hip-hop fraternity, as never before has a local hip-hop artiste been given such an opportunity. Chromatics is elated and says he takes the task very seriously.

Admitting that he has



Chromatics with Douglas Henderson, Angostura's executive manager of Regional Sales & Marketing.

been nurturing a relationship with Angostura since last year, Chromatics said he worked with the LLB brand during their 'Lyrics Like A Boss' campaign and with a tremendous response received from the public, and essentially noted by the Angostura team, the foundation was laid for what

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## New York fashion for Anguilla stage

By Tangerine Clarke

Entertainment promoter Daniel Coleman used the stylish backdrop of the Fashion Institution of Technology (FIT) in Manhattan recently to launch the first Annual Anguilla Fashion Expo scheduled to take place on the island paradise from Feb. 28 to March 2.

"Come and be Inspired By Tranquility Wrapped in Blue," is the tagline that beckons fashionists and tourists to what will be a

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FIT Professor Steven Cutting, entertainment promoter Daniel Coleman, and Guyanese American fashion designer Roger Gary pose after the Anguilla Fashion Expo launch at FIT in Manhattan. Photo by Tangerine Clarke



# WOODIE KING'S PLAY FEST

Pauletta Pearson Washington reads during "The People of Clarendon County" play at Aaron Davis Hall, City College of New York. Photo by Amun

## National Black Touring Circuit rules

By Amun

On Friday, Feb. 7, 2014 Woody King, Jr.'s National Black Touring Circuit in conjunction with Voza Rivers/New Heritage Theater Group kicked off the 2014 Black History Month Play Festival with a press conference and star studded reading of Ossie Davis' play, "The People of Clarendon County" at Aaron Davis Hall, City College of New York.

The play reading was the centerpiece of the event. It was a one-time reading by Pauletta Pearson Washington, Frankie Faison and E. Roger Mitchell, directed by Ajene D. Washington. This seminal play was first performed in 1955 with the all-star cast of: the playwright, actor and director, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee and Sidney Poitier.

"The People of Clarendon Coun-

ty" was written by Ossie Davis and focuses on basis of "Brown vs. the Board of Education." The play was written in the 1950s and explores the true story of how a group of Black citizens in a South Carolina town were actually the first to go after the government about the constitutionality of the "separate and unequal" practice in public schools.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Counting Stars**  
OneRepublic
- 2 **Timber**  
Pitbull Feat. Ke\$ha
- 3 **Dark Horse**  
Katy Perry Featuring Juicy J ...
- 4 **The Monster**  
Eminem Feat. Rihanna
- 5 **Team**  
Lorde
- 6 **Burn**  
Ellie Goulding
- 7 **Story Of My Life**  
One Direction
- 8 **Let Her Go**  
Passenger
- 9 **Say Something**  
A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera
- 10 **Wake Me Up!**  
Avicii

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Pure Heroine**  
Lorde
- 2 **Frozen**  
Soundtrack
- 3 **Unorthodox Jukebox**  
Bruno Mars
- 4 **Night Visions**  
Imagine Dragons
- 5 **Beyonce**  
Beyonce
- 6 **Never Land (EP)**  
Andy Mineo
- 7 **Restoring Force**  
Of Mice & Men
- 8 **Thrive**  
Casting Crowns
- 9 **Same Trailer Different Park**  
Kacey Musgraves
- 10 **Random Access Memories**  
Daft Punk

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# Chromatics are ready

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would eventually happen. Last week, Angostura and the T&T hip hop heavyweight, along with his management team shook hands, cementing the endorsement deal of the LLB brand- something that will see Chromatics marketing the beverage to an urban, youthful market locally, across the Caribbean and even as far as Canada. "I'm really happy to be working with Angostura. They assisted with the promotion of my Science of Colours Volume 2 mixtape last year and to date, the mixtape has been downloaded some 2000 times," explained 'Matics, as he's often referred. He noted that Angostura is a company that promotes and markets several of its brands across the Caribbean and even internationally, something he and his team at Highway Records are strong believers of.

Assuring that he will be living the LLB brand, Chromatics who is currently working on his Carnival Rap Up 2014 single, which is scheduled for release on March 9, said he is thankful to Angostura Trinidad Limited for having the confidence in him to be the LLB brand ambassador. "Folks can look forward to new jingles and other projects, and rest assured

that I'll be associated with everything LLB related from this point onward," he said, adding that this endorsement opportunity with such a reputed local company shows a heightened level of appreciation for the Hip Hop fraternity and overall development within the industry. "It marks growth in the corporate sector as it shows that companies realize they don't have to run down the carnival season and the soca artistes alone. It shows that they're capable of also embracing the Hip- Hop culture and other local acts and music genres," he said.

Brand Officer of International Sales & Marketing at Angostura, Lawn Davis, commenting on the deal struck with Chromatics, said the Angostura family is very excited to have the artiste on board, noting that the work they started with him last year led to this decision and now they look forward to building on the relationship. He said Chromatics was chosen to be the LLB brand ambassador because he fits well with the unique nature of the LLB product, being a unique Trinbagonian artiste himself.

Meanwhile, as Chromatics prepares for the unveiling of his usually critically acclaimed but



Chromatics and his management team are excited for the journey that lies ahead. From left; Director of lime.tt Justine Gosine; Chromatics and CEO of Highway Records Stuart Fortune.

highly anticipated carnival post mortem, he says he'll also be releasing his Science of Colours Volume 3 mixtape, which will be getting Angostura's support much like last year. "It'll be released on the same day as Carnival Rap Up

3- March 9th and it'll be available for free download online, inclusive of Carnival Rap Up 2014," he assured.

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## Theatre

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Their case predates "Brown vs. the Board of Education."

Pauletta Pearson Washington, singer-actress has performed on Broadway and in film. She is married to actor/director, Denzel Washington. Frankie Faison is known for his comedy and dramatic roles on screen and on Broadway, and for his Tony and Drama Desk nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the August Wilson play, "Fences." E. Roger Mitchell has been a featured actor in film and television. Ajene D. Washington is an award winning director, playwright and set designer. The Bronx Council on the Arts recently presented him with the BRIO Award in playwrighting.

From Feb. 7 to March 2, 2014 the National Black Touring Circuit's Black History Month Play Festival will hold poetry, music and drama performances in Harlem that celebrate the acclaimed poet Amiri Baraka, legendary singer, Billie Holiday, the Great Divas of Gospel and Ossie Davis' renowned play "The People of Clarendon County." On February 8th, "A Tribute in



From left, Frankie Faison, Woodie King, Jr., Pauletta Pearson Wahington, E. Roger Mitchell and Voza Rivers at Aaron Davis Hall, City College of New York. Photo by Amun

Memory of Amiri Baraka" Harlem homage to the late Amiri Baraka, the legendary author, poet, playwright and scholar was held at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

For ticket for: "Great Divas of Gospel" and "Yesterdays" visit: [www.ticketcentral.com](http://www.ticketcentral.com) or call: 212-279-4200.

## Fashion forward

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star-studded event at the five-star Paradise Cove Resort on Anguilla's pristine southern shore.

Coleman was mesmerized by the island after just one visit and wanted to transform the British territory into a fashion and tourism destination for visitors.

To this end, he pitched his idea to the Chief Minister Hubert Benjamin Hughes, Tourism Minister Haydn Hughes and the Anguilla Tourist Board and a fashion expo was born.

Anguilla Access, a tourism company has partnered with Coleman for an exciting tourist package on the island where the promoter said, "the fashion event would be fabulous, the food will be fabulous, and the beautiful people will welcome guests with open arms."

During the kick-off, Guyanese American fashion designer Roger Gary and 17-year instructor at Fashion Institute of Technology Professor Steven Cutting teamed up with Daniels to final-

ize the weekend production that will include a fashion workshop by Cutting.

His presentation will teach the fundamentals of fashion for women, men and children's wear. Marketing terminology for fashion, product promotion, fashion analysis, branding, marketing supply chain and fashion retailing formats are among other topics to be discussed. Cutting will be the feature presenter at the seminar.

A Makeup and Foundation workshop will be conducted by Ja'Maal Buster and Damien Salter while artists to the stars Marque' and Jaci Michelle will conduct a Hair Style and Hair Care workshop.

Roger Gary who will head-up a long list of New York designers at the fashion forward affair is poised to debut his stunning colorful Aqua Couture swimwear line. He said his work would be 'typical Gary style' with an Anguilla twist.

To learn more, go to [www.anguillaexpo.com](http://www.anguillaexpo.com).

# 'The New Black' in out-of-the-closet documentary

"The New Black"  
Excellent (4 stars)  
Unrated  
Running time: 75 minutes  
Distributor: Film Forum

By Kam Williams

The African-American community has been slow to get on the gay rights bandwagon, at least according to exit polls conducted on election days in states like California where the narrow defeat of same-sex marriage in 2008 was blamed on black folks. What's up with that? After all, one would expect blacks, as the long-suffering victims of segregation and discrimination, including miscegenation laws forbidding race-mixing, to be quick to support LGBT equality.

But that hasn't been the case according to "The New Black," an eye-opening documentary directed by Yoruba Richen. The film

follows the recent effort of African-American activists to rally support for Proposition 6, a Maryland same-sex referendum. This was to be no mean feat, given the way that the Black Church has dragged its feet in terms of LGBT issues.

The gay rights movement was apparently up against walking around money greasing the palms of black pastors coming courtesy of Mormons and white Evangelicals eager to sway the African-American vote. The Born Again crowd pressed for a literal interpretation of scriptures that leave no doubt about God's will. Still, Bible-thumping bigots are ostensibly at odds with the open-minded attitude advocated by George Gershwin's heretical hymn, "It Ain't Necessarily So" which warns that "The things that



Karess Taylor Hughes (left) and Samantha Master (center) with an unidentified person in a scene from "The New Black."  
Photo by Jan Lemen

you're liable to read in the Bible ain't necessarily so."

As far as conservative black min-

isters, some have called homosexuality "a white man's disease," and shunned members of their con-

gregation who have come out of the closet. This even happened to Tonex, a Grammy-nominated Gospel singer who found his homosexual "perversions" criticized by colleague Reverend Donnie McClurkin, a convert to heterosexuality who has come to reject what he refers to as the gay lifestyle.

Nevertheless, most brothers seem to be coming around to a more tolerant attitude, despite the homophobia previously permeating black culture. For example, as a presidential candidate, Barack Obama narrowly defined marriage "as a union between a man and a woman," only to arrive last year at a belief that "our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law."

The African-American community collectively jumps the broom over its last big taboo!

## Independent & Foreign Films

Adult World (R for sexuality and drug use) Romantic comedy about a recent college grad and aspiring poet (Emma Roberts) who reluctantly takes a job at a porno shop until an English professor (John Cusack) she admires offers her a position as his assistant. With Armando Riesco, Shannon Woodward and Chris Riggi.

Beijing Love Story (Unrated) Screen version of the popular, Asian TV series of the same name exploring romance and relationships from a Chinese perspective. Starring Tony Leung Ka Fai, Carina Lau, Gaowa Siqin and Xuebing Wang. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

Date and Switch (R for graphic sexuality, crude humor, pervasive profanity and drug and alcohol abuse, all involving teens) Out-of-the-closet comedy about a straight teen (Nicholas Braun) who gets the surprise of his life after entering a pact with his secretly gay best friend (Hunter Cope) to lose their virginity before the senior prom. With Nick Offerman, Gary Cole, Megan Mullally, Dakota Johnson and Sarah



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Hyland.

Easy Money: Hard to Kill (Unrated) Action-oriented sequel finds coke smuggling protagonist (Joel Kinnaman) leaving prison and returning to his old illicit ways upon rejoining his gang. Cast includes Matias Varela, Dragomir Mrsic and Fares Fares. (In Swedish, Spanish, English, Serbian, Croatian and Arabic)

Girl on a Bicycle (R for sexuality, nudity and profanity) Romantic romp revolving around the triangle which ensues after an Italian bus driver (Vincenzo Amato) falls in love with a French passerby (Louise Monot) right after proposing to his German stewardess sweetheart (Nora Tschirner). With Paddy Considine, Stephane Debac and Brice Fournier.

Jimmy P. (Unrated) Poignant portrait of a Native-American veteran (Benicio Del Toro) who consults a French shrink (Math-

ieu Almaric) for help sorting out his psychological issues. With Gina McKee, Larry Pine and Joseph Cross.

Lucky Bastard (NC-17 for explicit sexuality) Found footage horror flick about a fan (Jay Paulson) who comes to regret answering an adult website's invitation to have sex with his favorite porn star (Betsy Rue). With Don McManus, Chris Wylde and Catherine Annette.

The New Black (Unrated) Gay rights documentary examining how the African-American community deals with homophobia, the legalization of same-sex marriage, and other LGBT issues.

The Returned (Unrated) Horror flick set in a post-apocalyptic world where infected zombies are able to live normal lives until the retroviral drug upon which they depend runs out. Co-starring Kris Holden-Ried, Emily Hampshire, Shawn

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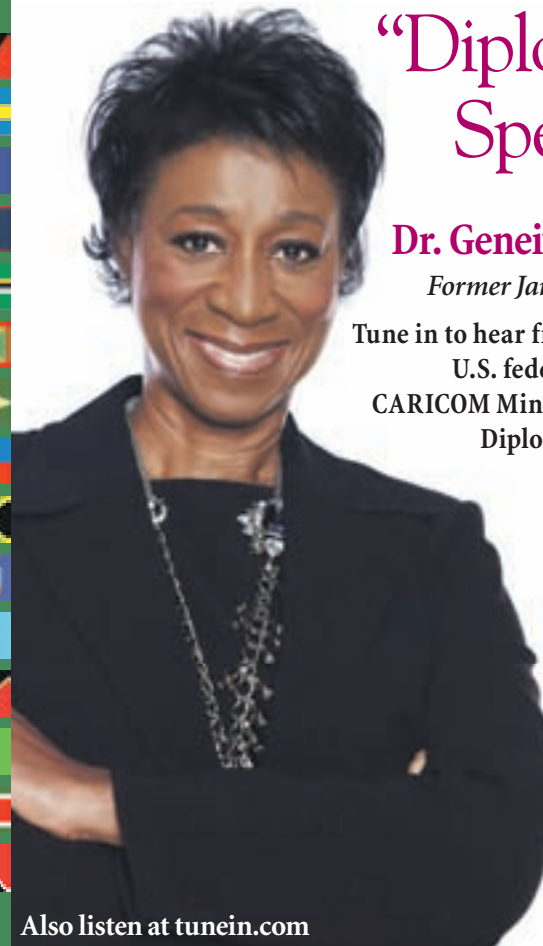
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## Hotel Association bans jet-skis

By Azad Ali

The Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA) has called for a complete ban on jet skis in certain resort areas following the death of a tourist recently.

The police reported that Thomas Torres Castillo, 53, of Las Vegas in the USA was struck by a jet ski as he was swimming at the Travellers Beach Hotel in the tourist resort town of Negril. Thomas died shortly after the incident.

JHTA President, Evelyn Smith, believes the ban should be implemented

**The sentiment of the members is that everything needs to come off the water until we are satisfied that we can enforce the whole situation.**

until a solution is found.

"The sentiment of the members is that everything needs to come off the water until we are satisfied that we can enforce the whole situ-

ation, then one can look at determining specific areas. It cannot be where people are swimming, it has to be miles away, where there is no danger to human life," she said.

Meanwhile, Assistant Superintendent of the Marine Police, Adrian Hamilton has outlined a plan of action to be undertaken by the police and given recommendations he believes will alleviate the problem.

Police have since reported that a suspect has been held in connection with the Jet Ski crash.

## Awards

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Borroughs is considered the "go-to man" when shipping medical supplies to the government of Grenada.

The positive impact to his service is not only felt directly in Brooklyn but directly in Grenada, where Compass is not just recognized as a shipper but also as a top quality housing agent.

Borroughs has provided affordable housing for students at his Compass Apartments on the True Blue main road in Grenada.

Pysadee is a broadcaster for over three decades. He was a popular voice on radio in Grenada in the 1980s, championing the cause of airing local artistes' music.

In 1980, when the quality of Grenada's calypso began taking an upward trend, Pysadee was one of the on-air announcers who adopted the "total local" playlist and earned the endorsement of the listening public.

Pysadee, an ardent lover of sport, was a commentator of almost every sporting discipline in Grenada.

On his birthday, April 7, 1983, when the first international cricket match was played in Grenada at the then Queen's Park,



Radio and TV broadcaster Harold Pysadee receives award from PM Mitchell (R) and Hon. Consul Gen. Derrick James.  
Photo by Nelson A. King

between the West Indies and India, Pysadee was the only local voice on the international commentary team covering the match.

After migrating to the United States in 1987, it was not long before Pysadee began hosting the popular television show, "CultureShare", produced by Gentle Ben TV. The show, which ran from 1991 to 1996, highlighted live calypso performances and carnival celebrations in the Caribbean, North America and London.

From 1996 to present, Pysadee has been hosting the live radio show, "New York Connection" on Saturday mornings on GBN's Klassic radio and "SpiceislanderRadio" on the Internet. On the show, he speaks to the movers and

shakers in the Grenadian community in New York and other parts of North America.

Pysadee unselfishly consents to be the Master of Ceremony – as was the case at this year's gala Independence Ball – as of many Grenadian community functions. He sees this as one way in giving back to the community, volunteering his skills.

He's also an assistant vice president of JPMorgan Chase, where he has been employed for the past 23 years.

"I'm always humbled when thought of someone deserving of an award," Pysadee told Caribbean Life. "To be given one at the 40th anniversary of our independence is special. I will cherish this."

## Martinique

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sea level rise will lead to greater coastal flooding and damage to shorelines and infrastructure, erosion and threats to livelihoods. As persons who inhabit the small land spaces in the OECS, this is particularly worrisome," he said at a ceremony in late January marking the completion of the restoration works in Sanchez.

"As a region, we recognise the challenges that confront us. However, we will not be deterred or thrown off our course towards our quest for sustainable development. Our intentions on this matter are clearly etched in pivotal policies and agreements that

guide our region's growth and development."

He said the OECS Economic Union Treaty, along with the St. George's Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability in the OECS (SGD), mandate that each member state minimise environmental vulnerability, improve environmental management and protect the region's natural resource base, thereby increasing its resilience to climate change impacts and allowing continued social and economic benefits.

Mikell O'Mealy, the Eastern Caribbean climate change coordinator with USAID-Caribbean, said the Sanchez project represented a "shining example of a how community can address the very serious issues facing the region with

regard to climate change".

She said once the coral reefs bleach and die, as occurred in Petite Martinique, they no longer provide a critical buffer to protect the shoreline from currents, waves and storms.

"Here, as in so many places in the region and worldwide, the loss of coral reefs and coastal mangroves has led to severe coastal erosion, threatening critical community infrastructure, such as the road that connects your community around the island and the power plant adjacent to the road that supplies the island's electricity," O'Mealy said.

She said the restoration project here demonstrates how climate change-induced erosion can be effectively addressed by combining technical expertise and a strong,

collaborative community effort.

O'Mealy told IPS that in addition to this project in Petite Martinique, USAID was funding 10 other projects across the Eastern Caribbean and supporting the OECS Secretariat "in helping us all learn from each other ... [on] what works best, what didn't work so well, and how the most successful approaches can be scaled-up in each country and region-wide in the most cost effective way.

"Climate change is unfortunately not going away, and we know at this point that the impacts are predicted to worsen in the coming years. We therefore must continue to try new approaches, learn from each other, and scale-up what works," she added.

## National unity

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"Therefore, there is no money left for health, education and infrastructure," he said. "Clearly, this is unsustainable. In the face of this, over the last five years, there has been no economic growth."

Unable to sustain the country's debt, Mitchell, therefore, said that he will sign this week a "Letter of Intent, which says Grenada is prepared to do and what the international community can do to help Grenada get out of the morass."

The Grenadian leader said the economic pro-

gram is a "Grenadian program – not an IMF (International Monetary Fund) program," stating that there is a "general acceptance over which we have no choice."

He said the island's trade unions and non-governmental organizations have been working with his administration to "come up with the best program."

Mitchell said once the Letter of Intent is submitted and accepted by the IMF, Grenada stands to receive EC\$100 million each year for this and the next two years.

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In this Dec. 17, 2013 file photo, Cecil Williams pets his guide dog Orlando in his hospital bed following a fall onto subway tracks from the platform in New York.

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## Knicks show big hearts

By Robert Elkin

Competition in basketball and hockey is not the only activities to witness at Madison Square Garden, open to the fans and general public, if so desired. During these events, the personnel at the Garden stage various promotions to get the spectators more involved in what is going on.

For instance, almost every month during the season, a Sweetwater Clifton City Spirit Award is presented by former Knick-

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## Samuels makes IPL auction list

By Azad Ali

Jamaica and West Indies middle-order batsman Marlon Samuels is among 31 players who have attracted highest base price for the Indian Premier League (IPL) this month.

Samuels is on a list that also includes Australian Mitchell Johnson, Brad Haddin and Steven Smith, attracting the top base of R20 million (US\$320,000) for the auction in Bangalore next week.

The 32 players are part of the 232-strong auction list of capped players from 10 countries, which was finalized by the IPL last week and distributed to the eight franchises.

West Indies fast bowler Kemar Roach is among the overseas players missing from

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# FAIR OR FOUL

Bayern's Franck Ribery of France challenges for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match between Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund in Munich; Germany.

AP Photo/Frank Augstein, File

## Soccer awards lead to some grumblings

By Patrick Horne

About a month ago, Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo, who plays for one of the most popular and richest clubs in the world, Real Madrid, won the 2013 FIFA Ballon d'Or as the world's best soccer player in 2013, but there were some

grumblings over the award. Ronaldo finished ahead of second-place Lionel Messi, the extremely popular Argentine who won the award the previous four years and plays for Madrid's rival FC Barcelona, a club just as popular and arguably just as rich; he also finished ahead of third-

place finisher and Frenchman Franck Ribéry of Germany's Bayern Munich. The fuss, though, was not about Messi's displacement of the award, but of Ribery's third-place finish. Many in the soccer fraternity felt that Ribery should have won

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# STAR AT BAT

West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

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that list as well as Sri Lanka pair of Kumar Sangakkara and Dinesh

Chandimal, Australia's Michael Clarke and Mitchell Marsh, England's Stuart Broad, Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler.

According to the new IPL player regulations, it has been decided that all players will be paid in Indian rupees from this year.

## A man and his dog

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erbocker player John Starks. He did so during a recent game between the Knicks and Denver. This award is named after a former Knick player, Nat 'Sweetwater' Clifton, the first African American to compete for the Knicks.

Actually the award, for the month of January, went to Orlando, a seeing-eye dog who helped his owner from a train accident. This incident came on Dec. 17, 2013 when its owner Cecil Williams of Harlem began to feel faint near the edge of a subway platform in Harlem and fell onto the tracks.

Orlando jumped onto the tracks and started barking, gaining the attention of bystanders as an express train approached. Orlando covered Williams on the tracks.

Two subway cars passed over them before the train stopped. Williams and the dog escaped without serious injury, thanks to the actions of Orlando.

Talking about the subway incident right before the start of the Denver-Knicks game, Williams said "Miracle! It made me believe in miracles more so than ever. Certain things happen out of my control... And I'm

here today!"

"The feeling (came) more or less when I woke up. When it happened to me I blacked out. He (the dog) took over, everything happened. I realized the train went over me and I had to have five staples on my head. We (the dog and I) were safe under the tracks."

"It was awesome to me—a miracle. I can't describe it in other words. I believe that the Knicks will win another championship....(He didn't say about this year). Sooner or later we'll rise to the top. There will be changes here in New York.

"It happens. It's like

chemistry (Miami has it). Here Carmelo can't carry all the points. It's the team that plays together and contributes all the time. It takes a while and doesn't happen over night.

"Receiving an award during Black History Month means we still have a way to go.

"We have (Barack) O'ama as president. For me it means the last should be first. He does a wonderful job and doesn't get credit for the things that he does. We have to go through struggles. I'm not knocking anyone."

As for basketball now, Williams wants to get out there (on the court) and try to shoot, because he used to play the game.

## Fair or Foul

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the award. They felt that the Ballon d'Or, even though it is an individual prize, should be awarded to the player whose achievements had the biggest impact on the club. Ribery led Bayern Munich to an historic season, sweeping the world's most prestigious club awards, including the European Champions League title and the FIFA Club Championship, along with both major titles in Germany - the Bundesliga championship and the German Cup.

Clearly, Ribery's effort helped to make his club, Bayern Munich, the best in the world in 2013. Many thought that Ribery should have at least finished ahead of Messi. So, here's the question - is the criteria for the Ballon d'Or solely about individual achievements with no consideration as to how those achievements impact the team, or should it be the converse, where the achievements are juxtaposed with club's achievements?

Many argued that Ronaldo (69 goals) outscored Messi (45) and Ribery (23) and helped his country qualify for the World Cup when he scored all four goals in a 4-2 win in a qualifier and deserves the award. Few argued the case of Messi, but much of the fuss was

made on behalf of Ribery. Many fans and some journalists argued that Ribery's output was accomplished in the tougher German Bundesliga, which, without doubt, is a more competitive and physical league than Spain's La Liga; and that Ribery's 22 assists (Ronaldo had 16 and Messi 14) shows is completeness as a player and hence more valuable to his team. After all, Bayern Munich reigns as the best club on earth mainly due to Ribery's exploits.

There were those who concluded that Ronaldo, who won the award in 2008 and had come close the past four years when Messi won, simply deserved it this time, especially since injury kept Messi from being at his best.

But soccer is a team sport and a player's overall achievements over a period must be considered within the context of the team and how it impacts the club. Teams are not operated to create individual achievements because if they were, they would fail financially and eventually fold. Finances are directly tied to a club's overall success: appearance fees, tournaments wins, commercial sponsorship and local fans, who fill stadiums to see their team win.



World players of the year Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal and German goal keeper Nadine Angerer stand together at the FIFA Ballon d'Or 2013 Gala in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Jan. 13, 2014.

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# Jamaica leads Group-A with 13 points

Jamaica defeated Guyana by 10 runs in the Nagico Super 50 Tournament, Group A.

A delightful batting display from Nkrumah Bonner of 122 runs with 8 fours and 5 sixes pushed Jamaica from 97 for 4 to 243 for 7 wickets in 50 overs.

Veerasammy Permaul took 2 wickets for 45 runs, Rensford Beaton 2 for 56 and Devendra Bishoo 1 wicket for 3 runs.

Guyana started well with Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Trevon Griffith gathering 88 runs for the first wicket. Chanderpaul scored 65, Griffith 37 and Assad Fudadin 21. Guyana reached 233 all out in 49.5 overs. Andre Russell, with 3 wickets for 51 runs from 9.5 overs and Sheldon Cottrell 3 for 62 from 10 overs were the main contributors to destroying Guyana.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BOWLED OUT CCC FOR 98 RUNS

Trinidad and Tobago



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

bowled out Combined Campuses and Colleges for 98 runs in 44. 2 overs. For Trinidad and Tobago, Dwayne Bravo picked up three wickets for 19 runs from 10 overs, Jason Mohammed 3 for 19 from 10 overs. Sunil Narine and Ravi Rampaul took one wicket each. Evin Lewis scored 44 runs from 27 balls, with seven fours and two sixes. Lendl Simmons, 38, created victory for Trinidad and Tobago as they raced to 100 for 4 in 16.2 overs winning by a wide margin.

Guyana and Jamaica already qualify in Group "A". Trinidad and Barbados are the qualifiers in Group "B." It will be an exciting finals with all four teams playing very hard for the honors. The teams that bowl effectively and hold the catches should win the competition.

Some players have exhibited top-class performances so far in the competition. For Jamaica, Andre Russell, Nikita Miller, Tamar Lambert, Andre McCarthy and Nkrumah Bonner slammed a spectacular 122 against Guyana.

## FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Lendl Simmons and Denesh Ramdin have been consistent with the bat. Sunil Narine, from his first game, proved how destructive he can be by picking up four wickets.

## SMITH AND CARTER IN TERRIFIC FORM

Barbados has some power hitters in Dwayne Smith, Jonathan Carter and Ashley Nurse. Carter already has a century in the regular competition and he should be



looked at closely in the semi-finals for a big score. Smith's swashbuckling approach can turn the fortunes easily for Barbados.

## BEATON, BISHOO AND PERMAUL MUST BE ECONOMICAL

Some very tight bowling must be exhibited by the Guyanese bowlers. Fast bowler Rensford Beaton, spinners Devendra Bishoo and Veerasammy Permaul must be on top of their game, allowing the opposition to score very low, thus giving the Guyanese batsmen an easy opportunity to win games.

Ramresh Sarwan and Shivnarine Chanderpaul must be performing at their best, and Christopher Barnwell must have a great semi-final.

West Indies' Nkrumah Bonner bats during the first Twenty20 international cricket match against Australia in Gros Islet, St. Lucia.

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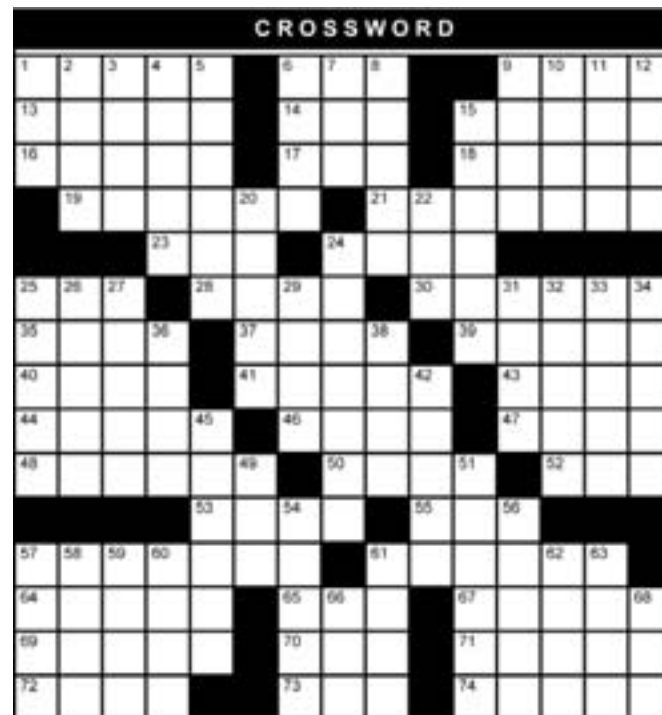
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15. "None the \_\_\_\_\_"
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17. Hula welcome
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21. \*Bullock's force of attraction
23. Canny
24. \*Enterprise of "Star Trek Into Darkness"
25. 20s dispenser
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40. Against
41. Slow sipper's equipment
43. Smiley face
44. Heat-conducting solid
46. \_\_\_\_\_-a-Sketch

47. Makes a great puppet
48. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Adler's students won many Oscars
50. Folio page
52. Between do and mi, pl.
53. \*Oscar of sports world?
55. "Before" prefix
57. Punk hairdo, pl.
61. Chemical cousin
64. Accord
65. Credit card acr.
67. Some sorority girls
69. Popular synthetic fabric
70. \*2013 "wolf" portrayer
71. Bert's sidekick
72. \_\_\_\_\_ sack
73. Adult male
74. African antelope

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1. British broadcaster
2. Women's lib cry?
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4. Campus girls
5. Store as fodder
6. Auction off
7. The loneliest number?
8. Sound like Secretariat
9. Capital on the Dnieper
10. Fungal spore sacs

11. Post-deductions amount
12. Site of Trojan War
15. Get through
20. Nursemaid in India, pl.
22. Mourner's wish
24. Soon enough
25. \*Nominated "Hustler"
26. Article of faith
27. Opposite of glossy
29. Pigeon's home
31. Old scolds
32. One of "12 Angry Men," e.g.
33. Rabbit hole wonderer
34. \*"Saving Mr. \_\_\_\_\_"
36. Obsolete phone feature
38. Tempo
42. Wallops
45. \*Folk singer " \_\_\_\_\_ Davis"
49. Pose a question
51. \*Nominated animated feature
54. Church song
56. Manicurist's board
57. \*Previous Supporting Actor nominee Wahlberg or Ruffalo
58. Arab League member
59. "Hey!"
60. Above
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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you want more than you can acquire this week and your desires may lead you astray. It is important to exercise self-restraint, even if you get a thrill from living on the edge.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, make a concerted effort to improve your focus in the weeks ahead. There is much to lose if you cannot tackle the tasks at hand, particularly at the workplace.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, it's unlike you to slow down, so don't be surprised when friends start looking at you curiously after you take your foot off the gas. Your free spirited nature will soon return.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, find a routine that works for you and then stick with it. There is no need to reinvent the wheel, and when actions become automatic, you can focus on other things.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
A need for attention could get the better of you, Leo. A little humility goes a long way and can alter others' perceptions of you. You may end up being seen in a more positive light.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you can differentiate between right and wrong, but your judgement might be off this week. Rely on your intuition, but don't make any big decisions without first thinking carefully.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, it may seem like you are being led astray by one thing after another, when all you want is to focus on one task at a time. Find a way to block out any and all distractions.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, work on a creative project with a sweetheart or friend early in the week. Ideas will flow easily and your imaginations will soar together. It is a productive pairing.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
This is not your week to mix love and money, Sagittarius. In fact, keep the two as separate as possible, and exercise caution before lending anyone money.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, you want to play outside of the rules this week. You normally like to follow a relatively traditional course, so this catches others off guard.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
You don't always have the patience to stick with the same routine, Aquarius. That means others cannot expect you to conform to their whims if they want you as a friend.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, you may need to sacrifice some security for a chance to have a memorable experience. Do something out of the ordinary.

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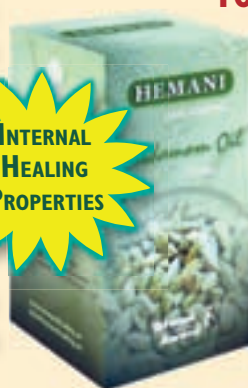
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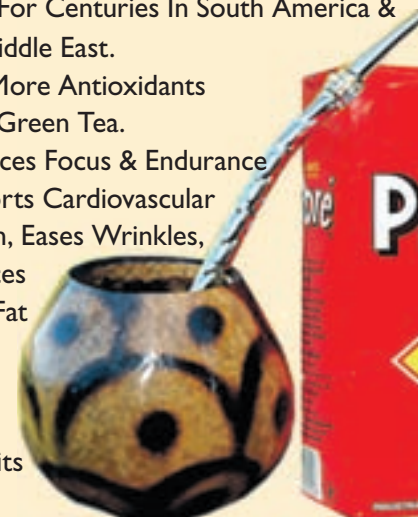
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