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## A BLACK HISTORY SALUTE

Members of Ifetayo Cultural Academy in a African Dance routine performance Monday at the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza Skylight Gallery, during the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Black History Month celebration. See Page 3.

Photo William Farrington

## US extends TPR for Haitians

**By Nelson A. King**

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) says Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson will extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible nationals of Haiti for an additional 18 months, effective Jul. 23, 2014 through Jan. 22, 2016.

USCIS said on Monday that current Haitian beneficiaries seeking

to extend their TPS status must re-register during a 60-day period that runs from Mar. 3, 2014, through May 2, 2014.

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) encourages beneficiaries to re-register as soon as possible once the 60-day period begins," it said here in a statement.

USCIS said the 18-month exten-

sion also allows TPS re-registrants to apply for a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

It said eligible Haitian TPS beneficiaries who re-register during the 60-day period and request a new EAD will receive one with an expiration date of Jan. 22, 2016.

USCIS said it "recognizes that some re-registrants may not receive

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# UNEASE ABOUT RODNEY PROBE

### Worried about the mandate

**By Bert Wilkinson**

A Caribbean-led commission of inquiry into the June 1980 bomb blast assassination of internationally-acclaimed historian and US Black Power Movement activist Walter Rodney could soon get underway in his native Guyana, but even as preparations are being heightened for the probe, controversy is brewing about the mandate the three-person body has been given to work with.

Authorities in Guyana late last month named respected Barbadi-

an jurist Sir Richard Cheltenham to head up the probe into Rodney's assassination after years of campaigning by opposition outfits, activists in the governing People's Progressive Party (PPP) and local and regional rights groups.

In the past week, the terms of reference for the commission was published in local newspapers for all to see but the main opposition A Partnership For National Unity (APNU) is already signaling

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Caribbean

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging Caribbean countries to speed up adaptation of laws to control the tobacco “epidemic,” saying that, despite progress in the countries of the Americas, the epidemic continues to grow.

In a new report, PAHO, the regional office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO), said applying at least six measures could help prevent one million deaths annually.

The six measures comprise large, graphic and health warnings on tobacco packaging that effectively inform consumers.

They include protect young people from aggressive tobacco industry marketing; banning all forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship; monitor use of tobacco products; protect people from exposure of second-hand smoke; offer help to quit smoking and raise taxes on tobacco products.



PAHO said there are 145 million smokers in the region, accounting for 12 percent of the world’s total, estimating that about one million people lose their lives as a consequence of tobacco ever year.

## Barbados

The Barbados government says it wants a speedy conclusion for an air services agreement with China as it hoped to lure visitors and investors from the Asian country.

A government statement providing details of a meeting between the island’s Ambassador Designate to the People’s Republic of China, Dr Chelston Brathwaite, quoted Prime Minister Stuart as saying that if Barbados was in the development phase of its relationship with China and it was now necessary to familiarize the Chinese with this country in an effort to attract Chinese tourists and business people to the island.



Stuart acknowledge that the local economy had become structurally integrated into the economies of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, but insisted there was a need in new



## Accommodating climate change

Ancel Bhagwandeem with his hydroponic unit for growing vegetables indoors. The unit makes use of smart electronics. See page 16. IPS/Jewel Fraser

directions and identified China and Latin America as two of the new paths to be allowed.

Brathwaite, who left recently to take up his appointment in Beijing, noted that tourism, trade and business were key areas of interest, noting that 83 million Chinese tourists traveled annually, spending an estimated US\$102 billion.

The statement gave no indication when or if negotiations for an air services agreement between the two countries have started.

## Dominica

Dominica has signed an agreement with the Dubai-based Range Development Limited (RDL) for the construction of a 125-room high-end luxury hotel in the north of the island.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is the first agreement to be signed under the investment arm of the Economic Citizenship Program.



“This is the first MoU the government is signing under the Citizen by Investment Program, the

investment arm of our Economic Citizenship Program which we believe is the way to go towards addressing economic development issues, employment and greater investment in our tourism industry,” he added.

Range Development is currently developing Park Hyatt, an ultra-luxury five-star resort hotel in St. Kitts-Nevis.

## Guyana

Guyana has increased the number of judges to tackle the country’s daunting backlog of criminal and civil matters.

The number of judges eligible to sit in Guyana’s high court has been boosted from 11 to 20. President Donald Ramotar announced recently.

Guyana’s bar association and other groups have said for years that more judges were needed to handle thousands of old cases.

Some accused have been waiting for more than five years to have their cases heard. Several civil cases had to be dropped because litigants have died, migrated or



given up due to delays.

Attorney General Anil Nandall says the previous number of judges was “wholly inadequate to cope” with the volume of cases.

## Haiti

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton recently visited Haiti to get look at some of the projects that his private foundation has supported to help the country recover from a devastating earthquake in 2010.

He began a visit with a tour of at a solar-powered primary school in Cite Soliel, a forsaken seaside slum that is one of the Caribbean nation’s poorest neighborhoods.

The Clinton Foundation has supported the Institution Mixte Union des Aportes-Prodev in planting trees and a garden, meant to help feed the school’s 200 students.

And it helped organize a donation of 64 solar panels by NRG Energy Inc. valued at US\$100,000.

During his visit, Clinton also toured a training school for Haitian coffee farmers in a remote village, as well as a recycling



center and a new apparel manufacturer that invests part of its profits in its employees and their families.

## Jamaica

Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Task Force (CCMRT) says it has been assured that Jamaica will this year decriminalize marijuana as the island seeks to establish a medicinal marijuana industry.

CCMRT leader, Dealana Seivright said in a statement, said the assurance had come from Science, Technology, Energy and Minister Phillip Paulwell.

The statement quoted Paulwell as telling members of the task force that “ganja will be decriminalized in Jamaica this year and emphasized that Jamaica cannot be allowed to behind on the issue.

He also reiterated the multiple economic, social and cultural benefits that Jamaica stands to benefit if the laws are not adjusted sooner rather than later.



Last year, CARICOM countries agreed to discuss the issue of decriminalizing marijuana for health reasons at the inter-sessional meeting in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in March.

But regional leaders, who met in Trinidad last September, said that a decision has been taken to have the Guyana-based CARICOM Secretariat conduct further research on the medical and legal implications of decriminalizing marijuana.

## Trinidad

The investigation of white collar crime in Trinidad and Tobago is non-existent, said attorney David West, an expert in anti-money laundering.

Trinidad and Tobago has had zero prosecutions and zero convictions for money laundering since institutions were mandated to report suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in 2010; from 2010 to 2013 the FIU has reported TT\$1.2 billion worth of suspicious transactions.



Compiled by Azad Ali





**1.** Top triumvirate: Right, honoree Kwayera Archer-Cunningham of Ifetayo Cultural Academy receives her award from, left, Chamber president and CEO Carlo Scissura, and Juliet Lewis, a representative for Consolidated-Edison and co-chairwoman of the Chamber's Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise Committee.

**2.** Honorees Kenneth Marable and Councilman Jumaane Williams share the spotlight while displaying their Chamber awards. Williams also presented Marable a Council citation for his community work with the group Diversity, Awareness, Initiative for Students.

Photos by William Farrington

# Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce celebrates Black History Month

By Shavana Abruzzo

Two notable African Americans were hailed for their distinguished contributions to the community, when the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce held its annual Black History Month celebration in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Councilman Jumaane Williams (D—East Flatbush), new chairman of the city's

Committee on Housing and Buildings, and Kenneth Marable, a financial consultant and life underwriter training council Fellow for AXA Advisors, received the honors during a Feb. 27 tribute at Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza, led by Chamber President Carlo Scissura.

Williams, a first-generation Brooklynite of West

Indian descent, is a national advocate for stop-and-frisk reform, and other police practices to improve cop-community relations and public safety.

Marable, a 20-year financial industry veteran previously with Goldman Sachs, is a member of the Association of Fundraising professionals, the Caribbean American Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry, and the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, among other organizations.

Scissura also presented a special recognition award to Kwayera Archer-Cunningham, founding president and chief executive officer of Ifetayo Cultural Academy, an arts and cultural organization which provided the entertainment.

# Black History Medical Synergy

By Nelson A. King

Six black doctors were honored for their respective contributions to the medical community when the Brooklyn Hospital staged its inaugural “Black History Medical Synergy” awards event on Feb. 27 at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

The event was held in partnership with the Aesclepius Medical Society and the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE), Inc.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Award for “Dedication to Preserving the Highest Standard of Care in Brooklyn”, to Julien J. Supplice, MD for 47 years of service; June Mulvaney, MD for 53 years of service and Renaida Reyes, DDS for 46 years of service, with Dr. Smith-McKinney's great-great-great-grandson Todd Slaughter as the presenter.

Dr. Smith McKinney, the first African American woman to receive a medical degree in New York, was born in Weeksville, Brooklyn in 1847 and practiced from her office on DeKalb Avenue from 1870 to 1895.

Other honorees were: Beny Primm, MD (Lifetime Achievement Award); Gerald Deas, MD (Citizenship and Community Service Award); and Emmanuel Gabriel St. Louis, MD (Brooklyn Hospital Humanitarian Award).

“We feel a bond with the people of color to be here,” Dr. Richard B. Becker, pres-

ident and chief executive officer of Brooklyn Hospital Center, said at the ceremony. “And that makes me proud to be part of that.”

Dr. Primm was born in Williamson, West Virginia, but later relocated to the Bronx in 1941. He received his medical degree from the University of Geneva in Switzerland in 1959. Ten years later, he became one of the founders of the Addiction Research Treatment Corporation, serving as its executive director for more than 40 years. He was also president of the Urban Resource Institute from 1980 to 2013.

Dr. Primm was selected by four U.S. presidents to serve as a consultant on a variety of substance abuse and public health issues.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Dr. Gerald Deas, physician, poet, playwright, media personality, political activist and public health crusader, for 50 years has dedicated his life to serving the community, earning his medical degree from SUNY Downstate in 1962.

Dr. Deas made history as the first black recipient of the New York State Medical Society Award.

As director of health education communication at SUNY Downstate and host of “Health Center,” the cable TV show produced on campus, Dr. Deas alerts the public about health hazards, such as food dyes and additives in sugary drinks that can trigger asthma attacks and behavioral problems in children.

# On the march for International Women's Day

By Chudi Chukwudi

The International Working Women's Day (IWW) Coalition 2014 is organizing its annual march and rally on Saturday, March 8 at the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Factory Memorial, 23-29 Washington Place. (Between Greene St. & Washington Sq. East) in Manhattan to celebrate the 104th International Working Women's Day Anniversary

“We are calling for contingents and endorsements for this year's International

Working Women's Day Celebration,” organizers stated in a news release. “This year we are calling groups and our allies to organize contingents and endorse.”

Endorsers support the “Can We Live?” campaign, “a struggle-oriented program to bring together and to organize initiatives on economic and political issues, not just during March - International Working Women Month - but year around,” organizers say.

The International Wom-

en's Day Coalition is an inter-generational grouping of women from various adversely impacted communities including women of color; Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans and Queer people; immigrants, and people with disabilities in New York City.

“Women in the U.S. will continue to be in the forefront of many battles — opposing U.S. wars and occupations while demanding funding for human needs, defending collective bargaining in

their unions, demanding livable wages, stopping foreclosures so they can stay in their homes, an end to domestic violence, demanding the right to reproductive justice, and fighting for basic rights to affordable education, childcare, quality health care, and housing,” organizers say, adding: “Women in public sector jobs — who are a majority women of color — are coming under heavy fire now as they defend their right to belong to unions.



From left, Dr. Becker with honorees, Drs. June Mulvaney, Beny Primm, Julien Supplice and Renaida Reyes.

Photo by Nelson A. King

# Walter Rodney probe

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discomfort with two key clauses and the presence of Trinidadian Senior Counsel

Seenath Jairam, because of his perceived closeness to the ruling political elite in Guyana.

Rodney who co-founded

the then radicalized and left-leaning Working People's Alliance (WPA) was leading a spirited fight against the then unpopular regime of Prime Minister Forbes Burnham when he was killed near the main city jailhouse on the night of Friday June 13, 1980.

Local and regional political activists, churches, opposition parties and others immediately blamed aides close to Burnham for his death; charges his PNC party has persistently denied any involvement, explaining that it too, over the years, has called for a full probe and contends that it expects the evidence

would point away from PNC involvement.

APNU Communications Director Mark Archer said this week that the multi-party coalition is uncomfortable with Jairam on the panel and regards Clause Four in the terms of reference as "a witch hunt" against the military and other security and enforcement agencies.

The clause asks the commission to examine and report on the actions of state agencies, the military and paramilitary in particular, and those who were in command or supervised state agents, to determine whether they were mandat-

ed to conduct surveillance of those in opposition then, and whether doing so had led to Rodney's death.

Another clause talks about facts and circumstances immediately and prior to Rodney's assassination, in order to determine "who or what was responsible for the explosion which resulted in Rodney's death.

Rodney, who wrote the highly-acclaimed and still-in-demand book: "How Europe Underdeveloped Africa", was killed by an explosive device he was handed while sitting in his car near the main jail with his brother, Donald. Donald survived to tell the story.

WPA leaders immediately pointed to ex-army sergeant Gregory Smith as the main who handed him the device. Smith was spirited out of the country to French Guiana, where he lived and worked for years before he died without ever giving evidence. Clause Three specifically refers to him, as commissioners are being asked to determine what role he "played in the death of Dr. Walter Rodney" and to determine who had counseled him to do so.

More than 100 witnesses are lined up to testify, but the commission is also appealing for others with information to also testify.

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## TPR for Haitians

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their new EADs until after their current EADs expire.

"Therefore, USCIS is automatically extending current TPS Haiti EADs bearing a Jul. 22, 2014 expiration date for an additional six months," it said. "These existing EADs are now valid through Jan. 22, 2015."

To re-register, USCIS said current TPS beneficiaries must submit Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status.

It said re-registrants do not need to pay the Form I-821 application fee, but they must submit the biometric services fee, or a fee-waiver request, if they are age 14 or older.

All TPS re-registrants

must also submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, USCIS said.

It said TPS re-registrants requesting an EAD must submit the Form I-765 application fee, or a fee-waiver request. If the re-registrant does not want an EAD, no application fee is required, USCIS said.

It said applicants may request that USCIS waive the Form I-765 application

fee or biometrics fee based on an inability to pay by filing Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or by submitting a written request.

USCIS said fee waiver requests must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

"Failure to submit the required filing fees or a properly documented fee-waiver request will result in the rejection of the TPS application," it warned.



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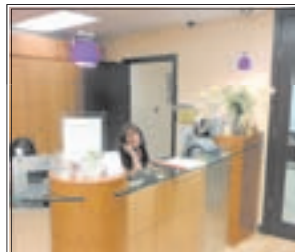
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American artist and fashion designer, Tracy Douglas, center, join models Verna and Claire in wearing creations from her tie-dye collection. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

# American artist finds Oasis in Guyana's heartland

By Tangerine Clarke

American artist Tracy Douglas says anytime an overseas-based Guyanese ask, 'why are you living in Guyana' her reply is always, because you left."

"Guyana is not a place where you come to look for

something that is already here, Guyana is a country where you come to create. If you don't see it, create it," added the outspoken artist.

Douglas' tranquil surroundings at Madewini Retreat on the Linden

Highway is testament to her contented new life - a place where she sat down to reflect on how she acclimating to Guyana after arriving with her husband Warren Douglas, a re-migrant winemaker.

The Charlotte, North Carolinian took full advantage of this opportunity to hone her natural abilities on a 17-acre complex located on the Demerara Coastline. She is a multi-talented fashion designer and painter who continues to be inspired by this oasis.

The organic environment allows her to breathe, and to stay deeply connected to spirit, love, joy and prosperity she said, qualities that she celebrated her entire life, due to her mother's inspiration. "My mother allowed me to embrace my creative self through dance, drama and the visual arts."

The painter uses her face as a canvas to exhibit her work, as she centers her aura for life's journey. "You expand your skills and add them to your creative experience. "You learn more from doing more," she declared.

Her wanderlust led to her nine-year odyssey in Dominica, from where she was inspired to explore after experiencing one of the greatest rainforests in the world. Little did she know her adventurous spirit would take her further afield when she met her Guyanese-born husband.

"I knew I would thrive outside of the United States, said the dance instructor

and tranquility connoisseur, who is constantly creating from the homeland's rich natural resources. She unveiled a line of all natural Health and Beauty products of fruit soaps made with essential oils, oatmeal, coconut oil and cucumber and sold under her Blackwater label. The line also includes Neem natural insect repellent, body butters and sugar scrubs.

She also hopes for 'sweet success' when she adds her Ummmm Baked Oatmeal and Chocolate Chip Cookies to her proprietary name.

Douglas, who wowed a Guyana Fashion Week audience recently with a stunning tie-dye collection, said for almost 30 years she has been a master at the art of tie-dye, utilizing dye-friendly fabrics to create colorful pieces.

On top of her many artistic exploits, Tracy still finds the time to work alongside her husband at Pandama Winery that shares the sweeping grounds where her art gallery is located. She also conducts meditation sessions and painting classes, which allow students to paint from their soul.

Douglas is an outgoing and articulate individual who welcomes visitors with open arms. Her mantra is, "Guyana is the last frontier but if you don't have a pioneering spirit or an entrepreneur inkling, we would love to encourage and help people through conversations."

## IMMIGRATION GUIDE

### REMOVING IMMIGRATION NIGHTMARES

There are solutions to problems immigrants frequently experience. Among the problems and solutions are the following:

#### 1. GETTING MARRIED TO A US CITIZEN OR GREEN CARD HOLDER AND BEING ABUSED OR ABANDONED BY THE SPOUSE:

If you are married to a US Citizen or green card holder who is abusive or has abandoned you, you may be entitled to a work permit and green card even if you are divorced or have a criminal record. You do not need your spouse to file for you or sponsor you or attend the interview with you. This relief is also applicable to child (including step child), fiancée and parent of US citizens or green card holder. You can also get relief if you are married to a citizen or green card holder who was already married but did not divorce before marrying you, that is, a bigamy or polygamy situation.

#### 2. PARENTS OF US CITIZEN WANTING TO WORK AND MAINTAIN THEIR CHILDREN:

Are you a parent of a US Citizen Child or Green card holder? You may be administratively approved for a work permit to enable you to maintain your family. This is an administrative relief subject to discretion of the government officials.

#### 3. ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE US:

This is a major problem but there is relief for special immigrants married to a US Citizen or green card holder or those who have US citizen children. You may still get a work permit and green card.

#### 4. ILLEGAL REENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION:

Did you enter the US after being deported? This is a crime. There is relief for special immigrants married to a US Citizen or green card holder. Hurry to talk to us before you are arrested. You may be entitled to relief?

#### 5. WORK PERMIT AND GREEN CARD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS:

- Are you less than 21 years old?
- Are you living in the US dependent on someone other than your parent?
- Is your natural parent dead or lack viable

means to take care of you?

- Do you think it is not in your best interest to return to country of birth or citizenship now? You may be entitled to work permit and or green card whether you entered with visa or not. You may still be approved even if you entered without inspection, entered with fraudulent document or overstayed your visa or have certain criminal record.

#### 6. CRIMINAL RECORDS: WAIVERS AND PARDONS:

If you are convicted or pled guilty to a crime in the past it can generate complexities and be a nightmare but waivers and various special actions and legal procedures are available to relieve immigrants with past criminal records.

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# Indoor mini-farms to beat climate change

By Jewel Fraser

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb 27, 2014 (IPS) - Industrial engineer Ancel Bhagwandeem thinks that growing your food indoors is a great way to protect crops from the stresses of climate change. So he developed a hydroponic system that “leverages the nanoclimates in houses so that the house effectively protects the produce the same way it protects us,” he says.

Bhagwandeem told IPS that his hydroponic project was also developed “to leverage the growth of the urban landscape and high-density housing, so that by growing your own food at home, you mitigate the cost of food prices.”

Hydroponics, a method of growing plants without soil using mineral nutrients in water, is increasingly considered a viable means to ensure food security in light of climate change.

His project is one of several being considered for further development by the Caribbean Climate Innovation Centre (CCIC), headquartered in Jamaica.

The newly launched CCIC, which is funded mainly by the World Bank and the government of Canada, seeks to fund innovative projects that will “change the way we live, work and build to suit a changing climate,” said Everton Hanson, the CCIC’s CEO.

A first step to developing such projects is through Proof of Concept (POC) funding, which makes available grants from 25,000 to 50,000 dollars to successful applicants to “help the entrepreneur to finance those costs that are related to proving that the idea can work,” said Hanson.

Among the items that POC funding will cover are prototype development such as design, testing, and field trials; market testing; raw materials and consumables necessary to achieve proof of concept; and costs related to applications for intellec-



The hydroponic unit can also run on solar energy.

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tual property rights in the Caribbean.

A POC competition is now open that will run until the end of March. “After that date the applications will be evaluated. We are looking for ideas that can be commercialised and the plan is to select the best ideas,” Hanson said.

The CCIC, which is jointly managed by the Scientific Research Council in Jamaica and the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute in Trinidad and Tobago, is seeking projects that focus on water management, resource use efficiency, energy efficiency, solar energy, and sustainable agribusiness.

Bhagwandeem entered the POC competition in hopes of securing a grant, because “this POC funding would help in terms of market testing,” he explained.

The 48-year-old engineer says he wishes to build dozens of model units and “distribute them in vari-

ous areas, then monitor the operations and take feedback from users.” He said he would be testing for usability and reliability, as well as looking for feedback on just how much light is needed and the best locations in a house or building for situating his model.

“I would then take the feedback, and any issues that come up I can refine before going into mass marketing,” he said.

Bhagwandeem’s model would enable homeowners to grow leafy vegetables, including herbs, lettuce and tomatoes, inside their home or apartment, with minimal expense and time.

The model uses smart electronics, meaning that 100 units can run on the same energy as a 60-watt light bulb, he said. So it differs from typical hydroponics systems that consume a great deal of energy, he added. His model can also run on the energy provid-

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# Court approves \$310 million in anti-trust settlements

## To The Editor:

New York consumers can now file claims to recover money due to them from a \$310 million fund created as a result of settling litigation brought by New York and several other states against the major manufacturers of Dynamic Random Access Memory ("DRAM") computer chips.

The settlements, which were recently preliminarily approved by the Court, arose out of claims by New York and other states that the major DRAM manufacturers conspired to fix prices.

Consumers who purchased devices containing DRAM chips, typically computers, between 1998 and 2002, when the alleged conspiracy was taking place, may now submit claims for compensation from the fund," the attorney announced this week.

Illegal price-fixers are an affront to our free-market system and should not be tolerated. New York has been a leader in antitrust enforcement for more than a century, and companies should be aware that my office will aggressively intervene to stop anti-competitive behavior and obtain compensation for injured New Yorkers.

In the wake of a federal probe of the DRAM industry, New York completed its own year-long

investigation in 2006 and filed an antitrust lawsuit in federal court against DRAM manufacturers, alleging that New York's consumers overpaid millions of dollars for electronic devices containing DRAM. DRAM is a common form of memory chip found in desktop computers and other high-technology devices, such as laptop computers, printers and video game consoles. My office litigated its claims against the DRAM cartel participants over multiple years in federal courts in New York and California.

The settlements between New York and several major DRAM manufacturers, reached in conjunction with a similar lawsuit filed by a group of other states and class actions filed on behalf of consumers, provide for compensation to individuals and businesses that purchased DRAM chips or devices containing DRAM chips in the United States from 1998 to 2002.

More specifically, the settlements permit claims by individuals and others who purchased products that contain DRAM from computer manufacturers such as Dell or HP, from retailers such as Best Buy or Staples, or through any other source. The settlements also require the DRAM manufacturers to imple-

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# Don't reward corporate America for bad behavior

By Nicole Tichon

With any opportunity that seems too good to be true, there is often a fatal flaw.

That is the case with The Partnership to Build America Act, introduced by Representative John Delaney (D-MD) in the House and Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) in the Senate.

The bill offers a way for multinational corporations to bring profits stashed off-shore back to the United States and finally pay tax on those profits, albeit a minuscule one, in exchange for purchasing bonds that would fund infrastructure projects. It seems to offer something for everyone, Democrat and Republican alike. But upon closer examination the bill is full of flaws and ends up rewarding those companies that ship profits offshore to avoid tax.

Let's start with a basic question: why are we rewarding bad behavior? For years, companies have been hiding money in low or no-tax countries in an effort to minimize their tax bill, and in doing so have raised the tax burden on individuals and small businesses. Why should we reward behavior that has made things tougher on average Americans and job incubators, small businesses? And what is to stop corporations from continuing to hide profits in off-shore tax havens after this so-called "tax amnesty" expires?

In 2004, a similar program was enacted, the corporations that did bring profits home

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used them mostly to offer dividends to stockholders. Many did not invest in U.S. operations or create jobs, as they had promised. It provided no benefit for the economy and many of the corporations that participated actually reduced employment.

Delaney and Bennet would have us believe that they've solved this problem by requiring these corporations to buy bonds from this proposed infrastructure bank. But here too, the idea is fundamentally flawed.

As designed by Mr. Delaney, the bank would be controlled by a board of directors, a minority of which would be appointed by the president, and the rest appointed by the companies that purchase the most bonds. This means that those corporations that repatriate the most under the proposal would effectively control the board of directors and thus the infrastructure bank. That's like giving infamous bank robber Willie Sutton the keys to the jail cell and asking him to lock up when he's

done.

There are two major problems. Again, we would be rewarding bad behavior by putting the worst offenders in charge. But when some of the biggest users and abusers of off-shore tax havens are companies whose main assets are in the form of intellectual capital, such as Google, Apple, and Facebook, what possible incentive do they have to invest in roads and bridges? The simple answer is none.

All of the "solutions" recently offered that include a "one-time" tax break to contribute to a long-term and basic spending need is political sleight of hand. It gives big corporations a tax break, gives "Democrats" a talking point on infrastructure spending, and makes everyone appear to be worried about the deficit. All the while actually contributing to the deficit in the long-term.

A serious, long-term solution that would permanently keep much-needed revenues and jobs here in the U.S. would be to tax profits when they are made, wherever they are made. Period. It could raise \$600 billion over ten years and stop the flow of jobs overseas. And to use a phrase that is very much in vogue in tax and policy circles, that's a pretty valuable "pay-for."

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# When and how the new gentry get involved

As one might expect, there was more attention paid, media-wise, to the “expletive-filled rant” about gentrification in remarks Spike Lee made in Brooklyn the other day, than to the meat and potatoes of what had induced the filmmaker’s ire. Revisiting the issue in wake of the viral uproar that followed his comments, Lee said he had no problem with newcomers who were predominantly white moving into areas that were predominantly African American. “My problem,” he said, “is when you move in, have some respect for the history, for the culture.” Forget all the media overkill about what was or wasn’t colorfully expressed. That line from Lee (which was essentially reprising a point made in his earlier remarks) hit the thing squarely on the nose.

Gentrification in Brooklyn (as elsewhere) has enough of an actual and/or perceived downside that I would suspect there’s a pretty good portion of the (affected) citizenry from whom it gets a thumbs down. I doubt, though, that even those folk would be of the view that gentrification has nothing to commend it. Certainly, renters and would-be buyers, who get bludgeoned when real estate values spike

after an influx of so-called hipsters into a neighborhood, would just as soon see a fast fade of the gentrification phenomenon. But what’s delivered to an area in improved services and perhaps aesthetic enhancements must have appeal for both the “invading” gentry and at least some longtime residents. We know from experience that this is no win-win situation, however, that the disrespect for culture and history that Lee railed against has been known to rear its head.

According to Lee, whose remarks were made at a Black History Month forum at Pratt Institute, the sudden, tragic passing of Michael Jackson in 2009 saw a pretty dramatic illustration of the mostly white newcomers in Fort Greene trampling on the sensibilities of the neighborhood’s African American population. When plans were hatched in the African American community for a celebration of Jackson’s life in the neighborhood park, Lee recounted, it was objection from newcomers that caused the event to be shifted to Prospect Park. As Lee tells it, the hipster set voiced concern about how much despoiling of the park would occur in a gathering of Jackson’s fans.

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

That report by Lee of cultures butting heads in a gentrified setting is by no means isolated. I was told, for example, about a white newcomer to one Brooklyn neighborhood twice making a trip to a Caribbean homeowner’s private backyard party last summer to complain about loud music. This was on a Saturday evening, and not at any god-awful post-midnight hour. And it’s fair to assume this would have been one of many similar scenarios to which others could attest.

It could very well be, too, that human nature running the spectrum as it does, an “I’m here now; the rules have changed” bravado is not uncommon in the never-ending movement of people into new spaces. And that it doesn’t necessarily have to involve a clash of races. I recall reading in the Park Slope newspaper years ago of the experience one resident had with a newly arrived transplant

from Manhattan. The newcomer let the Slope veteran know, in a note stuck to the latter’s front door, that she found the chimes on said door most disturbing! This, as far as I could tell, appeared to be no difference of opinion driven by ethnic divide. Just unbelievable rudeness, the response to which should have been swift, straight, no kid gloves.

How much such elitist crap factors into the gentrification wave this city has seen since the closing decades of the 20th century, one couldn’t say. But it’s no major stretch to imagine former Manhattanites bringing some “attitude” when relocating to new digs in one of the pejoratively labeled “outer boroughs.” To residents of Brooklyn, who’ve been witness to the ongoing, expanding process of neighborhood transformation, it would hardly be surprising that, as far as encompassing neighborhoods that are magnets for gentrification, Brooklyn ranks among the country’s leaders. For some, certainly including Spike Lee, “leading” is in this sense clearly a dubious distinction.

The “outer borough” stigma isn’t easy to kill. But in time folks,

particularly of a younger generation, began realizing that just across the river from the city’s nerve center lay excellent housing stock, easy access to public transportation and, if not already so, the potential for all else necessary for a living environment that strikes the fancy of devotees of chic.

Those assets, as well as whatever special enticements the city fathers, mayors or big-spending developers have layered on, have fueled the giddiness that seems now to have gentrification in firm grip. In the midst of which, the alarm sounded by Lee could be easily lost or ignored. It ought not be. Respect for neighborhood culture and history should be assured top priority consideration as this yen for gentrifying makes like a juggernaut turned loose in the sprawling city.

And are we prepared to have no place in the mix for compassion? To a greater or lesser extent, people get displaced by gentrification. Even with all it says about our regenerative capabilities, gentrification shouldn’t proceed indifferent to the “two cities” syndrome that got this mayor elected.

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Consumers are not necessarily required to have purchase receipts or other documents in order to file a claim.

Any consumer who purchased one or more of the following between 1998 and 2002 is eligible to make

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If you purchased other technology devices also containing DRAM memory, you also may be eligible to make a claim.

No payments resulting from the settlement will be made until the court has granted final approval to the settlements, including the resolution of any appeals. It is anticipated that final approval will occur within the next two years. Also, if too many or too few claims are received, the Court may order that the settlement funds be provided to public or non-profit organizations in addition to or instead of consumers who file claims.

To file a claim, or for more information about the settlements, consumers may visit [www.DRAM-claims.com](http://www.DRAM-claims.com) or call 1-800-

589-1425.

Following final approval, my office expects to make a further announcement concerning an additional recovery by the State to compensate for overcharges to governmental agencies for purchases under State contracts.

New York's investigation and litigation was handled by Assistant Attorney General Jeremy R. Kasha, with assistance from Assistant Attorney General Saami Zain and paralegal Arlene Leventhal. Former Acting Antitrust Bureau Chief Richard L. Schwartz also played a major role in the matter. The Antitrust Bureau, led by Eric J. Stock, is part of the Economic Justice Division, led by Karla G. Sanchez.

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# Indoor mini-farms

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ed by its own small solar panel and can work both indoors and outdoors.

Bhagawandeen said his model's design is premised on the fact that "our future as a people is based more and more on city living and in order for that to be sustainable, we need to have city farming at a family level."

A U.N. report says that "the population living in urban areas is projected to gain 2.6 billion, passing from 3.6 billion in 2011 to 6.3 billion in 2050." Most of that urban growth will be concentrated in the cities and towns of the world's less developed regions.

To meet the challenges of climate change adaptation, the CCIC "will support Caribbean entrepreneurs involved in developing locally appropriate solutions to climate

change."

Bhagwandeem said that support from organisations like the CCIC is critical for climate change entrepreneurs. "From the Caribbean perspective, especially Trinidad and Tobago, we are a heavily consumer-

**"We are a society of traders and distributors and there is very little support for innovators and entrepreneurs."**

focused society. One of the negatives of Trinidad's oil wealth is that we are not accustomed to developing technology for ourselves. We buy it.

"We are a society of traders and distributors and there is very little support for innovators and entre-

preneurs."

He said access to markets and investors poses a serious challenge for regional innovators like himself, who typically have to rely on bootstrapping to get their business off the ground.

Typically, he said, regional innovators have to make small quantities of an item, sell those items, and then use the funds to make incrementally larger quantities. "So that if you get an order for 500 units, you cannot fulfill that order," he said.

Fourteen Caribbean states are involved in CCIC: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Caribbean CCIC is one of eight being developed across the world.

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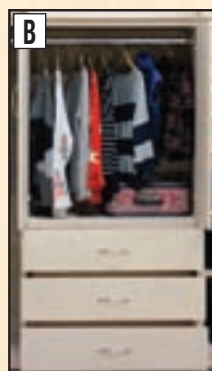


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# Race to save the Caribbean's banana industry

By Desmond Brown

LONDONDERY, Dominica, Feb 26, 2014 (IPS) - When Dean, the first storm of the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season, lashed Dominica on Aug. 16, it left behind a trail of destruction, claimed the lives of a mother and son, and decimated the island's vital banana industry.

Seven years later, Dominica's agricultural sector remains painfully vulnerable to natural disasters and climate variability. Every year, farmers lose a significant portion of their crops and livestock during the six-month hurricane season.

"Our first major hurricane was Hurricane David in 1979, which ravaged the entire country. Everything went down," former prime minister Edison James, himself a farmer, told IPS. "Since then we've had storms and hurricanes from time to time which have caused damage of varying extent.

"Sometimes we have 90 percent crop damage, particularly bananas and avocados and tree crops generally."

The banana industry is a valuable source of foreign exchange for several Caribbean countries, including Dominica.

The island produces approximately 30,000 tonnes of the fruit annually, earning an estimated 55 million dollars. The neighbouring islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which together market their



A farmer shows the damage to his banana crop following the passage of a storm.

IPS/Desmond Brown

fruit under the Windward Islands Banana brand, earn an average of 68 million dollars.

The banana industry is also the second largest employer on the island after the government, providing work for 6,000 farmers and many others within the sector. Research has found that even slight temperature increases can damage banana production or even eliminate it altogether.

James, a longstanding legislator who served as prime minister from 1995-2000, has shifted to "multi-crop farming" over the last decade. But he has suffered huge losses of bananas, plantains, coconuts, okra, and other crops. He blames

unpredictable rainfall, ironically in a country best known for its many rivers and abundance of water.

"There has been drought from time to time and it has been very intense in areas like Woodford Hill and Londonderry," he told IPS.

So intense was the drought that "the country was moved to take action to put in place irrigation systems," James explained. "So wind and drought have been the climatic factors affecting us here in Dominica."

A water resources specialist with the Reducing the Risks to Human and Natural Assets Resulting from Climate Change (RRACC) project in the OECS Secretariat, Rupert Lay, said the

potential losses to farmers in Londonderry and Dominica as a whole are hitting across the board, a situation which is increasingly common in the region.

"Climate change and variability is disrupting the modus of operation of farmers and as a result their output volumes are unpredictable and sporadic," he told IPS.

"The variations in output are wide-ranging, from bumper harvests to zero yields for respective periods, and these stressors apply not only to crops but also to livestock production," Lay added.

The World Bank reports that agriculture's share of GDP in Dominica has fall-

en consistently with each major natural disaster, with the sector failing to recover previous levels of relative importance.

Most of this decline is attributable to crop losses, and specifically the decline in banana production.

According to World Bank figures, agricultural production accounted for 12.2 percent of total GDP, and overall the sector is estimated to have declined by 10.6 percent in 2010 on the heels of a 1.5 percent growth rate for 2009.

The performance of the crops sub-sector was severely affected by the extended drought in 2010, the World Bank said, adding that agriculture's decline has been particularly marked since Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

Environment Minister Kenneth Darrow notes that for a country that could be self-sufficient and provide food to neighbouring countries, Dominica's food imports constitute an increasing burden on the economy, and threaten food security.

He called for "adaptive measures [to] build resilience to the stressors of climate change in that a farmer will be better able to maintain predicted levels of production, thus protecting expected levels of livelihoods and sustenance," Lay told IPS.

These could include better farm management, pest control, and broader agricultural improvement programmes.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said Dominica's vulnerability to climate change is exacerbated by its present economic performance, its particular socio-economic structure and high concentration of infrastructure along the coastline.

"The additional stress that climate change places on ecological and socio-economic systems is not to be underestimated," Skerrit said.

"Climate change is predicted to have severe, if not catastrophic, consequences over the short to medium term across sectors such as infrastructure, agriculture, energy, human settlements and water, if immediate action is not taken to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 50 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels.

"Climate change is clearly the greatest development challenge of the 21st century," Skerrit said.

His St. Vincent and the Grenadines counterpart, Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, told IPS regional countries will be pushing to strengthen their institutional arrangements to deal with the impact of climate change.

Gonsalves said that the issue would be discussed at the upcoming CARICOM Inter-session summit in Kingstown, March 10 - 11.

"There are several dimensions to climate change [and] clearly an immediate one for us is how do we better prepare ourselves for national disasters.

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# Brooklyn pols honor American jazz musician

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Brooklyn Councilman Dr. Mathieu Eugene on Feb. 27 honored American jazz, tenor saxophonist and flutist Harold Ousley at a grand celebration marking Black History Month at the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (DSSM) in Central Brooklyn.

Clarke and Adams' citation and proclamation, respectively, were read by Michael Tartaglia, executive director of DSSM, where Ousley is a resident; while Eugene personally presented the City Council proclamation.

"Harold Ousley is a true American icon, a renowned jazz musician whose remarkable career spanned three decades and whose legacy and accomplishments will

endure forever," said Eugene, who represents the 40th Council District in Central Brooklyn.

"Mr. Ousley is truly most deserving of the recognition he is receiving this evening," he added.

One of Ousley's two daughters, Sheronda, was on hand to share the honor with her wheel chair-bound father; while the other daughter, Sandra, expressed her delight and appreciation in a telephone call from Florida.

Shiranda praised the center's administrators for their "wonderful" support, disclosing that she had recommended the institution twice to others – first to her husband, who suffered a stroke five years ago, and then to her father, who has been a DSSM resident since 2012.

Ousley's honor, which included "red carpet treatment," was part of the grand celebration, dubbed

"From Drums to Jazz," focusing on the influences of music during the Civil Rights era in the U.S.

The celebration included performances by local drummers, singing, poetry readings and cinematographic presentations. Ousley's biography was read by Victoria Glasgow.

Ousley was born on Jan. 23, 1929 in Chicago, where he also grew up. He began playing professionally in the late '40s.

Backing vocalists was one of his strengths: He played with Billie Holiday at one point; and, in the late '50s, he backed fellow Chicago native Dinah Washington.

Ousley also played with Gene Ammons in the '50s and '60s. In addition, he played with Dionne Warwick, Machito, Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

The accomplished tenor



Councilman Mathieu Eugene (third from left) presents proclamation to Sheronda, daughter of Harold Ousley (in wheel chair), flanked by family members and DSSM administrators and staffers.

Photo by Nelson A. King

sax player bandleader was also a composer and inspirational educator, believing that music "must nourish, console and inspire all people."

It was also during the '60s that Ousley started recording as a leader, releasing his first record,

"Tenor Sax," in 1961.

In the 1970s, he played with Lionel Hampton and Basie in addition to releasing more material. He also recorded albums for Muse in the '70s.

In 2000, Ousley returned to the studio and recorded "Grit-Gittin' Feelin'" for

Delmark.

The program was coordinated by Trinidadian-born Angela Cooper and moderated by Dr. Steven Wells.

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# City Council recognizes Black Civil War veterans

By Tequila Minsky

Last week, Council Member Jumaane D. Williams and other members of New York City Council honored the 150th Anniversary of the first African-American troops from New York to fight in the Civil War. Williams also introduced a resolution designating the month of February as New York Regiment Colored Troops (USCT) Month.

More than 4,000 free Blacks served in three USCT regiments that came out of New York City: the USCT 20th, 26th, and USCT 31st.

The NY USCT drew enlistees from near and far, including countries outside of the United States, such as Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island, Barbados, Canada, Cape Verde and Native Americans from Long Island.

The 26th (USCT) United States Colored Troops Historical Interpreters, a Civil War reenactment group, wearing Civil War era mili-



Dr. Malcolm E. Beech (left), president of the U.S. Colored Troops 350-member Living History Association, listens while Ludger Balan, living history educator, speaks after receiving proclamation from Councilman Jumaane Williams (to his right).

Photo by Tequila Minsky

tary uniforms, presented a Color Guard in City Hall and marched into Chambers where they received the proclamation from Williams.

Some of the participants

are descendants of those New York Regiments who fought in the Civil War.

Among those present was Queens resident Willie Cooper, retired junior

high school social studies teacher, who wrote "Forgotten Legacy" dedicated to his great grandfather who served with the 36th Regiment in Virginia. Under

one of its battles in northeast North Carolina, over 3,000 slaves— many family members of the soldiers— were freed.

Dr. Macomb Beech, pres-

ident of the U.S. Colored Troops 350-member Living History Association was also among the Color Guard receiving acknowledgement and honors from City Council members.

According to the National Park Service, approximately 200,000 free African Americans enlisted in the USCT, which comprised 175 regiments from various states across the country, including 4,125 men in the New York Regiments.

More than 38,000 black soldiers died in the Civil War effort that included tens of thousands of black soldiers and sailors playing a crucial war to ending slavery in the United States.

The New York 26th USCT- a Civil War Reenacting group based in the NYC area, is active in New York State, NJ, CT, PA regions proving educational enrichment programs, demonstrations, talks at living history events, classrooms, and battle reenactments.

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# How to eat right and enjoy it

(StatePoint) If eating right is a challenge, it may be because you are trying things you simply don't like. The key is finding options that satisfy your taste buds, say experts.

"Taste is a major influential factor driving what you eat and feed your family, so it's important to strike a balance between foods you like and those that provide the nutrients you need," says Glenna McCollum, registered dietitian nutritionist and president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "Taste and nutrition are not mutually exclusive."

March is National Nutrition Month, an excellent annual reminder to take the time to evaluate your diet and make positive changes you can sustain long-term.

As part of the "Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right" theme, McCollum is encouraging Americans to return to the basics of healthful eating by combining taste and nutrition to create meals that follow the recommendations of the "2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

With that in mind, McCollum is providing some expert tips on how to eat right and enjoy it:

## HEALTH

### • Love sandwiches?

Swap out white bread for whole grain to up your fiber intake. Instead of mayo, use avocado as a rich addition to your sandwich. It's more flavorful, and it's also full of fiber, potassium, vitamin C, vitamin B6, as well as other nutrients. To stay fuller longer, include fiber-rich veggies like tomatoes and cucumbers.

### • Balance

While there's always room to indulge, be sure that the majority of your calories are sourced from vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean meats, poultry, fish, eggs, fat-free or low-fat dairy, beans, nuts and seeds. You'll be filling up on all the nutrients your body needs without all the extra calories. And don't forget to limit added sugars, salt and saturated fats.

### • Don't skip dessert

Many diet fads will encourage



It is time to return to the basics of healthful eating by combining taste and nutrition.

Photo courtesy of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

you to skip dessert, but doing so can seem like a sacrifice, which won't make for a sustainable change. Instead, seek out treats that provide nutritional benefits. For example, mango blended with low-fat milk and a splash of pineapple juice will satisfy your sweet tooth, while giving you a dose of calcium and vitamin C.

### • Spice it up

A great, low-calorie way to add flavor and nutrition to meals

without the fat, sugar or salt, is by incorporating beneficial herbs and spices, such as cardamom, turmeric, cinnamon, cumin, thyme, basil and oregano. Citrus juices are another great addition to recipes.

### • Ask for advice

Whether you need to lose weight, want to reduce your risk for disease or just want to improve your family's overall health, consider consulting a

registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), who can translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living. Your RDN can help you plan healthy, delicious meals.

For more tips on healthful, tasty eating and to find a RDN, visit [www.EatRight.org/nmm](http://www.EatRight.org/nmm).

This National Nutrition Month, don't just eat for your health, eat for your happiness. Take steps to find foods that are not only nutritious, but taste great too.

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# Reggae producer Phillip Smart dies at 53

New Yorkers are grieving the death of Freeport, Long Island music producer Phillip Smart. Beloved by musicians, singers, radio personalities, engineers, technicians and those he encountered, Smart, 53 died on Feb. 25 after battling pancreatic cancer. Since news of his passing went viral, alums, associates, friends and veteran entertainers have been stopping into HC&F Recording Studios to reminisce the gentle giant who toiled to promote reggae music he was passionate to share with the universe.

"Great leaders create great leaders," Bryan Morris, senior engineer and long-time collaborator said. Morris said he met Smart in 1986 and from then on a mentorship evolved into what will likely become an inherited legacy. According to Morris, Smart "saw something in me and developed it."

What the music specialist probably sensed was that Morris' dedication, willing-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ness to learn and keen ear could be nurtured. Morris claimed that under Smart's tutelage nothing seemed as alluring as working at the studios.

Denise "Bandit" Shields echoed similar sentiments.

"I love music, always did and with Phillip's guidance realized this was what I wanted to do."

Shields had been working at National Broadcasting Corporation and already tested the music scene singing with Sensi (- a friend who banded to form the SONY-signed all-girls group named Worl-A-Girls) before meeting Smart. After meeting, Shields said she juggled regular commutes from Manhattan after work to Long Island. Her apprenticeship refined skills as a mixer, and producer.

"One day Phillip just said to me 'you have a session today, set up the band,'" Shields explained.

"Same thing with me," Morris interjected, "he felt I was ready and just threw me into action."

"That's how he was trained at (King) Tubby's," Morris recalled. "He taught by example and it was up to us to learn from watching. When he knew we were ready, he would just say 'do this or that.'

Smart's introduction to the specialized music area began in Havendale, Kingston, Jamaica when he interned with Osbourne Ruddock AKA King Tubby. Allegedly, nicknamed Prince Phillip by producer Bunny Lee, Smart migrated to New York in 1976 and less than a decade later opened his own



Phillip Smart.

Photo courtesy of his sister Andrea McDonald

recording studios.

He also established two labels - TanYah and Eclipse. And to round out the cycle records must maneuver Smart also helmed his own radio show. For nearly quarter of a century, his "Get

Smart" show from WNYU promoted reggae.

Smart's proficiency with Pro-Tools, building rhythms and mixing music had been reputed since he opened a 24-hour recording studio that attracted practically

every budding recording artist. His early embrace of digital technology put him ahead of others who relied on analog. Grammy-winning reggae deejay Shaggy recorded five albums at HC&F. Although Shaggy built his own recording studios, on hearing news of Smart's declining health rushed to visit him at the hospital.

Smart's production skills is unique to recordings by Shinehead, Wayne Wonder, Super Cat, Shabba Ranks, Monyaka, Sister Carol, Shelley Thunder, Garnet Silk and a multitude of local Jamaican acts.

A little known fact is that Smart's unique technique has been commissioned by Jamaican talents living on the island who requested his production skills. Although many never set foot in his Long Island recording studios courier service enabled a Smart production. Allegedly, Smart's procedure was to send an arrangement

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## Caribbean roots revealed in '12 Years'

By Vinette K. Pryce

At this year's Academy Awards another envelope opened to reveal a historic Caribbean achievement. With presentation of a gold, Oscar statuette to Steve McQueen for directing the Best Picture – "12 Years a Slave" – the region won kudos for nurturing the very, first Black to win the coveted award.

Born to Grenadian and Trinidadian parents in London, the filmmaker scored the grand prize recently when his dramatic feature beat out eight competitive films to claim the much-anticipated and last award of the evening.

Reportedly McQueen stated that he learned little about slavery in British schools. He attributed his knowledge to his Caribbean roots which made him aware of the 18th and 19th century slave trade from Africa.

Not since Sidney Poitier won the best actor Oscar



Steve McQueen accepts the award for best picture of the year for "12 Years a Slave" during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday, March 2, 2014; in Los Angeles. Photo by John Shearer/Invision/AP

for his role in "Lilies of the Field" in 1963 has the region scored top honors with the Academy of Motion Pictures. For his body of work, Poitier also received an honorary Academy Award in 2002.

Poitier was born in Miami, Florida to Bahamian parents.

Another child of the Car-  
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## All eyes on fashion

The Brooklyn-based fashion company New York's Next Top Model will showcase "All Eyes On Me" fashion runway show March 16, 2014 at the Tropical Paradise Ballroom, 1387 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203.

CEO, Tyrone Hall, founder of New York's Next Top Model, is no stranger to producing great events. In partnership with other reputable companies and six years of producing events, Hall anticipates that this year event will be the biggest by far. "Yes, it will be an eye opener event that will put all eyes on Brooklyn. I am so excited to be apart of

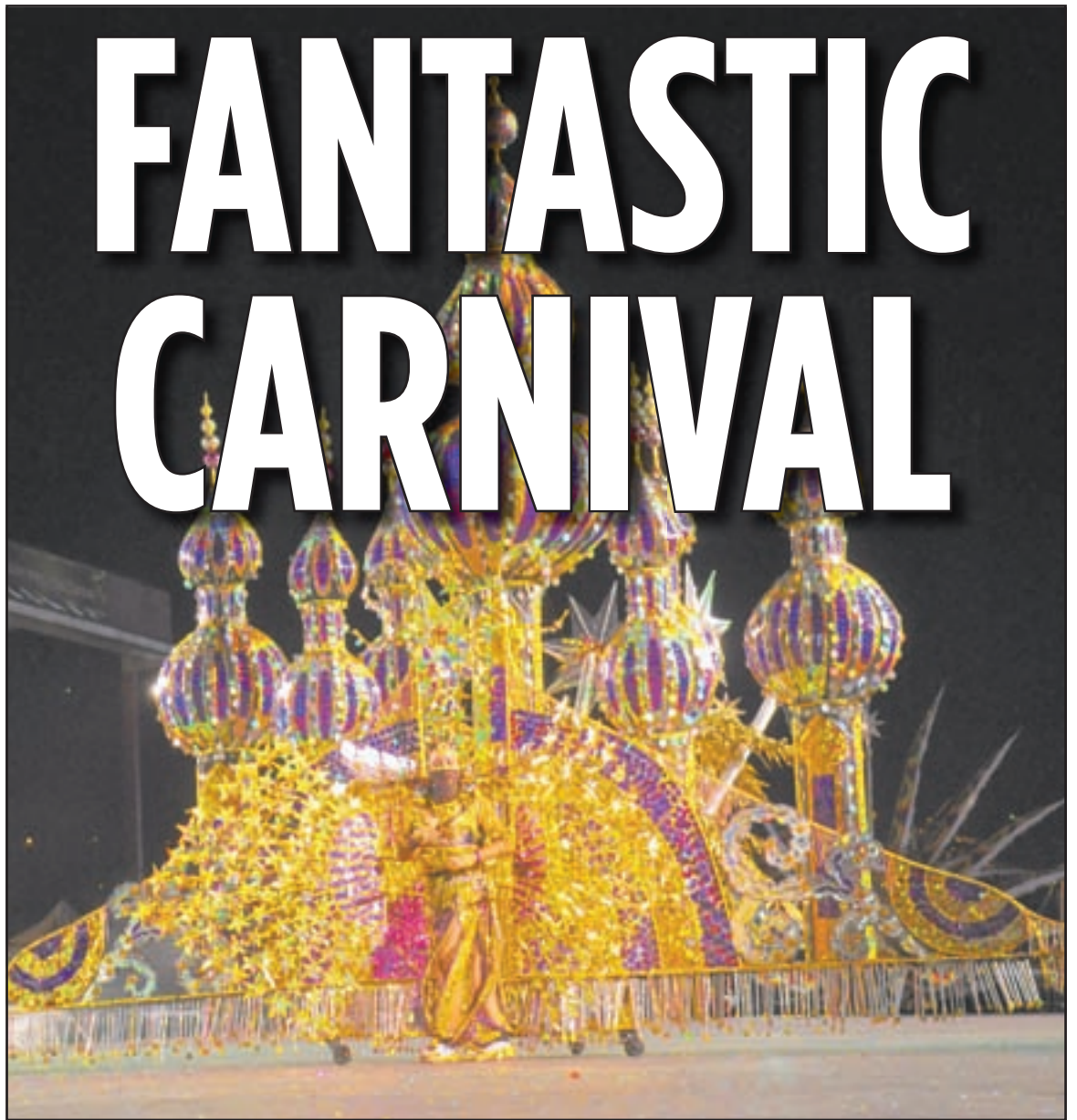


One of the models who will participate in the "All Eyes On Me" fashion show.

Photo by David Alan Gogut

anything that will showcase Brooklyn in a positive light," said Hall.

This year's line-up of  
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Peola Marchan's costume, "Zamara Mirage of the Oasis," was the winner of the Queen of the Bands Competition on Friday night at the Queen's Park, Savannah, Port of Spain. Photo courtesy of Sunshine Newspaper

## Machel Montano sets another record

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago Merry Monarch reigned for two days as Carnival dubbed the "Greatest Show on Earth," kicked off with Fantastic Friday, followed the next day with the crowning of the National Panorama Champion and the Calypso Monarch on Carnival Sunday night Dimanche Gras show at the Queen's Park, Savannah, Port of

Spain.

On Monday J'Ouvert revelers took the streets from early morning and later in the day the parade of the Carnival bands.

Defending champion Machel Montano became the first soca artiste to win four titles on Fantastic Friday night at the Jean Pierre Complex, Port of Spain before thousands of fans with his song

"Ministry of Road."

Montano, 39, maintained his perfect record in that format since returning to the competition in 2011.

The soca star staved off strong efforts from Grenadian star Mr. Killa and his "Rollie Pollies" (oversized-women) in a three-way tie with soca queen Destra Garcia

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Dark Horse**  
Katy Perry Featuring Juicy J ..
- 2 **Happy**  
Pharrell Williams
- 3 **Team**  
Lorde
- 4 **Counting Stars**  
OneRepublic
- 5 **Story Of My Life**  
One Direction
- 6 **Pompeii**  
Bastille
- 7 **Burn**  
Ellie Goulding
- 8 **Say Something**  
A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera
- 9 **Drunk In Love**  
Beyonce Featuring Jay Z
- 10 **Timber**  
Pitbull Feat. Ke\$ha

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Cole Swindell**  
Cole Swindell
- 2 **Frozen**  
Soundtrack
- 3 **The Outsiders**  
Eric Church
- 4 **Voices**  
Phantogram
- 5 **Pure Heroine**  
Lorde
- 6 **Beyonce**  
Beyonce
- 7 **Issues**  
Issues
- 8 **Bad Self Portraits**  
Lake Street Dive
- 9 **Night Visions**  
Imagine Dragons
- 10 **The 20/20 Experience (2 Of 2)**  
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# BEST PICTURE

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ibbean hailed Cicely Tyson who was nominated for Best Actress in 1972 for her role in the movie "Sounder." Tyson was born in New York City to parents from Nevis.

Another slave era film introduced Solomon Northrup, an emancipated Black man who lived in New York and was enslaved in the American south during the mid-19th century. The film was nominated for nine awards including two top honors – Best Supporting Actress and Best Picture.

Kenya, Africa is celebrating the triumphant, debut of actress Lupita Nyong'o. At the 86th annual awards, she won the best supporting actress award for her role as Patsey, the long-suffering slave in McQueen's film.

The Brooklyn resident wowed the world in her light blue, flowing Prada design.

"It's a blue that reminds me of Nairobi. I wanted to have a little bit of home," she said of her nostalgia for the African capital. Born in Mexico to Kenyan parents, the "night-shaded" beauty epitomized the diversity of the 86th annual Academy Awards.

"I got teased and taunted about my night-shaded skin. And my one prayer to God, the miracle worker, was that I would wake up lighter-

skinned," Nyong'o reportedly said during a luncheon.

The other top award went to Mexican filmmaker Alfonso Cuaron

**Born to Grenadian and Trinidadian parents in London, the filmmaker scored the grand prize recently when his dramatic feature beat out eight competitive films to claim the much-anticipated and last award of the evening.**

who took the best director honor for "Gravity." Cuaron's win is also historic being the first victory in the category for a Latino.

"I'm Mexican so I hope some Mexicans were rooting for me," he told reporters backstage.

The California awards broke viewing records and even crashed social networks when the host used a cell phone to snap a group photo that included numerous Oscar winners. Hosted by a married, lesbian the ceremony also marked the first overseen by the Academy's first Black president, Cheryl Boone Isaacs.



Lupita Nyong'o, left, and director Steve McQueen celebrate on stage as they accept the award for best picture of the year for "12 Years a Slave" during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday, March 2, 2014, in Los Angeles.  
Photo by John Shearer/Invision/AP

## Red carpet

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designers include top Barbados designer Jewel Shannon, visual fashion and jewelry and top wedding designer Michelle Rene. These designers are experts in their craft and will take the audience on a breath taking journey of colors and fabric. Guests will be treated to live performances by S.P.A.D.E, Neleh Esynce, Martina Startina and Ricky Jarman.

Red carpet cocktail hours start at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Showtime begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year's red carpet will be covered by celebrity blogger diva Madonna from Glamsensedivas.com who has interviewed stars such as Mary J Blige, 2Chainz, NFL Hank Baskett and many other known celebrities. Guests are advised to arrive early to meet and greet with the many celebrity guests and industry moguls.

Hosts for the evening will be President Sean from R5 Radio Network and the beautiful Catchcha Fyah host of, ZYNC TV, Caribbean Entertainment CIN and Flow network.

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## T&T pan champions

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(Mash Up) and veteran Neil "Iwer" George (Mama Pye).

However, Montano was dethroned as the Groovy Soca Monarch by Canada-based Kerwin Dubois with his hit song "Too Real."

Phase 11 Pan Groove retained their title as National Panorama champions on Saturday night at the Grand Stand, Queen's Park, Savannah beating Neal and Massy All Stars by one point (287 points). In third place was BP Renegades with 283 points.

It was the seventh national title win for Phase 11 Pan Grove. The 120-band member played master steelband arranger Len "Boogsie" Sharpe tune "Jump High."

Phase 11 previously recorded back-to-back wins in 1987-1988 and 2005-2006.

Pan Elders dethroned defending champion NLCB Buccooners of Tobago in the medium band category.

A desert scorpion costume, "Quars Al Sahara," portrayed by Wade Madray took the King

of the Bands title, while Peola Marchan's costume, "Zamara Mirage of the Oasis," was the winner of the Queen of the Bands on Friday night at the Queen's Park, Savannah, Port

**It was the seventh national title win for Phase 11 Pan Grove.**

of Spain.

It was a repeat of 2011 when both Madray and Peola were crowned King and Queen.

Roderick "Chucky" Gordon dethroned reigning Calypso Monarch Pink Panther (Eric Taylor) to take the title at the Dimanche Gras show on Sunday night.

He sang, "Whey Yuh Think" and "Wedding of the Century." In second place was Kurt Allen, and third was Mistak Shak (Selvon Noel).

In the other results, Brian London took the Extempo crown, Kurt Allen "Best Social Song" and Mr. Shak "Political Calypso."



# Alcoholic air marshal tested in airborne thriller

**“Non-Stop”**  
Excellent (4 stars)  
Rated PG-13 for sensuality, profanity, intense violence and drug use  
Running time: 106 minutes  
Distributor: Universal Pictures

**By Kam Williams**

Bill Marks' (Liam Neeson) life went into a tailspin after his young daughter lost her battle with childhood leukemia. The inconsolable police officer has since sought solace in a bottle of alcohol, an addiction which cost him his marriage and career.

Today, the ex-cop is lucky to be employed as an air marshal, a job he decided to take despite a terrible fear of takeoffs. On this particular evening, he's been assigned to protect a packed transatlantic

flight from New York to London.

The trip starts out uneventfully enough, with Bill hiding his identity while making the acquaintance of the attractive passenger (Julianne Moore) sitting next to him. However, a crisis arises over the middle of the ocean soon after he receives a text from an anonymous caller claiming to be in the cabin and threatening to murder a passenger every 20 minutes unless \$150 million is deposited into an offshore bank account.

Initially, he dismisses the message as a prank on the part of the only colleague (Anson Mount) aboard the plane, since a breach of the supposedly-impenetrable federal network is almost impossible and a criminal offense to boot. Nevertheless, once the first victim does indeed die, Bill realizes he has an urgent emergency on his hands.

Who might the hijacker be? The Muslim (Omar Metwally) sporting a skullcap? The trash-



Julianne Moore stars in “Non-Stop.”

talking black teenager (Corey Hawkins) reluctant to surrender his cell phone? Somebody else? Of course, the actual perpetrator won't be easy to pinpoint in this ever-escalating, deadly game of

cat and mouse.

Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra, “Non-Stop” is yet another adrenaline-fueled vehicle featuring Liam Neeson. The surprising success of Taken, has belatedly

turned the rugged Irishman into an action star, as reflected in subsequent similar outings in The A-Team, Taken 2, Unknown, and the upcoming Run All Night.

Here, Neeson safely sticks close to the Taken formula, starting with his character's name (Bill Marks as opposed to Bryan Mills) and his playing a broken soul in need of redemption. Again, he rises to the occasion in tough, two-fisted fashion, though also exhibiting a vulnerability certain to move you to tears during the closing credits.

Besides an engaging premise and a satisfying resolution, “Non-Stop” is blessed with an inscrutable plot which delicately ratchets up the tension as it winds its way towards an unpredictable denouement. Thus, the picture unfolds less like a mob scene disaster flick than a cleverly-concealed whodunit where everybody with a phone is a suspect.

Cells on a plane!

## Independent & Foreign Films

**Awful Nice** (R for profanity and sexuality) Tale of redemption about a popular college professor (James Pumphrey) who tries to mend fences with his deadbeat brother (Alex Rennie) as they drive cross-country to their father's funeral. Cast includes Todd Sklar, Yakov Smirnoff and Laura Ramsey.

**Bethlehem** (Unrated) Middle East drama about an Israeli Secret Service agent (Tsahi Halevi) who induces a Palestinian teenager (Shadi Mar'i) to snitch on his terrorist older brother (Tarik Kopty). With Hitham Omari, Michal Shtamler and George Iskandar (In Hebrew and Arabic with subtitles)

**The Face of Love** (PG-13 for a drug reference) Romance drama about a widow (Annette Bening) who goes to great lengths to hide from her new boyfriend (Ed Harris) the fact that he's the spitting image of the husband she lost five years earlier. With Robin Williams, Amy Brenneman and Jess Weixler.

**A Farewell to Fools** (PG-13 for brief profanity and a violent image) World War II farce, set in a simple Romanian village, highlighting Nazi occupiers' search for the



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

perpetrator after the body of a German soldier is discovered by a local boy (Bogdan Iancu). Starring Gerard Depardieu, Harvey Keitel and Laura Morante.

**A Fragile Trust** (Unrated) Journalistic ethics expose about Jayson Blair, the African-American reporter for the New York Times who was dismissed in disgrace after being caught plagiarizing many of his stories.

**The Grand Budapest Hotel** (R for profanity, sexuality and violence) Droll dramedy, directed by Wes Anderson, chronicling an accommodating concierge's (Ralph Fiennes) exploits at a legendary European hotel during its heyday in the Thirties prior to the outbreak of World War II. Ensemble includes Owen Wilson, F. Murray Abraham, Jude Law, Bill Murray, Willem Dafoe, Tilda Swinton, Edward Norton, Tom Wilkinson, Harvey Keitel, Adrien Brody, Jason Schwartzman and Jeff Gold-

blum. (In English and French with subtitles)

**Grand Piano** (R for profanity) Tale of redemption about a failed child prodigy (Elijah Wood) once crippled by stage fright whose attempted comeback is imperiled by an anonymous death threat if he plays even one wrong note during a performance. With John Cusack, Dee Wallace and Kerry Bishe.

**Honey** (Unrated) Euthanasia drama about a self-appointed angel of mercy (Jasmine Trinca) who takes it upon herself to help gravely-ill patients commit suicide. Featuring Carlo Cecchi, Libero De Rienzo and Iaiя Forte. (In Italian with subtitles)

**In Fear** (R for profanity, terror and disturbing violence) Primal horror flick about a young couple (Iain De Caestecker and Alice Englert) who gets spooked when they realize they're not alone after getting lost while driving in the Irish countryside. With Allen Leech.

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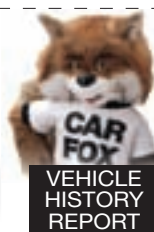
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# Rock *the* crop top

## How to look fab sporting this fad

BY NATALIE Y. HENRY

**Y**ou don't have to be Rihanna to rock a crop-top. The key to sporting this trend is finding one that suits you and your body type. Crop tops usually end at the small of your waist just above your belly button and can be tasteful.

The playful crop top that Belle Thorne is wearing, for instance, hits the small of her waist and the bold print widens her petite frame, so the pattern helps to create an illusion.

"If you have a smaller bust, your crop top should be shorter, falling right on the diaphragm," says Shaunya Hartley, a fashion stylist and blogger who has worked with the likes of Usher and Lauryn Hill.

"If you are small, choose a print. It will give the illusion of being fuller."

Prints are also great for expression of your personality. Yet, if you do choose a print, be sure to keep your make-up neutral to avoid taking away from the look.

Plus-size girls should wear crop tops that hit the small of the waist, paired with a high waist skirt like Rachel Antonoff. Prints, surprisingly, can also be a curvy-girl's best friend — if she chooses the right one. Make sure to keep the prints small. Small prints can add a visual blam! to your outfit, so don't go overboard.

"Prints are like an accessory," says Hartley. "Also, take one the colors from the pattern and ac-



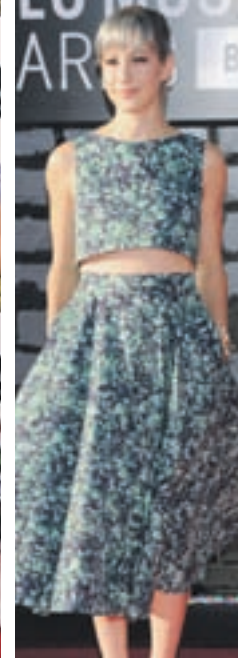
**SHORT**  
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**THIN**  
**Belle Thorne**  
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**CURVY**  
**Rachel Antonoff**  
Associated Press / Evan Agostini



**ATHLETIC**  
**Lucy Hale**  
Associated Press / Jordan Strauss

cent it with similar-colored makeup."

Girls with an athletic build should choose a crop top with a little support.

"If you have broad shoulders, choose a crop top with thick straps," says Hart-

ley. "Also consider a choice with some structure to create a waistline," says Hartley. Fresh-faced Lucy Hale looks adorable in her wide-strapped crop top paired with an A-line skirt focusing all the attention on her

waist, good for those who want a curvy look.

If you don't want to feel overexposed, try a high-waist skirt paired with a crop top, like Marion Cotillard. She opted for a whimsical, trendy floral version

that shows just a slither of skin. Jessie Ware looks statuesque in her black crop top and matching skirt. The embellished long sleeves add just the right amount of sparkle and elongate her limbs.



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# the PROM PRO

## A teen expert offers advice

BY JENNI D.

**H**ey, guys! Getting ready for your first prom? Well, I have some great news for you! I'm what some people would call a prom pro — I've been to four of them. I want to help make prom an unforgettable experience for you, so here are some helpful tips!

### Don't panic!

Whether it's finding a date, buying a dress, or picking a fabulous hairstyle, there's nothing to worry about. Everything will come together in the end. Don't stress — it's only prom!

### Ask your date in a cute way

It doesn't matter if you're a guy or girl — be creative. Show your date that you care. Your date deserves a nice invitation, whether it's giving her flowers with a note or asking him in front of your math class.

### Book appointments in advance

The day of prom is hectic. Hair salons get booked quickly, so make sure you get a definite spot for the big day. I'd advise you to make an appointment ... now!

### Make sure your dress fits

It might sound like common sense, but make sure your dress is comfortable and fits you perfectly before you buy it. Don't go for something that's a little uncomfortable just because you like the way it looks. You'll have more fun and enjoy your night if you're comfortable. Prom is about *your* experience, not what *others* think of you.

### Communicate with your date

Prom should be fun for both of you, so it's important to stay on the same page. Let your date know what you want, ask him

the same, and if there are any issues, come to a compromise. Make sure to keep your date in the loop at all times. Inform him of any plans — big or small — from cost of limo and after party, to what color dress you'll be wearing. Speaking of clothes, make sure your outfits coordinate. You don't want to clash...in any kind of way!

### The earlier, the better!

Get ready early! Plan your appointments for the late morning or early afternoon. Make sure you're ready an hour before you have to leave the house, this way you won't rush and you can avoid last-minute panicking.

### Plan a pre-prom

Give yourself and your friends a couple of hours to take pictures before the prom starts. This way, you, your family, and your friends have an opportu-

nity to capture some memories with the camera before the fun begins!

### Be prepared!

Bring a little purse or a clutch with you. Make sure you have lip-gloss, your phone, a camera, a mirror, mints, and any other little things you think you might need — even a Band-Aid for blisters if you're not used to wearing heels.

### Be appropriate

Even though it seems like a huge party with all of your friends, the prom is still a school function. Be respectful towards the school staff, dance appropriately, and leave a good impression!

### Enjoy yourself!

Never lose sight that it's only the prom! It's nothing to stress over. Most of the fun is in the preparation, anyway! Just enjoy your date, your friends, and make the best of it!

# a TWIST of FATE

What braided hairstyle should you wear?

## TAKE OUR QUIZ!

BY ELYSE WANSHEL

### 1) What's the last thing you texted?

- a) A picture of a pretty flower growing out of a crack in the sidewalk.
- b) "Yolo"
- c) An inside-joke haiku.
- d) "I'll give u my calc notes after 3rd per, but I need them back by 5th, OK?"
- e) "TTYL"

### 2) If you could have a super power it would be...

- a) Invisibility
- b) Shape shifter
- c) Flight
- d) Telepathy
- e) Super strength

### 3) Your idea of a dream date is ...

- a) Movie and a quiet dinner where the two of you can really get to know one another.
- b) Skydiving!
- c) Going to a weird event you stumbled upon in the local alt weekly.
- d) A competitive game of skee ball at an arcade.
- e) Surf lessons for two.

### 4) The last movie you loved was...

- a) "The Way Way Back"
- b) "The Lego Movie"
- c) "Frances Ha"
- d) "Frozen"
- e) "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

### 5) The first animal you want to see at the zoo is a...

- a) Panda
- b) Otter
- c) Penguin
- d) Elephant
- e) Cheetah

### 6) What's the first thing you would do when the zombie apocalypse hits...

- a) Hide!
- b) Find the nearest Twinkie factory and have some fun before you're bitten.
- c) Stock up on duct tape, it can be handy and you can be crafty.
- d) Bunker down in your basement packed to the brim with supplies.
- e) Add knife throwing to your workout regimen.

### 7) If you could have a theme song it would be...

- a) One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful"
- b) Icona Pop's "I Love It"
- c) Ylvis' "What Does the Fox Say?"
- d) Beyoncé's "Run the World"
- e) Katy Perry's "Roar"

### 8) When you want to pig out, your go-to munchie is...

- a) Your grandmother's oatmeal cookies.
- b) A plate of fries that you can share.
- c) Nutella dripped in anything that happens to be lying around.
- d) You don't ever over eat, but you do like a slice of pizza every now and again.
- e) A Ballpark Frank with all the fixings.

### 9) When you're upset, you let off steam by ...

- a) Listening to music.
- b) Calling your best friend.
- c) Putting paint on a canvas.
- d) Reading a good book.
- e) Going to a yoga class.

Answers on page 35



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# Philanthropic festivities

## A truly 'sweet' Sweet 16

BY NATALIE HENRY

**K**endall Jenner passed up a chance to take 75 of her closest friends to the Bahamas for her Sweet 16. Instead she had a low-key party at a Hollywood hotel, where she asked her guests to bring toys for sick kids at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Jenner proves that bigger isn't always better. A charitable party doesn't have to take away from your special day, like your bar or bat mitzvah — it only enhances it.

Here are some ideas that you could use to give back without giving up the spotlight:

•A popular option for charitable parties is having guests bring donations.

Donations don't necessarily have to be monetary; it could be anything, depending on the needs of your charity. While you and your guest dine on prepared foods, there are so many people that go without. This is where you could make a difference — have your guest bring in non-perishables, like canned food. Your donations can go to Feeding America, a large hunger-relief charity that feeds those in need through a nationwide network of food banks. You could also give donations to a local charity and help bolster those in your own community. Asking guests to clean out their packed pantries and bring their unwanted non-perishables to your party may seem like a very small ges-

ture, but it can have a huge impact on someone who is truly in need.

•Haven't worn those skinny jeans in a while? Chances are you probably won't be reaching for them anytime soon. Maybe your friends also have some clothes they no longer wear. This is the perfect opportunity to turn your party into a clothes drive. Have guests bring their gently worn clothing and accessories to be donated to the Salvation Army. This can be win-win situation — you and your friends will have cleaner closets and you're helping the less fortunate.

•If you're an eco-friendly teen and want others to join the cause, your party is the perfect platform. Check to



Kendall Jenner is the kind-hearted, kid-sister of the Kardashian clan. Associated Press / Chris Pizzello

see if any of your local parks need help planting trees. Then take your party to the great outdoors and have a tree-planting party — this could be a great way to bond and get fresh air. Not the outdoorsy type but still care about the environment? Make sure your party materials are as green as possible. Replace physical invites with e-invitations using websites like punchbowl, Evite, pingg. Instead of buying imported food or flowers, hit up your local farmer's market for fresh, seasonal

selections. Another easy way to keep things green is in lieu of gifts, have guests donate money in your name to an organization like Love Trees, which makes sure kids all over the world have trees by planting them in countries like Zambia, Kenya, Malawi, and Haiti.

•Are you an animal lover? Giving to the furry and feathered would be the purr-fect cause. Animal shelters and many other organizations like the ASPCA depend on volunteers and donations to function, so ev-

ery little bit of kibble helps. Have your guests bring animal food, pet supplies, and toys for animal shelters.

A charity party is a great way to share something that you believe in with your friends and family. Everyone knows that you are special, but this displays to your loved ones that you are truly becoming a well-rounded adult. Just keep in mind that there is no donation too small — every bit helps! And nothing brings people closer together like a common cause.



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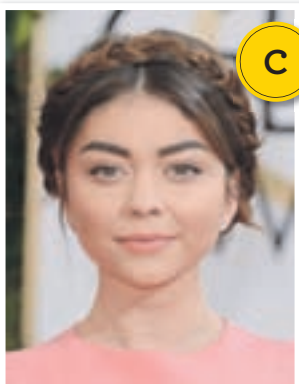
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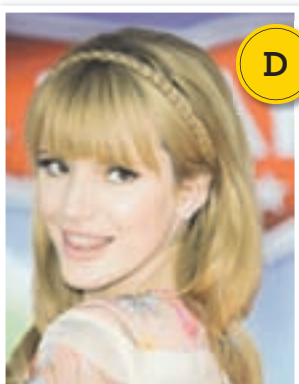
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## QUIZ RESULTS

*If you got mostly As*

### You should wear a French side braid

People may perceive you as shy but you're more complex than that.

You have a lot of interests, talents, and opinions you keep bottled up and only share with those you trust and respect. Try a side French braid like AnnaSophia Robb's — it may appear simple, but with closer inspection you can see that it is a multifaceted 'do utilizing numerous braids and a lot of skill. Plus, the look will also pull your hair elegantly out of your face, accentuating your inquisitive eyes.

*If you got mostly Bs*

### You should wear a fishtail braid

You are out-going and chatty — a true extrovert. You also have a wild side and crave spontaneity and chaos. Your many friends can find you anywhere from your local Starbucks working on your gossip column for the school newspaper, an improv class, at the mall chilling with your girls, or moshing at a punk rock show. You like to let your hair down and have fun, so try a flirty fishtail braid like American Idol's Jessica Sanchez.

*If you got mostly Cs*

### You should wear a braided crown

One day you'll be composing a song on a piccolo and the next teaching yourself how to blow glass. You're constantly buzzing with creative energy and not afraid to be yourself, which is often times a little silly. You tend to fly by the seam of your pants and because of this, you should definitely rock a boho-inspired braided crown like Sarah Hyland. The pretty hairstyle represents your free-spirited personality with its loose strands and will stay in place regardless of your post-party extracurricular activities, which can be anything from riding around in your friend's convertible blasting tunes, doing a little karaoke, or climbing a tree.

*If you got mostly Ds*

### You should wear a braided headband

You probably carry a first aid beauty kit in your well-organized purse, started an afterschool Key Club, and have been on honor roll since kindergarten, haven't you? A Type-A Personality to the umpteenth degree, you've got your head screwed on straight and always have your eye on the prize. The phrase "salon appt." pops up on your iPhone calendar every six to 10 weeks, so try a simple braided headband like Bella Thorne in order to show off your gorgeously maintained locks.

*If you got mostly Es*

### You should wear a braided bun

Spunky and sporty, you're always on the go. And because of your active lifestyle, you are a no fuss kind of girl. You'd much rather be at field hockey practice or working on perfecting your roundhouse kick than dealing with your hair. You're a ponytail girl by heart, so try professional cheerleader Taylour Paige's cute braided bun. The hairstyle rings true to your look but adds an extra pinch pretty, perfect for your special occasion.

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## SAT., MAR. 8

**BALLET:** The Annual Spring Workshop Performances are the culmination of a rehearsal process that begins with the Winter Workshop Intensive in January each year. Students will perform selections from classical masterpieces as well as new works specifically choreographed for Manhattan Youth Ballet. Showtime: 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.manhattanyouthballet.org](http://www.manhattanyouthballet.org). Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students at the door. Manhattan Movement & Arts Center, 248 West 60th St., NYC (between Amsterdam and West End avenues) in the Lincoln Center area.

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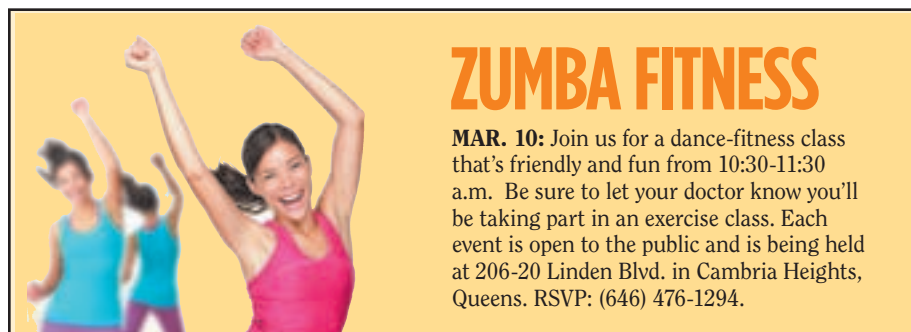
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## MON., MAR. 10

**ZUMBA:** Join us for a dance-fitness class that is friendly and fun from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It uses the Zumba formula, with modified moves and pacing for active older people and those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. Be sure to let your doctor know you'll be taking part in an exercise class. Each event is open to the public and is being held at 206-20 Linden Blvd. in Cambria Heights, Queens. RSVP: (646) 476-1294

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### SAT., FEB. 8 - FRI., MAR. 7

**ART EXHIBITION:** This body of work is described by the artist as "interpretizm" - paint-

ings on canvas along with various elements of wood and masonite. In the spirit of "cabinet de curiosités," inspired by the surrealist boxes by Joseph Cornell, Man Ray and Marcel Duchamp, many of Al Johnson's works utilize found objects and collages. La Maison D'art Private Gallery is located at 259 W 132nd St. (Between 7th & 8th avenues) in Manhattan. Call (718) 593-4108 or go to: [www.lamaisondartny.com](http://www.lamaisondartny.com).

### TUES., MAR., 11

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*Compiled by Natalie Y. Henry*

## Inside Life

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which an artist could add their lyrical voicing. In reverse, after voicing was added to tracks laid by Smart, the package would be returned to Smart for mixing. In most case, a radio-ready record and hit hailed a Jamaican production which was actually made in New York.

Now known as Pyramid Recording Studio, the walls of the former HC&F are defined by wood panels and plaques boasting Smart's contribution to making hits for Grammy winning reggae singer Shaggy. Smart's imprint is indelible on records recorded by dancehall deejays Capleton, Sizzla, Tony Rebel, Red Fox, Jesse Jendau, Chrisinti, Cecile, Sean Paul, Buju Banton, Barrington Levy and singer Freddy McGregor.

Brooklyn's Paul "Jah Paul" Houghton whose current album was produced by Smart said: "Phillip was never about money or fame, he nurtured artist and encouraged young artists to practice and improve."

Houghton said in his quest to record an album he often by-passed studios in Brooklyn and Queens in order to get to the producer known as Prince Phillip.

"Other producers would always call me to check out their place but I always know that Phillip would give me more than studio time, he would help me make the best music I can," Houghton explained.

"Sometimes I would tell him how I hear a song, and he would listen and then tell me "Jah Paul, try it this way." Everytime it would sound better," Houghton added.

Four days after his death, former New York radio personality Francine Chin stopped into the studio to reflect on the years she had known Smart.

"I wasn't sure how I would react walking into this place, we had so much good times here," Chin said. "It is hard to imagine that Phillip will not be coming back."

Chin's association with Smart broadened three decades. She said without Smart's assistance she might have been deficient in playing appealing music to the demanding NY radio audience.

"Phillip used to mix music for me and just give it to me to play on the radio," Chin said.

With new and innovative music Chin said she had an edge that other deejays did not easily acquire and program directors would curiously inquire.

Prince Phillip Smart is survived by wife Georgette and son Phillip. He is grieved by sister Andrea, brother-in-law Michael McDonald and enumerable amount of friends and associates.

About the future of Pyramid, Morris said: "He was like a father to me and he left us with enough to continue."

After a wake in Baldwin, LI, Smart will be buried on Feb. 15 in Fort Myers, Florida.

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# Eldercare

## TODAY



## Five healthy foods for the over-50 crowd

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**Apples:** Apples definitely

qualify as a superfood, helping reduce cholesterol by preventing plaque buildup in the blood vessels and, as a result cutting an individual's risk of diabetes considerably. In fact, a recent study published in the British Medical Journal found that eating at least two servings of apples per week can reduce a person's risk of type 2 diabetes by as much as 23 percent. Apples also make for a great source of fiber, potassium and vitamin C.

**Blueberries:** Blueberries help men and women maintain healthy blood sugar levels because they are high in soluble fiber, which lowers cholesterol while slowing the body's uptake of glucose. And

despite their relatively small size, blueberries contain more fiber, vitamins and minerals per ounce than any other fruit.

**Broccoli:** Though broccoli might not have been your best friend during childhood, you may want to cozy up to this powerful green vegetable now that you have cracked the half-century mark. Broccoli is loaded with vitamin C. A single 3.5 ounce serving of broccoli contains more than 150 percent of the recommended daily intake of vitamin C, which can shorten the duration of the common cold. In addition, a 2013 British study published in Medical News Today found that broccoli may help prevent osteoarthritis,

a degeneration of joint cartilage and the underlying bone that is most common from middle age onward. A similar study from researchers at New York's Roswell Park Cancer Institute published in the same publication six years earlier found that just three servings of broccoli per month can decrease bladder cancer risk by as much as 40 percent.

**Fava beans:** Fava beans are cholesterol-free and low in fat. Fava beans also may provide cardiovascular benefits and help men and women maintain healthy weights. Fava beans are considered "nutrient-dense," a term used to describe low-calorie foods that boast lots of nutrients, and are an excellent

source of vitamin B1, which is important for nervous system function and energy metabolism.

**Oatmeal:** Another food that might never make youngsters' lists of their favorite foods, oatmeal is nonetheless a healthy option at the breakfast table. Oatmeal is loaded with soluble fiber, which can reduce cholesterol levels and subsequently reduce a person's risk of heart disease. Also low in calories, oatmeal can help men and women maintain a healthy weight. Those who find oatmeal a tad too bland for their tastes can double on their superfoods by adding some blueberries into the mix, making their breakfast more flavorful and more healthy.

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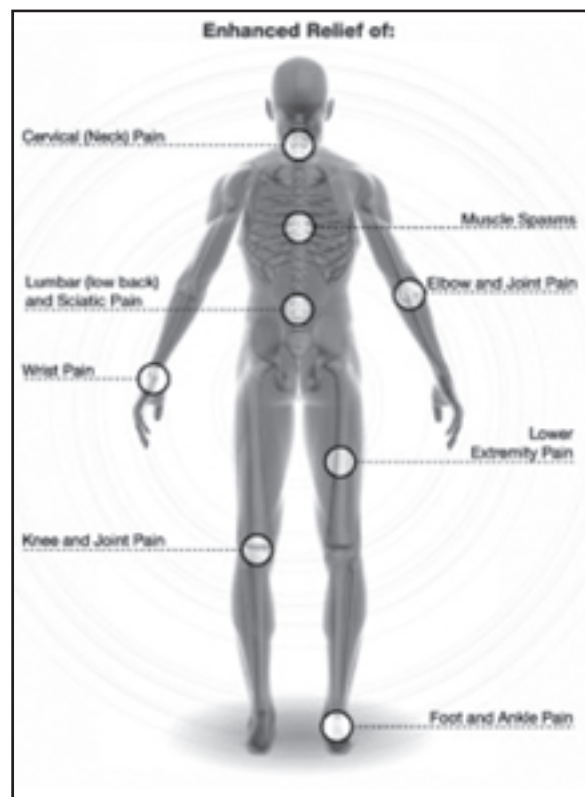
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## MLS awash with coaches

By Patrick Horne

As the 20th MLS season kicks off this Saturday, March 8, there are quite a few new faces directing teams from the sidelines. Among the nine teams in the Western conference, six are led by new coaches. In the Eastern Conference, there are four new coaches among the teams. This may be mainly due to parity and the very tough competition in MLS. Here is a look at the challenges that the new coaches in the Western Conference face.

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## Cricket legends knighted

By Azad Ali

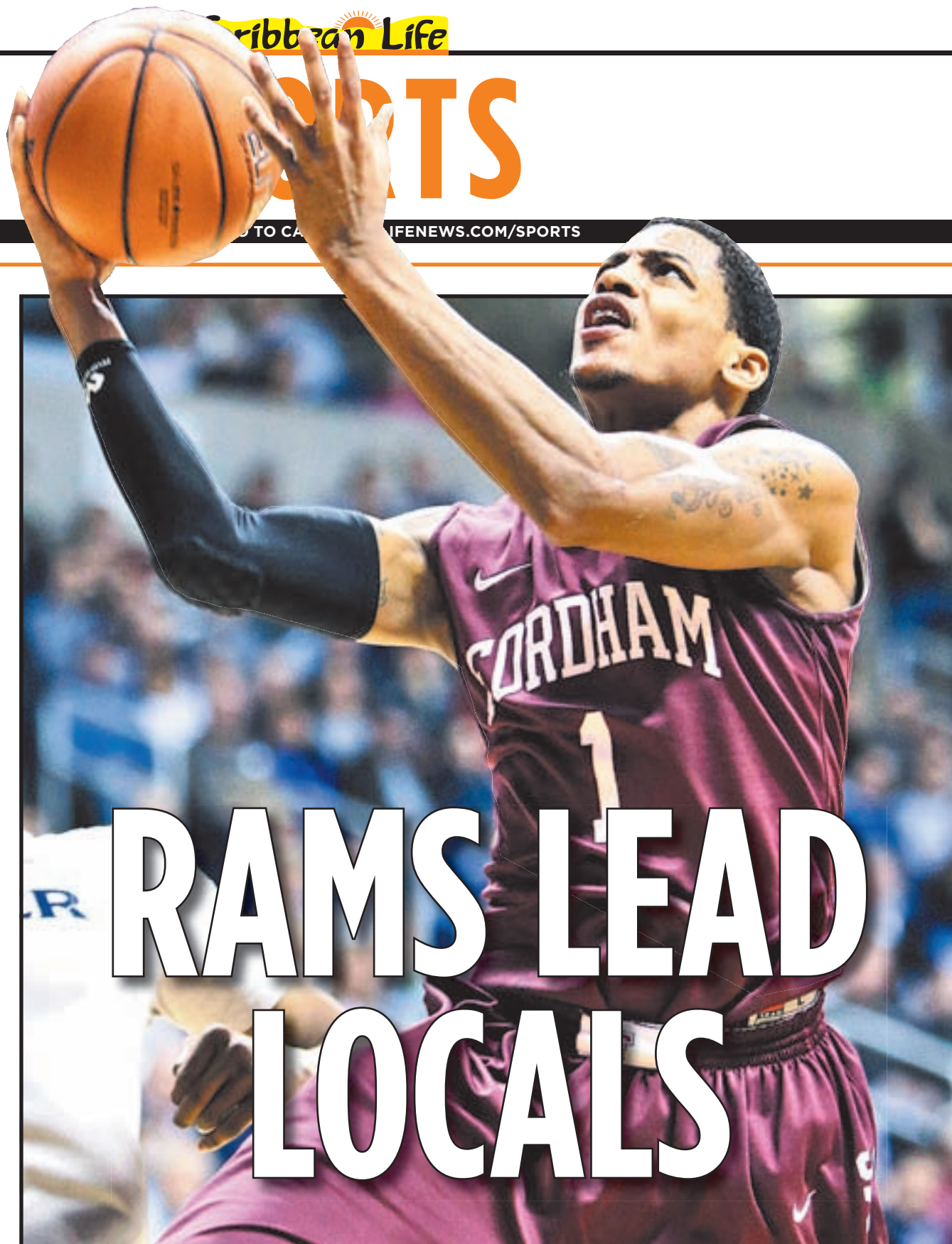
Three West Indies cricket legends were knighted during the One-Day International between England and the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Recreation Ground on Feb. 28.

Former fast bowlers Andy Roberts and Curtly Ambrose and former West Indies captain Richie Richardson were knighted, by Governor General Dame Louise Lake-Tack during the lunch break.

Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer and Leader of the Opposition Labor Party (ALP) Gaston Browne attended the ceremony.

Roberts, the first Antiguan and Barbudan to represent the West Indies made his debut against England in March 1974.

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Fordham guard Branden Frazier (1) drives against Xavier forward Travis Taylor (4) in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game.

# RAMS LEAD LOCALS

## The lone NYC basketball team at A 10

By Robert Elkin

It's tournament time!

Now is the time of the year when the better teams in their respective leagues try for midnight madness with the selection of the colleges go into the NCAA tournament in different regions through-

out the United States. At the beginning of the season, most of the better college teams have one goal in mind—the Final Four, a prestigious event leading to the championship of the NCAA Division I competition.

However, the first step is to qualify for

the Conference post season tournament.

At the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, the home of the Brooklyn Nets of the National Basketball Association, the Atlantic 10 will conduct its tournament at the same time that the Big East Tournament

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# MLS season

## Continued from page PB Colorado Rapids (14-11-9, 5th in West)

The new coach is a veteran MLS and USA national team defensive midfielder Pablo Mastroeni, who played most of his MLS career with the Rapids; he was named interim coach after Oscar Pareja left for FC Dallas. Mastroeni's offense is pretty much intact with speed on the flanks and up the middle provided by Kris Klute and last year's leading scorer Deshawn Brown with 10 goals.

Veteran striker Edson Buddle, though in the twilight of his career, can still be a threat on the front line, which is substantially improved with the new man Gabriel Torres of Panama. Torres is a proven scorer as he showed in the last Gold cup as he led Panama to the final against the USA. Another addition to the Rapids that would please Mastroeni is Marvin Chavez, the Honduras national player and tricky dribbler. Chavez has sped and dazzles defenders with his skills.

The midfield supplier is Dillon Powers, who pulls all the stings in middle, but the middle is now unbalanced now that defensive midfielder Hendry Thomas left for Dallas with his old coach. Mastroeni has an adequate replacement in Jose Mari of Spain, who will bring defensive stability in the crucial middle of the park. Mari is a veteran of Spain's La Liga and must provide the critical defensive



Rapids veteran striker Edson Buddle.

AP Photo/Jay LaPrete; File

presence in midfield. The Rapids seem well balanced and Mastroeni feels that way. "I'm not counting on one guy to save us from a defensive standpoint, and I'm not counting on any one guy to be the hero on the attacking end," Said Mastroeni after a recent practice.

## San Jose (14-11-9) 6th West

The new man in San Jose is Mark Watson, who took over from Canadian Frank Yallop last season; Watson was an assistant on staff and is in only his second season. San Jose finished 6th in the Western Conference and just missed the playoffs; one reason was the under production of 2012 leading scorer Chris Wondolowski, who had a record 27 goals that year, but only tapped in 11 last season. Watson though has newcomer Jean Baptiste Pierazzi, a veteran of the French League I. He is a central midfielder, a big 6-foot-1 presence in midfield and can score.

The Quakes are confident that he can be a pretty solid two-way threat – there have been comparisons from some corners of their front office to Michael Bradley, which seems a touch overenthusiastic – despite the fact that he's scored just twice in his nine years as a pro.

Watson says he that he wants lots of movement; he look for that movement from ...

Young Trinidadian Cordell Cato, a speedy winger, Steven Lenhart, Kittitian Atiba Harris, Alan Gordon and Wondolowski. U.S. defender Clarence Goodson will help to shore up the defense

## Vancouver Whitecaps (13-12-9) 7th West

The Whitecaps announced that assistant coach Carl Robinson will be the head man to lead the team this season. The new coach played at the highest level in England and Scotland and is highly regarded by the players.



Fordham's Jon Severe, left, grabs a rebound along side Saint Louis' Rob Loe during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, in St. Louis. Saint Louis won 70-48. AP Photo/Jeff Roberson/File

# Out front in the Atlantic Conference

Continued from page PB is being held at Madison Square Garden.

The Fordham University Rams with its main branch in The Bronx and another branch in mid-town Manhattan, is the lone basketball representative of New York City as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. Based on their under .500 record, the Rams are not favorite to advance too far in the tourney. But anything can happen in a tournament. It's one loss and a team is eliminated.

Because of their finish in the league, the Rams have to play in a tournament game to start matters off on Wednesday evening with the victor advancing to the first round on the following day. The way Fordham has been playing, especially against Virginia Commonwealth University, there's no telling how they will do.

However, everyone is delighted to have the A-10 Tournament to be staged in New York City and on the floor of a professional team.

All eyes will be on the Rams' performance on the court and especially on senior point guard Branden

Frazier and freshman Jon Severe. Frazier is expected to be a great player in due time, possibly headed into the National Basketball Association. If he works hard he'll make it.

"Playing in the A-10 tourney is good for the kids, gives them exposure, lets them grow, and gives them exposure from NBA scouts," said Jay Brown, a former basketball and football player at DeWitt Clinton High School in The Bronx.

"It'll be wonderful to see the A-10 Tournament at Barclays Center. It's a beautiful and great facility," said Brown. "We'll have a

big crowd. UMass will also have a big crowd when they play."

One worker who resides in the neighborhood of the school is a former soccer player at the University of Alabama, Chris Alexander, now a retail manager for the Fordham concessions, was working in security in the gymnasium of the Rose Hill campus where the games are scheduled

Originally, Alexander comes from Jamaica, West Indies, where he was a soccer and cricket player and resided there for 12 years. Now he is living in New York.

Alexander feels that the Atlantic 10 Tournament being played at Barclays Center is very nice for the latter to host.

"All the kids and poor people from the area have a chance to see college basketball teams in action in a pro atmosphere. I think for Fordham to win (even the first round) will be rough," said Alexander.

Meanwhile, head coach Tom Pecora has been having another disappointing season.

"We did everything expected to win," the coach said. "We've come a long way...."

## Arise, Sir Andy!

Continued from page PB

The bowler was part of the "quartet" of West Indian bowlers from the mid-seventies to the early eighties that had a devastating effect on opposition batsmen at both Tests and One-Day International levels. The other three bowlers are Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Colin Croft.

Former West Indies captain and middle order batsman, Sir Vivian Richards, arguably the finest batsman of his generation was knighted by the Antigua government in 1999.



Former West Indies fast bowler Andy Roberts.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton



# West Indies batsmen not showing top class

West Indies batsmen are not exhibiting top class batting and that has been one of the reasons why the West Indies team in not doing well. Dwayne Smith, Darren Bravo and Kieran Powell should demonstrate a much better batting display. These players are getting too many soft dismissals. Smith and Bravo are experienced batsmen who have played all around the world and to be playing at home not performing on easy pace wickets it may reflect on their batting reputation.

Dwayne Smith recently had a good run for Barbados during the Nagico Regional Super50 Competition and he seems not to be applying himself at the higher level. Where else do these players expect to excel? If you cannot do well on your own wickets. One-Day International cricket is very different to the Twenty20 format. In the One-Day International games, players need to settle down and pick up



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

singles and avoid going for too many big shots. Smith apparently has one style of play at the higher level and that is the Twenty20 habit of just hitting and that is inappropriate for One-Day International games.

### LENDL SIMMONS IN FINE FORM

Trinidad and Tobago and West Indies middle order batsman Lendl Simmons has been in fine form scoring two consecutive half centuries against England in Antigua. Simmons has shown some top class efforts in both innings and he may find himself in the Test squad if he continues making those huge efforts. Darren Bravo must improve on his one-day average because his scoring is too low statistically. He must

enhance his performance.

### TOO MANY PROLONGED INJURIES

A long list of players have been on the injury list and as they recover some mishap re-occurs and thus falls on the injury list once more. West Indies was greatly affected in New Zealand when Kemar Roach missed that tour because of injury. Ravi Rampaul has been in and out of the team because of injury status. When key players are injured for long periods it certainly affects the team. Chris Gayle is injured and this adds to the damaging effect on the team. It seems as if team moral is low and the West Indies Cricket Board has the responsibility to ensure that this problem



West Indies middle order batsman Lendl Simmons. AP Photo/Tom Hevezi/File

is solved. West Indies selectors ought to modify their

strategies or be removed. The best possible 11 play-

ers that are fit should be on the field.

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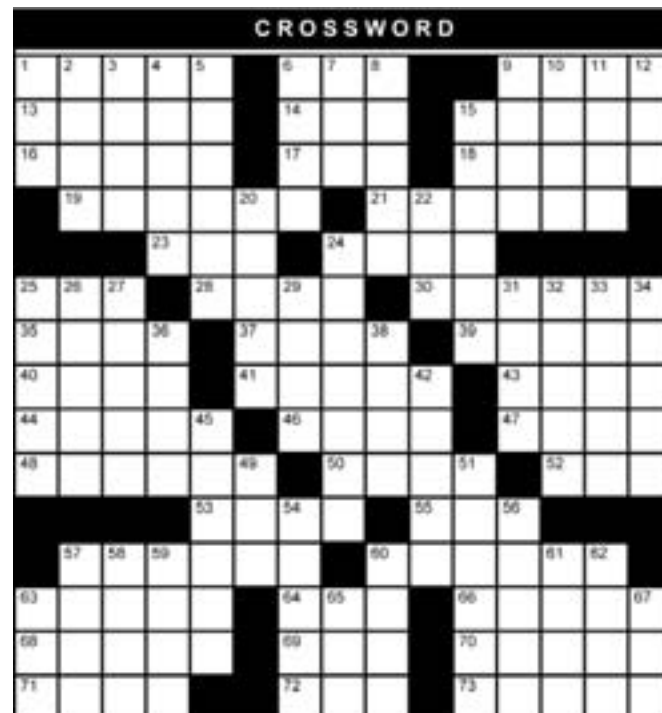
## ACROSS

1. Tropical fruit
6. Bug enemy
9. \_\_\_\_\_ bargain
13. Relating to Quechuan people
14. Monetary unit of Afganistan
15. "\_\_\_\_\_ Science" (1985)
16. Daughter of a sibling
17. "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight..."
18. Wall hanging of handwoven fabric
19. \*Anti-Communist \_\_\_\_\_ Doctrine
21. \*U.K. and U.S.S.R. to U.S (1939-1945), e.g.
23. One-shot Atticus Finch's forte
24. \*He sent naval fleet to support North in Civil War
25. Big fuss
28. Relinquish, as in property
30. Win an auction
35. Dull or dense
37. Dutch cheese
39. Game ragout
40. Carpet layer's calculation
41. Indy 500 entrant
43. Cajole
44. Earvin Johnson, Jr.
46. Of long ago
47. Burkina Faso neighbor
48. Olympian Ted Ligety's sport
50. Feudal laborer

52. Bathroom sign
53. Like unwelcome neighbor
55. Web address
57. \*Underground Railroad conductor
60. They are notoriously slow
63. \*Location of General MacArthur's last war
64. ET carrier
66. Nymph of lakes and springs
68. Liturgy instrument
69. In favor of
70. \_\_\_\_\_ br'lÈe
71. Bookkeeping entry
72. Unwelcome deduction
73. Industrial center of the Ruhr

## DOWN

1. Bathtub hooch
2. "U" in I.C.U.
3. Tree or shrub type having winged fruit
4. Absence of matter, pl.
5. Like one with low hemoglobin
6. \*Nixon worked to do this to relations with China
7. Hudson's Bay Company original ware
8. Bubonic plague carriers
9. Disembodied spirit
10. Italian money, 1861-2002
11. \*The Colonial Period and Roaring Twenties, e.g.
12. Highly anticipated during Super Bowl
15. Toothy marine mammal
20. Arabian chieftain
22. \_\_\_\_\_-tzu
24. High tea padded accessory
25. \*Washington's veep
26. Relating to dura mater
27. Opposite of alpha
29. \*June 6, 1944
31. A boor lacks this
32. "Ulysses" protagonist
33. Candidate's concern
34. \*Mason's partner
36. Get-out-of-jail money
38. Insignificant
42. Old episode
45. Charles Ponzi, e.g.
49. Bygone bird
51. \*Gave us Miss Liberty
54. A pinch in the mouth
56. Pinocchio and his kind
57. Civil wrong
58. Craving
59. Beacon light
60. Tender
61. \*Things Washington didn't tell?
62. "The more things change, the more they stay the \_\_\_\_\_"
63. Ornamental carp
65. Joker to Batman, e.g.
67. Bear home



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A difficult challenge lies ahead, Aries. Save up your energy for the next few days, and keep socializing to a minimum for the time being.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
The path you have been taking seems more stable, Taurus. This is a good way to go for a while. You will find others are looking to you more for advice. It's a role you enjoy.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, a string of bad luck is not as bad as it seems. Like most things, this, too, shall pass. Keep your chin up, and hang out with friends to keep your mind busy.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
A great opportunity presents itself this week, Cancer. Focus your energy on making the most of this opportunity, and you will be glad for having done so.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, speak a little louder to ensure your voice is heard on an important issue this week. Your input is valuable, and those around you will be glad you spoke up.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, a new career opportunity is coming your way soon. Make the most of this opportunity if change is something you feel you need at this point in your career.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Extra spending leaves you a little light in the wallet, Libra. Look for ways to generate some extra income or curtail your spending in the months ahead.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, a bumpy road will soon give way to greener pastures. Ride out this rough patch with a smile on your face, and it will pass quickly without wrecking any significant havoc.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, a relationship is blossoming and you're not sure in which direction it should be going. Trust your gut instincts, and things will work out fine.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
You are tougher than others suspect, Capricorn, and you will prove your mettle with a difficult task that requires all of your focus and energy to master. Others will be impressed.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Things are changing, but it's for the best, Aquarius. Instead of going against the tide, let the waves take you where you need to go. Surprises are in store.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Think about moving in a new direction, Pisces. Change can be a good thing, and you will benefit from embracing change this time.

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