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President Barack Obama kisses Women's rights activist Lilly Ledbetter on the cheek in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, during an event marking Equal Pay Day, and where the president will announce and sign new executive actions to strengthen enforcement of equal pay laws for women.

Carolyn Kaster

Gender pay-gap encounters a hurdle

By Alan Fram

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans blocked a Senate bill Wednesday aimed at narrowing the pay gap between men and women, an election-year ritual that Democrats hope will help spur women to back them in this fall's congressional elections.

GOP lawmakers said the measure could hinder employers from granting raises, or permitting

flexible hours in exchange for lower pay, for fear of costly lawsuits. For Democrats, the bill was the latest stressing income-fairness they are pushing this campaign season, a procession that includes proposals to extend jobless benefits, boost the minimum wage and help students and families afford college loans.

"When I hear all these phony reasons, some are mean and

some are meaningless, I do get emotional," Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., the bill's sponsor, said of arguments against the legislation. "I get angry. I get outraged. I get volcanic."

Mikulski was the latest Democrat to play off former CIA Director Michael Hayden's recent comment that Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman

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UNFAIR DEPORT ACTION

Clarke dismayed by deportations for minor infractions

By Nelson A. King
& Kenton K. Kirby

Most of the nearly two million illegal immigrants who have been deported from the US since 2009 had committed only minor violations or did not have any criminal record, accord to a recently released New York Times analysis of internal US government records which reveal that two-thirds of the nearly two million deportation cases during the Obama Administration involve immigrants who had committed minor infractions, including traffic violations.

Only twenty percent — or approximately 394,000 cases involved immigrants convicted of serious crimes, including drug-

related offenses, The Times study said. "Yet, the records show, that the enforcement actually grew, picking up more and more immigrants with minor or no criminal records," it added.

The paper said the analysis is based on government data obtained under the Freedom of Information Act covering more than 3.2 million deportations over 10 years, and that records reveal

that the largest increases were in deportations involving illegal immigrants whose most serious offense was listed as a traffic violation, including driving under the influence. Those cases, The Times explained, "more than

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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Caribbean

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) says it has signed an amendment with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to a 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a 2012 Framework Agreement to support renewable energy and energy efficiency of climate change in Central America and the Caribbean.



Under this amendment the target of JICA's co-financing for this program, known as "Co-financing for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency" (CORE), will be increased to US\$1 billion from a previous amount of US\$300 million, "as well as the eligible beneficiaries will be expanded in Central America and the Caribbean, the IDB said in a statement.

It said the amendment was signed between IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno and JICA's Senior Special Advisor Kunio Okaruma during the IDB's 2014 annual meeting.

The co-financing program was a result of several agreements between the IDB and the JICA, the most recent in March 2012 focusing on strategic partnerships on renewable energy and energy efficiency, "a key component of the bank's response to climate change adaptation and mitigation".

It said one of the key priorities of the JICA is to increase assistance and strengthen sustainable energy and climate change operations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Antigua

The Board of Directors of LIAT has announced the appointment of David Evans as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of the regional airline, effective April 22, 2014.

Evans would take over CEO responsibilities from Julie Reifer-Jones, who has been acting in the position since the resignation of Captain Ian Brunton last September.



Evans, a British national, is said to have more than 35 years of experience in senior roles within the aviation industry.

"Between 1975 and 1997, Evans served as airport manager, coun-



Fighting for their lives

A man marches with a banner that reads in Creole, "It's the first time life is this hard," during a demonstration marking the 27th anniversary of the signing of Haiti's Constitution, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Saturday, March 29, 2014. Those demonstrating called for the resignation of President Michel Martelly. The protesters say Martelly hasn't done enough to alleviate hunger since he was sworn in as president in May 2011. See story on page 4. AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

try manager and area manager with British Airways in East Africa, Saudi Arabia, France, Philippines, China, Denmark and the United States," LIAT said in a statement.

In 1997, Evans was appointed managing director of British Airways Regional - a position held until 2001 when he became managing director of British Airways CitiExpress and BA Connect, serving in that capacity for six years. He has served in the airlines in the Middle East and Africa.

Bahamas

The third Caribbean Conference on the international financial services sector was recently held in Nassau, Bahamas.

Entitled, "The Caribbean Engaging the World in Financial Services," the conference which was jointly hosted by the Caribbean Export Development Agency and the Government of The Bahamas provided a unique forum for policy makers, regulators and finance practitioners of Caribbean International Financial Centers to interact with the architects of the



major global financial policy initiatives.

It also presented an opportunity for discussion on several issues related to the major international initiatives impacting on the region's financial services sector.

Barbados Minister of Industry, International Business Commerce and Small Business said the conference recommended strategies of ensuring that the financial services industry continues to thrive and remains a major contributor to the sustainability and development of regional economies.

Prime Minister of The Bahamas Perry Christie delivered the keynote address.

Dominica

A Dominican High Court judge has awarded EC\$130,000 plus cost to Dr. Philbert Aaron in a defamation suit filed against police officer and calypsonian, Checko.

Checko had penned a song in 2011, "Bug Her," which Dr. Aaron claimed was defamatory to him.

According to a statement in the civil suit, the song refers to Dr.



Aaron by his designation and initial "Ambassador A."

In handing down the judgment, Justice Errol Thomas awarded \$75,000 for general damages, \$50,000 aggravated damages, and \$5,000 for exemplary damages on account of the remix of the song because of Checko's desire to win the road march title.

On Jan. 16, 2013, Aaron filed a claim against Checko, whose real name is Abel Jno Baptiste, alleging libel and slander with respect to the song, which was written by the defendant. He had failed to put in a defense.

Grenada

Grenada says it has paid US\$45,197.00 in arrears to the United Nations after the international body had withdrawn its voting rights.

The UN had taken the position against Grenada and Dominica, indicating the General Assembly had decided as of March 26, 2014, the two Caribbean countries would not be permitted to vote in the assembly until the end of its 68th session.



Dominica has since paid up its arrears.

Foreign Affairs Minister Nicholas Steele said Grenada had now met its financial obligations to the United Nations.

Haiti

Several thousand people demonstrated in Haiti's capital recently to call for the resignation of President Michel Martelly.

The protestors, aligned with opposition parties, said Martelly has not done enough to alleviate hunger in the impoverished Caribbean country since he was sworn in as president in May 2011.

The demonstrators, carrying banners and chanting songs in the biggest anti-government protest of the year so far, also complained that legislative and local elections are more than two years overdue.

Under pressure from the United Nations, United States and others, Martelly said he wants to hold the vote this year but no date has been set.

The election would fill 20 of the 30 Senate seats, all the seats in the 99-member Chamber of Deputies and 140 posts at the local level.

Jamaica

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says despite a front loaded adjustment program, Jamaica's economy has seen some growth over the first year of the program.

IMF resident representative to Jamaica, Bert Van Selm, made the comment in an address to participants attending a Financial Service Commission seminar in Kingston recently.

He asserted that Jamaica's economic reform program is off to a strong start and for the rest of the program period, there will be no need for further fiscal tightening, but staying on course.

Van Selm said this will have a big impact on the country's economic performance.

Last month, Jamaica successfully completed its third review of the IMF program.

According to the IMF representative, despite a difficult year of micro-economic adjustments and reforms under the program, there

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Jennifer Falu, Denise Gray and Dr. Youngblood at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Photo Credit:Lem Peterkin

Family inherits Medal of Congress

By Shari Logan

The Congressional Medal of Honor was presented posthumously to the family of the late Tuskegee Airman Leon Nathan Duncan recently at Vanderveer Park United Methodist in Brooklyn, thanks in part to the efforts of Claude B. Govan of Tri State Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc (TAI).

The presentation featured musical selections, (by whom and in what form), scripture readings, remarks from Assemb. Rhoda Jacobs of the 42nd District, and a presentation by Wilfred DeFour and Dabney Montgomery of the Claude B. Govan Tri State Chapter TAI.

Mr. Montgomery, a Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen [DOTA] vividly described to an audience of about 100 people what he, Duncan and fellow Tuskegee Airmen were up against during World War II on the home front and abroad.

"Imagine this," said Montgomery: "People are saying in Washington [DC]: 'We don't believe you can do it. You're wasting time ... And in the middle of all of this your relative stood up and said, 'I can, I can, I can.' And he with all the other men stood up and fought back. For the first time in the history of warfare, we had a Black man in a fighter plane firing at a German destroyer in the Mediterranean Sea" said Mr. Montgomery.

According to the Claude B. Govan Tri State TAI website, the Tuskegee Airmen were the first offi-

cially sanctioned African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. The group of nearly 1,000 pilots made up the 332nd Fighter Group. Mr. Duncan was a Sergeant and a 1st Gunner during World War II [1939-1945.]

Arnold Duncan, son of Leon, was motivated to receive his dad's medal after speaking to Terrance Holliday, the commissioner of Veteran Affairs for New York City, at the MET Multicultural Alliance Development Initiative Veteran's Breakfast last April. Arnold contacted the Claude B. Govan Tri State Chapter of TAI, whose president is Patt Terrelonge -- daughter of Jamaican-born DOTA Victor Terrelonge, who made the necessary phone calls for a replica of the medal to be made and delivered to the Duncan family.

"Award presentations like this are necessary," he said, "because it lets our race -- our Black race, know that we are a part of building this country and winning World War II. Tuskegee Airmen like my father did what they had to do and they survived. So show them the recognition."

In 2007, President George W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to a group of 300 Tuskegee Airmen but Mr. Leon N. Duncan died years earlier in 2002. He was born in Litchfield, South Carolina on March 17, 1917 and eventually moved to New York City. He retired from the New York City Transit Authority at the age of 70.



The family of Leon N. Duncan attend the ceremony to receive his Tuskegee Airman Congressional Medal of Honor.

LOVE, Above All Things

Testimonial of a Woman Who Loses Things

By Lem Peterkin

Jennifer Falu has transformed her celebrated poem, "Loses Things" into a powerful one woman play entitled "LOVE, Above All Things: Testimonial of a Woman who Loses Things ... Praise Gave it Back."

The nontraditional experience of sharing and healing took place at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY during Women's History Month. The workshop production of "LOVE, above all things" was presented in collaboration with SeasonWalk Productions and Mt. Pisgah.

Season Walk Productions is dedicated to producing with vision and developing projects which promote the intelligence and rich heritage of people of color.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to bring this blessing to the world," said Denise Gray, its president and producer.

Approximately one year ago, during a Sunday service at Mt. Pisgah -- otherwise known as "church extraordinaire" and led by the renowned Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Jennifer Falu, an award winning spoken word artist shared the poem, "Loses Things" with



Jennifer Falu at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Photo Credit:Lem Peterkin

the congregation. The feedback was overwhelming!

In this poem, Falu shared with the audience about losing things like her keys and the painful experience of temporarily losing custody of her children to the foster care system.

"Jennifer Falu is a gift to the world that ought to be experienced," states Rev. Youngblood. "For those of us who do, our lives are

made better. And for those of us who do not, well..."

Falu's family, church family and friends rallied to her support.

With the unwavering loyalty and blessings of her pastor, church members Denise Gray, producer and president of SeasonWalk Productions and Obie-award winning director, Jesse Wooden, Jr., Falu was encouraged to share her story and be a

catalyst for healing.

The play is a journey into the first few days of the three-year-plus battle that Falu is still fighting, to get her children back. She is joined onstage by Jaime Falu, her father and a percussionist in the show.

Jennifer thanks all those who have loved her through this journey. "You never know how far you will go until you have children... This show is dedicated to my children, - Makaiya and Bree."

Falu recently won the first place in NBC TV's Amiri Baraka Poetry Slam and is currently ranked third internationally in the Women of the World Poetry Slam. She is a celebrated performance artist throughout NYC and across the country and as a member of the 2006, 2009 and 2012 Nuyorican Poets Café Slam Teams, became the top female poet of the year in 2006, ranking third in 2009 and 2012.

As a performer, Falu has shared the stage with Jennifer Holliday, Carl Thomas and Patti LaBelle. She makes her film debut in the soon-to-be-released movie, "Mania Days" alongside Katie Holmes.

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Haiti PM shakes up Cabinet for third time in 2 years

By Trenton Daniel

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's prime minister used Twitter on Wednesday to announce he was replacing about half of the 22-member Cabinet, marking the third major government shake-up in less than two years.

There had been talk since November that Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe wanted to change ministers because of grumblings in the government that some of them couldn't pull their weight.

But the decision to form a new Cabinet wasn't taken until after the executive and legislative branches and opposition parties signed a broad agreement last month that, among other things, seeks to organize parliamentary and local elections before year's end.



Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe.

AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File

ing transparency and other reforms to the office.

Lamothe's office also named new ministers for interior, foreign affairs, education, defense, environment and sports.

It didn't immediately give reasons for the changes.

The new interior minister will be Reginald Delva, a key post that oversees domestic security and local government and could play a role in the upcoming elections. Delva previously served as secretary of state for public security.

This is the third sizeable Cabinet reshuffle since Lamothe became Haiti's No. 2 official in May 2012. It's the fifth change of its kind since President Michel Martelly took office in 2011.

The elections are more than two years overdue.

Perhaps the most unusual appointment is Marie Carmelle Jean-Marie as finance minister. She resigned from that job last year for reasons

neither she nor officials ever disclosed, although a media report said she left because she didn't receive the support she wanted for bring-

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Paycheck unfairness

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Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was motivated by “emotional feeling” when she sought an investigation of the spy agency’s harsh treatment of terrorism suspects.

Republicans concentrated on the economic damage they said the gender equity bill would inflict, consistent with their campaign focus on an economy that is still recovering from a severe recession. They were backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups.

“At a time when the Obama economy is already hurting women so much, this legislation would double down on job loss — all while lining the pockets of trial lawyers,” said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. “In other words, it’s just another Democrat idea that threatens to hurt the very people it claims to help.”

Democrats pushed the same legislation the last two election years, 2012 and 2010, only to see Senate Republicans scuttle the measures.

Mikulski’s bill is aimed



This Aug. 1, 2013 file photo shows Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., flanked by Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin of Ill., left, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., speaking on Capitol Hill in Washington. J. Scott Applewhite

at tightening the 1963 law that made it illegal to pay women less than men for comparable jobs because of their gender.

It would shrink the loopholes employers can cite to justify such discrepancies and prevent them from punishing workers who share salary information. It would also make class-action suits

about paycheck unfairness easier and allow workers to seek punitive and compensatory damages.

Wednesday’s vote was 53-44 for debating the legislation — seven fewer than Democrats needed to keep the bill moving forward. Every voting Republican was against continuing work on the measure.

Absurd deportation policy

Continued from cover

quadrupled from 43,000 during the last five years of President George W. Bush’s administration, to 193,000 during the five years President Obama has been in office.

It said also, that during the same period, removals related to convictions for entering or re-entering the country illegally tripled under Obama, to more than 188,000.

The data also reflect the Obama administration’s decision to charge immigration violators who previously would have been removed without formal charges. The Times said, adding that during the final year of the Bush administration, more than a quarter of those caught in the United States with no criminal record were returned to their native countries without charges.

Meanwhile, US Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-Brooklyn) a member of the House Committee on Small Business, Ethics, and Homeland Security, and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, said in a statement that she remains firm in her commitment “to the suspension of deportation, and to a policy of immigration reform that recognizes the value of families.”

“Who could imagine that the removal of a father or mother from their children — for the ‘crime’ of violating traffic regulations — would not undermine the faith of those children in the due process of law or the good sense of their representatives in government?” she asked, and added: “We could not reasonably

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“This study only confirms the experiences of people in communities around the United States who watched as their neighbors and members of their family were deported for minor infractions, such as violations of traffic rules,” Clarke said in a statement this week.

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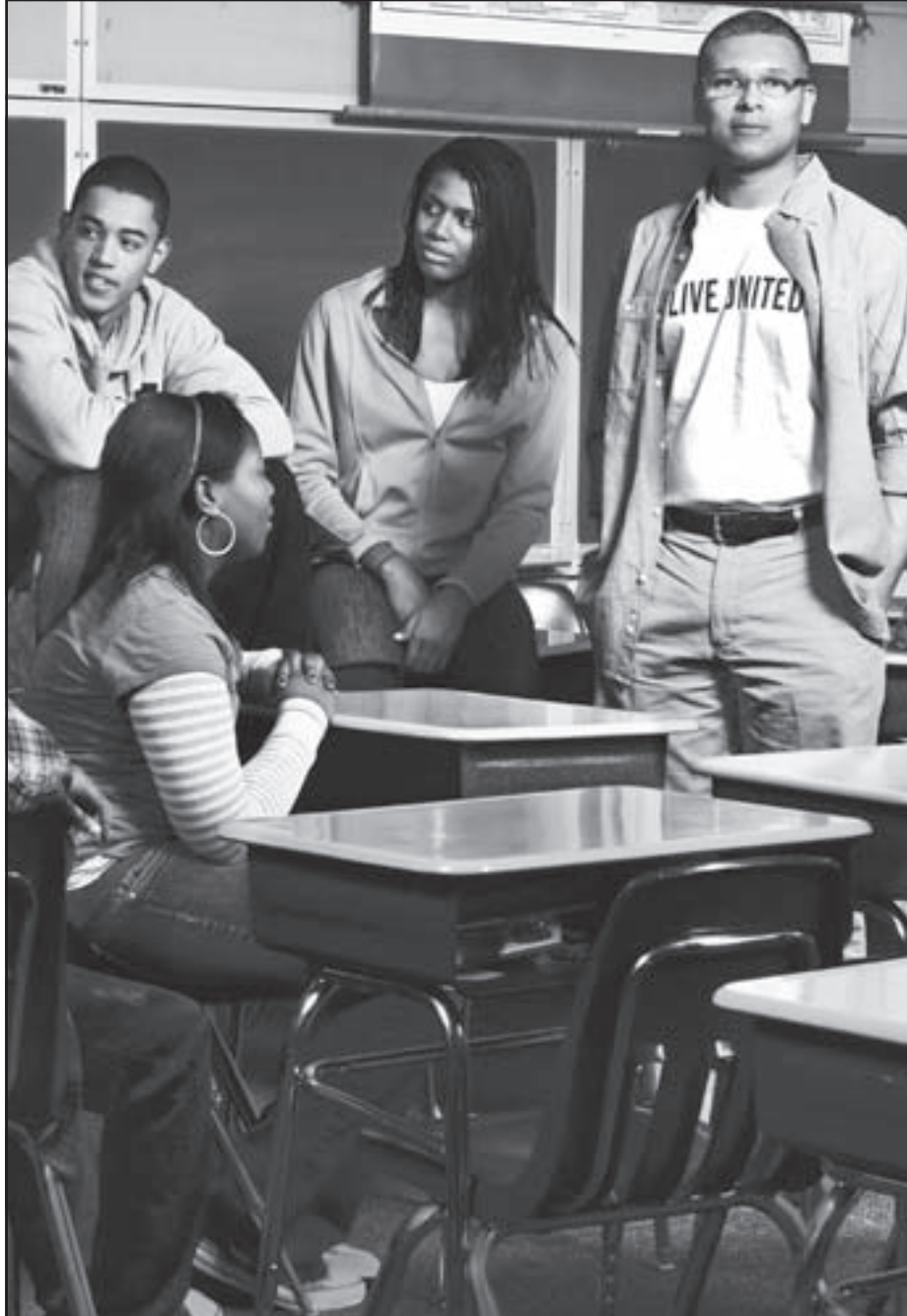
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DR national heads DA's Immigrant Fraud Unit

By Nelson A. King

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson has promoted Assistant District Attorney, Dominican Republic-born Maritza Mejia-Ming, to chief of the District Attorney's new Immigrant Fraud Unit.

Mejia-Ming, a Brooklyn prosecutor since 1997 when she joined the District Attorney's Office, has extensive trial experience, Thompson said.

The newly-created Immigrant Fraud Unit is under the Investigations Division and its chief, William Schaeffer.

"Immigrants, especially those without documentation, are especially vulnerable to fraud, particularly in the areas of employment, housing and the procurement of proper immigration documents," Thompson said.

"Our Immigrant Fraud Unit will serve to open a channel of communication to victims of crime who



District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson with Assistant District Attorney, Dominican Republic-born Maritza Mejia-Ming, Photo courtesy of Kings County District Attorney Office

might not otherwise feel that they have a voice," he added.

As chief of this unit, Thompson said Mejia-Ming

"brings to her role a unique understanding of the immigrant experience, as well as significant trial and supervisory experience."

Venezuela detains group of Trinidadian Muslims

By Azad Ali

A group of Muslims, dressed in Muslim garb, who recently went to Venezuela to obtain visas to travel for a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, was detained on suspicion of being terrorist.

The group comprising three Imams, five Trinidadian Muslim men, six women and eight children were held after a raid by Venezuelan authorities at the Plaza Hotel in Caracas last month.

Since then, 14 women and six children have returned home but the other Trinidadians are being questioned about a plot to topple the Venezuelan government, where there is ongoing civil unrest and

anti-government protests.

Intelligence sources in Caracas said, "President Nicholas Maduro had obtained crucial information about the plot from members of the El Servicio Bolivariano de Inteligencia Nacional (SEBIN) and has ordered an investigation into the report.

It is alleged that one of SEBIN's very own was held in the exercise along with others.

They were identified as Rafael Jose Duran of SEBIN, Gregorio Socorro Montanez of the Bolivarian national police and Fery Hernan, from the Chacao police.

Their names were published for the first time in a Venezuelan newspaper last

week and it is alleged they were training the Trinidad nationals along with a Guyanese and a Haitian – both naturalized citizens of Venezuela – how to handle firearms.

The men were held in the hotel with 61 T&T passports, which the Imams claimed they took to Venezuela to obtain visas at the Saudi Arabian consulate for Trinidadians to travel to Saudi Arabia.

Investigators also confiscated US\$102,000 in cash that were in the possession of one of the Imams, who is attached to a mosque in Central Trinidad.

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Political group to honor distinguished women

By Nelson A. King

As April is celebrated as Women's History Month, a prominent political group in Brooklyn will this Sunday (Palm Sunday), April 13, honor 16 distinguished women for their outstanding contributions to the community.

The illustrious women will be honored by the Progressive Democrats Political Association (PDP), headed by the trail-blazing, former New York City Councilwoman Dr. Una Clarke, during the group's 22nd Annual Women Celebrating Women gala at Tropical Paradise Ballroom, 1363 Utica Ave., Brooklyn (between Farragut & Foster avenues.).

According to Jamaican-born Dr. Clarke, the first Caribbean-born woman to ever hold elective office in New York City, the honorees were selected from a wide range of fields, including education, health-care and non-profit.

"It our most important event each year," Clarke told Caribbean Life. "We're honoring women who've made significant contributions to the development t of the

community in all aspects of life."

She said the group's selection committee not only looked at the credibility of the women but also at "the work they've done to advance the growth and development of the community on a whole.

"This year's honorees are as distinguished as other years," said Clarke, disclosing that Mayor Bill de Blasio is expected to be among the large number of distinguished guests.

Other invited guests include State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Public Advocate Letitia James, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and County Leader Frank Seddio.

Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, a PDP executive member, will serve as honorary chairperson.

The gala, which gets underway at 5:00 p.m., will also be an "evening of entertainment and an opportunity to network," Clarke said.

The honorees are: Andrea Daley;



Dr. Una Clarke.

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Barbara Moody; Denise Francis; Diana Richardson; Dr. Kim Best; Ermin Elliot; Janice Dinkins; Karen Marks; Tammie Williams; Arit Fuller; Olivia Buery; Vonette Pierre; Dr. Regine Bruny-Olawaiye; Hon. Roberta Nyong; Miriam Vin-

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Marijuana farming in Jamaica

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A group of influential Jamaicans gathered Saturday to launch an association of supposed future marijuana cultivators as momentum builds toward loosening laws prohibiting pot on the Caribbean island.

Some 300 people, including a few medical marijuana entrepreneurs from Canada and the U.S. state of Colorado, assembled at a conference center in downtown Kingston to officially launch the Ganja Future Growers and Producers Association. Among other things, the group will lobby for creation of a regulated cannabis industry on the tropical island that is nearly as famous for its pot as it is for its scenic beaches and unique culture.

the House, has hinted that ganja will be decriminalized this year, yet nothing official has been announced.

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Raising our voices for a minimum wage

By Luz Vega-Marquis

Take a look at your bills: What do you pay for food, housing, clothing, health care, utilities and transportation? How much would it take for your family to just get by? Could you make it on \$15,000 a year? \$21,000? What would your family have to do without to make ends meet?

What exactly does it take to make it in America?

The working poor are not fundamentally different, nor do they practice some kind of magical math that allows them to support their families on wages that would sink your own.

This year, President Obama called for a raise in the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9 an hour. The controversy that followed was as predictable as it was irrelevant to those with the most at stake: the low-wage working poor.

As usual, voices of those most affected have been glaringly absent. Also missing is any discussion of the bread-and-butter question: What is it actually like to live on \$7.25 or \$9 an hour? Does either of these numbers constitute what working families need and deserve?

Although the terms “minimum wage” and “living wage” are sometimes used interchangeably, their meanings are quite different. A minimum wage is the lowest a business can legally pay. A living wage is what its workers need to meet their families’ basic needs – to stave off the

choice between a gallon of gas and a gallon of milk.

A full-time worker at the federal minimum wage makes \$14,500 a year, placing him or her below the federal poverty line if that worker is supporting a family of two or more. A \$9-an-hour minimum wage would push that annual income up to \$21,000. But if you look at that “raise” in inflation-adjusted dollars, it leaves today’s minimum-wage worker making significantly less than he did in 1968.

Low-wage workers, despite the “fuzzy math” of the minimum-wage debate, cannot spin paychecks of straw into middle-class gold. The working poor do what they must, whether that means living in substandard housing or making do with low-cost, low-nutrition food. But their bottom-line needs are no different from anyone else’s.

President Obama’s savviest move may have been his call for communities to act on their own, passing living-wage ordinances at local and state levels. In Washington State, for example, legislators have introduced a measure to raise the state’s minimum wage from \$9.32 an hour to \$12 an hour by 2017.

This livable-wage issue is a priority for the Marguerite Casey Foundation. So when we found out that the general manager of the hotel we had booked months in advance for a staff retreat helped lead the campaign against

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Diversity is essential for business and the economy

By MaryAnne Howland

When thinking of immigration reform, we must ask ourselves what we want for the country. From a business perspective, important goals to aim for are innovation and entrepreneurship. And although there’s no simple recipe for achieving them, one key ingredient is diversity.

Smart business leaders know this. The most successful corporations strive to be the “Employer of Choice,” looking to recruit the best and brightest in a multicultural marketplace. They know they need the best skills and talent to deliver the innovation that leads to the best products and service in an increasingly competitive economy. They also appreciate that in a dynamic market – be it nationally or locally, understanding and capitalizing on trends starts with a diverse workforce.

Immigration reform, done

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well, can help achieve all this. And it will deliver broad economic benefits and boost local economies. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that immigration reform would increase real Gross Domestic Product relative to current law projections by 3.3 percent in 2023 and 5.4 percent in 2033 – an increase of roughly \$700 billion in 2023 and \$1.4 trillion in 2033 in today’s dollars.

In business terms, immigration reform would increase America’s value proposition. There are more than 52 million Hispanics in the U.S. That makes us home to the second largest Hispanic population in

the world. And it is our country’s fastest growing market. Fortune 100 companies have already seen this opportunity and have begun investing in ways to turn a profit on changing demographics. In addition, the economy will benefit from the launching of thousands of new companies, run by immigrants who bring with them an intense commitment to a free and open market system. The result: thousands upon thousands of new jobs and billions in new sales and income tax revenues.

A.A. Gill, author of “America The Marvelous,” in his book describes a critical point when Europe ripe with “ideas and discoveries, philosophies and visions” gave way to the creation of the United States. He worries that the U.S. may be at that point “where the ideas that made us great are being stifled by the conventions and hierar-

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We need Congress to fix the FOIA

By Amy Bennett

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a critical law for making sure the public has a fighting chance to get copies of records the government might not want it to see. For more than 40 years, people have used the FOIA to uncover evidence of government waste, fraud, abuse and illegality. More benignly, FOIA has been used to better understand the development and effects – positive and negative—of the federal government’s policies.

The importance of open government and the dangers of excessive and unnecessary secrecy are paramount now, as we approach this year’s Sunshine Week (March

16-22).

The FOIA was created to help strike a balance between protecting the government’s legitimate interests and making sure that we the public have the information we need to make informed decisions about what we will allow the government to do in our name. Unfortunately, in some important ways that delicate balance has swung too far in favor of the government, especially through the overuse of the “deliberate process privilege.” And we need Congress to provide a counterweight on the side of the public’s right to know by putting tight boundaries around its use.

This privilege, covered by FOIA’s Exemption 5, is intended in large

part to allow agency officials the freedom to share ideas and advice off-the-record. The government’s reliance on the privilege is much more extensive, however. Over time, the government has expanded the scope of material they consider subject to Exemption 5 to the point that it covers practically anything that is not a final version of a document. Among many people who frequently file FOIA requests, Exemption 5 is referred to as the government’s “We don’t want to give it to you” exemption.

In one particularly egregious example, the government has been relying on Exemption 5 to deny the public access to copies

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Potential for bigger moneybags in the system

By Les Slater

The raging right pounced on Chief Justice John Roberts mercilessly when his turned out to be the deciding Supreme Court vote in 2012 that flipped the challenge to the Affordable Care Act in the Obama administration's favor. An act of outright betrayal, they charged, was this vote by a soldier considered a sure bet whenever time came for counting heads on the court's right flank. Roberts' vote on the health care decision was indeed an aberration, as his court tenure thus far has clearly shown. So that when he was among the predictable five last week whose one-vote plurality drove this country's electoral process its furthest yet from any semblance of campaign finance reform, it was more of the business as usual the Roberts court has come to represent.

On his "Hardball" program on MSNBC, Chris Matthews used a boxing analogy for the pattern, within the current court's conservative bloc, of a pretty much ritualistic adherence to the prevailing view on the right on any given issue. "They go to their corners," Matthews said, after acknowledging the surprise Roberts vote on the health

care decision and the occasional siding with the court's other wing by Justice Anthony Kennedy.

This latest ruling to remove caps on campaign spending, with respect to contributions from individuals, is in keeping with the direction charted by the court in the Citizens United decision of 2010, in which the right-side majority frowned upon the idea of limits on corporate and union contributions. Absolutely not buying, these five, the premise that to allow such unregulated infusion of funds is to corrupt the system, compromise the democratic process. Justice Stephen Breyer, no believer that *carte blanche* to big money is a healthy way forward, said in a vigorous dissent last week: "If the court in Citizens United opened a door, today's decision may well open a floodgate."

The chief justice insisted that imposing limits on how much money and to how many candidates an individual may contribute was a violation of the free speech provision of the First Amendment. He noted that some of the things protected by the Constitution may be unpopular, even "repugnant," but that should not invalidate their protection. To which one might

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By Les Slater

ascribe a certain equanimity...until fault lines inevitably appear as far as indiscriminate, across-the-board application on the prickly "rights" issue.

On "Hardball" Matthews asked rhetorically: "Is it any wonder it's always the Republican appointees?" But for a few notable exceptions, no question that in today's conventional wisdom it's invariably GOP nominated members of the court from whom would originate pushback on matters of regulation or reform as they pertain to or impact upon moneyed interests in the society. (In recent court history, two GOP appointed justices, David Souter and long serving John Paul Stevens, were atypical representatives of the GOP brand.) But on that claim, in last week's ruling, of rights being infringed when political contributions are regulated, although there was no Roberts court then involved, we might double back, for instance, to one of the monumen-

tal high court decisions of the last two decades – Bush v Gore of 2000 – for a somewhat different take on the "rights" question courtesy, again, a Republican five. When the Rehnquist court weighed in to halt the vote recount in Florida, despite overwhelming legal expertise which seemed to regard the court-ordered recount a state matter, the "rights" of millions of Florida voters obviously didn't count for much.

Look, subscribers to the school of thought which holds the Constitution to be sacrosanct, as it is written, have opted, knowingly or otherwise, to live in denial. Talking about those who believe, for example, in the Second Amendment as today's literal truth – that therein is found license for Americans to walk around packing heat! Those who reject the notion of the Constitution as a living, breathing thing. In this generation, there may not abound sentiment recognizing review and reform of the Constitution as an idea whose time has come. But whether sometime soon or down the road quite a bit, come it must. Continued proper functioning of the democracy will depend on it.

In circumstances like last week's

ruling, where a constitutional smokescreen allows known reality to be trumped by the need to advance political agendas, we get clear reminders of the Constitution being not the outstanding bedrock of this democracy that it has been, but a manipulator's tool. That the advocates of more and more moneybags entering the electoral process now have fresh Supreme Court sanction for this major game changer is beyond scandalous, as we've voiced here before. The court's pretending to find cover in the First Amendment for a "hands off the money men" ruling is one thing. It's a harder sell trying to convince the plebes that obscene amounts of money being poured into political campaigns doesn't materially affect the process.

What's worse, we've been given reason to suspect that there'll be lots more yet heard about the GOP five's tinkering ways. If government's efforts to regulate campaign funding, so as to obstruct potentially corrupting influences, are set aside, dare we speculate about where this path leads? In this climate, a court mandated nixing of government's authority to regulate period may not be idle speculation.

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of opinions by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel. Although the government argues that these memos are simply advice from the president's lawyers, the reality is that these memos include the government's reading of what agencies are allowed to do under statute. And, once OLC opinions are adopted, they have the effect of law. In recent years, we have seen the government use Exemption 5 to hide the legal basis of controversial government practices, including the torture of detainees, the use of drones to kill American citizens abroad, and the

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Federal Bureau of Investigation's ability to easily access American's telephone records.

Congress cannot continue to allow the government to abuse FOIA's exemption to keep the public in the dark about the law of the land. The first step toward reigning in the use of Exemption 5 is to add a pub-

lic interest balancing test to the exemption. If the government is not convinced that the requested documents would advance the public interest, a requester would still have the opportunity to ask the court to independently consider the public interest in release. Secondly, Congress should specify that the exemption should not be used to withhold information forever. In the case of the president's records, the law only allows records to be kept from the public for 12 years. Surely, we should not accord more secrecy to agency business than we allow the president of the United States.

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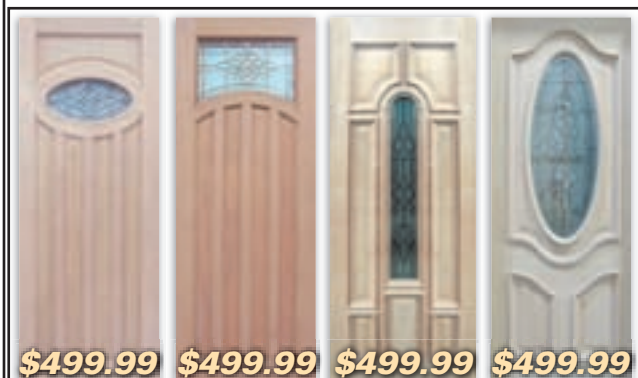
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America’s rich culture of diversity includes generations of families who have come to be a part of the fabric of our country, who have helped to grow businesses, and who have enriched nearly every aspect of our culture. Our children play together and go to school together. We are co-workers at some of the fastest growing companies in the

economy. We pray together in churches all around the country. When we have embraced diversity, it has made us happier, stronger and more prosperous.

Moving forward, what makes the best business sense is to find a way to grant citizenship to those who are now a part of the melting pot that the world has voted the “Best Place to Live.”

By granting legal status

to members of our communities, neighbors, fellow church members, business owners and co-workers, we will unleash their contributions of hard work and innovation. The benefit is more prosperity for all of us.

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Making ends meet

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a minimum-wage increase, we were taken aback. It was too late to cancel our reservation, so we opted to do what we had each day since the foundation’s inception: We would wear our values on our sleeves -- literally.

The morning of the retreat, 25 staff members arrived at the hotel, all wearing T-shirts saying, WE SUPPORT A LIV-

ING WAGE. The hotel’s general manager soon sought us out.

But he had not approached us to debate a living wage. His concern was narrower. “Are there more of you?” he said.

In the short term, it was easy enough to reassure him that, no, there were no busloads of protesters heading for the hotel.

But the truer answer is,

Yes, there are more of us – families across America who believe in the promise of the American Dream.

How could we explain that all we wanted was for those who slept in beds and ate food made by minimum-wage workers to question policies and priorities that leave those workers struggling to feed and house their own families? And for businesses like his to recognize that it takes a work force to grow a profit line. No matter how good the

product, a business is only as good as the people it employs. Don’t they deserve more than minimum wage?

A recent USA Today/Pew Research Center poll found that nearly two-thirds of Republicans (64 percent) and more than nine out of 10 Democrats believe government should take action to reduce poverty.

Luz Vega-Marquis is president and CEO of Marguerite Casey Foundation, which publishes Equal Voice News.

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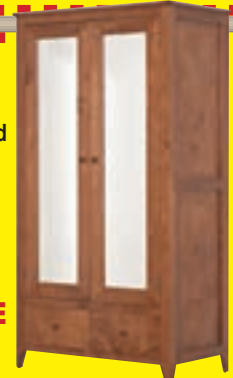


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Beverly Manley speaks at Monroe College

By Tequila Minsky

Beverly Manley's roots in Jamaican life are deep. She is a known radio and TV personality with a long history in the political world of Jamaica and is recognized as a strong voice in the Jamaican women's rights movement.

For 18 years, from 1972 to 1990, Beverly Anderson Manley was married to Michael Manley, the prime minister of Jamaica. This dark-skinned woman who married a light-skinned political legend jarred a pigment-conscious social establishment.

"It's the beginning of a tradition for Monroe College," an excited Carol Genese, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, explained. "Beverly Manley is launching our series of noteworthy Caribbean people speaking each semester with our students." Elaborating, "We have a large West Indian community." (For the record, 10 percent of Monroe's students are Jamaican.)

In 2008, Ms. Manley wrote "The Manley Memoirs" that includes her

childhood through her years with Manley; it's very personal and very political, covering years as First Lady of Jamaica, when she was a partner with a democratic socialist prime minister

"You can make change, not just now but in the future."

husband.

On March 27, Ms. Manley spent a busy day at the Bronx campus on Jerome Ave.

With 12 international Jamaican juniors and seniors, Ms. Manley shared lunch and participated in a seminar. After engaging in probing questions, she encouraged students, after their studies, in contributing to Jamaica's economic growth on their return. "You can make change, not just now but in the future," she predicted.

In the late afternoon, 125 honors students attended a colloquium on transformation with this illustrious guest-of-honor. Prepared, students had researched

Ms. Manley prior to her visit. Some had read her memoir. Of course, those from Jamaica are well aware of her legacy. She told the students how young people are needed to grow the economy, "We really want them (young people) to get involved." Ms. Manley, duly impressed with the caliber of students, offered an inspired message, "You can prepare yourself to be the next great leaders and have impact on the whole world."

"They were so thrilled to meet her in person," Genese said.

A striking figure behind the podium, Ms. Manley spoke in the early evening to an open session of faculty and 70 students, introducing herself as an "unapologetic" feminist. She alternated between reading sections from her memoir and extemporaneously sharing anecdotes of childhood and her marriage years.

There were glimpses of her mother, who controlled the household and believed that "education is the only way out of poverty." As the

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Guyana, energy strategy a model for the region

By Desmond Brown

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 1, 2014 (IPS) - Guyana is shaping up to set a gold standard for the Caribbean in implementing a national energy efficiency strategy to curb greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels.

"Energy efficiency is the main method of fighting climate change and its impact [is global] since unclean energy is the main contributor," the associate director of the Energy Resource Institute (TERI) of India, Dr. Rudra Narsimha Rao, told IPS.

"While inefficiencies in the energy sector are a global challenge, Guyana's efforts can better position it to battle the devastating impacts of climate change," added Rao, whose group is helping the country to reduce energy costs in its sugar and rice sectors.

TERI is collaborating



The rice industry is the second most important agricultural sector in Guyana, second only to sugar in foreign exchange earnings. An Indian think tank is helping the country to reduce energy costs in its sugar and rice sectors.

IPS/Desmond Brown

with the government under the framework of its Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) to carry out an energy audit of the industrial agricultural sector. Findings and recommendations were handed over to key stakeholders on Mar. 24.

According to the World Bank, energy efficiency measures can reduce carbon emissions in some

cases by as much as 65 percent.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) researchers estimate that the region could reduce its energy consumption by 10 percent over the next decade and save tens of billions of dollars by adopting existing technologies to increase efficiency.

IDB-financed projects

have proven that the return on investment for efficient lighting and electric motor programmes, for example, is higher than building new energy capacity.

Now, the Bank is helping specific sectors – such as biofuels and water utilities – to reduce operating costs through investments in more efficient technology. It is financing programmes

that will boost the electricity output and prolong the life of existing hydroelectric complexes by upgrading their turbines.

And it is underwriting programmes to reduce electricity transmission losses and build smarter power grids within countries and across borders.

Rao warned that ignoring the potential of ener-

gy efficiency will result in greater risks, in particular for developing countries.

Guyana's annual energy consumption accounts for approximately five million barrels of oil, equivalent from a variety of energy sources – diesel, fuel, gasoline, avgas, LPG, kerosene, bagasse, fuelwood, charcoal, solar, biodiesel, biogas and wind.



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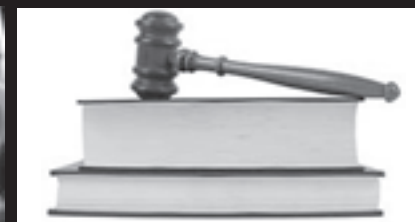


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T&T ambassadors call to invest at home

Dr. Neil Parsan, ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States of America and Mexico has called on Florida businesspersons to invest in Trinidad and Tobago while delivering the feature address at the Caribbean Trade Center's 'Caribbean/Latin America Tourism, Trade, and Investment Conference and Exhibits' in Doral, Florida, recently.

Addressing the theme "Outlook 2014 and Beyond," Ambassador Parsan informed the audience that more than 40 percent of the world's population would be heading to the voting polls this year and advised all business owners to remain seized of these issues and their implications on the global economy. He also explained that many of the world's leading countries are projected to have positive GDP growth rates this year, which indicates that the global economy is showing signs of recovery from the 2008 financial crisis. Latin America is expected to experience a three percent growth rate and elections are expected to be held in several of the countries.

The ambassador added further that recent data suggests that tourism-dependent Caribbean countries will experience a 1.5 percent growth rate, while Caribbean commodity exporters will enjoy an average growth rate of 3.7 percent. He, therefore, encouraged businesspersons to take advantage of this positive growth in the Caribbean in 2014.



Dr. Neil Parsan (left) with Michael Mathews, president of the Caribbean Trade Center.

Parsan highlighted Trinidad and Tobago specifically as an attractive destination in the region for investment since numerous sectors have been earmarked for development

by the government. These sectors include – Downstream Energy, Printing and Packaging, Food and Beverage, Leisure Marine, Fish and Fish Processing, Music and Entertainment, Merchant Marine,

Creative Industries, Tourism and Information and Communications Technology.

The ambassador focused some attention on advancements in Trinidad and Tobago's tourism

sector and the creative industry. He said that in the tourism industry, there has been a focus on improving the major sites and attractions and there have been significant developments in the expansion of the airlift – in March 2014, discussions were held with Lufthansa Airlines, Air Berlin and Condor Airlines with a view of introducing new, direct flights to Trinidad and Tobago.

Regarding the creative industry, Ambassador Parsan highlighted the fact that there was an opportunity for further growth in this sector and noted the valuable contribution this sector provides to domestic employment in Trinidad and Tobago. He also mentioned that the country was the ideal location for media production, on-location film shoots and animation.

The conference also featured additional presentations that focused on Small Business Exporter Programs, the Expansion of the Panama Canal, and Florida and International Trade Development, among others.

Based in Florida, the Caribbean Trade Center works to develop deeper bilateral business relations with Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America. The organization works closely with consulates, government agencies and trade development offices to identify opportunities that lead to the development of sound business partnerships.

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Tips to get fit this spring

(StatePoint) Everybody wants to be in shape for bathing suit season, but all those fun seasonal activities -- from barbecues to vacations to baseball games -- can derail a diet.

Here are some tips to help you get fit, so you can look and feel your best all season:

VACATIONS

It's tempting to leave healthy habits behind when heading out of town. But an off week can permanently wreck your diet.

When possible, opt for active vacations, such as camping trips or touring a city by foot. If you're planning a more sedentary getaway, stay somewhere with a fitness facility.

Vacations can be rare, so don't sacrifice all the treats of the trip. Prioritize meal-time indulgences so you can enjoy yourself mindfully. For travel days, pack healthy snacks such as fresh fruit, nuts and yogurt as alternatives to high-calorie airport or roadside food.

DAILY DIET

It's important to assess whether you're eating the foods you need to get "fit," versus foods that

HEALTH

merely encourage weight loss, say experts.

"Unfortunately, many fad diets can leave you feeling fatigued, sluggish or undernourished," says Andrew Eckhardt, Owner and Founder of ThinSlim Foods and a veteran diet food consumer.

To eat right, don't starve yourself. Stock up on fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy and lean meats. And just because you're slimming down or maintaining your already svelte figure, doesn't mean you need to sacrifice your favorite foods or go carb-free.

"Alternative foods can allow you to enjoy favorite options without expending your calorie budget in one meal," says Eckhardt.

Try replacing standard cake or wheat flours with healthy alternatives, like oat fiber and almond fiber. In one shot, you'll cut calories and increase your protein and fiber intake. If regular baking is unrealistic, look for brands that replace low-quality inexpensive flours and sugar substitutes with good-for-you alternatives.

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Spring is a great time to start a fitness regimen.

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Additionally, you should incorporate muscle-strengthening activities into your regimen to stay strong and improve your metabolism. A workout buddy can

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He also pointed to December's tax reform laws in Parliament and the passage of new fiscal rules, saying these are important reforms which have been pending for a long time.

Van Selm added that government has been running a primary surplus of seven and a half percent of GDP this year.

St. Vincent

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has for the second time in as many months hinted that the next general election will be held ahead of the 2015 constitutional deadline.

Gonsalves, whose United Labor Party (ULP) will be seeking a fourth consecutive term of office, first hinted at an early general election in February as he addressed the party's annual convention, telling party supporters to get "on your marks."

Some political observers say the polls can come as soon as July, while others believe it would come towards the end of 2014.

Gonsalves, 67, who during the 2010 general election campaign asked voters to give him another term to mould a new generation of leaders, suggested to party supporters recently that the next election will be his last as party leader.

"I am asking you to tell your children

and your grandchildren, I want the young people to tell one another that they have to do this one for the comrade," he told supporters.

Trinidad

Former United National Congress (UNC) Prime Minister Basdeo Panday said PM Kamla Persad-Bissessar's decision to accept the resignation of ex-tourism minister Chandresh Sharma is a reflection of the "incapacity of the leader to choose the correct people."

Sharma, 54, resigned in the wake of a police investigation into a report by his ex-girlfriend, Sacha Singh, 30, who alleged the former minister slapped her, causing her to fall on her car and was "knocked out." She suffered a swelling to the head and other minor injuries.

Panday, who was also political leader of the UNC said; "Sharma should not have been a minister. She (Persad-Bissessar) was quite amiss to appoint all these people and then fire them. She should have fired them before she appointed them.. that move would have been much more acceptable."

"Thirteen people fired in four years is an indication of the incapacity of the leader to choose the right people and fire them and claim moral excellence is rather comical," he said.

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Beverly Manley

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book reveals, "she collected the check" and her father, a stationmaster with a regular paycheck, "stopped at the rum bar."

In the political sphere, Ms. Manley shares her full awareness of living in the center of Jamaican history. Her working class background formed her stands on progressive social change and "Michael was involved with the trade union movement."

Of that early time with the prime minister she said, "Michael stretched the limits within the system. We were widening and deepening democracy." While their party felt connected to the early Cuba revolutionary spirit, in a global cold-war atmosphere, their party was questioned for its relationship with Cuba, "We suffered as a result." In 1974, Ms. Manley was president of the women's movement in the party.

Ms. Manley still continues to work on behalf of women and children. "It is a struggle to get more women in the Parliament," she said. "Rebel women and rebel men must work together so we all have a place at the table." She suggests that the "introduction of quotas" may be the only viable action for raising the number of women in the political process.

She concluded her presentation by encouraging the young people in the audience, "You have a whole life ahead of you. You have power and leadership." She emphasized, "Yes, you can," (referencing Obama's slogan), "...have an international relationship!"

Genese reflected on how exemplar the day was, "She gave such an honest presentation of Jamaican society."

Carol Parker, her long-time childhood friend com-

mented on the openness of the book, particularly the revealing of Jamaican society's attitudes toward race and gender. Since it refers to a time, some 25 years before the book was published, there was limited pushback from those exposed. Parker admitted, though, that many of these attitudes are still the same.

Adding more excitement to Ms. Manley's lively evening presentation, by raffle, 30 lucky students and a few faculty members won copies of "The Manley Memoirs," purchased by the College. Ms. Manley chatted and signed books with the happy recipients. After the guest speaker leaves, the conversation will keep going.

Dr. Geneive Brown Metzger, director government relations for the Caribbean at Monroe College said, "It was a real honor to have spearheaded Beverly Manley's visit to Monroe College. She was a true inspiration to the students."

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Former Jamaica CG joins Diaspora consulting group

Geneive Brown Metzger, a former Jamaican consul general to New York was recently appointed as an associate of the Dublin, Ireland-based international consulting group, Diaspora Matters.

The team comprises Kathleen Newland, co-founder of Migration Policy Institute in Washington, DC and founding director of International Diaspora Engagement Alliance--partners with the U.S. State Department; Martin Russell, an Irish Research Council post-graduate scholar at the UCD Clinton Institute of American Studies.

Headed by economist Kingsley Aikins, renowned for his leadership of one of the world's largest diaspora organizations, the Ireland Funds.

Diaspora Matters is a con-



Geneive Brown-Metzger

sultancy company which gives advice on diaspora issues to governments and corporates. His publication, the 'Philanthropy and Fundraising Toolkit' was

based on his own experience of having raised over a quarter-billion U.S. dollars as chief executive of the Worldwide Ireland Funds.

Aikins produced a global Diaspora Strategies Toolkit - 'Harnessing the Power of Global Diasporas,' in which Dr. Brown-Metzger is a contributor on Jamaican and Caribbean diaspora engagement activities and best practices.

"Geneive is an important addition to our team of diaspora experts," says Aikins. "Her thought leadership and resources are assets to Diaspora Matters",

Dr. Brown Metzger served on former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's think-tank on Diaspora engagement in 2009, which led to the U.S. State Department's first global diaspora forum in 2010.

Brown Metzger was asked to endorse the back cover of the seminal publication associated with that event, "Diasporas: New Partners in Global Development Strategy."

She frequently speaks and writes about Diaspora. Her most recent piece is co-authored with her economist husband, Dr. Stephen

Metzger, for the Science and Diplomacy journal entitled, "Technology and Economic Integration: Growth and Development for Caribbean Island Economies."

Diaspora Matters has worked closely with diaspora governments and NGOs in the US, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia, Scotland, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Argentina, Catalonia and Malaysia.

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PBS series on the educational crisis

NEW YORK (April 4, 2014)—The National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC) documentary series, 180 Days: A Year Inside An American High School, which shines the spotlight on the nation's educational crisis, has won a Peabody Award, the Pulitzer Prize of electronic media. Jacquie Jones, the executive director of NBPC, will be presented the award on May 19th at the Peabody Awards ceremony at New York City's Waldorf-Astoria.

"We are very pleased to be acknowledged for a series we know has helped inspire much-needed dialogue around the many factors impacting vulnerable students in our public schools, including standardized testing and its effects on our students and educational institutions," said Jones.

Over the course of a full school year, 180 Days follows a high school at the epicenter of the nation's school reform movement. The two-part series offers a window into the struggles of five students at Washington Metropolitan High School—AKA DC Met—as they battle life's challenges to graduate and succeed. The series also shows how the push



Tamisha Williams

Photo Credit: Breh Gardner

for success in standardized testing is often at odds with the realities facing young people and the lengths to which the faculty must go

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to ensure their students are able to have their day in the light, in full cap and gown.

180 Days was produced and directed by Jones and Garland McLaurin and edited by Adam Lingo and Carol Slatkin. Christopher Paulre composed the music. The series, part of American

Graduate: Let's Make It Happen, a public media initiative supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) that helps communities nationwide understand and implement solutions to address the high school dropout crisis, aired on PBS in March 2013. The film can be seen at <http://video.pbs.org/program/180-days/>.

About the National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC)

The National Black Programming Consortium develops, produces and funds content about the Black experience for public media outlets, including

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Delaware dedicates 'One Love' Park to Marley

Landmark monuments to Robert Nesta Marley, the avowed Caribbean's first superstar seems to be a globally expanding tribute to the Jamaican reggae legend. The latest is the renaming of a recreational playground in Wilmington, Delaware. Allegedly, the city plans to rename an area One Love Park in honor of the icon and the reggae anthem he recorded.

According to the Theo Gregory, president of the Wilmington City Council, "The lyrics of 'One Love' and what the song has come to mean to people in the years since Bob Marley composed it, is what I hope to capture by renaming the park."

He said the lyrics to the positive song along with its impact on the city's people



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

influenced his decision to rename the park.

"We all need a reminder from time to time about the importance of love in our hearts for our children and for each other. I want children who play in One Love Park to ask why it was given that name and accept their responsibility to make this a better city and world."

Allegedly, the same year Jamaica celebrated independence, Marley's mother, Cedella Malcom, moved into a house in Wilmington, Delaware, near Tatnall Street Park. That was 1962.

Four years later, her would-be-famous son joined her to live at the same address. As it turned out, his wife Rita gave birth to her second son Stephen Wilmington in 1972.

Located at 24th and North Tatnall Streets, One Love Park will be a constant reminder that the iconic Rastafarian and reggae legend had a connection to the area. Added to that, almost two decades ago, the city began hosting an annual music festival dedicated to Marley. Known as the Peoples' Festival, this year's fest

is slated for July.

PANAMA PIONEERS SUBWAY SYSTEM IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Panama is once again leading the Central American region by introducing the first subway system there. Recently President Ricardo Martinelli, the nation's leader hosted the inaugural ride in Panama City.

"Many times I've been called crazy for wanting to do works like this, but here it is, and it is for the Panamanian people," Martinelli said.

Riders at the inauguration did not have to pay a fee and allegedly fares will be waived for the first few months. The government

has not said how much a ride will cost, but the out-going Martinelli said the metro "is going to be cheap."

This is not the first time Panama has led the region in pioneering transportation enterprise. In 1850, Panama began construction of the Panama Railroad. Five years later on Jan. 28, 1855 the transcontinental railroad opened. By connecting the isthmus that separates two continents – North and South America, Panama became known as the "bridge of the world."

Reportedly, the metro will alleviate the traffic from the capital city.

The project which began in 2010 has also been described as Martinelli's

last legacy of his presidency. The 62-year-old supermarket magnate is due to leave office in July and allegedly is riding high on an approval rating of 60 per cent.

Allegedly since Martinelli took office in 2009, Panama has spent more than \$15 billion on infrastructure improvements. Allegedly new hospitals, airports and 990 miles of highways have also seen improvements during his tenure.

Critics of the project claim the Brazilian-constructed subway system is Panama's second costliest in the past century, surpassed only by the current \$5.25-billion expansion of the Panal Canal that began before he became president.

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‘Mother Goose’ love reigns in Bed-Stuy

By W. Calvin Anderson

Many New York City parents and children are very concerned about children getting a well-rounded education. Some children instead of training in various sports or running home to homework and video games are getting arts education after school. Fortunately, for those who want to follow in the footsteps of off-Broadway and Hollywood actors, actresses, singers, dancers, playwrights and poets in the dramatic theatre arts programming, there are opportunities at the historic Billie Holiday Theatre on 1368 Fulton St. There they can follow in the footsteps of such persons as Samuel L. Jackson, Debbie Allen and Samm-Art Williams.

The Restoration Plaza is also headquarters of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation’s Youth



A scene from “The Liberation of Mother Goose.”

Photo by Lem Peterkin

Arts Academy. It is also a driving force! This community-based arts education programming is under the leadership of Peggy Alston. It is a highly-reliable place to train for college portfolios and “real careers” in arts, entertainment and arts-education.

This past weekend (April 5 and 6) Peggy Alston’s talk
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Jamelody’s Got a Gun and a chant

By Aba Luke

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. April 1, 2014 -- Gun -- A word that immediately triggers fear in some but for the youths on the street, the youths in the crime hotspots in Trinidad and Tobago and many other countries across the world, gun talk is real talk. ‘Gun’ is the name of T&T reggae crooner and VP recording artiste, Jamelody’s latest contribution.

The simple yet strong song-title is meant to draw attention to the lyr-



Jamelody (right) and Pengo Music producer Randall Alexander.

Photo by Aba Luke

ics embedded in the track-draw attention to what he wants the masses to hear.

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‘RAISIN’S BACK ON BROADWAY

Denzel Washington and Sophie Okonedo in a scene from Lorraine Hansberry’s “a Raisin In The Sun.”

Photo by Brigitte Lacombe

Classic portrays Denzel as Lee Younger

By Vinette K. Pryce

Much ado about Denzel Washington’s return to Broadway focused on his age and a question as to whether the 60-year-old could convincingly portray 35-year-old Walter Lee Younger, the lead character in Lorraine Hansberry’s “A Raisin In The Sun.”

Now that the dramatic revival has opened to critical acclaim, the role

of the older Younger is no longer in question. Fact is, nightly at the Ethel Barrymore Theater, the boyish facade Washington seems to convey, seems to be one of the more alluring factors audiences are raving.

Washington who previously lured crowds to see him in “Julius Caesar” and “Fences” is currently filling the role Sidney Poiter fixated in the mind of movie goers who saw the

first Black Academy Awards winner in the film version of “A Raisin In The Sun” that was released in 1961. In that version actress Ruby Dee, Diana Sands, Claudia McNeil, and a young Glynn Turman tackled issues surrounding dreams, racism and America’s shameful practice of forced segregation.

Allegedly Hansberry based her
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Colin Firth exudes angst as tortured WWII POW

"The Railway Man"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for disturbing violence
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116 minutes
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By Kam Williams

Eric Lomax (Colin Firth) served as a signals officer in the British Army during World War II. His unit was dispatched to the Pacific theater where it was captured by the Japanese when Singapore fell in 1942.

They soon joined the 60,000+ POWs subsequently forced to build the Burma Railway stretching from Bangkok to Rangoon. The Allies came to call the 258-mile construction the Death Railway, because so many soldiers perished along the way, including 6,318 of Lomax's fellow Brits

pressed into slave labor by their barbaric captors.

Their grueling ordeal has been brought to the big screen before, most notably in "The Bridge on the River Kwai," the Academy Award-winning classic starring Sir Alec Guinness which swept the Oscars in 1958. That fictional adventure revolved around the daring exploits of some heroic saboteurs in the face of overwhelming odds.

By contrast, "The Railway Man" is a relatively-introspective affair. This poignant character study is based on Lomax's moving memoir of the same name. And although he survived the war, he remained mentally scarred long after his physical wounds healed.

For, he had been subjected to unspeakable torture ranging from brutal beatings to waterboarding, especially at the direction of one particularly-sadistic interrogator, Nagase Takeshi (Tanroh Ishida). Eric had aroused the suspicion of



Colin Firth stars in "The Railway Man."

Photo by Jaap Buitendijk

the Japanese when he was caught with detailed drawings of sections of the railroad on which he was working.

Truth be told, he'd always been fascinated by trains while growing up in Edinburgh and had sketched such maps throughout

childhood. But since the frustrated Nagase still suspected otherwise, the punishment only escalated.

Upon the cessation of hostilities, Lomax returned home a broken man unable to readjust to civilian life. Sure, he could

commiserate with former platoon mates at the veterans club, yet the memories of Burma nevertheless continued to haunt him.

Directed by Jonathan Teplitzky (Better than Sex), The Railway Man is a heartrending, flashback flick set both during World War II and in 1980 which is when Lomax's loyal wife, Patti (Nicole Kidman), urges him to track down Nagase. Her hope is that a meeting might help her traumatized husband exorcise his demons and thereby recover from his severe psychological afflictions.

Eric's ensuing sojourn back to the Orient inexorably leads to a confrontation with the tormentor whose face he's never been able to erase from his mind over the intervening decades. But the question is whether he'll be able to resist the desire for revenge in favor of reconciliation.

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Independent & Foreign Films

Fragile Trust (Unrated) Ethics expose about Jayson Blair, the disgraced New York Times reporter who was dismissed after being caught plagiarizing many of his stories.

Cuban Fury (R for profanity and sexual references) Romantic comedy about a once-promising dance prodigy (Nick Frost) who makes the most of a second chance at glory when he enters a salsa competition with his new boss (Rashida Jones) as his partner. With Chris O'Dowd, Rory Kinnear and Olivia Colman.

Dancing in Jaffa (Unrated) Peace outreach documentary about legendary Pierre Dulaine's attempt to transcend Middle East tensions by teaching ballroom dancing to a mixed group of Israeli and Palestinian 11-year-olds. (In Hebrew, Arabic and English with subtitles)

Hank and Asha (Unrated) Long-distance romantic romp about a student from India (Mahira Kakkar) living in Europe and a lonely guy in the U.S. (Andrew Pastides) whose love blossoms via video exchanges over the internet. With



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Emmanuel Baptiste, Robyn Kerr and Brian Patrick Murphy.

Hateship Loveship (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Dysfunctional family drama about a conniving teen (Hailee Steinfeld) who manipulates her grandfather's (Nick Nolte) nurse (Kristen Wiig) into a romantic relationship with her estranged father (Guy Pearce). Cast includes Jennifer Jason Leigh, Christine Lahti and Sami Gayle.

Jesus People (Unrated) Faith-based mockumentary about a terminally-ill minister (Joel McCrary) who decides to start a Christian rock band in order to wean his wayward teenage son (Chris Fennessey) off gangsta rap music. With Octavia Spencer, Wendi McLendon-Covey and Catherine Reitman.

Joe (R for violence, profanity, disturbing themes and graphic sexuality) Nicolas Cage plays the title character in this tale of redemption as an ex-con

who serves as an unlikely role model for a troubled 15 year-old (Tye Sheridan) with an abusive, alcoholic father (Gary Poulter). Featuring Ronnie Gene Blevins, Adriene Mishler and Heather Kafka.

Only Lovers Left Alive (R for profanity and brief nudity) Romantic fantasy revolving around the undying love between a couple of vampires (Tom Hiddleston and Tilda Swinton) who have been married for centuries. Support cast includes Mia Wasikowska, John Hurt and Jeffrey Wright. (In English, French and Arabic with subtitles)

Perfect Sisters (Unrated) Matricide mystery revolving around a couple of teenagers (Abigail Breslin and Georgie Henley) who hatch a plan to murder their alcoholic mother (Mira Sorvino) after getting fed up with years of abuse. With Spencer Breslin, Jeffrey Ballard and Zoe Belkin.

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Happy**
Pharrell Williams
- 2 **All Of Me**
John Legend
- 3 **Dark Horse**
Katy Perry Featuring Juicy J ...
- 4 **Team**
Lorde
- 5 **Pompeii**
Bastille
- 6 **Talk Dirty**
Jason Derulo Feat. 2 Chainz
- 7 **Counting Stars**
OneRepublic
- 8 **Best Day Of My Life**
American Authors
- 9 **Drunk In Love**
Beyonce Featuring Jay Z
- 10 **Story Of My Life**
One Direction

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Frozen**
Soundtrack
- 2 **Shakira.**
Shakira
- 3 **Out Among The Stars**
Johnny Cash
- 4 **Majestic**
Kari Jobe
- 5 **Unconditional**
Memphis May Fire
- 6 **Recess**
Skrillex
- 7 **My Crazy Life**
YG
- 8 **Spring Break 6 ...**
Luke Bryan
- 9 **Divergent**
Soundtrack
- 10 **Help**
Erica Campbell



A Raisin in The Sun

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writing on personal experiences she encountered living in Chicago, Illinois. Inspired by the poem "Harlem" written by Langston Hughes in his book "Montage of a Dream Deferred," Hansberry penned the story of a Black family whose dreams of moving out of a ghetto becomes threatened when they are deemed unwelcomed in a white neighborhood.

"What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore--
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over--
Like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?"

By Langston Hughes

Now featuring Latanya Richardson Jackson (Lena Younger) Anika Noni Rose (Beneatha Younger) and Sophi Okonedo (Ruth Younger) the very first play by an African-American woman to be produced on the Great White Way is just as relevant, just as dramatic and far more endearing as it was when first presented at the very same Ethel

Barrymore Theater on March 11, 1959.

Hansberry was only 29-years-old when she accomplished the daunting possibility of being a Broadway playwright. However, her story about Blacks moving to the exclusive white neighborhood of Clybourne Park struck a chord and audiences flocked to see the staged presentation.

On the 30-year anniversary of the beloved drama's Broadway premiere, PBS-TV aired an uncut, three-hour TV adaptation of "A Raisin in the Sun." That version starred Danny Glover and Esther Rolle.

Reportedly, Director Bill Duke told The Los Angeles Times, "This play transcends time and race. It applies to all poor people. What Lorraine says is something that should be said often: Folks that don't have money, folks that society looks down its nose at, are some of the noblest spirits among us."

In 1989, "Raisin" returned to the Great White Way for the second time.

In 2004, new audiences saw actress Phylicia Rashad, Tony winner Audra McDonald and rapper-turned-actor Sean "P. Diddy" Combs in his Broadway debut.

"At this point of my life, it's one of the scariest things I've ever



From left, David Cromer, Bryce Clyde Jenkins, LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Anjika Noni Rose, Denzel Washington and Sophie Okonedo in a scene from Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin In The Sun" directed by Kenny Leon at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre (243 West 47 Street.) Photo by Brigitte Lacombe

done because it's so intense, it's so emotional, it's so hard," Combs told the Associated Press.

Directed by Kenny Leon, the production made history at the Tony Awards when Rashad was honored with the Best Actress in a Play trophy, becoming the first African-American woman to receive the honor.

Director Leon later reassembled his leading players for a 2008 adap-

tation of the production which was seen by 12.7 million television viewers on ABC.

Five decades after "Raisin" first opened on Broadway, playwrights still continue to be inspired by Hansberry's gripping drama. Bruce Norris' homage to the iconic story, "Clybourne Park" was awarded the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2012 Tony Award for Best Play.

Jamelody

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Unlike the traditional, soothing and melodic vocals many have come to know Jamelody for, this single -- produced by Pengco Music's Randal Alexander, takes on a completely different energy; an energy which symbolizes his versatility as an entertainer, that is more along the lines of a chant. Jamelody's raspy tone accentuates the lyrics, which describes the gun in quite a metaphorical sense.

In the past few years, Jamelody has proven quite capable of holding his own. As a Trinidad and Tobago reggae artiste, he has earned the respect of many reggae heavyweights and producers in Jamaica. Over the years, he has also delivered several memorable reggae anthems, among them: 'Pressure,' 'Love Crazy,' 'I Wanna Love You' and 'Special To Me.' and has wowed audiences in and out of T&T; in turn proving that he is capable of standing erect on any international stage.

This time around, having teamed up with Carenage -- one of Trinidad's renowned produc-



Singer Jamelody (r) and Pengco Music producer Randal Alexander Photo Credit: Aba Luke

ers, Michael 'Jamelody' Williams is making a very strong statement: He is expected to cause a stir with the scheduled release of the track.

The song is yet another musical articulation of the feelings many people have regarding life and the violent situations that are becoming the norm.

In his single, Jamelody says his gun is a spiritual one that won't aid in shedding blood but rather one that will save lives and deliver knowledge and wisdom.

After-school arts

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ented kids presented the "Liberation of Mother Goose" children's play by author, playwright, educator, Aduke Aremu.

The production was a collaboration of The Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation Center for Arts & Culture and Dove, LLC. with the 501 ©3 non-for-profit support of the Concerned Women of Brooklyn and a citation from the Office of Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams. The children's play featured a visionary director, Abdel Salaam who is world renowned and a preeminent NYC artistic director. His Harlem-based dance company is called Forces of Nature and he does projects with many community-based organizations including the Harlem Children's Zone to meet and train tomorrow's artists and educators.

Salaam is well-known for his appetite for excellence. He has the rare ability to authentically tell the stories of the human family with extraordinary cultural and spiritual significance. He is 'at least' a local and con-

temporary — Walt Disney-type-of-mind when it comes to setting-up fabulous environments which introduce fantasy.

THE REST IS HISTORY...

Well ya'll...this artistic-genius-brother took, Aduke Aremu's words, muse, humor, fantasy, literacy play and urban adaptation of Lewis Carroll's bedtime story, "Alice In Wonderland" and some selected, "Mother Goose" characters to new and exciting music, dance, cultural and literary heights. And...the Billie Holiday Theatre was packed baby...wall-to-wall for two shows with Tri-state area producers, media, teachers, parents and their children ages 2 to 21 at each show.

In this 2014 production, the Bed-stuy performers were from ages 10 to early 20's. They were led around on stage by a gifted young and very lost heroine by the name of Alice (Colby Christina). Colby already a veteran actor, didn't change sizes and walk through mirrors but did, like Carroll's Alice search everywhere for her little illusive rabbit.

HIV/AIDS book

By Tangerine Clarke

“Stigma and lack of knowledge about HIV & AIDS” was the topic of a compelling presentation by Pro-Chancellor of the University of Guyana Prem Misir, who launched his first health book in front of expatriates at the Consulate General of Guyana in New York City, recently.

The former associate public health epidemiologist of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control of NY City was motivated to write “HIV&AIDS Knowledge and Stigma in Guyana” after conducting interviews with N.Y. residents where discrimination and stigma among all races were evident.

Misir, a professor in Public Health at the University of Central Lancaster in England, said his interest in how the disease is transmitted and how stigma impacts awareness, peaked his interest and led him to publish this fundamental tool that will be used by health professionals, educators and



Professor Prem Misir presenting his book at the Consulate of Guyana, NY. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

policymakers throughout the Caribbean region.

An author of eight books, Misir who has written extensively in peer review journals, and was instrumental in gaining a grant from the

CDC to study the pandemic, did a cross-sectional look at 379 high school students in urban Guyana and assessed their knowledge of the disease, and stigma related attitudes.

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SAT., APR. 12

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SINGER'S SHOWCASE

APR. 14: Alex DeSuze returns to the Indian Road Café to host the "No Name Uptown Cabaret Second Monday." The next Uptown Cabaret show is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. with sign up beginning at 6:45 p.m. No cover, no minimum and for additional information, call (212) 942-7451. For more "No Name" information, go to <http://www.nonamenyc.com>.



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Seattle Sounders midfielder Clint Dempsey, right, scores on a penalty kick to tie the game against Portland Timbers goalkeeper Andrew Weber late in the second half of an MLS soccer game in Portland, Ore., Saturday, April 5, 2014

AP Photo/Don Ryan

Portland, Seattle stage a classic

By Patrick Horne

All the hopes and aspirations of what MLS (Major League Soccer) hopes to become were on display last Saturday, April 5, when the longest soccer rivalry in the U. S. took center stage in front of a national audience on the NBC Sports Network. The Portland Timbers-Seattle Sounders derby at Providence Park in Port-

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Jamaican's veteran jockey

By Robert Elkin

Rajiv Maragh will be heading once again down to Louisville, in less than a month for another attempt at winning the Kentucky Derby, which he couldn't do previously.

The veteran jockey, who originally hails from Jamaica, West Indies, was brought up around horses, for his father Collin introduced him to the sport as the former was a jockey in his native land of Jamaica. However, Collin is now in Florida training horses.

Maragh expects to get the mount aboard Wicked Strong, who upset the field over the nine furlong track at Aqueduct Race Track

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AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi

SRI LANKA WINS T20

Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, center, celebrates with teammates their win over India in the ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup final match in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, April 6, 2014. Sri Lanka won the match by six wickets.

Sweet cricket victory after 18 years

By Azad Ali

Sri Lanka eventually broke its jinx after losing two Twenty20 ICC World Cup finals and two 50-overs deciders over the past seven years.

The victory came 18 years after the Asian team won its first Cricket World

Cup in 1996.

It was the third World Twenty20 finals for Sri Lanka, who was beaten by Pakistan in 2009 and the West Indies in 2012.

Sri Lanka also lost two World Cup finals to Australia in 2007 and India in 2011 in Mumbai, India.

They turned the tables on India this time as they came out victorious last Sunday in what was described as a one-sided game at the Shere-e-Bangla National Stadium in Bangladesh.

Sri Lankans were overjoyed as in 2012

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India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni plays a shot during their ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup final match against Sri Lanka in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, April 6, 2014. AP Photo/A.M. Ahad

India was no match for the Sri Lankans

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they came close to winning their maiden World Twenty20 but were defeated by the West Indies in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

India put on a disappointing performance with both bat and ball after going into the finals unbeaten - winning their previous four games in two and a half-month long tournament.

The 130 runs off their 20 overs were the lowest India

had scored when they were put in to bat by Sri Lanka.

India had gone into the finals with three World Cup titles in the bag.

Their batsmen had chased a score of 172 against South Africa but for the first time in their four matches they could not get off to a flying start as only star batsman Virat Kohli stood up against the Sri Lankans spinners and fast bowler Lasith Malinga, who captained the

team in their last three matches.

Kohli was named Man-of-the-Series for scoring the most runs in the tournament (319 runs).

Three days before, rain "bowled" out defending champions West Indies from the finals after a furious rain and hail stormed ruined their bid to recapture the title they won two years ago.

When rain ruined play,

West Indies were behind by 27 runs according to the Duckworth/Lewis method, handing Sri Lanka victory at the Shere Bangala Stadium in Bangladesh.

Chasing 161 for victory for a place in last Sunday's final, West Indies were struggling at 80 for four in the 14th over, when the fearsome weather swept across the stadium to end their dreams of keeping the crown.

Wood memorial

Continued from page 41 in New York last Saturday afternoon.

Hopefully, all goes in his favor from the present time to Derby time. He is going south with a tremendous shot at winning the first leg of the triple crown for three-year-old horses.

Maragh was aboard Wicked Strong during the Wood Memorial as he turned in a confident trip. Owner Don Little and trainer Jimmy Jerkins made a change of jockeys from Javier Castellano and Jose Lezcano to Maragh after the Remsen. Little was very much impressed with his horse and felt confident that Maragh would continue to do such an accomplishment in the recent race.

The thoroughbred thus posted his second win in six outings during the Wood. Following the Remsen, the connections knew that their horse had a lot of ability. Now he is developing into a nice strong horse coming together at the right time of the year.

He is the Derby favorite right now," according to the connections. He is really maturing at the right time now, and there's a lot left in him.

"He (Maragh) fits (the horse), Little said. "He came running. Rajiv rode him perfectly."



In this photo provided by the New York Racing Association, Wicked Strong, with Rajiv Maragh aboard, captures The Wood Memorial Stakes horse race at Aqueduct Race Track in New York, Saturday, April 5, 2014.

AP Photo/New York Racing Association, David Alcosser

The connections that Wicked Strong hope that he comes out in good shape for the Derby, to be run on the first Saturday of May. The Preakness in Maryland and Belmont Stakes in New York round out the triple crown for three-year-old horses.

"This horse has been a great presence," said Little. "I put a lot of emphasis on the ride. He is always focused."

Last year, Maragh finished in sixth place in the New York Racing Association jockey standings with 120 winners.

"I was satisfied with the whole year," the jockey said.

Major League Soccer

Continued from page 41

land brought to life an old tradition that dates back to the early 1970s when the teams battled in the old North American Soccer League and continued in the A-League and throughout the difficult years of the sport in this country.

Providence Stadium was a sea of green flags, scarves, tee shirts and other memorabilia as the Timbers fans put their team loyalty on display; a smaller contingent of Sounders fans, who traveled a little further south to make their loyalty known as well, did enough to help create the

most competitive and electric atmosphere among the 25,000-plus fans that would be the envy of leagues anywhere. The Timbers rallying song was imposing, the atmosphere pulsating and this all transpired on the field.

Within the first 15 minutes of the game - which included big-name players such as U. S. national captain Clint Dempsey and Nigerian international Obafemi Martins of the Sounders and Will Johnson and Darlington Nagbe of Portland - three goals were on the score board as Portland took the 2-1

lead over Seattle. By the 24th minute, the score was tied at 2-2 and the stadium crowd, along with the NBC national audience, was witnessing one of the most exciting games in U. S. soccer.

With only five minutes left in regulation play, the Timbers were leading, 4-2, and heading for their first victory of the five-week old season, but as rivalries go, the game is never over until the final whistle blows, and by that time, the visitors rallied behind Dempsey's two goals in the last five minutes to end a classic, 4-4. Dempsey ended with a



Portland Timbers defender Alvas Powell, left, battles for the ball with Seattle Sounders midfielder Clint Dempsey during the second half of an MLS soccer game in Portland, Ore., Saturday, April 5, 2014. The teams tied 4-4. AP Photo/Don Ryan

hat trick.

The classic Northwest

derby began to unfold when the sounders took the lead

through Kenny Cooper's goals in the third minute of play; the timbers responded with goals from Diego Chara and Diego Valeri to forge ahead, 2-1, but Dempsey equalized just before halftime. A determined Timbers team, searching for its first win, forged ahead, 4-2, when Chara scored his second goal and Maximiliano Urruti added another. Dempsey then stepped up.

MLS

In other MLS games last weekend, the New York Red Bulls (0-1-4, 4pts.) is still searching for its first win after the visitors to Montreal's Olympic Stadium failed to hold on to a 2-1 lead in the second half and had to settle for a 2-2 draw.



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Sri Lanka wins World Twenty20 tournament

After some devastating bowling by Sri Lanka that kept India to a modest score, the Indian bowlers failed to penetrate into the Sri Lanka batting. India's score of 130 for 4 in Twenty20 overs never seemed sufficient. Excellent bowling is essential in winning any cricket competition.

India started their innings with Rohit Sharma and Ajit Rahane. Opening the batting with Rahane because of the absence of Dhawan probably resulted very bad for India. Rahane is more of a Test batsman at number three or four and he is a slow starter. India has options where they could have experimented with Suresh Raina who is good hitter of the ball and much more experience at this level. Yuvraj Singh struggled for 11 runs from 21 balls. Nuwan Kulasekara, Matthews, Lasith Malinga and Rangana Herath were not giving anything away. Rohits Sharma scored 29 from 26 balls and Virat



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Kohli blasted 77 from 58 balls with five fours and four sixes before he was run out in the last ball of the innings.

KUMAR SANGAKKARA SLAMS 52 RUNS FROM 35 BALLS

Former Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara hit a superb knock of 52 not out from 35 balls with six fours and one six to lead Sri Lanka to victory. Maheela Jayawardene scored 24 runs from 24 balls with four fours while Dilshan stepped in with 18 from 16 balls. Perera scored 23 from 14. Sri Lanka scored 134 for wickets from 17.5 overs.

Their bowling, batting and fielding were all top class and they played well throughout the competition.

All the Sri Lankan players performed well. Virat Kohli never could get the job done by himself and there was a need for more contributors with bat and ball.

India needs to add another all-rounder to their Twenty20 and one-day squads urgently. Ravichandran Ashwin, the spinner, seems to need genuine assistance and India's bowling overall needs some changes and much more penetrative bowlers.

Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, left, and Thisara Perera celebrate after winning the ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup final match against India in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, April 6, 2014. Sri Lanka beats India by 6 wickets. AP Photo/A.M. Ahad



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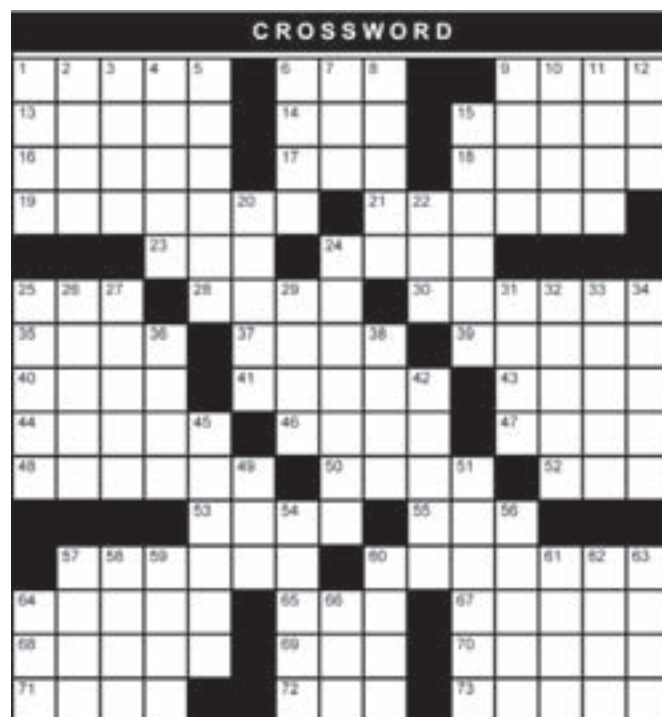
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1. Torah expert
6. Chain letters
9. Barred bed
13. Shoelace tip
14. *First gardening mo.?
15. Unit of money in Poland
16. Abdul or Zahn
17. White House Dwight
18. Big dipper
19. *Climber support
21. *Tiny garden shovel
23. Afflict
24. Lick
25. "Be quiet!"
28. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
30. *Cross between varieties
35. Church sound
37. Mojito, _____ drink
39. Wintry mix
40. Norse capital
41. Brightest star in Cygnus
43. Approximately, two words
44. Japanese port
46. Slash mark
47. Drawn tight
48. House cat, e.g.
50. Greek H's
52. *Special Hawaiian flowers form this garland
53. Getting warm

55. "Street" in Italy
57. Hang a banner, e.g.
60. *Refuse turned fertilizer
64. Ancient assembly area
65. Unagi
67. Like outside-of-mainstream art
68. Relating to aquarium scum
69. Shag rug
70. "Spaghetti Western" maker Sergio _____
71. Short of "history"
72. Sophomore's grade
73. Dog-_____ book

DOWN

1. Feeling great delight
2. Lab culture
3. *Like many Gentians or Delphiniums
4. Swan of "Twilight"
5. Emphatic, in print
6. Honoree's spot
7. *Short for nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium
8. Thin mountain ridge
9. Old-fashioned bathtub foot
10. *What gardener did to riding lawn mower
11. It will, contraction
12. "So long!"
15. Plural of #15 Across
20. Homeric epic
22. Rally repeater
24. Club enforcer
25. Tina Fey/Amy Poehler schtick, e.g.
26. "Siddhartha" author
27. Conforming to dietary laws for Muslims
29. Greek god of war
31. Soak some ink
32. Opposite of urban
33. Question in dispute
34. Hindu garment
36. Mischievous Norse deity
38. *What Venus Flytrap eats
42. Opera house exclamation
45. *One-time plant
49. Poetic "always"
51. "He fights like a lion," e.g.
54. Warn or arouse
56. Sleeper's woe
57. Wrinkly fruit
58. Wooden pegs
59. Short for brotherhood
60. Family group
61. *The corpse flower is famous for its bad one
62. Cosine's buddy
63. _____ up a golf ball, past tense
64. "I see!"
66. *Potato bud



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Aries, your self-confidence and enthusiasm have made you a natural leader. This week belongs to you, and others will rely on your leadership skills.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
A unique experience has inspired you to make a difference, Taurus. If you want to volunteer, there are many organizations that need help. Find the right fit for you.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Change is right around the corner, Gemini. Take the time to listen to what the stars are trying to tell you so you can make the best decisions.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
You are very good at bringing together people, Cancer. Use this ability to create a social forum this week. Encourage those closest to you to exchange ideas.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't let others make decisions for you, Leo. This week take control of your life and be more assertive regarding the goals you want to accomplish.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, technology is foremost on your mind this week. Focus on ways that technology can better your life and advance your career. Seek the advice of others.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, seek guidance from friends and family when faced with a puzzling problem. Different perspectives can shed light on the problem and make it easier to solve.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, give ample thought to what you really want out of a particular relationship or situation. You might have to make big changes, but such changes are worth the effort.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Try to show others this week that you are a thoughtful person who has a lot of life experience, Sagittarius. Assert yourself calmly and effectively to get your point across.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Trust the people you love, Capricorn. They may grow weary of not knowing which way you lean. Be firm when making decisions and others will respect you for it.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
It is not always easy to think and act differently from those around you, Aquarius. But your willingness to take the road less traveled is why you're such an effective leader.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, someone close to you is having problems that he or she cannot express. Your intuition will save the day.

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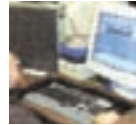
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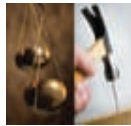
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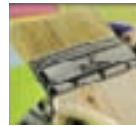
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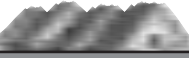
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St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 28001 - #83830

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, LLC, Plaintiff against DOUGLAS WILSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 16, 2013. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 15th day of May, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Said premises known as 795 East 39th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210. Tax account number: SBL #: 4986-69. Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,448.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2316-08. Blaise Parascandola,

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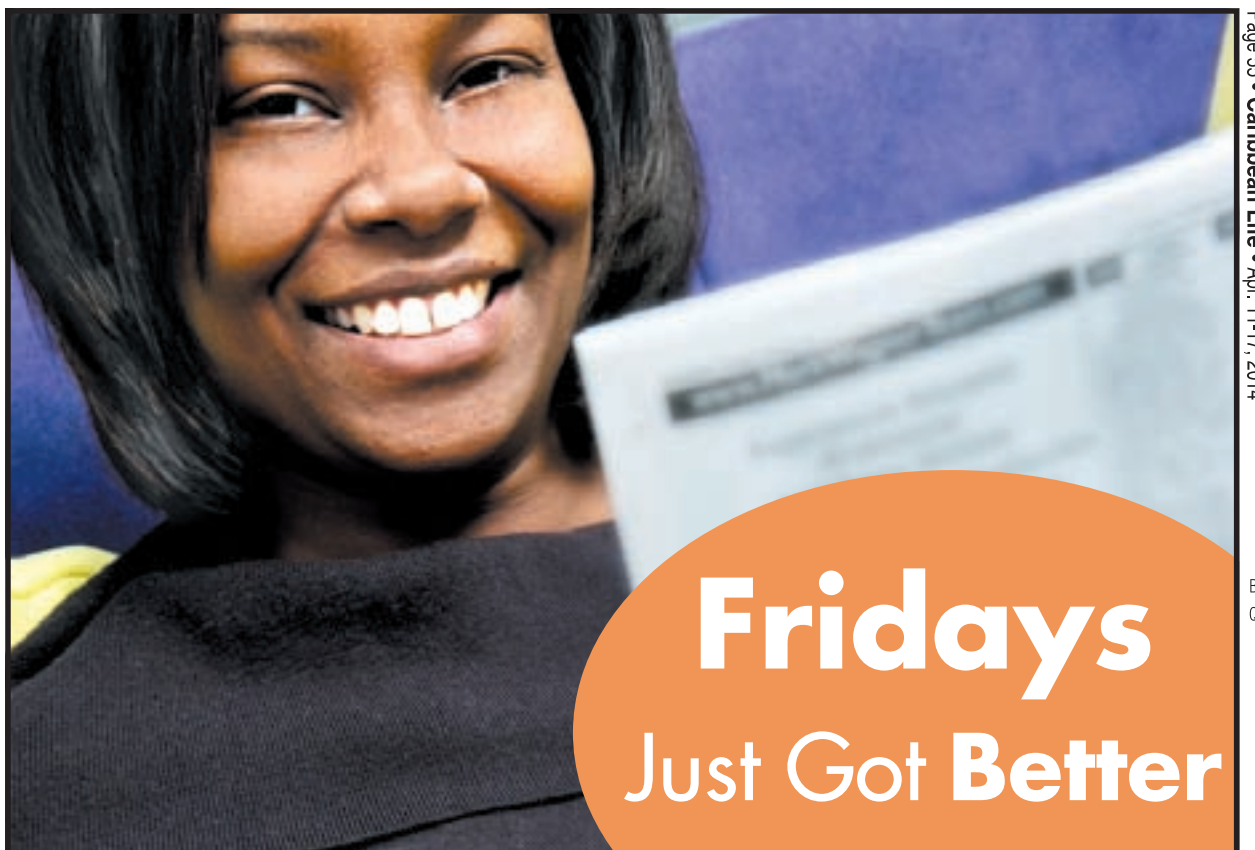
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