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Call for greater roles for Carib overseas missions

By Nelson A. King

In recognizing what he described as the very essential role that the Diaspora plays in the development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace says he will expand the role of the country's overseas missions and consulates if the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) wins the next general elections, constitutionally due next year.

Eustace, who, with NDP Vice President Sen. Major St. Clair Leacock, was on a tour of North America, said, in a town hall meeting in Brooklyn last Saturday night and in an exclusive interview with Caribbean Life that he is "interested in all the missions (and consulates being) substantially changed.

"It's critical for the missions and consulates to play a more important role for investment in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," the NDP president and leader told Caribbean Life, stating that a number of "young, bright civil servants" at home, with advanced

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Prime Minister of St. Vincent Ralph Gonsalves.

AP Photo/Frank Franklin II

TRADE TALKS STALL

CARICOM lukewarm to deal

By Bert Wilkinson

It is not that they are opposed to signing off on free-trade agreements but the smaller Eastern Caribbean islands have always told governments in the 15-nation Caribbean trade bloc that they are reluctant to get into such deals because they simply have too little

to gain by doing so.

Critics say that aptly explains why the nine-nation sub-grouping that includes island-nations such as St. Vincent and Antigua, have had no more than a lukewarm approach to negotiations with Canada for a free trade deal, in

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Bahamas

Fire officials in the Bahamas say a blaze destroyed as many as 70 homes in a shantytown, leaving about 200 Haitian migrants homeless.

No deaths or serious injuries have been reported from the early morning fire that ravaged the shantytown on Great Abaco Island. Investigators suspect arson.

Abaco's fire service director Colin Albury said about 65 percent of the Sand Banks community was destroyed before a volunteer team of 12 firefighters was able to bring the blazed under control.

He said at least 200 people are now without homes in the community of several hundred Haitians and people of Haitian descent.

Many Haitians have migrated to the Bahamas in recent years to work low-wage jobs or to try and get to the United States.



Barbados

Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, Dr. Leslie Worrell, has banned The Nation newspaper, including all its journalists from attending any of his press conferences or other Central Bank media events.

Worrell, chief economic adviser to the Freundel Stuart government, notified Nation Publisher and Chief Executive Officer Vivian-Anne Gittens and Editor-in-Chief Roy Morris of the unprecedented move in a one-paragraph letter sent recently to the newspaper.

"Consequently upon the lack of professional integrity manifest in the Nation's front page headline of Thursday, May 8, you should be aware that Nation/Sun staff will not be invited to any future press conference or media event hosted by myself as governor of the Central Bank," the letter said.

The events unfolded within hours of a Daily Nation Front Page story recently headlined; "60 To Go" in which it was revealed that hard times had hit the Central Bank and its staff were about to feel the fallout.



Grenada



Guyana's loss of agricultural land

Geotextile tubes help natural regeneration of mangroves. The biodegradable tube filled with sand and water is used to form a barrier. Spartina grass is then planted in the area. see story on page 18.

IPS/Desmond Brown

Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has called for more investment in science and technology saying there is a tremendous opportunity to develop agriculture in the Caribbean.

Mitchell was at the time speaking at a recent workshop jointly sponsored by the International Science and Technology and Innovation Center for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO, at the Grafton Beach Hotel, in Tobago, Trinidad.

The prime minister expressed concern that science and technology, while far from being stagnant, is underutilized in the Caribbean.

He said hurricanes Ivan and Emily did extensive damage to Grenada's nutmeg industry in 2004 and wondered why science and technology could not develop a nutmeg plant that produces fruit in four years - half the time it currently takes - as well as more nutritious rice in Guyana.

Guyana

A former Guyana beauty queen,

who was charged with the murder of her wealthy husband, was freed by a magistrate in the Georgetown recently.

Chief Magistrate Priya Sewnarine-Beharry said there was insufficient evidence to link Carol Ann Lynch to the murder of her 44-year-old husband Farouk Razack on May 7, 2007.

Lynch was first charged in May 2007 with killing her husband at the upscale Bel Air Park residence but the case against her collapsed in 2008 due to insufficient evidence.

In 2010, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Shalimar Hack recommended that the charge be re-instated and during the preliminary inquiry into the matter Lynch's attorney told the court the handyman, who also had access to the house, was never charged.

The attorney said there was not even any circumstantial evidence to prove that Lynch was involved in the crime.

Jamaica

Jamaica will for the first time host a global sugar industry conference from May 27-29 under the theme: "Positioning for the New Market Frontiers".

More than 100 delegates from various sugar-producing countries will discuss a wide range of issues affecting the global sugar industry, including energy co-generation, financing, research and export markets

The London-based International Sugar Organization (ISO) Council aims to ensure enhanced international co-operation, in connection with world sugar matters and related issues including ways to improve the world sugar economy; facilitate trade by collection information on the world sugar market and other sweeteners; and encourage demand for sugar, particularly from non-traditional uses.

Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Roger Clarke said while Jamaica will still have duty-free and quota-free access for sugar in the export market after 2017, there will be no price guarantee.



The tree-day, 45th annual ISO conference will be the first for executive chairman of the Sugar Industry Authority Derick Heaven since assuming the position of chairman in January.

St. Lucia

The family of property developer and hotelier in St. Lucia, who was reported missing, has acknowledged that he is dead.

In a statement, the family confirmed the death of the 38-year-old St. Lucian born businessman, Oliver Gobat.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime) Francis Henry told a news conference recently that a post-mortem examination of the charred remains of Gobat presented two scenarios - blunt force trauma to the head or possibly gunshot.

The police had relied on DNA test results before issuing a definitive statement.

Gobat's body was reportedly in his Range Rover, hours after he was reported missing to the police.

Gobat is the son of Theo Gobat, who came to St. Lucia in the 1970s and ran several hotels. About six years ago, the family opened the Cap Maison, a 49-room hotel spread out in villas that the younger Gobat managed.

The Gobat's family took to the foreign press expressing devastation over the death of the British educated multi-millionaire who also held British citizenship.

Trinidad

A Jamaican attorney, who is a gay, has been granted special leave by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) to commence proceedings against Trinidad and Tobago and Belize after he claimed that their existing legislations impinged upon his rights to freedom.

Maurice Tomlinson is seeking special leave to invoke the original jurisdiction of the CCJ and interpret the Treaty of Chaguaramas that only member countries can invoke the original jurisdiction.

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Cynthia King Dance Studio for Kids

New dance studio opens in Flatbush

By Chudi Chukwudi

Brooklyn's venerable Cynthia King Dance Studio will celebrate the grand opening of its newly built dance center in Flatbush with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:00 PM. Please join Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Council Member Mathieu Eugene and other community leaders, elected officials and special guests to toast the Studio's spacious new home.

Cynthia King Dance Studio, a 12-year Brooklyn institution offering dance training to children aged 2 and up, is celebrating the grand opening of its second Brooklyn location, now in Flatbush, at 21 Snyder Avenue, between Flatbush and Bedford Avenues. The venerable studio will celebrate the grand opening of its newly built dance center in Flatbush with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m..

"Dance enlivens us all. We dance to communi-

cate, celebrate, improve our bodies and explore artistic impulses. Through consistent practice, we gain the most valuable life skills—discipline, self-control and confidence," said Director Cynthia King. "We've been proudly serving Brooklyn families for 12 years on Prospect Avenue. We are so excited to have built our new flagship studio in Flatbush, where we'll reach many more dancers and have a grand space for classes, events and performances"

"I am proud to celebrate this special occasion with friends, neighbors, dancers, activists and community leaders. They all have helped us stay committed to changing lives through dance with disciplined training and creative exploration," added Cynthia King.

King is a long-time community activist and supporter of a number of local civic and educational organizations that ben-

efit children and the dance community in Brooklyn. She has received citations for her outstanding leadership in the arts, business and community activism, including the Committee for Effective Leadership Award in 2011, a Proclamation from the New York City Council and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Eliot Engel. King has been credited by the New York Department of Education with developing "one of the most comprehensive dance programs in the district." Devoted to the humane treatment of animals, King is also creator of Cynthia King Vegan Ballet Slippers, the only cruelty-free dance slipper company in the world, which are sold at both studio locations as well as online.

A vital part of Brooklyn's rich dance culture since 2002, Cynthia King Dance Studio promotes traditional dance training and innovative live performance. The

CKDS curriculum embraces classical to emerging styles, inspiring dancers to strive for both technical excellence and meaningful artistry. Students experience real-world performance opportunities, participating in numerous local events as well as a stunning annual series of CKDS dance concerts staged in professional venues. CKDS prioritizes individual attention, innovative performance and community involvement to create a unique and personally rewarding experience for all of its dancers and their families.

A professional dancer since 1978, Cynthia King has been teaching and choreographing since 1986. Training extensively at the Boston Conservatory and The Ailey School, King honed her skills under the tutelage of legendary dancers including Emiko and Yasuko Tokunaga, Carmen DeLavallade, Diane McIntyre, and Rod Rodgers (of

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Caribbean UN missions

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degrees, can be more effective overseas in garnering investments.

"Young people at home can be more useful here," he said. "Each one can bring in at least one business a year. I see a more expansive role for the missions and consulates.

"You have these young people, use them effectively," the former prime minister urged. "We need some young people here on the ground, encourage them to come, so that they (nationals in the Diaspora) can exploit the resources at home."

Eustace said the missions and consulates in Canada and Great Britain should be used in similar expansion efforts as those in the United States (New York and Washington, D.C.).

"It think it's time that the government review its relations with the Diaspora – not simply to provide consular services but (to) getting the Diaspora involved in St. Vincent and the Grenadines – to provide incentives to trade with St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he told the town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn.

"We have loans in St. Vincent and the Grenadines that applies to you, but nobody knows about that," he added. You can be entitled to tax concessions (for) up to 15 years.

"To the extent (that) the economy grows, you can change the incentive laws," Eustace continued. "A new NDP administration will provide incentives for that purpose."

Both Eustace and Leacock also used the occasion to reiterate their deep concern about the state of the economy, claiming that it is in a shambles under the incumbent administration of Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves.

Eustace, an economist by training, noted that the economy did not grow from 2009-11 for the first time in its history, and that there was "very small growth" in



SVG Opposition Sen. Maj. St. Clair Leacock addressing town hall meeting in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

2012 and 2013.

"When you look at the performance of our economy, there's much to be desired," he said, adding: "Banana is in trouble."

The Opposition Leader said "in our best year in the history of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 1992, "EC\$111 million in bananas were exported", compared to EC\$15 million in 2012.

"A lot of banana farmers are now on poor relief," he said, asserting that "it's a sign of failure", when the government boasts "the amount of money in poor relief."

In addition, Eustace told Caribbean Life that "a lot of private sector firms" has been retrenching workers, that several businesses are closing and that the private sector is "in real trouble."

Eustace said the crime situation has spiraled out of control and is affecting the tourism industry.

"The banana industry ain't good, and tourism (is) the same," he said. "The roads (are) in a terrible state."

Additionally, he said construction of the international airport at Argyle is saddling the economy, stating that while the NDP is not opposed to its construction, the party is concerned about how it is financed.

CARICOM

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fear of ending up as a dumping ground for goods from a powerful and efficient producer like Canada.

Their apathetic approach to more than five years of negotiations for a free-trade deal between Canada and CARICOM clearly explains why the talks have stalled and why it has triggered fears that they two sides might not agree on a deal anytime soon, because Canada is way more poised to take advantage of tax-free export trade than a region made up largely of small island-nations with less than 150,000 citizens.

In the past week, bloc governments have written to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper warning that Canadian "inflexibility" on several negotiating points could spell the death-knell for negotiations, even as both sides had set a June 2014 deadline to wrap up the talks, which have dragged on since 2009 when it began with much hope and fanfare of a mutually

acceptable deal.

Bloc chairman, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, suggested in the letter to Harper that the state of play should be laid at the feet of authorities there "because Canada" continues to place the onus on the grouping of mostly small island-nations to show further flexibility" while calling on Canadian negotiators "to show flexibility in relation to a number of CARICOM's key interests."

As if they had to, governments in the region even bothered to remind Ottawa that there is a vast difference in geographic size, population and purchasing power when Canada is compared to all of the member states. Only Haiti, with close to nine million people and Jamaica, which is headed to three million, have any significant numbers to make for sensible discussion.

"In order to meet the June 2014 conclusion date, the ministers called on Canada to show flexibility in relation to a number of CARICOM's



Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper. AP Photo/Michael Sohn

key interests, taking into account the need to respect the principle of asymmetry and the differences in the levels of development and size between the two sides."

To underpin the state of no 'play' at the moment, CARICOM and Canadian negotiators are yet to even set an agreed date for the latest round of talks since

the last meeting in Jamaica in April. Officials said that there's no indication of when the sides will meet again, because governments -- as stated in the letter "are concerned at the lack of response to a request from CARICOM Chairman Ralph Gonsalves of St. Vincent for a meeting with the prime minister of Canada."

Studio

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whose dance company she became a member). She has taught dance in Brooklyn at P.S. 315, Poly Prep, and I.S. 62 in addition to Cynthia King Dance Studio (CKDS).

Ms. King opened Cynthia King Dance Studio in 2002, offering inspired and passionate dance instruction for all ages. Her innovative curriculum embraces classical to emerging styles including ballet, tap, jazz, modern, b-boy/b-girl, and hip hop.

Ms. King and the studio have become staples in the community, supporting civic and educational organizations including the PTAs of local public schools, DanceNYC, and Greenwood Playground. King's community involvement includes participating in and hosting many local events. She is a dedicated and compassionate animal activist, proudly supporting nonprofit organizations including Our Hen House, Farm Sanctuary,

and Animals Asia.

In 2011 Ms. King was honored by an official proclamation from Council Members of the City of New York and recognized for effective leadership and services to her community by the Committee for Effective Leadership (New York State Democratic Committee, 82nd A.D.). In 2008, she was honored by the Flatbush Tompkins Congregational Church with an award for her support of their Concert Hall Restoration Project. That same year, then City Council Member Bill DeBlasio nominated Ms. King for the Neighborhood Achievement Award. He says of Ms. King, "...you make our community a better place." She was credited by the New York Department of Education with developing "...one of the most comprehensive dance programs in the district."

Ms. King lives with her husband, two sons, two dogs and one cat in Kensington, Brooklyn

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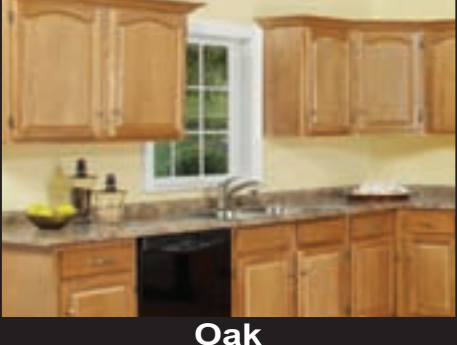
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Antiguans vote on June 12

By Nelson A. King

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer has announced that voters will go to the polls on June 12 to elect a new government, ending weeks of intense speculation and debate as to the election date.

"I have consulted with the Almighty God to give me the vision and to tell me what to do," Spencer told thousands of supporters of the incumbent United Progressive Party (UPP) at a rally in Potters, a village east of the capital, St. John's, on the night of May 15.

"I believe that we have made the case for the UPP to be returned to office. The case has been made overwhelmingly," he added.

"Therefore, the day when the people of Antigua and Barbuda will rise to the occasion and do what is right is June 12," Spencer continued. "June 12 is Election Day when the people of Antigua and Barbuda will say UPP now more than ever."

The UPP, which is seeking a third term in office, is being challenged by the Antigua and Barbuda Labor Party (ABLP), led by Gaston Browne, in the 17-seat Legislature.

The UPP rally heard from some of its candidates, including Jacqui Quinn, Dr. Errol Cort and Chester Hughes.



UPP candidates listening attentively to Prime Minister Spencer.

Photo courtesy of Gov't of Antigua

Spencer said the UPP stands on its record and deserves a third term to continue building a new society and create a charter for the future development of Antigua and Barbuda.

"The elections are very critical," he said. "It is very important to the continued development of Antigua and Barbuda."

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Trinidad launches investigation into "Prison Gate" breach

By Azad Ali

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Roger Gaspard has directed the acting Commissioner of Police Stephen Williams of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to "commence forthwith" a criminal investigation into "prison litigation matters" and the "the prospect of criminal wrongdoing."

Gaspard said he received from the registrar of the Supreme Court the decision of Master Patricia Sobion-Awai in the matter of prisoner Jamal Sambury vs the Attorney General and transcript of the hearing of the procedural appeal. He said there was enough material to support an investigation.

The DPP's decision is the latest sequel to the controversial PrisonGate issue out

of a letter sent by former Solicitor General Eleanor Donaldson-Honeywell to Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar requesting an investigation into circumstances "that may amount to inter alia to breaches of professional ethics" by certain attorneys involved in prison litigation which "may have the effect of perverting the course of justice in litigation against the state."

The investigation comes following Master of the Court Sobion-Awai's call for a probe into the circumstances surrounding how inmate Sambury was able to copy large portions of the witness statements of another prisoner Jamal Fortune who was awarded monetary compensation by the High Court recently.



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Grenada's underwater volcano

By Nelson A. King

A team of scientists in the United States is exploring the darkest corners of a huge underwater volcano off Grenada's coast with the hope of better understanding the mysteries of earthquakes and tsunamis, and ultimately saving lives, according to reports in New York.

Kick'em Jenny is a "dangerous and active volcano"

sitting roughly 6,000 feet below the surface of the Caribbean Sea, according to ABC TV News.

The major network said Robert Ballard, famous for discovering the Titanic 12,000 feet below the surface of the icy North Atlantic in 1985, has set his sights on exploring Kick'em Jenny and learn more about how underwater volcanoes can

pose a threat.

Ballard, the president of U.S. Ocean Exploration Trust and the director of the Center for Ocean Exploration at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, said the Kick'em Jenny volcano has a history of explosive eruptions, which could have the potential to trigger tsunamis, the effects from which could be felt as far

away as the northeastern United States.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Kick'em Jenny volcano has erupted 10 times since 1939, with the most recent eruption in 1990.

"This is the most hazardous part of our planet, where [tectonic] plates are head-on," said Ballard, noting that the devastating

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Map of the Eastern Caribbean. Courtesy of www.uwiseismic.com

St. Lucia moves to join Caribbean Court

By Azad Ali

St. Lucia has followed in the footsteps of Dominica in its move to become a full member of the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Governor General Pearlette Louisa revealed.

Delivering the traditional throne speech recently at the start of the new parliamentary session, Dame Pearlette said that the Kenny Anthony government would write to the British government on the island's move to join the CCJ, which was established in 2001 to replace the London-based Privy Council as the region's final appellate court.

Barbados, Belize and Guyana are the only Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries that have joined both the appellate and original jurisdictions of the court that also functions as an international tribunal interpreting the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas that governs the 15-member regional integration grouping.

Most of the other countries are signatories to the original jurisdiction.

The governor general said that while St. Lucia had joined other CARICOM countries and signed the agreement establishing the CCJ in 2002; it did not proceed to abolish appeals in civil and criminal matters to the Privy Council.

"My government believes the time has now come to



St. Lucia Governor General Pearlette Louisa.

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Council by the Caribbean Court of Justice is one such international agreement," she said.

The head of state said the first question was whether or not abolition of appeals to the Privy Council required amendments to the Constitution of St. Lucia, including a referendum, or alternatively, whether an error was made in drafting of section 41(7) (a) of the Constitution when it referred to section 107 instead of section 108 of the Constitution.

"In the end, a majority of the court ruled that there was indeed an error in the Constitution and the court was authorized to correct the error," the governor said.

Dame Pearlette said once the agreement of the British government is secured, a bill will be tabled to effect the necessary amendments to the Constitution.

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US weighs in on Honduras rights abuse

To The Editor:

We hereby applaud and support the bold stand that is being taken by Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky from the 9th Congressional District in the State of Illinois and her colleagues in Congress, to draft a Resolution highlighting the Human Rights and Land Abuses that is being committed against the Garifuna people and other groups by President Orlando Hernandez of Honduras and his government. This resolution will be sent to the US Secretary of State John Kerry to examine the state of affairs in Honduras and to re-examine the current US relations with this country.

The Garifuna Nation which is comprised of about 30 Garifuna organizations from the countries of: "Yurumein" (Saint Vincent & the Grenadines), Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize, the United States of America, committed to represent the interest of our people which is about 600,000 worldwide and includes about 300,000 people in the U.S. who currently reside in the states of: New York, California, Illinois, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, Nevada, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Connecticut, New Jersey and other states.

Our organization intends to not only support the efforts of Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky and her congressional colleagues but also stand ready, willing and able to provide them

with whatever additional evidence and testimonies they may need to prove this compelling case against the government of Honduras.

The on-going Human Rights and land-infringement cases against the Garifuna people over the years has been documented by several reputable international, regional and local organizations such as: the United Nations, Organization of American States, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and all the Garifuna organizations in the country of Honduras and in the Garifuna diaspora.

We are impressed with the transcript that is being contained in the congresswoman's list of human rights and land violations which have been occurring against our people in the last six years since the overthrow of the democratically elected President Manuel Zelaya in 2009. We also would like to add that human rights abuses against the Garifuna people have been taking place in Honduras since we first arrived in this country on April 12, 1797. These abuses have led to the mass migration of our people to the neighboring countries of Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize, the United States and elsewhere, where they continue to reside up to this day.

Every Garifuna person in the diaspora can trace their origins to the country of Honduras. Despite the fact that the Rights

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The ugly truth about garbage and island biodiversity

By Bradnee Chambers

BONN, May 21, 2014 (IPS) - Some of the Earth's most delicate tropical paradises are being disfigured by the by-products of the modern age – marine debris: plastic bottles, carrier bags and discarded fishing gear.

Just a tiny fraction of this originates from the islands themselves – most is generated on land and enters the sea through the sewers and drains; the rest comes from passenger liners, freighters and fishing vessels, whose crews often use the oceans as a giant waste disposal unit. While much of the garbage sinks, some of it joins the giant gyres where the currents carry it across the globe.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS), recognised as a distinct group of nations by the UN Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, lack the space to dedicate to landfill sites and do not have the resources to deal with the huge problem of marine debris that is being washed up on their doorstep – as the tides and currents wash the accumulated marine garbage onto their beaches. Domestically, they can take steps to ensure that they do not add to the problem – American Samoa for instance has banned plastic bags – but the "polluter pays" principle would require that those responsible for producing the waste should be made responsible for disposing of it properly.

A litter-strewn beach is an eye-sore and with tourism playing a major role in the economies of many island states, marine debris can have substantial adverse financial impli-

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cations threatening local businesses and employment prospects.

Palau has banned commercial fisheries in its huge territorial waters forsaking the lucrative licensing revenue and will develop ecotourism based on snorkelling and scuba diving as a sustainable alternative. Alive, Palau's sharks can bring in \$1.9 million each over their life-time. Dead, a shark is worth a few hundred dollars, most of it attributable to the fins used to make soup considered a delicacy in parts of East Asia.

In February, Indonesia became the world's largest sanctuary for manta rays and banned the fishing and export of the species throughout the 2.2 million square miles surrounding the archipelago. The numbers are about the same; as a tourist attraction, a manta ray is worth in excess of 1 million dollars; as meat or medicine no more than 500 dollars.

Whale-watching creates jobs while bird-watching boosts binocular and camera sales and both help hotel occupancy rates. And the total number of international travellers broke the one billion mark for the first time in 2012 making tourism one of the main foreign exchange earners globally particularly for many

developing countries, including SIDS.

But marine debris casts its ominous shadow and threatens to break the virtuous circle which would otherwise guarantee sustainable livelihoods and incentives to protect wildlife.

Sea birds inadvertently feed their young with plastic which then blocks the chicks' intestines preventing them from eating properly and leading to a slow and painful death. The staple prey of some marine turtles is jellyfish but the turtles often mistake plastic bags for their favourite food with same dire results. For larger species such as whales, dolphins and seals, discarded fishing gear – ghost nets – are a problem as the animals become entangled in them. This can impede the animals' movement and ability to hunt as well as cause serious injury or even death through drowning.

Remote island habitats support a rich and diverse fauna often including unique endemic species and provide vital stop-over sites for migrants and breeding sites for marine birds. But long established bird colonies have fallen victim to another danger exacerbated by humans – that posed by invasive alien species.

The problem of rodent infestations is well documented. Mice and rats have escaped from ships wreaking havoc on the local bird populations which had previously nested on the ground with impunity as there were no predators. Eradication programmes have successfully rid 400 islands of their alien

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PNM focuses now on dislodging Kamla's crew

In the end, an adrenalin boost was probably the most important dividend for party supporters from the failed bid of Penelope Beckles-Robinson to wrest leadership of the People's National Movement (PNM) in Trinidad and Tobago from Dr. Keith Rowley. For having been the driver of what produced that bit of a battle-readiness rise for party members, Beckles deserves commendation. In many quarters, Rowley's remaining in place as party leader was seen as a foregone conclusion. Pretty much confirming this were poll results published shortly before last Sunday's internal election in the Express (other surveys as well) which showed barely minimal support for the challenger – a challenger who, in light of the very tainted current administration led by the country's first female prime minister, inscrutably seemed hooked on playing the gender card, supposedly for its cachet.

As is the case universally with intra-party squabbling, the PNM will surely have its share of fence mending to do, preparatory to full engagement of the task at hand: earning the electorate's mandate to replace the government of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar,

whenever general elections are held. In respect of which, Rowley's scheduling of the internal election at this time was tactically prudent, presumably allowing time enough for the closing of factional rifts. In the event of cleavage with the potential for significant self-inflicted political damage, a party could benefit from any gray eminence within the ranks that really measures up to the role. And here, former Prime Minister Patrick Manning comes to mind.

The Rowley-Manning narrative has at times reflected prickliness. Rowley first challenged Manning for leadership of the PNM in 1996 after Manning, as prime minister, had called a snap election the previous year and wound up losing control of the government. Many felt that Manning's embrace of both Rowley and key players (including Beckles) who supported Rowley in his challenge, was never again the same. By the latter stages of the administration Manning had begun heading in 2002 with the PNM's return to power, Rowley, although a cabinet member, was apparently becoming disaffected with some of the Manning m.o. That tension erupted into a public brouhaha when Manning dismissed

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

Rowley from his cabinet post on rather specious grounds. And when Manning prematurely called a new election halfway through the term of the government elected in 2007, speculation was rife about whether he would veto Rowley's running for re-election. Manning's loss in that 2010 election to the Bissessar-led coalition prompted Manning's ouster by the PNM hierarchy and Rowley being installed as political leader.

Given that history, it should surprise no one if Manning is at this point not disposed to the generosity of spirit it would demand of him to lend his voice to tamping down any post-election party friction. But a demonstration of magnanimity on that order is precisely what's required of Manning in the station he now occupies in the party. Some years ago a situation developed which seemed to ask of Manning a similar graciousness. Sometime after he had fired Rowley from his cabinet, Manning was

stricken with illness serious enough to induce from him rumination on his mortality. That turn of events looked to be the perfect opportunity for Manning's revisiting of what had been generally viewed as an unjust dismissal (certainly, as far as the rationale publicly advanced) of Rowley. For whatever reason(s), Manning would leave things be. Manning again fell ill, after retaining his seat in the ill-fated 2010 election, a stroke causing his protracted absence from Parliament until quite recently. So here comes a replay. Eyes are again trained on the former prime minister and longest-serving parliamentarian, curious as to whether he is of a mind to stand tall as party elder. Or signify, by his silence, a willingness to encourage and/or condone divisiveness.

For his part, Rowley, having now received the party rank and file's formal assent for unfettered leadership, can concentrate on formulation of a comprehensive plan for governance of the country. There were voices critical of his not doing so during the internal election campaign. To have gone there would be absolute rock and hard place territory. Were Rowley to have indeed

rolled out any vision for Trinidad and Tobago while campaigning, some of the very critics would likely have called him out as presumptuous for doing so and "dissing" his opponent in the process.

Except for the bias one expectedly finds among its hard-core support base, the Bissessar administration's record of unprecedented abuse of the privileges of government is a given fairly routinely agreed upon by observers. Based on their unenviable track record, it is difficult to imagine where, beyond that unswervingly loyal base, Bissessar and her confederates get electoral support for a re-do. One is tempted to suggest that the mission for Rowley and company is merely to avoid the flight path charted by the current governing crew upon assuming office four years ago.

But of course that will not suffice. There are problems aplenty in Trinidad and Tobago that cry out to be addressed. The signals emitting from Rowley so far tend to convey an awareness that for some of the most intractable of these, much more than a deployment of financial resources is required. Convincing the people is next on the agenda.



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Examining island biodiversity

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Less well known is the phenomenon of "rafting" where the invaders also use marine debris as a vector – plastic bottles are harbouring a potentially devastating assortment of worms, insect larvae, barnacles and bacteria, and warmer waters

arising from climate change increase the resilience of these unwanted stowaways making them an even more potent danger.

One of the fascinations of dealing with the animals covered by the Convention on Migratory Species is how they link different countries and even continents. Many

of the species are endangered and their conservation as well as the threats that they face require internationally coordinated measures. This applies to marine debris, a singularly unwelcome "migratory species" whose continued presence CMS will be doing its utmost to eliminate.

Honduras rights abuse

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of Citizens is clearly spelled out in the Honduran Constitution, the governments of Honduras over the years has ignored it completely; especially when there is a "military coup" where "decrees" are passed by the "military juntas" to eliminate any provision in the Constitution they do not agree with. It is a paradox for one to comprehend that a government that breaks the law continues to ask their citizens to obey them.

We are grateful for the

action taken by the congresswoman and the members of the US Congress, and we hope and pray that this will lead to significant changes and the decreasing of tensions in Honduras. The situation in Honduras today is explosive and could lead to further tensions if Congress does not intervene on our people's behalf. We are organizing and communicating with our people on a daily basis and if you need us feel free to call us immediately. We will be awaiting your response to this cor-

respondence.

We appeal to our Garifuna people to call and thank this Congresswoman at: (773) 506-7100 or (202) 225-211 and their Congress person at; (202) 224-3124 to state their support for this Resolution and ask them to support the Congresswoman with this action.

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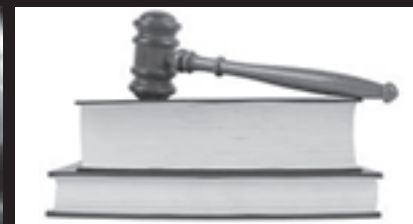


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tion.

He wants the CCJ to rule against Section 8 of the Immigration Act of Trinidad and Tobago Act and Section 5 of the Immigration Act of Belize, which dates back to 1958.

Both acts are similarly worded and prohibits entry to prostitutes, homosexuals or people who may be receiving or living on the proceeds of prostitution or homosexual behavior.

As an activist for the lesbians, gay, bisexuals and transsexual community, Tomlinson had traveled to both countries previously, but when he discovered the existence of prohibitions he decided to refuse invitations from either country to avoid violating their immigration laws and "he claims to have suffered prejudice thereby."

In the ruling handed down recently, the CCJ, the region's highest court, said; "that there is an arguable case that the mere existence of the legislative provisions in question amount to prejudice, as demonstrated by the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Committee.

Guyana

Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) Jose Miguel Insulza has issued another call for the Guyana Parliament to approve the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the

Financing of Terrorism Act (AML-CFTA), which has been under consideration for several months.

Insulza said that passage of this act is crucial to bring the country up to standard on these matters, noting that several of Guyana's Caribbean Community (CARICOM) partners have already adopted similar legislation in compliance with the requirements of the Caribbean Financial Task Force (CFATF).

Insulza warned further delays could result in unnecessary damage to the country's financial stature.

"The secretary general, therefore, appeals again to all political parties and other stakeholders in Guyana to exercise leadership and understanding in seeking prompt passage of the AMLCFTA," the statement said.

Insulza offered the cooperation and support of the OAS, through the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), noting that Guyana's draft law is "fully consistent with the most recent recommendations of CICAD's expert group on money laundering," which were, in turn, endorsed by CICAD commissioners at the 55th regular session recently.

CFATF recently warned of harsh consequences should Guyana fail to pass anti-money laundering legislation before May 29 conference.



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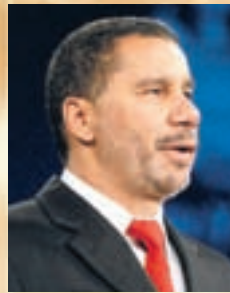
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Saving Guyana's shrinking coast

By Desmond Brown

GEORGETOWN, May 14, 2014 (IPS) - Agriculture has always played an important role in the socioeconomic development of Guyana, one of just two Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member states that straddle South America.

Agriculture accounts for more than 20 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is food-secure, and agricultural commodities represent more than 40 percent of its export portfolio.

The 15-member regional bloc has always looked to Guyana, with an estimated 3.3 million hectares of agricultural land, as having a vital role in the Caribbean's thrust towards food security.

But the chief executive officer of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (NAREI), Dr. Oudho Homenauth, warns that climate change is robbing Guyana of some of its prime agricultural land.

"We are seeing increasing rainfall, higher tides and so forth," he told IPS, noting that this has consequences for farmland, particularly along the coast.

"The seawater, as you know, is saline and once saline water gets on the land it is very difficult for that land to recover for crop production because there is nothing we can do in terms of adding any kind of amendment to correct soil salinity."

Homenauth explained that "the land will have to be left for over a period of time until that salinity is lost" and as the authorities move to protect the agricultural land and also its population, most of whom live along the coasts, Homenauth told IPS that Guyana has come to recognise the importance of mangroves, especially for coastal areas.

He said the country has been on an intensive campaign to protect and restore its coastal mangroves.

Approximately 90 percent of Guyana's population lives on a narrow coastline strip a half to one metre below sea level. That coastal belt is protected by seawall barriers that have existed since the Dutch occupation of the country.

In recent times, however, severe storms have toppled these defences, resulting in significant flooding, a danger scientists predict may

become more frequent.

"Everybody knows Guyana's seawall, the famous seawall, which is an expensive structure to maintain and to continue to build, particularly as sea level rises," Agriculture Minister Dr. Leslie Ramsammy told IPS.

He said that maintaining the seawalls is an enormous cost for Guyana, which has been spending an average of three billion dollars a year to maintain and strengthen the defences.

"But in order to ensure that the seawall and sea dams continue to serve us well and to be less vulnerable to the onslaught of the ocean, we have been protecting and promoting the growth of mangroves and other structures such as geotextile tubes to reduce the impact of the waves coming in," Ramsammy said.

"We've been doing bamboo growth along the seawalls to reduce the impact of the waves coming in. So a number of different structures are being tried but mangroves represent a major response of the Guyana government in supporting the seawall and there-

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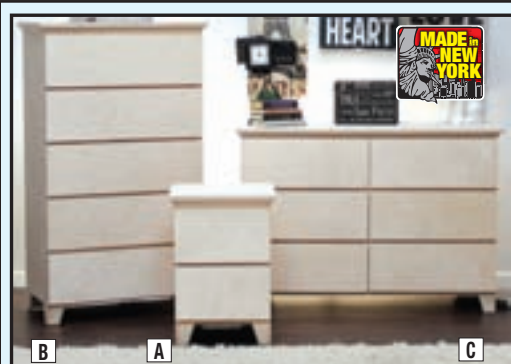
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The Logistics Hub: Implications for Western Jamaica

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Scores of residents, business luminaries, and public and private sector stakeholders in the second city Montego Bay, Jamaica were engaged in a riveting exchange of ideas, research and thinking among panelists and presenters at the Logistics Hub symposium at the Wexford Hotel on Thursday May 8, 2014.

The Caribbean Maritime Institute and The University of the West Indies, Western Campus in association with The Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce hosted a symposium to unearth new knowledge, promote discourse and increase awareness about the much talked about Logistics Hub initiative. The discussions were framed under the theme “The Logistics Hub: Implications for Western Jamaica” but they were geared towards providing a greater understanding about the total concept that encompasses the entire country.

This symposium comprised of a plenary session, a luncheon and three panel discussions to cover the various aspects of interest and relevance. Main themes punctuating the proceedings were the fact that the logistics hub is not a place but a development concept to drive productivity and



From left, Nathan Robb, president of the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Fritz Pinnock, executive director, Caribbean Maritime Institute and Dr. Geneive Brown Metzger, Caribbean investment analyst/former Jamaican consul general, NY.

efficiency and that development has no nationality. “Jamaica’s” logistics hub will therefore need the collaboration of the international community, foreign investment, and input from academia, environmentalists, the government and developers to be a success.

Dr. Geneive Brown

Metzger, Caribbean trade and investment analyst based in New York and former Jamaican Consul General, chaired the opening panel, “Socio-economic Implications of the Logistics Hub.” The panelists included Sharon Fflokcs Abrahams, minister of state in the Ministry of Industry,

Investment and Commerce and Edmond Bartlett, opposition spokesperson on the respective portfolio.

THE GOAT ISLANDS: AN INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY PORT

Dr. Fritz Pinnock, executive director of the Caribbean Maritime Institute and

main speaker for the plenary, believes that “this was an appropriate platform to promote positive discourse and increase awareness about how the logistics hub concept will work for the nation in a practical way; sharing in a comprehensive manner, how its development will affect residents in west-

ern Jamaica, their families, future plans and expectations and their livelihood.” Using this as an opportunity to explain in palatable terms, the concept of this new development, Pinnock compared Jamaica’s growth aspirations to those of Singapore and the famed London gateway. To make the London Gateway (which nears completion) a reality, the use of arable land and habits was inevitable.

The gateway is physically located in one of the most ecologically sensitive areas of England, and its construction involved the dredging of 60 miles of the River Thames, resulting in over 20 million cubic metres of dredged sand -; enough to accommodate 12000 Olympic size swimming pools. As a mitigating initiative, researchers, ecologists and environmentalists have embarked on a massive project to relocate tens of thousands of reptiles and wildlife to new sanctuaries. Fifty three hectares of land was identified for rehabilitation for various protected species. This is just one project to be undertaken to ensure that the 1.5 billion pound global gateway port and logistics park, which will create 12,000 new jobs,

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“Parents play a daily role in promoting lifelong health by focusing on positive ways to nurture brain development, starting in infancy and extending through the toddler years,” says Dr. James M. Perrin, 2014 president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

According to Perrin, this means creating a safe, consistent environment to ensure children know they're physically and emotionally protected. He offers these tips for fostering a happy, healthy home:

- Talk to your baby in a responsive way, starting at birth. Watch how he responds to your face, focuses, and moves in time to your voice. As he grows, talk to him about everyday things, wait-

HEALTH

ing for his coos and ahhs, and then respond with an encouraging word.

One study showed that the more words parents used when speaking to an eight-month-old infant, the more words that child used at age three.

- Respond to distress with comfort. Even in infancy, it's an important way to build a child's confidence that the caregiver is there.

- Make eye contact with your child from day one. That could be during play, tummy time or even during necessary activities like diaper changes.

- When your baby starts to smile, smile back! If young children learn healthy, positive ways to get your attention, they'll be less likely to resort to fussing, crying or whining.

- Follow your infant's gaze to get a sense of what is capturing his or her attention. When it's appropriate, let your child explore that object.

- Be aware of what your face is “saying.” Temper negative feelings because your baby is “feeling” them as well.

- Infants let us know when they've had enough and it's time for a nap by avoiding eye contact, becoming sleepy or fussy, coughing or rubbing his or her eyes.

- Reading to your child from infancy stimulates language and cognitive skills, builds motivation, curiosity and memory and stimulates language development.

- Babies learn best from people, not screens, and unstructured play time is more valuable for the developing brain than electronic media. Through unstructured, unplugged play, children learn to think creatively, problem solve, and develop reasoning and motor skills.



Talk to your baby in a responsive way, starting at birth to help develop your child's brain. (c) MichaelJung - Fotolia.com

Instead of screens, try to encourage supervised but independent play like exploring a set of nesting cups or pounding on a pot with a spoon while you are preparing dinner.

- Healthy brain, healthy body. Keep a regular schedule of visits to the pediatrician to ensure your child's physical, mental, and developmental and behavioral health is

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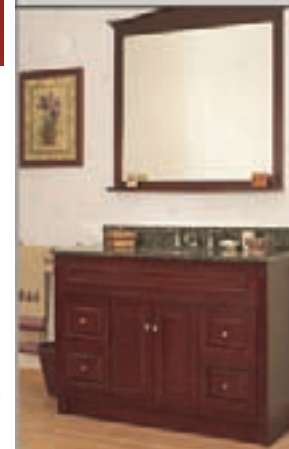
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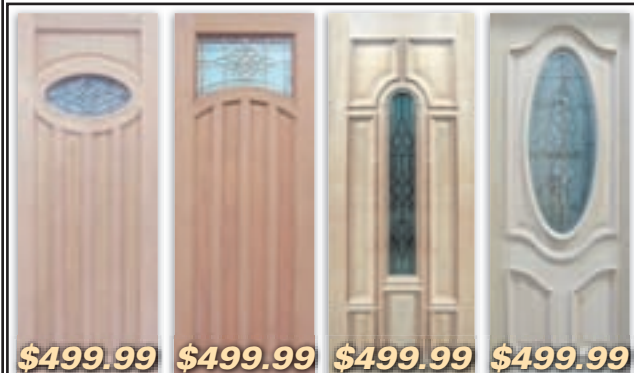
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in Britain is built without resulting in adverse environment damage. This custom built deep sea gateway port, which allows England to reinvent itself, has an unrivalled location that will increase efficiency.

Similarly, Jamaica will need to undertake a massive reconstruction of road and sea networks to create interconnectivity between air, land and sea modes of transportation, while finding creative ways of preserving the environment. The development plans for the Goat Islands is similar to that of The London Gateway. It too is envisioned as an international gateway of economic trade, facilitated by Jamaica, because of its location. However, given that the Goat Islands is already located in a highly industrial environment, the environmental impact will be far less. Even so as a precautionary measure, Pinnock is recommending that we adopt Britain's approach

to sustainable development which embraces partnership.

COLLABORATION IS KEY

The luncheon featured a special presentation from Professor Gordon Shirley, CEO and president of the Port Authority of Jamaica. He presented the development plans for the concept, and explained that Western Jamaica plays an important role in this initiative as it is the core of our service industries, comprising of tourism and information communication technology sectors. He noted that plans are afoot to develop an integrated advanced port communication system to facilitate the level of commercial activities to be accommodated by this investment.

President of the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Robb, echoed the need for collaborative thinking among all stakeholders for the logis-

tics growth strategy to work for all Jamaicans. In addition, the symposium was attended by distinguished governmental (ministerial) officials, renowned specialists in logistics, supply chain management and sustainable development, as well as members of academia, industry practitioners and consultants, researchers, policymakers and an impressive line-up of panellists from the hotel and tourism industries, environmental groups and commerce. These included Sharon Fflokas Abrahams, minister of state in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce and Edmond Bartlett, opposition spokesperson on the respective portfolio.

The aim of the symposium was to offer an invaluable opportunity for interested individuals and groups to learn more about the myriad of issues relating to the development of a logistics hub in general and the implications for Western Jamaica in particular. It was a forum for discussion, collaboration and intellectual exchange for all participants.

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fore reducing the impact of water hitting against the wall, against the dams etc.”

Guyana has about 80,000 hectares of mangroves in place right now and over the last three or four years, the country has been “accelerating the growth of mangroves,” many of which were lost 20 to 30 years ago.

We lost some of our mangroves and we are restoring those mangroves now. But we are also establishing mangrove growth in places that we’ve never been to,” Ramsammy said, noting that “with the water and movement onto the shore, it is very difficult to grow mangroves.”

As a result, Guyana has been conducting research to determine the best technology to use to achieve success.

“You need mangroves to grow to a certain extent before it can withstand the water and so we’ve been trying things like various grasses and so on to hold the soil together and we have been succeeding in these,” Ramsammy told IPS.

Technicians came up with the idea of constructing geotextile tubes to help natural regeneration. A biodegradable tube filled with sand and water is used to form a barrier so that at high tide, muddy water can enter the area and sediment left behind can help build the soil up to a necessary level.

Spartina grass is then planted in the area. The technicians have found that the mangrove seeds would get caught in the grass and would later germinate.

When it comes to climate change and global warming, Ramsammy believes Guyanese should take pride that they are perhaps the most aware country in the world.

“I can’t say that our people know all the details, all the science, but that’s not the point. If we could also make them aware of the science that’s okay but they are very aware of climate change as a phenomenon; they are very aware of what climate change can do to us and therefore they are becoming part of the climate change revolution,” he told IPS.

“We have vast room for improvement in Guyana and the Caribbean but I think

that Guyana would rank as one of those countries where people are very much aware. Are they doing what is necessary? I think they lag in terms of their knowledge and what they do, but if you don’t create the knowledge, actions will not follow.”

Ramsammy noted that no country is too small to do something about climate change. In fact, he said there are things that every citizen in the world can do.

“I’ve heard people say ‘I’m poor and I’m not a scientist and I can’t do anything.’ In fact we can do much as small countries, including in the reduction of emissions,” he said.

“We have in Antigua or even Guyana hotels etc. If these hotels were to switch [from] the use of fossil fuel to the use of bio-digesters, using the waste to create energy, we can make a big difference in emissions and maybe in the global environment. It is a needle in the sand but at least it creates an avenue for every citizen to play a role and I think we should adopt that kind of approach that all of us as citizens could do something,” Ramsammy added.

Kick'em Jenny

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2011 Japanese earthquake and the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami were both underwater earthquakes.

ABC TV said reporters from its “Nightline” program accompanied Ballard and his team of 40 explorers aboard their exploration vessel Nautilus during the final 48 hours of their 90-day voyage, which was documented for an upcoming National Geographic special, “Caribbean’s Deadly Underworld,” which premieres Sunday on the network, Nat Geo WILD.

The conditions around the Kick'em Jenny volcano are so dangerous to humans that Ballard and his team relied on the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) “Hercules,” a 5,000-pound submersible, to be their “eyes and ears” inside the volcano,” ABC

“It means that places that we thought there was very little life existing on our plant, we’ve just opened up a whole other area where life seems to be thriving.”

TV said.

As Hercules descends into the volcano, Ballard and his team watch the robot’s live cameras from a control room aboard the Nautilus.

After hours of searching, the team made a startling discovery – life, ABC TV said.

“It means that places that we thought there was very little life existing on our plant, we’ve just opened up a whole other

area where life seems to be thriving,” Ballard said. “A lot of the deep sea is sort of like you know you can think of it as a desert. We just found an oasis in that desert.”

On its journey, Hercules took pictures of its surroundings, made maps and collected samples, including organisms living inside the volcano and even reaching inside the volcano’s bubbling plume to gather materials, ABC TV said.

It said such discoveries on Ballard’s trip could allow scientists to better understand the threats posed by underwater volcanic eruptions.

“And there’s no reason to stop, there’s 72 percent of the planet hardly explored,” Ballard said. “I like to tell children that their generation is the generation that will explore more of earth than all previous generations combined.”

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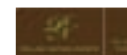
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“We cannot return to the past,” he added. “I want to say to you that it is necessary for us to recognize and appreciate that, although victory is in sight, we cannot drop our guard. I want to tell you that it is not over until it is over.”

Spencer also told supporters that there is work to be done in order for the governing party to “concretize the victory.”

“We have to galvanize the people and defeat them (opposition),” he declared. “You have to do it for yourself, for your community and country.”

“The most important consideration is that you want to stay the course and keep Antigua free and democratic, and keep out those who are not about people’s development but their own enrichment,” he added.

Spencer said the date of the issuance of the Writ for Elections was on May 16, with Nomination Day being May 21.

Browne, who is leading



A section of the crowd at the UPP rally in Antigua.

Photo courtesy of Gov’t of Antigua

the ALP into elections for the first time, expressed confidence of triumphing in the polls.

He described as “pathetic and bordering on a pappy show” Spencer’s tenure.

“The 12th of June, 2014, will be judgment day for Baldwin Spencer and the UPP,” he told reporters. “It will be deliverance day for the people of Antigua and Barbuda and victory day for the ALP.”

The ALP had suffered its first electoral defeat in 2004

after nearly three decades of political control by the iconic and controversial Bird family.

Lester Bird, 76, who succeeded his father and ALP founder Vere Bird Sr. as prime minister from 1994 until 2004, lost the ALP’s leadership race to Browne in 2012.

The Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) said about 48,000 people have been registered to vote after the registration exercise last November.

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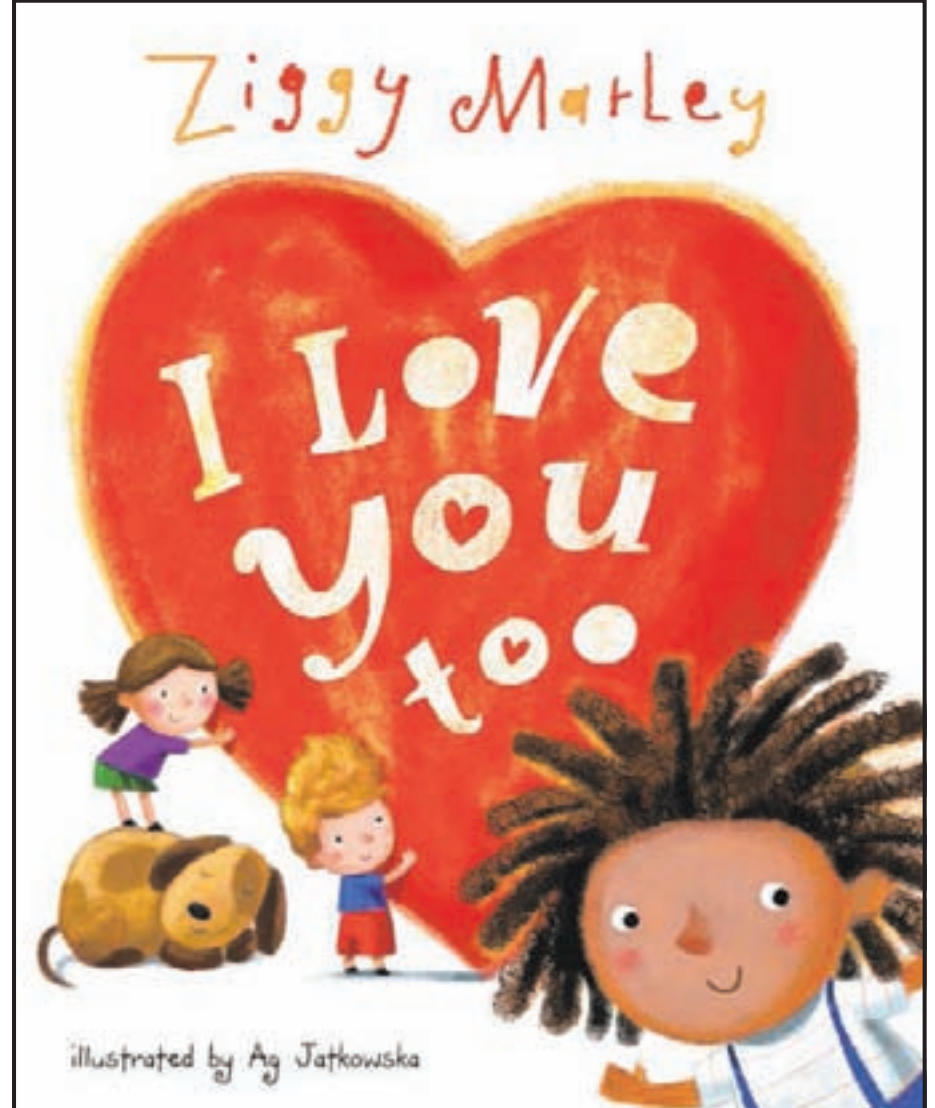
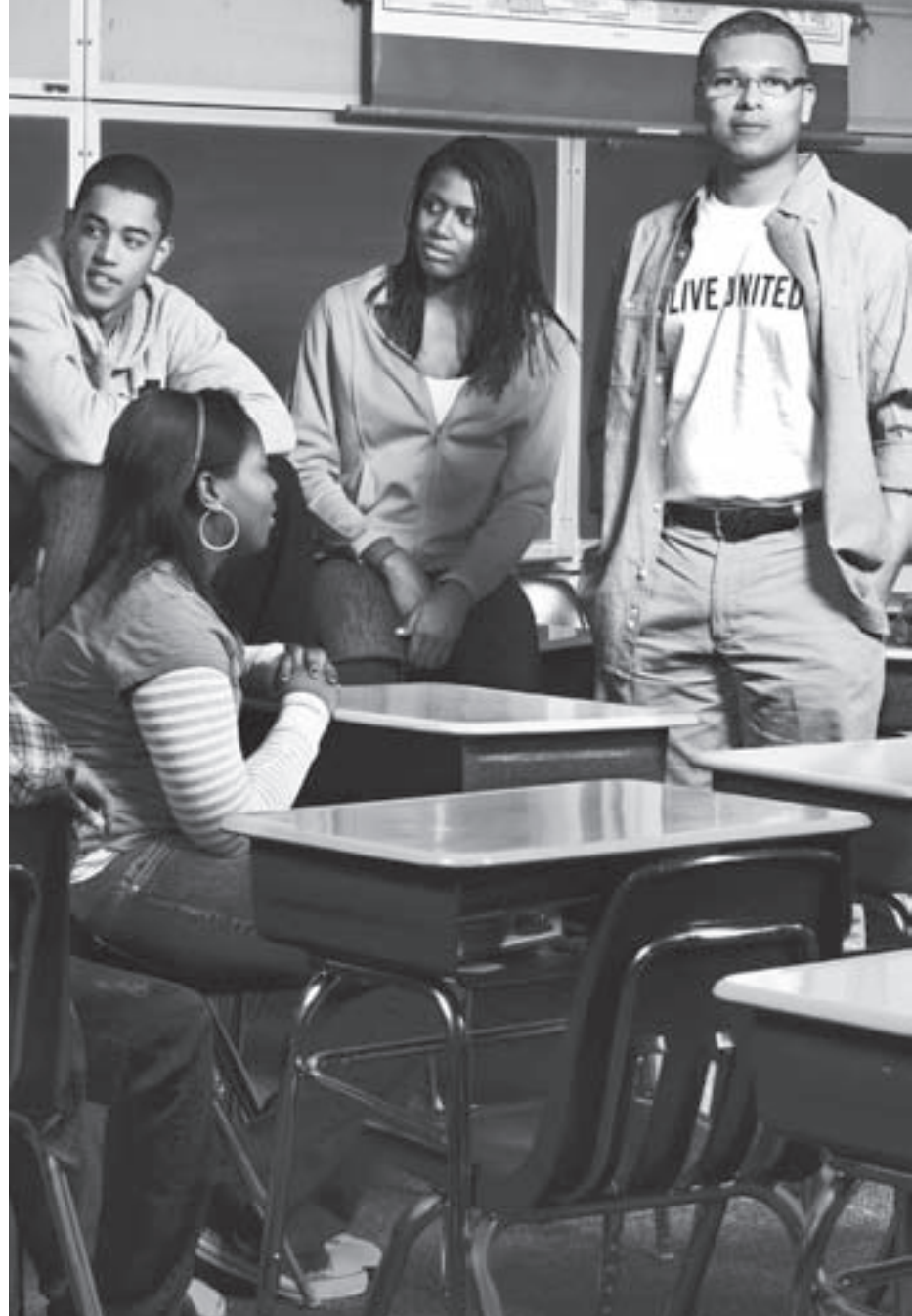
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Ziggy pens children's book

By Vinette K. Pryce

Ziggy Marley said he was in his kitchen one day when his three-year-old daughter Judah looked up to him saying "I love you." The eldest son of Bob and Rita Marley said he looked down and simply responded saying "I Love You Too."

That simple interchange between parent and child spawned a book devoted to children called "I Love You Too."

Dedicated to his mother Rita, daughter Judah and sister Cedella, the book amplifies on every page the power of saying the words of endearment and care.

Based on his Emmy-winning song of the same title, the book illustrates graphic images depicting a

multi-cultural community, happy occasions, animals, interaction with the elderly, adults, animals and family. Illustrated by Agnieszka Jatkowska the publication adds another title to his long list of achievements since taking the spotlight as a child musician and singer.

Joining his sister Cedella who is reputed for publishing children's books dedicated to songs inspired by her father, Ziggy's debut furthers a mission to empower youth as well as demonstrate their innocence and beauty.

Already steeped in humanitarian charities, the Grammy-winning recorder founded Unlimited Resources Giving Enlightenment (URGE).

Already acclaimed for providing support to children in Jamaica and Africa, the charitable organization acts to support education, health, and the environment "in efforts to improve communities where children live and grow." URGE has donated school supplies and other needy items to many schools. Annually, Ziggy and family members travel to various regions to deliver these supplies. While there they often engage in sports, entertainment and other interactive events that could inspire children.

For more information about URGE, log onto www.urgefoundation.org.

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Buju Banton warns against T&T swindler

By Vinette K. Pryce

Dancehall deejay Buju Banton has not travelled an easy road since 2009 when officers from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) arrested him in Tampa, Florida with evidence he might have participated in a drug deal. Convicted of conspiracy charges, the Grammy-winning reggae artist is confined to a Florida state facility but controversy has not eluded the popular Jamaican personality.

Allegedly, the incarcerated Banton is the victim of a scam in Trinidad & Tobago that could again put him in the middle of another legal entrapment case.

This time though, Banton is the complainant.

After serving half his conviction time for charges he claims was obtained by entrapment, his attorney Charles Ogletree and the Buju Banton Defense Support Committee -- a group formed to aid in his appeal -- released a statement disclaiming permission for an individual in the twin islands of Trinidad & Tobago to book concerts the deejay did not authorize.

"A certain individual in Trinidad has approached promoters with the false claim that he is the local agent for renowned reggae musician Buju Banton," the

statement said. "He has further sought to swindle monies by stating he is authorized to collect funds for a concert being held for Buju Banton in Trinidad during this year."

The joint statement added that:

"We wish to warn the

public that it is totally untrue. Buju Banton has not given such rights to anyone in Trinidad. Nor is a concert being organized at this time."

While awaiting a second trial, Banton was temporarily released to perform at a Miami concert. However, since that he has never been freed to perform or appear at any event and particularly none outside of US jurisdiction.

While benefit concerts could help raise funds for his appeal and legal defense, there have not been any

announcements for any such event slated for the Caribbean.

In addition, the lawyer cautioned the individual who is allegedly impersonating or acting as Banton's agent to cease and desist and warned that if caught could face legal reprisals.

"Anyone seeking to do this would suffer legal consequences," the lawyer emphasized.

He also asked promoters and the general community to co-operate with his cause by reporting this impersonator and anyone acting in a

similar fashion.

"We urge that you immediately inform the authorities of anyone who solicits monies from you for that purpose."

With Banton still locked up after two trials and being sentenced to serve 10-years for conspiracy to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine his main focus has been to appeal the conviction and prove his innocence. He has consistently argued that he did not receive a fair trial and is determined to overturn the conviction.

Black superstars change baseball

"1954: The Year Willie Mays and The First Generation of Black Superstars Changed Major League Baseball Forever" by Bill Madden

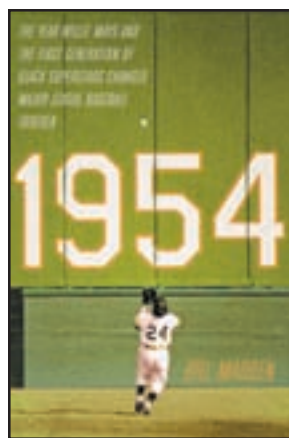
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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It was 1954 and, like much of the world, baseball was in the midst of change, too.

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“While most small business owners know they need a strong Web presence, many of them are not taking enough action to build and maintain it,” says Tim Carroll, vice president of Small Business Engagement at Deluxe Corp., a provider of marketing services and products for small businesses.

In fact, of those small business owners who put a high level of importance on Web presence, 70 percent spend less than one hour a week maintaining it, according to a new Deluxe study. In contrast, only 1.2 percent spend 10 or more hours each week on their Web maintenance.

National Small Business Week, May 12-16, is the perfect time to learn how to use the Internet to keep your business top of mind with prospective customers. And Carroll offers some top tips for maximizing your company’s pres-



Making use of the Web is important in any marketing plan.

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ence online.

- **Interact:** Since current and prospective consumers use social media, you can’t neglect this marketing approach. Social media marketing isn’t just about gaining followers. It becomes a vehicle

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Don’t be afraid to use Twitter, Facebook and other social media

sites to ask customers for feedback and show your personality. Use calls to action to acquire new followers, engage them further and encourage reviews of your services.

Many small businesses turn to consultants or social marketing services for help with developing and executing a social media strategy. When effective, these efforts will place a brand in front of its target audience. Small business owners should look for a service that also tracks results in order to gain insight into how its customers engage online.

- **Website:** “Today, a business without a website is a business without a face,” says Carroll. “A clean, easy-to-navigate, and mobile-friendly online presence is one your customers will remember.”

Unfortunately, less than a third of small business owners think they are proficient or extremely proficient at maintaining their individual company websites, which is why many seek outside help developing a site and building content.

- **Search engines:** With 91 percent of Internet users utilizing search engines, according to the Deluxe-commissioned study, search engine optimization can be your key to better visibility online. After all, a website is hardly useful if no one can find it.

Additionally, consider search engine marketing services to help your online advertising and to make use of local searches by more effectively targeting your customer audience.

- **Email marketing:** Small business email marketing is the centerpiece of any effort to stay in touch with existing customers, while reaching out and finding new ones. Use it to promote new items and offer special discounts to loyal customers or to simply keep in touch.

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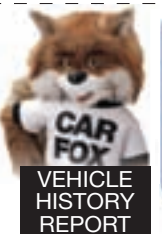
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Vincentian tea party

By Nelson A. King

Nostalgic Vincentian and other Caribbean nationals in New York got an appetizing local cultural treat in Brooklyn on May 3, at a fund-raiser sponsored by The United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn for its medical mission at home. Held at St. Anthony Baptist Church on Utica Avenue, the event not only provided much nourishment for the body but also hilarious entertainment.

Patrons absorbed local delicacies and participated in song and hat competitions. The UVCGB band played a variety of songs, including "O, Islands in the Sun," and "St. Vincent My Homeland," with guests singing along.

The show also featured Emily Mentor James on the harmonica. Additionally, patrons got a "sneak preview"

of Miss Continental Pageant 2014, a Brooklyn-based beauty show founded and chaired by Vincentian ex-netballer Yvonne Peters. The show takes place on Jun. 14 at George Wingate High School in Brooklyn.

Six beauties – representing New York, Tobago, Trinidad, St. Lucia, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines – graced the stage and briefly espoused their respective platforms before the very appreciative audience.

Some also participated in the Hat Competition that was won by Miss Grenada, Imani Peterson, with Miss St. Lucia, Kelly Smith, taking the first runner-up spot, and Barbadian Sis. Denise Callendar, of Miracle Temple Ministries in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, snatching the second runner-up position.



Yvonne Peters (L) and Dr. Roxie Irish (R) with contestants for Miss Continental Pageant 2014, L-R: Joseanne Harper (Miss New York), Jadini Phillips (Miss Tobago), Shereesia Browne (Miss St. Vincent and the Grenadines), Imani Peterson (Miss Grenada), Aaniya Johnson (Miss Trinidad) and Kelly Smith (Miss St. Lucia).

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"Our 6th Annual Tea Party was a great success," said UVCGB president Dr. Roxie

Irish in a Caribbean Life interview afterwards.

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Tea party

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"From the feedback we have received, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time and is already looking forward to next year's event," continued Irish, stating that guests also came from Connecticut and New Jersey, as well as far away as the Cayman Islands.

Irish, who chaired the proceedings, also appealed to the audience to dig deep into their wallets, pockets and pocket books in supporting avid UVCGB supporter Judy Lavia, who is currently in a coma at Lutheran Hospital in the BayRidge section of Brooklyn. US\$1,100 was raised at the event to help defray Lavia's medical cost, Irish said.

"We are very grateful to our guests who showed such a great outpouring of love and care," she said. "Judy has been attending our tea parties over the years, and we believe in God for a full recovery. We are always willing to help those who are in need."

Annette Stowe, who attended the event for the first time,



From left, Jamaican evangelist Lovinia Hall, Dofflyn King and Dr. Roxie Irish singing "Island in the Sun."
Photo by Nelson A. King

was adjudged "Best Dressed," winning the inaugural, coveted "Miss United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn 2014." Susanne Edwards, of Curaçao, was first runner-up, and Vincentian Donna Ashe second runner-up.

Stowe, Conference and Internet Administrator at the Manhattan-based Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) U.S.A. Inc., said since she was unfamiliar with the event's format, she did not plan to participate in the competition, disclosing that,

at this time of the year, she is usually in the Caribbean on CTO business.

She, however, said: "It was a nice event. I was a bit surprised. I was even more surprised when I won."

"It was fun. I enjoyed it," she added. "Everything was a big surprise. I gave a little entertainment (by strutting her stuff on stage)," Stowe continued. "I thought it a nice evening."

In quoting the American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Compa-

ny, Henry Ford, Irish said: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

She added: "Teamwork is about everyone; not an individual. Let's continue to work together as we strive to build a New St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

UVCGB's 10th Annual Cultural Show takes place on Sept. 6 at Meyer Levin Intermediate School, at the corner of Beverley Road and Ralph Avenue, in Brooklyn.



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Chairman Elombe Brath passes

After a long illness Harlem's Elombe Brath, a well-respected, much admired, historian, Pan-African leader and graphic artist passed.

The 77-year-old titan of Black culture and heritage was most acclaimed as the chairman of the Patrice Lumumba Coalition. He held monthly meeting at the Harriet Tubman School where he updated the community on current affairs and mostly spoke to issues under-reported by the media. Through his efforts, the name Patrice Emery Lumumba became familiar. Brath often relayed how the anti-colonial Congolese leader born on July 2, 1925 "among the Batatela people in the then-Belgian Congo was assassinated by a CIA-instigated coup on Jan. 17, 1961." Brath explained that Lumumba's murder occurred "six months after he had led his country to its newly, hard fought for independence."

Brath was regaled as a walking cultural activist.

He was never without an



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

armful of publications. He was a relentless reader and was always on the cutting edge of news related to Africa and the Caribbean.

Often he travelled to Geneva, Switzerland where the United Nations convened sessions pertaining to Africa.

A former graphic artist for the community affairs program "Like It is," his talent was regularly credited on ABC-TV.

Brath will not be forgotten for the role he played in lobbying for Harlem to be placed on the official schedule of stops when Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie visited New York after his release from apartheid-riddled South African prison. In the center of 125th St. & Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. thousands rallied to see the best African example. An unforgettable moment

prior to the start of the celebration indelibly imprints Brath's whisper to Winnie Mandela. Although busy coordinating the media event Brath – with clipboard and paper-load in hand reached with urgency to familiarize the continental guest of honor with a woman he knew she would want to know. The crowds witnessed Winnie's look of surprise, shock and pride when she grabbed the woman who stood next to her. It was Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X.

Brath's commitment to Harlem and New York also marked visits by Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe and numerous African heads of state. He played a key role in stopping construction at the site of the African Burial Ground. Brath is also credited with preserving the area

there which is now established as a National Park.

Brath was among the very first advocates for the youths accused with the attack and alleged rape of Patricia Meile who was previously identified as the Central Park Jogger.

In addition to his many advocacies, Brath also hosted "Afrikaledoscope" on WBAI-FM.

He loved jazz and his early years promoted concerts lauding the legends of the genre.

Brath leaves to grieve wife Nomsa, six children, brother Kwame and many, many friends and associates.

Funeral arrangements were not available in time for publication.

LIFE-TIME HONOR FOR THE KING OF CALYPSO

Another title will be added to the already decorated Slinger Franciso (better known as the Mighty Sparrow) when a reception to kick-off Caribbean-American Heritage

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Dr. Elombe Brath, left, listens as Architect Rodney Leon, second from left, designer of the African Burial Ground national monument, describe the monument's features after a dedication ceremony in New York on Friday, Oct. 5, 2007. AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews, File

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Ready for the Runway

By Tangerine Clarke

Haitian-born student Tattiana Dorcelian felt the excitement of a famous designer on the runway of New York's "Seven On Sixth," after she received loud applause at the Martin Van Buren High School fashion show for graduating students.

The 17-year-old wowed students and parents alike with her chic Afrocentric collection of 12 skillfully-crafted dresses, separates and a stunning evening gown cut from discarded newsprint.

With her sights set on attending the elite Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) this fall, Dorcelian, who has completed three years of study at the Queens High School, said she was encouraged by her family to pursue her dream to become a fashion designer.



Tattiana Dorcelian in one of creations designed from discarded newsprint.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

"I am inspired by various cultures. This is how I create my own look," said the fashion forward young lady who chose her grandmother as her muse to create a vintage collection.

Dorcelian's instruction in class at first was not easy, because even though she loved to create great looks,

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Caribbean Week Fashion Exchange

By Chudi Chukwidi

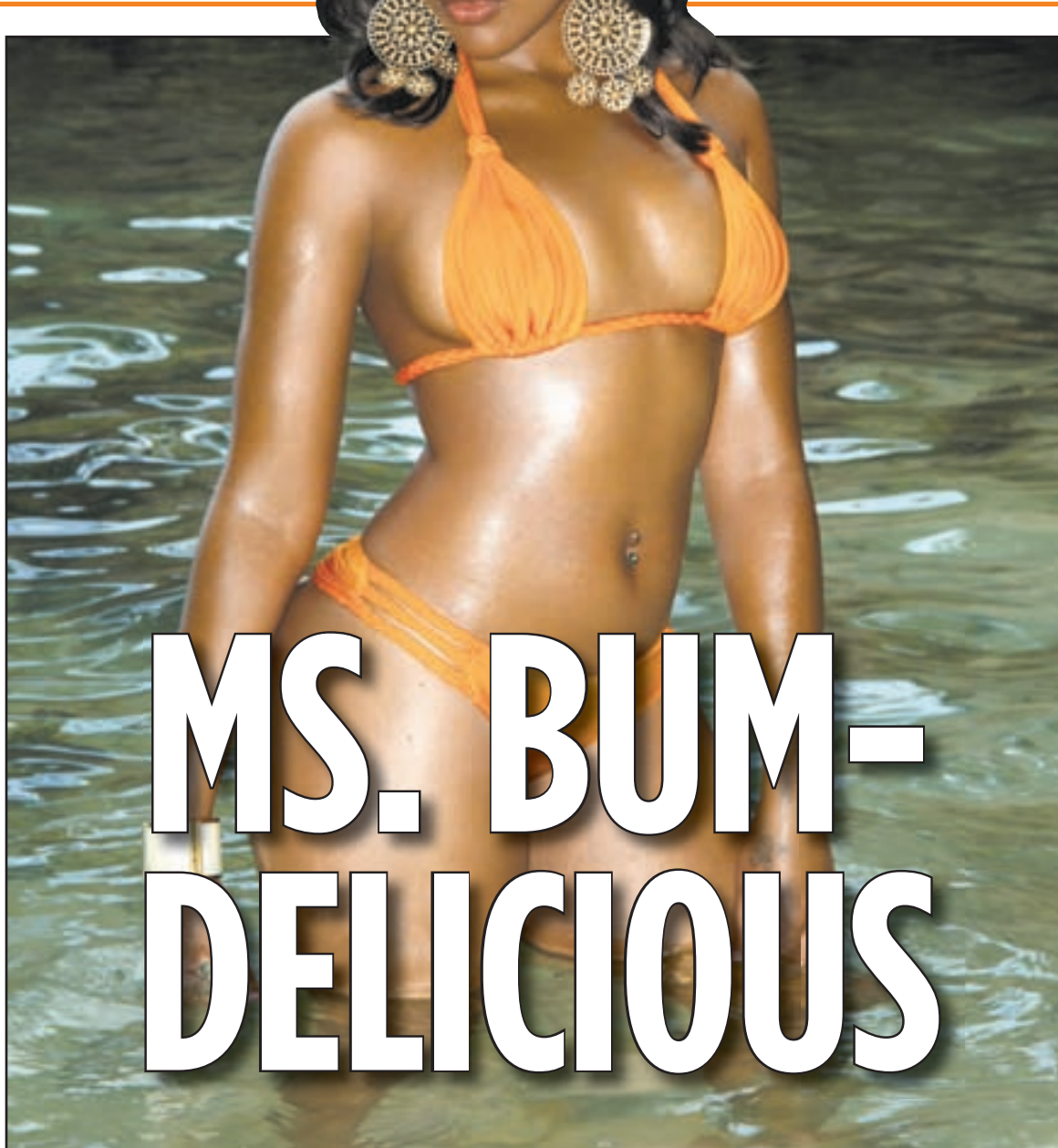
JLC Productions has announced the upcoming launch of CAFE (Caribbean American Fashion Exchange) on June 5 during Caribbean Week in New York City, at the Wyndham New Yorker's Crystal Ballroom, 481 Eighth Ave. in Manhattan.

Janice Lawrence-Clarke, CAFE founder and CEO says the evening launch and reception, called CAFE@CTOF "promises to be a garden of visual delight with fashions on display from

Caribbean Americans who continue to make significant contributions to the landscape of fashion and style, and décor by celebrity event specialists, Collin & Kelly Abraham of Pollen Nation Events," Lawrence-Clarke told Caribbean Life.

CAFE is a unique fashion-marketing concept initiated for Caribbean and Caribbean-American fashion and accessory designers, Lawrence-Clarke says and adds that she is working with the Harlem US Export Assist-

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MS. BUM-DELICIOUS

Akelia Watson, past winner of a Hedonism 11 pageant.

Photo by Dave Rodney

Jamaica Pageant Set for Aug. 31

By Dave Rodney

The main stage at Hedonism 11 in Negril has been home to some of the most provocative pageants on the planet. But Negril's super-sexy, all-inclusive beach resort has just announced the mother of all pageants- the Ms. Bum-Delicious Pageant 2014 that will take place on property from Aug. 31 to Sept. 7, 2014.

The Ms. Bum-Delicious Pageant is as seductively inclusive and as mesmerizingly mouthwatering as the resort itself. The contest is open to females of all ethnicities and all ages who see themselves as ravishingly gorgeous, beaming with intelligence, talent, a dazzling sense of style and who are the ultimate embodiment of a captivating and blazing beach beauty in a bikini.

"We are very excited to bring on stream this sizzling new addition to other events that we offer here at Hedonism", managing director Kevin Levee noted. "We've just spent some US\$5M upgrading and enhancing our amenities here and we are looking forward to hosting this new event so our guests can enjoy not only this amazing con-

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Creations by Tatiana Dorcelian are modeled by fellow students on the runway.
Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Fashion showcase

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she found it very difficult to draw. But with determination and encouragement from her family that “if you want something badly you have to work hard for it,” the aspiring couturier succeeded.

“Dressing up is a way of expressing myself through clothing,” she said, adding: “This is what I want to do.

I hope to create pieces that people would like.”

Kenneth Hutley who has been teaching fashion for 20 years, gave Dorcelian high marks for her creative work and praised the more that 50 students -- some who will pursue degrees at FIT and other fashion schools.

Hutley graduated from Parsons School of Design and Lehman College with

master’s degrees in Fashion and Special Education and teaches sketching and drawing. He said the four-year fashion class is a selective in the curriculum which includes Film, Three-D, Art Appreciation and Fine Arts. Textile design and pattern-making also equip the students to create their own style as they master the art.

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Month heralds the crowned Calypso King Mighty with a lifetime achievement salute. Slated to be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street on June 4 a program of celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. Starting with a discussion to introduce Lauren Francis-Sharna’s debut novel “Til The Well Runs Dry” the entire evening will spotlight achievers from the Caribbean region. The theme --“Caribbean-Americans--Producing Our Own Stories!” is intended to hail the calypso king for his lifetime achievements in the world of entertainment and also laud the immigrants who through participation continue to enhance the city, state and nation as well the Caribbean region.

tic director Chuck Davis and DanceAfrica. This year the May 23 to May 26 feast, spotlights Madagascar’s Groupe Bakomanga. Headlining the nation’s largest festival dedicated to African dance, the Madagascar-based music and dance troupe will make its U.S. debut.

“This Madagascar-based music and dance troupe embraces a rich variety of indigenous cultural forms, using jubilant drum- and accordion-driven music and movement to honor its ancestors, usher in the harvest, and preserve tradition.”

Performances are May 23 and May 24 at 7:30 p.m. There are also Saturday, Sunday and Monday matins at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Monday).

FilmAfrica will also screen culturally enriching films. For more info. check. www.bam.org.

plus a myriad of youth-oriented topics are slated for discussion during “Word” a six-hour Caribbean book festival presented by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre on June 8. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Ave. in Brooklyn, the afternoon program promise a diverse offering from writers from the twin islands of Antigua & Barbuda, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Kitts & Nevis, Haiti, Dominica, Jamaica, as well as Mexico. Touting “Islands In The City” as a mantra, the multi-cultural perspectives are geared to address the reading needs of youth throughout the tri-state area. With plans to make young writers fully accessible to patrons and parents, the young readers program offer hourly dialogue and feedback from experts in publishing and illustration.

“WORD” CARIBBEAN BOOK-FEST PAGES YOUTH

An alphabet book titled “A Is For Ayiti,” a session billed “Coming of Age – Journeys to The Unknown” and an open mic invitation to teens to freestyle poetry

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Legendary sea monster resurfaces as humanity's

"Godzilla"
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Brothers

By Kam Williams

"Godzilla" made its debut in 1954 when the mythical, man-eating monster, inadvertently created by an atomic blast, emerged from the Pacific Ocean to carve a path of death and destruction across Japan, much to the chagrin of the country's overmatched military. A couple of years later, Raymond Burr narrated a documentary-style, English-language remake which was basically a dubbed version of the original with his lines spliced in.

Despite relying for decades on terribly-stilted scripts and a guy in a rubber suit towering over a scale model of a toy-sized Tokyo, the B-movie franchise has remained popular enough to spawn thirty-something sequels and counting. This relatively-upscale reboot of the series, however, abandons the campy dialogue and cheesy trick photography in favor of an emotionally-engaging plot as well as state-of-the-art special f/x.

Furthermore, while the 2014 edition "Godzilla" still looks like a fire-breathing, mutated iguana, he behaves more like a benign, anthropomorphic ally of humanity than its evil adversary. The villains, here, are a couple of nuclear waste-ingesting MUTOs (Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organisms) that are not only threatening to level San Francisco but are poised to unleash a litter of their equally-hostile offspring.

In case you're wondering, there's plenty of precedent for



This film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a scene from "Godzilla."
AP Photo/Warner Bros. Pictures

Godzilla's squaring-off against fellow behemoths. Consider such classic showdowns as King Kong vs. Godzilla (1962), Mothra vs. Godzilla (1964) and Godzilla vs. Megalon (1973), to name a few.

Although, this one's finale is well worth the wait, it sure takes its sweet time getting around to that spectacular battle royal. In

fact, we don't even get a peek at Godzilla during the film's first hour, which is instead devoted to developing characters and filling in the back story.

The adventure revolves around the Brody family whose plight provides the audience with the incentive to invest emotionally in the outcome. Widowed patriarch Joe

(Cranston) is driven to learn the truth behind the catastrophe at a Japanese nuclear power plant that claimed his late wife's (Binoche) life 15 years earlier. Their son, Ford (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), a Navy explosives disposal expert, agrees to accompany his dad to the Orient, leaving behind a worried wife (Elizabeth Olsen) and son (Carson Bolde) behind in San Francisco.

Of course, all hell eventually breaks loose back home when anthropomorphic Godzilla selflessly rises to the occasion in defense of the city. Will the MUTOs meet their match? Will the separated Brodys manage to survive the apocalyptic mayhem for a tearful reunion?

A surprisingly haunting and panoramic picture exploring universal themes like loss and yearning, yet with all the fixins for first-rate action entertainment. Hey, why didn't they make monster movies like this when I was a kid?

Independent & Foreign Films

The Angriest Man in Brooklyn (R for sexuality and pervasive profanity) Robin Williams plays the title character in this remake of The 92 Minutes of Mr. Baum, an Israeli dramedy about an obnoxious jerk who tries to make amends with everyone he's ever offended after being informed by his doctor (Mila Kunis) that he only has an hour-and-a-half left to live. With Melissa Leo, James Earl Jones and Peter Dinklage.

Cold in July (Unrated) Crime thriller, set in East Texas in the Eighties, about a family man (Michael C. Hall) worried about the arrival in town of the revenge-minded father (Sam Shepard) of the burglar he shot to death during a home invasion. With Don Johnson, Vinessa Shaw and Wyatt Russell.

The Dance of Reality (Unrated) Auto-biopic written, produced and directed by Renaissance Man Alejandro Jodorowsky, revisiting his own childhood in Chile, and featuring Jeremias Herskovits as his boyhood self. Co-starring Brontis Jodorowsky, Adan Jodorowsky and Axel Jodorowsky, courtesy of nepotism-inspired casting. (In Spanish with subtitles)



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia (Unrated) Reverential retrospective about Gore Vidal (1925-2012), featuring archival footage of the best-selling novelist, political essayist and gay gadfly bemoaning the triumph of conservatism and corporations over liberalism and humanistic values.

Grand Depart (Unrated) Sibling rivalry drama about two brothers (Jeremie Elkaim and Pio Marmai) whose lives are thrown into turmoil by their father's declining health (Eddy Mitchell). With Chantal Lauby, Zoe Felix and Benjamin Rolland. (In French with subtitles)

Korengal (Unrated) Sequel to the Oscar-nominated documentary Restrepo, directed by Sebastian Junger (A Perfect Storm), serves up another slice of the War in Afghanistan from the point of view of a decimated platoon of American soldiers stationed in a very vulnerable valley surrounded by Taliban fight-

ers on a suicide mission.

Lila, Lila (Unrated) Screen adaptation of the Martin Suter novel of the same name about a waiter (Daniel Bruhl) desperate to impress a customer (Hannah Herzsprung) he wants to date who publishes a found manuscript under his name only to find himself hounded by the true author (Henry Hubchen) when the book becomes a runaway best-seller. With Kirsten Block, Peter Schneider and Henriette Muller. (In German with subtitles)

The Love Punch (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity and crude humor) Revenge comedy about a divorced couple (Emma Thompson and Pierce Brosnan) who grudgingly join forces to recover their savings from the shady businessman (Laurent Lafitte) who embezzled the entire contents of their retirement account. With Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie and Tuppence Middleton.

From the guy who brought you ted



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Justin Timberlake
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Jason Derulo Feat. 2 Chainz
- 6 **Best Day Of My Life**
American Authors
- 7 **Ain't It Fun**
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- 8 **Pompeii**
Bastille
- 9 **Turn Down For What**
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TOP 10 ALBUMS



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Lily Allen
- 8 **The New Classic**
Iggy Azalea
- 9 **Night Visions**
Imagine Dragons
- 10 **Pure Heroine**
Lorde



Janice Lawrence-Clarke (left) and the CTO's Sylma Brown Bramble.

Photo by JLC Productions

CTOF launch

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and the United States fashion Center/US Commercial Service to create a survey aid that would assess a designer's export-ability and export-readiness. In order to participate, interested designers must complete an online survey.

The CAFE program seeks to bridge the gap between the Caribbean

and the United States fashion industries by providing an avenue for these designers to take their businesses to the next level through presentation and sales opportunities. The first presentation of CAFE designers is slated for June 2015 in New York.

The partnership of the Caribbean Tourism

Organization Foundation and JLC Productions for the launch of the Caribbean American Fashion Exchange™ acknowledges JLCPR's awareness of the CTO's Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and support of the Caribbean's optimal use of natural, cultural, social, and financial resources for national development on an equitable and self-sustaining basis.

"CAFE provides a vehicle for the region's creative industries to engage the North American market, while providing a window display into its awaiting vibrant culture," Lawrence-Clarke said.

Proceeds from the evening's gala "will benefit the mission of the CTO Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes,"

a JLC Productions release states. "The foundation aims to support individuals interested in pursuing studies in the area of tourism, hospitality, and language training, who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and leadership skills, and who express a strong interest in making a contribution to the sustainable development of Caribbean tourism," it added.

Hedonism pageant

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test but a vastly enhanced resort with new VIP treats, Jacuzzi suites, fantasy guest rooms, fully stocked mini bars with premium brands, deluxe bathrooms and a lot more," Levee continued.

This classy Ms. Bum-Delicious pageant will be split in various segments: the Poolside Bikini Challenge, the Talent Segment, the

Evening Gown Parade, the Bare As You Dare Knockout Round and the Final Sexy Question & Answer. All participants must be over 18 years old. Ladies wishing to participate are urged to contact the resort immediately by email with two recent full body and face photos to leethangrandison@hedonism.com

Twelve finalists will be selected prior to the event

and ladies will be required to spend a week at the resort for the duration of the pageant where they will meet and greet guests, participate in photo shoots and rehearsals for final night. Ms. Bum-Delicious 2014 will receive a cash prize of US\$1000 as well as a return vacation for a week. Her first runner up will get US\$750 plus a five-night vacation for two and second runner up will win US\$500 and a three-night stay for two at Hedonism 11.

Ms. Bum-Delicious 2014 is expected to be a magnet for hundreds of pageant fans who will converge on Negril during pageant week, and guests can participate in a number of activities including fashion shows, pajama parties, body painting, toga parties, wet t-shirt contest and nude volley ball play-offs. Or one can simply daydream under the soul-warming rays of the tropical sun and do nothing.

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SAT., MAY 24

DANCEAFRICA: HCX and Lacaye Restaurant team up at DanceAfrica for a special day of community fun with live music, Phoenix Refined (NYC's 1st Haitian masquerade camp), and drink specials. Lacaye Restaurant, 35 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn 11217.

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PERFORMING ARTS: Gotham Chamber Opera, in collaboration with the Gerald W. Lynch Theater at John Jay College, presents the U.S. premiere of "The Raven" as part of the NY PHIL BIENNIAL. Based on the narrative poem by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Raven" tells the story of a man visited by a raven after the death of his lover. To all the questions the man asks, the raven only answers, 'nevermore.' After drifting through states of different emotions, the narrator, still burdened with the loss of his beloved, finally lays down in the raven's shadow, his soul trapped and lifted 'nevermore.' Showtime 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at www.ticketcentral.com or 212-279-4200. For more information, visit www.gothamchamberopera.org.

FRI., MAY 30 & SAT., MAY 31

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SAT., MAY 31

DISCUSSION PANEL: The premiere screening of "La Rèn Solèy," a film by Frantz Voltaire & Nitze Mathelier will include a post-screening discussion and live tribute performance with special female guest vocalists accompanied by Buyu Ambroise & the Blues in Red Band. ShapeShifter Lab, 18 Whitwell Place, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

ONGOING

SAT., MAY 3 - FRI., MAY 23

THEATRE: Following the successful, award-



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ONGOING: Donations are being accepted at the Friends of Crown Heights Center located at 671 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. Donations will also be accepted by Mirtha Colon, Checks and money orders are welcomed and should be made out to "SVG Community Inc." Anyone in the Long Island area who wishes to make a donation but cannot drive to Brooklyn, please call (347) 488-4395 to arrange a drop off or to arrange for Colon to pick up the donation. Items needed include medical supplies, non-perishable food, clothes, shoes, candles. \



winning 2013 co-production of "Detroit '67" written by Dominique Morisseau, Dr. Barbara Ann Teer's National Black Theatre (NBT) and The Classical Theatre of Harlem (CTH) officially announce their second co-production. The famed Harlem arts institutions will produce the 50th Anniversary revival of "Dutchman" by LeRoi Jones (Amiri Baraka). Carl Cofield will direct the revival. This limited engagement production of the classic political allegory of the 1960's Black Arts Movement will pay tribute to the great Amiri Baraka and give a retrospective look at the Black Arts Movement as well as relevant current events through Community Engagements that will deepen the theatrical experience of the play. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.nationalblacktheatre.org or by calling NBT directly at (212) 722-3800. NBT is located

at 2031 Fifth Ave. between 125th and 126th streets in Harlem.

PRESENT - SUN., JUN. 22

ART EXHIBIT: Pelham Art Center is thrilled to announce the continuation of our Public Art Program, In the Courtyard, with an installation by South Carolina artist Virginia Scotchie on view in our 2,300 sq.ft open courtyard from April 26 - June 22, 2014. This colorful and playful installation titled, "Spheres of Contemplation" will consist of 20 ceramic spheres varying in size from 15"- 28" in circumference and 30 - 90 pounds each. These serious yet humorous orbs reference planets, molecules, and atoms on one end of the spectrum and soccer and beach balls on the other. The viewer is invited to move from one sphere to the other in a flowing and tranquil path or to appreciate the work by sitting on a sphere and becoming part of the installation. Admission is free and open to the public. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Avenue Pelham, NY 10803, For more information, contact (914) 738-2525.

FRI., MAY 2 - SAT., JUN. 28

ART EXHIBIT: Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce Big, Fat & Juicy, a group show of large-scale abstraction that pushes the boundaries of the physicality of paint. Paintings and sculptures by four New York-based artists, Emily Noelle Lambert, Dorothy Robinson, Josette Urso and Deborah Zlotzky, combine the deliberate spontaneity found in abstract painting and the inventive possibilities of paint itself, which appear here in lush and expressive ways. Big Fat & Juicy will be on view from with an opening reception, and all-age hands-on workshop on Friday, May 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Make sure to arrive on time to hear the Artist Talk at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham, NY 10803. For more information contact (914) 738-2525.

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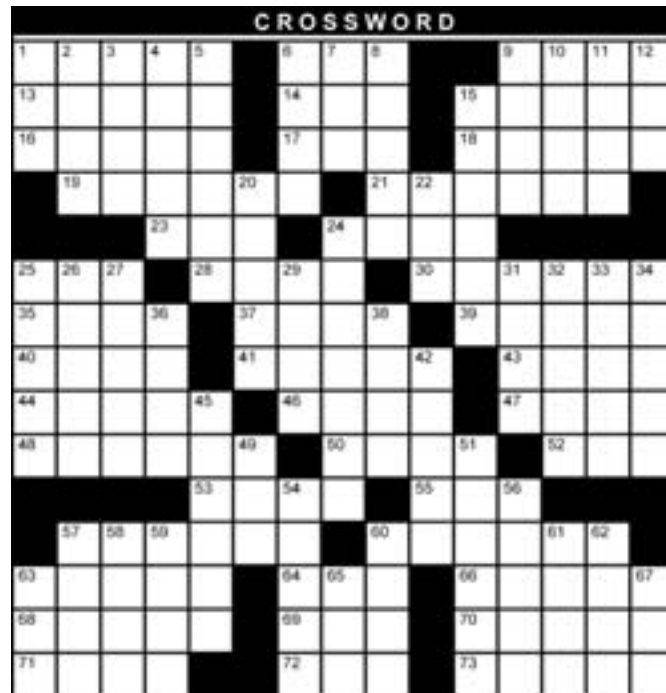
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48. Like "Odyssey"

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55. Degree type, pl.
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60. *Kevin Durant's target
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70. Make amends
71. Iditarod ride
72. Always, in verse
73. A gossip, Yiddish

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26. Lowest deck
27. Raspberry drupelets
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36. Design detail
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New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony, left, passes the ball past Chicago Bulls' D.J. Augustin during the first half of the NBA basketball game. AP Photo/Seth Wenig

New team comes to NY

By Robert Elkin

Every basketball fan talks about two hoop teams in New York City—the Brooklyn Nets and the New York Knicks, both battling for supremacy. This year, it was a surprise with the Nets under a rookie head coach going to the second round of the playoffs, and the Knicks not even being in the mix.

Now it is all over for both teams and the coaching staff now are awaiting for the draft of college players. They are studying

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Sammy eands test career

By Azad Ali

Former West Indies captain Darren Sammy says his decision to quit Test cricket came after he realized he was no longer part of the future plans of the West Indies team, in the game's longer version.

The Windward Islands all-rounder, who was axed as captain a week ago said he “had no choice” but to retire after speaking to West Indies selectors and hearing of the options of the team and its management.

“It was something I thought about after I discussed with the selectors. I understood that my role wasn't needed as captain or player. This was the way forward,” Sammy said.

“Now West Indies cricket is at a new

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REJECTS SCORE GOALS

Seattle Sounders' Obafemi Martins does a backflip after he scored a goal against the Colorado Rapids, Saturday, April 26, 2014 in the second half of an MLS soccer match in Seattle. The Sounders beat the Rapids 4-1. AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

World Cup coach regrets their omission

By Patrick Horne

Englishman Jermain DeFoe, Nigerian Obafemi Martins and American Eddie Johnson were all left out of their countries' World Cup teams, so they responded with important goals for their MLS clubs as a reminder of what their teams may be

missing at the World Cup in Brazil, which kicks off on Thursday, June 12.

England coach Roy Hodgson named his 23-man squad last week and DeFoe, who joined Toronto FC at the start of the MLS season in March from Tottenham Hotspurs FC of the English Premier

League and after scoring 19 goals in 55 games for England, said of his omission: “I don't think I'll ever be at peace [with the decision],” he told reporters. “If I had an injury, then I could sort of like, understand it and I could hold my hands up

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10 DAYS OF KINGTASTIC DEALS! KINGS COUNTY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY MELTDOWN EVENT!

Brooklyn, NY - Kings County Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram has just announced their Kingtastic Memorial Day Meltdown Event. For 10 days only, May 22nd through the 31st, Kings County Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram has promised to deliver some of the hottest deals of the year for customers. During this event, customers can take advantage of Kingtastic Memorial Day Meltdown deals like up to 25% off MSRP on select models.[§]

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Avrutsky explained, "We plan to move our available inventory by offering the year's best deals to local residents. This Kingtastic Memorial Day Meltdown Event is an opportunity to save thousands off current market value pricing!" These never before seen savings are available only at Kings County Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram.

"The thermometer is rising, but the prices at Kings are coming down," commented Alex Avrutsky enthusiastically. "Kings County has vehicles that are as unique as each of our customers. No matter what you're in the market for, we have it! This Kingtastic Memorial Day Meltdown Event is your chance to drive the best for less!"

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Sir Vivian Richard as a high-performance coach



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Former West Indies captain and master batsman Sir Vivian Richard joins the High Performance Centre as a technical advisor for the tour of the Bangladesh "A" team. The tour runs from May 26 to June 15 and comprises two four-day, three 50 overs and two Twenty20 matches.

Sir Vivian's main focus will be areas of tactical approaches of players, building their confidence and self belief and technical assistance. Sir Vivian Richards compiled 8,540 runs from 121 Test matches at an average of 50.23. He led the West Indies in 50 Test matches; winning 27, losing 8 and drawing 15.

facing an uphill task against New Zealand in June as the Test series starts in Jamaica on June 7. This must be a new look West Indies squad that is prepared to play Test cricket seriously. Batting for close to one and three quarters of a day should be the aim of the players. Staying for a long time at the wicket and building an innings. With a new captain in the West Indies squad, there should be a great boost in the confidence among players. Some superb performances are expected from the West Indies team with the return of Jerome Taylor, the fiery pacer from Jamaica who has Test experience.

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West Indies Jerome Taylor prepares to hit the final ball of the match against the South Africa at a Twenty20 International cricket match in North Sound, Antigua. AP Photo/Lynne Sladky, File

If the West Indies is to defeat New Zealand in the upcoming series, players

must have a positive approach and be prepared to apply their technical skills correctly.

Loose stroke play will get the West Indies batsmen losing their wickets. Head coach

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Toronto FC's Jermain Defoe; right; battles for the ball with New York Red Bulls' Lloyd Sam during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Toronto on Saturday, May 17, 2014.; AP Photo/The Canadian Press; Chris Young

Bulb plagued by mid-field turnovers

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and say, 'you know, missed that with injury and it's not meant to be.' In my head, it's sort of baffling a little bit. I don't understand it, but it's important to remain positive."

Defoe added, "When you've been involved in every squad and the World Cup comes around and

you're not in the 23, it's hard to understand." He did remain positive and showed it when the New York Red Bulls visited BMO Stadium in Toronto last Saturday afternoon. The Englishman was named man-of-the-match after he scored a classic winning goal to lead Toronto FC to a 2-0 victory over the Red Bulls.

Defoe took a pass from

midfielder Bradley Orr in the 12th minute, stormed down the right side of the field and blasted a powerful right-footed shot from 16 yards that rocked the roof of the net, just under the crossbar. Toronto (4-4, 12 pts.) led from that point on until a stoppage-time collision between Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles and defender Chris Duvall allowed sub-

stitute forward Luke Moore to score the insurance goal into an empty net. DeFoe has scored four goals in the five games he has played for Toronto FC.

The Red Bulls battled hard throughout the contest, especially in the second half, but were plagued by turnovers at midfield and indecisiveness throughout the team.

NBA basketball

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why they need to bolster their roster.

In the meantime of hiring a new coach for the Knicks, the organization went all out and established a new team in the National Basketball Association-Developmental league. And this franchise is located in the hot bed of Westchester County!

The borough of the Bronx is the furthest one can go north in the State. Then comes Yonkers and Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon is very well known for the hoop sport and has produced championship teams over the years. The area has also produced some great players such as Ben Gordon, Ray Williams and Gus Williams who played at the professional level.

"We have the biggest basketball town in New York," said County Legislature Lyndon Williams. "I played a little basketball," added Williams.

Just north of Mount Vernon is White Plains where the developmental franchise is going to be located. Westchester's personnel is affiliated with the New York Knickerbockers.

Thanks to the basketball buffs, the Knicks invited fans to help choose the name of the new D-League team by submitting suggestions online. This team is



Toronto Raptors' Patrick Patterson (54) defends New York Knicks' Jeremy Tyler (4) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, April 16, 2014; in New York.; AP Photo/Frank Franklin II; File

like a farm team for the Knicks.

Officials of the new team in cooperation with the Knicks recently made the announcement in the middle of a clinic for kids mostly from the area at the new home for this team, and not far from the NBA's Knicks' training center located in Tarrytown, New York.

This franchise is called appropriately the Westchester Knicks with all home games contested at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. In addition, there is plenty of parking spots available near the arena.

This fall the Westchester Knicks will make their debut and the fans are certainly awaiting for the moment. That's for sure, as the arena has been 'up' for a long time.

Captain settles for one-day cricket



Former West Indies captain Darren Sammy.

AP Photo/Rob Griffith

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dispensation, it has a new force and direction and I am no longer required to play a role in Tests. I had no choice but to retire from Test cricket," he added.

Sammy sent shockwaves through the Caribbean when he announced his retirement from Tests hours after the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) selectors appointed Trinidad and Tobago wicket-keeper/batsman Denesh Ramdin as the new captain of the West Indies team.

Sammy remains Twenty20 captain and is avail-

able for selection to the One-day team.

He is currently involved in his second season in the Indian Premier League where he represents the Sunrisers Hyderabad.

He dismissed suggestions that his involvement in the lucrative Twenty20 tournament has influenced his decision.

He was appointed captain of the West Indies in November 2010 following Chris Gayle's tenure and has been credited with returning stability and discipline to the side.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Take precautions as you prepare for an important project, Taurus. If you rush through things, you are bound to make mistakes that could negatively impact your career.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Everything you touch turns to gold this week, Gemini. You could set many things into motion with your clever ideas and infectious charisma. Stay grounded.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
An unexpected encounter stirs up some old feelings, Cancer. Enjoy your trip down Memory Lane and take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with an old friend.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, tread lightly this week when working on an important project. Expect scrutiny in all you do and plan accordingly. Keep working hard, and your efforts will be noticed.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Expect the unexpected this week, Virgo. Things might seem as if they are going according to plan, but a few complications may arise so be prepared.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
A great idea has sidetracked you for some time now, Libra. But now it's time to get back into your normal routine and focus on the tasks at hand.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, embrace unique ideas concerning your future this week. Consider all possibilities no matter how out of the ordinary they may seem.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Practical concerns could temporarily stall plans that are a bit fantastical, Sagittarius. But don't fret, you will have an opportunity to put some plans in motion soon enough.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
You may experience a conflict with others at work this week, Capricorn. It is best to roll with the punches instead of causing a stir. Allow the situation to unfold.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a hectic few weeks at work have proven distracting. It might seem overwhelming right now, but things will settle down in a matter of days.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you may want to be invisible in the crowd this week, but that scenario simply isn't in the cards. Grin and bear the attention.

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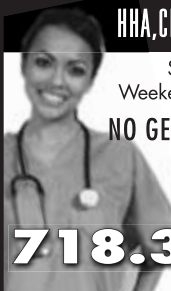
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