

Jamaica calculates its reparations money

By Bert Wilkinson

Not surprisingly, Jamaica has become the first of more than a dozen Caribbean trade bloc nations seeking to make Britain and other European nations pay regional nations for the African slave trade by actually attaching a figure on how much money it expects to get from London for its active participation in one of the worst atrocities in human history.

A National Commission on Reparations (NCR) it has set up at the behest of the Caribbean Reparations Commission representing governments on the issue announced just this week that its experts have determined that the island of about three million people should be paid today's equivalent of more than Sterling 2.3 trillion pounds which is way more than its current national foreign debt.

There would also be enough to fund a string of other societal ills including improvements to the health, education, help authorities fight crime and bank-roll other systems.

The NCR's announcement comes just weeks before similar commissions from across the region prepare for the early October mini summit in Antigua. The conference would be the second major one to be held since Caribbean leaders decided to jump on the reparations bandwagon at their summit in Trinidad in July of last year.

The NCR's report on the issue complete with the figures Jamaica should demand from Britain for slavery was on-passed to government in the past week which in turn tabled it in parliament for

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OBAMA MANDATES CLIMATE SPIRIT



President Barack Obama speaks at the Climate Summit 2014 at the UN General Assembly Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014.
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New rule affects all U.S. development projects

By Carey L. Biron

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 2014 (IPS) - All international development assistance and investments from the United States will now be required to take into account the potential impacts of climate change, according to a new rule signed Tuesday by President Barack Obama.

When designing development programmes of any type, federal agencies will need to factor in climate resilience, referring to the ability of a host country or community to anticipate and prepare for global warming-related changes. Those agencies will likewise be required to encourage similar planning by multilateral development institutions.

"The president is setting the right course with his executive order," Jennifer Morgan, director of the climate and energy programmes at the World Resources Institute, a think tank here, said in a statement. "We can't pursue development around the world without recognising the risks that climate change poses every day."

President Obama announced the new directive at the opening

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Caribbean leaders on the world's stage

By Nelson A. King

Caribbean leaders, foreign ministers, diplomats and other officials began gathering at the United Nations this week for a summit on Climate Change and the general debate of the 69th Session of the U.N. General Assembly.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Monday that he was gathering a “new and unique mix of partners” at U.N. Headquarters in New York – from Government, business, finance and civil society – for a summit aimed at raising ambition, mobilizing resources and generating action towards a universal climate deal.

The U.N. chief's Climate Summit on Tuesday drew more than 120 heads of state and government to announce their vision and commitment for reaching a universal and meaningful climate agreement in 2015, as well as make announcements on actions that will reduce emissions, enhance resistance to climate change and mobilize financing for climate action.

Declaring climate change the defining issue of our time, the Secretary-General said: “We need all hands on deck.”

“We need a clear vision, anchored in domestic and multinational actions, for keeping global temperature rise below two degrees Celsius,” he said. “The world needs to see what opportunities there are to cut greenhouse gas emissions and provide sustainable energy sources. By seeing what is possible, others can find inspiration and follow suit.”

“I am counting on leaders everywhere, from all sectors of society, to lead by example and bring bold actions and ideas and strong political vision and political will to New York,”



Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne. Photo courtesy of Antigua & Barbuda government

Ban added.

The Summit was held 14 months before countries meet in Paris to reach a global climate agreement.

The U.N. said the New York Summit had been planned as a very different kind of meeting, with emphasis on promoting both a long-term vision and immediate actions for achieving a low-carbon and resilient world.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Chairperson Rajendra Pachauri, former United States Vice-President Al Gore and actors Li Bingbing, a United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) Goodwill Ambassador, and newly-appointed U.N. Messenger of Peace Leonardo DiCaprio also addressed the Opening Ceremony.

Before the summit, Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne pleaded with leaders not to make it “another talk shop but to let the summit make a difference,” according to an Antigua and Barbuda government statement issued in New York.

Browne will be among at least nine Caribbean heads of government who will address the 69th Session of the UN General

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Jonathan Locke showcasing Guyana flag created from veneers.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Artist donates replica of flag to Guyana consulate

By Tangerine Clarke

A skillfully crafted replica of Guyana's national flag - the Golden Arrowhead, now hangs on the wall of the Guyana Consulate of New York, thanks to the generosity of Jonathan Locke, a son of the soil.

Locke, a recipient of the Certificate of Excellence for Home & Office Cabinetry from the Association of American Institution of Architects, presented the

three feet tall, five feet wide wooden artwork to Consul General Brentnold Evans during a recent reception in Manhattan.

Expressing his gratitude to Locke, a Museum of Modern Art and Cooper Hewitt Museum recognized artist, Evans said, “This artwork would take Mr. Lock's signature piece and creativity into posterity.

“This flag will be like honey drops to the palates

of Guyanese whose vision will caress the beautiful piece,” added Evans, praising Locke – who was born in Scotland to a Guyanese father and United Kingdom mother - for his consummate skill that went into crafting the gift.

“On behalf of the Consulate General of Guyana and the Guyanese community in New York, I extend to Mr. Locke, our profound thanks and gratitude,” said Evans.

The award-winning artist, who donated a stunning wood cutout of the map of Guyana to E.R. Braithwaite, author of “To Sir With Love” in the past, said the new space inspired him to create the piece. “I felt proud of the consulate and since I had experienced working with veneers, I offered the gift to Consul General Evans,” said Locke.

“I also created this rep-

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Grenada prime minister wants more help for developing countries

By Nelson A. King

Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has appealed to the developed world to do more to help developing countries.

In addressing the special session of the U.N. General Assembly on the follow-up to the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 on Monday, Mitchell said while he shared “the

urgency of the findings of the review,” which show that, despite significant gains in poverty reduction and economic growth since the International Conference on Population and Development, “many have been left behind.”

The prime minister lamented that the findings lack “fulfillment of basic needs, meaningful work, access to social protection, or public services in health

or education,” adding that “there are still significant barriers for many people to enjoy their human rights.”

Mitchell said these issues, as well as the conclusion that the current state of income and wealth inequality is unsustainable, and threatens future economic growth, the cohesion and security of societies, and the capacity of people to adapt and innovate in response to changing envi-

ronmental conditions, are “relevant to the discussions that will take place during the Climate Summit” on Tuesday and the General Assembly Debate that follows.

Mitchell said he noted that the report addresses in a “comprehensive manner” ways to enhance individual capabilities and resilience and ensure sustainable development, and that

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Tax officials say they are extending an amnesty under which businesses in the country are allowed to clear their arrears owed under the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST) without a penalty.

Commissioner of the Inland Revenue Department (IRD), Ralph Warner said the program which began in July, would be extended until December.

He said at least 60 businesses are expected to take advantage of the initiative in the first instance and believes more will do so given the extended period.



“It looks as if persons that are owing large sums will take part in the initiative and we hope they do because this is basically to help the tax payer regularize their status with the department,” Warner said.

The “Fresh Start” initiative is part of the new government’s campaign program to help delinquent tax payers to regularize their status.”

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Barbados

Barbados has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the People’s Republic of China resulting in the donation of 25,000 LED lights and 100 air-condition units to support the island’s climate change efforts.

A government statement said that Energy Minister Darcy Boyce, who signed the agreement with Chinese Ambassador, Wang Ke noted that electricity accounted for a significant percentage of government’s operating costs estimated at more than Bds\$100 million.



He said that lighting and air-condition accounted for the majority of electricity usage and costs.

In an effort to reduce these recurring expenses, the Energy Minister said government intended to retrofit 75 state-owned buildings with energy efficiency lighting. It is also planned to replace aging and inefficient air-condition units, which have been identified through energy audits.

He said the saving as a result of



Safe hospital initiative

Seismologists say a new children’s hospital being planned for Couva, in Trinidad, is located near a fault line. According to one report, 67 per cent of hospitals in the Caribbean and Latin America are located in areas at high risk for natural disasters. See story on page 15.

IPS/Jewel Fraser

the new Chinese donation is estimated at Bds \$1.4 million.

Boyce said that government’s original goal was to attain 29 percent of electricity generation from renewable energy resources and a 22 percent reduction in the use of electricity consumption by 2019.

Guyana

The Indian construction firm, Surendra Engineering Corporation (SECL) has denied that it had submitted false documents to the Guyana government in order to secure a multi-million dollar contract to construct a hospital in the South American country.

The government said the firm had submitted a document purporting to come from the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with the provisions of the contract that required certain securities to be provided by the contractor in relation to advanced payment guarantees, as well as security, which would guarantee performance of a particularly quality.



But Attorney General Anil

Nandlall said that when the document was “produced to my chambers for examination we requested some form of authentication for this company in terms of its existence and standing as a result of that request purporting to come from the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, a notary public seal affixed to that document in my limited experience, a document coming from a bank will not ordinarily have affixed a notary seal.”

The AG said formal enquiries from the Central Bank in Trinidad confirmed first by phone that the document did not come from them, and a signature on the document was made by someone who does not seem to exist.

He said the Central Bank of Trinidad has since launched its own investigation and the authorities in Guyana are assisting.

But SECL managing director Brijen Praikah said his company “is not aware of the document and has not provided any such document as referred to in the reports in respect of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.”

SECL said that while it would remain committed to the Spe-

cialty Hospital Project, it would be considering legal action against the government.

Haiti

Antigua-based regional airline LIAT recently announced the launch of its inaugural service to the French-speaking Caribbean nation, Haiti, as part of a major initiative to restructure its commercial activities to improve the performance of the cash-strapped airline.

LIAT said effective Dec. 5, this year, it will launch services to Port-au-Prince every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and that “the new route will meet customer demand and provide connections for customers to travel within the Caribbean to and from this growing market.”

It said new winter schedule will come into effect on Oct. 26 and run until March 28, 2015.

LIAT said the new schedule has been designed to allow customers to connect with other carriers, such as British Airways, Virgin



and Air France.

Jamaica

Former Jamaican Tourism Minister Daryl Vaz is due to go on trial early next year on corruption-related charges.

Vaz, who will now appear in court on Feb. 16, had been charged in April 2012, following allegations that he conspired with former senior superintendent James Forbes and businessman Bruce Bicknell to quash a bribery charge against Bicknell.

Prosecutors alleged that Vaz approached the arresting officer, Sergeant Jubert Llewellyn, and promised him “gold bars,” a code word for a promotion, if he withdrew the charge against Bicknell.



In July, the Director of Public Prosecutions Paula Llewellyn withdrew the bribery charge against Bicknell. She then argued it would be difficult to mount a successful case against him.

However, Forbes was convicted and fined J\$800,000 for his role in the conspiracy.

Vaz, who is the opposition Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) Member of Parliament for the constituency of Portland, appeared in court recently when the trial date was set.

St. Lucia

Cannabis Movement of St. Lucia is advocating marijuana tourism as a way out of the current economic crisis facing the island, but Chairman of the movement, Andre De Caires, says that St. Lucia may be too late in jumping on the bandwagon.

De Caires made the call as preparations are being made for to discuss marijuana tourism during the Caribbean Tourism Organization’s (CTO) State of the Industry Conference this week in the United States Virgin Islands.

He said St. Lucia seized the economic opportunities offered by marijuana, it would have proved to be a “profitable option.”

The CRO said the debate surrounding marijuana tourism has taken a sharper focus in recent months, following its legisla-



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Safeguarding climate change process

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of a United Nations summit on climate that brought together some 120 heads of state to discuss new commitments. There, the president also announced a suite of new “tools” and initiatives aimed at assisting developing countries prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, particularly around the sharing of scientific and weather data.

“Today, I’m directing our federal agencies to begin factoring climate resilience into our international development programmes and investments,” the president said U.N. headquarters in New York.

“And I’m announcing a new effort to deploy the unique scientific and technological capabilities of the United States, from climate data to early-warning systems ... to help vulnerable nations better prepare for weather-related disasters,

and better plan for long-term threats like steadily rising seas.”

The president did not announce a new U.S. carbon emissions-reduction target during Tuesday’s highly anticipated address. However, he did pledge that such a target would be made public by early next year.

Safeguarding progress

Acknowledging that those countries that bear the least responsibility for climate change “often stand to lose the most”, Obama noted that U.S. assistance for climate-related adaptation efforts has expanded eightfold since 2009.

In an executive order detailing the new mandates, also signed Tuesday, Obama warns that failure to take into account the potential impacts of climate change could “roll back decades of progress in reducing pover-

ty and improving economic growth in vulnerable countries” and weaken the overall effectiveness of U.S. development assistance.

“Development investments in areas as diverse as eradicating malaria, building hydropower facilities, improving agricultural yields, and developing transportation systems will not be effective in the long term if they do not account for impacts such as shifting ranges of disease-carrying mosquitoes, changing water availability, or rising sea levels,” a White House fact sheet notes.

The new mandate could mean, for instance, ensuring that a new road built with U.S. assistance is engineered and sited to withstand strengthened flooding, or that a planned school is moved out of the way of forecasted rising sea waters. It could also mean increased aid focus on agricultural seeds and techniques able to withstand weather extremes, as well as data to allow for better planning by farmers.

“Climate resilience is of critical importance to the 500 million smallholder

farmers that provide the majority of food in developing countries,” Frank Rijsberman, the CEO of the CGIAR Consortium, a global organisation that promotes agricultural research to advance food security, told IPS.

“It is an important step for the U.S. to announce that it will mainstream climate resilience in all its development investments – as did a number of other countries and multilateral organisations at the summit.”

A new working group, led by the heads of the U.S. Treasury and USAID, the country’s main foreign aid agency, will now come up with guidelines for integrating these considerations into federal strategies.

But U.S. development agencies are already expressing excitement about the new requirements. An official with USAID told IPS that “it is essential that, as the world’s leading development agency, USAID continue to set a high bar for building resilience into all efforts to end extreme poverty and build flourishing societies.”

Reparations

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debate when sessions soon resume after the annual summer break.

The leading Observer newspaper reported that the figure was based on the commission’s calculation, using a figure of 30.64 percent of the Sterling 7.5 trillion dollars that British academic and theologian Robert Beckford had calculated as an estimated figure Britain alone owes Caribbean countries for having the ancestors of today’s living work on sugar and other plantations without ever earning a cent in wages.

But stunning as the figure may seem, the NCR says that Beckford’s estimates are way off as it failed to attach unpaid costs for various categories of slave labor, including those who were skilled as artisans compared to those who simply worked in fields or as domestics for example to the final figure.

“It also does not include the trauma and pain of the

‘Middle Passage’ journey, punishment, death through execution and the sexploitation which were daily features of the plantation society, both during and after slavery. And it excludes the cost of repatriation.

There is no doubt that the enslaved suffered the punishment meted out to the enslaved people was severe, and this level of suffering must be accounted for in any demand for repair and restorative justice,” said NCR boss Verene Shepherd.

Beckford had calculated that Britain had earned Sterling 5000,000 per year from sugar during its peak periods allowing for national enrichment on the backs of brutalized slaves.

The commission on the other hand says that it will in the end be very tough to arrive at a final figure given the nature of the slave trade and the pain it inflicted on Africans and their descendants.

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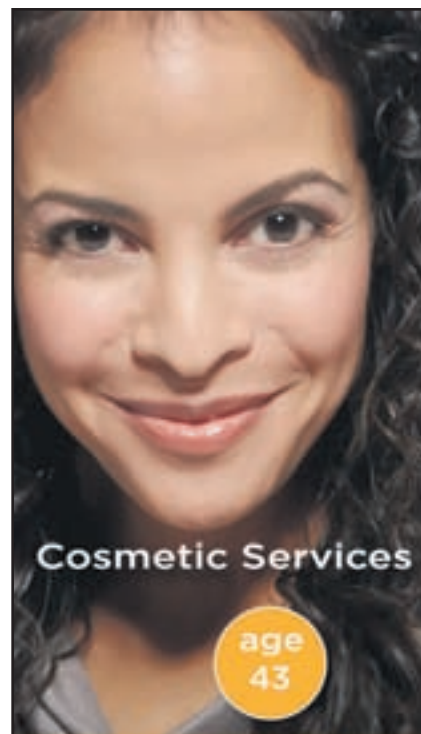
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Bahamas imposes new immigration restrictions

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — The Bahamas' government announced a measure Wednesday aimed at making it harder for migrants to work in the island chain and said it was considering additional restrictions as part of a plan that appeared mostly aimed at the large numbers of Haitians who have settled in the country in recent years.

Under a new rule that goes into effect immediately, no work permits will be issued to anyone who does not have legal status in the Bahamas, Foreign Minister Fred Mitchell told parliament. In addition, anyone who applies without legal status will be arrested and deported.

The Cabinet also is considering measures that include a permanent ban on giving legal status to anyone ever deported from



Foreign Minister of the Bahamas Fred Mitchell.
Associated Press / BIS, Vandyke Hepburn

the Bahamas. Other proposed restrictions include

a requirement that Haitians seeking work permits could be required to pay additional processing fees and apply in person at the Bahamas Embassy in Port-au-Prince.

Mitchell said government officials have discussed the proposed changes with the Haitian ambassador and plan to present them to other officials in Haiti, an impoverished country to the south of the island chain.

Haitians have long used the Bahamas as both a transit point to reach the United States and as a place to settle, often taking low-wage jobs. The exact number of people from Haiti in the Bahamas is unknown but the International Organization for Migration estimated in 2009 that up to 50,000 Haitians were illegally in the Bahamas.

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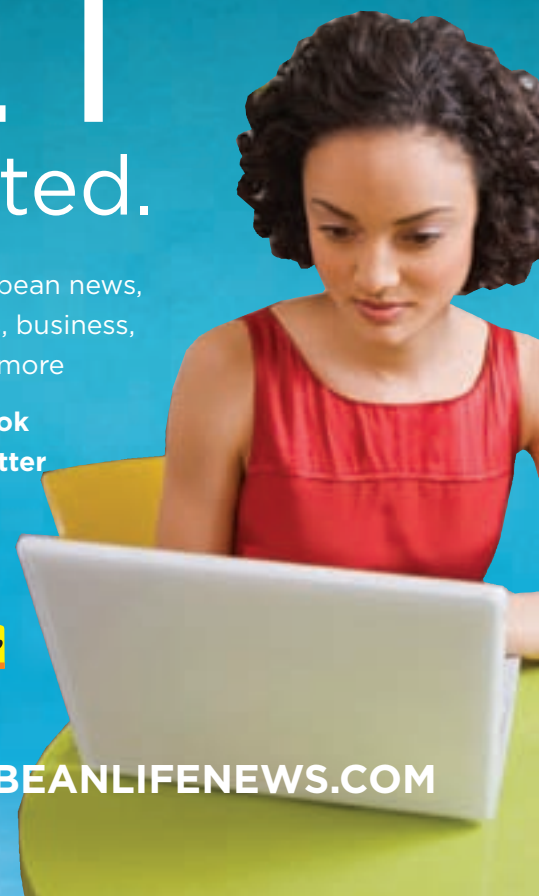
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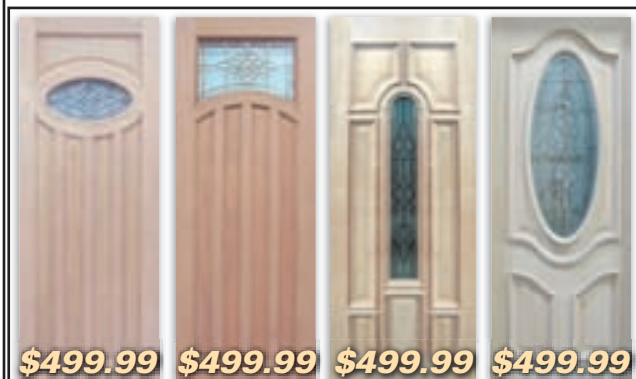
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Is the foreign-policy elite clueless?

By Sheldon Richman

The American foreign-policy elite seems to have no idea what it's doing.

Americans may believe the government — especially the foreign-policy side — is at least minimally competent, but when one surveys decisions from the last few decades, one has to wonder.

The current crop of policy-makers, like earlier ones, know what they want to do: make the world safe for American leadership — or, less euphemistically, American hegemony: No rivals for American influence or access to resources and markets can be tolerated. As President George H.W. Bush said, "What we say goes."

Even by that standard, the policy architects and executors look incompetent — or unbelievably cynical.

No better evidence exists than the policies that led to the so-called Islamic State and President Barack Obama's response to it.

Let's begin with March 2003. President George W. Bush, citing imaginary weapons of mass destruction and Saddam Hussein's fictitious connection to al-Qaeda's 9/11 attacks, sent the military to invade Iraq, overthrow the government, and occupy the country. Saddam's regime was secular, but he was a Sunni Muslim and the majority Shi'ites were especially oppressed under his dictatorship. With Saddam

gone, the Shi'ites have dominated, and the emerging successor regime predictably moved close to Iran, the large Persian Shi'ite country next door. (Saddam, assisted by the U.S. government, launched a devastating eight-year war against Iran in the 1980s.) In response, al-Qaeda (which is Sunni) arose in Iraq for the first time and participated in an anti-U.S. and anti-Shi'ite insurgency, until the CIA paid the local Sunni tribal leaders to turn on al-Qaeda, whom they disliked anyway.

Thus Bush alienated the Sunnis and created a Shi'ite ally for Iran. Yet since 1979 (when the Islamic revolution overthrew the dictatorial monarchy of long-time U.S. client Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi) Iran has been demonized (falsely) by U.S. administrations as one of America's mortal enemies.

What was the Bush brain trust thinking when it did its favor for Iran? Was the plan to overthrow Iran's government next or merely to have a perpetual crisis? Crisis, like war, is the health of the state, after all.

Under the American occupation and the U.S./Iran-installed regime of Nouri al-Maliki, the Sunnis were shut out of the army and civil service, not to mention repressed — so much so that when the Islamic State came along, the Sunnis were willing to tolerate its brutality rather than continue suffering under Shi'ite

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Step up efforts against hunger in the world

By Jomo Kwame Sundaram

ROME, Sep 19, 2014 (IPS) - At the 1996 World Food Summit (WFS), heads of government and the international community committed themselves to reducing the number of hungry people in the world by half. Five years later, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) lowered this level of ambition by only seeking to halve the proportion of the hungry.

The latest State of World Food Insecurity (SOFI) report for 2014 by the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme and International Fund for Agricultural Development estimates that 805 million people — one in nine people worldwide — remain chronically hungry: 789 million are in developing countries where this share has declined from 23.4 to 13.5 percent.

By 2012-14, 63 developing countries had reached the MDG target — to either reduce the share of hungry people by half, or keep the share of the hungry under five percent — with several more on track to do so by 2015.

Some 25 countries have made more impressive progress, achieving the more ambitious WFS target of halving the number of hungry. However, the number of hungry people in the world has only declined by one-fifth from the billion estimated for 1990-92.

Major effort needed

The proportion of undernourished people — those regularly not able to consume enough food for an active and healthy life — has decreased from 23.4 percent in 1990-1992 to 13.5 percent in 2012-2014. This is significant because a large and growing number of countries show that achieving and sus-

In several countries, underweight and stunting persist in children, even when undernourishment is low and most people have access to sufficient food.

taining rapid progress in reducing hunger is feasible.

However, the MDG target of halving the chronically undernourished people's share of the world's population by the end of 2015 cannot be met at the current rate of progress. Meeting the target is still possible, however, with a sufficient, immediate additional effort to accelerate progress, especially in countries which have showed little progress so far.

Progress uneven

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Overall progress has been highly uneven. All but 14 million of the world's hungry live in developing countries. Some countries and regions have seen only slow progress in reducing hunger, while the absolute number of hungry has even increased in several cases. While sub-Saharan Africa has the highest share of the chronically hungry, almost one in four, South Asia has the highest number, with over half a billion undernourished.

Marked differences in reducing undernourishment have persisted across regions. There have been significant reduc-

tions in both the estimated share and number of undernourished in most countries in Southeast Asia, East Asia, Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean — where the MDG target of halving the hunger rate has been reached, or nearly reached.

West Asia has seen a rise in the share of the hungry compared with 1990-1992, while progress in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Oceania has not been sufficient to meet the MDG hunger target by 2015.

In several countries, underweight and stunting persist in children, even when undernourishment is low and most people have access to sufficient food. Such nutrition failures are due not only to insufficient food access, but also to poor health conditions and the high incidence of diseases such as diarrhoea, malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

Food security and nutrition

Hunger is conventionally measured in terms of the prevalence of undernourishment, the FAO estimate of chronic inadequacy of dietary energy. While such a measure is useful for estimating hunger, it needs to be complemented by more measures to capture other dimensions of food security.

SOFI's suite of indicators measures different dimensions of food security. Information thus generated can guide priority policy actions. For example, in countries where low undernourishment coexists with high malnutrition, specially-designed nutrition-enhancing interventions may be crucial to address early childhood stunting.

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Back when we first talked ‘referendum’

Scotland's bout of referendum fever last week probably rewound an early 60s tape for a lot of West Indians, recalling images of when we were ourselves awash in referendum chatter during what turned out to be the beginning of the end for our federal experiment. Jamaica is where the action was, the focus, back in September 1961, on the two all-time lions of Jamaican politics, Norman Manley and his cousin, Alexander Bustamante. Manley's People's National Party (PNP) then held the reins of government, with him as premier. The wily Bustamante had begun rattling the cage about Jamaica pulling out of the three-year-old Federation. And Manley, ever the classic democrat, decided to have the people decide what was to be done about Jamaica and Federation.

I don't know that the view some of us onlookers harbored at the time, that Manley was "baited" by cousin "Busta" into calling that referendum, was necessarily correct. Manley probably sensed enough anti-Federation feeling among his fellow nationals to have calculated that not throwing the decision to the people would only have delayed the inevitable:

rejection at the polls for the PNP whenever the next election came, with a victorious Bustamante and his Jamaica Labor Party thereafter quick-marching the territory out of the Federation anyway. Better, in Manley's shoes, to try convincing a majority of Jamaicans that it was more beneficial that they remain in the federal union – a tall order, without a doubt.

Truth be told, Manley, in that situation, would not have been gifted with a whole lot of choice cards to play. The Federation was inaugurated Jan. 3, 1958 with much pomp and circumstance (there was even a member of British nobility on board as its overlord and legendary Grantley Adams of Barbados as its first prime minister), but with little else in the way of substantive accouterments suggestive of a serious new political alliance. Trinidad and Tobago's premier, Dr. Eric Williams, who would soon come to be a pivotal player in the fate of the Federation, was openly dismissive of the Federal Government's puny nine million dollar budget. Williams' preference for bold strokes, rather than what he saw as tentative baby steps, in launching the final-

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

ly realized West Indian integration dream of many, himself included, evidently put him at odds with some of his West Indian peers.

Clearly, of the two titans battling for Jamaican hearts and minds on the Federation question, less of a challenge confronted Bustamante. Probably the best odds for a receptive Jamaican public on the idea of continuing in the union would have been Jamaica's being chosen as site of the Federal capital. The island's very location up north, away from the cluster of territories in the eastern chain, came into play when the heads met to decide on the site. Williams was able to secure the capital for Trinidad and Tobago primarily by detailing how much the territory had been a magnet over the years for persons from other Eastern Caribbean territories. "Trinidad and Tobago is the West Indies," he had said. The capital site carrot not a factor, handicapping the

Jamaican referendum should have posed no difficulty for any tuned-in observer.

After Jamaicans, at a 54 percent clip, voted against remaining in the Federation, Manley immediately set about the business of readying the country for independence on its own. But Manley's political skills, awesome though they were, would do nothing to mitigate strong sentiment among the electorate that Jamaica's going it alone was rightly a Bustamante clarion call. And in the election Manley called prior to the arrival of independence, the electorate would confer on Bustamante the honor of becoming the country's first prime minister.

Williams had been eerily silent when the results of the referendum became known. Pretty soon, though, his reaction would be enunciated in one of the highlight captions of Caribbean politics for the ages: "One from 10 leaves nought." Jamaica's compromising of the 10-member alliance that had been so arduously crafted meant, in his view and that of the government he led, that the alliance was history. To no one's surprise, of course there was heat from cer-

tain quarters over the Williams stand. And one recalls Adams wistfully indulging in speculation about a "Little Eight" amalgamation out of the package that was. Not even the Colonial Office in London, anxious to unload territorial headaches spread far and wide, was about to go there with Adams and anyone else on that kick. West Indies Federation was formally put to sleep. Who or what delivered the lethal body blow will likely remain a matter of debate.

But what a contrast our exotic Caribbean-ness concocted for how to do the referendum thing! The folks in Scotland voted to continue being part of the UK. Supposedly, reassurance from the three major parties in Britain – Conservatives, Labor and Liberal Democrats – played large in keeping the Scots in the fold, allaying fears stoked by the separatists on issues like taxes, spending and welfare. We in the Caribbean went for something snazzier. Bustamante rocking Manley's boat and out-dueling him to emerge, well into his seventies, as the first prime minister of independent Jamaica. And, to cap it all, "one from 10 leaves nought." Who could beat that?

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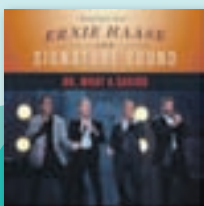
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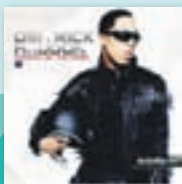
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Fight against world hunger

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able Development Goals likely to seek to overcome hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, FAO has recently developed and tested a new Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) in over 150 countries to measure the severity of reported food insecurity.

Lessons

Improvements in nutrition generally require complementary policies, including improving health conditions, hygiene, water supply and education. More sophisticated and creative

approaches to coordination and governance are needed, with more, and more effective, resources to end hunger and malnutrition in our lifetimes.

With high levels of deprivation, unemployment and underemployment continuing and likely to prevail in the world in the foreseeable future, poverty and hunger are unlikely to be overcome without universalising social protection to all in need, but also to provide the means for future livelihoods and resilience.

The forthcoming Second International Confer-

ence of Nutrition in Rome on Nov. 19-21 is expected to articulate coherent bases for accelerated progress to overcome undernutrition as well as for greater international cooperation and support for enhanced and more integrated national nutrition efforts.

Jomo Kwame Sundaram is the coordinator for Economic and Social Development at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and received the 2007 Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.

Rethinking U.S. foreign policy

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rule. Maliki is out now, but institutionalized sectarianism is not over.

Meanwhile, next door in Syria, the brutal Iran-backed dictatorship of Bashar al-Assad became even more egregious in 2011 in response to growing protests. Assad's regime is also secular, but his and his cronies' religion is related to Shi'ism, putting the majority Sunnis at a disadvantage. Obama, with the help of then secretary of state Hillary Clinton and British Prime Minister David Cameron, made a bad situation worse by declaring that Assad must give up power. Thus compromise would be suicidal for Assad, and al-Qaeda-type fighters from the region (such as next-door Iraq) were encouraged

to flock to Syria because Assad's days were apparently numbered. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant was born when a capable and especially fanatical group of foreign fighters in Syria had strategic differences with the al-Qaeda affiliate.

So here we are. The Islamic State, a product of idiotic U.S. actions, controls large parts of Syria and Iraq, effectively erasing the border between them.


In response, Obama wants to obliterate the Islamic State (by air) without helping Iran or Assad or alienating Sunnis. Talk about squaring the circle! If recent history is any guide, arming the Iraqi army and the phantom moderate rebels against Assad amounts to arming the Islamic State. The non-aggression pact among the

Islamic State and other anti-Assad groups, along with the U.S.-blessed Free Syrian Army's announcement that it would not join Obama's anti-ISIS coalition, seems to sink the president's plan.

Obama warns that the Islamic State could threaten Americans at home, yet American airstrikes make that more likely; the Islamic State's murders of two American journalists were committed in retaliation for the first U.S. strikes.

If any part of Obama's plan makes sense to you, you might have a future in the foreign-policy establishment.

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Fishermen wary over new laws

By Desmond Brown

CODRINGTON, Barbuda, Sept. 16, 2014 (IPS) - Local fishermen are singing the blues over a sweeping set of new ocean management regulations, signed into law by the Barbuda Council, to zone their coastal waters, strengthen fisheries management, and establish a network of marine sanctuaries.

Director of the Barbuda

Research Complex John Mussington has criticised the Blue Halo initiative, not for its laudable goals, but because he believes it needs a more inclusive approach that takes into account climate change and offers fishermen an alternative.

"I don't think you are going to get the cooperation of the Barbuda fishermen," he cautioned.

"I have been involved

directly in conservation efforts in Barbuda since 1983, even more so from 1991, where every single project related to conservation of the resources, particularly related to fishing, I have been involved in, so when I speak concerning this matter I am speaking on that basis," Mussington told IPS.

The regulations establish five marine sanctuar-

ies, collectively protecting 33 percent (139 km²) of the coastal area, to enable fish populations to rebuild and habitats to recover.

To restore the coral reefs, catching parrotfish and sea urchins has been completely prohibited, as those herbivores are critical to keeping algae levels on reefs low so coral can thrive. Barbuda is the first Caribbean island

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Gerald Price sees a bleak future for Barbuda's fishermen under the Blue Halo initiative. IPS / Desmond Brown

Boosting the natural disaster immunity of Caribbean hospitals

By Jewel Fraser

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Sep 21, 2014 (IPS) - When floods overwhelmed the Eastern Caribbean in December last year, St. Vincent's new smart hospital, completed just a few months earlier, stood the test of "remaining functional during and immediately after a natural disaster."

The floods, later dubbed the Christmas rains, killed more than a dozen people and caused millions of dollars in infrastructural damage. However, the Georgetown Hospital in St. Vincent weathered the natural disaster, living up to the definition of a smart hospital in that it continued to serve the community without interruption.

According to a report by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), "More than 67 percent of hospitals in the Caribbean and Latin America are located in areas of higher risk of disaster.

"Enormous economic losses occur (including lost income and work days) when health facilities are destroyed or damaged by natural disasters — they must be re-built and downtime limits their ability to provide emergency care to victims and ongoing health-care for their communities."

The report adds, "Build-

ing resilience of communities and critical buildings like hospitals and schools delivers better results in terms of lives saved and livelihoods protected than simply through responding to the effects of disasters or climate variability.

"Establishing an integrated and forward looking approach to hospital design is essential if health facilities are to be safe, green and sustainable."

Dr. Dana Van Alphen, the regional advisor for PAHO's Disaster Risk Management Programme, told IPS that during a meeting of PAHO officials there were discussions about "how we could include climate change adaptation measures into our safe hospital initiative."

The safe hospital initiative was launched in the Caribbean about a decade ago and has become a global standard for assessing the likelihood a hospital can remain functional in disaster situations.

PAHO worked with the DFID to launch the Smart Hospital Initiative. The DFID agreed to fund the initiative from its International Climate Fund for one year, citing "building resilience to climate change and disasters [as] a central pillar" of its 2011-2015 Operational Plan for the Caribbean.

Dr. Van Alphen said the

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By Kevn Bollers

Several Caribbean businesses converged at the Brooklyn Restoration Plaza for GO-CARIBBEAN!’s first inaugural International Business and Investment Expo from Sept. 22 - 23.

GO-CARIBBEAN! International Business & Investment Expo facilitated the meeting of entrepreneurs, financiers, high net-worth individuals and strategic partners which focused on the development and support of Caribbean businesses across the region and in North America. It was a place to meet and learn about new business trends, discuss best practices and identify opportunities to increase investment in the Caribbean and for Caribbean businesses in the diaspora. GO-CARIBBEAN! is a strategic initiative by Anchor Strategy Group, a dynamic Brooklyn-based firm providing integrated management consultancy solutions for small and mid-size businesses. The purpose behind this meeting was to create an environment and a platform for the Caribbean and American business markets to foster new collaborations that ultimately lead to more investments and a better standard of living in the Caribbean.



Trinidad and Tobago Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Neil Parsan addresses investors, business owners, sponsors and financiers at the GO-CARIBBEAN! International Business and Investment Expo in Brooklyn. Photo by Kevin Bollers

In response to the need for job creation both in North America and the Caribbean, GO-CARIBBEAN! was an opportunity to encourage private and public enterprises to increase the size of their customer base and seize this opportunity in international markets. The expectations of the event were to increase the diaspora’s commitment to Caribbean investment through an increased dialogue around opportunities in the region along with aligning

new Caribbean companies with venture capitalist and private equity firms internationally. Another expectation was to champion meetings that will lead to key strategic partnerships with Caribbean based businesses and enhance multinational, multi-lateral and global cooperation. The event also sought to train Caribbean delegates around trade and investments in North America and similarly to the diaspora about the Caribbean markets and

strengthen the visibility of Caribbean owned business in United States, Canada and North America.

Rav Ramkeesoon, a member of GO-CARIBBEAN!’s planning committee and event coordinator, viewed the two-day expo as more of a movement; a movement of unity that is desperately needed in the Caribbean business community as opposed to the old way of competing against each other. Ramkeesoon believes that Caribbean businesses

are ready to change and work together, not only in the New York City area, but in cities like Washington DC, South Florida and countries like Canada. This has the potential to improve the quality of life for the Caribbean people in the U.S. and in the Caribbean at large. He noted the number of dignitaries attending this event which included Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Trinidad and Tobago’s Ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Neil Parson saying that this shows that there are many people interested in the engagement and organizing of Caribbean businesses in the diaspora.

According to Ramkeesoon, there are grand expectations for future GO-CARIBBEAN events. The movement as he calls it, intends to keep bringing people together and expand networks year after year and also smaller meetings throughout the year.

President of the Anchor Strategy Group Kevin Howell and brains behind the expo has a slightly different outlook on competition between Caribbean businesses. Howell believes that competition inspires efficiency and does not necessarily have to be divorced

from collaboration. According to Howell, competition does not mean you cannot be friends. While collaboration allows for the transfer of information that would not otherwise occur, competition is critical to success in that it fosters an environment where everyone strives to do their very best.

Howell believes that this generation of Caribbean people get the importance of collaboration and he is very excited for the future. He said, “It is only the beginning of great things.”

Ambassador Dr. Neil Parson noted the significance of the expo but warns that this should not be “a one night stand.” The efforts of the expo needs to be sustained and put in the context of an evolving Caribbean. The ambassador said, “The expo is a start, but very often from my observation and experience with events like these is that action needs to come post-event. I applaud GO-CARIBBEAN! for creating the space, but what I would like to see is more business to business engagement in more subsequent events. It is one thing to create the environment, but it is another to finish what has been started and bring it to fruition.”

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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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tion for recreational use by two US states, including Colorado.

Uruguay has also become the first country in the world to make it legal to grow, sell and consume cannabis.

Since it became legal in Colorado at the start of the year, there have been several reports of a boom in arrivals from both within and outside the United States.

St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has called on the sub-regional organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to develop measures that would allow the countries to adapt and strengthen their resilience to climate change.

Addressing the Fourth Climate Change seminar recently organized by the St Lucia-based OECS Commission, Gonsalves said the region needed to take "more seriously" the impact of climate change on its socio-economic development.

He described St Vincent and the Grenadines as a "disaster prone", adding "we need to adapt, strengthen our resilience to mitigate, we need to reduce risk human and natural assets resulting from climate change".

Gonsalves said there were existing studies done by the Caribbean Community (Caricom) as they relate to the impact of climate

change as well as seeking funds and accessing technologies required to undertake "needed mitigation actions and to adapt to adverse impacts of climate change".

Trinidad

A Catholic priest has expressed alarm at the 38 police killings for the year in Trinidad and Tobago, labeling them as "extra-judicial killings" he delivered the homily at the inter-faith service at the ceremonial opening of the 2014/2015 law.

Speaking to a packed Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port of Spain of members of the legal fraternity, which included President Anthony Carmona, Prime Minister Kala Persad-Bissessar, SC, and Attorney General Anand Ramlogan, SC, Fr. Clyde Harvey said: "over 30 of our citizens have been killed by police officers".

These killings, he said, have been extra-judicial killings. "Let's name it for what it is. I think all of us have to feel something." He said.

"Is there are a few police officers who are responsible for thirty-something deaths, which means that some of them are carrying three, four of five ghost. If that is so, we have a problem, a serious problem and all of us are responsible and that affects the law because people on the ground know what is going on," Fr. Harvey added.

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First Annual Celebrity Red Carpet Fundraiser Gala

There is a well-established support system in place for bereaved spouses and children of deceased, uniformed New York City employees, such as cops and firefighters. That's a good thing, but the options may be limited for the average family struggling with a similar tragedy.

The Rubinhaim Foundation hopes to amend the disadvantage by opening the nation's first free day care facility in Forest Hills, N.Y., for children trying to come to terms with the devastating loss of their mother or father. Angels Day Care Center will help widowed parents establish a stable environment for their children, while leading them through the painful transition to their new normalcy, pledge its founders, who encourage you to leave your own lasting imprint with a generous donation at a fundraiser on Oct.

7 to help finance the project construction — with a ground-breaking planned for the fall.

The red-carpet banquet at Da Mikele Illagio Palace, 79-17 Albion Avenue in Elmhurst, N.Y., promises to be a one-of-a-kind affair, sponsored by Manhattan's finest barbershops, Reamir & Co (reamir.com) and hosted by Z100's Skeery Jones, with an international feast prepared by master chef Mikele Zavolunov. A celebrity-studded line-up of stars and performances includes Dancing with the Stars ballroom battle winner, Allen Genkin and ballroom champion Amanda Spivack, the legendary Rose Sisters, Manolo the sound of Gipsy Kings, Nick Z from Comedy Central and Saturday Night Live, Kelly Bensimon of The Real Housewives of New York, and international instrumentalist Didula.

All eyes, of course, will be on the prize — a brand new Angels Day Care Center, where a highly qualified, specially trained staff will do its best to provide fragile children with a quality education, plus the sensitivity, understanding, and emotional support they deserve on their path to recovery and independence. An added boost? An on-site chef will prepare delicious, homemade, organic meals three times daily, so that young ones can nourish their mind, body, and spirit while they learn the support skills needed to cope with their lasting grief.

For more information about the Oct. 7 gala and Angels Day Care Center, visit www.Rubinhaim.org or contact info@rubinhaim.org. All forms of donations are now being accepted, and parts of the facility will be dedicated to generous donors.

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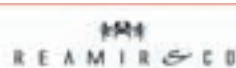
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New fishing laws create controversy

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 put either of these bold and important measures in place.

But Mussington said the regulations and the initiatives which have been signed onto are not likely to work for three reasons.

“One, the science on which the initiative is based is poor and once you have poor science to start off with you cannot expect to get good results,” he said.

“The second reason why it will be challenged has to do with the local government administration which has a track record of not adhering to regulations and a lack of will and capacity with respect to enforcing regulations.

“The third issue on which this initiative is going to likely fail has to do with the engagement of stakeholders. You cannot come into a community and basically engage stakeholders in a manner which essentially

results in division and sidelining of persons. Things have not worked that way,” Mussington added.

Chair of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington DC, Dr. Nancy Knowlton, disagrees. She cited a recent major report based on 90 different locations around the Caribbean which clearly shows that in places where fishing is properly managed, reefs are much healthier.

“In many of these places a big part of alternative livelihoods is in fact ocean-related tourism, and in order for that to take hold you need to have a healthy ecosystem, so I am much more optimistic about the chances for the Blue Halo to be a kind of flagship for the successful management of reefs in the Caribbean,” she told IPS.

“I have been in places where there is no management, like Jamaica where I spent several years, and

I can say from firsthand experience that the fishers there are extraordinarily poor and they are poor because fishing has been so badly managed that there is nothing left to catch.”

The report, which synthesised a three-year study by 90 international experts and was issued by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), had a spot of surprisingly good news.

According to the authors, restoring parrotfish populations and improving other management strategies, such as protection from overfishing and excessive coastal pollution, can help reefs recover and even make them more resilient to future climate change impacts.

The study also shows that some of the healthiest Caribbean coral reefs are those that harbour vigorous populations of grazing parrotfish.

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Making hospitals safer

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 Georgetown Hospital was chosen as one of two demonstration hospitals for the Smart Hospital Initiative because PAHO wanted “to convince policy makers that there are tangible measures for safety and natural disasters, there are practical measures that one can take and still see a benefit” without the costs being prohibitive.

Georgetown Hospital and the Pogson Hospital in St. Kitts were chosen as the two demonstration hospitals, after surveying 38 hospitals in the region. Of the 38 surveyed, 18 per cent were found to have structural and functional issues that required urgent measures to protect the lives of patients and staff.

“We took [those] two hospitals where we got support from the community and support from the government to implement the project. We wanted to do a success story,” Dr. Van Alphen said.

Some 350,000 dollars

was allocated to retrofit Georgetown Hospital, which had structural and functional deficiencies including an unsafe roof, no backup power supply, and no water storage system.

The hospital, built in the 1980s, is a 25-bed facility in the parish of Charlotte that serves a population of almost 10,000.

The work done on the hospital included the renovating of the roof, waterproofing of the windows, installation of photovoltaic solar panels to ensure an alternative power supply, and the introduction of a rainwater harvesting system. The hospital was generally refurbished and upgraded to make it a more comfortable and pleasing environment for working and convalescing.

As a result of the retrofitting, there was a 60 per cent reduction in energy consumption, said Dr. Van Alphen.

The DFID in its “Intervention Summary: Smart Health Care Facilities in the Caribbean”, notes that

“according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calculations, every dollar a hospital in the United States saves on energy is equivalent to generating 20 dollars in new revenues.

“Therefore, investing in activities that help reduce the health sector’s climate footprint will ultimately liberate money for allocation towards a hospital’s genuine purpose — improving overall patient care and health in the community.”

Since energy costs in the Caribbean are among the highest in the world, reduction in hospitals’ energy bill would free up significant resources, the DFID noted.

While the community was generally happy with the upgrades — according to the results of surveys conducted before and after the retrofitting that showed a significant increase in patients’ and staff’s satisfaction levels — there remained some concerns.

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CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Role of dental hygienists in oral healthcare

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Oral hygiene is an important component of overall health. Many people are unaware that conditions of the mouth can translate into medical concerns elsewhere in the body. Overlooking routine dental exams and proper cleaning techniques at home can prove costly and unhealthy mistakes.

Dentists typically get all the credit for helping people maintain healthy smiles, but dental hygienists are often the unsung heroes of the dental profession. Hygienists typically undergo training to handle many of the routine services offered during a standard visit.

Upon entering the examination chair, you will likely be greeted by a dental hygienist. He may take images of your teeth and begin examining your mouth for any abnormalities. The hygienist is usually responsible for facilitating the cleaning process. He will remove tartar from the teeth, administer fluoride treatments, and polish the teeth. Dental hygienists will defer to the dentist to examine X-rays and assess

the overall health of your teeth. Should dental caries need to be cleaned and filled or more extensive oral work need to be performed, the dentist will take over and the hygienist will assist.

Dental hygienists also may be instrumental in educating patients on proper oral care. They may demonstrate flossing and brushing techniques and may even recommend certain products. Some hygienists take courses in psychology so they will have a better understanding of personality traits and phobias in patients and be able to make patients more comfortable in the dentist's chair.

Dental hygienists primarily work in dental offices. Today's dental hygiene professional has many career options to explore, says the American Dental Hygienists' Association. It notes that the following career paths provide some additional options for hygienists:

Clinician: As a clinician, the hygienist will assess, plan, diagnose, and document treatment of oral diseases while collaborating with other health profession-

als. Clinical services take place in community clinics, hospitals, prisons, and schools.

Public health: Public health hygienists provide care to patients who would otherwise not have access to dental care. State, provincial or other public health services may be run by government or private organizations.

Corporate: These hygienists focus on the sale of services and products that support the oral health industry.

Education: Some hygienists choose to enter the classroom rather than the dental office. Educators are in high demand, and many colleges are actively seeking dental hygiene instructors.

Dental hygienists require a certain level of training and licensure. Criteria may vary depending on where you live, and this may include certificates or degrees. More information is available by contacting the Commission on Dental Accreditation in the United States or the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association.

Does my child need braces?

Metro Creative Connections

Genes are responsible for many traits in a person. They'll determine if you'll have brown eyes or blond hair, and could dictate whether you will be tall or short. Genes are also largely responsible for dental problems that could necessitate orthodontic braces, something many children need to correct crooked teeth or bite issues.

Finding out about braces

Your family or pediatric dentist will likely be the first person to point out the need for braces. He can usually recommend an orthodontist who specializes in children's teeth.



Genes can be largely responsible for dental problems that could necessitate orthodontic braces, something that many children need in order to correct crooked teeth or bite issues.

Mechanics of braces

Braces work by slowly forcing teeth into a position the orthodontist decides upon. Brackets are glued onto the front (or rear, lingual side for "invisible braces") and then connected by an arch wire. A buccal tube on the band of the last molar holds the end of the arch wire securely in place. At each visit, the orthodontist will either trim the wire or place a shorter wire in place that draws the teeth backward. The child might also have to wear rubber bands or headgear, a metal brace that fits into slots in the brackets and wraps around the head, pulling the front teeth back for additional pressure.

A good time for braces?

It is not necessary to wait until your child's permanent teeth are all in place before investigating braces. Many alignment problems and jaw problems can be corrected while the child is still growing. The majority of children now get braces around the age of 9.

Length and cost of treatment

Braces are worn between one and three years depend-

ing upon the severity of the problem and how diligent the patient is regarding the use of headgear or rubber bands, or other treatment procedures. After braces are removed, a retainer will likely have to be used to maintain the position of the teeth until wisdom teeth have grown in — or even into adulthood. The cost of braces ranges from \$5,000 and up. Less visible braces may cost more because of their cosmetic nature.

A child will generally see the orthodontist every month for adjustments made to the hardware in her mouth.

Are braces painful?

Most patients will experience mild soreness after a tightening appointment or irritation from friction with mouth tissues and the metal hardware. Over-the-counter pain medications can alleviate soreness, while dental wax can smooth over points of irritation.

Today's braces are smaller and more advanced than in years past. Therefore, the wires and other hardware used may cause less discomfort.

New recommendations for pediatric oral healthcare



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Dental decay is the most common chronic child-

hood disease. More than 16 million children in the United States alone suffer from untreated tooth decay,

according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As more and more children develop cav-

ities, new advice is being offered to those who care for young children's emerging and established teeth.

The American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs has updated its dental care guidelines for caregivers. While it was once recommended to use water only or a nonfluoride toothpaste to clean teeth of the very young, the Council now recommends the use of fluoride toothpaste even for young children, saying parents and other caregivers should brush their kids' teeth with fluoride toothpaste as soon as the first tooth comes in.

"Approximately 25 percent of children have or had cavities before entering kindergarten, so it's important to provide guidance to caregivers on the appropriate use of fluoride toothpaste to help prevent their children from developing cavities," said Council chair Dr. Edmond L. Truelove.

The Council recommends that caregivers use a smear of fluoride toothpaste (or an amount about the size of a grain of rice) for children younger than 3 years old and a pea-size amount of fluoride toothpaste for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old. The updated guidelines are intended to provide children with the full benefit of cavity protection while

The American Dental Association is now recommending fluoride toothpaste be used on children's teeth as soon as they emerge.

limiting their risk of developing fluorosis, which is a mild discoloration of teeth usually appearing as faint lines. The Council found that using just a "smear" of toothpaste for children younger than 3 years old and a pea-size amount for children between the ages of 3 and 6 helps to prevent cavities and is less likely to cause fluorosis. Children should spit out toothpaste as soon as they are old enough to do so.

Caregivers also are urged to take their children to the dentist when the first tooth erupts or no later than a child's first birthday. Semiannual or annual visits thereafter should be the norm, or as directed by a dentist.

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Apart from being sweet, sometimes sour, and refreshingly crisp, apples pack a number of nutritional benefits. Research has shown that apples can help to reduce a person's

risk of heart disease and help those with diabetes. In addition, apples can help fight cancer and prevent dental problems.

According to new information from long-running studies published in the British Medical Journal, eating at least two servings a week of whole fruit, particularly apples, blueberries, or grapes, reduces a person's risk for type 2 diabetes by around 23 percent.

Apples are high in many antioxidants and, as a result, this makes them especially valuable at fighting illness. For example, the disease-fighting compounds in antioxidants have been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers by neutralizing free radicals.

Apples also are very high in fiber. Fiber is needed to help a person feel full and can also regulate digestive function. Fiber also can help reduce cholesterol by preventing the buildup of cholesterol-causing plaques in the blood vessels, improving cardiovascular function, and possibly reducing risk of a stroke as a result.

In addition to working their magic inside of the body, apples can have a noticeable impact on physical appearance as well. Apples are sometimes referred to as “nature's toothbrushes” because they can brighten and clean the teeth. The crisp, abrasive texture stimulates the gums and removes debris from the teeth.

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to ensure that, if cancerous cells develop, they are identified soon enough for effective treatment.

“Early detection often means that the cancer is still confined to the breast and has not yet spread throughout the body, offering a greater opportunity for a successful outcome,” said Steven Garner, M.D., chairman of radiology at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM). “We recommended yearly mammograms for women ages 40 and over, but cancer-screening strategies are not one-size-fits-all. Some physicians encourage a ‘baseline’ mammogram at age 35, prior to the yearly mammograms that will begin at age 40. Some women may have

genetic mutations that indicate a much greater risk for developing breast cancer, and may require more aggressive strategy for breast cancer prevention. No matter what, in the fight against breast cancer, an individual woman should work with her physician to determine the best screening approach for her.”

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staff and advanced equipment, like we have here at New York Methodist, mean that patients can be confident in the results of a breast imaging exam,” said Dr. Garner. “When it comes to breast cancer, women should not have to take chances when it comes to their health and well being.”

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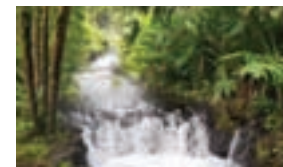
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East Flatbush church gets more than the blues



Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church band in concert. Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

Patrons at the basket ball court-turned-auditorium at Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church (VPUMC) in East Flatbush, Brooklyn got more than the blues on Saturday night at the stag-

ing of the seventh annual production, "Evening in Blue."

Hundreds packed the auditorium for a riveting evening of the blues, classics and contemporary genres, organized by the church's

Music and Arts Committee, headed by music director Belizean Raymond Trapp.

The sell-out event featured UPUMC's band, known as UPUMC Blue, which included a large number of local and guest jazz and classical artists, such as Kensvil Duchattellier; Robbyn Tongue; Nikita Hill; Cindy Rainne; Lauren Hospedales; Shardenay Palmer; Rodney Rosemand; and Joseph Roberts, VPUMC's assistant music director.

The almost two-hour production featured hits from renowned jazz artists, such as Duke Ellington, Bob Russell, Cab Calloway, Dave Brubeck, Milton Delugg, Willie Stein, Jeff Hest, Vernon Duke, Al Frisch Sid Wayne, Thelonious Monk, Matty Malneck, John Mercer, Horace Silver and Memphis Slim.

It also paid salutes to Benny Goodman, Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder,

with Stompin' at the Savoy; Don't be that Way; Sing, Sing; Hit the Road Jack; I got a Woman; Living for the City; and Do I Do.

"We at Vanderveer, we're very blessed with a lot of people who are filled with a lot of gifts," said Trapp, who served as MC, in introducing Hill.

Hill, a member of IMAGE, the VPUMC Sanctuary Choir and Hunter College Chamber Singers, sang Delugg and Stein's "Orange Colored Sky."

The committee said the production, which premieres the annual concert music series, was the "outcome of the mission" of the church's music ministry to "promote unity amongst our diverse and culturally-rich community, utilizing the universal language of music."

The first production of "Evening in Blue" was launched in Sept. 19, 2008 through Trapp's vision, the committee said.

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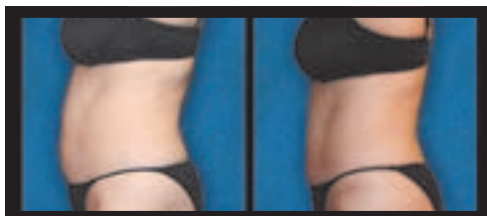


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Raymond Trapp and Cindy Rainne wrapping up "Evening in Blue" with tribute to Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. Photo by Nelson A. King



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Jamaican Chinese find roots pre-dating BC



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans of Chinese ancestry are as prevalent throughout the immigrant population of Canada the UK and the U.S. as any. Among achievers from the island of Jamaica, they include the world's top male and female supermodels Tyson Beckford and Naomi Campbell, Canadian billionaire Michael Lee Chin, CEOs of VP Records, Vincent and Pat Chin, Rockers TV reggae video pioneer Earl Chin, "The Voice" reality show winner Tessanne Chin, current Miss Jamaica World beauty queen, Laurie-Ann Chin and many others.

With musician Byron Lee and Roman Catholic priest Richard Holung, their names are indelibly inscribed in Jamaica's history and culture.

But while there are those who can be immediately

identified by their Chinese ancestry, perhaps an equal amount or more are forced to straddle the most dominant cultural appearance and more often than not it is African.

Recently a few of all persuasions packed into a Manhattan movie theater to see and support a documentary called "Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China." Screened during the 18th annual Urbanworld Film Festival, the 59-minute documentary directed by Jeanette Jong united Jamaicans and bi-racial individuals and couples who identify with the topic of retracing the family roots and origins that bind them uniquely with ancestors and fellows.

For Jong, a Jamaican Chinese national and filmmaker, the topic was allur-



Family photo in 2012 with Paula Williams Madison and brother Howard Williams at center.

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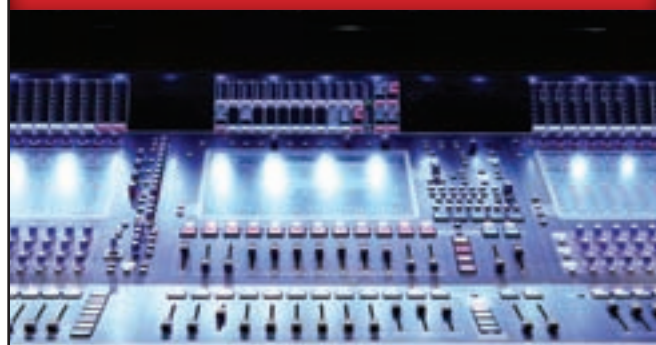
ing to document. And familiar with the plight of many mixed race Jamaicans she embraced a mission to travel to Toronto, Canada, Mocho, Clarendon, St. Ann's, and Kingston, Jamaican to spotlight a life-long mission of

Paula Williams Madison. The pilgrimage actually started with Madison whose mother Nell Vera Lowe was born in Jamaica but migrated to Harlem, New York in 1945. Now residing in Los Angeles, California with her

husband she currently is a partner in Williams Group Holdings LLC, a Chicago-based, family-owned company, which has majority share investments in The Africa Channel; the Los Angeles Sparks, a sports franchise

of the WNBA as well as various real estate, consumer, financial and trading businesses. She is also a member of the WNBA Board of Governors. After 22 years she retired from an executive
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Oliver Samuels' 'Dolly House'

Oliver Samuels latest play, *Dolly House*, starring Oliver Samuels, Audrey Reid, Dennis Titus and Ruth Ho Shing will be presented at Wingate Campus, Brooklyn on Saturday, Oct. 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and York College, Queens, Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Audiences from Miami and Tampa to Atlanta and Poughkeepsie have sold out each performance. The performances in Brooklyn and Queens are the final shows of "Dolly House" in the U.S. The play will end in England at the end of October.

"Dolly House" is a brilliant blend of Jamaica and the Caribbean much loved topics - politics, power, intimacy, class, mistrust and betrayal - packaged into a hilarious play.

Joy Daphne Grandison posted on Facebook, "At the Oliver Samuels play, 'Dolly House,' last night (in Florida on Labor Day Weekend), I had a blast, two shows sold



Oliver Samuels with an ardent fan, Sophia McKenzie-Moses, at the Atlanta performance of "Dolly House." Photo courtesy of EVERYBODY'S Magazine

out, audience loved it, it was off the chain, thank you Oliver and the cast, excellent."

It is Caribbean theater and comedy at its best which have audiences laughing from the raising of the curtain to the end of the play.

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Marley's Musical

By Vinette K. Pryce

Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley died in 1981 at age 36 but every decade since his passing, his music gets bigger, louder, and for the 70th anniversary of his birth a musical based on his life could be headed to Broadway.

Already booked from May 6 to June 14, 2015, the world premiere of "Marley," will make its international debut at the Center Stage Theatre in Baltimore and afterwards could hit the Great White Way.

Written and directed by British-born playwright/

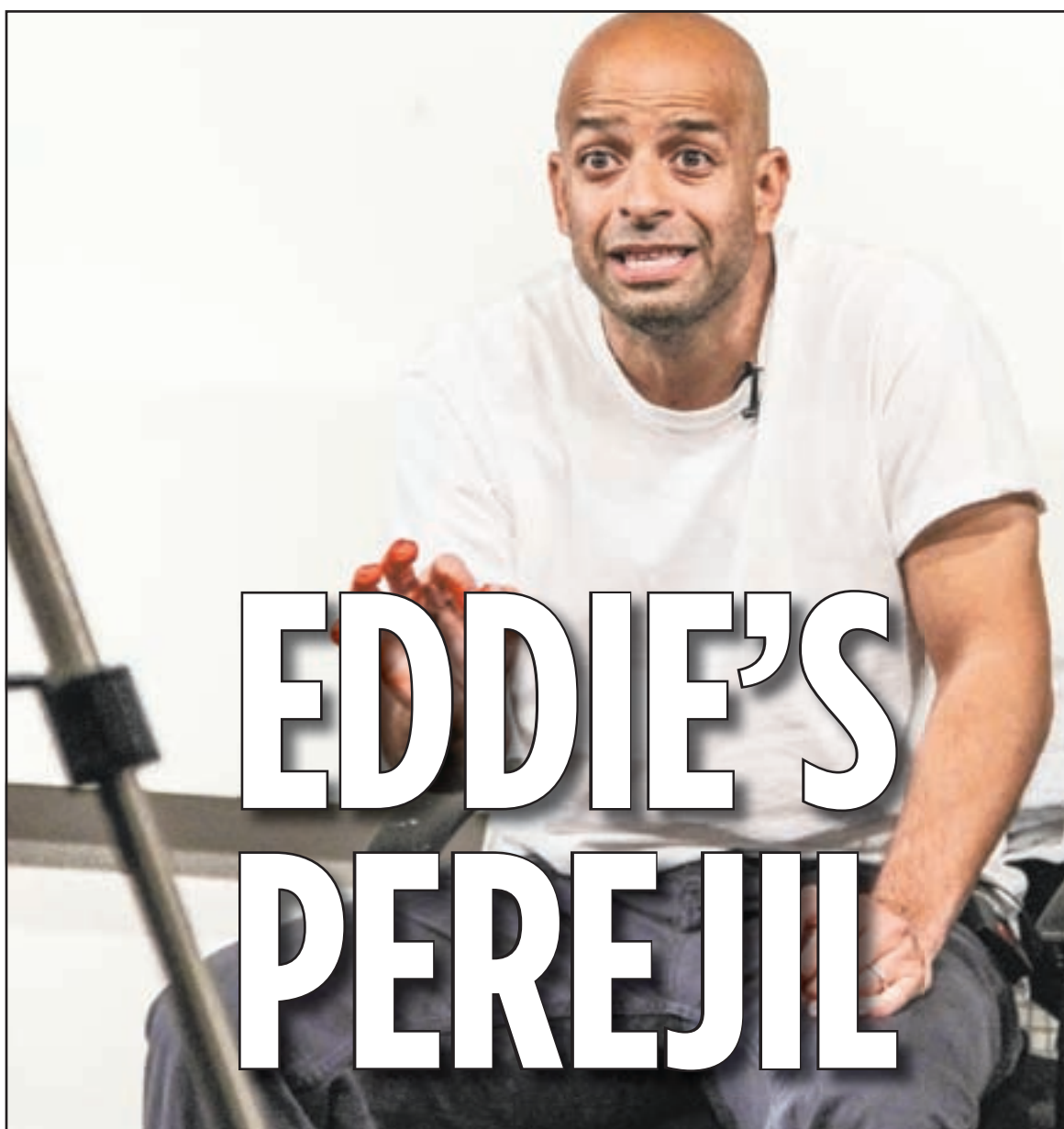


Reggae singer, Bob Marley, smiles in this undated photo.

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actor/director, Kwame Kwei-Armah, the musical will

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EDDIE'S PEREJIL

Edward Paulino reenacts video testimony he collected from now, old men who participated in the massacre. Photo by Tequila Minsky

A one-man show and night of dialogue

By Tequila Minsky

If ever one word in the Americas typifies genocide, it's the Spanish word for parsley: perejil, with its trilled "r". Seventy-seven years ago, Dominican soldiers carried out a massacre of Haitians at the northern border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti under the orders of President Trujillo.

Suspected Haitians were identi-

fied from black Dominicans when asked to say "perejil"; Haitian Creole was their first language and they could not pronounce the "r". The Parsley Massacre killed more than 20,000 Haitians in five days in October 1937.

While populations on both sides of the border, particularly those living in other parts of either country, never knew or have forgotten of this

horror, the massacre has been the subject of writers and scholars.

It is a main theme in MacArthur Fellow Edwidge Danticat's "Farming of the Bones," in the work of René Philoctète (Massacre River), and Pulitzer poet Rita Dove's Parsley.

Dominican-American writer Julia Alvarez (A Friendship in Haiti) had

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Stay With Me**
Sam Smith
- 2 **Boom Clap**
Charli XCX
- 3 **All About That Bass**
Meghan Trainor
- 4 **Shake It Off**
Taylor Swift
- 5 **Maps**
Maroon 5
- 6 **Don't Tell 'Em**
Jeremih Featuring YG
- 7 **Am I Wrong**
Nico & Vinz
- 8 **Rude**
MAGIC!
- 9 **Black Widow**
Iggy Azalea Featuring Rita Ora
- 10 **Break Free**
Ariana Grande Featuring Zedd

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Anomaly**
Lecrae
- 2 **V**
Maroon 5
- 3 **Souled Out**
Jhene Aiko
- 4 **Ryan Adams**
Ryan Adams
- 5 **Goddess**
Banks
- 6 **Where It's At**
Dustin Lynch
- 7 **Guardians Of The Galaxy: Soundtrack**
- 8 **I Dont Dance**
Lee Brice
- 9 **Dream Your Life Away**
Vance Joy
- 10 **Title (EP)**
Meghan Trainor

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One-man show

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the vision and is one of the founders of Border of Lights, an annual gathering at the northern border, Ouanaminthe, Haiti and Dajabón, Dominican Republic. Border of Lights supports a people's movement of collaborative projects, working toward a peaceful future between two the two nations.

Co-organizer of Border of Lights, Assistant History Professor at John Jay College Edward Paulino is a first generation American, raised in the Lower East Side, whose parents came from the very rural Dominican Republic.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Alianza Dominican Cultural Center, Paulino performed the one-man, 20-minute "Eddie's Perejil," his coming-of-age trajectory. Wearing a black tee-shirt emblazoned with a prominent photo of Sonia Pierre, the performer enters a simple set: a memorial candle, a jar with a bunch of parsley, a guitar, and the Dominican flag draped across a chair. These are all the props he needs to tell his story.

With love and humor he shares his life growing up in the projects—often needing to be tough. He is a New York Dominican. A bit later, he travels to the Dominican Republic

where, no longer the outsider, he finally feels at home. He finds that he loves his ancestral homeland, but then, he acknowledges he is granted undeserved privilege because he is light-skinned.

While doing research, later, he discovers that this country that he has embraced with his heart had perpetrated the most heinous crimes, singling out Haitians and massacring them. There is shameful blood on the Dominican flag. In his subsequent research, Paulino speaks with some of those, now, old men, who participated in the massacre.

The theatrical piece ends by lighting memorial candles, a lighter passed one-to-another audience member. The tempo has slowed; the mood of remembrance is solemn.

History is written or intentionally not written by people. Eddie's "Perejil" offers a chance to visit that event and to experience the mixed emotions of a personal, which could be a national, self-discovery.

The one-man show is the directorial debut of Samantha Galarza, actress/writer and poet. Following the performance, she, Paulino, and community leaders, Angela Fernandez of the Northern Manhattan



Writer and performer of "Eddie's Perejil," Edward Paulino, with director Samantha Galarza. It is Paulino's theatrical performance debut and Galarza's first directorial effort. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Claudia De La Cruz, founder of Da Urban Butterflies participated on a panel moderated by Mino Lora of the People's Theatre Project, one of the presenters. There was a brief Q&A. This playlet is an important point of departure for discussion at examining relations then and now between the two countries.

Edward Paulino teaches classes from global history to history of genocide at John Jay College. His manuscript on the role of

the Dominican state in creating a racial border against Haiti is being published next year. He is a member of the International Association of Genocide Scholars and the John Jay Human Rights minor. He is co-organizer of Border of Lights, a five-day commemorative event along the border. The vigil, held along both sides of the river that separates the two countries takes place this year, on Oct. 3. For more information, visit <http://www.borderoflights.org>.

Oliver

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"I am still laughing. I saw 'Dolly House' in Toronto," says Veronica Collins. "As usual Oliver was at his best and the twist and turn of the comedy through brilliant acting by Audrey Reid, Ruth Ho Shing and Dennis Titus still have me cracking up. Tell me when it is coming to Boston or New York and I'll come down to see it."

Emailing her cousin in NY, Jamin living in Kingston wrote, "Every time I go to see Oliver I'll say this is my last time because I have seen so many of his plays. Yet, I go back and each time it's a different experience. I have seen 'Dolly House' two times already. I encourage fans to see 'Dolly House.'"

The setting is a tenement yard in Kingston. Who knows! It may have been the same tenement yard Bob Marley described in his classic, "No woman no cry." With a Chinese woman (Ruth Ho Shing), a young dreadlock man (Dennis Titus) and a higgler (Audrey Reid) as tenants of the landlord (Oliver Samuels), something must happen in that yard and in the building, "Dolly House."



Oliver Samuels (left back) with his cast Ruth Ho Shing, Audrey Reid and Dennis Titus.

Photo courtesy of EVERYBODY'S Magazine.

Oct. 4 is Oliver's birthday and all Oliver fans are invited to celebrate with him.

EVERYBODY'S Magazine and Herman Hall Communications promoted Oliver Samuels plays from 1990-2011 but took a sabbatical in 2012 and 2013.

Tickets for Dolly House are available online: www.everybodysmag.com

In person at the following outlets: Dennis Shipping (Brooklyn and Bronx), VP Records, Door Restaurant and Genesis Restaurant (Queens) and Allan's Bakery in Brooklyn.

Marley's life in play

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focus on a specific time in the singer's life. Instead of staging a production capping the icon's life story the director reportedly told reporters: "I said I would not do a musical about Bob's life story," the director said.

"Instead, I would choose a period in his life, 1975 to 1978, when there was an attempted assassination in Jamaica and he went into a self-imposed exile in London."

The show focuses on the three-year period when Marley survived an attempted assassination at 56 Hope Road in Kingston, Jamaica and afterward went into exile in London. The musical will feature mid-'70s Marley albums "Exodus," "Kaya," and "Rastaman Vibration," and include the hit singles "Jamming," "Three Little Birds" and "Roots, Rock, Reggae."

"The life of our father Bob Marley continues to inspire the young and the old as we continue to spread his positive message to the younger generation," Cedella, Bob's eldest daughter said.

"When it comes to our father's work and legacy, we have always

been mindful in selecting the artists with whom we choose to collaborate. We are thrilled to be working both with Kwame and with Centre Stage to bring part of our father's story to life in a way that has never been done before."

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The world's most famous Rastafarian was born in Nine Miles, St. Ann, Jamaica. He grew up in the Trench Town, Kingston community.

He died in Miami, Florida from cancer, May 11, 1981.

The new musical was made possible through an agreement with Blue Mountain Music and the Marley-family owned Tuff Gong Pictures in Jamaica.

Denzel does vigilante in version of TV series

"The Equalizer"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for graphic violence, sexual references and pervasive profanity
In English and Russian with subtitles
Running time: 131 minutes
Distributor: Sony Pictures

By Kam Williams

On the surface, Robert McCall (Denzel Washington) is a perfectly-pleasant, hail fellow well met. By day, the affable widower is employed as a sales associate at a hardware superstore where he jokes with co-workers who call him "Pops." Evenings, he retires to a modest apartment in a working-class, Boston community, although bouts of insomnia often have him descending to a nearby diner to read a book into the wee hours of the morning.

The dingy joint looks a lot like the dive depicted by Edward Hopper in the classic painting "Nighthawks." Among the seedy haunt's habitués is Teri (Chloe Grace Moretz), a provocatively-dressed prostitute who hangs out there between clients.

Robert takes a personal interest in the troubled teen, a recent immigrant whose real name is Alina. He soon learns that she'd rather be pursuing a musical career than sleeping with stranger after stranger. Trouble is she's under the thumb of Slavi (David Meunier), a sadistic pimp who'll stop at nothing to keep a whore in check.

A critical moment arrives the night she arrives in the restaurant and hands Robert her new demo tape while trying to hide a black eye. But he becomes less interested in the CD than in the whereabouts of the creep who gave her the shiner.

What neither Teri nor anybody else in town knows is that Robert's



At right is Denzel Washington (Robert McCall) in a scene from "The Equalizer."

a retired spy who had cultivated the proverbial set of deadly skills over the course of his career. At this juncture, the mild-mannered

retiree reluctantly morphs into an anonymous vigilante more than willing to dole out a bloody brand of street justice on behalf of Teri

and other vulnerable crime victims with seemingly no recourse.

Thus unfolds "The Equalizer," a riveting, relatively-gruesome adaptation of the popular, 1980s TV-series. Directed by Antoine Fuqua, this version is actually more reminiscent of "Death Wish" (1974), as this picture's protagonist behaves less like the television show's British gentleman than the brutal avenging angel portrayed on the big screen by Charles Bronson.

Considerable credit must go to Oscar-winner Mauro Fiore's (Avatar) visually-captivating cinematography for capturing Boston in a way which is somehow both stylish and haunting. Nevertheless, the eye-pleasing panoramas simply serve as a backdrop for Denzel who is even better here than in his Oscar-winning collaboration with Fuqua for "Training Day."

Revenge as a dish best served cold by a sleep-deprived, diner patron equalizer!

Independent & Foreign Films

Advance Style (Unrated) Aging gracefully is the focus of this documentary chronicling the fashion sense of some Manhattan socialites over 60 who are challenging the conventional cultural assumption equating beauty and youth.

Believe Me (PG-13 for profanity) Buddy comedy about a broke college senior (Alex Russell) who enlists the assistance of a few classmates to raise his tuition by forming a fake charity designed to fleece gullible Christians. Cast includes Nick Offerman, Christopher McDonald, Zachary Knighton, Miles Fisher, Sinqua Walls and Johanna Braddy.

Days and Nights (Unrated) Dysfunctional family drama, loosely based on Chekhov's play "The Seagull," revolving around the havoc wreaked by reckless desire indulged over a holiday weekend at a retreat in rural New England. Ensemble cast includes Katie Holmes, Allison Janney, William Hurt, Jean Reno and Ben Whishaw.

Good People (R for profanity and graphic violence) Crime thriller about an American couple (Kate



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Hudson and James Franco, living in London, who end up on the run from mobsters after finding a fortune in cash hidden in their dead tenant's apartment. With Omar Sy, Tom Wilkinson and Anna Friel.

Jimi: All Is by My Side (R for profanity, sexual references and drug use) Oscar-winning scriptwriter John Ridley (for 12 Years a Slave) wrote and directed this rock-reflective chronicling Jimi Hendrix's (Andre 3000) life in London prior to the release of his debut album. Featuring Imogen Poots, Hayley Atwell and Ruth Negga.

Lilting (Unrated) Romance drama, set in London, where a Chinese-Cambodian mom (Pei-peï Cheng) mourns the untimely death of her son (Andrew Leung) with the help of the gay lover (Ben Whishaw) she never knew he had. With Peter Bowles, Naomi Christy and Shane Salter.

The Little Bedroom

(Unrated) Unlikely buddies drama about an elderly widower (Michel Bouquet) who finds himself befriended by the grieving young nurse (Florence Loiret Caille) assigned to care for him after a bad fall. Cast includes Joel Delsaut, Valerie Bodson and Eric Caravaca. (In English and French with subtitles)

Plastic (R for sexuality, nudity, drug use, graphic violence and pervasive profanity) Fact-based tale about a couple of British hackers (Ed Speleers and Will Poulter) whose multimillion-dollar, credit card scheme lands them in the crosshairs of a sadistic gangster (Thomas Kretschmann) whose identity they stole.

Smiling through the Apocalypse (Unrated) Biopic about Harold Hayes (1926-1989) editor-in-chief of Esquire Magazine in the Sixties. Featuring commentary by staff writers Gore Vidal, Tom Wolfe, Nora Ephron and Gay Talese.

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SUN KULCHA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAT., SEPT. 27

CELEBRATE DR. ERIC WILLIAMS: Colin Williams, creative director and CEO of Colin Williams Photography will be hosting an exclusive 103rd Birthday party celebration in commemoration of the late Dr. Eric Williams, the founding Father of Trinidad & Tobago. Semi-formal attire. A donation of \$20.00 is suggested at the door. This event will be held at 217 Bowery, NYC from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SUN., SEPT. 28

WALK4HEARING: The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is hosting the New York City Walk4Hearing in Riverside Park to increase awareness about hearing loss, help to erase the stigma associated with it and raise funds for programs and services. Groups and individuals can participate in the 5K walk so that people of all ages — from babies to seniors — can get the programs, support and services they need to meet the challenges of hearing loss. 5K route starts and ends at Riverside Park. Event features children's activities, refreshments, giveaways, prizes, state-of-the-art hearing technology, including captioned Walk announcements delivered via smartphones. Check-in starts at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Pre-register at www.walk4hearing.org. Same-day registration is also available. Location: West 97th Street & Riverside Drive.

MON., SEPT. 29

WALK AWAY THE POUNDS: Join us for a fun walk-in-place workout from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.! No complicated steps and no equipment needed. This DVD workout is safe for all ages and fitness levels, so lace up your walking shoes and join us! Wear comfortable shoes and workout wear. We'll provide plenty of water. We'll ask you to fill out an emergency form on the first day of class. Be sure to let your doctor know you'll be taking part in an exercise class. 215 W. 125th Street New York, NY 10027.

THURS., OCT. 2

BOOK: Groundbreaking filmmaker David Cronenberg (History of Violence, The Fly, Crash) comes to St. Francis College for the release party for his first novel at 7:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by BookCourt (163 Court St., Brooklyn) and includes a reading from Consumed, a Q&A and book signing. Consumed tells the story of two journalists whose entanglement in a French philosopher's death becomes a surreal journey into global conspiracy. This event is free and open to the public. St. Francis College (Founders Hall) 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201.

HOME RESOURCE FAIR: Homebuyers and Homeowners will receive the tools they need to buy, improve, and keep their homes. Information provided will include: affordable mortgages, foreclosure prevention, closing, cost



ZUMBA

SEPT. 29: Join us for a dance-fitness class that's friendly and fun from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. It uses the Zumba formula, with modified moves and pacing for active older people and those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. Be sure to let your doctor know that you will be taking part in an exercise class. RSVP by calling (866) 539-0999. 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

SEPT. 27: Join EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care in celebrating the beginning of a new school year from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be free dental screenings for school-age kids, fun activities, light refreshments, and goodie bag giveaways. RSVP by calling (866) 539-0999. 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411.



FREE CREDIT SCORE ANALYSIS

SEPT. 27: Ridgewood Savings Bank is hosting a free credit score program from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This program provides information which is critical in planning a successful financial future, including possible home ownership and business investment. 1626 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, NY RSVP by calling (718) 589-1323.

assistance, home repair, homeowners insurance and more. Orientation and workshops will take place from 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. followed by counseling with housing/mortgage counselor or legal services provider* from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. To RSVP: Please call (718)774-5447 ext. 118. If you would like private counseling concerning your mortgage or insurance, please bring documents including bank letters, mortgage statements, homeowner insurance policy, etc. Location: God's Battalion of Prayer Church, 661 Linden Blvd. (between East 45th St. & Schenectady Ave.) Brooklyn, NY 11203.

MON., OCT. 6

PARENTING WORKSHOP: Adolescence is a tough time for everyone. It is a process, and it is normal for it to be difficult. Be there are ways to make. The workshop for parents with teens between the ages of 12 and 18 provides expert support that can help turn around your child's behavior and help regain control in 7 weeks. The workshop will be held from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. For more information and

to register contact our Brooklyn Adolescent Center at (718)250-6641/(718)250-6427.

ONGOING

BABY SHOWER: The Stork's Nest Committee of the Delta Beta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. invites expectant mothers in southeast Queens to attend their baby shower and participate in a series of eight prenatal workshops. The shower will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Emblem Health Neighborhood Center. To participate, mothers-to-be must register by calling (917)648-2855 before Oct. 2. 206-20 Linden Blvd. Cambria Heights, NY 11411.

CHCA CLOTHING DRIVE: Crow Hill Community Association will be conducting a clothing drive every Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during September for Georgia's Place, located at Prospect Place & Bedford Ave. Georgia's Place is an innovative supportive housing residence for 48 formerly homeless and low income adults. Georgia's Place staff are committed to the health of their residents

in a holistic way: mental, physical, emotional. The drive will take place in front of the former site of the CHCA Community Garden (730 Franklin Ave) between Sterling Place and Park Place. Alternatively, drop offs can also take place on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Georgia's Place during Farmshare pick-up. New/slightly used men's and women's clothing. For more information, contact Mr. Frank at 718-230-1447.

FLOOD RELIEF: 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, a Garifuna from Honduras, who operates Hondurans Against Aids out of Casa Yurumein in the Bronx. Casa Yurumein is located at 874 Prospect Ave. in the South Bronx, corner of Westchester Avenue. 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. Monetary donations can be made in the form of checks or money orders addressed to "SVG Community Inc."

PASSPORT APPLICATION CENTER: Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has launched a second Passport Application Center at the Kings Highway Library providing a convenient facility for Brooklyn residents and new immigrants to apply for passports. Hours are temporarily set for 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday and Sunday by appointment. The Center is closed on Saturdays until further notice. The library is located at 2115 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229. To make an appointment, call (718) 230-2292 or (718) 375-3037 ext. 128.

FEATURING HOME REPAIR: Is your boiler, water main or roof in need of fixing? Do you need major repairs done but lack the finances? Now is the best time to fix it. Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, a not-for-profit housing organization can assist you. For more information on the Home Improvement Programs, call (718)469-4679 or visit www.nhsofeastflatbush.org.

FORECLOSURE: Are you behind in your mortgage or seeking a modification? Come in for free services and assistance. We will help you as much as possible to keep your home. Referrals for free legal assistance are also available. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (718) 469-4679. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush and the Center for New York City Neighborhoods, not-for-profit organizations. www.nhsnyc.org.

If you have an event that you would like to post in Sun Kulcha, please email your submission to Caribbeanlife@cnglobal.com. All submissions are subject to a review by the editor.

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Chinese connection

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tive position at NBC Universal. At age 58, it was then she yearned most to fulfill a wish her mother Nell voiced centering around finding the roots of her migrant father Samuel Lowe (Luo in Chinese.)

Although Madison prospered as a successful media executive, like African American Alex Hayles she wanted to know the beginning of her ancestry. She thought she knew enough about the Jamaican beginning of her family tree but felt there was much more to its roots and even the branches and leaves that must have survived to find her and her sibling brothers with a single parent mother living in Harlem.

In her quest, Madison discovered the Hakka meetings in Toronto, Canada. There she met Chinese who gather from all over the globe in order to celebrate, validate and re-affirm their heritage and culture every four years. Inspired by the cultural ritual and the union of the race, Madison fully committed to a journey of exploration and discovery.

Both her brothers — Howard and Elrick — supported her endeavor.

Elrick recalled that although as a child he lived in perhaps the worst section of the Village of Harlem his mother Nell was very ambitious and determined to see her children achieve greatness. He said and his sister Paula endorsed that their migrant Jamaican mother

had high standards and in no uncertain terms instilled that sense of purpose in their mindset.

A vivid recollection, Paula recounted was being told that her B-grade on a report card was unacceptable. The daughter recalled that her mother told her she had not left her Caribbean homeland to live here in order that her children achieve less than an A rating.

Nell's make-up was of a Black mother and Chinese father.

Apparently Nell knew very little about her father, Samuel Lowe. Paula claims she said she remembered seeing him only once.

She died in 2006.

Shipping records states that the pioneering Lowe along with scores of Asians travelled to Jamaica seeking work in the booming sugar industry. Actually, it was revealed that Samuel Lowe actually left the SS Andresitas when it docked in 1933 after sailing from Hon Kong. Records show that Chinese immigrants were first to engage in retail trade on the island. Lowe allegedly established a local shop and quickly traded on the open market that demanded groceries and other products. According to film statements, Madison's journey from Harlem to Jamaica uncovered a rich legacy left by the immigrant post-slavery odyssey from Asia. That Lowe established a thriving business was revealing to Madison. While on the Caribbean

island, Madison realized her grandfather returned to his homeland with one of his daughters Adassa. Madison and Jong's mission seemed to unfold in Jamaica and eventually they ended up in the ancestral village of the family in Shenzhen province with her brothers and 20 family members. While there, Madison learned that official documents record 151 generations of Luos there. She also found out that her lineage dates back 3,000 years to 1006 BC.

She wept after visiting cemeteries, temples and the 300-room village the Lowe

(Luo) name claims to their heritage. That the Luos time on earth predated the era Jesus Christ walked the earth seemed overwhelming.

As the film rolled, Jamaicans of Chinese heritage dabbed away tears. Among them Francine Chin, a radio personality who specializes in promoting reggae music, family members of Vincent and Pat Chin, operators of VP Records, a company that distributes Jamaican music.

Sonia Chin, an administrative assistant at a Brooklyn hospital said she was emotionally moved by the

familiar aspects of the film. "I felt so connected because we have such familiar stories about our Chinese family, Wow!" Sonia said.

Born in Jamaica to interracial parents Chin said the documentary relates to her in more ways than she can readily explain.

Two days after attending the public viewing she said "It is still in my head."

Among the patrons in the audience was an individual who said she is now retracing her Jewish Jamaican roots.

It would not be surprising if one of the first

multicultural societies in the world records all the nationals tracing the roots of Jamaicans with those of Syrians, Indians, Australians or Alaskans.

"Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China" is due to screen later this week in Trinidad & Tobago.

Jong's hope is that Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) will obtain the rights to screen the document for television viewers. If this fails, look for the document on the Lowe family-owned Africa Channel.

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Facing the world's developmental problems

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he was "pleased to see that human rights and equality define the analytical approach to the report."

But he said while he shared the conclusion of the report that investing in individual human rights, capabilities and dignity is the foundation of sustainable development, "the focus on increasing wealth and income inequalities; unfulfilled gender equality and empowerment of women; the need for life-long learning and building human capabilities especially for young people; address-

ing the inequalities in access to sexual and reproductive health services, including through strengthening health systems both in rural and urban areas, have significant implications for development policy."

Similarly, he said "increasingly diverse household structures and living arrangements require us to plan and build sustainable cities and strengthen urban-rural linkages."

The Grenada prime minister also said the impact of population dynamics on the micro and macro levels



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell. AP Photo/Miraflores Press, Francisco Batista, HO

"requires the integration of population dynamics into development planning at the national, regional and international level.

"We agree that the devel-

opment challenges we face require systematic participation of all stakeholders in crafting responses to these challenges, which require partnership and global leadership through the U.N.," he said.

"We are fully committed to the further implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development taking into account the outcome of our regional review and the findings and recommendations of the ICPD beyond 2014 review," he added, calling for the inclusion of the findings and recommendations of the Secretary-General's report and the regional review outcomes in the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Guyana artist

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lica because of the love I have for my country. During my recent visit to Guyana I came close to doing what many others do when they go home. Kiss the ground," expressed Locke, who says he feels a deep emotion whenever he visits his homeland.

The beautiful artistic work was created with laminates from Hawaii, Africa and America, said Locke, who was discouraged from using wood from Guyana. He explained that Guyanese artists create quality furniture but because of climate issues and processing, the wood fissures when it is imported.

Locke comes from a bloodline of famous artists. His parents Donald and Leila Locke's outstanding works are included in Guyana's National Art Collection, while his brother Hew, is an inventive artist in the United Kingdom.

A graduate of Leeds Design Workshop in East

Hampton, Massachusetts and the prominent Parson's School of Design, Locke who fabricated the artwork from various piece of veneer to represent the colors of the flag, sees his gift as an important symbol of patriotism.

As the owner of Timehri Studios - a leading maker of innovative, high quality and custom-made cabinetry in the Bronx, Locke has designed pieces for prominent clients such as Mercedes Benz, Timberland, actor Wesley Snipes, tennis star John McEnroe, Bloomingdale's, and Barney's.

The innovator began woodwork design from the age of eight, and by age 16 he created a masterpiece tabletop. Locke ultimately became an acclaimed furniture designer whose work was showcased in the New York Times, Shop Design, Architectural Digest, Small Spaces, Chicago Tribune Magazine and Living Large in Small Space.

Caribbean leaders

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Assembly, which opened on Wednesday.

Browne, who will address the Assembly on Thursday, will be followed the next day by the leaders of Guyana, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, according to

the U.N.'s provisional list of speakers.

On Saturday, the prime ministers of Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Jamaica will join the General Assembly debate. Their counterparts from St. Kitts and Nevis

and Grenada will do so next Monday.

The foreign ministers of Suriname, Belize, Barbados, the Bahamas and St. Lucia will wrap up the General Assembly Debate on Tuesday, Sept. 30, according to the U.N.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves is expect-

ed to address, among other issues, Climate Change, Small Island Development, United Nations Reform, Haiti, Reparation, the Post 2015 Millennium Development Goals, Peace, along with Taiwan's right to be a member of several international organizations, according to the VINCEN-TIAN newspaper.

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Take a deep breath.

Sometimes, nothing is sweeter: a newborn's first lungful of air. The headiness of roses, new-mown grass, or familiar perfume. A gasp at the surface of water. The sigh that accompanies a good hug.

Sometimes, you need that deep breath, especially when you realize you've been waiting too long for it. Or, as in the new memoir

“Fire Shut Up in My Bones” by Charles M. Blow, when the air's been knocked out of you.

Despite growing up poor in rural Louisiana, Charles Blow had a good early childhood. Nearly everyone in the small town of Gibsland, it seems, was related to nearly everyone else, so there was always an aunt, uncle, or cousin nearby to dispense candy or to play with. Blow also reveled in the presence of his gentle step-grandfather, and neighbors who coddled him.

Yes, those early years were good, but not without trouble. When Blow was just five years old, his mother, who worked hard to raise her five sons, kicked his father out of the house for

womanizing. With a month left on the rent-to-own, she then moved what remained of her family to live with Blow's great-grandfather.

The new home was a short distance away from Blow's old neighborhood, but it might as well have been miles. With his brothers at school and his mother at work, he had little choice but to spend his days with his mentally-disabled Uncle Paul, Paul's strange and eccentric friends, and the occasional relative who came to visit awhile.

One of those relatives was Blow's cousin, Chester, who manipulated then-six-year-old Blow, making him steal candy. But “shame of stealing candy would pale in comparison” to what happened not long after-



Charles M. Blow.

Photo by Beowulf Sheehan

ward, when Blow's cousin molested him, then bullied and taunted him for months for being a “punk.”

Believing that nobody

could – or would - do anything about it, Blow kept quiet for years about what happened, about the haunted part of him that some-

times surfaced, and about the cruelty and anger that dwelled inside him. He kept quiet until the night 16 years later, when Chester was on the other end of the phone...

Strictly speaking, as memoirs go, “Fire Shut Up in My Bones” isn't much different from other stories like it. Indeed, if you look, you'll find plenty of them.

What sets this book apart from the others, however, is the way in which Charles M. Blow tells his tale. In addition to being an author, Blow is also a journalist, which shows in the beauty of his writing and the gentle images he creates, even in passages of brutality and the ultimate confusion about his sexuality that the abuse awakened. Gorgeous words like that make this book akin to being wrapped in rich cashmere that softens a hit with a sledge hammer now and then.

Look for this book – not so much for the story (which is still really good) but for the lushness of its words. Then be prepared: “Fire Shut Up in My Bones” will leave you breathless.

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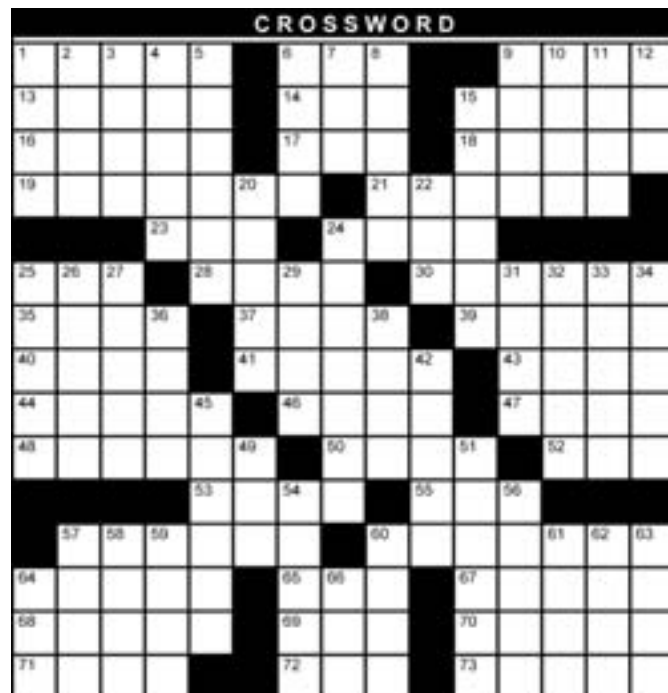
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13. Part of soft palate
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17. Banned insecticide
18. City in Belgium
19. *"One, two, _____, coming for you..."
21. *"The People Under the _____" 1991
23. Seek damages
24. It's more commonly called a pika
25. Onomatopoeia for collision
28. Young salmon
30. Maneuver for attaining particular goal
35. Show horse type
37. Fireplace smudge
39. Famous march composer
40. Yugoslavian leader during World War II
41. Chef's headgear
43. It will
44. To impede
46. Lowest brass
47. Not made up
48. "_____ Margery Daw"

50. *Like a lot of horror movie scenes
52. First responders
53. Metal enemy
55. Face twitch, e.g.
57. *1976 prom night thriller
60. *Movie about a cursed videotape
64. Antique shop item
65. Federal procurement org.
67. Was dishonest with
68. DVD player button
69. *Don't take one if you star in a Krueger flick
70. Fourth letter in Greek alphabet
71. Fancy-schmancy
72. Be in the red
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8. String bean's opposite
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12. "... _____ he drove out of sight"
15. Mexican beaches
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22. Big bang maker
24. Lawn pastime
25. *Norman _____
26. Get off the chair
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29. Place of origin
31. Coconut fiber
32. One who is tutored
33. Muhammad's religion
34. *"When a Stranger _____"
36. Fans reactions
38. London subway
42. *"Hellraiser III: Hell on _____"
45. *"Scary Movie 2" bird
49. Writing under influence, in text
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54. Dal _____, in music
56. Angler's basket
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58. Aphrodite's lover
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Williams reflects on his hoops career

By Robert Elkin

Several players, who are still involved in the sport, were recently inducted into the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame, during ceremonies at the New York Athletic Club. In addition, the President of the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame Bob Williams, new members, family, friends and representatives of their school, all gathered in the crowded room at the club.

Williams looked back recalling his basketball career and spoke to most everyone in attendance and congratulated the inductees before the ceremony began.

Now 73 years of age and looking back, Williams and Howie Garfiinkel started this Hall in 1990.

Williams, who enjoys basketball, resides in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Basketball in the Virgin Islands is not considered a big sport.

Both of his parents were born in the Virgin Islands, but they initially met in New York City. A native of the Bronx, Wil-

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Loyalty needed

By Azad Ali

New Chairman of the West Indies selection panel, Clive Lloyd, believes loyalty should be the order of the day as players contemplate whether to represent the West Indies against England or play the Indian Premier League (IPL) next April.

The West Indies, currently ranked eighth in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test rankings, are scheduled to face the world number three England in a three-match Test series beginning on April 9 and ending in May 2015.

The matches, however, are set to clash with the ICC-approved IPL, which is held between April and June each year.

“What we are saying is that anytime we have our cricket we would like you to be here. You must play in our cricket. And hope the players take it as is on board,” said

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‘WRIGHT’ STUFF

New York Red Bulls forward Bradley Wright-Phillips (99) heads the ball against Arsenal during the first half of an international friendly soccer game on in Harrison, N.J.
AP Photo/Adam Hunger, File

Wright-Phillips closes in on MLS record

By Patrick Horne

Bradley Wright-Phillips, the New York Red Bulls (10-8-11, 41 pts.) and MLS scoring leader, is closing in on the MLS regular season record for most goals. The Englishman, son of famed England international Ian Wright, scored a hat trick to

lead his team to a 4-1 win over Western Conference leader Seattle Sounders in front of a sellout crowd of 25,000 fans at Red Bull Arena last Saturday night.

The record of 27 goals in an MLS season was set by African-America Roy Lassiter while playing for the Tampa

Rowdies back in 1996. In 2012, American international Chris Wondolowski tied the record, and now, with Wright-Phillips getting his 22nd, 23rd and 24th goals last Saturday night, three goals shy of the record with five games still to

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D.C. United's Lewis Neal, left, controls the ball in front of Los Angeles Galaxy's Alan Gordon, right, during the second half of an MLS soccer match on in Carson, Calif. The Galaxy won 4-1.

AP Photo/Danny Moloshok, File

Wright-Phillips scores third hat trick

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play, MLS may have a new all-time single season scoring record holder at season's end.

Wright-Phillips, now fifth on the all-time single-season scoring chart, scored his third hat trick of the season, which is more than the current record holders during their record season, began his goal spree just 30 seconds into the game when he latched onto a rebounded shot in the penalty area from midfielder Ambroise Oyongo, which Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei failed to hold. The 1-0 lead lasted through half time as New York dominated Seattle with excellent ball movement. The Sounders had one decent shot in the first half, which came in the 11th minute, when former Red Bull Kenny Cooper shot well over the goal in an effort that should have better executed.

Wright-Phillips continued his scoring in the second half as he extended

the Red Bulls lead to 2-0 from the penalty spot in the 54th minute, after fellow Englishman and midfielder Lloyd Sam was tripped in the goal area. The 2-0 lead lasted two minutes: full back and Costa Rican international Roy Miller overlapped on the left side and sent a cross to Wright-Phillips, who slammed the ball into the roof of the goal for the commanding 3-0 lead. Seattle, which is the only team to clinch a possible spot, inserted regular starters, U.S. international Clint Dempsey and Nigerian international Obafemi Martins, with 30 minutes still to play; Dempsey made use of the first opportunity he got and pulled a goal back in the 62nd minute for his 12th goal of the season.

Towards the end, there was still some excitement. Substitute Tim Cahill, who performed well for Australia in the last World Cup, scored his second goal of the season and at the other end, as the Sounders tried

to score again, Red Bulls goal keeper Luis Robles made back-to-back, stellar saves in a tense moment when he blocked a Marco Papa shot and had to save the rebounded header from Dempsey from point-blank range. The Red Bulls next will take on the in-form Los Angeles Galaxy, now in second place in the West and in the playoffs, when they travel to StubHub Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, Sept. 28 for an 8:30 p.m. start.

MLS

In other MLS games last weekend, host Toronto FC stayed in the playoff hunt with a big win over the Vancouver Whitecaps at BMO Field. Goals from Jackson, Luke Moore and Gilberto ensured the win. Earlier in the week, the Whitecaps capitulated to the Portland Timbers when Fernando Adi scored a double and Diego Valeri tallied for the winner. The playoff-bound Los Angeles Galaxy topped

FC Dallas, 2-1, as Alan Gordon got the winner in Los Angeles. FC Dallas led, 1-0, on a Blas Perez goal early in the second half, but Irish international Robbie Keane tied the score soon after.

The Chicago Fire and DC United played to a 3-3 draw; the 16th tie, by Chicago, is an MLS season record. The Philadelphia Union and the Houston also tied in a scoreless affair at PPL Park near Philadelphia. Meanwhile, the Columbus Crew knocked off the New England Revolution, 1-0, in Columbus on a goal by Federico Higuain. The Montreal Impact topped the San Jose Earthquakes, 2-0, on goals from Jack McInerney and Billy Duka, at Saputo Stadium in Montreal; and Real Salt Lake defeated the Colorado Rapids, 5-0; José Mari scored first, for Colorado, but Joao Plata, Javier Morales, Chris Schuler and Carlos Salcedo spoiled the night for the Rapids. Joe Nasco scored an own goal.

Bob Williams

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liams attended Theodore Roosevelt High School and then New York University's Bronx campus where he made some hoop headlines.

Some 11 years ago, Williams retired and settled in St. Croix, where he is taking an easy life. He returned to New York for this special occasion.

"I had the Sports Foundation for 44 years," he recalled. I was on its board of directors and ran the foundation in basketball.

Comparing basketball now with the sport of yesteryear, he said that a player has to be able to run.

"If you ask me who was the best basketball player, I think that I would say Oscar Robertson. But you would say Michael Jordan. Robertson would play the ball on the ground. 'Air' Jordan played it above the rim. They played different positions. One was a guard and one played an all around game. But Oscar, in my life time, was the best fundamental player (in the game)."

"Tim Duncan (in the National Basketball Association) came from the Virgin Islands," Williams added. "Baseball is

a big sport in the Virgin Islands."

Nowadays Williams does not miss the game.

"Baseball was my favorite sport, not basketball," he added. "I went to New York University on a basketball scholarship and was captain of its team in '62 - '63. Those were my (good days). I graduated in '63 and got my masters in '74 from NYU. And I played pro ball in Spain."

Going back to the present time, among the inductees into the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame included players Speedy Claxton, Mike Riordan, Charlie Davis, and Felipe Lopez, along with contributor Hugh Evans. All of them felt tremendous to be inducted.

The late Jack Rohan, represented by his son Chris was also inducted. Jack holds the distinction of coaching Columbia University as he won the most games in the college's history.

Turning to the distaff side, the girls team at Christ The King High School of 1993 entered the Hall of Fame. The players, and spokespersons at the school were all in attendance.

West Indies cricket

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Lloyd.

"What we are asking the players to do (ahead of the England series) is to show loyalty and that West Indies cricket comes first. I know some people may not like how that sounds, but our cricket had got to be first," he said.

The IPL, arguably the most "attractive cricket domestic tournament in the world and attracts several of the West Indies leading cricketers on yearly.

Explosive opener Chris Gayle, mystery spinner Sunil Narine, stylish batsman Marlon Samuels and influential all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, head the list of players.

It is likely that these



West Indies' Sunil Narine.

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players will be asked to largely forego their 2015 IPL ambitions.

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An issue at work requires your immediate attention, Aries. This situation must be approached delicately, but don't be afraid to speak your mind and accept the results.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a busy week awaits but just take things one project at a time. Keep to yourself for a little bit in an attempt to stay focused on the numerous tasks at hand.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your positive attitude is why people have grown to rely on you in tight spots. Plant a smile on your face and others will benefit from your positive influence.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it's hard to know when to be assertive at work. You want to appear competent and in control, but you also want to build a good rapport with coworkers. Experiment a little.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, give plans time to develop, but don't feel the need to hide your enthusiasm about the prospects. Trust your instincts as to when is a good time to get moving.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you cannot control the behavior of others, but you can change your own direction to counteract some unexpected developments. Keep an open mind.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't be surprised if your schedule gets turned upside down this week, Libra. It's important to roll with the punches so others can see how flexible you can be.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, an unconventional approach is your key to success this week. While others are following Plan A, go with Plan B and you may meet with great results.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Fantasy can overtake reality if you let it, Sagittarius. You may need to rein in your hopes and dreams for a bit and focus on some more practical matters.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Friends may distract you from work this week, Capricorn. Although it's not wise to let responsibilities slide completely, you can probably get away with a day of slacking off.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, the physical rewards for all your hard work will become apparent soon. You'll find that all of your efforts thus far have been well worth the sacrifices.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, although you may dream of escaping the daily grind, you may need to persevere for just a little while longer. Your respite is coming.

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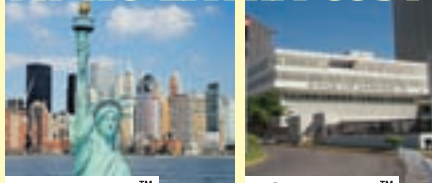
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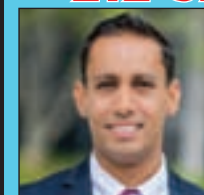


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