

## Caribbean discusses future of energy

By Nelson A. King

The Organization of American States (OAS) says its Assistant Secretary General Albert Ramdin, on Monday joined ministers and high-level authorities on energy in the Caribbean to address energy and climate challenges in preparation for a meeting of ministers in 2015 under the umbrella of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA).

According to the OAS, Ramdin stressed in Miami how the shift toward sustainable energy is critical.

"We cannot escape the fact that renewable energy has very high upfront costs and at the moment many of our countries are facing a very serious debt challenge," he said. "We have difficulties striking that balance between investing in the future and dealing with our day-to-day problems; this is a major issue for policy makers in the region."

Minister of Public Services, Information, Broadcasting, Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology of St. Lucia, James Fletcher said, "we need to shift to an energy paradigm that is more sustainable."

Fletcher also addressed capacity building and strategic partnerships, explaining that "this energy sector is new, and we do not have the same capacity in-house to be able to respond to and deal with the challenges."

Energy is now the investment frontier," he added.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines of Jamaica, Phillip Paulwell, who chaired the ministerial debate, said he was impressed with the wide array of ECPA activities over

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# CARIBBEAN ISIS LINK UNCOVERED



## Praising Haitians in song

The lyrical singing of Emeline Michel captivated the audience at the Haitian Americans United for Progress gala in Queens Village recently. See story on page 6. Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Carib Muslims discuss, T&T government investigates

By Bert Wilkinson

Until the beginning of October, discussion points in Trinidad would have centered more on preparations for general elections expected in mid to late 2015, but persistent media reports that local Muslims are flocking to the Middle East to fight with the Islamic State group have not only changed this but has promoted an official state investigation into the developments.

For most of this week, media houses, national security officials and the country's Islamic community have been obsessed with efforts to identify two Trinidadian men appearing virally in social media sites urging others to travel to the battle grounds and join them and other fighters.

Local media think that one of the men might be a Trinidadian deported for felony crimes in the U.S. several years ago and up to recently had been living in southern Trinidad before disappearing and reappearing in the video.

Neighbors say they think that Shazam Mohammed might be

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# Jamaican opposition leader to headline JN forums



St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Foreign Affairs Minister Camillo Gonsalves (third from left) receives cheque from some members of the New York Relief Steering Committee. Photo by Nelson A. King

## Vincenian Relief Committee donates US \$20,000

By Nelson A. King

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Relief Steering Committee of New York last Saturday evening handed over a check amounting to US\$20,000 to Foreign Affairs Minister Camillo Gonsalves to be delivered to the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

The sum is a significant part of the monies raised by the New York group to assist the homeland in the wake of last Christmas freak storm that left at least seven people dead and a trail of destruction primarily in the north of the country.

The committee, chaired by New York Consul General Selmon Walters, a former government minister, disclosed that a total of US\$34,500.80 was raised in the relief effort and that there were expenses amounting to US\$5,671, leaving a balance of US\$28,829.80.

With US\$20,000 dispatched to NEMO, the committee said US\$8,829.80 remains in the account.

The committee told a town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn that, to date, four 40 ft. containers of supplies were dispatched to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The committee said its efforts are on-going,

thanking all Vincenians, organizations, businesspersons, musicians, friends and supporters for assisting in the relief effort.

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves told the meeting, via a telephone link from his hospital bed in Cuba, that the unusual Christmas storm cause damage to the tune of 17 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

He said, since the storm, his administration was able to raise \$280 million, inclusive of concessionary grants from the World Bank and "a number of different countries."

The Vincenian leader said 10-12,000 nationals were directly affected by the storm that caused significant "damages and loses to the housing stock."

He said the government has since built and refurbished several houses, from FitzHughes, a village on the outskirts of Chateaubelair, to Fancy in the north of the country.

Camillo Gonsalves, who delivered the keynote address at the town hall meeting, said: "Any conversation with St. Vincent and the Grenadines has to begin with the floods at Christmas Eve into Christ-

mas Day.

Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition in Jamaica and former Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, will headline the 11th series of the "Outlook for the Future" meetings, to be held in New York, in the United States of America; and Toronto, Canada on Oct. 21 and 23, respectively.

The Outlook for the Future series, organised by the Jamaica National Building Society (JNBS), has been held in the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom since 2003. The meetings have successfully brought together representatives of successive administrations and key leaders overseas to engage in frank, open discussions about issues of national importance to Jamaicans locally and in the Diaspora. In addition, the forums provide an environment in which investors can network and explore opportunities for investment in Jamaica.

Past Outlook speakers have included former National Security Minister and current Finance Minister, Dr. Peter Phillips in 2003 and returned in 2013; former Prime Minister Bruce Golding, who in 2005, as leader of the opposition, was keynote speaker at the meetings; former Finance Minister, Audley Shaw who



Leader of the Opposition, Andrew Holness. Photo courtesy of Jamaica Information Service

attended in 2009 and again in 2010; and Dr. Omar Davies, minister of Transport, Works and Housing who headlined the events in 2013.

The 2014 series will focus on the theme, "The Jamaican Economy: A Vision for Transformation."

"These meetings will allow Jamaicans in the Diaspora to get another perspective on the vision our leaders have for the social and economic future of our

country," said Earl Jarrett, general manager of JNBS.

He noted that the vision will be discussed within the current context of the country's ongoing programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other critical economic initiatives.

"The presentations will, therefore, explore critical issues, such as the nation's relationship with multi-lateral agencies; plans for the productive sector; and

plans for the achievement of economic growth; as well as, initiatives to improve education and strengthen the health system," he explained.

The format for the 2014 Outlook forums, scheduled for the New York Midtown Hotel at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 21; and Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m., will involve a panel discussion segment, which will provide an analysis of the keynote presentation and response to comments from the audience.

The discussion will be moderated by Jamaican broadcast journalist and attorney-at-law, Emily Crooks and will allow the keynote speaker Holness, to make closing statements at the end of the discussion.

Jamaica National is currently celebrating its 140th year of service to its members, locally and overseas. It is the largest building society in the English-speaking Caribbean; and, has a network of representative offices in the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom. The society also has a broader and deeper global reach through its subsidiary, JN Money Services Limited, which markets its remittance services under the JN Money Transfer brand.

## Youth need to be encouraged: Crew

By Lem Peterkin

"All they (young people) need is an encouraging word," said Educator Dr. Rudolph Crew who shared these simple, yet impactful words during Brooklyn Community Church's (BCC) Annual Education Sunday Celebration on Sept. 28, 2014.

While speaking from the pulpit, he talked about partnering with BCC to reach the local community to share the importance of education and job creation.

Fifteen years after serving as Chancellor of New York City Public Schools, Dr. Crew is making waves as president of Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

Scholarships and incentive awards were given to BCC students ranging from elementary to graduate school. More than \$4,000 was awarded to achieving students; "a great feat, for a small church," said Deacon Sharlene Brown-Lee, president of BCC Scholarship

Committee. Ms. Brown-Lee also serves as assistant district attorney in Kings County. "The church is committed to education and will do whatever it can to help students achieve their goals," she said.

Distinguished guests included New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Medgar Evers Provost Dr. Augustine Okereke, Supreme Court Judges L. Priscilla Hall and Ruth Shillingford. BCC participants

included. P. S.67 PTA President and Recording Secretary Patrick Cabiness and Angelique Wharton.

Led by Rev. Dr. Fred Lucas, BCC continues to fulfill its mission of bringing communities together — in faith and beyond. BCC will celebrate its fourth anniversary in October with speakers and will welcome Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams at its Men's Day speaker on Nov. 16, 2014.

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Barbados

The Barbados Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) said it had urged the Frendeuil Stuart government to consider entering into a standby agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as the island grapples to turn around the ailing economy.

BCIC President Tracey Shuffle addressing a business breakfast meeting in Bridgetown that the private sector had suggested that once a reasonable portion of the present fiscal deficit had been reduced, "the government of Barbados could then consider the feasibility of engaging the IMF to enter into a standby arrangement."



The private sector leader said that there is a belief in the country that when the IMF is formally engaged by a government, that government has completely "failed" to adequately manage its financial affairs.

"In fact, many countries wait until they are in absolutely dire financial straits to engage the IMF as the Fund is often seen as a rescue of last resort, a time when financial power is handed over to outside interests," she said.

## Dominica

Dominica has told the international community that it does not discriminate against persons who engage in same sex relationships, but insists that the laws of the country must be obeyed.

Vince Henderson, Dominica's permanent Representative to the United Nations said that Dominica takes exception with some of the accusations and allegations made by some organizations that clearly are not in tune with what is happening on the nature isle.



He said the island, neither through the legal process or non-state actors "is not involved in the persecution of gays and lesbians and the representatives of the organization would be better served if they would take the time to visit the island and understand what is happening in Dominica.

Henderson said with a population of 70,000 people, "It doesn't take the stretch of the imagina-



## Haiti's former dictator dies at 63

In this file photo dated Feb. 28, 2013, former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, known as "Baby Doc," attends his hearing at court in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as Haitian authorities charged Duvalier with human rights abuses and embezzlement but a judge ruled he should face charges only for the alleged financial crimes. See story on page 8.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery, File

tion to know if there are people who are gay and lesbian that the majority of the population would know who they are.

"They are not hunted down, they are not persecuted, nor are they being prosecuted contrary to the statement made by Amnesty International," Henderson said.

## Guyana

Speaker of the Guyana's National Assembly Raphael Trotman has been granted an ex parte injunction preventing a 22-year-old man from publishing any material relating to allegations that he was molested by the Speaker about a decade ago.

Trotman who has already dismissed the allegations as a move "obviously intended to provide a timely distraction from the serious prevailing political situation in Guyana" got the injunction recently.

The injunction also orders the 22-year-old man to remove all allegations of sexual abuse by the Speaker from his Facebook page.

The minority Alliance for Change (ADC) said in a statement

that Chief Justice Ian Chang granted the injunction barring Johnny Anthony Welshman from publishing whether in the print or electronic media any material relating to allegations he has made against Trotman.

Trotman is also seeking damages in excess of Guy\$50 million for libel contained in statements allegedly made by Welshman and published in the Stabroek News, Guyana Times and on Welshman's Facebook page.

The AFC said it would continue to provide "unequivocal support" for Trotman, the party's co-founder against the recent "spurious and unfounded allegations against him."

The Speaker has already sought to link the accusations to the vote of no confidence filed against the Donald Ramotar administration.

## Jamaica

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Paula Llewellyn on Wednesday withdrew the corruption charge against jailed Jamaican dancehall entertainer Vybz Kartel and two other people.

Kartel, whose real name is Adidja Palmer and entertainer

Gaza Slim (Vanessa Saddler) had been charged with attempting and conspiracy to pervert the court of justice in 2011. Another person, Andre Henry was also facing the same charges.

The charges were also brought after Saddler filed a police report claiming that she was robbed at gunpoint by a man she identified as Clive "Lizard" Williams.

Kartel was earlier this year sentenced to life imprisonment for killing Williams. He is appealing the conviction.

The police allege that the report by Saddler was an attempt to assist Kartel's case.

## St. Kitts

The St. Kitts-Nevis government announced an "immediate" increase in security arrangements at the main JFN Hospital following the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old youth recently.

Police said: "With immediate effect, we have increased the

presence of the security forces at the hospital on a 24-hour basis, security cameras will be installed and the visiting policy would be strictly adhered to."

Other security measures would be put in place in the short and medium term, Health Minister Marcella Liburd said in a radio and television broadcast.

## St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government says the war on illegal drugs is being significantly hampered by the decision of the United States to continue sanctions against the St. Lucia Police Force.

Washington announced last year that it was preventing the local police force from taking part in the America-funded training exercises and assistance under its anti-drug program.

The decision was taken by Washington in light of what it called credible allegations of gross human rights violations by local law men.

The allegations are linked to several fatal police shootings between 2010 and 2011 under the former United Workers Party (UWP) government.

Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony one year ago announced the U.S. prohibition assistance to local law enforcement officers under the terms of the Leah Law.

## St. Vincent

The European Union (EU) has agreed to allocate approximately EC\$45.5 million in grants for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Lucia after both countries were affected by a devastating weather system in December 2013.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which suffered the heaviest damage, is earmarked to receive EC\$23.5 million and St. Lucia EC\$22.4 million.

This long-term reconstruction support will be in addition to the EC\$1.4 million of emergency humanitarian assistance provided by the European Union to the affected populations in the two countries immediately after the

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# Trinidad & Tobago gov't investigates ISIS link

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one of the men identified in the video but Islamic Missionaries Guild President Imitiaz Mohammed said that the government should seek the help of Interpol and other international agencies to locate the men, believed to be fighting either in Iraq or Syria.

"Government must keep a check on people who are travelling to the Middle East. They need to try and verify if there are visits there or whether these visits are genuine or not," Mohammed urged.

But even as local umbrella Muslim groups are readying to meet in emergency session this week to discuss the island's growing links to radical Islam, a teenager from Illinois nabbed by federal officials in the past week trying to head to the Middle East also has strong links to Trinidad.

Mohammed Hamzah Khan, 19, remains in U.S.

custody. National Security Minister Gary Griffith confirmed his island links, saying he was born in Trinidad even as he announced the formation of a special counter terrorism squad to deal with the situation at home as official worry about locals being lured away to the Middle East.

The young Khan is accused of attempting to provide assistance to ISIS as the worries of officials in Trinidad grow, the Trinidad Guardian newspaper reported.

The latest developments have put pressure and an unwanted spotlight on all island Islamic groups.

For example, Muslim League President Nasser Mustapha said the local community is appalled at increasingly credible reports that some from among its midst have opted to join rebel fighters in Syria and Iraq and want to get a proper handle on the



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

AP Photo/Frank Franklin II

situation before making a more informed statement.

"They are using our religion for their misguided aims. Scholars have written a lot about this but joining ISIS is not the way to paradise. These fighters are taking things out of the proper context and using it for their misguided aims. I am very shocked to know that Trinidadians could be involved in this. It is very unfortunate that we have reached to this stage. I am

praying for them to return to sanity, balance and objectivity. People have lost their direction by supporting those who are involved in these barbaric things. I pray for them to regain their sanity," he said as he prepares for the meeting.

All these developments come as well just days after the administration of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar decided to join with the U.S. and other nations to co-sponsor an anti-terrorism resolution at the United Nations General Assembly, triggering criticisms of authorities and fears in some quarters that the island should have laid low rather than join with the powerful and attract unnecessary attention to itself.

Opposition Leader Keith Rowley was among the most vocal of critics in this regard but both the prime minister and Attorney General Anand Ramlogan have argued that the island is not immune from terrorist activist and actually have a history of deadly attacks that include the July 1990 attempted coup by the Black Muslimeen group.

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the past five years.

"I wasn't aware of all areas that ECPA has been involved with. As we look forward to the Ministerial in Mexico, each sub-region has peculiar issues that we want to isolate in this pre-meeting," said Minister Paulwell, adding that "there is no future for us if the status quo remains."

The Executive Secretary for Integral Development of the OAS Sherry Tross said that "timing is important; there are so many convergences and processes going on that will be affected by how we look at and how we propose to really handle this issue of energy efficiency and renewable energy, energy security and energy sustainability going forward."

"It really behooves us to take advantage of this moment of convergence to capture the political will



OAS Assistant Secretary General, Albert Ramdin.

AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos

that can drive the agenda going forward," she said.

The meeting included discussions, among others, of the policy implications of energy trends in the Caribbean, energy and climate goals of the attending member-states, and visions and goals for the 2015 ministerial meeting, the OAS said.

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# Haitian-American group honors outstanding nationals

By Tequila Minsky

It certainly is celebratory when a once fledgling social service agency celebrates its 39th year! Entering its 40th year serving the community, Haitian Americans United for Progress (HAUP) celebrated with an anniversary fundraising gala in Queens Village, last weekend.

This year's theme was "No Longer Outsiders" and both long-time staunch HAUP supporters, and newer ones, gathered to recognize both HAUP's important contributions to the Haitian and New York community and to recognize Haitians who are now "insiders."

Elsie Saint-Louis, the organization's director welcomed the assembled telling them "Haitians are in every imaginable field: music, film, dance, culinary arts, politics, healthcare, professional football, basketball, education business, car manufacturing, policing, and more," she said.

This year's honorees came from many disciplines. Dr. Carole



Traditional Haitian drumming to Emeline Michel's lyrical singing. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Berotte, founder of the Haitian Studies Association, whose 40-year career in education includes being the fifth president of Bronx Community College was recognized.

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, deputy assistant secretary for Minority Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services tasked with improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities was also honored.

Acknowledged, from the financial world, was Jacques Jiha, who has served in the State Comptroller's office and on the board of many Haitian community organizations, is now commissioner of the NYC Department of Finance.

Commissioner in NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, and formerly Deputy Borough President of Manhattan, Rosemonde Pierre-Louis received an award, as did designer Rodney Leon, whose 2007 African Burial Ground Memorial just north of City Hall inspires thousands and is the designer for the Permanent Memorial to the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade at the UN.

Also recognized was 1199SEIU  
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# Remittances to the region expected to grow

By Nelson A. King

Remittances by international migrants from the Caribbean and other developing countries are on course for strong growth this year, while at the same time forced migration due to violence and conflict has reached unprecedented levels, according to the World Bank's latest issue of Migration and Development Brief.

The report, which was released in Washington, D.C. on Monday, recorded remittances to developing countries, stating that they are expected to reach US\$435 billion this year, an increase of five percent over 2013.

The growth rate this year is substantially faster than the 3.4 percent growth recorded in 2013, driven largely by remittances to Asia and the region, the World Bank said.

It said remittances to developing countries will continue climbing in the medium term, reaching an estimated US\$454 billion in 2015.

Global remittances, including those to high-income countries,

are estimated at US\$582 billion this year, rising to US\$608 billion next year.

"Remittances remain an especially important and stable source of private inflows to developing countries, as they bring in large amounts of foreign currency that help sustain the balance of payments," the report says.

It says that, in 2013, remittances were significantly higher than foreign direct investment (FDI) to developing countries and were three times larger than official development assistance.

"Remittances to developing countries grew this year by 5 percent," said Kaushik Basu, senior vice president and chief economist of the World Bank Group.

"Remittance inflows provided stable cover for substantial parts of the import bill for such countries as Egypt, Pakistan, Haiti, Honduras, and Nepal. India and China lead the chart with projected remittance inflows of, respectively, US\$71 and us\$64

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# Ousted Haitian dictator, Jean-Claude Duvalier dies

By Evens Sanon and Trenton Daniel

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Jean-Claude Duvalier, who presided over what was widely acknowledged as a corrupt and brutal regime as the self-proclaimed “president for life” of Haiti until a popular uprising sent him into a 25-year exile, has died. He was 63.

Duvalier died Saturday from a heart attack at the home of a friend in Port-au-Prince where he had been staying, said his lawyer, Reynold Georges, and several officials in the impoverished nation.

The former leader, known as “Baby Doc,” made a surprise return to Haiti in 2011, allowing victims of his regime to pursue legal claims against him in Haitian courts and prompting some old allies to rally around him. Neither side gained much traction, how-

ever, and a frail Duvalier spent his final years quietly in the leafy hills above the Haitian capital.

Haitian President Michel Martelly expressed his condolences to the former dictator’s family, making no mention of the widespread human rights abuses that occurred under Duvalier and his more notorious predecessor and father, Francois “Papa Doc” Duvalier.

“On behalf of the entire government and people of Haiti, I take this sad occasion to extend my sincere sympathies to his family, his relatives and his supporters across the country,” Martelly said.

The elder Duvalier was a medical doctor-turned-dictator who promoted “Noirisme,” a movement that sought to highlight Haiti’s African roots over its European ones while uniting the black majority against the

mulatto elite in a country divided by class and color.

“Papa Doc” tortured and killed political opponents, relying on a dreaded civilian militia known as the Tonton Macoutes.

In 1971, Francois Duvalier suddenly died of an illness after naming his son to succeed him. At 19, Jean-Claude Duvalier became the world’s youngest president.

Jean-Claude Duvalier ruled for 15 years, retaining the Tonton Macoutes and the brutality of his father’s regime, though to a lesser extent. The son’s administration was seen as less violent and repressive than that of the father, though it perhaps was more corrupt.

Wisp of press freedom and personal criticism, something never tolerated under the elder Duvalier, emerged sporadically during the reign of “Baby Doc” because of internation-



Former dictator Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier talks to the press at a rented guest house in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday Jan. 21, 2011 following his return from 25 years in exile. AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa, File

al pressure. Still, human rights groups documented abuses and political persecution. A trio of prisons known as the “Triangle of Death,” which included the much-feared Fort Dimanche for long-term inmates, symbolized the brutality of his regime.

Since his return from exile, victims of the regime

have testified in a criminal investigation of human rights abuses during his 15-year reign but the case has moved fitfully and there had been few signs of progress. His death brings an end to that effort without giving Haiti a chance to reconcile with that past, said Amy Wilentz, author of “The Rainy Season: Haiti

Since Duvalier,” and other works about the country.

“What this means is that there will never be a trial against him and there won’t be a chance for the Haitian people to have justice and to purge from its soul the true horrors of the Duvalier era,” Wilentz said. “It’s an end but there is no closure that comes with it.”

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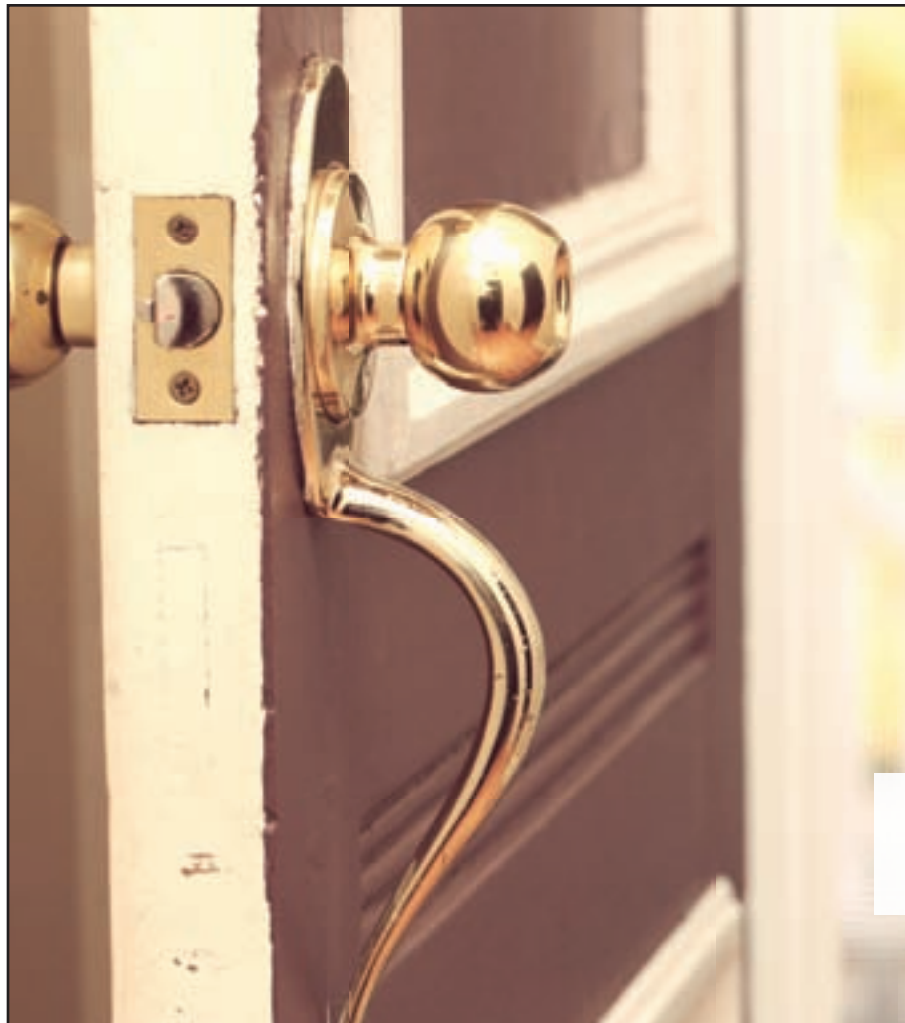


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# Will American ground troops fight ISIS?

By Sheldon Richman

With the United States dropping bombs on yet another Muslim country, we might benefit from a close look at President Obama's anti-Islamic State strategy.

Obama and his spokespeople are always quick to make two points: first, that no American ground forces will be sent into combat against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), and second, that the United States will merely be part, albeit a leading part, of a broad coalition of Arab and NATO countries.

The Obama administration's emphasis on these points strongly suggests that Americans would not support a war against ISIS fought solely by the United States with American ground troops as part of the effort.

In his speech at MacDill Air Force base on Sept. 17, Obama said,

As your Commander-in-Chief, I will not commit you and the rest of our Armed Forces to fighting another ground war in Iraq. After a decade of massive ground deployments, it is more effective to use our unique capabilities in support of partners on the ground so they can secure their own countries' futures. And that's the only solution that will succeed over the long term.

Although Obama was at an air force base, he was probably talking more to the general public than to the assembled troops, many members of which may be

disappointed in Obama's pledge because combat experience is a valued résumé item.

He went on:

We'll use our air power. We will train and equip our partners. We will advise them and we will assist them. We will lead a broad coalition of countries who have a stake in this fight. Because this is not simply America versus [ISIS]—this is the people of the region fighting against [ISIS].

Obama keeps saying that this is not just an American fight and that ground troops will not be necessary. Yet he also insists that ISIS threatens Americans in the United States. That naturally raises this question: what if the local ground troops that Obama counts on—the Iraqi and Kurdish armies and the alleged moderate Syrian rebels—aren't up to the job? Many prowar commentators think they are not, and no one thinks air power alone can defeat ISIS.

The typical administration response is that they will be up to the job, so that event need not be planned for. When Joint Chiefs Chairman Martin Dempsey told the Senate that in such an event he would recommend the dispatch of American ground troops, all hell broke loose because he had departed from the script.

The administration's evasion of this important question is ominous. Even a confused policy embodies a logic. If Obama

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# Planet racing towards catastrophe, politics look on

By Roberto Savio

ROME, Oct. 6, 2014 (IPS) - If ever there was a need to prove that we are faced with a total lack of global governance, the U.N. Climate Summit, extraordinarily called by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sep. 23, makes a very good case.

The convocation of the climate summit – albeit just for one day – appeared to indicate that it had finally dawned on political leaders that there is a problem, in fact an urgent problem, about the impact that climate change is having on our planet.

And yet, the array of leaders gathered together in New York, although full of general platitudes, gave another impressive display of failure to come up with a concrete answer. While acknowledging the problem, many leaders found a way to duck their responsibility, indicating domestic constraints.

Thus U.S. President Barack Obama made it clear that the U.S. Congress would not be ready to ratify an international climate treaty. Of course, this line of reasoning applies to the U.S. approach in general – Congress does not accept binding the United States to any international treaty because of its exceptional destiny, which cannot be brought under scrutiny or control by those who are not U.S. citizens.

Furthermore, the United States has become a dysfunctional country, where the judicial, legislative and executive powers cannot cooperate, even on crucial issues.

Anant Geete, India's new Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, stated that growth in his country has priority over anything else, and therefore India will continue

**By 2050 the level of the Mediterranean Sea will increase by a minimum of 30 centimetres.**

on its path towards industrialisation and energy fully based on coal, while other renewable energies will be brought in progressively, even if this will eventually make India the world's biggest polluter.

The European Union could not make any commitment, because a new Commission was due to take over the following month (i.e. October) and the person earmarked for the post of Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy was Spanish Conservative Miguel Arias Canete, who was a major shareholder in two Spanish oil companies – Petrolifera Ducal and Petrologis Canarias – until he sold his shares to garner support for his nomination

No problem, say his critics, Canete's wife, son and brother-in-law did not follow suit and remain shareholders or even occupy positions on the boards of the companies.

In line with this same political sensibility, the new and more conservative European Commission has brought in a well-known City lobbyist, Lord Jonathan Hill, to the portfolio of Financial Services.

Such a system of political compromises is like bringing Count Dracula in to run a blood bank – hardly a system that is likely to appeal to blood donors!

What is sad is that there was no lack of background papers for the U.N. Climate Summit.

Beside one prepared by the Intergovernmental Council on Climate Change, bringing

together 3,200 scientists from all over the world, there was, for example, a report prepared by the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture (clearly not part of a leftist government), based on a detailed study of Spanish coastal areas which found that by 2050 the level of the Mediterranean Sea will increase by a minimum of 30 centimetres (if climate control measures are taken now) up to a maximum of 60 centimetres (if no action is taken).

That means that the coastline will recede by between 20 to 40 metres, with an obvious impact on tourism, ports and coastal settlements. One hundred years ago, only 12 percent of the coast was used, rising to 20 percent in 1950, 35 percent in 1988 and 75 percent in 2006. In Spain, 15 million people now live in area which will be affected by the climate change.

Obviously, France, Greece, Italy, Tunisia and all other Mediterranean countries will share that same destiny.

Another more global study conducted by Climate Central, a U.S. research group, based on more detailed sea-level data than has previously been available, reports that about 1 person in every 40 in the world lives in an area which will be susceptible to flooding in the next 100 years – about 177 million people.

Even if immediate measures were taken for climate control, 1.9 percent of the population of coastal countries would be affected. At worst, the figure would be 3.1 percent. To give a concrete example, four percent of the Chinese population, 50 million people, would be affected. Eight of the 10 large countries most at risk are in Asia.

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# Those coalition partners of 'pipsqueak' status

For the second time since entering the 2000's, we're deep in "coalition" talk, thanks this time to the strange breed calling themselves ISIS. President Obama, despite his reassurances to the contrary, may well have to commit U.S. ground troops to the effort to rout this collection of maniacs, because of revolting behavior they not only practice but seem to have a sick fetish for advertising. Given today's cause, getting member states of the UN aboard in the attempt to assemble a coalition has been nothing like the side show when George W. Bush and his bloodthirsty phalanx tried doing the same for their Iraq misadventure. Back then the coalition-building process extended even to offering enticements for joining. But a shared feature of both undertakings was the presence of power hitters as well as partners of markedly lesser consequence.

In 2002-2003, with solid evidence of popular opposition to the Bush administration's anti-Saddam posturing, not just here but elsewhere around the world, building a coalition to topple the Iraqi leader had its problems. Save for a dumfounding obsequiousness from Britain's Tony Blair,

support for Bush's imperialistic designs wasn't particularly bristling among the major players. France and Germany were objectors, as were Russia and China. Upshot of which was the Bush crew, notably Secretary of State Colin Powell, attempting to cajole some lesser lights among nations to help bump up the numbers, clearly in an effort to invest the so-called Coalition of the Willing with what it couldn't possibly have: strong international footing. In the circumstances, Bush administration overtures across the Third World spectrum landed the likes of Nicaragua, Honduras and Dominican Republic as formal coalition partners.

Such canvassing of small states was fortunately not required here in 2014, the ISIS nemesis having evoked outrage throughout the civilized world. So that included in today's coalition are small countries which in some instances can contribute to the international effort little or nothing. Trinidad and Tobago's prime minister, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, seized the opportunity, while attending the UN General Assembly last month, to officially respond in the

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

affirmative to Obama's call and have the country be numbered among coalition partners. Whether or not Trinidad and Tobago will be making a material contribution, bottom line is that it surely won't be much beyond symbolic. Bissessar's move has however generated some criticism back home. One line of attack we saw was that the prime minister was "currying favor" with Obama. Along with which was the contention that Bissessar's catapulting Trinidad and Tobago into the spotlight that way was also putting the country in harm's way...harm as orchestrated by deadly ISIS of course.

We have long since come to realize that in these times of ongoing terror threat, we don't necessarily have to be resident in the region considered Ground Zero for violence masterminded by terrorists to be potential victims. Attacks in Bali in 2002 and 2005, the massacre in Kenya last year and of

course the 9/11 horror are but a small sampling of mayhem attributed to terrorists, that didn't originate in the perennially sizzling Middle East. In light of which, one might conclude there's no reason to make an exception of Trinidad and Tobago as a potential setting for terrorist-hatched misdeeds. We're not about to do so here. But while prudence dictates that nothing be ruled out, we're inclined to think that the folks committed to an agenda of terror have bigger fish to fry. Trinidad and Tobago, or any of its CARICOM neighbors, becoming a flashpoint in the global terror network is just a bit difficult to conceive of.

And maybe there was some intent on Bissessar's part to curry favor with President Obama, as was alleged in the press. On its face, it's difficult to imagine what, in her calculation, was expected to be the Obama give-back. At any rate, what the prime minister was undoubtedly doing in her UN spotlight turn had a whole lot more to do with retail politics on her home turf than any international alarm over abhorrent tactics by ISIS.

Bissessar and her crew are right now heavily focused on elections due

next year. In the run-up, any and every situation that figures to be an electioneering ploy is fair game... including serious UN palaver about ridding the world of violent extremists. If this presents an opportunity to make like a world-class leader for the folks back home, why not? Attempting to harvest everything that might possibly yield election dividends is a not unexpected position by the prime minister at this time. She heads an administration that is easily the most brazenly corrupt, most shameless abusers of power the country has ever seen. In four local elections last year, results reflected the public's vote of no confidence in the ruling party. Surely a time for bare-knuckled combat.

We therefore have, in Prime Minister Bissessar's UN appearance this year, a classic insight into the phenomenon of the pipsqueak state as coalition partner, when there's need for muscular joint action by the international community. Little more than moral support it might have been, her signing on to help vanquish the bad guys. In another universe (and battleground) this choreographed play must look real big.

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## OP-EDS

# Climate change debate continues

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president of the Maldives, who reminded leaders at the Climate Summit that small island countries – which would be the first to suffer from any rise in sea levels – have formed a federation to defend their right to exist, went largely unheeded.

An entire new generation has been born since the debate over climate change started but there are no signs that the situation is improving.

In the decade up to 2012, global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> rose by an average of 2.7 percent. In 2013, emissions were the highest in the last 30 years. And yet, the energy sector is mounting a strong campaign to deny that there is any climate change.

If anything, say the deniers of climate change, what is happening is part of a normal historical cycle, not the result of human activity. All data demonstrating the contrary are being ignored, and the upshot of this campaign is that many people believe that debate on the issue is still open.

Perhaps what happened a few days ago between Google and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is symptomatic

of this “normal historical cycle”?

On Sep. 22, Google chairman Eric Schmidt announced that the high-tech company was withdrawing from ALEC, saying: “Everyone understands climate change is occurring and the people who oppose it are really hurting our children and our grandchildren and making the world a much worse place. And so we should not be aligned with such people – they’re just, they’re just literally lying.”

ALEC is a conservative organisation that has urged repeal of state renewable power standards and other pro-renewable policies. It drafts proposals for regulations that it submits to politicians, asking them to make just the effort of passing them into law.

Reacting to Google’s decision, Lisa B. Nelson, CEO of ALEC, said: “It is unfortunate to learn Google has ended its membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council as a result of public pressure from left-leaning individuals and organizations who intentionally confuse free market policy perspectives for climate change denial.”

So, if you are worried about climate change, you are left-wing and against the market!

The fact is that executives from many large corporations are well ahead of political leaders. They can take decisions unencumbered by political constraint, and they have found out that working in the direction of climate controls makes sense not only in terms of public relations but also economically.

For example, forty major companies, including O’Real and Nestlè, issued a declaration on Sep. 23 pledging to help cut tropical deforestation in half by 2020, and stop it entirely by 2030. Some of these companies work with palm oil, profitable production which is at the expense of tropical forests, especially in Indonesia.

In fact, it was only corporations that made any concrete pledges at the New York Summit.

Apple CEO Timothy Cook said that his company was committing itself to focusing on the emissions of its main suppliers, which account for around 70 percent of the greenhouse gases that come from production and use of the company’s products.

# Consequences of U.S. intervention

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(despite the evidence) declares ISIS a significant domestic threat, and if the Iraqi, Kurdish, and Syrian forces fail, won’t he be pushed by the logic of his policy to send in American ground forces? After scaring Americans about ISIS and investing so much political capital, who can imagine him calling off the airstrikes and withdrawing?

As for Obama’s emphasis on coalition building, let’s not be fooled. This is a U.S.-led operation, and that is how the inhabitants of the bombed territories will see it. ISIS recruitment will soar.

But even if other coalition

members shouldered most of the burden, why should Americans feel any better about the operation? The objection to a new U.S. war in the Middle East should not be that America would go it alone. Rather, it’s that America cannot police the world without doing a variety of harms. Bringing a posse of nations along doesn’t change that.

Obama tips his hand about who will bear the burden when he rhapsodizes about American exceptionalism. At MacDill he said,

[I]t is America that has the unique capability to mobilize against an organization like [ISIS]....

[W]hen the world is

threatened, when the world needs help, it calls on America....

[T]here just aren’t a lot of other folks who can perform in the same ways—in fact, there are none. And there are some things only we can do. There are some capabilities only we have.

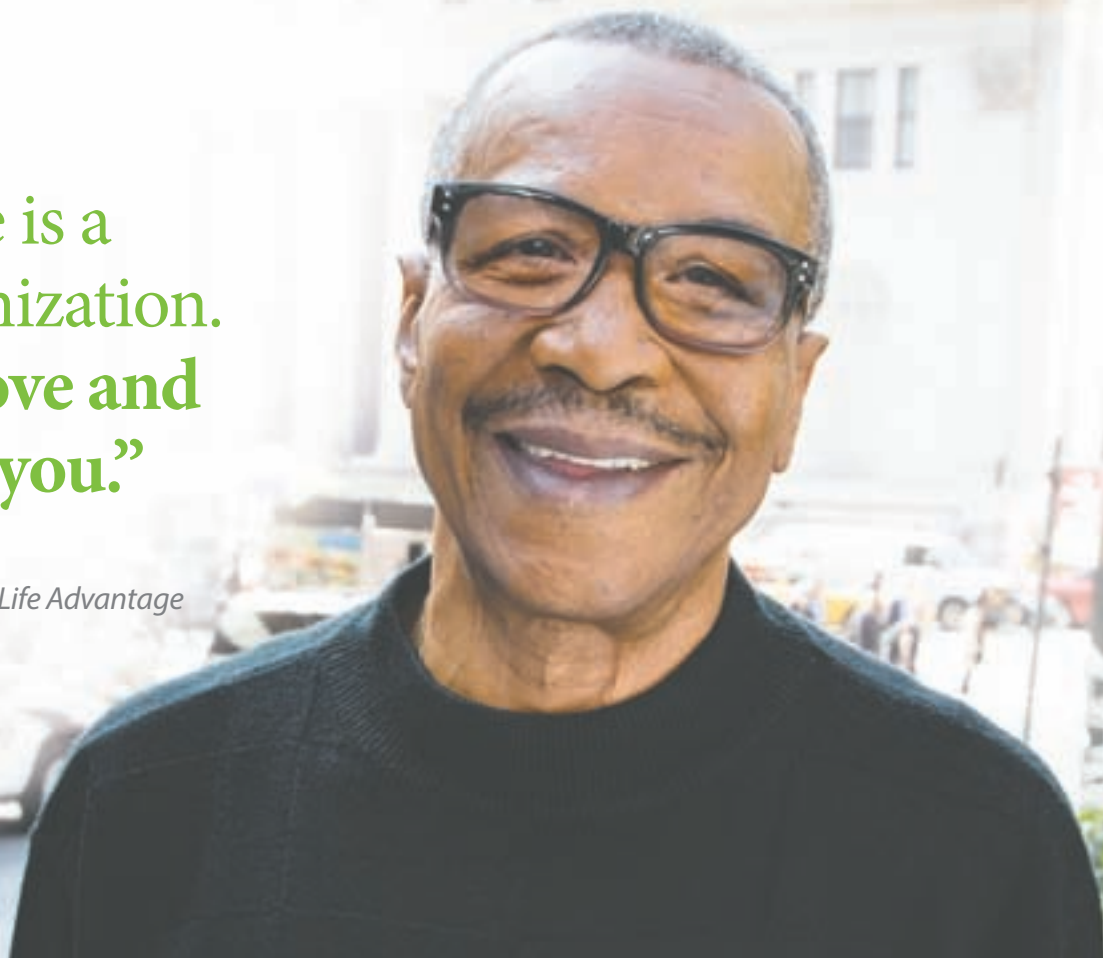
In declaring war against the ISIS insurgency (with no congressional declaration), Obama has set the country on a course of intervention in two Muslim civil wars. It can’t turn out well.

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## Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago-owned Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) is predicting a loss next year, accounting for an increase in its allocation of \$718 million, according to Finance Minister Larry Howai.



Howai was confident that over a space of three years, CAL could become sustainable.

He said a large chunk of losses related to the fuel subsidy, the Tobago route subsidy, losses from the aborted CAL/Jamaica merger.

Howai said the fuel subsidy alone was US\$50 million; the Tobago subsidy US\$26 million. There was also a loss on the Venezuelan route due to the immobilization of the Bolivar currency to the tune of US\$45 million. He said CAL's management had estimated the airline's losses in 2015 at

about \$200 million.

## Dominica

The Dominica government has introduced a new travel tax on visitors to raise funds for the port's upkeep.

The EC\$27 entry tax and an EC\$5 security fee took effect on July 14, but was only revealed in Parliament a month later on Sept. 18.

Opposition United Workers Party (UWP) legislator, Norris Prevost, said the government's approach should be viewed as a "clandestine way of evading Parliament, media and industry scrutiny of a very far reaching tax measure."



Prevost said it contradicts Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit's claim of "no new taxes" in his 2014/2015 budget.

Ports Minister Rayburn Blackmoore said the new tax would assist in the maintenance of the ports on the island.

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# Boyers' bees thrive in Brooklyn

By Tequila Minsky

In a Ditmas Park front yard, under a towering evergreen, a lot of buzzing is going on. That's where the Boyers' two beehives reside, soaking up morning sun. In the hot afternoon, the pine shades them.

Haitian musician–bass and percussion–Chico Boyer and his wife, Kathy, a graphic artist, like loving parents, care for their bees that thrived amidst lush summer blooms, which have long since faded as autumn creeps up.

Kathy tells it, "They don't pollinate these plants. They fly elsewhere, up to three miles, including Prospect Park." Now, late in the season and in lieu of blooms, they're given a sugar water solution to keep them happy and working, and insure that they won't dip into their stash of honey that will keep them alive during the winter.

The Boyers began nurturing their interest in bees through classes with the New York City

Beekeeping Association in 2007. A year later, they ordered online their first two lots, each with a queen and 3,000 bees. Introduced into the hive, the queen flies up only once and mates with as many drones as possible, returning to lay up to 3,000 eggs, a day.

"It's very educational for me," says Chico, "I learn more about nature from watching the bees. We think, 'it's us against nature, but we are nature!'" Kathy adds, "We contribute to the balance of nature."

During the working season, drones live up to only six weeks. "They're so hard working, their little wings give out," Kathy explains of their short life expectancy.

The typical hive has 60,000 bees. As the season is dwindling, they are down to about 45,000 in each hive. When it gets really cold, the bees compress into a compact ball and vibrate, keeping the queen at 92 degrees and eating the stashed honey, returning to work when it warms up.



With grandson Denzel, Chico Boyer checks his hives.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

These Ditmas Park hives are boxes stacked vertically in the method of the Langthroph Hive where bees build honeycombs into frames. Kathy explains that bees recognize patterns and look for a graphic to know where they live. For the Boyers, each stack/hive has a Haitian veve drawn on it: one is three percussion drums representing "petro tambou" and the other veve is "kongo wongo." The vodou references resonate for

Chico whose family was oriented in this way.

In addition to helping the environment by raising bees, Chico wanted to learn some skills to bring to Haiti. The neighborhood of his family home in Marin, La Plenn, an economically mixed outskirt area of Port-au-Prince, has many youth with nothing to do. Chico explains that beekeeping in Haiti will not just help the

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# Jamaica's mangoes headed for US market

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — U.S. agriculture officials have cleared the way for the export of Jamaican mangoes to the United States.

Derek Kellier is Jamaica's acting agriculture minister. He said Monday that the ministry "will do everything in its power to ensure that mango farmers and exports" meet requirements for continental U.S. shipments to begin starting Oct. 20.

Jamaica last supplied the juicy, yellow-orange fruit to the U.S. market in the 1980s. It stopped when the U.S. banned a fumigant used to deter fruit flies.

As a condition of entry, Jamaican mangoes must now be inspected and found free of certain fruit flies, scale insects and diseases



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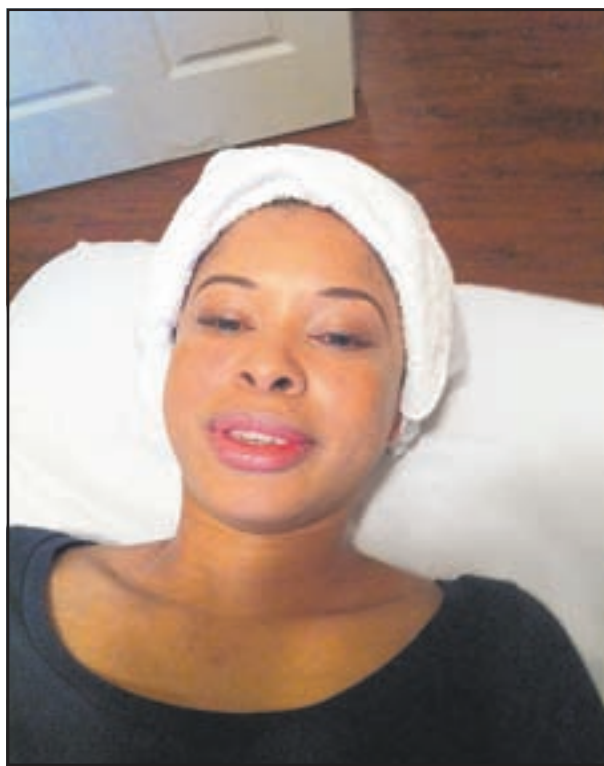
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# Flatbush spa lifts area, improves your wellness

Flatbush is buzzing with economic revitalization. From the construction of the Best Western Hotel, the refurbishing of the Kings Theatre and the construction and projected opening of a Gap Outlet along Flatbush Avenue and the construction of the IHop and Retro Fitness on Church Avenue along with retailers already there, Stop and Shop, Petco and Radio Shack, it is vividly clear that this area is quickly becoming a true contender for business growth and economic opportunities in Brooklyn.

But, there is one business, Serenity Garden Massage & Spa that promises more than economic opportunity and is dedicated to providing a service that can have a real lasting impact of people's life. The company opened its doors in August 2014 to provide massages, facials, waxing and spa manicures and pedicures to the residents of Flatbush and its surrounding neighborhoods in a peaceful and relaxing environment. According to the Executive Director Dyonne Gordon, "By maintaining high quality service in a serene and beautiful atmosphere at very affordable prices, our goal is to give back to a community of hard working deserving people who can truly benefit



A client at the Serenity Garden Massage & Spa on Flatbush Avenue. Photo courtesy of Serenity Garden Massage & Spa

from these services."

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, the company will host its official ribbon cutting ceremonies. Guests are invited to indulge in a sampling of their wellness services including mini massages and facials, food, drinks and many prizes and giveaways. Several local officials and dig-

nitaries are also expected to attend along with Monique Icabacci, territory manager and educator of Image, the official skincare line of the Ms. Universe Pageant Organization. The event is opened to the public. The ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place at Serenity Garden Massage & Spa's elegant and

cozy location, 944 Flatbush Ave. at the corner of Snyder and Flatbush avenues. The space is designed to provide relaxation and tranquility. To ensure a high quality of service they use the latest technology, use natural/vegan products, maintain optimum sanitation and employ a team of licensed practitioners who are committed to skincare and wellness.

Gordon recognizes the enormous feat that she and her staff face. According to the American Spa's 2014 Industry Insider Survey of spa owners polled, African Americans make up only nine percent of their customer base. But Ms. Gordon went on to emphasize her commitment to improving the lives of the residents of this area and to doing her "little part" to combat the rate of high blood pressure and other stress-induced disease in her community. "My maternal grandmother died from one of these types of dreaded illnesses and while most of my aunts and uncles have not suffered from these conditions, I am devastated that these century-old techniques are not readily available in my community while we probably could benefit from them most. Money should never be a deterrent to good health

and wellness," she said. She stressed that given the benefits of massage therapy and facials and the percentage of Blacks suffering from high blood pressure and other stress-induced diseases, "we will make wellness a priority here and we believe that Serenity Garden will be a staple in this community."

She takes pride in her community's hard work and believes that we certainly deserve to have high quality wellness services available in a pleasant and inviting atmosphere. Furthermore, she takes great pride in performing a much needed service to the members of this community and it most honored to have the opportunity to educate and provide therapeutic services that could literally change a person's life. When asked about how she feels about opening up a business on Flatbush Avenue, the heart of the Caribbean community, Gordon responded, "I am extremely honored to have the privilege to provide this much needed life changing service to hard working people and to be a part of the economic stimulation is this area."

An immigrant of Jamaica, West Indies Gordon has been a resident of the Brooklyn community for almost 30 years. She has spent more

than half of her time in Brooklyn living and studying in the Flatbush section. "I am familiar with the life and concerns of the residents of the Flatbush area," she said in a statement. She earned a B.S. Business and Finance and a M.S. Education from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Her interest in good quality skincare began almost two decades ago when her daughter suffered from preteen breakouts and she attempted many solutions but could find very little products that offered lasting relief. Due to a series of recent events and an unexpected opportunity, she decided to bring her dream to fruition and launched Serenity Garden Massage & Spa.

Gordon acknowledges that the road has not been easy in opening a new business venture but still realizes the benefits of the service and the advantages of. Furthermore she is confident that as she and her staff continue to educate the residents of the benefits of wellness services her company will thrive as more and more people become acquainted with her business and take advantage of a local "spaah-cation destination."

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# Pot decriminalization bill drafted in Jamaica

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's justice minister said Tuesday that legislation has been drafted to decriminalize marijuana on the Caribbean island where the drug has been pervasive but prohibited for a century.

Mark Golding told reporters that lawmakers should make possession of two ounces or

less a petty offense before the end of 2014. He also expects decriminalization for religious purposes to be authorized by then, allowing adherents of the home-grown Rastafarian spiritual movement to ritually smoke marijuana, which they consider a "holy herb," without fear of arrest.

Golding said it will take longer to agree on more complex changes to Jamai-

ca's Dangerous Drugs Act needed to spur a medical marijuana and cannabis research sector. He said Jamaica, where scientists developed a cannabis-derived medication to treat glaucoma decades ago, is "well-positioned to be a forerunner" in efforts to research therapeutic uses of the plant.

As Jamaica advances marijuana decriminalization,

the government is committed to battling drug traffickers, Golding stressed. He said keeping marijuana away from children, the international black market and organized crime will be a top priority.

Previous efforts to decriminalize marijuana, or "ganja" as it is largely known in Jamaica, failed to advance because Jamaican officials feared they would

violate international treaties and bring sanctions from Washington. But those concerns have eased now that a number of nations and some U.S. states have relaxed marijuana laws.

Golding said the regulatory framework needed for a medical marijuana and research industry in Jamaica is still being hashed over. Setting maximum limits on pot cultivation is not antici-

pated, he said, but the government wants to ensure that small farmers "are not excluded and it does not just become something exclusively for major capital-intensive investors."

Ethan Nadelmann, head of the nonprofit Drug Policy Alliance, a pro-legalization group based in New York, called Golding's announcement a "significant step forward."

## Antigua faces climate risks with ambitious renewables target

By Desmond Brown

HODGES BAY, Antigua, Oct 6, 2014 (IPS) - Ruth Spencer is a pioneer in the field of solar energy. She promotes renewable technologies to communities throughout her homeland of Antigua and Barbuda, playing a small but important part in helping the country achieve its goal of a 20-percent reduction in the use of fossil fuels by 2020.

She also believes that small non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have a crucial role to play in the bigger projects aimed at tackling the problems caused by the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas.

Spencer, who serves as National Focal Point for the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-Small Grants Programme (SGP) in Antigua and Barbuda, has been at the forefront of an initiative to bring representatives of civil society, business owners and NGOs together to educate them about the dangers posed by climate change.

"The GEF/SGP is going to be the delivery mechanism to get to the communities, preparing them well in advance for what is to come," she told IPS.

The GEF Small Grants Programme in the Eastern Caribbean is administered by the United Nations office



Power lines in Antigua. The Caribbean country is taking steps to achieve energy security through clean technologies.

IPS / Desmond Brown

in Barbados.

"Since climate change is heavily impacting the twin islands of Antigua and Barbuda, it is important that we bring all the stakeholders together," said Spencer, a Yale development economist who also coordinates the East Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network funded by the German government.

"The coastal developments are very much at risk and we wanted to share the findings of the IPCC report with them to let them see for themselves what all these scientists are saying," Spencer told IPS.

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# Regular exercise can help kids do better in school

(StatePoint) Physical activity may not be the first thing parents or teachers think about when they want to boost a child's academic performance, but evidence supports the notion that a bit of exercise for the body is beneficial to the brain as well.

In fact, kindergarteners who participated in Build Our Kids' Success (BOKS), a free before-school program involving physical activity and nutrition education, had significantly improved memory skills as rated by teachers, compared to their peers who did not participate. A study of the children's performance also concluded that those who participated in the program exhibited good behavior in the classroom.

"A sedentary life and poor eating habits can lower kids' performance in the classroom and start a cycle of health problems later in life," says Kathleen Tullie, founder and executive director of BOKS and the director of Social Responsibility for Reebok. "Sim-

## HEALTH

ply stated, a healthy body and a healthy brain go hand in hand."

So how can you incorporate more healthy habits into your family's routine?

- Active weekends: Instead of a lazy Saturday or Sunday, get outside and get moving. Take a soccer ball to the park for a pick-up game or hike a local trail. Make exercise on the weekends a regular habit for your family, and those habits will extend to the rest of the week as well.

- Fuel throughout the day: A hearty breakfast sets kids up for a great day. Follow that up with a healthful, satisfying lunch and snacks such as nuts and fruit, to help kids avoid the pitfalls of the junk food machines.

- Cook together: Take-out is great when you're crunched for time, but be sure to cook at home at least a few times a week. Not only are homemade meals one of

the only ways you can be exactly sure of what you're feeding your family, but the act of cooking together is a great opportunity to impart some lessons about nutrition and eating right.

- Bed time: Adequate sleep is crucial for a healthy, functional mind and body. Setting a regular bedtime and sticking to it is best to ensure kids get a full night's rest.

- Volunteer to get your school involved: Children should have one hour or more of physical activity daily, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Unfortunately, physical education class may not be sufficient. Investigate what other opportunities your child's school has for physical activity, such as before school programs like BOKS or after school sports. If your school doesn't have such a program in place, look into starting BOKS at your school.

BOKS, for example, can be run by anyone -- parents, teachers, the school nurse or a community



Regular exercise is good for everyone including children. Photo courtesy of Build Our Kids Success

activist. To learn more, visit [www.BOKSKids.org](http://www.BOKSKids.org).

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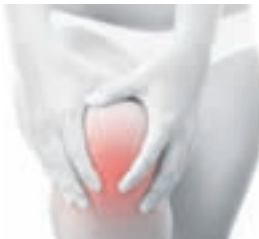
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# Prostate Cancer: Stop It Before It's too Late.

Reading newspaper articles can be fun, interesting, and entertaining, but can it save your life or the life of your loved ones?

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2014, about 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and about 29,480 men will die of prostate cancer. About 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime. Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men.

Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it. In fact, more than 2.5 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today.\*

In this article, we seek advice from two award winning urologic surgeons, Dr. Vitaly Raykhman and Dr. Yuly Chalik. These two recipients of the prestigious Patient's Choice Award were also named America's Top Urologists of 2009 and 2010. They will tell us how to detect prostate

cancer in its earliest stage and successfully fight it.

**Doctors, what are the symptoms of prostate cancer? Can a man diagnose himself for this disease?**

Unfortunately, prostate cancer will usually not exhibit outward symptoms in its early stages, so the patient is often not aware of the presence of a tumor. Because it is important to diagnose this disease before any symptoms occur, men over age 45 are strongly encouraged to undergo an elective urological examination at least once a year.

**How do you diagnose prostate cancer?**

The first step in diagnosing prostate cancer is analyzing PSA (prostate-specific antigen) in blood. If cancer is suspected, a biopsy will be advisable, since it is the only test that can fully confirm the diagnosis of prostate cancer. At Prostate Center of Accord Physicians, doctors can perform a biopsy under anesthesia directly on premises.

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Given the complexity of the diagnosis and of prostate cancer in general, we urge readers to be tested only using modern equipment at the most up-to-date clinics, such as Prostate Center of Accord Physicians.

**What is the most effective method of treatment offered at the Prostate Center of Accord Physicians?**

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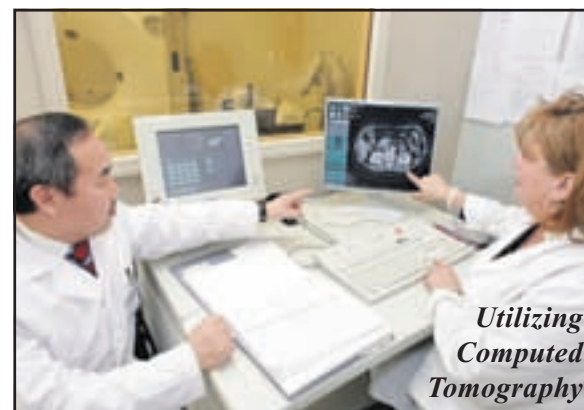
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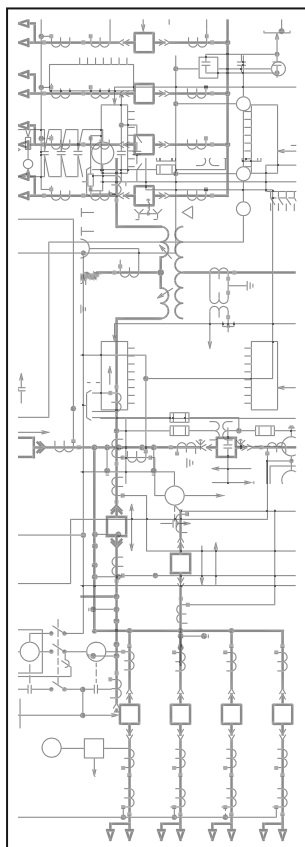
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# Antigua sets renewables target

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"We are in a small island so we have to build synergies, we have to network, we have to partner to assist each other. By providing the information, they can be aware and we are going to continue doing follow up... so together we can tackle the problem in a holistic manner," she added.

The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has sent governments a final draft of its synthesis report, which paints a harsh picture of what is causing global warming and what it will do to humans and the environment. It also describes what can be done about it.

Ruleta Camacho, project coordinator for the sustainable island resource management mechanism within Antigua and Barbuda's Ministry of the Environment, told IPS there is documented observation of sea level rise which has resulted in coastal erosion and infrastructure destruc-

tion on the coastline.

She said there is also evidence of ocean acidification and coral bleaching, an increase in the prevalence of extreme weather events – extreme drought conditions and extreme rainfall events – all of which affect the country's vital tourism industry.

"The drought and the rainfall events have impacts on the tourism sector because it impacts the ancillary services – the drought affects your productivity of local food products as well as your supply of water to the hotel industry," she said.

"And then you have the rainfall events impacting the flooding so you have days where you cannot access certain sites and you have flood conditions which affect not only the hotels in terms of the guests but it also affects the staff that work at the hotels. If we get a direct hit from a storm we have significant instant dropoff in the productivity levels in the hotel sector."

Antigua and Barbuda, which is known for its sandy beaches and luxurious resorts, draws nearly one million visitors each year. Tourism accounts for 60 to 75 percent of the country's gross domestic product, and employs nearly 90 percent of the population.

Like Camacho, Edinor Norde, an environment officer, believes sea level rise is likely to worsen existing environmental stresses such as a scarcity of freshwater for drinking and other uses.

"Many years ago in St. John's we had seawater intrusion all the way up to Tanner Street. It cut the street in half. It used to be a whole street and now there is a big gutter running through it, a ship was lodged in Tanner Street," she recalled.

"Now it only shows if we have these levels of sea water rising that this is going to be a reality here in Antigua and Barbuda," Norde told IPS.



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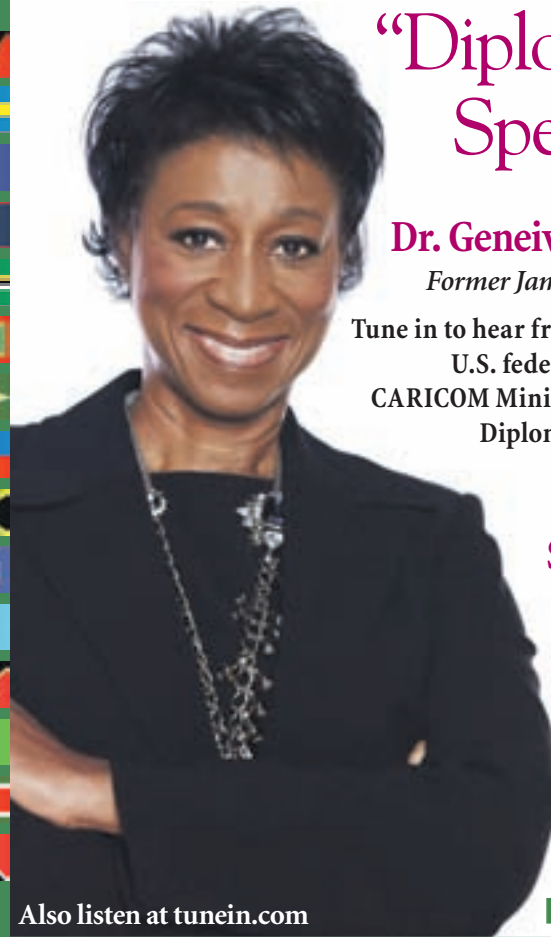
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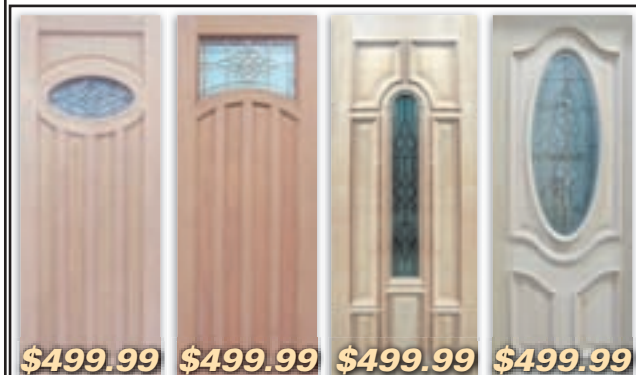
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The brief notes that the global average cost of sending remittances continued its downward trend in the third quarter of 2014, falling to 7.9 percent of the value sent, compared to 8.9 percent a year earlier.

In a special analysis on forced migration, the brief notes that forced migration due to conflict is at its highest level since World War II, affecting more than 51 million people.

An additional 22 million people have been forced to move due to natural dis-

asters, bringing the total affected by forced migration to at least 73 million, according to the latest available data.

“Despite the encouraging outlook for remittance flows, the circumstances of many migrants are troubling. With so many people on the move against their will and many others undertaking desperate and dangerous journeys, it is clear that more effort is needed to make migration safer and cheaper by exploring economically viable policy options,” said Dilip Ratha, Lead Economist, Migration and Remittances, at the

World Bank’s Development Prospects Group and Head of the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD).

Forced migration is typically viewed as a humanitarian issue but affects growth, employment and public spending for both origin and destination countries. The issue needs to be examined also through a development lens, says the brief.

The report says remittance flows to the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region are “likely to bounce back this year, following a weak 2013.”

It says that remittances to the region are expected to increase by 5 percent this year, compared to 1 percent last year, to US\$64 billion, rising to US\$67 billion in 2015.

# Haitian nationals

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# Bee keeping brings income

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environment but can be an income supplement.

"We harvested 120 pounds, this season," Kathy boasts, the different sized jars informally sold by word-of-mouth and to neighbors and friends. The early summer harvest produced a pale yellow Linden honey from Brooklyn's many Linden trees and the end of September harvest, produced an amber wildflower honey.

"We have a lot of Christmas presents," Chico says.

Their 90-year-old neighbor, Mary Campinile stops by for a quick visit, and pipes up about the bees, "I love it. They make honey and it's good for everything. It's home-made and not too sweet."

There are 35 licensed owners of 85 hives in Brooklyn, 277 registered hives citywide, most situated on rooftops. The Boyers corner house offers bees this near-the-ground living opportunity. The hives are licensed—there is no cost—with registration that can be done online by the Department of Health. Basically, beekeepers must use appropriate practices to prevent bees from becoming a nuisance. The Boyers learned early on of the hefty fine levied on unlicensed hives.

Later this month, the Boyers will be presenting at a Bee Summit at the Schoharie River Center not far from Albany, sharing how bee keeping fits into Haitian culture.



Four-year-old Denzel, grandson to beekeepers Chico and Kathy Boyer, proudly holds a bear-shaped bottle filled with wildflower honey made by the Boyers' own Brooklyn bees. This season their bees produced 120 pounds of honey.

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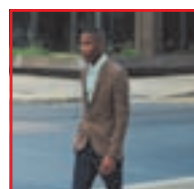
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Ross &amp; Hill Law Firm in Downtown Brooklyn.

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# Firm fights valiantly for rights of little guy

BY JACK RYAN

For more than 35 years the Brooklyn law firm of Ross and Hill has been fighting for the rights of its clients. It has worked hard and has won millions of dollars for people from all walks of life, but the staff are most proud of the cases where they were able to stand up for victims who had nowhere else to turn.

Partners James Ross and Arthur Hill, who practice personal injury law and related civil litigation, have been joined by His Honor William C. Thompson, an Appellate Division Judge, who brought to the firm his 50 years of legal experience. Together they have become

one of the most powerful and successful practices in the New York area.

Hill spoke about a recent case close to the partners' hearts. They were asked to represent the estate of a woman who was a passenger in a car driven by a suspected drug dealer. She was killed when State Police tried to arrest the driver and fired on the car — hitting her woman with a stray bullet.

"We were able to win a million dollar settlement that will go to her son," said Hill.

But their concern for the then-3-year-old boy did not end there.

"The boy had nothing

to do with the drug dealing and had no one to take care of him," said Thompson, who was appointed guardian of the estate until the boy reached 18.

"We figured that we can save this kid. The first thing we wanted to do was get him out the crime-ridden neighborhood where he grew up," said Thompson.

Thompson is looking for a military academy for the boy close to the city.

"I can save this kid," said the judge. Although he knew the boy's grandmother, he said he had little confidence that the boy's relatives could protect the boy and get his life going in

the right direction.

Thompson has served in the Appellate division of the New York Supreme Court for 20 years. He said he is proud to work with Ross and Hill, "two of the best lawyers in the state."

"We're not just doing this for the money," said the judge. "We take a great of satisfaction when we can do something for people who need our help. It means a lot to us."

Thompson, who is a member of the National Arbitration and Mediation, an alternative dispute resolution board, said more than 90 percent of the cases the firm takes on are settled out

of court. In some cases this doesn't happen until the last minute when a jury has already been selected.

Hill "enjoys the litigation." Recently his firm won \$2,250,000 for the family of a boy who was seriously injured in a bus accident and a million dollars for a man who was the victim of a robbery in the building where he lived when they were able to prove that security was negligent.

He said if his firm is convinced that a client has been wronged it will take on the case no matter how complex and no matter how powerful and wealthy the defendant.

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# Africa Now! celebrates at Carnegie Hall

It was 1994 that South Africans decided a new path for their nation. The democratic process elected Nelson Mandela the very first Black leader of the richest African nation and also outlawed an antiquated system that categorized citizens according to their race. That same process afforded a privileged few to benefit while enslaving the masses that occupied the vast and beautiful most southern land mass on the continent. Apartheid flourished under the Dutch, Afrikaaners but was rebuked by a majority of governments, and organizations which banned the nation from participation in international competitions — beauty pageants, World Cup Soccer and a myriad of other important events.

Two decades later, Carnegie Hall celebrates the transition with a month-long music and arts festival billed Ubuntu.

Slated to end Nov. 5, the festival dedicated to Nel-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

son Mandela translates to interpret a philosophy that “emphasizes the importance of community influencing recent moves of reconciliation and inclusion in South Africa.”

Billed to perform: Angelique Kidjo (Nov. 5, 8:00 p.m.), Ladysmith (Oct. 18, 8:00 p.m.) Abdulla Ibrahim (Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m.) Hugh Masekela (Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.) and a roster that includes: Phuzekhemis, Pretty Yende and the Kuumba Collective and many others.

The word Ubuntu actually translates to “I am because you are.”

Also celebrating 20 years of freedom in South Africa, the Harlem-located, uptown landmark the Apollo Theater bills — “Africa Now! South Africa.”

Featuring music and a panel discussion through an entire weekend festival, partnership with the World Music Institute combines the celebration.

“The Harlem/South Africa Connection” panel discussion focusing on “Harlem’s enduring social, political, and cultural relationship with South Africa” begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Panelists include Harry Belafonte and former Mayor David N. Dinkins.

The weekend festival includes an all-day Friday showcase and educational offering to school-aged youths beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The spotlight will focus on the next generation of South African music makers when trumpeter Maseke-



Angelique Kidjo engages the audience in the most loving way and invited fans to join her on stage to dance.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

la hosts a special Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. presentation.

Simphele Dana, The Soil and the Muffinz are expected to provide a peek into the future of the infectious music.

“Joburg” is buzzing about its newest favorite Afro-Jazz band, The Muffinz.”

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CaribBEING  
celebrates fall

By Kevin Bollers

Viva Brooklyn! caribBEING held its fourth partnership event with leading cultural institution, Brooklyn Museum on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The organization was excited about kicking off the fall, celebrating and highlighting the cultural contributions of communities from Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The event was filled with a vibrant collection of music, dance, interactive performances and films throughout the museum.

There was an artist performance by Crossing Brooklyn artist Miguel Luciano for Pimp My Piragua, a public art project where the artist serves piraguas (shaved ice) from his custom-built tricycle, honoring the spirit and innovation of Latino street vendors. Arturo O'Farrill's Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble and



Film maker and director of "Music for (prepared) Bicycles," Ceacilia Trip and Chief Executive and Founder of caribBeing Shelley Worrell. Photo by Kevin Bollers

The Fat Afro Latin Jazz Cats Youth Orchestra, both Afro Latin Jazz Alliance ensembles, presented a lively and engaging set.

William Caballero screened his latest film, "How You Doin' Boy? Voicemails from  
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New website for  
Caribbean films

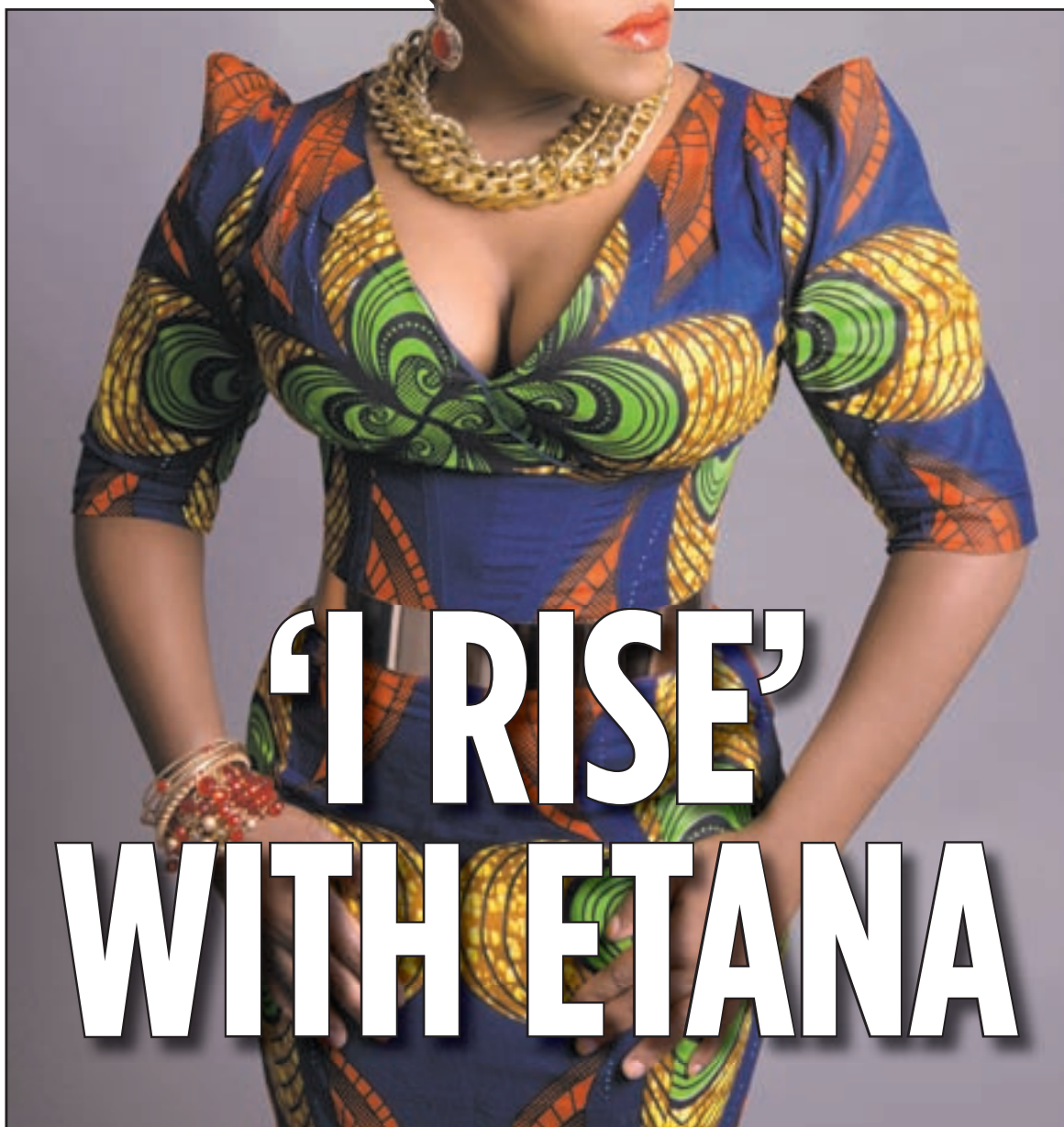
By Tangerine Clarke

Fans of Caribbean film will have a new option to view the innovative works of moviemakers in the region, on a new website that was launched recently in Brooklyn, by the Caribbean Film Academy (CaFA), and Anansi Studios, headed by Guyanese-American Romola O. Lucas.

This new dimension offered by the hugely popular CaFA Film Nights in Brooklyn, will showcase award winning flicks by filmmaker  
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From left, Romola O. Lucas, Shauna Blaize, Justin Blaize with Trinidad & Tobago's filmmaker Shea Best at the recent Film Festival Awards Gala.  
Romola O. Lucas

'I RISE'  
WITH ETANA

Jamaican singer Etana.

Photo courtesy of VP Records

## Jamaican singer releases new album

By Kevin Bollers

Etana releases her new album "I Rise," which will be available from Oct. 28, 2014 on VP Records. The beautifully-orchestrated set is helmed by the legendary Jamaican multi-instrumentalist and producer Clive Hunt, whose credits include Byron Lee & The Dragonaires, Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder, Peter Tosh, Rolling Stones, The

Wailers, Grace Jones, Jimmy Cliff and many more.

Hunt arranged an all-star team of the island's musicians to contribute to the set - including himself, Sly Dunbar, Robbie Shakespeare, Grub Cooper, Handel Tucker and Dean Fraser. The Jamaican singer-songwriter's melodic power blended with Hunt's rich arrangements sets this album apart as one

of the best throughout Etana's stellar career.

Etana carries the torch as reggae's leading lady with this classic collection of love ballads and roots anthems. With her poised assurance and newfound strength, she evolves spiritually, mentally, emotionally and musically. Whether she is shedding light on the harsh

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



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



- 1 **The Big Revival**  
Kenny Chesney
- 2 **This Is All Yours**  
alt-J
- 3 **PTX: Vol. III (EP)**  
Pentatonix
- 4 **Cheek To Cheek**  
Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga
- 5 **Partners**  
Barbra Streisand
- 6 **Guardians Of The Galaxy: ...**  
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- 7 **X**  
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John Mellencamp
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# Etana on the rise

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ghetto realities on “Trigger,” “Ward 21 (Stenna’s Song)” and “How Long,” conveying romantic longings on “Richest Girl,” “Love Song,” and “By Your Side” or expressing her deep-rooted spirituality on the Bob Marley remake of “Selassie Is The Chapel,” the Marcia Griffith’s cover of “Stepping Out Of Babylon,” “Emancipation” and “On My Way” - each of the album’s tracks is delivered with her soulful conviction.

“I Rise” follows her critically-acclaimed albums “Better Tomorrow” (2013), “Free Expressions” (2011) and “The Strong One” (2008). This album promises to showcase her growth compared to the last album. “You will also hear a lot of growth in the areas of vocals and instruments from the last albums,” said Etana.

She described her music as worldly, pulling from various influences. “It’s deeply rooted in reggae and can also be classified as ‘world’ music. At times you will

also hear a fusion of jazz, soul and South American music. I grew up listening to people like Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder and diverse genres of music. I believe that it influenced and shaped, in many ways, my style of music.”

Etana pays close attention to her outward appearance, wanting to stay true to herself. “The image I seek to convey is one of strength, being true to life, true to myself as well as being true to others and this comes out in my music. In my music, I seek to be real and be myself,” she said.

As an artist, she hopes to accomplish doing a world tour and filling up stadiums all over the globe. She defines success as being happy with herself and her work. “I define success as an artist, being comfortable and happy at what you do by stepping out of the box; achieving and accepting who you are and being able to sleep comfortably at night with the fact,” she said.



Album cover for Etana’s “I Rise.”

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Crossing Brooklyn artist, Miguel Luciano from Pimp My Piragua serves piraguas (shaved ice) from his custom-built tricycle, honoring the spirit and innovation of Latino street vendors.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

## CaribBEING

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Gran’pa,” and spoke about how Puerto Rican American culture influences his work. Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana presented Bailes de Ida y Vuelta, a performance exploring the Latin American influences on flamenco. Brooklyn-based band La Mecánica Popular blended ‘70s-style salsa with the new wave of tropical sounds.

CaribBeing also presented “Music for (prepared) Bicycles,” a film by Ceacilia Trip. “Music for (prepared) Bicycles” is a participatory project using a sonic bicycle to draw a musical score onto a large canvas.

Co-presented by caribBEING, Caecilia Tripp showed the film of the New York performance of “Music for (prepared) Bicycles” (after John Cage & Marcel Duchamp), produced in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Schwinn Bike Club. Shelly Worrell, founder and chief executive of caribBeing said that even though Trip is from Europe, much of her work centers around the Caribbean and much of her subjects have been Caribbean luminaries. Worrell believes that many times the Latin and Hispanic parts of the Caribbean are underrepresented, so when the opportunity presented itself to collaborate with Trip and tie her work to what caribBEING is already doing, she leapt at the chance.

## Filmmakers platform

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ers from Guyana/USA, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and St. Kitts & Nevis/UK on www.studioanansi.tv that would allow viewers to browse films, download free, and shop for their favorite movie.

Lucas, whose passion for giving Caribbean filmmakers a platform to exhibit their culture through short films and documentary, is excited about the latest venture by CaFA that will entertain movie lovers.

“Many Caribbean children grow up with storytelling being an integral part of their lives, despite the advent of video game,” said Lucas noting that it is important for nationals to share their storytelling.

She said the site will celebrate emerging filmmakers who would ultimately develop their works into full-length features.

“We are building an amazing collection of Caribbean stories, one film at a time,” said Lucas, adding “we invite you to join us on this quest. Keep sharing our films and keep sharing your thoughts and words of encouragement with the filmmakers.”

“Film is an excellent way of preserving our rich storytelling and culture and heritage,

and a great stage to showcase the talents of our storytellers, said Lucas, a corporate attorney, along with co-founder Justen Blaize who work tirelessly to promote film in the community.

Some of the flicks that will cost a modest fee of \$4.99 to download, and \$11:00 for a DVD via the site include Aiko Roudett’s award-winning film “Hoghole,” Cannes Film Festival winner, “Seawall” by Mason Richards and Roslin Khan, PhD, Christopher and Leizelle Guinness’ “Pothound” and “Capt T&T,” “Beaches” by Kojo McPherson, and Ryan Figuera’s short film, “Victim.”

Others include Shaun Escayg’s “Fish and Noka: Keeper of Worlds,” “The Other Side of Carnival” and “Panomundo” by Charysse Tia Harper, Vashti Anderson’s film “Jeffrey’s Calypso,” David Lee’s “The Coming of Org,” and Carriacou/USA-Justen Blaize and Team United short film, “I’ll Be there.”



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# True tale of an intrepid investigative journalist

“Kill the Messenger”  
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Focus Features

## By Kam Williams

In August of 1996, the San Jose Mercury News published an eye-opening expose’ detailing exactly how the Central Intelligence Agency had orchestrated the importation of crack cocaine from Nicaragua as well as its distribution in the black community of South Central Los Angeles. Entitled “Dark Alliance,” the 20,000-word series was written by Gary Webb (Jeremy Renner), an investigative journalist who’d risked life and limb to release the incendiary information.

For, in the midst of conducting

his research, he had been asked “Do you have a family?” by a CIA operative trying to intimidate him into killing the article. The spy agency was ostensibly determined to suppress any facts which might shed light on its covert dealings with the Contras, the rebels attempting to topple the government of Nicaragua.

But Webb, already a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, would not be intimidated and went with the piece. And even though he had supported his shocking allegations with declassified documents obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, the Establishment secretly enlisted the assistance of the New York Times, the Washington Post and the L.A. Times to discredit him.

These prominent papers poo-pooed the very notion that the CIA could possibly be behind the dissemination of crack in the inner-city. Nevertheless, “Dark Alliance” became the biggest story of the year, especially among Afri-



Russell Dodson (Barry Pepper) and DEA Agent Jones (Clay Krasnik) go to court in “Kill The Messenger,” a Focus Features release. Focus Features/Chuck Zlotnick

can-Americans, many of whom surfed the internet for the first time in order to read the damning report.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) took to the floor to warn

that “Somebody’s going to have to pay for what they have done to my people.” Yet, the revelations seemed to take the greatest toll on Gary Webb, who lost his good name, his job, his career,

and even the love of his wife (Rosemarie DeWitt) in due course.

This shameful chapter in American history is the subject of Kill the Messenger, a sobering biopic directed by Michael Cuesta and starring Jeremy Renner. The film features an A-list cast also including Ray Liotta, Barry Pepper, Tim Blake Nelson, Andy Garcia, Oliver Platt, Michael Sheen, Robert Patrick and Paz Vega.

However, make no mistake, this riveting thriller is a Renner vehicle, and the two-time Academy Award-nominee (for The Hurt Locker and The Town) delivers another Oscar-quality performance as a family man/respected writer slowly turned into a paranoid soul haunted by Machiavelian mercenaries drunk with power.

A cautionary tale about what might easily transpire whenever the Fourth Estate is willing to serve as the Fifth Column rather than as a government watchdog.

## Independent & Foreign Films

Dead Snow 2: Red vs. Dead (R for profanity, sexual references, graphic violence and pervasive gore) Horror sequel finds Norway invaded by another battalion of nasty Nazi zombies. Co-starring Vegar Hoel, Orjan Gamst, Ingrid Haas, Jocelyn DeBoer and Martin Starr. (In Norwegian, English and German with subtitles)

I Am Ali (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) Reverential biopic about Muhammad Ali as revealed by his personal archives and confirmed by the reflections of many friends, family and fellow boxers. Featuring commentary by George Foreman, Mike Tyson and NFL great Jim Brown.

Kite (R for sexuality, drug use, grisly images and pervasive graphic violence) Revenge thriller about a young orphan-turned-merciless assassin (India Eisley) who tracks down her parents’ killer with the help of her police officer father’s former partner (Samuel L. Jackson). With Callan McAuliffe, Carl Beukes and DeVille Vannik.

One Chance (PG-13 for profanity and sexuality) Overcoming-the-odds musical recounting the real-life



## Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

exploits of Paul Potts (James Corden), an aspiring opera singer who went from nerdy underdog to serious contender as a contestant on the reality-TV series “Britain’s Got Talent.” With Alexandra Roach, Julie Walters and Colm Meaney.

The Overnighters (PG-13 for mature themes and brief profanity) Dream deferred documentary chronicling the generosity of a Christ-like pastor who opened up his church to alleviate the suffering of over 1,000 oil workers unable to find affordable housing in North Dakota.

St. Vincent (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, smoking, mature themes and substance abuse) Bill Murray plays the title role in this unlikely buddies comedy as an alcoholic misanthrope who befriends the pint-sized son (Jaeden Lieberher) of the divorcee (Melissa McCarthy) next door. With Naomi Watts, Chris O’Dowd and Terrence Howard.

Stuck (Unrated) Grid-

lock dramedy about a couple (Madeline Zima and Joel David Moore) forced to get to know each other while stuck in traffic the morning after sharing a passionate one-night stand. Support cast includes Abraham Benrubi, Logan Agayan and Gaby Alcazar.

Waiting for August (Unrated) Child abuse documentary, set in Bacau, Romania, revolving around a 14-year-old girl left in charge of her half-dozen siblings while their migrant worker mother spends the winter and spring employed elsewhere. (In Romanian with subtitles)

You’re Not You (R for sexuality, profanity and drug use) Bittersweet drama about the unlikely bond forged between a classical pianist (Hilary Swank) with ALS and the brash, aspiring rock singer (Emmy Rossum) hired as her caretaker. With Ali Larter, Josh Duhamel, Marcia Gay Harden, Ernie Hudson and Frances Fisher.

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### SAT., OCT. 11

**PLAY:** Actress / playwright Renéé Flemings tackles William Shakespeare's most powerful female characters in her solo performance "Women, Power & The Bard" at The Actors Fund Arts Center at the Schermerhorn (160 Schermerhorn St.) in downtown Brooklyn, NY. The performance - part of Modern-Day Griot Theatre Company's "Having Their Say Storytellers Unleashed" solo series - will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 online in advance: <http://hts-womenpowerbard.bpt.me/> and \$40 at the door. Enter MDGfriend for 20 percent off the online ticket price. "Women, Power & The Bard" is an AEA showcase.

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**SINGERS SHOWCASE:** The multi-talented Alex DeSuze returns to the Indian Road Café to host the "No Name Uptown Cabaret Second Monday" monthly singers showcase. DeSuze, whose background includes acting, directing and singing at venues throughout the NYC-metro area, will be joined by a guest musical director. Producer Eric Vetter calls the Cabaret an opportunity to enjoy and share your art with your fellow singers, composers and lyricists in a safe and fun place! Indian Road Café, located at 600 West 218th Street, offers an excellent wine, beer and coffee selection as well as great food from paninis to lobster mac and cheese, all amidst a warm and casual atmosphere. The next Uptown Cabaret show at 7:00pm with sign up beginning at 6:45 p.m. No cover, no minimum and for additional information, call (212) 942-7451. For more "No Name" information, go to <http://www.nonamenyc.com>

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## SHOWCASE

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the release of his memoir "I Hate The Dallas Cowboys - tales of a scrappy New York boyhood" (YBK Publishers, Inc) at his monthly "City Stories: Stoops To Nuts" storytelling show at the Cornelia Street Café in the West Village. Joining Pryor at the event scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., will be special guest performers Leslie Goshko (Huffington Post Comedy) Adam Wade (two-time MOTH Grand Slam winning storyteller) and some musical surprises. The \$8.00 admission includes a free drink. Books will be available for purchase and also through Barnes & Noble, Amazon and YBK. The Café is located at 29 Cornelia St. in New York City.(212) 989- 9319. For information on Pryor's upcoming events and other projects, go to: <http://yorkvillestoopstonuts.blogspot.com/>.

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** Join us this fall for a series of workshops presented by the American Diabetes Association from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This week's topic is "Risk Control for Heart Attack and Stroke." These workshops are free and open to the public and will be held at 206-20 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights, NY 11411.

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**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.

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

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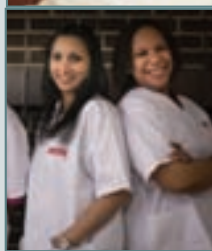
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Geoffrey Holder.

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# Trinidadian Geoffrey Holder, multitalented artist, dies at 84

By Jennifer Dunning and William McDonald

Geoffrey Holder, the dancer, choreographer, actor, composer, designer and painter who used his manifold talents to infuse the arts with the flavor of his native West Indies and to put a singular stamp on the American cul-

tural scene, not least with his outside personality, died on Sunday in Manhattan. He was 84.

Charles M. Mirotznik, a spokesman for the family, said the cause was complications of pneumonia.

Few cultural figures of the last half of the 20th century

were as multifaceted as Holder, and few had a public presence as unmistakable as his, with his gleaming pate atop a 6-foot-6 frame, full-bodied laugh and bassoon of a voice laced with the lilting cadences of the Caribbean.

He directed a dance troupe from his native Trinidad and Tobago, danced on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera and won Tony Awards in 1975 for direction of a musical and costume design for "The Wiz," a rollicking, all-black version of "The Wizard of Oz." His choreography was in the repertory of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Dance Theater of Harlem. He acted onstage and in films and was an accomplished painter, photographer and sculptor whose works have been shown in galleries and museums. He published a cookbook.

Holder acknowledged that he achieved his widest celebrity as the jolly, white-suited television pitchman for 7Up in the 1970s and '80s, when in a run of commercials, always in tropical settings, he happily endorsed the soft drink as an "absolutely maaarvelous" alternative to Coca-Cola — or "the Uncola," as the ads put it.

Long afterward, white suit or no, he would stop pedestrian traffic and draw stares at restaurants. He even good-naturedly alluded to the TV spots in accepting his Tony for directing, using their signature line "Just try making something like that out of a cola nut."

Geoffrey Lamont Holder was born into a middle-class family on Aug. 1, 1930, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, one of four children of Louise de Frense and Arthur Holder, who had immigrated from Barbados. Geoffrey attended Queen's Royal College, an elite secondary school in Trinidad. There he struggled with a stammer that plagued him into early adulthood.

"At school, when I got up to read, the teacher would say, 'Next,' because the boys would laugh," he said in an oral history interview.

Growing up, Mr. Holder came under the wing of his talented older brother, Arthur Aldwyn Holder, known to everyone by his childhood nickname, Boscoe. Boscoe Holder taught Geoffrey painting and dancing and recruited him to join a small, folkloric dance troupe he had formed, the Holder Dancing Company. Boscoe was 16; Geoffrey, 7.

Holder's career mirrored that of his brother in many ways. Boscoe Holder, too, went on to become a celebrated dancer, choreographer, musician, painter and designer, and he, too, left Trinidad, in the late 1940s, for England, where he performed on television and onstage.

He took over the dance company, as its director and lead performer, and he took it to New York City in 1954, invited by the choreographer Agnes de Mille, who had seen the troupe perform two years before in St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands. She arranged an audition for the impresario Sol Hurok. To pay for the troupe's passage, Holder, already an established young painter, sold 20 of his paintings.

After dropping his bags at an uncle's apartment in Brooklyn, he fell in love with the city.

"It was a period when all the girls looked like Janet Leigh and Elizabeth Taylor, with crinoline petticoats and starched hair," he told The New York Times in 1985. "The songs of that period were the themes from 'The Moulin Rouge' and 'Lime-light,' and it was so marvelous to hear the music in the streets and see the stylish ladies tripping down Fifth Avenue. Gorgeous black women, Irish women — all of them lovely and all of them going somewhere."

Holder had the good fortune to arrive in New York at a time of relative popularity for all-black Broadway productions as well as black dance, both modern and folk. Calypso music was also gaining a foothold, thanks largely to Harry Belafonte.

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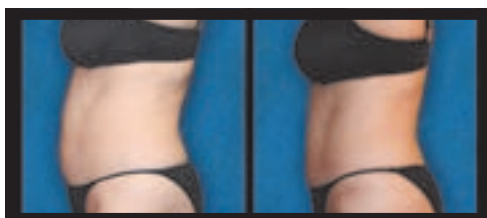
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## Nazareth hoops prepare for season

By Robert Elkin

It would not be long before the balls are bouncing all over the courts in elementary, intermediate and senior schools. The colleges, both four- and two-year will also be playing their games. However, the professionals-Knicks and Nets are already in action with exhibition or pre-season games.

Practically, all over the country, the rules in each category are the same.

College recruiters come out to look at their next crop of basketball players in the high schools. They must abide by NCAA restrictions, regulations and rules especially in recruiting.

Catholic high school athletes started their season by saying 'come out and look at me.' New York City athletes staged an open period of two nights for their prospective students in a pre-season camp.

However, the event was not for NCAA Division I coaches and recruiters because they are not allowed to watch their future stars at this time. Junior college and Division II and Division III recruiters are allowed.

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## Windies drop Sunie Narine

By Azad Ali

West Indies' chances in the upcoming one-day series against India have been dealt a severe blow, with the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) opting to pull champion off-spinner Sunil Narine from the 14-man squad.

The move comes after the Trinidadian right-arm spinner was twice reported for having a suspected illegal action during the recent Champions League Twenty20 in India and was subsequently banned from bowling in the tournament.

Narine has been replaced by Barbadian left-arm spinner Sulieman Benn.

In a release the WICB said the decision to withdraw Narine from the tour was taken

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New York Red Bulls' Thierry Henry, right, fights for possession as Houston Dynamo's Oscar Boniek Garcia defends during the second half of an MLS Eastern Conference game in Houston. AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith, File

## Henry rescues Bulls from another defeat

By Patrick Horne

Amid recent rumors of the New York Red Bulls being offered for sale and the non-renewal of Frenchman Thierry Henry's contract for next season, the former French international rose to the occasion and scored his 10th goal of the season to

give the New York Red Bulls a 1-0 win over the Houston Dynamo on Saturday night at Red Bull Arena.

The win, coupled with a Columbus Crew loss, helped the Red Bulls (11-9-11, 44 pts.) to enhance its MLS play-off position as it moved from the fifth and

final spot to the fourth position in the Eastern Conference. Columbus (11-10-10, 43), which lost a 2-1 decision to the New England Revolution last weekend, is now in that fifth spot, only a point behind New York with a match-up between the teams

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Vancouver Whitecaps' Pedro Morales, left, of Chile, and FC Dallas' Michel, of Brazil, vie for the ball during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday Oct. 4, 2014.

AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Darryl Dyck

## DC United makes a turnaround

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at Red Bull Arena (Oct. 19) looming.

DC United (15-9-7, 52 pts.) leads the Eastern Conference and has secured a play-off berth, New England (15-13-3-, 48) is in second and Sporting Kansas City (13-11-7, 46) in third. New York is only four points ahead of its next MLS foe, sixth-place Toronto FC, which visits Red Bull Arena Saturday, Oct. 11 for a 7:00 p.m. game, so the race is still on. In the last 28 games, when Henry has scored for New York, the team won.

In the Houston match-up, more than 21,000 fans saw Henry score in the 47th minute when he latched onto a Lloyd Sam cross as the ball scuttled across the Houston goal undisturbed. The goalless first half saw New York dominate the game, but MLS leading goal scorer Bradley Wright-Phillips of the Red Bulls did not capitalize on his team's good play; he missed several chances, and in the second half as well, to close in on the regular season

goal-scoring record of 27 tallies, set by Roy Lassiter in 1996 with the Tampa Bay Rowdies; Wright Phillips is stuck on 24 goals the past two games. He also failed to score last weekend when New York suffered a 4-0 loss at the Los Angeles Galaxy.

### MLS

DC made a remarkable turnaround this year. Last season DC United finished with the worst record in MLS (3-24-7, 16 pts.), now the men at RFK Stadium sit atop the Eastern Conference and are the first in the East to secure a playoff berth. DC earned that berth with a goalless draw against Sporting Kansas City at RFK Stadium in DC last Friday night. U.S. national goalkeeper Bill Hamid recorded his MLS-leading 10th shutout of the season to secure the draw. He is a shutout short of tying the club record of 11 set by Nick Rimando in 2005.

Also in the Eastern Conference, host Philadelphia Union and the Chicago Fire played to a 1-1 draw at PPL Park last Thursday night

when Amobi Okugo scored for the Union and Robert Earnshaw got the equalizer for the Fire, which set an MLS record for ties in a single season with 17. Chicago also tied Montreal during the week. New England got a goal from recently-signed Jermaine Jones, his second in the last two games, to defeat Columbus. Lee Nguyen also scored for the Revs and Ethan Finlay tallied for the Crew.

In the Western Conference, Seattle Sounders defeated the Colorado Rapids, 4-1, to maintain its hold at the top of the Conference. Clint Dempsey and Obafemi Martins, with two goals, carried the Sounders; Marco Papa also scored for Seattle and Deshorn Brown notched a goal for the host Rapids. Chivas USA upset Real Salt Lake, 1-0, and ended a 12-match winless streak.

Host Los Angeles Galaxy beat Toronto FC, 3-0; Robbie Keane scored twice and Alan Gordon once to give the Galaxy victory. Former U. S. international Landon Donovan, who will play

his farewell game for the national team against Ecuador on Friday night in Hartford, Connecticut, recorded his 136th assist and past Steve Ralston for the MLS all-time record.

Host Vancouver Whitecaps knocked off F C Dallas, 2-0, behind two goals from Sebastian Fernandez at BC Place; the win kept the Whitecaps in the fifth and final playoff spot in the West. The Portland Timbers topped the San Jose Earthquakes, 2-1. Chris Wondolowski gave San Jose the lead, but Rodney Wallace scored twice to give the Portland victory.

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## Coach Jamison

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The high school athletes with players mixed schools staged two halves in front of many recruiters. No student stood out as a superstar this time around.

Recently one student coach sat relaxed in the stands of the Christ The King gymnasium to watch his players as well and rival ones for two hours.

Todd Jamison, varsity coach at Nazareth High School, was able to give a brief analysis about his players as they prepare for another season in the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association. Too bad, a decent school from Brooklyn, New York closed its doors because of financial reasons during the off season.

Over the years, Tolentine and Rice closed their doors in the Bronx and Manhattan, respectively, and more recently Bishop Ford of Brooklyn did the same after they put together decent hoop teams in past years.

Jamison seems to be very optimistic about this season, and is looking forward to improve on the team's record during the upcoming season.

"A majority of my play-

ers come from a Caribbean (background)," said Jamison, while trying to watch some of the action. "Two are playing now and another two are playing in the next game."

Last year, Nazareth turned in a decent season posting a 21-5 won-lost record. As in many cases year after year, teams lose players through graduation. Nazareth was no different and they must be replaced those players, especially on the offensive end. Jamison must replace the scoring that they had last year.

The players on the court at CTK were 5-9 Mike Williams, 5-9 George Cristatt, 5-6 Cyiad Alkhuaidi. And 6-1 Jeremy Jean. George is the one returning starter from our school. Williams is the only player from Bishop Ford moving over to Nazareth, and as a junior he started.

"He'll help us in the backcourt," said Jamison, because he defends very well.

Williams found the transition from Ford to Nazareth not very hard.

"I knew some of the kids from the AAU circuit," he added. "Now I have to work to be a starter."

## Windies dealt blow

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after discussions with the player, the selection panel and the West Indies team management, and said the time off would allow the bowler the opportunity to have his action assessed.

Chairman of the selectors Clive Lloyd said he was "disappointed" by the latest development which saw Narine reported by umpires following Kolkata Knight Riders' final preliminary CLT20 game last week and then following the semi-finals.

Lloyd, the legendary former West Indies captain, said West Indies was requesting "clarity" on the situation so the team could plan their way forward.

"I am disappointed that our best bowler could sud-



West Indies's spinner Sulieman Benn. AP Photo/Andres Leighton, File

denly be out of the tour. I am quite disappointed about the procedure that surrounded the 'calling' of Sunil in the Champions (League) tournament," Lloyd said.



# Fraser-Pryce appointed Jamaican ambassador

By Azad Ali

The Jamaican government has appointed two-time Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce as an Ambassador Special Envoy to the world.

Fraser-Pryce, who also has five World Championships gold medals to her credit, received the instruments of appointment during a brief ceremony recently at the Office of the Prime Minister.

Minister without portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for sports, Natalie Neita-Headley, described Fraser-Pryce as the perfect role model for young Jamaicans.

"Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce is, of course, an excellent athlete who has done tremendously well, winning back-to-back Olympic gold medals and, of course, being recognized as the top female athlete in the world by the IAAF," Neita-Headley said.

The Jamaican sprinter has also developed a local charity known as the pocket Rocket Foundation, which has been raising funds and contributing to student athletes and less fortunate children.

"I believe Shelly-Ann (Fraser-Pryce) has added



Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce poses for photographers with her national flag as she celebrates after winning gold in the women's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File

significantly to Brand Ambassador Special Envoy Jamaica and we are very proud to have her serve as to the world," Neita-Headley said.

# Narine's suspect bowling action causes concern

By Azad Ali

Umpires at the recently concluded Champions League Twenty20 in India have reported West Indies mystery off-spinner Sunil Narine for having a suspected bowling action.

The report, which relates to his faster delivery, was lodged by on-field umpires Anil Chaudhary and Chet-tithody Shamshuddin, along with third umpire Kumar Dharamsena, fol-

lowing Kolkata Knight Rider's 36-run victory over Dolphin at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad, India recently.

The Trinidad and Tobago player had picked up 13 wickets for the Indian Premier League franchise, KKR, who have played unbeaten in the group phase of the CLT 20 to qualify for the semi-finals.

A CLT20 media statement said that Narine would now

be placed on a "warning list" but would be free to continue playing for KKR.

The statement also said that Narine could request an official assessment from the Bowling Action Committee of the Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) who are organizers of the tournament.

However, the media statement said if Narine received another report while on the warning list, he would be suspended from bowling.

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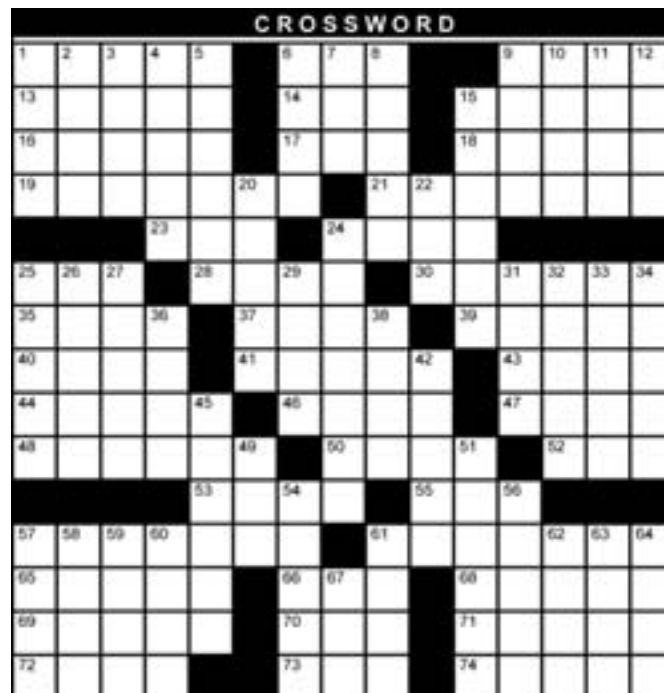
1. Range
6. Group of exercise reps
9. A large number or bunch
13. "I am \_\_\_\_\_, hear me roar"
14. In the past
15. Bilbo Baggins' land
16. Eye opener
17. Negative conjunction
18. Dip a \_\_\_\_\_ the water
19. \*Team with most World Series titles
21. On the shore
23. If you do this you shall receive?
24. Type of Asian food
25. On most pants and skirts
28. High fidelity
30. Elevated box
35. October birthstone
37. Winningest Super Bowl coach
39. Run off, as in couple
40. Have the blues
41. Russian prison
43. \*Go to extra innings when the score is this
44. "Bravo! Bravo!" e.g.
46. Strong review
47. Spanish Surrealist
48. Kind of monkey
50. \*1972 World Series MVP, \_\_\_\_\_ Tenace

52. Newsmen Rather
53. Easy to pull and hard to push
55. Rub the wrong way
57. \*First non-U.S. team to win World Series
61. \*First World Series losers
65. Dodge
66. \*1925 World Series hero and HOFer, \_\_\_\_\_ Traynor
68. Put up with
69. \*A hard hit ball
70. Funerary vase
71. Fiji's neighbor
72. \*2013 World Series ended with one for Cardinals
73. Teacher's \_\_\_\_\_
74. Atones, archaic

### DOWN

1. Like a tree in the wind
2. RC, e.g.
3. Yemen's neighbor
4. Winter wear
5. Catch in a net
6. "Without" in French
7. Freudian topic
8. Pentateuch
9. Pest command
10. In \_\_\_\_\_ of
11. Sportscaster \_\_\_\_\_ Andrews
12. Direct one's way
15. \*Reason for 1994 World Series cancellation

20. Increasing or adding to, often used with "out"
22. CO2, e.g.
24. Farmland under cultivation
25. \*Reggie Jackson's forte
26. Geologic period
27. Syrup flavor
29. \*Minimum games played in modern World Series
31. Big Bang's original matter
32. Sheep or buffalo, e.g.
33. Met's offering
34. Xe
36. Grassy land tracts
38. Cleanse or wash
42. Genius, pl.
45. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Field, where Braves hosted 1999 World Series
49. Chronic drinker
51. Misprints
54. \*When it landed in 1996, Yanks were champs
56. Shish \_\_\_\_\_
57. Be a snitch
58. Hodgepodge
59. \*You need more than opponent to win a game
60. Lyric poems
61. Closely confined
62. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
63. U2 guitarist
64. Red one and Yellow one, e.g.
67. Anger or wrath



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Aries, you begin the week with enthusiasm, but excitement begins to wane quite quickly. Find a way to rally your energy levels so you can complete tasks.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Rein in your emotions as much as possible this week, Taurus. You will feel passionate about a project in the coming days, but you still must remain calm as you tackle the tasks at hand.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, commitments at work may keep you from your plans, even if you have had a special event on the calendar for some time. This obligation is unavoidable.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Expect to have some serious feelings about love and romance this week, Cancer. You are empowered by the sweet feelings and what they mean for your future.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you are quite adept at maintaining a stoic outer appearance, but inside your emotions are churning. Find a healthy release and you will be glad you did.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, test the waters before you share a secret. This way you can get an idea of how a small group of people will react before you spread the word.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, use your natural gift for diplomacy to resolve a conflict at work. It is easy to find common ground and steer the conversation toward a reasonable resolution.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, grab some friends' attention as you attempt to garner support for a coming project. Once you have the floor, make the most of this opportunity.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, everything in your life seems to be in order. Now might be a great time to schedule some well-deserved rest and relaxation with loved ones.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, listen to your sixth sense as it guides you in a particular direction. Your instincts rarely steer you wrong. Resist the urge to follow what everyone else is doing.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
The first step toward change at work is to take the initiative, Aquarius. Once you make the decision to forge ahead, everything will fall nicely into place.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, don't worry if you have to give up something you desire when negotiating with others. The chips will fall into place.

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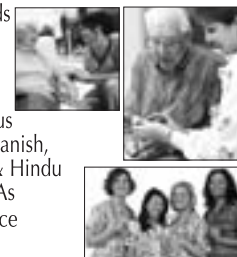
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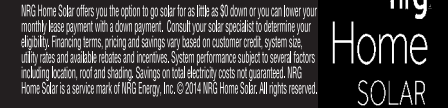
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