

Jamaica demands climate treaty

By Desmond Brown

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 10, 2014 (IPS) - As the clock counts down to the last major climate change meeting of the year, before countries must agree on a definitive new treaty in 2015, a senior United Nations official says members of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) "need to be innovative and think outside the box" if they hope to make progress on key issues.

Dr. Arun Kashyap, U.N. resident coordinator and UNDP resident representative for Jamaica, said AOSIS has a significant agenda to meet at the 20th Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Lima, Peru, and "it would be its creativity that would facilitate success in arriving at a consensus on key issues."

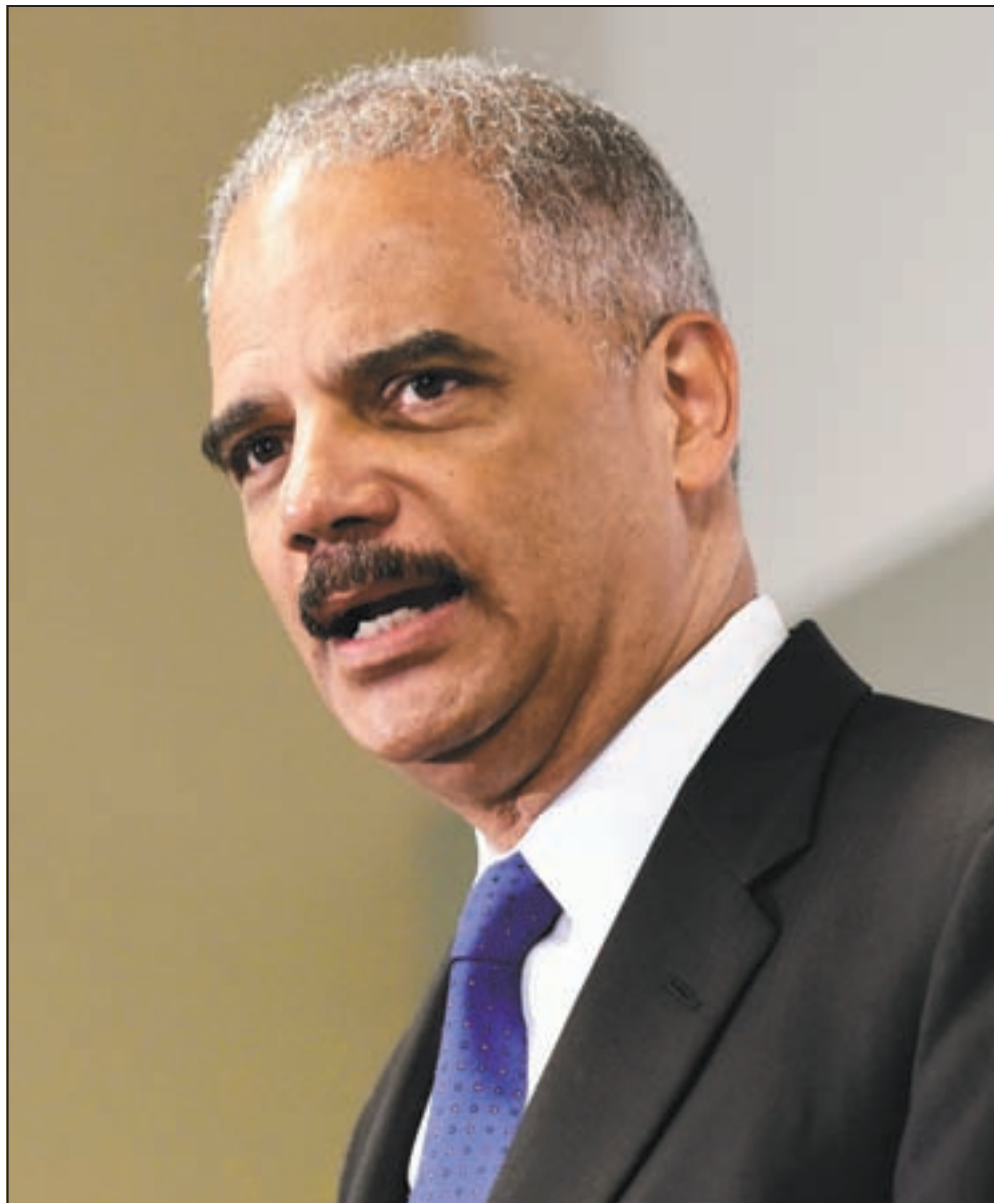
Kashyap cited the special circumstances of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and their compelling need for adaptation and arriving at a viable mechanism to address Loss and Damage while having enhanced access to finance, technology and capacity development.

"A common agreed upon position that is acceptable across the AOSIS would empower the climate change division (in all SIDS) and reinforce its mandate to integrate implementation of climate change activities in the national development priorities," Kashyap told IPS.

At COP17, held in Durban, South Africa, governments reached a new agreement to

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Outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder will join a conference of attorney generals to ensure Caribbean nations are on the same page with the U.S. in regards to international security.

Associated Press / Molly Riley

Holder to visit Barbados

By Bert Wilkinson

Eric Holder will soon be resigning from his office as the first African American attorney general of the United States, but he is working to ensure he has one last high-level meeting with Caribbean Community officials before doing so in the coming weeks.

Holder and attorneys general from across the regional trade bloc of nations scheduled a formal session with colleagues on Wednesday in idyllic Barbados.

Officials from both sides say that the Obama Administration through Holder is ensuring that the Caribbean is on the same page with the U.S. in regards to international and hemispheric security.

This of course would include a protracted discussion on the threats from the Islamic State group and concerns that it could be spreading its tentacles to the small and vulnerable mostly island nations in the region.

This is especially so because authorities in Trinidad have already confirmed that some of its able-bodied citizens have left the island to fight alongside Islamic State gunmen in Syria and Iraq. Police across the Caribbean and American

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Ten years of Thanksgiving at Calvary Mission

By Tangerine Clarke

Calvary Mission food pantry in Jamaica, Queens will provide members of the community with all the trimmings for a turkey dinner during its 10th annual of Thanksgiving sustenance program.

Guyanese-American Tony Singh, manager of the pantry expects more than 800 culturally diverse people to join the food line on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the church, located at 102-6 89th Avenue. The food will be handed out from 9 am to 1 pm, according to Mr. Singh.

"We help low-income families to subsidize their meal by handing out bread, milk, canned foods, chicken, vegetables, bottled water, and other items," said Mr. Singh.

"I call this program food for the working poor, because even though many people are employed, they still can't make ends meet. We are here to provide families who come week after week for a balanced meal."

Mr. Singh, who came to the U.S. in 1982, and worked as a "floor person" at a Garment District factory before owning "Four Season's Fashion," brings a passionate drive to this personal cause.

"I always say you cannot understand someone if you haven't experienced what they lived, and as a child growing up in poverty in Guyana, I understand what they are going through," said Singh.

"I look forward to being here every Saturday serving the community, it's a blessing," said the humanitarian who noted that by the end of the year, the pantry would have handed out approximately 3 million pounds of food.

In addition to food donation from the Food Bank of New York, the

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Volunteers including, from left, Ravi Seopersad, Nina Ramper-saude, Amanda Hardyal, Farida Manoharlall, Tony Singh, and Cecil Semple served food to more than 800 Queens residents at Calvary Mission. Photo by Tangerine Clarke



Vincentian American Adventist Association members with three health professionals who participated in the health fair at Greggs Primary School in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Vincentian American Adventist Association

Brooklyn church group conducts successful mission to SVG

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based Vincentian American Adventist Association reports its latest mission trip home was a huge success.

"Being on the ground, and seeing the smiles on the people's faces, as we ministered to them, was very heart-warming," Beverly Regisford-Henry, the group's president, told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview.

"The joy that I experienced serving humanity is difficult to explain," added Regisford-Henry, stating that, as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations, the group embarked on the mission trip from Oct. 25 to Nov. 2.

"The Vincentian American Adventist Association is engaged in such ventures, firstly because of Jesus' exhortation to be our brothers' keeper, and secondly, because of our love for our homeland, St. Vincent and the Grenadines," she continued.

"I express sincere appreciation to all the members of the VAAA for their hard work and dedication," Regisford-Henry said. "The VAAA is committed to continue to assist our fellow citizens

in every way possible."

She said the group is already in the process of packing barrels of food and clothing to send home for the holidays.

The trip kicked off on Oct. 25, with a national convention at the Arnos Vale Playing Field in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Regisford-Henry said the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventist, with members of several congregations throughout the nation, joined with VAAA "in a great day of spiritual revival."

The sermon was delivered by Pastor Rudolph Peters, a Vincentian Seventh-day Adventist pastor residing in California.

The next day, Regisford-Henry said the VAAA joined with the National Adventist Health Professionals Association in hosting a health fair at the Greggs Primary School. The medical team included a dentist, an ophthalmologist, a pediatrician, and a general practitioner and internist.

In Greggs, Regisford-Henry said 105 residents received medical assess-

ments, including blood pressure checks and glucose and cholesterol testing.

HIV counseling and testing and health education on various topics were also provided, she said.

Immediately after the health fair, Regisford-Henry said an anti-violence march started at the new Greggs Primary School and concluded with a rally at the old school.

She said members of various pathfinder clubs in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as other uniformed departments of the church, marched to the music of the Layou Seventh-day Pathfinder Drum Core.

Speakers at the rally included President of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor Dermoth Baptist; Pastor Peters; Regisford-Henry; and the first ever VAAA President and former Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Louis Straker.

On Oct. 28, the mission visited the Owia community, where VAAA members and volunteers painted the houses of two families.

Regisford-Henry said several other

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Caribbean

Chikungunya (CHIKV) cases are approaching about one million in the Caribbean.

This was disclosed by Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (Carpha) Dr. James Hospedales.

He gave the figures while attending a recent National Commission's Stakeholders Meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Hospedales said CHIKV is approaching one million, if you are counting the Caribbean. There are many people who are ill. People get something from the pharmacy and there are those who get results from the lab tests.

"The biggest countries like the Dominican Republic, which has a population of about 10 million are affected. There are bigger numbers in the bigger islands," he said.

CARICOM recently adopted a 10-point plan of action to ensure that the deadly Ebola virus does not enter the Caribbean region.



Antigua

The opposition United Progressive Party (UPP) in Antigua has launched a petition geared towards reversing the award of National Hero recently conferred on former Prime Minister Lester Bird.

In a release the UPP said it has been inundated with calls "demanding that action be taken to register our collective disgust" at the award conferred on Sir Lester during the 2014 Independence Ceremonial Parade on Nov. 3, 2014.

"The regime over which Lester Bird presided has been written about by credible and respected political analysts. Bird's failure to take a decisive legal action against these persons to clear his name points convincingly to his culpability in these unprecedented acts of corruption," said former Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer.



The party plans to submit a signed petition to Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, in the hope that he will reverse the former prime minister's Most Exalted Order of National Hero award.

Bird, 76, was named a Knight of the Most Exalted Order of National Hero (KNH) "for his contribution to national development as an outstanding sportsman, lawyer and parliamentarian for 43 years including 10 years as prime minister.

The event was boycotted by Spencer and members of the UPP.



Water filters fight cholera

The United Nations Mission in Haiti's Community Violence Reduction section continued its joint pilot project with the Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et de l'Assainissement to install water filter systems and provide hygiene training in Cité Soleil, Port au Prince. CVR's implementing NGO partner, Waves for Water and DINEPA delivered a 'trainer of trainers' session at the Planète des Enfants to local community leaders who will be responsible for the safe usage of five filters. These systems will provide clean water to around 145 local beneficiaries including men, women and children. The training included lessons on hygiene and sanitation which the leaders have pledged to pass on to the communities they represent, widening the impact of the project beyond the direct beneficiaries. The partnership between MINUSTAH and DINEPA forms part of joint efforts between the United Nations and the Government of Haiti to fight cholera. Lessons learned through the pilot will be applied to a nationwide. **See story on page 22.**

United Nations

Barbados

The Barbados government plans to reduce its budget deficit to 6.6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by March 2015, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Christopher Sinckler said.

Sinckler said in a statement that the government was moving ahead with the implementation of "its fuel stabilization and growth program."

"Following the explosion of our deficit at the start of the program, when the 2013 deficit reached just over 12 percent of GDP, we set ourselves the ambitious but necessary targets target of reducing the fiscal deficit to 6.6 percent of GDP by the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2015," he said.



For the next six months, the ministry will focus on cutting government expenditures, bolstering the Barbados Revenue Authority and reducing the dependence of state-owned enterprises "on the public purse," Sinckler said.

Barbados main industries are tourism, agriculture and manufacturing, according to a 2012 report from the United Nations Economic Commission

for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Bermuda

The Bermuda government has unveiled plans to legalize marijuana for medical use, while also giving police more discretion to caution first-time offenders who might otherwise been charged with marijuana position.

The exact cannabis-containing products that will be permitted under amendments to the Pharmacy and Poison Act 1979 were not elaborated on during the Throne Speech at the re-opening of Parliament.

"The government has led the debate on the issue surrounding cannabis use in this community," Governor George Fergusson said.

"Significant public engagement, augmented by scientific research and a full consideration of the criminal justice implications, has helped to shape the government's position on these matters," the governor said.

A major report into reform of Bermuda's laws on cannabis was handed over to the government earlier this year.



The Cannabis Reform Collaborative (CRC) group produced the report after canvassing views through seven groups and targeting different age groups.

Guyana

Guyana says it has exported 400,000 tons of rice, the most in the country's history.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Leslie Ramsammy said it was the very first time in Guyana's history that already 401,000 tons have left the South American country adding, "with the countries that we presently have to supply before the end of December, we have 137,000 tons of contract signed to be exported."

Last year Guyana exported 395,000 tons with more than 50 percent going to Venezuela with significant buyers being Europe, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other Caribbean countries. Guyana and Panama signed a rice deal in September resulting in Guyana exporting 50,000 tons of rice to the Spanish-speaking country.

Ramsammy said the new contracts for rice export are also on stream but



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for AOSIS, outlined priorities ahead of the Dec. 1-12 talks.

She said the 2015 agreement must be a legally binding protocol, applicable to all; ambition should be in line with delivering a long term global goal of limiting temperature increases to below 1.5 degrees and need to consider at this session ways to ensure this; mitigation efforts captured in the 2015 agreement must be clearly quantifiable so that we are able to aggregate the efforts of all parties.

Uludong also called for further elaboration of the elements to be included in the 2015 agreement; the identification of the information needed to allow parties to present their intended nationally determined contributions in a manner that facilitates clarity, transparency, and understanding relative to the global goal; and she said finance is a fundamental building block of the 2015 agreement and should complement other necessary means of implementation including transfer of technology and capacity building.

Sixteen Caribbean countries are members of AOSIS. They have been meeting individually to agree on country positions ahead of a meeting in St. Kitts Nov. 19-20 where a Caribbean Community (CARICOM) strategy for the world climate talks



Huge boulders have been used to protect Jamaica's Palisadoes road which connects Port Royal and the Norman Manley International Airport. The road was previously blocked by storm surges.

IPS/Desmond Brown

is expected to be finalised.

But Jamaica has already signalled its intention to walk out of the negotiations if rich countries are not prepared to agree on a deal which will reduce the impacts of climate change in the Caribbean.

"We have as a red line with respect to our position that if the commitments with respect to reducing greenhouse gases are not of a significant and

meaningful amount, then we will not accept the agreement," Jamaica's lead climate negotiator, Clifford Mahlung, told IPS.

"We will not accept a bad agreement," he said, explaining that a bad agreement is one that does not speak adequately to reducing greenhouse gas emissions or the provision of financing for poorer countries. It is not yet a CARICOM position, he said, but an option that

Jamaica would support if the group was for it.

"We don't have to be part of the consensus, but we can just walk away from the agreement. We think that if we walk away it will send a strong signal. It is the first time that we have ever attempted such type of an action, but we strongly believe that the need for having a new agreement is of such significance that that is what we would be prepared to do," Mahlung added.

The Lima talks are seen as a bridge to the agreement in 2015.

SIDS are hoping to get developed countries to commit to keeping global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, but are prepared to accept a 2.0 degrees Celsius rise at the maximum. This will mean that countries will have to agree to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Jamaica's climate change minister described the December COP20 meeting as "significant," noting that "the decisions that are expected to be taken in Lima, will, no doubt, have far-reaching implications for the decisions that are anticipated will be taken next year during COP 21 in Paris, when a new climate agreement is expected to be formulated."

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Dynamic Airways returns with seasonal flights to Guyana

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyanese travelers are breathing a sigh of relief from high airfares this holiday season, with the return of North Carolina charter service Dynamic Airway that will recommence flights from JFK to Cheddi Jagan Interna-

tional Airport starting on Nov. 22.

Claire Bristol, a businesswoman from Queens, and a frequent flyer is excited at the return of the airline. She said it's the only carrier that will be flying direct round trip. "The reason-

able fare, would give me the opportunity to use the carrier throughout its eight-month service approved by the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority," she added.

Despite the airline being grounded by the DOT because of an inefficient baggage handling company and the lack of a landing gate at JFK. Frequent flyer Gerald Harris, said he is ready to give the carrier another chance, with its renewed promise of reliable service.

Cultural Director of Guyana Cultural Association, Claire Ann Goring of Brooklyn said in these hard economic times she is always looking for the most inexpensive way to go home. She is ready to embrace the low fares and direct flight schedule into Georgetown that the airline provides.

The charter, non-schedule service airline must reapply after its contract expires in June 2015. It will operate its 767 series aircraft Tuesday, Friday and Saturday departing JFK's Terminal One at 1:00 a.m. The carrier plans additional flights during the Christmas and New Year's season.

Captain Gerry Gouveia, owner of Roraima Airways, Guyana is happy to partner with Dynamic Airways to fly thousands of Guyanese home, and hopes to break into the Canadian market soon, before adding Caribbean destinations.

He said Dynamic is currently offering tickets from Guyana to New York for a low fare of \$500.00 and a start-up fare during the November for \$499.00.

Gouveia reassures passengers that the return of

Dynamic Airways to Guyana would be more reliable than its inaugural flight earlier this year.

The carrier was forced to shut down its service in July of this year after the U.S. authorities did not give full approval and forced the airline to

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resubmit its application, and ensure all approvals were granted before taking off.

Bill Gray, chief of operations of Dynamic Airways on the airline's website stated, "In past months our team has worked diligently on restarting air service to Guyana. With the help of authorities from both countries as well as our partners we were able to prepare the type of service we believe is long overdue in this market."

The statement added, "Dynamic Airways' Sales Agent Network, which includes long established travel industry leaders such as Roraima Airways, Bobbie Travel and Sunita Travel, have been greatly enhanced by the addition of TravelSpan, Inc. from Queens, NY.

It added, "TravelSpan's block seat agreement as well as PSA Agreement allow Dynamic Airways to significantly expand its passenger base and market penetration."

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Never to forget Sandy Hook's lesson

There was a certain "good-guy triumph" aspect to what happened in Connecticut's gubernatorial race the other day, when incumbent Dan Malloy was re-elected, in the sense of the state's Democrats bucking the national trend of being out-hustled by the GOP on Election Day. Instead, Dems there got to the polls in sufficient numbers to secure Malloy's win.

Whatever the merits of Malloy's first term (and there were fiscal issues on which he was supposedly vulnerable), surely no event during his tenure has resided in Connecticut's, and indeed the nation's, consciousness like the horrific happenings at Sandy Hook Elementary School, two years ago come Dec. 14. That the governor engaged those god-awful circumstances with aplomb and clear-minded judgment was as solid a pitch as any for his retention in office.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, Gov. Malloy assumed a role of lead advocate for gun law changes in Connecticut and saw those efforts rewarded in significant reform action by the legislature, including an assault

weapons ban. A legal challenge to this provision of the reform package was turned back in federal court. The court rejected the argument that the legislation was a violation of Second Amendment rights, ruling in January 2014 that the law "is substantially related to the important government interest of public safety and crime control."

Such common-sense interpretation of the Second Amendment shames those strained efforts by gun-rights crazies who rest a case for an unlimited, unregulated profusion of firearms in the society upon the dated, clearly now irrelevant language of the Second Amendment.

Even in a nation where mass killings by lone shooters seem sadly to have become part of the social fabric, that unspeakable mayhem in Newtown, Conn. upended our sense of order probably like no other. A visibly shaken President Obama, visiting Newtown to commiserate and console, obviously had a hard time keeping his emotions in check and has several times

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

commented that his most difficult day in the White House was when he received word of the tragedy.

Attorney General Eric Holder would later speak about the tears the episode elicited from him. Among the hoi polloi, the more sober-minded of us dared to think that this senseless slaughter of innocents constituted a force far greater than the collective indifference of a feckless Congress. Not a chance, as it turned out.

The post-Sandy Hook legislation passed in Connecticut, as well as in several other state legislatures, is laudable. But it remains a stain about which the country as a whole should be thoroughly embarrassed, that not even the horror of an occurrence like Sandy Hook could jolt the powers that be into action that reflects a sense of national concern. Sandy Hook notwith-

standing, the revolting pattern continues, of too many lawmakers in Washington kowtowing unapologetically to the dictates of the National Rifle Association. Worse, it doesn't bode well for this situation abating anytime soon when there's an appetite in the country for electing to the U.S. Senate individuals like an incoming rookie from Iowa, who made a point during the recent campaign of proclaiming her over-the-top kinship with guns.

That they could idly stand by and do nothing at the federal level is all the more preposterous, given that Sandy Hook dramatized so much that cries out for a comprehensive fix. Never mind having lived through nightmare scenarios like Virginia Tech and other university campus outbreaks, Columbine, and others, odds are we never would have figured six-year-olds as potential victims. That any mind, even a deranged one, would go there probably remains beyond our comprehension. That it did in fact go down that way draws attention to the society's failings on the mental health front like

nothing before.

We would come to discover that there existed a perfect cocktail for precipitating the ghastly end result: a mother who was herself enamored of firearms and whose emotional stability seems also to have been questionable; a son whose private domain was such that he reportedly forbade his mother entry to his room in the home they shared. In a perfect world, the alarms duly sounded, appropriate intervention would conceivably forestall what transpired that dark day at Sandy Hook Elementary. So where is the line on "privacy" to be drawn? How much "guilt" does Citizen X bear for recognizing a ticking time bomb and alerting authorities, hopefully that preventive measures be taken?

A mother and child, left to their own devices when they shouldn't have been, have given us this numbing, mystifying Sandy Hook tale for the ages. And it only deepens the pain, that in its wake a country saw fit to pause only briefly, then return to business as usual.

Stop those who would stop Uber

By Sheldon Richman

The nerve of some people! Imagine coming to a city and doing business without first asking permission from local officials!

That is what Uber has done in cities all over the United States and Europe, and it has created quite a storm among politicians and licensed taxi drivers, who have held up traf-

fic in, among other places, Boston, London, and Paris just to stamp their feet at the high-tech competition.

What is Uber? It is an innovator, and you know what that means. It disturbs the regulatory landscape where protected firms have long settled in safely and comfortably. Suddenly, the advantage of being an "in" flies out the window. No wonder the

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regulation-spawned monopolies are upset.

To be more specific, Uber (and its competitor, Lyft) is a company whose smartphone app efficiently matches people who need a ride and with nearby drivers. When Uber enters a market, it carefully recruits and certifies local drivers. Then, using the app, people who need a ride can quickly find a car to get them where they want to go. Customers are told fares in advance and how long they'll wait to be picked up. After the trip, driver and rider are asked to evaluate each other.

Sounds wonderful, doesn't

it? You're probably thinking "yes" — unless you're a licensed cab driver, a politician, a regulator, or a progressive. (Recent progressive headlines include "Of course Uber should be regulated" [Slate] and "Why Uber must be stopped" [Salon].) They're all going bananas.

Clearly the welcome wagon rolls out of sight when innovators come to town. In Paris, the government tried to mandate a 15-minute delay between ordering a ride and receiving a pickup. Fortunately, a court said no. The Commonwealth of Virginia has told Uber to "Halt!" while Austin and Miami have (figuratively) posted "Uber Stay Out!" signs.

The only losers from thwarting Uber are riders, who must suffer the inefficiency and back-

wardness of the local monopoly, and would-be drivers who can't break into the business because of that protectionist, interest-ridden system. Did you know New York City had fewer taxi licenses (medallions) in 2012 than in the late 1930s?

What happened in Little Rock, Arkansas, is typical. Uber came to town to recruit drivers, so the city's board of directors frantically began discussing what kind of regulations they should enact. Uber says it's not a transportation company and should not be subject to the regulations governing taxis. Uber maintains no fleet of vehicles and employs no drivers. It merely helps drivers and riders find each other. But the discussion of regulations went on.

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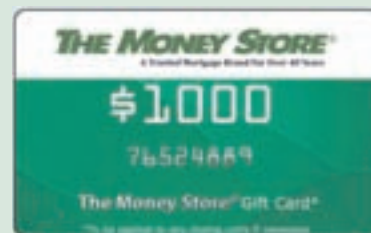
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Uber needs to be left alone

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Then Uber did something guaranteed to upset any government and its favored interests: it started doing business.

A member of the board of directors quickly let it be known that he would seek an injunction. It is called “injunctive relief,” but who would be relieved? I’ve already indicated the answer: no one who deserves to be.

The statewide newspaper, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, assumed the voice of the ruling elite when it reported that Uber “began operating in the city without approval. ... The company is known for moving into cities across the nation without complying with transportation codes that are in place.”

Regarding Uber’s decision to proceed without waiting for the government to act, the newspaper reported, “Ward 4 Director Brad Cazort, who had a role in negotiating terms with Uber, said the company’s sudden start without following city guidelines meant they should no longer have input in the drafting of Little Rock’s regulations.”

That’ll show them. You won’t play ball with us? Fine, we’ll regulate you without your input.

What is the world coming to when any company can come to a city and arrogantly do business without asking permission, in essence, of those against whom it would compete? Does the new kid in town think this is America or something? Oh. Never mind.

Americans live under the delusion that enterprise here is both private and free. It may be nominally private, but it is anything but free. Unfortunately, most people don’t know what freedom is. So they are unfazed when they hear that before you can do anything of a commercial nature, you need government permission.

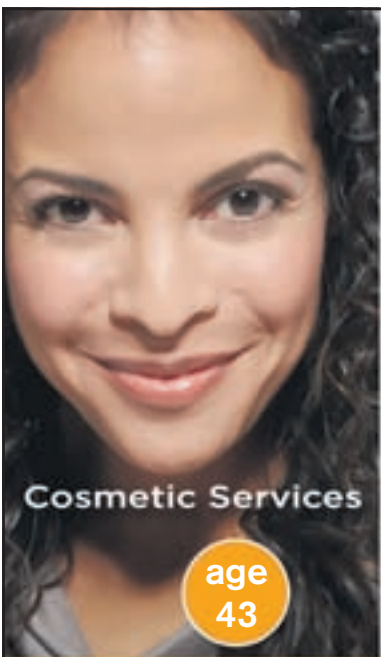
You were taught monopolies are bad, right? Apparently not government-created monopolies.

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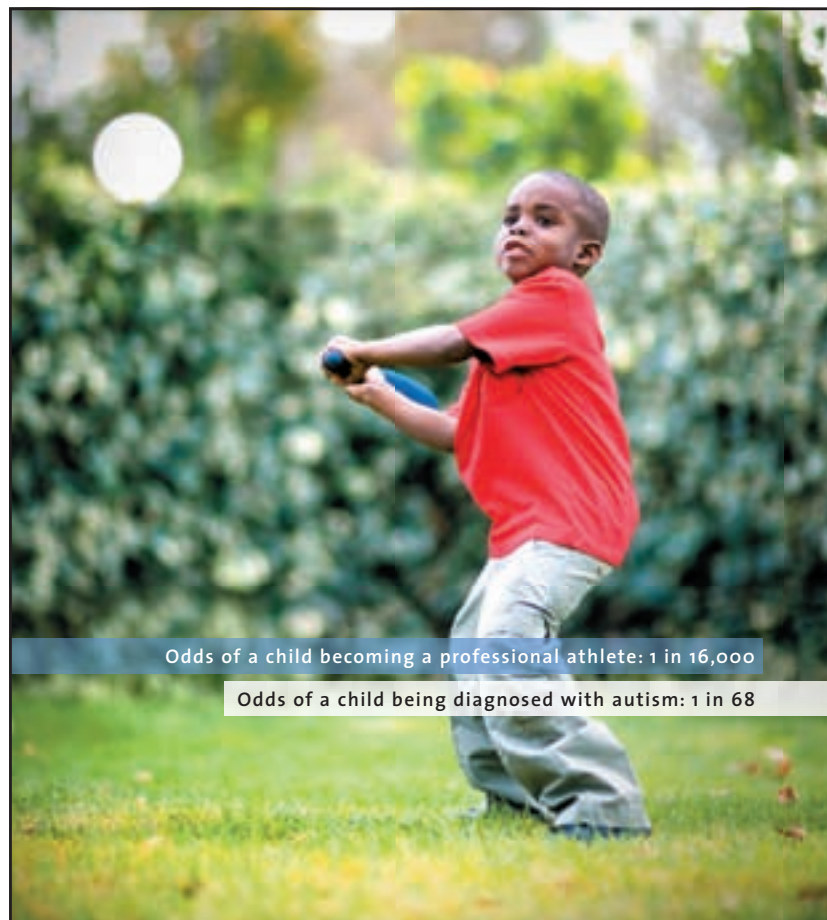
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Haiti to open ID office in the Diaspora

By Nelson A. King

Haitians living in the Diaspora will no longer have to fly to Haiti to get a national identification card, a critical document to obtain a Haitian passport or the ability to vote in the country's elections, according to reports.

Starting next month, the head of Haiti's civil registry, the National Identification Office (ONI), will open an office in Haiti's Miami consulate and other consulates in the Diaspora to register Haitians, according to the Miami Herald.

The paper said approved applicants will be issued a card, valid for 10 years, with an assigned number similar to a Social Security number.

With the registry key in determining who can vote in upcoming elections, ONI's Executive Director Jean-Baptiste Fils St. Cyr said demand at the consulates will also dictate where voting bureaus outside of Haiti will be installed to allow Haitians to vote, the Herald said.

Under Haiti's revised constitution, nationals living in the Diaspora will now be allowed to vote in future elections.

The logistics of Diaspora voting remains a work in process in Haiti, where there is still no schedule for the country's legislative and local elections now three years delayed, the Herald said.

"There is a motivation among some people in the Diaspora, when they come to [Haiti] for 15 or 22 days, they rush to our office to get a number," St. Cyr told reporters at a press conference in Little Haiti Cultural Center, downtown Miami.

"Even though the process is long, they never hesitate," he added. "So we decided that if you have this kind of determination, why not bring the services to the people living in the Diaspora?"

St. Cyr said that, given Haiti Diaspora's critical role in the country's economic development, it is not normal for them to stand outside of the political sphere.

"There are a lot of opportunities people lose because they don't have any identification," he said, adding that the expansion of the office out of Haiti has become "a matter of necessity."



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Senior Congressman wants greater U.S. presence in the Caribbean

By Nelson A. King

A senior member of the United States Congress has called for greater U.S. presence in the Caribbean.

In an opinion piece in the Miami Herald, Eliot L. Engel, the senior Democrat on the U.S. House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, who represents New York, said that the countries of the Caribbean are "of profound importance to the United States and particularly to the millions of Caribbean-American citizens in our country."

"Unfortunately, our sparse diplomatic presence in the Caribbean significantly impedes our ability to engage more deeply with our partners," he said.

"That is why I recently introduced the United States — Caribbean Partnership Act of 2014 in the House of Representatives," he added, stating that the bill would establish US embassies in the five countries in the Caribbean with which the U.S. has diplomatic relations but no permanent diplomatic presence.

He identified them as Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Engel said passage of his legislation will deepen the relationship between the United States and the Caribbean and build on the Obama administration's efforts to enhance economic, energy and security



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, center left, speaks with Rep. Eliot L. Engel, D-N.Y., as lawmakers gather in the chamber of the House of Representatives for a joint meeting of Congress, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, before a speech by visiting Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

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cooperation with the region.

"Why is this legislation so

important? Imagine countries where tens of thousands of

American citizens travel for pleasure or business; where

thousands of American citizens go to school; where there is a constant concern about drug trafficking and the impact of drug-related violence; but where the United States has no U.S. embassies," he said.

"That is precisely the case with these five Caribbean nations," he added, noting that all diplomatic relations with these countries are managed by the U.S. embassy in Barbados.

The senior congressman said U.S. embassies on these five islands would bring major benefits to "our friends in the Caribbean."

For example, he said these embassies could help deepen trading partnerships by working with the U.S. private sector to identify mutually beneficial economic opportunities.

At the same time the U.S. embassies could target development assistance to where it is most needed on each of these islands.

"While these countries are small, they cannot be taken for granted," Engel stressed. "They are key voting members of the United Nations and other international organizations."

"As members of the Organization of American States (OAS) — the only political organization in the Americas that actually includes the United States — their votes are extremely important, par-

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Something new brewing at Red Stripe this Christmas

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans on the island will be seeing red when they pour a Red Stripe from now until Christmas.

Red Stripe Sorrel, a new beverage introduced recently combines the island's seasonal, favorite drink with the island's signature lager.

Reportedly already "hailed as a first for the alcoholic beverage industry in Jamaica" the

new product introduced "an unexpected combination of beer, sorrel and ginger extracts, infused with exotic spices to deliver an unforgettable taste experience."

That is how Erin Mitchell, Red Stripe brand manager described the new drink.

He is so optimistic about the public's acceptance of the new holiday drink he added:

"Every Christmas going for-

ward, consumers can look forward to enjoying Red Stripe Sorrel."

And depending on public opinion, the company may even expand its service by considering the possibility of stocking the shelves with sorrel beer throughout the year.

The Diageo-owned company has been experimenting with innovative concoctions to its brand.



Two years ago, it offered Red Stripe Light in three flavors — Apple, Ginger, and Lime. That year it also introduced Tallawah Beer in celebration of Jamaica's 50th anniversary of

independence.

Last year, the firm launched the raspberry-flavored Red Stripe Burst.

Unfortunately, stateside residents will not be able to purchase the new blend here.

The new beverage is only available on the Caribbean island.

In order to sample the new product a trip south is recommended with plans to stock up for a treat when relatives and friends visit for the holidays.

Meanwhile, the traditional Red Stripe Beer remains the choice Jamaican beer to buy at specialty supermarkets and retail outlets.

Tips to ward off holiday heartburn

Statepoint

Lights, music, family, boughs of holly — the holidays are known for many pleasant sights and sensations. Unfortunately, seasonal stress, odd schedules and overindulgence in rich foods can mean an upset stomach, heartburn and indigestion for some celebrants.

Take steps to make the holidays more pleasant on your stomach:

- **Seek balance:** Eating a balanced diet is a key factor in preventing indigestion, constipation and other digestive problems, but accomplishing this goal may be a bit trickier during the holiday party season.

- **Drink plenty of water,** hit the veggie tray before the cheese tray, and be sure to incorporate fruit, vegetables, lean meats, whole grains and low-fat dairy into your other, less festive meals.

- **Enjoy slowly:** With so many terrific foods on the menu, why rush? Enjoy meals slowly. You'll be more likely to practice portion control this way. Additionally, digestion will be easier if you don't make your body process too much at once.

- **Reduce stress:** Stress can manifest itself through the digestive system in

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the form of heartburn. So avoid letting the holidays become an added source of stress. Carve out a few moments daily throughout the season to relax.

- **Cook smart:** Certain herbs are well known to aid digestion or settle an upset stomach. Counteract the effects of all those rich foods and drinks by incorporating basil, dill, mint, cilantro and ginger into holiday cooking.

- **Listen to your body:** Symptoms are usually an expression of the body's attempt to correct an imbalance. Instead of masking symptoms such as acid indigestion, upset stomach, nausea, heartburn or a hangover, try a homeopathic medicine that works with the body to alleviate discomfort.

For example, Boiron makes dissolvable pellets called Nux vomica for symptomatic relief. The sweet-tasting pellets melt in your mouth without water, and won't bother an already upset stomach. Be attentive to the body's signals and use it at the first sign of symptoms. For a natural indigestion remedy or natural



Overindulgence in rich foods can cause an upset stomach, heartburn and indigestion. Statepoint

hangover remedy, try it after too much coffee, alcohol, spicy or rich food, or when feeling drowsy after a big meal. More information can be found at www.BoironUSA.com.

- **Kitchen cabinet remedies:** Your kitchen cabinet contains an arsenal of remedies, say experts.

"Take two tablespoons of organic apple cider vinegar before eating to help with digestion. You can also try drinking a cup of organic herbal tea, such as chamomile, dandelion or burdock, with fresh lemon juice after meals to help with liver detox and promote relaxation," says celebrity chef and culinary nutritionist Amie Valpone, HHC,

AADP.

More healthy eating tips from Valpone can be found at www.TheHealthyApple.com.

- **Exercise:** Regular exercise benefits a healthy digestive system, so get plenty of it. Just be sure to avoid anything strenuous directly after a heavy holiday meal, which can actually put digestion on hold by redirecting blood away from your digestive tract to support the heart and muscles, according to Harvard Medical School.

This holiday season, keep your body in balance with natural remedies to treat and reduce common digestive symptoms.



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known to be keeping an eye out for youths from other states who might harbor similar ambitions.

Officials also suggest that Holder will likely continue talks on dealing with crime and security in the region that he had originally held with heads of government at their mid-year summit in Haiti in March of last year.

At that forum in Port au Prince, the two sides had examined the existing security situation and the role the region could play in fighting international terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and other forms of cross border crimes.

Guyanese Attorney General Anil Nandall, who has been embroiled in a scandal linked to violent threats he made against a Guyanese newspaper recently, said the session will likely deal with security topics and possible legal support from the U.S. for the region's fight against trans-border crimes.

The Obama administration has in recent years set aside nearly \$300 million the region under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.

Under the program, some of the participating countries have received vital equipment to help them improve their institutional capacity to deal with organized crimes, including go-fast patrol vessels, high powered radio

communication sets, and other equipment.

Holder arrived in the 166-square mile island, the most easterly in the Caribbean island chain, on Monday for meetings with Prime Minister Freundel Stuart and Attorney Governor General Adriel Brathwaite and other officials.

A session with legislators from both the elected lower house of parliament and the senate is also scheduled before the parley with regional attorneys' general on Wednesday.

The latest trip to the region is his second since May 2009 when he combined it with a brief vacation and fraternal contacts with the land of his father who was born in Barbados. His mother's grandparents were immigrants from the island of about 300,000 as well.

In September, he announced that he was demitting office after six years in Washington, loyally serving as President Obama's chief and trusted legal adviser.

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even with those Guyana already signed, it is on pace to surpass 500,000 tons.

Haiti

The World Bank has signed a grant of US\$24 million from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) to help 23,000 Haitian children attend school and receive quality education through tuition waivers and other support.



The lending agency says the grant, recently signed by Haiti's Minister of Economy and Finance Marie Carmelle Jean-Marie and World Bank Special Envoy Mary Barton-Dock, complements an ongoing "Education for All project" of US\$85 million that the bank manages.

"Poor families at times spend up to 60 percent of their income on the schooling of their children. These challenges are compounded in rural areas by greater poverty and difficult access to schools," Barton-Dock said.

Jean-Marie said the additional financing focuses on the Haitian government's priorities to "increase school enrollment and attendance in disadvantaged areas and improve the quality of teaching."

The project will improve teaching and reading instruction materials and construct 160 classrooms in communi-

ty-based schools.

Trinidad

Police have been combing the hills in a rural area in East Trinidad over the past week in search of a family of four, including a one-year old baby, who were reportedly kidnapped.

A fifth man, a friend of the family, also went missing.

So far they have recovered two bodies and the child, which were all in an advanced state of decomposition.

With no conclusive identification of the bodies, police believe that baby Shania Amoroso and a man known as Felix Martinez, 51, were the bodies found 100 feet down a precipice in a forested area in a community know as Brasso Seco last week.

The third body is believed to be that of either Irma Rampersad, 49, or her daughter Felicia Gonzales, 17 or the other daughter Jenelle Gonzales, 19, who all went missing from their home three weeks ago.

Police and soldiers have been combing the forests areas around the clock hoping to find the other two bodies.

Police issued a wanted bulletin for a man, who escaped from prison in January this year in connection with the bizarre killings of the family.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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Centers Plan for Healthy Living wants to help by hosting its first food drive. Make a donation of canned goods, and the company will match every can that it collects. This food will be donated to neighborhood food pantries, churches, and local charities.

"It's our way of giving back to the community," says the store's manager.

To encourage all to participate, the first 50 people to bring in a canned item will receive a door prize, he says.

The business, which opened this summer in Flatbush, focuses on keeping seniors healthy so they can live independently, remaining part of the neighborhood, for as long as possible. It does so by offering Medicare Advan-

tage, an HMO that features all the benefits of Medicare with added perks. Customers get dental benefits, prescription drugs, as well as vision and hearing coverage. As an added bonus, they also receive a \$50 debit card every month to spend at a pharmacy. This money cannot be used on prescription drugs, but it can be applied to over-the-counter drugs and items such as toothpaste, mouthwash, and other necessary toiletries. Who couldn't use an extra \$50 shopping money each month?

This brief overview offers just a short description of some of the benefits, but by combining coverage into one convenient plan, there is no monthly premium for those who are receiving Parts A and B. Centers Plan for Healthy Living invites community members to come into the store for full details and to discuss any restrictions that may apply.



Another service the company offers is the Managed Long Term Care Plan for those who are on Medicaid. This program is designed to help those who are chronically ill or who have disabilities and need long-term care. It is for those who want to live at home, but require assistance with day-to-day activities. If such care is necessary for more than 120 days, the plan pays for a selection

of health and social services. This may include occupational therapy, speech therapy, as well as help with bathing and cooking.

The plan will coordinate all health care needs. It offers nursing services, home delivered meals, dentistry, hearing aids, podiatry services, and adult day care. Patients can keep their own doctors. Those who are interested in this plan will receive a visit

from a nurse who will assess the situation and determine the patient's needs. The nurse will explain the details and answer all questions. It sure is nice when health care providers come to see patients in the comfort of their own homes, so those who may not be up to traveling don't have to depend upon others to take them to appointments. Nor do they need to battle cold and inclement weather.

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Senators: We're optimistic Cuba to free contractor

By Michael Weissenstein

HAVANA (AP) — Two U.S. senators expressed optimism Tuesday that Cuba will free imprisoned American government contractor Alan Gross.

Sens. Jeff Flake, a Republican from Arizona, and Tom Udall, a Democrat from New Mexico, said they met with Gross for about two hours during a trip that included meetings with Cuban officials.

Gross was detained in December 2009 while working to set up Internet access as a subcontractor for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He was tried and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Gross' family has said he has threatened to commit suicide if he is not released by his birthday next May.

Asked about the possibility of Gross going free, Flake said: "I do feel we're closer there, one because what Alan Gross has said himself, this is going to end one way or another."

Both senators added, though, that Cuban officials gave no indication any development was imminent.

Flake also cited as cause for



In this Dec. 3, 2013 file photo, supporters of Alan Gross, on poster at left, mark his fourth year in a Cuban prison with a protest in Lafayette Park, across from the White House in Washington D.C. Two U.S. senators Jeff Flake of Arizona and Tom Udall said Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 that they're optimistic that the imprisoned American government contractor will be freed.

optimism a report by The Associated Press on Monday that USAID is preparing internal rules that would effectively end risky undercover work in hos-

tile countries.

The new policy follows an AP investigation this year into work by the development agency, which set up a Twit-

ter-like social network in Cuba and secretly sought to recruit a new generation of dissidents on the island while hiding ties to the U.S. government. The AP

found USAID and its contractor concealed their involvement in the programs by setting up a front company, routing money through Cayman Islands bank transactions and fashioning elaborate cover stories.

"There's been a realization and a statement that there won't be covert programs run out of AID anymore and that's a good thing," said Flake, who is a longtime advocate of loosening the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba. "It's not just a source of tension between countries; it puts Americans in danger and it really cheapens AID's mission around the world, in my view."

USAID has denied the Cuba programs constituted covert action.

Cuba has said repeatedly it wants to negotiate with the U.S. over the fate of Gross as well as three Cuban agents who are imprisoned in the U.S. on charges including espionage. Cuba argues they were only keeping tabs on militant exile groups blamed for terror attacks on the island.

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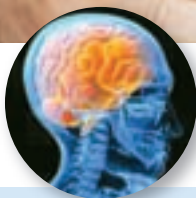


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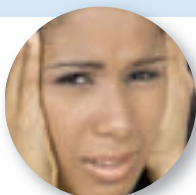
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Congressman

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ticularly as member states choose a new secretary general next year," he added.

"With democracy under attack in the hemisphere, it is important that we work with our partners in the Caribbean to ensure that the next OAS secretary general is willing to protect these fundamental freedoms," he continued. "Interestingly, while the United States has no physical diplomatic pres-

"Establishing a physical diplomatic presence throughout the Caribbean is just one small way that we can deepen the historic partnership that our countries share."

ence, both Venezuela and Cuba have embassies in all five countries."

Without a U.S. presence in these five countries, Engel said it is very difficult to conduct in-person diplomacy with U.S. counterparts on a range of crucial international issues.

Currently, in order to meet with government officials, the private sector or civil society, U.S. diplomats must fly in from Barbados or Washington on expensive, infrequent flights, and at times stay overnight in costly island

hotels, Engel noted.

"Close working relationships with key leaders cannot develop because our diplomats are not there to maintain them," he asserted.

"Regrettably, our diplomacy is often reduced to phone calls and emails, even though we all know that the best interaction is carried out in person," he added.

In addition, Engel said U.S. citizens living in these countries do not have full consular services to assist in the event of emergencies.

"Right now, the United States is rightly focused on the many crises around the globe from the Middle East to West Africa. Yet, we must not lose sight of our long-term interests closer to home, and we cannot take for granted our neighbors in the Caribbean," he emphasized.

"Establishing a physical diplomatic presence throughout the Caribbean is just one small way that we can deepen the historic partnership that our countries share," he said. In April 2009, on one of his first trips abroad as president, Obama visited Trinidad and Tobago for the Summit of the Americas.

At the Summit, he declared that "the energy, the dynamism, the diversity of the Caribbean people inspires us all and is such an important part of what we share in common as a hemisphere."

"I could not agree more," Engel said.



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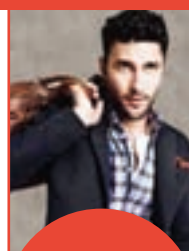
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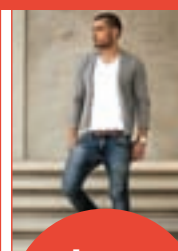
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That same afternoon, food and clothing were distributed to members of the community-at-large, Regisford-Henry said.

Additionally, she said health professionals

conducted blood pressure checks and glucose screening, and counseled and educated area residents about lifestyle changes for improved health.

"We were able to fulfill the request for wheel chairs and walkers for members of the community, who needed assistance with mobility," said Regisford-Henry, adding that, later that evening, Pastor Peters also con-

ducted an open air religious service.

Two days later, the team visited the Leeward Seventh-day Adventist Primary School at Bucament that was "badly affected" by last year's freak Christmas storm.

Regisford-Henry said the school had lost all of its books, computers, copy machine, and other teaching supplies during the unusual storm.

She said several boxes

of books were donated to the school and every student received a backpack with school supplies and snacks.

The group's president said a three-night religious revival service, at the Choppins Seventh-day Adventist Church was also part of the mission, with Pastor Peters as the featured speaker.

The Association celebrated its 25th anniversary from Oct. 18 to Nov. 2, under the theme, "This Far by Faith."

The celebration began

with the group's annual convocation at the Boys and Girls High School on Fulton Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant sec-

tion of Brooklyn.

The sermon was delivered by Vincentian Pastor Elroy O'Garro, who resides in Connecticut.

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mission accepts financial donations. This holiday season; for everyone that donates \$20 will receive an umbrella emblazoned with the Calvary Mission logo. These funds will go towards church programs.

As part of his personal quest to get people off the food line, the church's new initiative will teach skills (computer skills) and help prepare their resume.

Singh also donates his time and finances to a food and clothing drive to help the less fortunate back home in Guyana. This year, two missionaries will accompany the philanthropist to Guyana to hand out Thanksgiving dinners at Seventh Day Adventist Churches in rural areas on the East Coast of Demerara.

Volunteer Cecil Semple, a retired personal manager with Guyana Airways, immediately decided to donate his time after he found the pantry listed on a blog and realized it was serving the Guyanese community.

"I enjoy volunteering, and serving those in need of help," said Semple, and added that over the last six months he has showed up religiously to

hand out food items as well as share love to those in need, a quality that is appreciated.

"I have no intentions of working again, so I will use the free time I have to continue my service to the community,"

Amanda Hardyall was fortunate to find the pantry after she was laid off from her job in 2003.

"I joined the food line after I lost my job and when they needed volunteers, I decided give back to the church that helped me when I was in need."

Hardyall, who operates the forklift, looks forward to greeting families with a food package this Thanksgiving, and all year round.

"It's a rescue, it gives faith to go on living, and to provide for their children," noted the Guyanese woman. "We not only give milk, rice and vegetable, we also give spiritual food. We are truly blessed at Calvary Mission to be able to give people what they are looking for, faith."

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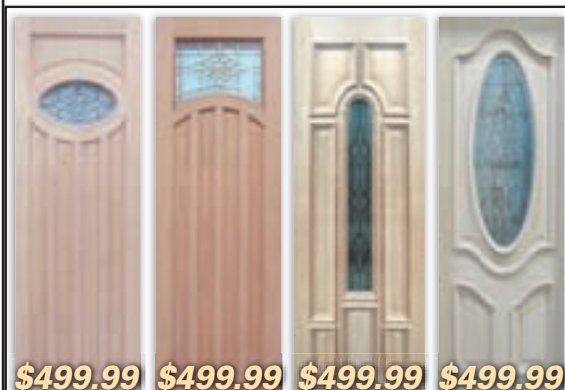
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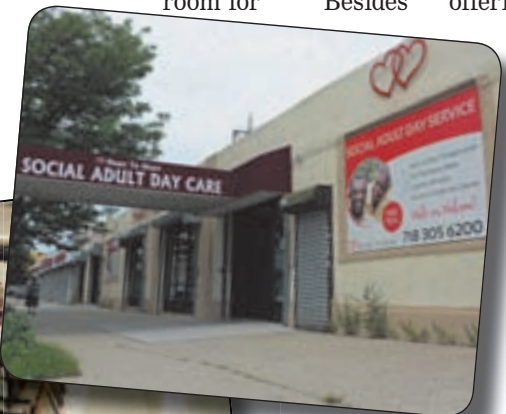
other activities too. Seniors can take computer and music classes. There's a library, and a quiet room for

that it washes your laundry. Imagine getting to enjoy all the activities the facility offers while someone else cleans your clothes. You go home with a bag of clean outfits.

The building, with its 15 individual bathrooms, three shower rooms, an exercise room, and so much more, does seem to offer everything one needs, but it's always nice to spend the day somewhere else, for a change of scenery. That's why Heart to Heart also takes seniors on educational and culturally diverse trips to places like museums and special events.

There are two sessions, Monday through Friday: one from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, and a second from noon to 5 pm. Meals are served, and door-to-door transportation is provided.

Besides offering



It is often stated that getting old isn't easy — but what's the alternative?

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Heart to Heart Social Adult Day Care provides this alternative.

The facility celebrated its one-year anniversary this July, going all out with a barbecue, full band, magician who roamed table-to-table entertaining guests, and a cosmetologist who provided free facials for everyone. Sounds like a great party for anyone of any age.

The difference between this adult social day care program and others is that Heart to Heart believes in making sure patrons have a good time, says Marleen Mondesir,

while getting the same care they would

games being used by teenagers to create stimulating sessions that are actually therapeutic for older adults, says Mondesir.

"At Heart to Heart, we are always finding ways to implement new things."

There are many

reading. Nutrition classes are offered. A licensed cosmetologist is on staff to give manicures. And no one has to miss a bingo game when they come here because bingo is offered daily.

Arguably one of the best services offered by Heart to Heart is

seniors all this fun entertainment, what makes Heart to Heart stand out in its field is the care it provides.

"Personnel see that seniors receive all the care they need," says Mondesir. The staff speaks a variety of languages including English, Spanish, and French Creole, assuring that everyone feels comfortable and understands instruction. Counseling groups are provided, too.



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Bishop T.D. Jakes at New York Empowerment Summit 2014

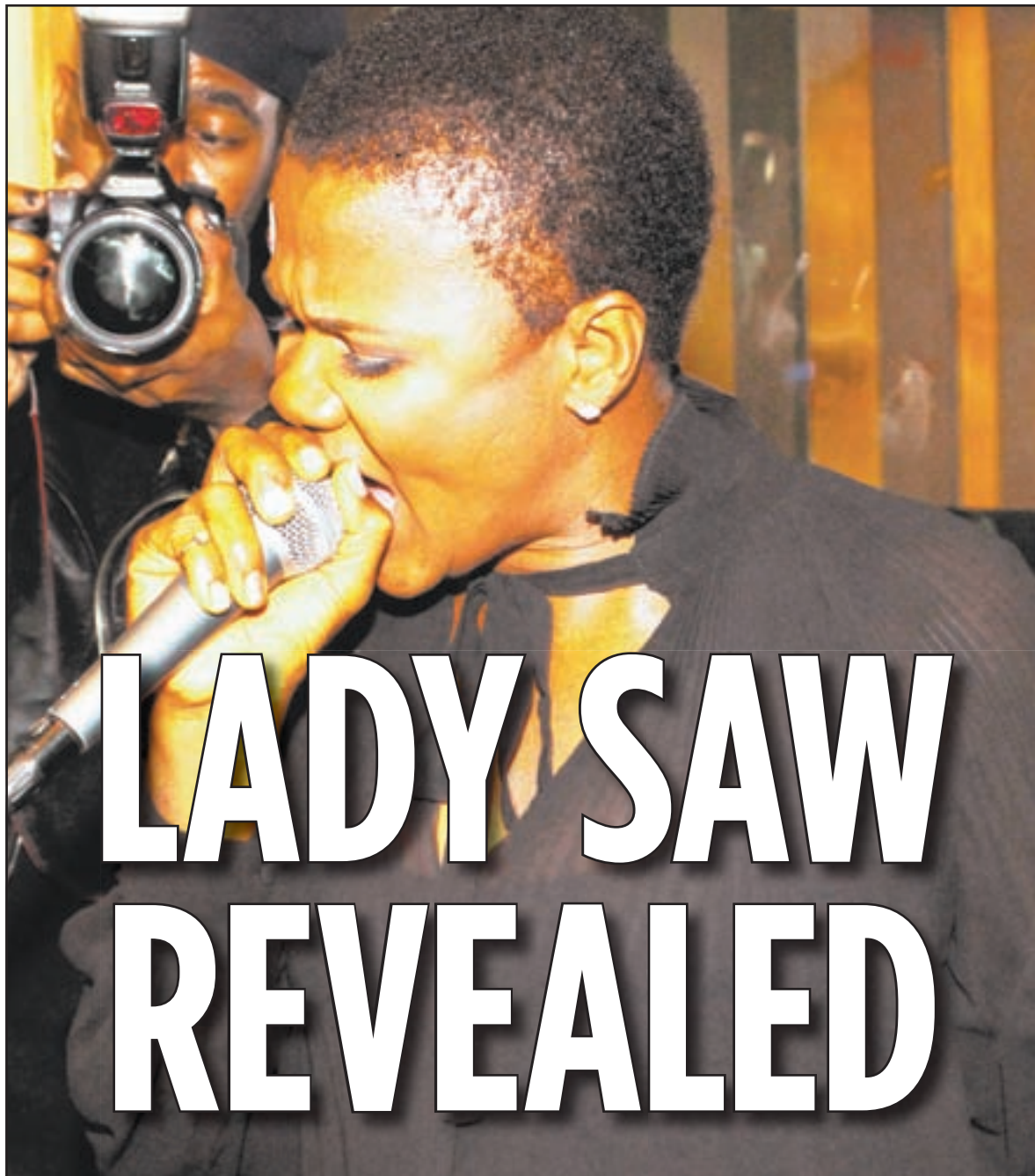
Bishop T.D. Jakes is slated to headline a two day New York Empowerment Summit at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island, New York on Sunday Nov. 30 and Monday Dec. 1. Hosted by Glory of God Christian Center, A Journey Through The Gospel Conference also features a number of Christian heavyweights including Bishop Tudor Bismark, Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Dr. Jackie McCullough, Fred Hammond, Tasha Cobbs, Sonnie Badu, Lucy Reyes, Las Reyes Queens, Christian Cultural Center Youth Choir "C3," the Music Research Lab and Comedian Michael Jr.

Organizer Pastor Joseph Williams says this is the perfect season for this event considering the current state of the church and economy.

"A lot of pastors are frustrated and they need this. What we are trying to do is to remind them they are not alone. They must not allow distractions to get to them. The conference will also encourage the first ladies because if they (first ladies) can lead the women in church successfully, it will bring success all around."

The purpose of the Journey Through The Gospel Conference is also to bring unity among the churches. Event Mission Statement: Working in the spirit of

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Lady Saw singing a song off her new album "Alter Ego."

Photo by Kevin Bollers

By Kevin Bollers

There are two sides to Lady Saw, and the second, more wholesome debuts on the Grammy winner's latest album "Alter Ego."

The Queen of the Dancehall latest dropped on Nov. 18, and while she doesn't shy away from her racy side, she will surprise many listeners with more subdued, introspective tracks.

"Lady Saw, the controversial, sexually explicit and liberated queen of the dancehall," she said. "And then

there is Marion Hall [her birth name] who has been through some struggles, she has been through some pain."

The trailblazer is known for challenging double standards and saying things that seemed normal for a man but taboo for a woman.

"I feel blessed to be a trendsetter and to be able to tear down a lot of doors for the females," said Saw. "I can only say that it's been a journey and a great experience and when people show genuine appreciation, I am

honored by it."

In the past, she has done many collaborations with various artists such as No Doubt, Nicki Minaj and others, and this album is no different. Here, she works with Beres Hammond on "She Has Changed"; Ali Campbell of UB40 on "I Do Love You"; Flo-Rida on "Hells On"; and Estelle on the single "What Kinda Man."

In the latter, Lady Saw said she and the British songwriter hit it off.

"Estelle is a darling! She came to

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Shocker! Marley could become face of weed!

By Vinette K. Pryce

It was Peter Tosh who vocalized, verbalized, and hammered away the notion that marijuana should be legalized.

In a song titled "Legalize It," he amplified his consistent plea saying "I will advertise it" if the Jamaican government would excuse users of the weed.

That was 1976.

Now it seems with all the potential financial benefits the country could reap, the government is inching towards taking his advice and joining the four U.S. states that have enacted laws legalizing marijuana for recreational purposes.

Earlier this week, it was announced that the face of legal marijuana throughout the world could become Bob Marley.

According to reports, "Marley Natural" will be going global next year.

"Marley Natural is a brand with deep roots in the life and legacy of our father," said Cedella, Bob's eldest daughter. "He's smiling at what's really happening."

Had Marley not died on May



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

11, 1981, "my dad would be so happy to see people understanding the healing power of the herb," she added.

According to a statement from his family on Tuesday ganja (weed, pot, sensimilia, marijuana) "brought him inner peace and furthered his creativity."

Reportedly, Marley's family joined with Seattle-based Privateer Holdings to license the product as well as lotions, potions, and hemp accessories in hopes of building what it calls the "world's first global cannabis brand."

In places where regulations permit legal use of marijuana, the international brand will be available late next year.

Allegedly, "the Marley family approached Privateer last year with an idea to carry on Bob Marley's positive views with regard to the effects of

marijuana. The family's goals aligned with Privateer's philosophy in the legal cannabis industry."

"In many ways, he started the movement 50 years ago with his public comments about cannabis," Brendan Kennedy, co-founder of Privateer Holdings stated.

"We wanted Bob Marley's voice and vision — and his family's vision — to help be a part of this movement of ending prohibition."

But not everyone is singing praises to this idea. Soon after the announcement was made Tuesday, criticisms sparked controversy in Jamaica.

Marley "was the least of the Wailers around the issue of ganja legalization," Maxine Stowe of the Rastafari Millennium Council said.

An advocate for legalization and an activist spokesperson



A mural depicting reggae music icon Bob Marley decorates a wall in the yard of Marley's Kingston home in Jamaica. Associated Press / David McFadden

for Rastafarian ethics, Stowe complained that although Marley was often photographed smoking the herb and also believed in its divine and sacramental components, his two collaborators — Peter Tosh and Bunny "Wailer" Livingstone

— who became internationally acclaimed as The Wailers -- were far more vocal about its legalization.

Another argument against the global Marley deal is that the company will be headquartered in New York.

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'Dumb and Dumber To' is just plain dumb

Dumb and Dumber To

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Running time: 109 minutes

Distributor: Universal Pictures

By Kam Williams

It took the Farrelly Brothers, Peter and Bobby, two decades to bring back co-stars Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels for a follow-up to "Dumb and Dumber," their hit comedy that netted nearly a quarter of a billion dollars at the box office in 1994. Far be it for this critic to suggest that the long-anticipated reunion was worth the wait, though I suspect it won't disappoint fans nostalgic for more of the same from the bottom-feeding franchise.

"Dumb and Dumber To" again coalesces around the ter-



Carrey and Jeff Daniels reunite for another round of hijinks as dimwitted BFFs. Photo courtesy of rottentomatoes.com

minally-inane antics of Lloyd Christmas (Carrey) and Harry Dunne (Daniels), gullible dimwits with a penchant for both playing and being the butt of

practical jokes. As the film unfolds, we learn that, for the last 20 years, Lloyd has been committed to Baldy View Mental Hospital, where he's under-

gone shock treatments and a partial lobotomy.

Faithful Harry, meanwhile, has been a daily visitor, regularly changing the bag of urine waste attached to his pal's private parts. Today, however, the wheelchair-bound patient giggles "Gotcha!" to reveal that his protracted stay in the asylum has all been a gag staged purely for his buddy's benefit.

After admiring the elaborate ruse, Harry rips the catheter out of Lloyd's penis roughly, with the help of a couple of obliging groundskeepers. Ouch!

The reunited roommates immediately make their way home to their apartment where they proceed to pull a mean-spirited prank on their apprehensive, blind next-door neighbor (Brady Bluhm) by feeding Pop Rocks to his pet birds (don't try that at home, kids!).

Harry subsequently exposes the anus of their cat to explain why he refers to it as Butt-hole, another joke that merely falls flat. Equally unfunny is

the introduction of a drug dealer (Bill Murray) whose crystal meth Harry mistakes for candy.

Such lowbrow fare serves as prologue and proves to be par for the course for the peripatetic adventure about to ensue. Yes, the farfetched road trip does revolve around the rudiments of a plot, though that's ostensibly of less concern to the filmmakers than seizing on the flimsiest of excuses to gross out their audience at every opportunity.

To summarize the story in 25 words or less, Harry has his own medical issue and is in urgent need of a kidney donor. Fortunately, he has a long-lost daughter he's never met (Rachel Melvin) who just might be a genetic match.

With that, our brain-damaged protagonists are off on a cross-country trek in search of Penny that provides this kitchen sink shocksploit ample opportunities to slap disgusting displays of depravity and vulgarity on-screen.

Independent & Foreign Films

All Relative (Unrated) Romantic dramedy, set in NYC, about a couple (Sara Paxton and Jonathan Sadowski) whose budding relationship becomes imperiled by the arrival of her folks for a weekend visit. With Connie Nielsen, Al Thompson, Liz Fye and David Aron Baker.

Bad Hair (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama, set in Caracas, Venezuela, where a nine-year-old (Samuel Lange Zambrano) becomes so obsessed with straightening his kinky hair that his mother starts to wonder whether he might be gay. Supporting cast includes Beto Benites, Nelly Ramos and Maria Emilia Sulbaran. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Extraterrestrial (Unrated) Not a remake of E.T., but a horror flick about a young couple (Brittany Allen and Freddie Stroma) whose romantic getaway to a cabin in the woods is rudely interrupted when a UFO crash lands nearby. With Melanie Papalia, Jesse Moss and Anja Savcic.

Food Chains (Unrated) Forest Whitaker narrates this politically progressive documentary chronicling the exploitation of farm workers by supermarkets. Featuring commentary by Robert Kennedy, Jr., Eve Ensler, Eva Longoria, Kerry Kennedy and Eric Schlosser.

A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night (Unrated) Horror flick, set in an Iranian ghost town whose denizens are being stalked by a lonely vampire (Sheila



Kam's Capsules

By Kam Williams

Vand). With Arash Marandi, Marshall Manesh and Mozhan Marno. (In Persian with subtitles.)

Happy Valley (Unrated) Pedophilia at Penn State is the subject of this shocking documentary examining why legendary football coach Joe Paterno looked the other way for years while his defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky was raping young boys right in the locker room.

Little Hope Was Arson (Unrated) Bible Belt documentary about the 2010 reign of terror in East Texas when 10 churches were burned to the ground by God-hating arsonists in just one month.

Pulp (Unrated) Rockumentary chronicling the reunion of the British group Pulp for the first time in 25 years in order to stage a farewell concert in Sheffield, England.

Reach Me (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, violence, drug use and smoking) Serendipitous drama about the positive effect a motivational book has on a variety of readers in need of help confronting their fears. Ensemble includes Sly Stallone, Nelly, Lauren Cohan, Terry Crews, Danny Aiello, Kyra Sedgwick, Tom Sizemore, Omari Hardwick, Thomas Jane and Danny Trejo.




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Bishop T.D. Jakes and his wife Serita Ann Jakes appear on the red carpet at the Premiere for "Sparkle" on Thursday August 16, 2012 in Los Angeles.

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Lady Saw

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Jamaica and we would always link up," she said. "I love her voice; she has soul. I grew up listening to that type of music, so I asked her to come on the album because I just felt her on it."

Saw was the first female Jamaican artist to win a Grammy, go certified triple-platinum, artist and headline dancehall shows outside her native country.

Born Marion Hall in Galina (parish of Saint Mary), she started her career on local sound systems like many artists on the island. As a female artist in a male-dominated world of Jamaican dancehall reggae, Lady Saw defeated all

odds when she went on to top the Jamaican charts with "Find a Good Man." In 2002, her collaboration with No Doubt, "Underneath It All" reached number three in the U.S. and sold more than three million copies, reaching triple platinum certification. The track also won a Grammy Award for "Best Performance by a Duo or Group." Lady Saw released six albums under VP Records and then formed her own label called Divas Records. In 2010, she released her first independent album entitled "My Way," which was later followed up by the hot single "Heels On" which reached No. 1 on all Caribbean charts.

Proceeds from a portion of the sale of every copy of "Alter Ego" sold go to the Lady Saw Foundation for Abused Women and Children.



"Alter Ego" was released on Nov. 18.

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COMEDY: Comedybeat (www.comedybeat.com) holds Inaugural "Quarterly Comedy Dialogue" series featuring a panel discussion on the current big issues in the comedy industry plus a spirited conversation with comedian and filmmaker Tom McCaffrey (producer of the upcoming movie "This is Comedy"); and conversation and music videos with comedian/storyteller Rob Cantrell, maker of new comedy music album "Dreams Never Die" (Last Comic Standing and Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn). This event is free to the public and starts 7:00 pm. Book Culture, 536 West 112th Street, Manhattan 10025 (between Broadway and Amsterdam St., near Columbia University)


FRI., NOV. 21

COMEDY: "No Name... & A Bag O' Chips" comedy and variety show producer, Eric Vetter will present performers Mick Diflo (The Huffington Post), Chris Griggs (New York Underground Comedy Festival), Grant Cooper (Morrison Motel), Megan Sass (New York Funny Songs Festival), sketch comedy collective Kokomo (Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre) at 7 pm. The "No Name" house band The Summer Replacements, including Carl (BabyFreak) Fortunato and Fernando (Dr. Sandman) Morales Gonzalez, will perform a set of old school R&B and rock standards at 8:30 pm. No cover, no minimum. Otto's is located at 538 E 14th St. between Avenues A and B. For more information, call (212) 228-2240 or go to: www.ottosshrunkenhead.com. Performers subject to change. For more "No Name," information, contact (347) 885-3466 or e-mail NoNameNYC@hotmail.com.

SAT., NOV. 22


PERFORMANCE: "Ruth: God's Plan at work," is a musical depicting how God took a woman that men rejected and used her to change a nation. This production will take place at Calvary Cathedral of Praise located at 45 E. Eighth St, Brooklyn, NY 11218 at 5 pm. For more information and for tickets, call (718) 435-2731. www.ccopny.org.

MUSIC: New York-based blues favorites Renee & The Derelicts perform classic and original blues, rock and soul tunes at popular LURA Restaurant NYC on the Upper West Side at 949 Columbus Ave between 106th & 107th Streets, on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014. Featuring the vocals of the multitalented actress and playwright Renee Flemings, the band Sal Carolei (blues harp), Paul Bauman (guitar) Trevor Brown (bass) and Bernard Devlin (drums) will kick things off at 9 pm. No cover, great Mediterranean food and drink available. For more information, call (212) 866-7500. To hear samples of "Renee & The Derelicts" — including tracks from their new EP Devil's Kiss, visit www.reneandthederelictsredux.com




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HOLIDAY DINNER

THURS., NOV. 27: The LCG Community Services invites senior citizens to its 27th annual senior citizens Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. The dinner will take place between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Doors open at 11 am. There will also be music and raffles. Boys & Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St. Brooklyn.



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MON., NOV. 24: Join us for a dance-fitness class that's friendly and fun from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Be sure to let your doctor know you'll be taking part in an exercise class. RSVP: (866) 539-0999 206-20 Linden Blvd, Cambria Heights, NY 11411

FRI., NOV. 21 & SAT., NOV. 22

PERFORMANCE: Afaliah Tribune and the Soul Rebel Dance Company presents "Bigger Than Hip Hop – Confronting America's Past and Present." The Actor's Fund Art Center located at 160 Schermerhorn St. will host the two-night event. Doors open at 7 pm. Bigger than Hip Hop is the brain child of Afaliah Tribune, who choreographed and performs in the production inspired by Dr. Joy DeGruys's book and lectures series Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome and Spike Lee's Do the Right Thing. With excerpts featuring music from Kanye West's "Yeezus" album; Tribune explores the underlining impact slavery has on modern society and hip-hop. Ticket prices are \$12 at the door or can pre-ordered online at soulrebeldancecompany.org. For more information please contact Vanessa Grayman at companymanagerafaliah@gmail.com.

SUN., NOV. 23

PERFORMANCE: The Queens Faith Temple of Seventh-day Adventists Church will host a drama production entitled

ety, and depression. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing and plan to arrive 10 minutes early to settle in. Be sure to let your doctor know that you will be taking part in a yoga class. RSVP: (866) 539-0999 206-20 Linden Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411

TUES., NOV. 25

FOOD DEMO: Learn the benefits of eating for your health, especially if you are dealing with a chronic illness or condition from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. You will also discover how to eat right while still enjoying your meals. Topics will include: healthier versions of popular ethnic recipes (with recipe handouts), healthy eating on a budget, how to read food labels (can I eat it?), and fun and interactive cooking demos. RSVP: (866) 469-0999 215 W. 125th Street New York, NY, second floor.

WED., NOV. 26

SUPPORT GROUP: Diagnosed with a life-threatening illness? Overwhelmed with caregiving? Heartbroken over the death of a loved one? If so, you may be feeling frightened, powerless, overwhelmed and alone. How do you ease the fear and reconnect to possibility? Start by coming to the Friends In Deed support group. It's a safe and welcoming space where you can hear and speak the truth — so you can begin to live life in the moment. From noon to 1 pm. RSVP: (866) 469-0999 215 W. 125th St. New York, NY, second floor.

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE: Councilman Jumaane D. Williams and students seek help assisting needy families this holiday season. Donations will be given to local food pantries and charitable organizations. Donations will be collected at district office at 4517 Avenue D in Brooklyn until Dec. 22, 2014.

FLOOD RELIEF: Donations are being accepted at the Friends of Crown Heights Center located at 671 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn. Donations will also be accepted by Mirtha Colon, a Garifuna from Honduras, who operates Hondurans Against Aids out of Casa Yurumein in the Bronx. Casa Yurumein is located at 874 Prospect Ave. in the South Bronx, corner of Westchester Avenue. Anyone in the Long Island area who wishes to make a donation but cannot drive to Brooklyn, please call (347) 488-4395 to arrange a drop off or to arrange for Colon to pick up the donation. Items needed include medical supplies, non-perishable food, clothes, shoes, candles. Monetary donations can be made in the form of checks or money orders addressed to "SVG Community Inc."

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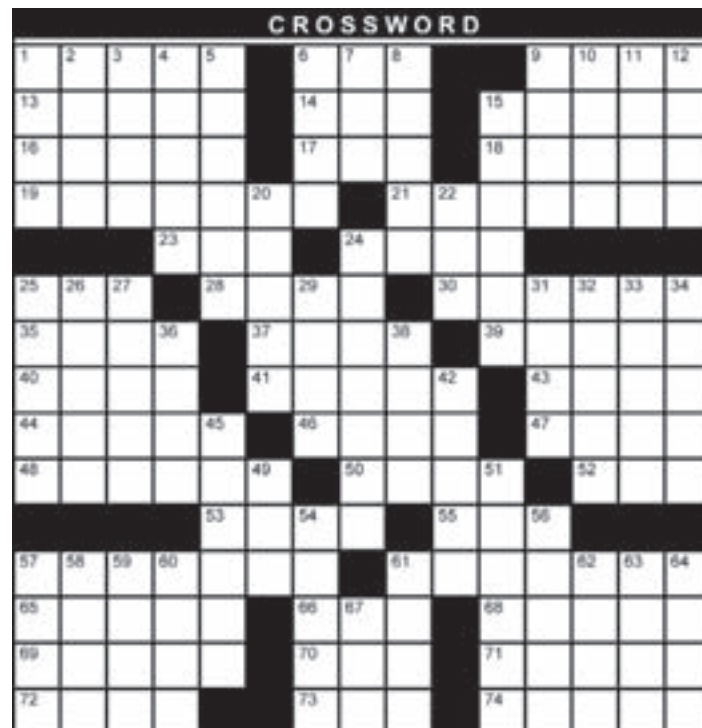
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6. Comprised or embodied
9. Attention grabber
13. Swelling
14. Possess
15. Corner joint
16. Moth-_____
17. Mauna _____, Hawaii
18. Be theatrical
19. *He arrived with a puff of smoke?
21. "____ and _____," 1992 Tom Cruise movie
23. *Former Haiti President, "Baby _____" Duvalier
24. To clean corn
25. Goon
28. Redecorate, e.g.
30. Vandalizing a car
35. Donkey sound
37. Push for something
39. "_____ de Lammermoor"
40. Fit of shivering
41. *He annexed most of Crimea
43. C in COGS
44. Food-grinding tooth
46. Spanish surrealist Joan
47. MCL spot
48. Sung before games
50. Suggestive of supernatu-

52. *Kim Yo Jong to Kim Jong Un
53. Praise or glorify
55. Mercator projection, e.g.
57. *"Wizard of Omaha"
61. *Head of Her Majesty's Government
65. Tear jerker
66. ET's craft
68. Shade of violet
69. Rosie's connector
70. It's collapsable in NBA
71. Audience's approval
72. Donald and Ivana, e.g.
73. Clinton _____ Rodham
74. _____ of film, pl.

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1. Bone to pick
2. Jewish month
3. _____-carotene
4. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
5. Resentment
6. Stir fry pans
7. Leave speechless
8. Big mess
9. Extra long stable cotton
10. Stash in the hold
11. _____ good example
12. Deuce topper
15. *German Chancellor
20. Freeze over
22. Query

24. With bound limbs
25. *Leader of the Free World?
26. Ar on Periodic Table
27. "The _____ in Our Stars"
29. _____ set, in a band
31. Exclamation for disgust
32. Religious paintings
33. Japanese-American
34. *One of biggest philanthropists in the world
36. Uh-huh
38. De Valera's land
42. Marilyn Monroe's original given name
45. Give in to pressure
49. Dojo turf
51. Cry like an animal
54. 180 on a road
56. *Begin and Sadat signed a _____ treaty in '78
57. Drill
58. Type of operating system
59. *James Monroe: U.S. President number _____
60. *Kennedy and Khrushchev, e.g.
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63. *_____ office
64. New Jersey hoopsters
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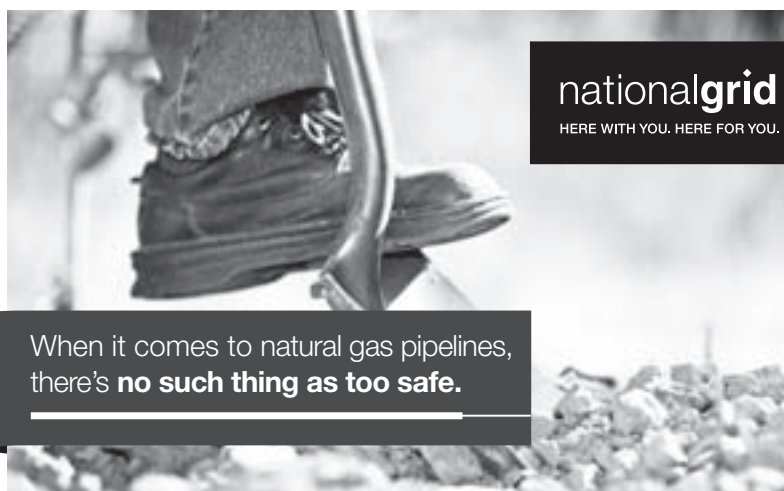
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West Indies Chief Selector Clive Lloyd.
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West Indies squad set

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) _ Less than a month after a pay dispute derailed its tour to India, the West Indies has selected a full-strength squad for a series in South Africa next month.

But it comes with a caveat.

Chief Selector Clive Lloyd said the players must sign a tour contract by Nov. 18 or they'll miss out on the three-test series starting Dec. 17.

Denesh Ramdin was retained as cap-

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Cardinals hopeful for big season

By Robert Elkin

Omar St. John is back at York College this season but last year's high-scoring teammate Michael Woods has graduated, and now the Cardinals have to make up the points Woods scored that helped to make the basketball team as successful as it was last year.

Omar heads a 15-player roster, including seven seniors, when the York College team opens its home portion of the schedule against Lehman in a City University of New York Athletic Conference game on Tuesday Dec. 9.

Omar averaged 18.5 points-per-game last year and teammate Woods tallied a

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JAMAICA WINS CARIB CUP

South Africa's Kagisho Dikgacoi, right, vies for the ball with Jamaica's Rudolph Austin, left, during their international friendly soccer match at the Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Tuesday. Themba Hadebe

Reggae Boyz beat out Soca Warriors

By Patrick Horne

The Jamaica Reggae Boyz and their fans danced the night the away in Montego Bay last Tuesday night as the team won its sixth men's CFU Caribbean Cup championship by defeating arch rival Trinidad and Tobago Soca Warriors by penal-

ties. The Reggae Boyz, the 2014 Men's CFU Caribbean Cup champions, have won four of the last six Caribbean nations' titles and their second from penalties. Both teams qualified for the 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup in the U.S. next summer.

After one of the most scoreless exciting games played in a Caribbean Cup final, the contest went to a penalty kick shootout and the two defensive midfielders and stalwarts for their teams decided the

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tain and star batsman Chris Gayle was included in the squad announced Wednesday.

"Of course at all times the selection panel aims to select the best and strongest team available," Lloyd said. "We look forward to this squad giving a good account of themselves for the three tests in South Africa."

Lloyd, a former test and World Cup-winning captain, had to apologize last month for the West Indies' abrupt withdrawal less than halfway through its India tour, which left furious local organizers threatening legal action and scrambling to organize replacement matches against Sri Lanka.

"I did not want it to end like this. It's unfortunate we left, and I hope the damage is not irreparable," Lloyd said at the time.

The International Cricket Council described the West Indies' withdrawal from the tour as "damaging and unacceptable" and indicated that such behavior in future would jeopardize players' participation in lucrative domestic tournaments like the Indian Premier League.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India, which is the most powerful stakeholder in international cricket with vast revenues from sponsorship and TV deals, has suspended bilateral ties with the West Indies and also claimed \$42 million as compensation for lost revenue.

There was initially concern about the South Africa tour going ahead, but the West Indies management has taken the first step in proceeding by selecting the squad while an investigation into the India tour is ongoing.

"There is a significant amount of international cricket to be played over the next six months, including test matches against some of the higher-ranked teams in world cricket and as such it would be critical for the squad to get off on a positive note in South Africa," Lloyd said.

The three-test series will be followed by three Twenty20 matches and five limited-overs internationals. The World Cup starts February in Australia and New Zealand.



Jamaica's Rudolph Austin, center, and Reto Ziegler from Switzerland, right, fight for the ball, during the international friendly soccer match between Switzerland and Jamaica at the Swissporarena in Lucerne, Switzerland, Friday, May 30, 2014. Switzerland are preparing for the upcoming FIFA soccer World Cup in Brazil starting on 12 June.

Associated Press / Urs Flueeler

REGGAE BOYZ WIN ON PENALTY KICK

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outcome. The scored was tied at 3-3 with only the captains to kick in the fifth round; a player from each team had missed. Jamaican midfielder and captain Rudolph Austin stepped to the ball and placed a shot to the left of Soca Warriors goalkeeper Jan Michael Williams for the 4-3 lead, then Soca Warrior Khaleem Hyland strutted toward the ball to maintain the tie and keep the Soca Warriors chance alive, but his shot flew over the crossbar and the party started.

Both teams displayed a very high standard of play, but Jamaica, playing at home in the Montego Bay Sports Complex, was the better team and deserved to win. Reggae Boyz forward

Darren Mattocks, who plays for the Vancouver Whitecaps in MLS, gave the Soca Warriors defense problems throughout the night. He and teammate Trevor Dawkins created and squandered numerous scoring opportunities that could have decided the game in regulation, but despite the barren play, the free flowing Reggaes Boyz were a good sight to watch as they move the ball quickly and accurately around the pitch with attractive short passes. Trinidad and Tobago head coach Steven Hart said it best, stating that the Jamaicans got into their rhythm and were the better team and deserved to win.

Kevin Molino, Hyland and defender Carlisle Mitchell were among the top performers for Trinidad and Tobago,

the eighth-time Caribbean champion, which played a very intelligent game but it just wasn't enough to stop the dancing reggae Boyz. Jamaica's Coach Winfried Schafer praised his players' good play and said that the win wasn't just for the players, but that the Jamaican people deserved the victory.

In the third-place match earlier in the evening, Haiti copped the third-place trophy by defeating Cuba, 2-. Jerome Mechack (56th minute) and Wilde Donald Guerrier (86th) scored for Haiti, while Ariel Gonzalez (89th) tallied for a free kick for Cuba. Both Haiti and Cuba garnered the other two automatic berths to next summer's Gold Cup and French Guiana will play the Central American fourth-place finisher for a fifth berth.

YORK COLLEGE PREVIEW

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team-leading 28.1.

One of the top scorers in the nation among Division III colleges, Woods had some of the pro scouts take a good look at him. It'll take more than one player to do the job and to help make up for the loss of points. His loss will certainly hurt the squad. Now a number of players must chip in and do the needed job. Other players to do the offense include Taron Pascal, Terell Roper, and Rashaan Bailey. It'll take more than one player to do it, and the coaches are confident.

York advanced all the way to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament last season. With the holdovers, and new faces, including sophomore Ryan St. John and the rest of the players, last year's coach Ron St. John still feels that his team is capable of going all the way.

Now Omar is a senior and the burden could still fall on him, but he does feel that he has a capable load of subs to help the returnees out again.

"I'm a playmaker, can create for myself, and for others," said the resident of Jamaica, Queens. "And on the

fast break I'm quick. It's hard for people to stay in front of me."

Omar feels that he is pro material; if not in the National Basketball Association, then overseas.

"No doubt about it," he said. "That's [go abroad] what I want to do."

But first comes a title; in this, his senior, year and it must come as a team effort; they all have to come together both on offense and defense at the same time.

With Omar, the top returning scorer this year from last winter, leading the way, Coach St. John feels that depth is a major strength for this team.

"Depth wise, we are a little stronger this year," he said. "We can go a long way,

possibly even win the whole thing."

In addition to Omar St. John, Duquan Lawson at the guard position, Jaron Williams at the forward, and swing man Roper, all of them are seniors. And there are four definite starters.

"My players have the experience of being on a college team, but they don't have the on court experience," continued the veteran coach, who doubles as athletic director at York.

Rebounding and defense could be weaknesses to this team. Williams, who grabbed an average of nine caroms a game last year, is the rebounder. They must improve on these two aspects of the game if they want to equal or better their record of last season.

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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, expect to be called into action several times this week. You may prefer to avoid the spotlight, but that won't be the case this week. Make the most of this opportunity.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, all of a sudden you are so busy it can be difficult to find a few moments to rest. Thankfully, you are able to keep up with all of the activity.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, seek advice from a trusted confidante as you contemplate a major lifestyle change. This person will provide valuable insight as you look to make the best decision possible.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, going solo on a project may not seem like the ideal situation. But you don't want to be distracted this week, so going it alone is the best way to tackle the tasks at hand.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, following your gut may not always work out, but this week everything works out for the best. Curb impulsiveness as much as you can, though.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, although you might be dreaming of a lavish vacation and an escape from the daily grind, it's just not possible at this time. Start saving for this dream excursion.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, although it's noble to offer assistance to everyone you meet, you may be struggling to take care of yourself in the process. You must put your needs first.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
A desire to detach from others and be entirely self-sufficient can have some challenges, Scorpio. You don't need to give up independence to have the support of others.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your energy levels are high and there is nothing you can't accomplish this week. Avoid extra caffeine because you're already buzzing.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Find a balance between caution and carelessness, Capricorn. You cannot control every situation, and this week you may have something unexpected come your way.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, if you're on the lookout for new work opportunities, look no further than your own supervisor for guidance. He or she may be your biggest ally.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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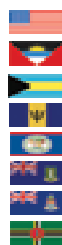
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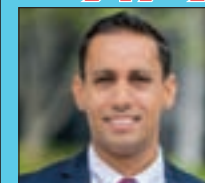
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