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New Yorkers seek justice

Protestor holds a placard with the last words of Eric Garner. **See story on page 3.**

Photo by Onika Straker

BACK TO AFRICA THEY GO

Trinidad deports 11 Ghanians

By Bert Wilkinson

A race-laced row over the deportations of eleven Ghanians to West Africa this week has sparked a major race controversy in Trinidad just as the ethnically-divided nation is preparing for general elections in the coming months.

While most people were asleep on the twin-island republic with Tobago on Monday, the group was secretly put on a specially chartered Caribbean Airlines flight with 15 special branch officers and flown across the ocean to Africa at the start of what officials say is a spirited effort to rid the country of thousands of undocumented residents from all over the world.

Their deportation after hours of appeal hearings lasting unusually

into Saturday and Sunday has raised discomforts about whether the Indo-led administration of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar specifically targeted Africans for expulsion as against other racial groups in the country including Indian and Chinese nationals.

The umbrella Emancipation Support Committee for example, called the deportations brutal and inhumane and pointed to a series of previous alarms it had raised about the alleged targeting of Africans in the country, especially those who had been in detention for months on end awaiting hearings or deportations on mostly immigration issues.

By midweek, Attorney General Anand Ramlogan was forced to roll **Continued on Page 6**

Black Friday Protest for Wall St.

By Vinette K. Pryce

Three weeks after the day-after Thanksgiving national sale marathon popularly known as Black Friday, a Day of Outrage protest rally will be held at the headquarters of Ameri-

ca's financial district.

"Don't get it twisted, this is going to be a real Black Friday," an outraged New Yorker said about a Dec. 19 demonstration planned for 26 Wall St.

Organizer Omowale Clay

said the day marks the 27th anniversary of the first Day of Outrage which crippled subway service and businesses when New Yorkers mobilized to call attention to police brutality in the

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World AIDS Day in Brooklyn

By Nelson A. King

In commemorating World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Lutheran Family Health Centers' (LFHC) Caribbean-American site, in conjunction with the Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA), gathered for a special march and event to raise HIV/AIDS awareness and to educate the community on prevention.

The site's staffers also tied red ribbons to nearby trees. The special event was themed "Focus, Partner and Achieve: An AIDS Free Generation!"

The group's procession made its way from East 34th Street to Nosstrand Avenue in Brooklyn.

Participants distributed information packets and commemorative red ribbons and pins.

At the end of the march, CWAHA's speakers shared information to patients at LFHC's Caribbean-American site about HIV/AIDS prevention and personal experiences treating and living with HIV and AIDS.

LFHC's Caribbean-American site is located at 3414 Church Avenue in Brooklyn.

New York State Sen. Kevin S. Parker, who also attended the program, spoke of a loved one who passed away because of AIDS and strongly emphasized the importance of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness.

"On World AIDS Day, we want to make sure there's an awareness of HIV/AIDS," said Parker, who represents the 21st Senatorial District in Brooklyn. "It [HIV/AIDS] can be eliminated starting with getting to know our status."

On World AIDS Day on Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said ending the epidemic by 2030 requires a "comprehensive approach that includes social justice, the democratization of science, gender equity, and a people-centered approach to health."

He spotlighted the gap in prevention and treatment that persist among regions and people.

Ban said in his message to mark the Day that, with some 35 million people worldwide living with HIV – 19 million of whom do not even know they have the virus – "tremendous" gains made over the years in fighting the virus remain very fragile.

"The legacy of the AIDS response is already apparent as we confront Ebola in West Africa. We know that medical systems alone are not enough to provide robust health care," said Ban as events kicked off across the globe to mark World AIDS Day, launched in 1988 as the first-ever global health day.



Protestor and police interact during a recent protest march in New York.

Photo by Onika Straker

'I Can't Breathe!' protest rages on

By Onika Straker

The last words stifling through the lungs of Eric Garner, has become the mantra of a nationwide call for policing reform in communities of color.

New York City's streets, stores, and transportation systems have been affected by people in an ongoing protest of the "no-indictment verdict" announced by a Staten Island grand jury on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Lack of confidence in the policing habits of the NYPD have prompted New Yorkers of all walks of life marched in solidarity with their brothers and neighbors persecuted by what many of the protesters have called racist policies adopted and enforced by the New York City police department.

Elsa Waithe, one of the people voicing the loosely organized protests, expressed that "[our] purpose is to disrupt the system so [the NYPD] will know we will not allow business as usual."

According to an article published in the New York Daily News on Monday, in 179 fatalities involving uniformed officers in a 15-year span, only three led to indictments yielding one conviction. The Daily News highlights a systematic lax in the handling of police shootings resulting in the death of unarmed men of color. The article found that approximately 27 percent of people killed by police officers were unarmed. In cases where the race was identified, 86 percent of the killings were individuals of African or Hispanic descent.

The data was recorded after the mistaken identity killing of an unarmed black male Amadou Diallo in 1999.

Diallo was Guinean immigrant living



Protesters in New York call for police reform.

Photo by Onika Straker

in the Bronx. Four plainclothes officers approached the 22-year old, returning to his apartment. They ordered him to show identification. When Diallo reached for his wallet he was blitzed with bullets. 41 shots were fired, 19 struck him. The four officers mistook his action of motioning for his wallet as him reaching for a gun.

The officers were acquitted of all murder charges.

Bryan Conroy was the only officer convicted in the 176 reported killings by police officers.

In 2005, Conroy was convicted of criminally negligent homicide in the shooting death of Ousmane Zongo, 43. The husband and, "father of two was never implicated in the counterfeit goods investigation." Conroy disguised as a postal worker, drew his weapon and shot Zongo four times. Conroy did not

receive jail time for the murder of an unarmed black male. He was only sentenced to five years of probation and 500 hours of community service.

Staten Island not indicting Officer Daniel Pantaleo in the chokehold death of Eric Garner aligns with the paradigm of impunity awarded to law enforcement in the killing of unarmed men of color.

"[We] are bringing awareness to a [situation] a lot of people are not [conscious] is going on", asserted Waithe while dissidents echoed Garner's final words. The mob navigated through cars stalled by their demonstration, reciting, "HANDS UP! DON'T SHOOT!" They hoisted signs displaying the names of their fellow countrymen fallen victim to police brutality. They paraded banners reading, "Black Life Matters," inspiring drivers inconvenienced by the movement to show support by honking their horns.

Waithe describes the protest as an annoyance but justified its necessity by expressing her own grievances. "...I am annoyed that my rights are taken away. If it takes a few extra minutes to get to work or home, so be it." She urges us to remember that, "Eric Garner is never coming home."

Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old male shot by a Cleveland police officer, seconds after police arrived in response to a 911 call describing a, "black male holing a gun, [which is] probably a toy."

While staging a die-in in the toy gun aisle of the Toys R Us on 42nd Street, Waithe blasted us with the stark reality of the advancing holiday season; Tamir Rice would never have another Christmas.

Caribbean

British tourists are being warned of the dangers of the chikungunya virus that is sweeping the Caribbean.

According to the Daily Mail newspaper, "British tourists in the Caribbean are being struck down by a debilitating and potential deadly virus carried by mosquitoes."

An unprecedented outbreak of the chikungunya virus is affecting several Caribbean islands, including Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines where many UK holiday tourist flock during the festive season, the newspaper said.



It said thousands have been hit by the illness that leaves victims bedridden for days and the "more vulnerable victims have died."

British tourists and expats are among hundreds of thousands of cases reported since the outbreak last year.

Chikungunya, which is contracted through mosquito bites, causes a sudden onset of fever, and agonizing joint pain, particularly affecting the hands, wrists, ankles and feet.

Antigua

Chairman of the shareholder's governments of the cash-strapped regional airline LIAT, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves says while he is unaware of the details regarding any possible retrenchment of employees, the airline needs to deal with its high cost of operations.

Recently, the troubled airline described as "speculation" media reports it was planning to trim its workforce by sending home as many as 200 employees.

The Observer Newspaper in Antigua reported the airline, which is owned by the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, would send home the workers as it moves to improve its financial stability.



Gonsalves, who is also Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, said he is aware of plans to streamline the operations of the airline as to ensure "that LIAT be placed on a sounder commercial competitive footing."

But he said he wanted to make it clear LIAT has explained on numerous occasions the need to cut the high costs of its operations, including salary, fuel, repairs and lease arrangements.

Barbados

Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs Adriel Brathwaite is giving the public the assurance that crime



Haiti sees cholera increase

An elderly woman suffering cholera symptoms is carried on a stretcher as she arrives to the Doctors Without Borders temporary hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Associated Press / Emilio Morenatti

in Barbados is on the decline, dropping by 20 percent compared to the same period last year.

He said as of Nov. 22, 2014, there were 6,526 reported cases of crime in the country compared to 7,893 cases for the same period last year.

The AG said to date, there were 22 homicides, compared to 23 in 2013. Of the 22 homicides reported, 18 persons have been charged and brought before the law courts of the country.



Turning to crime against visitors, the home affairs minister said to date, 239 reports were received between January and November, compared to 251 last year.

He explained that the most prevalent form of crime against visitors included theft from accommodation, those totaled 106 cases; 19 cases of theft from the persons and 16 of robbery.

Guyana

The Guyana government recently announced salary increases for public servants and members of the Disciplined Forces.

A statement from the Office of President Donald Ramotar said more than 20,000 public servants and members of the Disciplined Forces would receive salary increase ranging from five to eight percent as of Dec. 31, 2013, retroactive

to Jan. 1, 2014.

"In keeping with the government of Guyana's commitment to provide these increases, public servants and members of the Discipline Forces earning above Guy\$50,000 (Guy\$1=US\$0.004) monthly wages and salaries as of Dec. 31, 2014, are being granted and across the board increase of five percent; while those earning less than Guy\$50,000 monthly as of Dec. 31, 2013, would be receiving eight percent across the board increase, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2014.



Teachers earning less than Guy\$50,000 monthly as at Dec. 31, 2013, are being granted an additional three percent increase across the board.

Haiti

The international medical group, Doctors Without Borders is reporting an increase in cholera cases in Haiti in recent weeks.

Oliver Schulz, head of the group's Haiti mission, said more than 2,000 people with symptoms of the disease were in need of emergency hospitalization since mid-October.



He said compared to the same period in 2013, the number of cases treated by Doctors Without Borders has almost

doubled.

In a statement, the group said Haiti's health system "is still facing shortages of funding, human resources and drugs," and authorities are displaying a "lack of preparation for outbreaks that are known and foreseeable."

Cholera cases become particularly bad during rainy months, aggravated by a scarcity of sanitation and clean water in many areas. It is most often spread through the consumption of contaminated drinking water or food.

The cholera outbreak in Haiti surfaced in October 2010.

St. Lucia

Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony says the St. Lucia economy is beginning to turn around and the country should return to positive growth by the next financial year.

Anthony, addressing a recent conference of the ruling St. Lucia Labor Party (SLP) said there is no doubt that the one issue that transcends all other issues and "that is on the mind of every citizen is the state of the economy."



"We inherited a broken economy from the United Workers Party (UWP). Our job is to fix it," Anthony said, telling supporters there is light at the end of the tunnel and "we are right on

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Black Friday protest on Wall Street

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city. "We will not be shopping for bargains on this Black Friday but for action and justice from some of the biggest investors in Wall Street."

According to one of the spokespersons for the organizers, at noon, demonstrators will rally in front of Federal Hall at Wall and Nassau Sts in the heart of the business district just a half block from the New York Stock Exchange.

Last week, City Council members walked out of the Council Chambers to protest the recent Grand Jury decision to forego prosecution of Officer Daniel Pantaleo who choked Eric Garner to death in Staten Island because according to the NYPD he was suspected of selling loose cigarettes.

"Black life matters," the elected city officials chanted as they exited City Hall and probably disrupted business as usual for the city's governing group.

"Yes it is happening in Ferguson, Yes it is happening in East New York and Yes, it is happening on Staten island and it is not isolated, these killings are occurring all over the country," Brook-



Brooklyn Councilwoman Inez Barron. unknown

lyn councilwoman Inez Barron said. "Black life matters and they have to know it."

Her sentiments were endorsed and amplified by her husband, Charles Barron, a former councilman and recently elected Brooklyn Assemblyman.

He released a statement announcing his five-point plan that could ensure better police relations and improved accountability for the tarnished security force repeatedly accused of brutalizing and killing minorities.

Barron proposed that instead of following a tradition of the mayor appointing a police commissioner, an election process should decide the head of the NYPD. He called for the complete dismantling of the city's Grand Jury system which many have described to be archaic.

Trinidad deports illegals

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out what he said were official statistics showing that the 725 Guyanese sent back home in the past three years represented the largest single group of deportees rather than Africans. Those from the continent were number seven on the list of largest groups he said.

"The truth of the matter is that illegal immigrants from the African continent were

way down on the list at number seven. The total number of African immigrants that have been deported from 2010 to now is 70 persons. Seventy African deportees in four, nearly five, years, against 734 Guyanese in the same period So when we run to light a fire, coming on the heels of the Ferguson experience in the U.S. and we jump to pour kerosene to light a social flame that we cannot control, then we must look to the truth which shall set us free. And the statistics show that we must reject outright that kind of nonsense and absurd allegation against the government of Trinidad and Tobago."

"There is absolutely no merit, truth or justification in it," he noted, calling allegations about racial targeting disturbing.

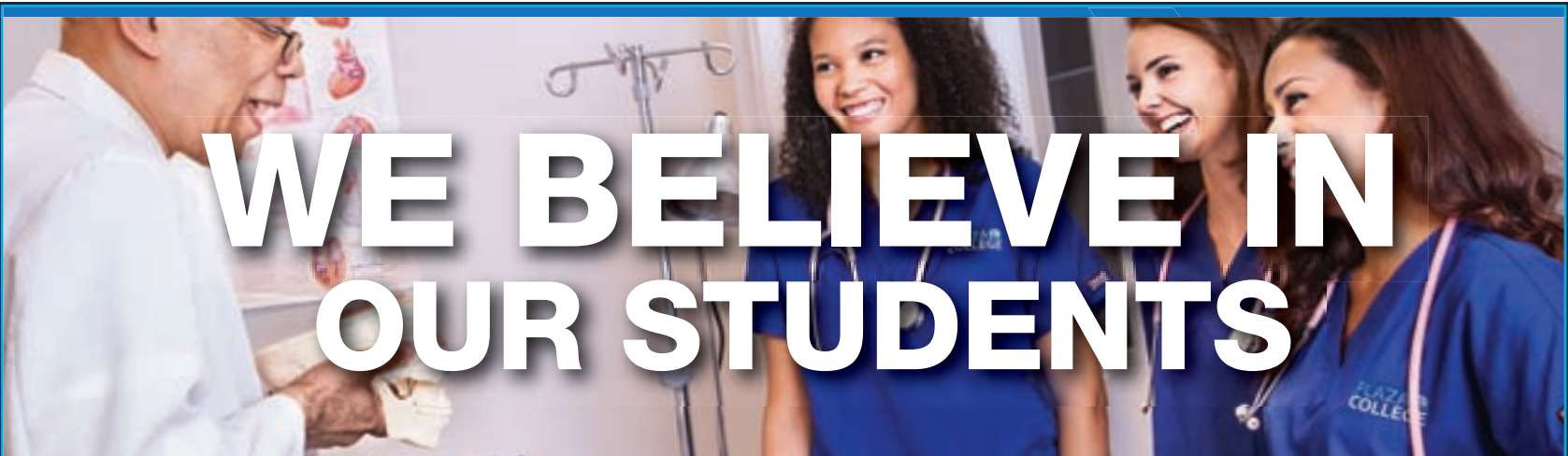
The island of 1.3 million that is almost equally dominated by Afro and Indo Trinidadians is scheduled to hold general elections by the third quarter of the new year. The general predic-

tion is that the governing People's Partnership, wracked by widespread allegations about graft, sleaze, corruption and mismanagement of major projects, will likely lose to the Afro-supported People's National Movement of Opposition Leader Keith Rowley.

It is also left to be seen whether the issue and others linked to race will be part of the campaign as race is at the center of much of what happens in Trinidad and neighboring Guyana where the British brought hundreds of indentured Indians from India to replace Africans who had been emancipated from sugar and other plantations in the 1830s.

The British ensured that the Indians were treated better than the Africans, given land to plant, wages and other incentives, sparking divisions between the two major groups that simmer to this day. But even as different groups were debating the racial and other merits of the deportations of the group back to Ghana, the leading Express Newspaper hinted that there might well be some levels of political and security discomfort by authorities with many of the African and other illegals in the country.

It said, for example, that some of the dozens of Nigerian academic exchange students who came to Trinidad in recent years, were actually former armed rebels fighting to liberate the country's oil and gas-rich delta from the grips of western control.



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Haitians protest delayed elections



An image of Haiti's Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe stands against burning tires placed by anti-government protesters calling for his resignation, along with that of Haiti's President Michel Martelly in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.

Associated Press / Dieu Nalio Chery

By Evens Sanon

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Thousands of anti-government protesters marched Saturday through Haiti's capital for the second time in two days amid anger over delayed elections and other issues.

The crowd began marching peacefully toward the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, but protesters later began burning tires, throwing rocks at police and trying to force their way through barricades as officers fired tear gas.

Many protesters carried posters demanding that President Michel Martelly and Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe step down.

"We need elections in the country so democracy can continue ... not corruption," said Jean Ronald Brison, owner of an auto parts store.

Martelly's administration was supposed to call elections in 2011 for a majority of Senate seats, the entire Chamber of Deputies and local offices.

But both he and Lamothe have blamed legislators for blocking a vote that would lead to approval of an electoral law.

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Workshop on drug treatment courts

By Nelson A. King

The Organization of American States (OAS) says it has launched the third and final two-day regional training workshop on the Monitoring and Evaluation of Drug Treatment Courts (DTCs) in the Caribbean.

The OAS said on Thursday that participants at the workshop in Barbados, organized by the hemispheric body's Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), included judicial, health and drug treatment officials from Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Canada, including the chief justices of Belize and Barbados.

Adriel Brathwaite, attorney general and minister of home affairs of Barbados, opened the workshop highlighting his country's investment in the drug treatment court program, "to save our young people."

He expressed gratitude for the support from the govern-

ment of Canada and the United States to the OAS Drug Treatment Court program, while also expressing the view that the countries, including Barbados, should take responsibility for the initiative within their countries.

The OAS representative in Barbados, Francis McBarrette, noted that the training provides DTC teams in the country with an important resource, as monitoring and evaluation are crucial to the process of implementing DTCs.

The High Commissioner of Canada to Barbados and the OCES, Richard Hanley, said his country is pleased to fund this project given that DTCs help to provide an alternative to incarceration for drug-dependent abusers, and also to reduce crime, recidivism and overpopulation in prisons, "which is one of the biggest problems in Barbados," according to the OAS.

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To The Editor:

We are in the middle of an immediate economic crisis!! Fightback for justice and dignity.

Only a country that has a strong manufacturing base can be wealthy and have a solid and growing middle class. China is getting richer because they are building their manufacturing base. The United States is in debt because we are letting our manufacturing base disappear; we are pouring money into the financial and military indus-

A government-led construction program of affordable housing must begin. We don't need more office buildings; we need affordable housing.

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We need to build solar panels and wind generators to create the electricity grids to power the transit systems and new buildings, before global warming blows everything away.

Only the federal government has the ability to create enough jobs and start construction projects of that size. They just provided trillions of dollars to bail out the banks.

How about providing trillions of dollars to states and cities to create affordable housing and extensive transit systems, along with the renewable energy to power it?

How about requiring that all of the buildings, trains and wind turbines be built by American workers ... in American factories?

Only then can we begin to put the economy back together!

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Friends of Wingate Park*

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tries, which contribute nothing to our economy.

The unions are declining right along with the manufacturing sector and when the unions decline, so do the living standards for the middle class, because the unions keep wages fair.

The only solution we have before it's too late is to rebuild both the cities and the manufacturing industry as well as the infrastructure that supports them.

Now is the time for churches to speak up

By Kevin Bollers

"Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?'" (Book of Esther 4:13-14).

A lot has happened in the last three months or so when it comes to black people and black men in particular. The feeling of abuse and injustice by the criminal justice system has been crushing and for many blacks it has given them the feeling of wanting to go to sleep and never waking up just to escape this nightmare that is the reality of the "Land of the free and home of the

The feeling of abuse and injustice by the criminal justice system has been crushing and for many blacks it has given them the feeling of wanting to go to sleep and never waking up

brave." Black people have not seen much of either for quite some time.

Curiously enough, the church has been very inconspicuous by its silence and absence in this matter. Yes, there has been some commentary about sin being the root cause for injustice and oppression, but for some that is the equivalent of stating, "The sun rises in the east." Meanwhile, there are people chanting, "Hands

up" and "I can't breathe." Citizens in this country are staging "Die ins", laying on the cold cement in protest of injustice while the church just seems concerned with giving charismatic sermons. This is a far cry from the role that the church, particularly the black church played in the 1950s and 60s during the Civil Rights era. They marched, they protested, they orchestrated boycotts. They were willing to be hosed down and had dogs set on them in the streets. They got arrested and praised God in jail.

However, in recent times, we have seen a church prone to shrink from services that come with peril or loss. The church is quick to come out against tv shows like the now canceled show, GCB or Black Jesus, but when it comes to standing in the

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Time to change direction on tax extenders

By Jaimie Woo

While the dust is still settling from the mid-term elections and the pundits are trying to figure out what it all means, the American people have made their collective voices heard and delivered a message that they do not like the country's direction. Exit polling data from Election Day showed clear majorities in against growing corporate influence on the political process and in favor of greater corporate accountability. The message is clear: inversions must stop, corporate tax

avoidance must end, and special corporate loopholes must close.

The question that remains, of course, is whether Congress will hear that message. As the post-election lame duck session gets underway, Congress has an excellent opportunity to show that they've heard the American people loud and clear by acting on tax extenders. There are two extenders that exemplify the very worst of corporate tax avoidance and should be allowed to fade away.

The first is the Control-

led Foreign Corporation (CFC) Look-Through rule. The CFC Look-Through rule allows multinationals to create "stateless income," moving income to low or no-tax countries and avoid U.S. tax in the process. They do this by setting up a network of subsidiaries, one of which own copyrights and patents used by the other foreign subsidiary. The fees paid from the one subsidiary to another create vast profits for these entities and avoid any tax anywhere. Google has heavily utilized

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Across the bridge, 'justice' frozen in time

So maybe our scanning mechanism for the city came up short on its reach when we talked last edition about New York's "cachet" being none too welcoming of cultural traits that just plain reek. In which context we noted the aberrational presence here of two high-flying Republican schmucks who are in no way to be mistaken as representing the classiness we associate with New York chic. Alas, we neglected to consider in the reckoning the most "outer" of the boroughs constituting the New York tapestry, which last week made the loudest discordant noise despoiling of the city's harmony that we've heard in quite a while.

The law enforcement travesty that went down last July on Staten Island, causing Eric Garner's pointless death, and the due process charade orchestrated by the borough's district attorney, culminating in last week's grand jury outrage, will be one of this city's stains for the ages. An instance of unequivocal rogue behavior by "protect and serve" guys on the Staten Island streets brought about the demise of another

black man. And, yes, we do speak in plural terms as far as culpability, it being quite clear from the now iconic video, that not only the chokehold officer, but the others who accosted Garner and ignored his repeated "I can't breathe" pleas need be held accountable for the loss a family was forced to suffer.

And what does one say of the repugnant utterances emanating from the PBA, in the name of pushback vainly attempting to provide cover for lawless, renegade conduct to which, thanks to that video, we're all privy? We of course don't expect the PBA head to acknowledge a member or members having acted outside of established guidelines. But does he, alternatively, have to inflame passions, not only among people of color but in the public at large, with incendiary crap about there having been a "seatbelt maneuver," not a chokehold? Or spewing an acidic "If you can speak you can breathe" in rebuking a dying man's cries for help? We have seen the video! And you, sir, should save your mean-spirited hogwash for occasions when manipulating the facts poses

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

less of a challenge.

Such stonewall support from the PBA for a cop whose prior interaction with persons of color should raise a red flag, serves as reminder of the perception of a racism culture within the organization. It's hardly a secret that it was the "outsider" status to which blacks in the NYPD felt themselves relegated that largely drove formation of their own Guardian Association in the 1940s. All these years later, although there's been progress made, in terms of the department's minority numbers at patrolman level, to be more reflective of the city's ethnic breakdown, clearly no commensurate evolution in the look of the PBA, especially among those in positions of authority, has taken place. Those grossly insensitive comments by the PBA head in the wake of an African American man's death seem of a piece with the tenor

of the organization he leads. I mean, did he really think the apology to Eric Garner's family, likely drafted by PR folks for the officer, would fly?

As for that grand jury convened by the Staten Island district attorney, one wonders why he didn't just punt and accede to the voices clamoring for a special prosecutor to handle this glaringly egregious act of police wrongdoing. We would have been loath to imagine the Big Apple or any part thereof providing us today with a classic Southern justice decades ago lookalike. "To Kill a Mockingbird" came to mind, Gregory Peck's lawyer Atticus Finch defending Brock Peters' wrongly accused Tom Robinson in the Depression-era South – the poor black man having nary a chance a foregone conclusion. Here in 2014, on Staten Island, they backtracked justice to give it a dark-ages appearance. The prosecutor didn't request judicial approval for release of more than perfunctory, non-controversial details of the grand jury proceedings, and we wonder about that as well.

Again reminiscent of that other justice model that hasn't altogether gone away, it seems the Feds will have to weigh in on the Garner case to ensure any possibility of arriving where we have a sense of the right thing being done. Indeed, the vigilance of Attorney General Eric Holder has been the one reassuring component from the justice system, both with Garner and Ferguson, standing as the ultimate buffer between the bulk of us and utter despair.

The PBA head, in his belaboring when just about everyone else was heaping scorn on the grand jury's no-indictment decision, made it known it was in fact a "correct" determination made by those Staten Island jurors. Maybe he should have noted that included in the backlash over that shocking grand jury conclusion were a number of well-known conservative firebrands – customary friends of the PBA turned foes this time around. That should have given the leader and his flock pause, that maybe in the matter of Eric Garner's death, a line was crossed.

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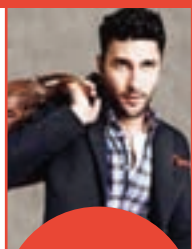
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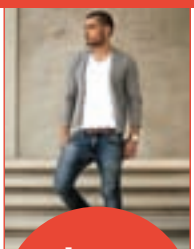
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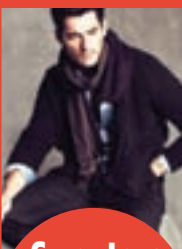
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Churches need to take a stand

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name of social justice, the church tends to be mum on the subject. The church is willing to stand in front of abortion clinics in defense of life for the unborn, but there is not much standing of protest in defense of black life being taken without impunity. Where is the outrage?

Jesus said, "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it." I believe that when the church is more concerned with consulting their own ease and safety instead taking up the cross and the cause of Christ and his people they are in danger of losing their lives in the community that surrounds them. If you doubt it, look up how many churches of various denominations have closed down over the past 10 years. And you know what, the community they were in hardly noticed.

Mordecai in the Book of Esther was confident that God would not allow the destruction of his people. He had a trust and conviction that the purposes of evil men would be frustrated. He didn't know how, but he knew that deliverance would come in some way or other, if not from Esther. However, her and her father's house would be destroyed. It was a warning of Divine vengeance. Though the nation will be saved, it will not benefit you. On you will fall a just judgment — having endeavored to save your life, you will lose it — and your "father's" house will be involved in your ruin.

I wonder. I really wonder whether the church has considered the Book of Esther and how it may very well apply to them and the houses of their Father

at this time in history. Perhaps, God has raised you up to your royal dignity and position for this very purpose, and none other, that you should be in a position to save your nation in crisis because make no mistake, the nation is in crisis. It's on fire right now and we need as many hands on deck to keep this thing from burning down flat.

This message is for the church. If you talk about being a force for good and righteousness, then you have to fulfill that calling. With great power comes great responsibility. If you are not standing by the side of the oppressed and the marginalized, you are standing in the way and history has shown that whatever stands in the way of justice will be mowed remorselessly down, if need be.

The church can no longer afford to use the excuse of being on their knees in prayer, for a reason of not being able to stand on their feet in protest against evil and injustice. In the Bible, Jesus identified, confronted and engaged evil whenever he saw it. It could not abide in His presence. Think about that. Think about who you claim to serve. If you, as the church, are unable or unwilling to identify, confront and engage evil in your lifetime, in your communities, in your nation, in this world, how can you possibly call yourself disciples of Christ?

Kingdoms and empires of this world have come and gone. For everything, there is a beginning and an end; the chariot of history rolls on. For the church, there is only the choice of being on the chariot and on right side of history or of being crushed beneath its awful wheels.

Corporations need to chip in

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the CFC Look-Through rule in its tax avoidance efforts.

The second is the Active Financing Exception. This is an exception to the rule that passive income (interest, dividends, royalties, etc.) is treated as taxable income even if it is not brought back to the United States. Instead, if the income is used for financial operation like financing the sale of jet engines, there is no U.S. tax so long as the profits from the deal stay offshore. However, what constitutes financial operations is so broadly defined as to enable virtually any multinational to take advantage of it. The Active Financing Exception explains why G.E., through its G.E. Capital subsidiary, has paid a negative tax rate on billions in profits over the last five years.

Public sentiment is overwhelmingly against these and other tax avoidance

tricks that continue to benefit corporations that are already seeing record high profits. Those who doubt this need to look no further than Walgreen's, which halted a planned inversion of its own in the face of massive public outrage.

These policies hurt all of us. When multinational corporations are able to avoid taxes, it leaves individual citizens and domestic corporations picking up the tab in the form of higher taxes and more public debt. And it further places small businesses, which pay a higher tax rate with none of the loopholes, at a competitive disadvantage. The message to Congress is clear: it is time for corporations quit cashing out without chipping in.

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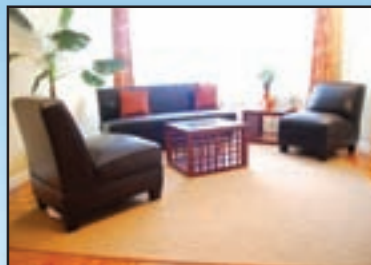
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Will rollout of green technologies get a boost at Lima Climate Summit?

By Desmond Brown

LIMA, Dec. 2, 2014 (IPS) - The road towards a green economy is paved with both reward and risk, and policymakers must seek to balance these out if the transition to low-carbon energy sources is to succeed on the required scale, climate experts say.

"I think what is important is that in most of these processes you will have winners and losers," John Christensen, director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development, told IPS.

"So you need to be aware that there are people who will lose and you need to take care of them so that they feel that they are not left out.

"You need to find other ways of engaging them and help them get into something new because otherwise you will have all this resistance from groups that have special interests," said Christensen, who



Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, at the COP20 talks in Lima.



spoke with IPS on the sidelines of the 20th session of the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 20) which got underway here Monday.

The climate summit convenes ministers of 194 countries for the annual Conference of the Parties to negotiate over 12 days the legally binding text that will become next year's

Paris Protocol.

It will provide an early insight into what may be expected from the agreement with regard to the long-term phase-out of coal-fired power plants, the rate of deployment of renewable energies, and the financial and technological support for the vulnerable and least developed countries.

Nevis, a 13-kilometre-long island in the Caribbean, recently announced that it was "on the cusp of going completely green." Deputy Premier and Minister of Tourism Mark Brantley outlined the Nevis Island Administration's vision for tourism development and in particular, replacing fossil fuel generation with renewable

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Drug treatment courts

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health issue, but also one of criminal justice," Hanley said.

Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States to Barbados, Aruna Amirthanayagam, said that his country is pleased to support the program along with Canada.

Angela Crowdy, the assistant executive secretary of CICAD, stressed the importance of monitoring and evaluation, which is a priority for CICAD, in order to strengthen and expand the

DTC program across the hemisphere "generating evidence which will allow us to demonstrate, over time, that the objectives have been achieved."

CICAD plans to complete a Manual for Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Drug Treatment Courts by February, 2015, the OAS said.

It said this will include an external evaluation of the project as a whole, "so that findings can benefit the execution of future activities and related policy decisions."

Haiti protest turns violent

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Six senators have said the legislation is unconstitutional and favors the government.

A similar protest held Friday also turned violent, with police firing tear gas at protesters who burned tires and threw rocks as they pushed through the security perimeter at the National Palace. No deaths or major injuries

were reported.

Lamothe addressed the protest late Friday via Twitter: "We urge demonstrators to exercise their constitutional right with restraint and responsibility."

Four anti-government demonstrations have been held in Haiti's capital in about a month and a fifth is planned for next week.

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

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

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

Unfortunately, prostate cancer will usually not exhibit outward symptoms in its early stages, so the patient is often not aware of the

presence of a tumor. Because it is important to diagnose this disease before any symptoms occur, men over age 45 are strongly encouraged to undergo an elective urological examination at least once a year.

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Caribbean urged to dismantle corruption

By Nelson A. King

As the world on Tuesday marked International Anti-Corruption Day, the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS) have called on the Caribbean and other countries in the international community to reaffirm their commitment to the fight against corruption.

In his message to mark the Day, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the fight against corruption is “a global concern requiring the broadest possible response to dismantle its high walls.”

“To dismantle corruption’s high walls, I urge every nation to ratify and implement the U.N. Convention against Corruption,” said Ban, underscoring that while the treaty’s ground breaking measures in the areas of prevention, criminalization, international cooperation and asset recovery have made important inroads, “there is much more to do.”

The U.N. said the theme of the 2014 International Day, “Breaking the Corruption Chain,” is geared towards showing the importance of individual engagement in tackling a phenomenon “that strikes hardest at the poor, hinders inclusive economic growth and robs essential services of badly needed funds.”

“From cradle to grave, millions are touched by corruption’s shadow,” said Ban, urging engagement of the public and private sectors.

“Public servants and elected officials had to be guided by ethics, transparency and accountability, while the private sector needed to recognize that good behavior is good business,” he added.



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

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Some members of the UVCGB perform a Christmas song medley.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Brooklyn group serenades Vincy-style

By Nelson A. King

The United Vincy Cultural Group of Brooklyn (UVCGB) recently brought the “Spirit of Christmas” Vincy-style to supporters and friends in Brooklyn.

The group, one of the larger Vincentian cultural groups in the United States, staged “Serenade 2014”, on Nov. 29, at Miracle Temple Ministries’ Fellowship Hall in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn.

With Christmas carols, speeches, a short skit and local delicacies, UVCGB brought much nostalgia to an appreciative crowd, which included St. Vincent and the Grenadines’ New York Counsel General Selmon Walters.

Members and the audience reminisced about the season at home – whether it was in Kingstown, the capital, or in the rural areas.

Many nationals from other Caribbean islands, including Jamaica and Grenada, also reflected on Christmas in their respective countries.

“Good night to the master and mistress of this humble dwelling. We are here to bring Christmas cheer,” said Dr. Roxie Irish, the group’s president, in a speech that is/was popular during house-to-house serenading at home.

“The fact that you’re here means that you know about Christmas caroling at home,” added Irish, asking the UVCGB band to strike up “Silent Night” in “Caribbean flavor.”

“Tonight, there’s no dog to bark at you; so this is your night,” continued Irish (to laughter), also a former national netball star, who chaired the proceedings, urging patrons to participate in the event.

UVCGB member Judith “Baffy” Cuffy-Murray, who opened the event, noted house-house serenading and sharing of local delicacies, such as the



Erlene Williams-King caroling.

Photo by Nelson A. King

mouth-watering black cake, at home during the season.

“We are here to bring back the ‘Spirit of Christmas,’” she told the audience.

Olson Thomas, a retired public school teacher in Brooklyn and former president of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines Humanitarian Organization, mixed his speech with popular carols, such as “We Three Kings” and “While Shepherds Watch their Flocks”, as the audience chimed in.

Annice Bess reflected on Christmas while growing up, stating that it started in her “Neck of the Woods” with “Nine Mornings.”

“Then we go home and clean we home,” she said colloquially. “The fiber (used for making bed mattresses and cushions), we pulled it out.

“When I clean, my sister dem can’t go in the house,” she added. “We have to have Ju-C and ginger beer (local beverages).

“Christmas in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (is) not the same,” Bess continued. “In our days, Christmas used to be like Christmas.”

Bess’ younger sister, Ingrid Bess, and Barbara Roberts performed a duet with “Love and Joy Come to You” and “Joy to the World.”

“When I was small, we used to ‘Sing Out,’” Ingrid Bess recalled, as Erlene Williams-King sang “Away in a Manger” and “O, Holy Night.”

Lovena Bynoe and Rosemarie Bobb-Irish, Dr. Irish’s mother, also reminisced about their childhood days at Christmas before rendering “O, Holy Night.”

Before giving his “Christmas Speech,” UVCGB member Ralphie Cunningham looked back on his boyhood days, during the Christmas season.

“Christmas is coming, the geest are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man hat. If not a penny, a half penny will do; if not a half penny, God bless you,” said Cunningham in a speech he often delivered during serenading with his boyhood friend and then neighbor, Nelson King.

Donna Ash said Christmas has always been “very special to me, because it’s my birthday,” adding that it was also “great” in her household.

She recalled participating in a talent show, as a child, at the Peace Memorial Hall in Kingstown and singing “Noel.”

“I sang it, and I never heard it again,” said Ash, giving patrons a version of that song that she first rendered over five decades ago. The audience applauded lustily.

The event was infused with jokes from Jamal Walker; poem and speeches from Karen Charles-DeFrietas and poem on “The Birth” by Kimberly Thompson, of Jamaica.

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Cuba's President Raul Castro, center, and Prime Minister Freundel Stuart, of Barbados, right, review troops during a welcoming ceremony at Revolution Palace in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014.

SVG PM condemns 'criminal blockade' against Cuba

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves has condemned what he described as the "criminal blockade against Cuba," and called for "the liberation of the five antiterrorists from U.S. prisons," according to reports in Havana, the Cuban capital.

"We have to work together in this globalized world to address international issues affecting our hemisphere. This includes demanding an end to the economic sanctions against Cuba," said Gonsalves on arriving in Havana on Saturday for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)-Cuba Summit.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, a member of CARICOM, as well as the Bolivarian Alliance for Our Americas (ALBA), was the first delegation to arrive in Havana to participate in the fifth Summit, which began on Monday in the Cuban capital, according to Telesur (Telecommunications Company Suriname), the Suriname government-owned full telecommunications service provider.

The events took place at the Palace of the Revolution, where several regional leaders met to continue dialogue on integration and cooperation between the neighboring nations, Telesur said. Topics the delegates will discuss at



Cuba's President Raul Castro, center, and Prime Minister Freundel Stuart, of Barbados, right, review troops during a welcoming ceremony at Revolution Palace in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014.

the summit include poverty, equality, and social justice.

Jennifer Jones-Kernahana, ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to Cuba, affirmed to Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency that the fifth CARICOM-Cuba Summit "will serve to strengthen regional ties and allow the Caribbean to act as a block in world political affairs."

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The nine-time Northeast Conference champion LIU Brooklyn women's volleyball team (left) dominated this season on the court and in the classroom. The Blackbirds hold the nation's longest conference win streak with 46 consecutive regular-season victories, earned their third straight NEC title in 2014 and were awarded the 2013-14 AVCA Team Academic Award for recording a 3.55 team GPA.

The LIU Brooklyn men's soccer team, who has won 15 league titles in its storied history, clinched another NEC Tournament berth this fall while also ranking among the top academic teams in the country. And the women's golf team continued its recent dominance of the league by capturing a third consecutive NEC title, and earning a subsequent appearance at NCAA Regionals.

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"LIU Brooklyn athletics has enjoyed unprecedented success both on the field and in the classroom in recent years," interim director of athletics Brad Cohen said. "Our sport programs have won 12 conference championships over the last three years, the most in a three-year span in school history. Our student-athletes have accumulated a 3.22 GPA for the 2013-14 academic year, and three individuals were named Academic All-Americans. It truly is a

great time to be a Blackbird!"

Blackbirds at Barclays

The LIU Brooklyn basketball teams play a portion of their home games at Barclays Center, home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. Brooklynites also fill the stands on campus at the \$45 million, state-of-the-art Steinberg Wellness Center that opened in 2006.

LIU Brooklyn fans can catch Blackbirds' men's and women's basketball over the coming weeks at Barclays Center. The men's squad will take on Florida International University on December 18, Hofstra University, December 28, and Mount St. Mary's University, January 17. The women's team will be the first game of a doubleheader with the men on January 17 against the Mountaineers.

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LIU Brooklyn athletes dominate the competition.

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- Fast food can be calorie dense and low on nutrition. Avoid going overboard by limiting your intake. That means either eating a child's meal or picking a healthier, sometimes more expensive item from the menu, such as a salad or grilled chicken sandwich.

- If you lead a sedentary lifestyle, it's time to make a change. Set quotas for TV viewing. For example, one hour of news and one hour of entertainment -- or, stay active while watching television by doing squats, crunches, lifting small

weights or stretching. Get outdoors for at least 15 minutes a day -- rain or shine! Walk, bike, garden, clean or play a game, it doesn't matter, as long as you are moving.

- A structured meal plan and nutrition-rich foods can help you manage diabetes and weight issues without needing to count calories, carbs or points. Look for a program that meets the nutritional guidelines of the American Diabetes Association and that offers personal support in the form of certified diabetes educators,

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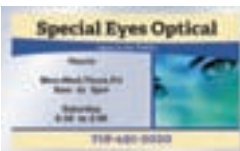
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track.”

He said negative growth has now decelerated “and I believe that we will see a return to positive growth next financial year.”

Dr. Anthony said that airlift from key source markets increased significantly over the past year, with the United States in particular growing by 11 percent between 2012 and 2013. Additional airlift came from new gateways in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada.

The SLP leader said that foreign investors were now returning to St. Lucia.

Anthony said that the main opposition UWP does not have the answers to the situation confronting the island with party officials indicating that should they win the next general election there would be a reduction in the Value Added Tax (VAT).

He warned that a reduction as small as one percent would result in the loss of revenue of approximately EC\$21.5 million.

Suriname

The gay rights group, Suriname Men United (SMU), is taking issue with a song by a local entertainer that calls for “bullets for homos.”

“It is horrific that Surinamese artistes, in this particular case, King

Koyeba, use these types of lyrics. This brings us back to when our community fought against the Jamaican artistes who were singing homophobic lyrics,” said SMU’s Kenneth van Emden.

Koyeba, the self-proclaimed Surinamese King of Dancehall recently launched his latest CD with the song “Bullet” a few weeks ago.



In the video, available on social media, Koyeba blatantly calls for violence against gay people.

Trinidad

A British couple is moving to sue the Trinidad and Tobago government for £2 million (US\$3 million), five years after a brutal machete attack on them in the Sister Isle Tobago.

In August 2009, Peter Green and his wife, Murium were chopped and left for dead. They survived, barely, with permanent injuries.

Green, 70, a retired hotelier suffered a cracked skull, fractured cheekbones, smashed teeth, limited vision after the knife cut his left cornea and nerve damage.



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How to wrap up the latest technology to give your children an added boost at school

Toys and games are sure to be on kids' gift lists this holiday season. Many parents will hope to mix in something practical with all the fun, aiming to give a gift that can help children of any age do their best in school. With technology in common use in classrooms across the country, many parents will shop for laptops, notebooks or other devices that can help facilitate learning.

Around 58 percent of students use a laptop, notebook or Chromebook for school at least twice a week, according to the 2014 Pearson Student Mobile Device Survey.

In fact, 71 percent of elementary school students, 67 percent of middle school students and 56 percent of high school students would like to use mobile devices more often in the classroom than they do now.

With the wide range of learning tasks students tackle daily, it's important for parents to choose devices with maximum flexibility. Windows is the most commonly used operating system in the workplace and a vast library of educational materials are Windows compatible, so it makes sense for children to learn on Windows



8-enabled devices with Intel inside. Three types of devices stand out for parents looking for computing flexibility:

Notebooks

Smaller, lighter and more economical than full-sized laptops, today's notebooks still pack a great deal of computing power in their compact frames. Products like the

HP 210 G1 Notebook PC allow students to perform basic word-processing tasks, access online learning tools, and share notes and assignments with peers and teachers. Durable yet lightweight, their typical small size allows them to fit easily into backpacks and be used in classroom settings without taking up too much space.

Tablets

With their versatile touchscreen interface, tablets inspire creativity and facilitate collaboration among students and educators. Teachers who use tablets in class are able to personalize lessons to appeal to the learning styles and interests of multiple students, rather than approaching a lesson as one size fits all. For younger students who have not yet mastered a keyboard, touchscreen tablets provide an easy way to accomplish tasks. Styles like the Dell Venue 11 can also feature handwriting recognition, making note-taking fast and easy for older students and helping younger pupils practice handwriting skills.

Two-in-ones

For older students who do more typing, 2-in-1

devices like the Lenovo Yoga or Asus Transformer provide the convenience of a notebook and the flexibility of a tablet. These devices are lightweight with a touchscreen interface, like a tablet, but can be also used like a traditional laptop through a detachable, flippable or rotating keyboard. Having both functionalities within one device facilitates creativity, note-taking and collaboration.

Not sure which of these device types might best suit your student's needs? Consult with your child's teacher. In many classrooms across the country, teachers are already using technology in their lessons. Your child's teacher may be able to advise you on what type of device would best mesh with what he or she is already using in the classroom.

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Jamaica sees success in curbing killings by police

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaican police have often been viewed with suspicion and fear, routinely accused of indiscriminately using their weapons and intentionally killing suspects as the island struggled with soaring violent crime.

Now, with overall violence ebbing, the Caribbean country is on track to have the fewest deaths at the hands of law enforcement in years, drawing cautious praise from human rights activists and making officers more welcome in some of Jamaica's grittiest districts.

The number of citizens killed by police is expected to reach just over 100 this year, far below the 258 slain last year by security forces. The annual total of police killings hasn't been below 200 since 2004.

"Police always used to come with guns cocked, but more of them are calmer now and have a better attitude," said Susan Ramsay, a mother of three in the rough east King-

ston neighborhood of Rockfort. "It's gotten to the point where I prefer seeing the police around here than not seeing them."

There seems to be a mix of reasons for the reduction, but perhaps the biggest is a newfound fear among officers of prosecution by an independent agency that investigates allegations against police.

The Independent Commission of Investigations was created in 2010 after security forces killed 70 civilians in Kingston during an operation to capture a fugitive gang leader. Police had disputed the agency's authority, but last year the courts ruled it has the right to arrest and charge officers, previously the role of an internal police bureau and public prosecutors.

The increasingly robust commission is now advancing high-profile investigations against lawmen, including a probe of 11 officers in a single police division in the central parish of Clarendon. After those officers

were hit with murder charges earlier this year, a big drop in police-related fatalities followed across Jamaica. There also were two successful convictions this year of police personnel who failed to cooperate with commission investigators.

"A clear message is being sent that all police killings are being rigorously investigated and that the Jamaica Constabulary Force must cooperate fully," said Robin Guittard, Caribbean campaigner at Amnesty International.

Hamish Campbell, a former Scotland Yard commander who is the investigative agency's deputy commissioner, said reducing fatal shootings has been helped by a significant drop in early morning raids. Heavily armed and often masked officers would roll into slums before dawn on raids that frequently ended in bloodshed, though police went unscathed.

"The tactic was not tenable and the greater majority of the



In this April 16, 2014, photo, Shackelia Jackson-Thomas holds a poster showing her brother, Nakiea Jackson, just outside his small, "cookshop," in the Orange Villa section of Jamaica, the capital of Kingston.

Associated Press / David McFadden

public recognized it for what it really was," Campbell said.

Rights groups long accused the government of fostering a culture of impunity by protecting law enforcers accused

of killing suspects rather than subjecting them to the backlogged, inefficient court system. Activists are now cautiously hopeful the tide might be starting to turn.

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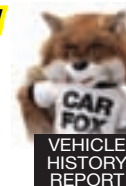
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Dominica Labor Party retains power

By Nelson A. King

The incumbent Dominica Labor Party (DLP) of Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit regained power in general elections on Monday, winning 15 of the 21 seats in Parliament.

The main opposition United Workers Party (UWP), led by Lennox Linton, won the remaining six seats, an increase of three over the last general elections in 2010. Linton was elected to Parliament for the very first time.

It was the third consecutive victory for Skerrit, 42, who was first sworn into office on Jan. 8, 2004 on the death of Prime Minister Pierre Charles. Skerrit remains the youngest prime minister in the Caribbean.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming response of the electorate of Dominica to our appeal for the mandate to continue to govern Dominica for another five years," said Skerrit in his victory speech, broadcast nationally, on Monday night.

He also congratulated Linton for his success at the polls, noting "numerically speaking, there will be a stronger opposition in Parliament.

"I accept the will and verdict of the people," added Skerrit, who was sworn into office on Tuesday. He said the rest of his Cabinet will take the oath on Saturday.

The prime minister lauded the electorate for "conducting themselves



Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit.

Associated Press / Everett Kennedy Brown

properly throughout the campaign and minimizing the incident of violence and destruction.

"I congratulate you all for demonstrating to the world that Dominica is now a mature democracy," he said. "I thank you for showing, in the Commonwealth of Dominica, (that) common sense has triumphed over propaganda and the appeal to raw emotion."

In his new term, Skerrit promised "more resources" to wipe out "poverty and ignorance from the island of Dominica."

"The best is yet to come," he affirmed,

stating that Dominicans have benefited from "at least one of the economic and social policies and programs we have introduced during the past 14 years.

"I am sure that this is your way of showing gratitude," he said. "That is why you have decided to give us a new mandate to continue to deliver the many realistic promises we made to you in the manifesto."

Skerrit urged nationals to put aside political differences "and pull together to make Dominica one of the best places in the region to live, to work, to study, to do business, to visit and to enjoy life.

"Never forget we are all Dominicans and that I get up every morning knowing that I am the prime minister of one Dominica," he said.

Meantime, the Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS/EOM) in Dominica, led by the OAS Secretary for Multidimensional Security, Adam Blackwell, congratulated Skerrit and nationals of Dominica for "exercising their civic-minded spirit in a very orderly and respectful manner on Election Day."

On Election Day, the OAS said members of the delegation visited the country's 21 constituencies, and observed the voting process from the opening of the polls to the transmission of the preliminary results.

Grenada economy expected to grow by 2.6%

By Azad Ali

The Grenada economy is expected to grow by 2.6 percent this year, higher than the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) average of 1.4 percent.

This was revealed by Prime Minister and Finance Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell during his presentation of the 2015 estimates or revenue and expenditures in Parliament recently.

Mitchell said the 2.6 percent economic growth being forecast surpasses the 1.5 percent projected when the 2014 budget was presented.

The leading sectors contributing to an improvement in the local economy have been identified as tourism, agriculture and education.

The Grenadian leader disclosed that tourist arrivals grew by 16.4 percent for the first nine months of the year.

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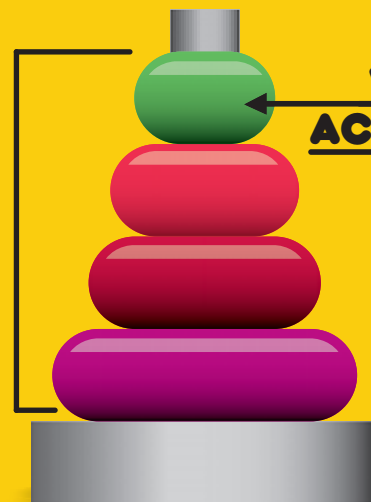
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Haiti commission seeks new government consensus

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A commission recently appointed by Haitian President Michel Martelly is calling for his prime minister to resign so a new consensus government can be formed, according to a report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

The 11-member panel made up of former officials and religious leaders was appointed by Martelly on Nov. 28 to help resolve a political stalemate holding up long-delayed legislative and municipal elections.

In recent months, there has been an uptick in street protests by government critics demanding government resignations and a chance to vote.

The commission's report says Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe's resignation would pave the way for a consensus government to be created. It also calls for members of Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council and the president of the Superior Judicial Council to step down as "appeasement measures."

Among other recommendations, the commission says "political prisoners" not yet taken before a judge should



Haitian President Michel Martelly.

Associated Press / Carolyn Kaster

be immediately released and a "truce" should be adopted by political opponents to allow dialogue to take place.

Martelly was expected to hold a news conference about the commission's findings. There was no immediate comment from Lamothe, Haiti's No. 2 official.

Martelly was supposed to call elections in 2011 for a majority of Senate seats, the entire Chamber of Deputies and local offices. But he hasn't done so over the last year because the Senate has yet to approve an electoral law authorizing the vote.

The Chamber of Deputies has approved the legislation, but it has been held up in the Senate because of six senators who have blocked a vote. The six opposition senators argue the measure is unconstitutional and favors the government.

Martelly administration officials blame the senators for the standoff, insisting the government wants to hold the elections but can't because the lawmakers are preventing a quorum.

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Guess who's nominated for Reggae Grammy?

Shaggy, Sean Paul, Sly and Robbie, Ziggy Marley, Lee 'Scratch' Perry, and American band SOJA are nominees for the Best Reggae Album category of the 57th annual Grammy Awards. Shaggy has been nominated for his album (Out of Many, One Music), Sean Paul (Full Frequency), Sly and Robbie (The Reggae Power, featuring Spicy Chocolate), Ziggy Marley (Fly Rasta), and Lee 'Scratch' Perry (Back on the Controls). Released in April by Tuff Gong, Ziggy Marley's "Fly Rasta" is the most commercially successful album in the United States by a Jamaican reggae artiste this year, with sales of more than 16,000 copies to date.

Ziggy Marley, the eldest son of reggae legend Bob Marley, has won three Grammys as lead singer of the Melody Makers. Solo, he has been nominated in the Best Reggae Album category four times, winning in 2007 for "Love is My Religion" and for "Ziggy Marley In Concert" this year.

Lee 'Scratch' Perry's "Back on the Controls" was released on the Upsetter label in May. It



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

became the enigmatic producer's highest-American charting album when it peaked at number five on Billboard's Reggae album chart. He won the Best Reggae Album Grammy in 2003 for Jamaican ET and has been nominated five times.

Produced by Jamaican Dwayne 'Supa Dups' Chin-Quee, American reggae band SOJA has earned its first nomination for their sixth studio album Amid the Noise and The Haste. To date, it has sold more than 22,000 copies.

The ceremony is slated for the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, on Feb. 5, 2015.

American reggae band SOJA is in high spirits following its first nomination in the Best Reggae Album category of the 57th Grammy Awards on Friday.

The group, scheduled to make their debut appearance at next month's Jamaica Jazz

and Blues Festival, got the nod for the sixth studio effort Amid the Noise and The Haste.

Produced by Chin-Quee, the set features Damian Marley, Michael Franti, Nahko, Hawaiian reggae acts J Boog and Anuhea, and Bermudan reggae artiste Collie Buddz.

Jacob Hemphill, SOJA lead vocalist, spoke to the Jamaica Observer about the nomination.

"I grew up watching the Grammys, and it is a huge deal. My music is about believing in yourself and making a change within your lifetime, changing the world. My idol is Bob Marley and that's what he did: Change things. So I've never been afraid to try, or to bring about change. It's the most exciting part of life. I couldn't be happier right now," he said.

The singer used the opportunity to laud several people involved in the project.



Ziggy Marley performs on Day 4 of the Firefly Music Festival at The Woodlands on Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Dover, Del. (Photo by Owen Sweeney/Invision/AP)

Photo by Owen Sweeney / Invision / Associated Press

"Thanks to our genius producer Supa Dups, you are an inspiration to everyone in SOJA. Big up Inner Circle for always believing in us and inviting SOJA to record at Circle House. Big up Damian Marley, Michael Franti, J Boog and all of the

other amazing artistes and musicians who worked on this album. Thank you all! Let's win this thing!" said Hemphill.

SOJA released its debut album "Peace in a Time of War" in 2002.

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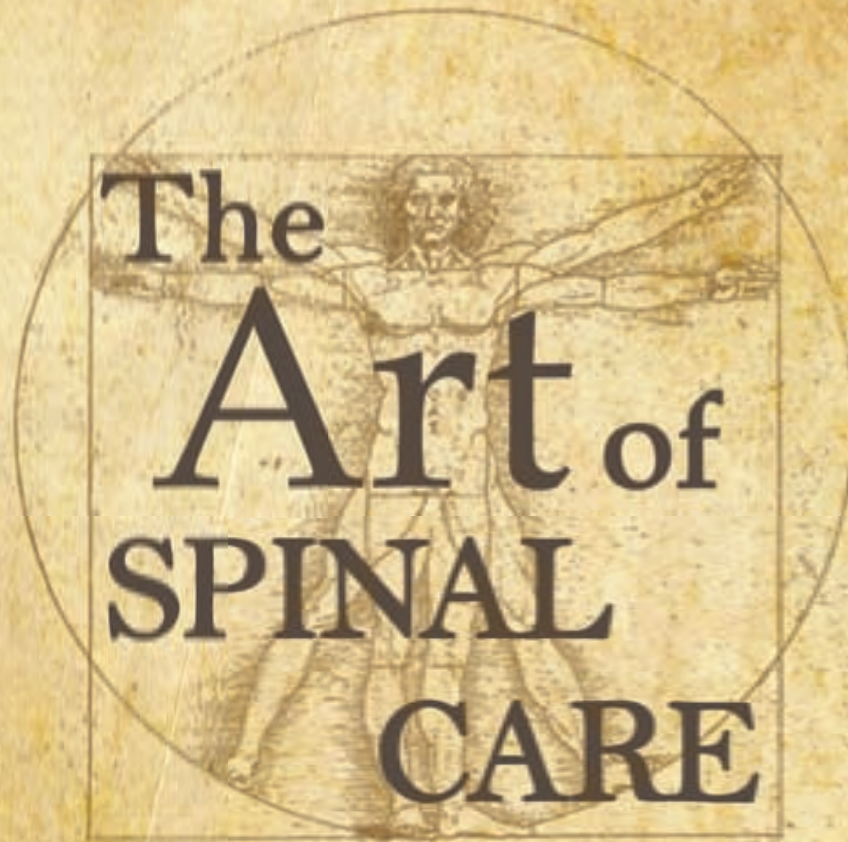
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Ingrid Griffith.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Griffith

Griffith's solo-show

By John Marrast

If fine theatre is magic, then “Demerara Gold,” Ingrid Griffith’s solo-show is pure alchemy... the mythical practice of turning ordinary substance into gold. The show will be held at the Starlite Pavilion, Richmond Hill on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Guyana is a small English speaking country on the shoulder of South America, bordering on Venezuela and Brazil. Georgetown, its capital, sits at the confluence of two rivers that thun-

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Soul Nativity

“Soul Nativity” was born and incubated at The Harlem School of the Arts (HSA) over 14 years. The musical co-writers, Tracy Jack and Alfred Preisser, met at the school in the late 90’s and since have collaborated on over 30 professional and student projects, including productions of Soul Nativity in various incarnations at The Theatre of St. Clements, The Duke on 42nd Street, and multiple versions at The HSA Theatre. A joyous pageant for all ages and perfect for anyone who loves music, dance and the holiday season, Soul Nativity has garnered rave reviews and sold out houses wherever it has been performed. This year’s featured guest choir is Harlem Japanese Gospel Choir.

“Soul Nativity” will run on the weekends of Friday, Dec. 12 – 14 and Friday, Dec. 19 – 21*. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the doors (\$15 students/ seniors). Tickets can be purchased at: <http://hsanyc.org/soul-nativity>. The show will take place at HSA’s Theater, which is located at: HSA, 645 St. Nicholas Ave., New York, NY 10030.

The piece tells the story of the Nativity
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RISING MUSIC SENSATION

St. Lucian songstress MonChérie.

Photo by Lourenso Ramautar

St. Lucian climbs the musical ladder

By Kevin Bollers

Rising international music sensation, MonChérie, continues her quest for recognition as one of this generation’s most dynamic young music artists. After her music debut earlier this year, which unleashed the major hit single, “No Santa,” the singer has followed up that effort with her heavily awaited and equally energetic new song, “Billy Billy Boom Boom.”

The St. Lucian songstress is on the last leg of a busy 2014 campaign that showcased a unique musical infusion of reggae/dancehall, pop and R&B.

Her magnetic persona and sultry voice has captured the attention of industry insiders across the U.S. and the Caribbean and most have little doubt of her potential for superstardom.

MonChérie cites Jamaican dancehall trailblazers Lady Saw and Patra as her musical influences. And indeed, there are those that say that MonChérie is this generation’s Lady Saw and Patra. When asked how she felt that she could expand and build upon what those legendary Queens of the Dancehall have accomplished

she responded, “Well, I feel that what I add and bring to the table is bringing cultures together. In the past there were those who said that they couldn’t connect with Caribbean music because they didn’t understand what was being said, but now music genres like reggae, dancehall and even soca are evolving. I believe that I serve as a bridge between cultures with my different sounds where people can say, ‘Yeah, I can relate to that.’”

There is quite a variety and mix
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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Animals**
Maroon 5
- 2 **Habits (Stay High)**
Tove Lo
- 3 **Blank Space**
Taylor Swift
- 4 **Don't**
Ed Sheeran
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Taylor Swift
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Sam Smith
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Ariana Grande & The Weeknd
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MonChérie music

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ture of sounds in "Billy Billy Boom Boom." It is not old school, but it is a mixture of African and West Indian styles and sounds. You will also see a lot of dancing. When asked if that was representative of her style as an artist? She said, "Yes. I have songs that have and R&B flavor and a Hip Hop vibe and even with that, I still wouldn't say that that's all I am. I believe I have a sound and message that can reach anyone, no matter where they are from."

Although her music has an island feel to it, MonChérie is adamant about the desire for her music to transcend the Caribbean music scene. When asked how she planned on accomplishing this crossover she responded, "Well, most of my music promotions are going to be in America. I have a three-month campaign on Power 105.1. Right now, my other single, 'No Santa' is also getting a lot of play. It's a major accomplishment. My music is playing in the biggest marketing area in the world, New York City, on one of the biggest music stations in the world, Power 105.1."

In 2015, MonChérie plans to release new projects and she is also looking to explore possible collaborations with other big name artists. "Right now, I'm in the process of doing collaborations with Movado. I'm also interested in working with Shaggy and Sean Paul because what those two have in common are exactly what I'm interested in being, which is a crossover artist. I'm also interested in doing collaborations with Nicki Minaj. She's one of the biggest Hip Hop artists in the world and she was born in Trinidad! I'm interested in collaborating with artists that can help expand my fan base, internationally," she said.

In response to the possibility of releasing an album next year she said, "That's not my main focus right now because in the music industry, it's wiser to build up a name first, get the people talking and then come with an album. Right now, we're just releasing singles out there to create that buzz like Billy Billy Boom Boom.' Also, we have other singles that we're going to be pushing as well as shooting a video in St. Lucia."

MonChérie has spoken about addressing social issues with



Singer MonChérie.

Photo by Lourenso Ramautar

her music. "I would definitely tackle issues of abuse; any form of abuse. I believe as music artists, we have a duty to spread positive and helpful messages to the community with our voices and our songs. 'Billy Billy Boom Boom' accomplishes that.

"Yes. You see, I like party, feel-good, happy music like 'Billy Billy Boom Boom'

because when I'm down or sad about a situation, I like to put on a fun song with a positive message. I want all of my songs to be able to help people in some sort of way or else I'm just doing songs for nothing. Songs such as 'Billy Billy Boom Boom' serves to bring a happy and light feeling to a world that can sometimes seem so full of darkness."



Harlem School of the Arts performing "Soul Nativity."

Photo by Julie Skarratt

Nativity

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ity in an innovative and musically charged way, employing a score heavily influenced by classic R&B and Soul acts. As part of HSA's season dedicated to Harlem, all of the musical arrangements are inspired by famous acts that have played the Apollo.

The show features no fewer than 26 HSA theatre and dance students, musical direction from Jeffrey Bolding (of the Abyssinian Baptist Church) guest appearances from The Daughter's of the Flame of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and the incredible music of Tomas Doncker and

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-Joy Goodwin, The New York Sun

"The show's highlights are too numerous to set down completely. Suffice it to mention a few: Mary's dance/delivery of her baby; the Motown version of "Go Tell It on a Mountain"; audience participation that turns the audience into a congregation and the show into a service; and the deeply moving "Silent Night/7 O'clock News."

Demerara Gold

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woman show. She is a gifted actress who with subtle adjustments of voice and bearing transforms herself from an arthritic grandmother to a swashbuckling gold prospector in an instant. She is also a beautiful woman and graceful performer who excels at both farce and confrontation.

The audience will roll with laughter as the young girl in Guyana challenges her grandmother's authority, not with back talk but with a full-body African dance. Viewers will be captivated as the same child, now a teenager in America, stands like a goddess of war to make wrong right. The girl finally reunites with her parents in America. She finds the promised wonders of America, but also a family unlike the one she remembers. Aspirations and reality have collided. Assimilation has taken its toll and that's when the girl in "Demerara Gold" reaches deep and reclaims her true birthright.

Ingrid Griffith, is the writer and performer of this one-

Guyanese men have long ventured into the canopied jungle to mine some of the purest gold in the world. Ingrid Griffith's own grandfather dug precious metal out of the red dirt and forged raging rivers to carry his gold back home. But he gave his granddaughter another even more valuable gift. In "Demerara Gold," a seven-year old girl is left behind in Guyana in the care of her grandmother when her parents get visas to the United States of America. The girl finally reunites with her parents in America. She finds the promised wonders of America, but also a family unlike the one she remembers. Aspirations and reality have collided. Assimilation has taken its toll and that's when the girl in "Demerara Gold" reaches deep and reclaims her true birthright.

"Demerara Gold" reaches back to the rhythm and heartbeat of the Caribbean. In the first part of the show, the audience hears the music of the street masquerade in Guyana as "flute players, drummers and flouncers dance in the street." In the second part of the show, the play moves to America and the audience witnesses the teenager acclimating to her new home.

Witherspoon stars in adaptation of memoir

"Wild"

Very Good (3 stars)
Rated R for sexuality,
nudity, profanity and
drug use
Running time:
115 minutes
Distributor: Fox
Searchlight Pictures



Reese Witherspoon as Cheryl Strayed in "Wild."

Photo courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes

By Kam Williams

Cheryl Strayed's (Reese Witherspoon) life went into a tailspin right after the untimely death of her mother (Laura Dern). The grief-stricken 22-year-old subsequently became emotionally estranged from the people closest to her, including her husband, Paul (Thomas Sadowski), and her brother, Leif (Keene McRae).

And by the time she had finally bottomed out several years later, she was all alone and addicted to heroin. Yet she somehow summoned up the strength to set out on a transformational, solo trek

along the Pacific Coast Trail that would take her from the Mojave Desert in California all the way north to the border of Washington and Oregon.

The perilous, 1,100-mile journey would prove to be Cheryl's

salvation, as it afforded her an opportunity to purge her demons while conquering the elements. That magical metamorphosis would also become the subject of her best-selling memoir, "Wild: From Lost to

Found on the Pacific Trail," an Oprah Book Club selection.

The story has now been adapted to the screen by Academy Award-nominated scriptwriter Nick Hornby (for An Education) as a touching tale of female

empowerment featuring Reese Witherspoon as the intrepid heroine. The picture was directed by another Oscar nominee, Jean-Marc Vallée, whose Dallas Buyers Club netted Oscars for both Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto.

Unfortunately, this flashback flick fails to generate the same sort of sobering gravitas which made Dallas so effectively gripping. Consequently, it unfolds less like the similarly-themed "Into the Wild" (2007), a riveting survival saga, than "Eat Pray Love" (2010), another relatively-lighthearted romp about a woman finding herself.

"Wild" is an uneven endeavor which undercuts its own cause by including intermittent interludes of comic relief, such as when Cheryl's overstuffed backpack repeatedly causes her to topple over. Hence, rather than ratcheting up the tension of a harrowing ordeal, the film merely recounts the assorted highs and lows of a poorly-planned camping trip run amuck.

Independent & Foreign Films

After the Fall (R for violence and some sexuality and profanity) Character study of a desperate family man's (Wes Bentley) spiraling out of control when he turns to a life of crime after losing his job. With Vinessa Shaw, Haley Bennett, Audrey Walters and Jason Isaacs.

The Captive (Unrated) Oscar-nominee Atom Egoyan (for The Sweet Hereafter) wrote and directed this crime thriller about the search for a missing teen (Alexia Fast) who vanished without a trace eight years earlier when momentarily left in a car by her father (Ryan Reynolds) while he stepped into a diner. With Rosario Dawson, Scott Speedman and Mireille Enos.

The Color of Time (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity and drug use) James Franco plays C.K. Williams in this retrospective covering 40 years in the life of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. Supporting cast includes Mila Kunis, Zach Braff, Jessica Chastain and Bruce Campbell.

Free the Nipple (Unrated) Social satire revisiting the passionate women's movement to decriminalize female nudity. Featuring Lola Kirke, Monique Coleman and Casey LaBow.

Isn't It Delicious (Unrated) Dysfunctional family dramedy about a dying woman (Kathleen Chalfant) who decides to reconcile with her estranged children (Alice Ripley, Nick Steven-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

son and Jonah Young) and husband (Keir Dullea) after being diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. With Malachy McCourt, Mia Dillon and Robert LuPone.

A Little Game (Unrated) Unlikely-buddies drama, set in Manhattan, about the friendship forged between a grief-stricken, 10 year-old (Makenna Ballard) and a curmudgeonly chess master (F. Murray Abraham) she meets in Washington Square park. Cast includes Ralph Macchio, Janeane Garofalo, Olympia Dukakis and Rachel Dratch.

We Are the Giant (Unrated) Moment of truth documentary relating the stories of a trio of individuals transformed by the decision to participate in the Arab Spring Movement. (In Arab and English with subtitles)

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13 for violence and intense images) Biblical epic recreating the perilous escape from the pharaoh (Joel Edgerton) to freedom undertaken by 600,000 slaves led by the prophet Moses (Christian Bale). With John Turturro, Sigourney Weaver and Aaron Paul.



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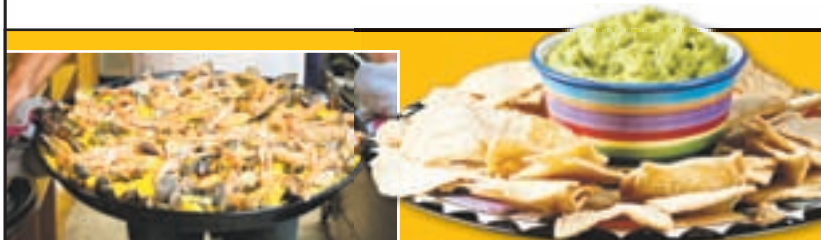
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HEALTHY EATING: Learn the benefits of eating for your health, especially if you are dealing with a chronic illness or condition from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 215 West 125th St., 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10027. You will also discover how to eat right while 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-interactive cooking demos.

WED., DEC. 10

LITERARY SHOWCASE: The next edition of “At The Inkwell,” the popular East Village monthly literary showcase, will take place at KGB Bar at 7:00 p.m. Created and curated by Monique Antonette Lewis, the event “Anthology Night” will feature readings from the acclaimed nonfiction and poetry collections “Becoming: What Makes a Woman” & “Being: What Makes a Man.” Scheduled writers / poets will include: SJ Sindu, Bibi Wein, Maria Terrone and Gregory Fletcher. Founded in 2013, At The Inkwell is a New York City-based service to promote authors through feature articles, book reviews and public readings, which are held every second Wednesday of the month. KGB Bar is located at 85 E. 4th St., 2nd Floor, in Manhattan. Admission is free and for additional information, call (347) 955-5240 or go to: www.attheinkwell.com.

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MLS Cup, a tale of two owners

By Patrick Horne

The Los Angeles Galaxy became the first MLS team to win five MLS Cups, five championships, when it defeated the New England Revolution, 2-1, last Sunday at StubHub Center in Carson (CA), home of the Galaxy. The game not only added to a long list of statistics between the teams, but mirrored the opposite fortunes of the franchise owners, both founding members of MLS.

Philip Anschutz, owner of the Los Angeles Galaxy
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Corbin named co-captain

By Robert Elkin

Adrian Corbin has been named as co-captain of the varsity basketball team at LaSalle Academy High School, a member of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association.

Corbin completed three years of basketball at LaSalle, based in Manhattan, where he showed that he has the ability to help lead the Cardinals into a successful season and into the playoffs, with a chance of taking all the marbles in their division. The other co-captain is Brian Bass, who can do the same.

Corbin's role also on the basketball court is to provide good defense and energy to the team. He can also play

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BLACK GOLD

Jamaica's Alia Atkinson is on her way to win the women's 100m Breaststroke final during the 12th FINA Short Course World Swimming Championships at Hamad Aquatic Centre in Doha on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.

Associated Press / Osama Faisal

Jamaican swimmer makes history

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's Alia Atkinson made history in Doha, Qatar by winning the first gold medal ever attained in swimming by a Black woman.

She won the women's 100m breaststroke during the 12th FINA World Swimming there and in the process

not only championed a victory for her nation and the Caribbean but for an entire race. With the stellar victory Atkinson also distinguished herself as the first of her race and gender to hold a world short-course record since Enith Brigitha of the Netherlands 40 years ago.

The 24-year-old Jamaican scored the win in record time equaling the world record of 1:02:36 and beating Ruta Meilutyte, the defending champion. Reportedly, Atkinson touched the wall ahead of her closest rival who had led part of the way and

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either the guard or forward positions.

Last year, the Cardinals played under .500 basketball. Now the team feels confident that this group of players can turn that record around with the additional year of experience from the holdovers. Corbin paced the team with about five assists a game last year.

Adrian is the son of Matthew and Charlene Corbin both natives of Trinidad & Tobago.

In fact, Adrian travels to Trinidad once in a while, for he goes down south during his winter break in February from school just to catch up with his family and for a vacation as he keeps in touch with them.

"To be captain means that I have to be a leader on and off the basketball court," the 5' 10" swing man said. "To be a leader means that I have to set a role for the students behind me. They have to follow their goals as they grow older and mature."

One member of his family was quite a bit active in sports at one time.

"My dad played soccer when he was younger and for his whole high school career in Trinidad," he recalled. "But injuries forced him to give it up. He played striker and some times midfield. My mother and father attended college in Trinidad.

Matthew comes to all of his son's basketball games and would talk to his son before game time.

"Before a game starts, my father would tell me to be aggressive, take the shots and be a team player," the student athlete said.

As a freshman, Adrian tried out for the basketball team, made the team, and fell in love with the sport, as he explained. He never played basketball before his freshman year. Before coming to LaSalle, he did not know anything about the school or basketball.

After he got into LaSalle, he found out that past students from the school went on to play in the National Basketball Association. He found out about Ron Artest, Shammgod Wells and Dick McGuire making the pro ranks.



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Caribbean swimmer sets record

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finished in 1:02:46. Her double achievement ensured the gold medal and also represented a new meet record.

It is the first time a female Caribbean swimmer has ever won a World Championship gold medal.

"I'm not used to seeing my name up there at number one," Atkinson said afterwards. "It's a good shock."

The win records Jamaica's first short-course world title and a major boost for Atkinson's career with achievement of the island's first swimmer to ever finish with silver medals in the 50 meters breaststroke in 2012 and 2014 and the 100 meters breaststroke in 2012.

Allegedly both Atkinson and Meilutyte are known for their fast reaction

times. At the start of the event both were ahead of the field with reaction times of 0.65 and 0.59, respectively. Meilutyte led after the first 50 meters clocking in :29.10 ahead of Atkinson's :29.46. Atkinson then exhibited unique form overwhelming Meilutyte in the second half of the race.

In addition to being a golden girl, Atkinson earned a silver medal in the 50meters breaststroke on the second day of competition. During that race she claimed a personal best time of 28.91. The persevering and dedicated athlete also earned a fourth-place finish on the third day of competitions in the 100 meters individual medley in 58.58.

Of her superlative performance she said: "Hopefully my face will come out,

there will be more popularity, especially in Jamaica and the Caribbean and we'll see more of a rise and hopefully in the future we will see a push," for the sport.

Reportedly unaware of her feat, after the race she unknowingly stared up at the scoreboard looking to see how she timed.

When the accomplishment resonated she asked in disbelief "Me?"

"I couldn't believe it. It came down to the same thing as the 50 and on the 50 I got out-touched so in my mind I went straight back to that.

"I just thought 'oh okay' and looked up at the board and it didn't really click yet and then it really started to click," the excited but accomplished swimmer said: "It took a while."

Anschutz, Kraft MLS winners

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Angeles Galaxy, and Robert Kraft of the New England Revolution, are billionaire philanthropists, which partly explain their investments in MLS, but one is a five-time MLS Cup winner, the other a five-time loser.

Anschutz, a Denver billionaire worth US\$11.00 billion according to Forbes Magazine, began to make millions when he bought his father's Denver drilling business and went on to invest in real estate, entertainment and a host of other businesses. His millions virtually carried

MLS in its early days when he owned five of the franchises in the 10-team league back in 1996 (the Galaxy, Chicago Fire, Houston Dynamo, San Jose Earthquakes and the New York/New Jersey Metro Stars) and is now enjoying the fruits of his investments. Anschutz franchises have appeared in over 15 of the 19 MLS Cup finals and have won 10 MLS titles, including the Galaxy's fifth on Sunday.

Kraft, the Revs owner and worth US\$4.00 billion, according to Forbes, owns a not-so-successful record. A graduate of Columbia University, who received an MBA from Harvard Business School,



Los Angeles Galaxy's Robbie Keane, center, of Ireland, scores against New England Revolution goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth during the MLS Cup championship soccer match Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014.

Associated Press / Jae C. Hong

he built Kraft Foods Company with his family, and has numerous investments

in myriad businesses such as real estate, entertainment, media and sports. He owns the NFL New England Patriots and Gillette Stadium, home of the Patriots. His Revolution has now made five appearances in MLS Cup and lost all five games – three times to the Galaxy.

Anschutz and Kraft were at the game on Sunday, and despite their different fortunes in MLS, both seemed proud of their association with the league, which played its 19th championship. Without men such as Philip Anschutz and Robert Kraft, MLS may not have survived its early lean years. So, despite their contrasting fortunes on the soccer field, both owners are winners off it because of soccer's success in the U. S.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

West Indies face tough task ahead

West Indies will face some severe competition when they play South Africa in the upcoming series. Cricketers from the Caribbean are not strangers to the ball coming on to the bat, what should be strange is the manner in which South African bowlers will get the ball to swing.

Dale Steyn, Morne Morkel and Vernon Philander are very good at moving the ball around and at great lengths and the technique West Indies batsmen should apply is to learn the wickets quickly.

Many Caribbean batsmen love when the ball comes on to the bat but learning to control aggression will be a key factor because the South African cricketers are about the best in the world in fielding and catching.

Gayle, Braithwaite must give credible start

West Indies openers must give their team a solid start in order to get winning totals against South Africa in the upcoming Tests, One Day International and Twenty20 games. Chris Gayle and Kraigg Braithwaite will have to do some hard work at the top in order to lay the foundation in order to win the matches.

Marlon Samuels, Shivnarine Chanderepaul and Denesh Ramdin are experi-



West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle.
Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi, File

enced players with international experience and they are expected to displayed quality cricket.

Twenty20 cricket money maker

By Azad Ali

The 2014 Caribbean Premier League (CPL) Twenty20 cricket pumped a whopping US\$166 million into the region's economy, a new independent economic study has revealed.

The study conducted by SMG-Insight/YouGov, described as of the world's leading sports measurement, research and analysis companies, says the figure represents a significant increase of 58 percent on the 2013 CPL Twenty20 cricket series.

A very large sum of US\$25.1 million was invested into host country St. Kitts and Nevis, second only to Barbados with US\$28.7 million.

According to the study, thousands of new jobs were created in tourism and travel across the region and more than 156,000 jobs positively impacted.

"These results are fantastic and are a testament to CPL's significance as an economic driver in the region," said Caribbean Premier League CEO, Damien

O'Donoghoe.

"While we have always said that the Caribbean is without doubt the natural home of Twenty20 cricket, we are very proud to say that CPL is now a truly international event — appealing to fans and players around the world — and one that the people of the Caribbean should be very proud of."

The study also revealed that there was a significant increase in viewership with the international television audience increasing from 36 million in 2013 to 65 million in 2014.

Twenty-nine broadcasters from the world aired the games live.

According to the study, the figure of US\$25.1 million was injected into Jamaica, US\$24 million pumped into Guyana; US\$21.1 into Trinidad and Tobago, while US\$13.9, US\$13.8 and US\$13.3 were invested into St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada respectively.

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52. Bread type
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67. "The _____" by Dos-toyevsky
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74. *Color of most Christmas trees

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26. Manila hemp
27. Muslim woman of high rank
29. "____ good example"
31. Vientiane location
32. Weasel's aquatic cousin
33. _____gritty
34. *A traditional holiday main course
36. Sub station
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45. Madagascar lemurs
49. India's smallest state
51. "_____ Private Ryan"
54. Like a cheddar variety
56. An aromatic wood
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Aries, things are going to change with regard to your professional life. Expect some good news at work and possibly a promotion. Make the most of this opportunity.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
This week is bound to be very social, and your calendar is full, Taurus. You can pick and choose what you want to do, and you can expect to enjoy all of your experiences in the week ahead.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Expect to start the week on an exciting note, Gemini. Big news is coming your way, and you can allow yourself to enjoy this exciting time in your life.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, enjoy time with your significant other in the days ahead. A romantic trip could be just the way to go, and both of you will appreciate the one-on-one time.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Home matters have been on your mind, Leo. This week you will reach a resolution to your issue. Your hard work has paid off so you can have some fun.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
This is a week you are bound to enjoy, Virgo. The next several days will be full of structured fun, and that is right up your alley. Enjoy the company of friends and family.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may prefer to keep to yourself this week, but you are more likely to be surrounded by friends and family. Make the most of this time with loved ones.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, things are set to go your way and you couldn't be happier. You thrive on being in control, and that's right where you will be this week. Good things are ahead.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you tend to get restless with routine, so take some time to switch things up this week. Take a different route to work or school. Otherwise, make new friends.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your love of travel continues this week, and you won't be content until you hit the road. If you have the chance to travel, make the most of this opportunity.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, now is a great time to aim for a promotion at work or make some changes to make yourself more marketable. It's time to push ahead in your career.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, this is an exciting period for you, as both personal plans and career goals come to fruition. Enjoy the ride in the days ahead.

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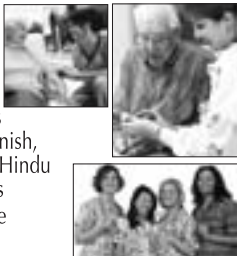
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