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Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

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Adams launches new street safety initiative

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams on Tuesday joined dozens of senior citizens outside the AMICO Senior Citizens Center in Borough Park, along with local elected officials and community advocates, to launch CROSS (Connecting Residents on

Safer Streets) Brooklyn, his new initiative to improve street safety for the borough's vulnerable pedestrians.

Adams said the effort includes a commitment of US\$1 million in capital funding from Brooklyn Borough Hall in Fiscal Year

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INCOME SOURCE THREAT

IMF warns against over reliance on economic citizenship programs

By Bert Wilkinson

Not surprisingly, the Washington D.C.-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) has seen it fit to warn Caribbean Community countries, which have developed a 'dollars for local citizenship scheme' not to depend too much on it as a reliable income source as the developed world could easily crush these programs if they only feel that they are not properly administered.

The fund held a rare press conference in Washington at the weekend

and used the opportunity to indicate that while economic citizenship schemes could indeed bring in much needed revenues, these have to be managed properly.

Its cautions to countries such as St. Kitts, Dominica, Antigua and Grenada have come in the wake of similar expressions of concerns from the U.S., Canadian and other western governments as well as international security organizations, which

now worry that undesirables are

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Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke delivers keynote address at "Women Celebrating Women."

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Pressure Republicans on Loretta Lynch: Clarke

By Nelson A. King

At least two Brooklyn Democratic politicians have appealed to the community to put pressure on the Republican leadership in the United States Senate in confirming the nomination of Loretta Lynch as the next U.S. attorney general.

Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, representative for the 9th Congressional District, and New York City Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, who represents the 35th Council District, have urged constituents to call Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to put an immediate end to the long delay in confirming Eric Holder's successor.

"When I return to Washington [D.C.] next week, I am going to act up because we have to get Loretta Lynch confirmed," said Clarke in addressing a gala "Women Celebrating Women" awards ceremony on Sunday at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn. The event was organized by the Brooklyn-based Progressive Democratic Political Association (PDDPA), of which Clarke is an executive member.

"Call Mitch McConnell and tell him that you want Loretta Lynch confirmed immediately," added Clarke, giving patrons the numbers to call and fax – (202) 224-2541 (T); (202) 224-2499 (F).

"When I return to Washington, D.C., know that I will return with your concerns in my mind and in my heart," she continued. "There has to be a voice that speaks to communities that go unrecognized."

Cumbo, who spoke at the same event, called for a revolt across the nation against what is perceived to be Republicans' stalled tactics.

Protestors march against 'Murder by Police'

By Amun

On Tuesday, April 14 over a thousand people participated in the "Stop Murder by Police" march and demonstration sponsored by Stop Mass Incarceration Network, co-founded by Carl Dix and Cornel West. There were two feeder marches coming from uptown, which converge at Union Square around 2:30 p.m.

The marchers carried signs and placards on poles and chanted in the call and response style slogan such as, "Hands Up!, Don't Shoot!," "Who's Streets?, Our Streets!," "No Justice!, No Peace!," "Black Lives Matter!," "NYPD, KKK, How Many People Have you Killed Today?," "Who's Streets?, Our Streets!," "You Can't Protect Us!," "A People United, Can Never Be Defeated!," "The Whole Damn System Is Guilty as Hell!," "Shut It Down!," "I Can't Breathe! I'm Going to Die!," "What Do We Want? Justice! When Do We Want It? Now!" "We Are the People, and We Are Angry!" The air was charge with energy and the protesters were in high spirits. All segments of the population were represented: teenagers, young adults, middle age, senior citizen, male, female, straight, gay, Christians, Muslims, Jews, atheist, blue collar, white collar, students, and workers, Black, Latino, Asian, and white. It was truly an equal opportunity participation march.

In Union Square, Dr. Cornel West addressed the marchers, urging them to love everyone and stand up for those who are oppressed throughout the world. He then noted, "Don't be confused by some black faces in high places. For seven year's there's been



Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts, Dr. Cornel West and Carl Dix in the "Stop Murder by Police March,"

Photo by Amun

our black and brown brothers and sisters shot down by the police. Black president, Black attorney general, Black cabinet secretary of Homeland Security and not one policeman sent to jail... something just ain't right."

From Union Square the protesters carried the march down Broadway. Somewhere in the middle of the marchers were Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts, pastor of

Abyssinian Baptist Church, Cornel West and Carl Dix march organizers, marching arm in arm and being interviewed by reporters as they marched. Carl Dix said, "There was a question about whether the movement was alive. This is the answer. There are over a thousand people here with us today. People here are saying that police getting away with murder, must stop! Must stop!

Cuomo first gov. to visit Cuba as ties reopen

By David Klepper

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is heading to Havana, the first American governor to visit Cuba since the recent thaw in relations with the communist nation. Whether his trade mission generates anything more than headlines, however, remains to be seen.

The formal state visit on Monday and Tuesday is meant to foster greater ties between New York and Cuba. Cuomo is expected to take a small group of business leaders for what he has called "a tremendous stepping stone" that will "help open the door to a new market for New York businesses."

Trade experts say New York could profit from improved relations with the Caribbean nation. New York farmers could export apples, powdered milk and other dairy products. Businesses could

invest big in Cuba's developing information technology infrastructure. Hoteliers could build resorts to prepare for the increase in American tourists.

Any significant economic relationship with Cuba will take time, according to Joe Schoonmaker, the chairman of the New York District Export Council who works as a trade risk insurance broker. He predicted that tourism would be the first sector of the Cuban economy to open up and that it will be some time before Cuba is engaging in robust trade.

"It's not going to be like opening up China," he said. "As far as hundreds of millions of dollars of products going down to Cuba, I don't see it at this time. They're not going to be buying a lot of stuff."

Critics say Cuomo's visit legitimizes a dictatorship and is more about politics than exports. State Republican Chair-

man Ed Cox dismissed the trade mission as a political stunt "meant to bolster his national profile."

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, a Staten Island Republican whose mother is a Cuban exile, said any efforts to normalize relations must be accompanied by significant concessions from the Castro regime.

"I do not understand the purpose of this trade mission or see any concrete benefit for the state of New York," she said.

The U.S. has been exporting limited amounts of food to Cuba for years. If New York does establish closer economic ties with Cuba, its first ambassadors may be two of its biggest farm products: dairy and apples. The state is one of the nation's top producers of both.

Caribbean

Business leaders from 18 countries and territories of the Caribbean will meet later this month in Miami to discuss the challenges posed by anti-laundering regulation.

Board directors, president and CEOs in the largest regulated business from 13 industries have confirmed their participation.

Michelle Martin, organizer of the Caribbean Anti-Money Laundering Conference said: "It is the first time so many heads of enforcement agencies will gather in a single location to engage business leaders."

Keynote speakers will include Calvin Wilson, executive director of the Caribbean Action Task Force (CFATF) and Cleviston Haynes, deputy governor of the Central Bank of Barbados.



The Federal Bureau of Investigation is delegating special agent Jason Manar of the Intelligence Community Group to discuss data protection.

As Caribbean businesses start implementing Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA) and anti-money laundering (AML) programs they will keep on record copies of IDs and a wide range of personal data that can be used for identity theft.

IRS retired special agent in charge of Criminal Investigation Division Jose "Tony" Gonzalez will discuss how legitimate business are destroyed by financial crimes.

Barbados

A Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export) in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS) Partnered with the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) for implementation of a training programs for ICT advisors from 11 CARICOM countries.

The work shop which was held from March 23 - 25 at Divi Southwinds Resort, Barbados, aimed at improving the competitiveness of firms through access, implementation, and use of ICT in business processes.



"The reality of the situation is that the SMEs (Single Market Economies) must embrace ICT to survive in today's environment," said Pamela Cook-Hamilton of Caribbean Export.

CTIC has successfully led a program over the last 12 years to build capacity in the use of ICTs by SMEs through the training of ICT advisors.

The program, which began in January of this year with six weeks of online sessions, was completed during March when technical advisors and ICT con-



Disappearing beaches

A section of Jabberwock beach, located on the northeastern coast of Antigua, that is being eroded by the sea. See story on page 15.

Inter Press Service / Desmond Brown

sultants from around the CARICOM region who work with micro, small and medium-sized enterprises were brought together.

Grenada

Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) is on a mission to have all the hotel rooms on the island filled throughout the island.

As part of that quest, the agency has set its sights on the Trinidad and Tobago market and is currently on a promotional tour.

Grenada's Culture Minister Brenda Hood said recently: "Inter Caribbean tourism is very important to the industry and T&T is a very powerful destination and therefore we have to take every opportunity to come to T&T and promote Grenada."



Hood, who spoke at a press conference hosted by the GTA at the Radisson Hotel in Port of Spain said, Grenada will be launching its Spice Mas and she expects to see greater connectivity."

Veteran hotelier and chairman of Spice Island Beach Resort Sir Royston Hopkin said CAL and LIAT bring approximately 80 percent of the tourist traffic to Grenada.

GTA CEO Rudy Grant said the agency intend to strengthen its marketing thrust, not only in the region, but globally.

Guyana

The United States is providing US\$300,000 to fund local and hemispheric observers to elect a new government on May 11.

"It is our hope that international and domestic observation will increase public and stakeholder confidence in the electoral process, culminating in all political parties acceptance of the ultimate results," the U.S. Embassy in Georgetown said.

It said the money would be used to support the monitoring programs of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Electoral Assistance Bureau (EAB).

"These resources will assist in their efforts to ensure fair, free and credible elections in Guyana on May 11," it said, adding "the U.S. government is pleased to support the two organizations in bringing their credible and critical analysis to Guyana's 2015 electoral process."

On a statement Washington said it would continue to advocate globally for the expansion and strengthening of democratic governance and that regular free and fair elections are critical in this regard.

Haiti

Authorities in Haiti say they have

discovered the bodies of 17 people who appeared to have drowned off the country's northern coast.

The bodies of 11 men and six women were found recently, washed ashore in the coastal town of Le Borgne, about 100 miles north of Port-au-Prince.

Police said the victims appeared to have drowned in a boating incident, although no vessel had yet been found. It is unclear if there were any survivors.

Jamaica

A new fund to stimulate clean energy was announced recently by U.S. President Barack Obama during a meeting with CARICOM leaders in Kingston, Jamaica.

He described the region's dependence on fossil fuels as its greatest barrier to development.

At the start of the meeting with CARICOM leaders at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus, Obama said the talks would focus on several issues such as regional integration, trans-national crime, the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative and human rights.

"One of the greatest barriers to devel-

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Economic citizenship at crossroads



Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves.
Associated Press / Mary Altaffer

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using the economic citizenship route to obtain visas and entry to countries that would normally reject them.

Dominica's neighbor, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, has flatly refused overtures to establish such a program. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves has said that such would not be in place in his political lifetime.

Canada, for example, complained so bitterly about some of those granted citizenship and local passports by the previous Denzil Douglas administration in St. Kitts and sister federation island, Nevis, that it quickly and unapologetically ordered that Kittians must now apply for visas to travel to Canada because it is concerned about the security of the program.

Adrienne Cheasty who is the IMF's deputy director for Western Hemispheric affairs says that while the programs are still in place and are a "valuable windfall to some countries in the area it is very important that the programs be managed very impeccably. For example, if Canada or the European Union felt the programs were not being managed well, they could disappear," she said.

The issue was a key agenda item on the mid-January general elections in St. Kitts that saw the Douglas administration being voted out of office largely because of credible domestic and international allegations about corruption and officials siphoning off monies from the schemes.

In St. Kitts for example, a foreigner can buy citizenship, a local passport and other forms of credible photo state identification by acquiring real estate worth a minimum of \$400,000 or donate \$250,000 to a sugarcane diversification fund.

High production costs and reductions in purchasing prices by the European Union in 2005 forced the island to abandon sugar cane cultivation and production after about 400 years. Trinidad followed suit shortly after leaving production in the community up now only to Guyana, Jamaica, Belize and Barbados.

Focus on road safety

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2016 to construct sidewalk extensions, known as "bulb-outs" or "neck-downs," at intersections determined to be dangerous, based on crash data from the New York City Department of Transportation.

"The foundation of One Brooklyn is built on safety, and I am focused every day on finding new ways to advance the safety of every Brooklynite, especially our most vulnerable," Adams told a press conference in Borough Park, flanked by senior citizens.

"CROSS Brooklyn is literally putting our money where our mouth is to make safe streets a reality for all. We want to shorten the distance it takes for our seniors, disabled, and youngest Brooklynites to cross dangerous intersections; by installing more sidewalk extensions, they will benefit from more of their commute being spent out of the street," he added.

Adams said his new effort builds on his past work to advance Vision Zero and pedestrian safety, including his call last summer on the city to use its school crossing guards to assist seniors in crossing streets.

The announcement also comes in advance of the City Planning Commission's vote on his land use recommendation to approve a lease renewal for AMICO Senior Citizens Center, a recommendation he conditioned on the

City's approval of constructing street extensions at the intersection adjacent to the center.

"I am thrilled to join Borough President Eric Adams at the launch of CROSS (Connecting Residents on Safe Streets)," said Council Member David Greenfield.

"I am proud to be a leader of Vision Zero in New York City — working together with my colleagues to make it safe for drivers and pedestrians. CROSS will expand the commitment to Vision Zero via the investment of much needed capital funds by the Borough President," he added. "I look forward to working with the Borough President to find appropriate locations for CROSS improvements in my district and throughout Brooklyn."

Lindsay Goldman, project director for Age-Friendly NYC, said improving intersections reduces pedestrian fatalities and enables older people to remain actively engaged in their communities.

"Increased walkability facilitates access to physical, social, and economic opportunity which is associated with better health for older people and more resilient communities," she said.

According to the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, people aged 60 years and older comprised 42.7 percent of Brooklyn's 473 pedestrians killed in the 10 years from 2003 through 2012, though they made up only 16.2 percent of the population.

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Brooklyn club honors 14 outstanding women



Registered Nurse Dofflyn King with award flanked by, (from left), U.S. Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, PDDPA president Dr. Una S.T. Clarke; New York State Assemblywoman, Haitian American Rodneyse Bichotte and New York City Councilman Jumaane Williams. Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

A major political club in Brooklyn on Sunday conferred special Women's History Month honors on 14 outstanding women at a gala ceremony in Brooklyn on Sunday, April 19.

The Brooklyn-based Progressive Democratic Political Association (PDDPA) – headed by trailblazing former New York City Councilwoman, Jamaican-born Dr. Una S.T. Clarke – bestowed the honors Sunday during its annual "Women Celebrating Women" ceremony at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn.

The distinguished honorees of 2015 were: Rodgeria Augustine, Michelle Danvers-Foust, Nyree Dixon, Dr. Sharon Downer, Sharron Sewell-Fairman, Karen Gamba, Rosetta Hancle, Dr. Patricia Haggler, Dr. Lois King, Desma Dofflyn King, Bosede Otulaja, Ann Johnson-Richmond, Angela Sealy and Helen Walker.

The sell-out event was

attended by virtually Who's Who in Brooklyn politics, including Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, an executive member of the club and daughter of the club's president Dr. Clarke.

For the past 22 years, PDDPA has been honoring women who represent a "broad cross-section of professionals" in the community, who give "exemplary service," the elder Clarke, the first Caribbean-born woman to be elected to the New York City Council, told the four-hour-long ceremony.

"As a political organization that strives to propel our community to its higher ideals and involvement in the politics of our community, we seek to identify and support candidates with our values – to add our voice to the debate that is important to bring about social and political change for people," she added.

"Progressive Democrats have always sought to be the voice for the voiceless and to be the face of the faceless," Clarke

continued. "We continue to advocate for quality education, accessible healthcare and economic opportunities for all."

About the Honorees

Grenadian-born Augustine has been a nurse for 20 years, working in hospitals, nursing homes and clinics in New York City and Long Island.

Danvers Foust is the director of Trio Pre-Collegiate Programs on the campus of Bronx Community College.

Dixon is currently the principal of Dr. Jacqueline Peek-Davis Elementary School, P.S. 12, in Oceanhill, Brownsville in Brooklyn.

The Rev. Dr. Downer is associate pastor at Lenox Road Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Sewell-Fairman is executive director of Workforce Professionals Training Institute.

Gamba is a business development specialist for Herrick, Feinstein LLP in New York City.

Registered Nurse Hancle is the charge nurse on Unit 4B,

Rose Garden Grove.

The Rev. Dr. Haggler is associate pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Corona, dean of Antioch Bible Institute and Adjunct Professor at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

Dr. Lois King is registrar and assistant director for marketing at Northeast Evangelism Training School, and director of Ministerial Spouses Association and Women's Ministries of the Atlantic Union Conference.

Registered Nurse Desma Dofflyn King worked at the Visiting Nurses Association of New York. She has been a nurse

for over 44 years.

Otulaja is known as "iyawe" – the mother of all children at the Deeper Life Bible Church in Queens and in the community.

Richmond is a daycare provider and nurse. She's currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Medgar Evers College.

Sealy is treasurer and board member of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association.

Walker retired last year after almost a century in banking in the United States and Canada.

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Hydrogen fuel cell an attractive option

By Denis Hayes

In the run-up to a solar eclipse on March 20 of this year, European tabloids had a Y2K-style field day. In the middle of a bright, sunny day, European solar panels together produce about as much electricity as 90 large nuclear power plants. Germany, with the largest solar commitment, obtains as much as 50 percent of its electricity from the sun during the sunniest hours. The eclipse was scheduled to arrive in the middle of the day and panic was setting in.

Eclipses occur over very broad regions, so grid operators can't count on a sunny Spain to compensate for a cloudy Poland. Moreover, the decrease in sunlight (and the subsequent slingshot back to full sun) during an eclipse occur rapidly; grid operators have no experience managing such abrupt, sweeping shifts. Some predicted the eclipse would produce a catastrophe.

As with Y2K, there was no catastrophe. Europe experienced only a partial eclipse; much of Germany was fairly cloudy; and grid operators had had ample time to work out detailed contingency plans. But, as with Y2K, there had been legitimate reason for concern, and the experience offered a valuable lesson—if we are smart enough to absorb it. We need better ways to store renewable energy.

Renewable energy technologies are becoming increasingly competitive for a major share

of the world's energy. In 2014, almost half of all new global investment in electricity generation was in renewables. China, at \$83 billion, was the largest investor. Even excluding huge dams, the world generated 9.1 percent of all electricity from renewables last year — mostly solar and wind.

Solar and wind energy involve no greenhouse gases, no mountain top mining, no fracking, no radioactive isotopes, no oil spills. . . . But sometimes the wind doesn't blow. And sometimes the sun doesn't shine.

In the early years, the intermittent nature of renewable energy was thought to be of little concern. We could use renewable electricity when available and switch back to conventional fuels when needed. But as renewable sources become a cornerstone of our energy mix, we will need to find ways to store power for those times when renewables are unavailable.

Sunlight is, by far, the most abundant energy source on earth. But how do you store surplus electricity to use when you need it? Possibilities include batteries, ultracapacitors, and flywheels, all of which have important uses. One of the most attractive options is to use the sun's energy to make hydrogen; store the hydrogen until it's needed; then put it into a fuel cell to make electricity.

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Predatory practices against developing countries

By Kinda Mohamadieh

GENEVA, April 6, 2015 (IPS) - The world's attention turned to the practices of vulture funds after the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed a lower court opinion in the NML Capital vs Argentina case, which forbids the country from making payments on its restructured debt.

Argentina had defaulted in 2001 and went through two rounds of negotiations to restructure its debt, both in 2005 and 2010. In June 2014, the court ordered Argentina to pay the 'vulture funds' that held out and did not accept the terms of the debt swaps.

The vulture funds had held out with the aim of achieving what amounts to a 1,600 percent return on their original investment. The funds concerned had purchased the Argentinian bonds in 2008 at 48 million dollars and the court ruling ordered Argentina to pay them 832 million dollars.

Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz noted that this was "the first time in history that a country was willing and able to pay its creditors, but was blocked by a judge from doing so."

While this case brought the term 'vulture funds' into the public sphere, the predatory practices of these entities did not start with Argentina.

According to a former U.N. independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related financial obligations of states on the full enjoyment of all human rights, the term 'vulture funds' describes "private commercial entities that acquire, either by purchase, assignments or some other

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form of transaction, defaulted or distressed debts, and sometimes actual court judgments, with the aim of achieving higher returns."

Basically, vulture funds are hedge funds whose modus operandi focuses on three main steps including: (1) purchasing distressed debt on the secondary market at deep discounts far less than its face value; (2) refusing to participate in restructuring agreements with the indebted state; and (3) pursuing full value of the debt often at face value plus interest, arrears and penalties, including through litigation, seizure of assets or penalties.

Many developing countries have been exposed to the predatory practices of vulture funds, especially African and Latin American countries.

The African Development Bank has reported that at least 20 heavily indebted poor countries have been threatened with or have been subjected to legal actions by commercial creditors and vulture funds since 1999. These countries include Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, as well as Angola, Cameroon, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique,

Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Peru was targeted by NML Capital in the year 2000. According to media reports, the fund spent almost four years in the courts to win a ruling that forced Peru to settle for almost 56 million dollars on distressed debt, which the fund had initially bought for 11.8 million dollars.

The African Development Bank has documented that up until the year 2007, 25 judgments in favour of vulture funds had yielded nearly one billion dollars. Out of this amount, 72 percent of the judgments have been against African countries. The reported number of outstanding cases against debtor countries has doubled since 2004.

According to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), 54 court cases were instituted against 12 heavily indebted poor countries between 1998 and 2008. The IMF estimates that in some cases claims by vulture funds constitute as much as 12 to 13 percent of a country's gross domestic product. The World Bank estimates that nearly one-third of countries that are eligible for debt relief and other poverty alleviation programmes are the targets of nearly 26 vulture funds.

Concerned about the extent of the threat posed by such predatory practices and their systemic implications, several international authorities and multilateral institutions have voiced their concern about the matter.

The African Development Bank has warned that by
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Loretta Lynch's 'dis' demands robust response

It's not that nothing is being said or done about it. It's just that what's being done hardly measures up to the type of muscular reaction needed, given the contemptible treatment Senate Republicans are meting out to President Obama's nominee for attorney general, Loretta Lynch. Various Democratic senators, including Charles Schumer, have spoken out about the outrage – this abominable “how not to govern” bit of theater by the GOP. The president has made known his disgust at their tactics. Rev. Al Sharpton has opted for a hunger strike strategy. But the collective impact of all of this and whatever else may be happening out there comes up way short, as far as manifesting anger commensurate with the indignity being heaped on this African American woman, the nominee since last November, by the crud now calling itself a Senate majority.

We come face to face again, unfortunately, with conduct that by now we know a controlling element of the GOP is all

too capable of. But being aware of their capacity for reducing governance to slimeball behavior doesn't make it any more tolerable. And as good as this raunchiness may look on a scorecard within the GOP support base, for the rest of the citizenry it should serve only as build-up against the notion that anything resembling proper handling of the people's business could come from handing such a mandate to Republicans.

It was on Nov. 8 last year that Loretta Lynch was nominated by the president to replace Eric Holder. And it was on Feb. 26 that the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-8 in favor of the nomination. By rights, this was a nomination that should have been voted on by the full Senate even before the new Congress convened in January, the nominee's fitness for her current post of U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York having received a Senate thumbs-up by acclamation when she was nominated by Obama in 2010 to serve in that office for a

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

second time. But practical good sense having given way to political staging, the Lynch nomination was summarily assigned a place in limbo. The nominee, from all appearances a patently non-political player, became a bargaining chip in the bare-knuckled political games they're so fond of in D.C.

As some have pointed out, you would think that with the visceral feeling of antagonism toward straight shooter Holder evinced by Republicans, there would be every urge on their side to see him exit the Justice Department. But that obsessive GOP distaste for the man, and what he stands for, and the imagery of this disgraceful treatment of the first African American female chosen to be AG, evidently don't weigh heavily enough, as Republicans see the equation. Ergo,

closing in on six months since her historic nomination was announced, it languishes, held hostage by the spiteful antics of Mitch McConnell and his confederates in the Senate who have refused to bring the nomination to the Senate floor for a vote.

Here indeed is a black pride clarion call about which indifference should not be an option. We're not surprised, with the hard-right tail that wags the GOP dog, that there's nary a hint of sensitivity in Republican circles about what their repugnant behavior toward Lynch means to people of color. We're not surprised either that in the Judiciary Committee, 8 of its 11 Republicans voted against so supremely credentialed a nominee. It is for people of color, certainly, but also wherever in the polity decency exists, for the shame of this inexcusable delay of Lynch's confirmation to be dramatically held up to the glare of public scrutiny.

What should the tactic be? Who knows? But on the progressive/moderate side of the

fence, they need be aware that bottom-feeder combat to which Republicans resorted in the Lynch nomination have long since become common GOP practice. On its face Sharpton's hunger strike initiative looks to be the kind of protest technique that would leave the doers of this particular evil completely unfazed. Whatever the action plan, principals arrayed against the well-heeled army of right-wing strategists need to remain mindful, as they evidently were not for the last mid-term elections, that getting themselves behind the eight-ball is flat-out bad news for the country. The country, among other things, doesn't want the confirmation of a well qualified Loretta Lynch languishing while Republicans play vendetta politics, or whatever it is they're playing.

Latest word out of Washington seems to suggest a bit of reason perhaps coming into the picture. Let's hope that by the time this is being read Loretta Lynch is, or is close to being, attorney general of the United States.

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Fuel cell needs subsidies

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Day in 1970, these technologies faced formidable challenges. Solar modules were ultra-expensive devices produced by a cottage industry whose only significant customer was NASA. Hydrogen was tricky to store and expensive to transport. Fuel cells required expensive catalysts like platinum.

Those did not appear to be monumental challenges for a species that had split atoms and gone to the moon. But gasoline was cheap and the oil industry was politically potent. Technical challenges are overcome only with ample funding, creative minds, and dogged perseverance. America's embarrassingly modest, start-and-stop federal support has been more of a tease than a sincere effort to build an industry.

The latest tease relates to hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. For no good reason, the federal tax credit for fuel cell vehicles ended last December while the incentives for battery powered cars continue to be in effect until each manufacturer has sold 200,000 such vehicles. Helping manufacturers achieve economies of mass production makes vastly more sense than cutting off incentives on some utterly arbitrary date.

Hyundai slowly began leasing Tucson fuel cell vehicles last year, and Toyota — the company that launched the hybrid vehicle revolution in 2000 with its Prius — plans to begin selling the Mirai fuel cell vehicle in America

later this year. This is worst possible moment to remove the incentives for such vehicles!

Elon Musk, a very bright guy and the CEO of Tesla, disagrees, calling hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles "mind-bogglingly stupid." But the arguments he uses against them mostly echo the same arguments that had been used against battery electric vehicles until Musk himself upended the paradigm. Of course, he might well be right — the multiple energy conversions, high cost of infrastructure, etc. — might prove to be the kiss of death. But this depends upon a long string of assumptions about the future. It is not self-evident to people who don't own Tesla stock that electric cars should receive rich subsidies while fuel cell vehicles receive none.

Ultimately, though, this is a bigger issue than which alternative vehicle will prove to be the long-term winner. One way or another, we need to have a way to store very large amount of sunlight for times when the sun isn't shining. And hydrogen—for fundamental reasons—has to be considered among the most attractive contenders.

Denis Hayes, organizer of the first Earth Day in 1970 and director of solar energy research under President Jimmy Carter, is president of the Bullitt Foundation and board chair of Earth Day Network.

Vulture funds affect development

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precluding debt relief and costing millions in legal expenses, these vulture funds undermine the development of the most vulnerable African countries.

In June 2014, the heads of state and government of the Group of 77 and China, in their declaration issued on the occasion of the 'For a New World Order for Living Well' summit held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, reiterated the importance of "not allowing vulture funds to paralyse the debt restructuring efforts of developing countries" and stressed that "these funds should not supersede the state's right to protect its people under international law."

The IMF had cautioned that upholding the decision against Argentina would harm future sovereign debt restructuring attempts. In 2013, the IMF stated that "if upheld, [the Court of Appeals decision] would likely give hold-out creditors greater leverage and make the debt restructuring process more complicated."

In 2007, G8 finance ministers had expressed concern about actions of some litigating creditors against heavily indebted poor countries, and agreed

to work together to identify measures to tackle this problem based on the work of the Paris Club.

In September 2014, a resolution on the activities of vulture funds and the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of states on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, was presented by Argentina and adopted at the 27th session of the U.N. Human Rights Council which took place in Geneva.

It is also worth noting that the 26th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2014 had adopted a resolution titled 'Elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights.'

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US prez supports Security Summit

By Azad Ali

United States President Barack Obama has agreed to a Caribbean Security Summit as early as June this year, following regional concerns about the growing number of issues which could affect the region.

The agreement was reached over the week-end following Thursday's CARICOM-US Summit at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, where Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar made the request for the summit.

She made the disclosure after the agreement was reached on the proposed summit, to be held at a venue to be decided.

Persad-Bissessar, who is the lead prime minister for security submitted to the president, that all parties should evaluate



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

Associated Press / Frank Franklin II

Caribbean and U.S. security.

The T&T PM said the time was now for all parties to "critically review, rethink and reform the approach to collaboration between our region and the U.S."

The prime minister said there was a clear and present threat which now existed from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and foreign terrorists.

"A number of persons have

been identified as leaving CARICOM Member States to become foreign terrorist fighters," she noted.

Persad-Bissessar pointed out that the war could not be won without shared intelligence.

She said CARICOM was deeply concerned about recent information from the Commander of US Command John Kelly, who spoke of the draw-down of the already decreased naval assets of SouthCom.

Antigua draws a line in the vanishing sand

By Desmond Brown

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, April 15, 2015 (IPS) - Jabberwock beach, located on the north-eastern coast of Antigua, features a mile-long white sand beach and is a favourite with locals and visitors alike.

But Freeston Williams, a resident who frequents the area for exercise and other recreational activities, is worried that the beach is quickly disappearing.

"I travel around the Jabberwock area on the northern side of the island and I notice the shoreline is coming in closer to the road which means that it's minimising the area we use for exercise," Williams told IPS. "I am not sure what exactly is causing all this but sooner or later we will not have any beach left."

Antigua and Barbuda's

chief environment officer Diann Black-Layne said the sea level is in fact rising and she is mobilising legislators and residents of the small island-nation to become "climate ready" by implementing national activities on climate change.

"In the past 10 years we have experienced three droughts in Antigua. The temperature of the Caribbean Sea will have summer temperatures all the time. This means hurricane season will be all year round," Black-Layne told IPS.

Pointing to the consequences of a two-degree C increase in global temperatures as outlined in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), Black-Layne said there would

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Authors discuss 'When do you become an American?'

By Tequila Minsky

I am a Boringuen. I am a West Indian. I am a Barbadian. So said poets El David Rodriguez (Puerto Rico) The Art of Word, and Negus Tehuti Adeyemi (US / Barbados) Soularadiance, and novelist Annette Vendryes Leach (US / Panama / Jamaica) Song of the Shaman at the readings and conversation in the Tellin' Our Story series of the Caribbean Cultural Theatre.

The afternoon event entitled "Identity Now, Generation Here! Native Born Immigrant" brought these three authors of Caribbean heritage together to share their written words and thoughts on 'When does one become an American?'

The poems and selected reading offered jumping off points for the lively discussion that followed.

Comfortably gathered in Evans Innis Library at Medgar Evers College, Jamaica, Trinidad, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Grenada and Jamai-



Barbadian Consul General Hon. Dr. Donna E. Hunte-Cox attended the afternoon of readings and conversation in support of fellow Barbadian, poet Negus Tehuti Adeyemi. Photos by Tequila Minsky

ca/Panama and Guyana were "in the house."

Along with writers, a dancer, and others interested in Caribbean culture, Medgar's psychology and sociology students, encouraged by their professor participated during the afternoon. Sociology professor Dr. Patricia Belcom from Medgar's Caribbean Resource Center (an event co-sponsor)

sat among them.

Also present, Hon. Dr. Donna E. Hunte-Cox, Barbadian consul general of Barbados at New York consulate contributed to the conversation.

Caribbean Cultural Theatre Director E. Wayne MacDonald posed the question to the three writers, all born in the United States: At what point do you make the choice to be an American?

Poet Negus Tehuti Adeyemi said he had grown up immersed in Barbadian culture and traveled back and forth and was completely Barbadian.

Annette Vendryes Leach revealed that her parents wanted to adopt American culture for economic reasons. When at the age of nine, the family moved to Jamaica, she initially was not accepted; she was the outsider. In school in the United States, she worked very hard to get rid of her accent so she wouldn't get beat up. During the discussion she said



From left, El David Rodriguez with "America's Brainchild," Novelist Annette Vendryes Leach holds her book "Song of the Shaman" Negus Tehuti Adeyemi holding "Soularadiance," the featured authors at the recent Tellin' Our Story session with the Caribbean Cultural Theatre.

that to live in the United States you learn to negotiate your way, even when you're holding on to your culture.

"I don't like the word immigrant, I prefer migrant," said poet El David Rodriguez, who verbally shuns an identity of "being an American" and said, "We don't like being confined by borders. (Of course, as a Puerto Rican his family, even on the island are American.)"

It was noted during the conversation that one is "impli-

cated" in being an American, just by living here.

How do you hold on to culture? What is 'Caribbean' versus individual island identities? When do you stop being an outsider? (Never, was almost a consensus response.) How much does 'being black' factor into outsidership? (A lot.) How helpful to life and truthful is what you learn in school? Discussed were issues of who is writing history and setting values.

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Slow growth in remittances to the Caribbean

By Nelson A. King

The World Bank says remittances growth in the Caribbean is expected to slow in 2015.

The Washington-based international financial institution said in its latest issue of its Migration and Development Brief that growth in global remittances, including those to developing countries, such as the Caribbean, will slow sharply this year due to weak economic growth in Europe, deterioration of the Russian economy and the depreciation of the euro and ruble.

In the Latin America and Caribbean region, the World Bank said remittances are expected to grow by 2.3 percent in 2015 to US\$66 billion.

"While this growth is slower than that seen in 2014, it is significantly higher than the anemic pace of the post-crisis period," the report says.

It, however, said the outlook for the region is "positive, as remittance inflows are expected to benefit from growth in GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and employment in the United States, although this will be offset by high unemployment in Spain."

The report says remittances to the region are expected to grow to US\$69 billion in 2016 and US\$71 billion in 2017.

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Caribbean Life

Trinidadian businessman to be memorialized

By Nelson A. King

Prominent Trinidadian-born businessman Mohan Jaikaran who was the dynamic driving force behind an impressive array of businesses from Richmond Hill, Queens, to his native land, will be remembered at memorial services that begin Friday.

Jaikaran died Sunday in his Westmoorings, Trinidad, home. He was 64.

Memorial services for Jaikaran in the United States start on Friday afternoon with a public viewing at the La Monica Funeral Home in Livingston, New Jersey, followed by a private funeral on Saturday at New Jersey's Rosedale Cemetery and Crematory, according to the New York Daily News.

A second public memorial service will be held on Sunday afternoon in Queens at the Maracas nightclub on Jamaica Avenue for clubgoers and others to pay their respects, said Jaikaran's daughter, Anita.

"He was a humble man who had a passion for helping people while seeking no rewards for his kindness," said Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, who attended a memorial service in Trinidad and Tobago for the late businessman Tuesday and is due to also attend tributes

to Jaikaran in the U.S., the Daily News said.

Jaikaran, who migrated to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago in the 1970s and later became a U.S. citizen, opened a Garment District business selling fur coats before making his entrance in the entertainment field with his nightclubs.

"He was a humble man who had a passion for helping people while seeking no rewards for his kindness."

For decades, Jaikaran operated the popular Calypso City, Rum Jungle and Maracas nightclub complexes in Queens, while promoting the Caribbean's East Indian-inspired chutney and soca music through his JMC Entertainment firm and many other ventures, the Daily News said.

In Trinidad and Tobago, Jaikaran established a pair media outlets — WIN Radio 101.1FM (formerly Masala Radio) and the WINTV television station — and also served as vice chairman of Caribbean Airlines until 2013.

Johnny Kemp of 'Just Got Paid' fame dies

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Bahamian R&B singer Johnny Kemp, who is best known for the hit song "Just Got Paid," has died in Jamaica. He was 55.

Jamaica police said Friday that Kemp was found floating at a beach in Montego Bay on Thursday morning. It had not yet been determined how he died.

Police said Kemp arrived in Jamaica on a cruise ship but added that they did not have further details.

Reach Media Inc. said Kemp had been scheduled to be on a Caribbean cruise this week, but the U.S.-based parent company of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" said it did not have further details.

Kemp was nominated in 1989 for a Grammy Award for "Just Got Paid" in a category that included Bobby Brown and Luther Vandross. The song was a No. 1 hit on the U.S. Billboard R&B chart.

Kemp appeared on a 2007 Keith Sweat DVD called "Sweat Hotel Live" and had been performing at musical events across the U.S. in recent years.

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Bay Ridge Federal Credit Union still going strong

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Hardworking Americans and investors can continue to depend upon the Bay Ridge Federal Credit Union, was the message expressed by Anthony Grigos, Executive Vice President, at the company's annual shareholders' meeting held on April 1.

The Bay Ridge Federal Credit Union doubled in size from 2002 to 2008, and then again from 2008 to 2014.

Quoting from a motivational chart the company used to track growth, he said, "No one can predict to what heights you can soar. Even you do not know until you spread your wings." He noted that this is exactly what the Bay Ridge Federal Credit Union set out to do some 15 years ago, and will persist in doing in the future. "We committed and invested into new markets, and will continue to soar in a safe and sound manner," he said.

Fueling that ability to

grow are key factors that include its strong membership, the New York City Taxi Medallions, real estate, and personal loan products, he said. "Our partnerships with other credit unions and community banks permit us to carefully expand to new markets and help us manage our risk exposure."

Quoting from the NYTimes.com, he pointed out the prediction that this would be the year when the Federal Reserve would begin to raise short-term interest rates, and that consumers should prepare for it by purchasing homes they have been considering, or by refinancing ones they own. "Every .25 percent-point change in interest rates is equivalent to approximately \$6,000 for each \$100,000 borrowed over the course of a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage," he said.

Other advice included paying off credit card debt, investing money in flexible products, and speak-

ing with financial planners about retirement investment risk.

For the Credit Union, this may mean more consumers will be looking for personal loans to consolidate debt and take advantage of lower interest rates. There may be a high demand for real estate loans. Short-term CD deposits may also be on the horizon, he said.

"Whichever financial strategy you choose to pursue, it's important to prepare mentally to stay the course even when the ride gets bumpy," he said. "A wise man once told me, 'Races are won on the turns and not on the straight-aways.'"

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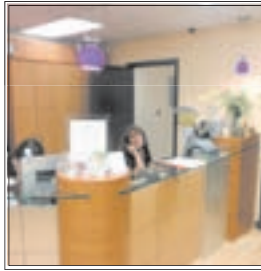
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Caribbean Court celebrates 10 years

By Azad Ali

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) celebrated its 10th anniversary last Thursday, with only four CARICOM member states having acceded to its appellate jurisdiction.

President of the Court Sir Dennis Byron in several media interviews where the CCJ is based said he would like to see all CARICOM states, in addition to having embraced its original jurisdiction, also make the CCJ their final civil and criminal appellate court.

In September 2009 when the London-based Privy Council was sending signals that Caribbean nations should rely less on the British Court and embrace their own, only two had at the time acceded to the CCJ's appellate jurisdiction- Barbados and Guyana.

One British Law Lord questioned whether some Privy Council cases real-

ly needed to be heard by a panel of Britain's most senior judges.

Sir Dennis said the Court has through its judgments, has made a very positive impact.

He appealed recently for the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) of St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines to emulate Dominica's recent example and make the CCJ their final court of appeal.

Sir Dennis hopes that Trinidad and Tobago will soon join the other Caribbean countries and make the CCJ its final court of appeal.

Former OECS Bar Association President Tapley Seaton continues to be a strong supporter of the CCJ. He described the CCJ as an evolving court that has already demonstrated a capacity for excellent judgments.

Grim outlook for reefs

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be disruption of livelihoods in low-lying coastal zones and small island developing states and other small islands, due to storm surges, coastal flooding, and sea-level rise.

"For persons living in the tropics it will just be too hot, every building will have to be air-conditioned - schools, churches, clinics, prisons," she said.

"There would also be failure of infrastructure such as roads, seaports, airports and buildings; plants and animals, including humans, would die during periods of extreme heat; there will be a breakdown of agricultural systems resulting in food prices increasing; there will be insufficient access to drinking and irrigation water and reduced agricultural productivity; and tropical species of fish will move to cooler waters resulting in a reduction of fishing in the Caribbean."

Tourism is the mainstay of the economy of Antigua and Barbuda and is the leading sector in terms of providing employment and creating foreign exchange. But the outlook for reefs in this tourism-dependent nation is also grim.

At around 1.5 degrees C, about 89 percent of coral reefs are projected to experience severe bleaching; at two degrees C, up to 100 percent of coral reefs are projected to experience severe bleaching by the 2050s; and around four degrees C, virtually all coral reefs would be subjected to severe bleaching events annually.

Signing the Copenhagen Accord in 2009, world leaders agreed to keep temperature increases resulting from heat-trapping emissions to less than two degrees C, a target aimed at lim-

iting dangerously disruptive climate impacts.

A policy target informed by science, two degrees C is the formally codified benchmark, the line in the sand by which nations have agreed to measure collective success in providing generations to come with a secure climate future.

The IPCC said global average surface temperatures have risen about 0.85 degrees C since 1900 and cumulative emissions of CO2 largely determine global mean surface warming by the late 21st century and beyond. It finds that having a greater than 66 percent probability of keeping warming caused by CO2 emissions alone to below two degrees C requires limiting total further emissions to between 370-540 gigatonnes of carbon (GtC).

At current rates of CO2 emissions (about 9.5 GtC per year), the world will hurtle past the two C carbon budget in less than 50 years. And this conservatively assumes that emissions rates don't continue on their current upward trajectory of 3 percent per year.

In a bid to increase awareness of climate change here, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is spearheading a two-day workshop Apr. 14-15 under its Rallying the Region to Action on Climate Change (RRACC) project, an initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

An OECS official said participants are being updated on the current awareness levels on the island and will brainstorm to determine ways to increase the nation's consciousness. Participants are drawn from the sectors most affected by climate change.

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Clarina Guilliams Foundation gives back to Guyana



Carl Guilliams (third row right) with officials and residents of the "Joshua House Children Centre" in Georgetown, Guyana. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

By Tangerine Clarke

It was evident that the young men and women of "Joshua House Children Centre" on Thomas Street, Georgetown were inspired by what they heard during a recent visit by retired New York businessman Carl Guilliams, who had breakfast with the youngsters and later spoke to them about his plans to launch football and athletic clubs later this year.

The young men who will participate in friendly competition in A and B teams will be outfitted with green and yellow soccer uniforms and given the necessary gear and training to play the sport.

Guilliams told the youngsters that the sport would give them an opportunity to excel, as well as help them with their growth and development.

The students would also

benefit from two table tennis tables and rackets, in addition to a program that would prepare the rookies for an active lifestyle in athletics, all thanks to the NY-based Clarina Guilliams Foundation.

The Guyanese American who formed the non-profit three years ago to honor the legacy of his late mother's commitment to charitable causes also established a computer-learning center and library in the centre that now houses 600 books.

Guilliams who felt it was important to mentor and educate the youngsters through disciplined activities, spoke passionately to the orphans about helping them to prepare for a successful future.

One of six children, the former owner of Guilliams Beauty Supplies and Salon

Equipment that was located on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn, Guilliams recalled growing up poor in Guyana, but disciplined.

And thanks to his mother Carolina who ensured that her children received the necessary education to success, Guilliams is proud to pass on her legacy.

After living in the U.S. for 43 years, the retiree called on

other Guyanese to give back to help the disadvantaged, especially children.

In this regard, Guilliams donated a hefty check to the center to further programs in the centre.

He applauded Dominican Republic-born Gladys Accra and her Guyanese husband Clifford Accra, who recently passed away, for imparting their love and devotion to the

children.

The Joshua Children Centre, which was established in 1977 by Barbara Burrows, the daughter of former famous artist E. R. Burrows, with its theme: A Place Where Love and Hope is Restored" now houses children from ages 4 to 17. Many of the children go on to lead successful lives.

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Spicy 'One Night' is worth two indepth looks

"One Night" by Eric Jerome Dickey c.2015, Dutton \$26.95 / \$31.00 Canada 357 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Would you look at that. Actually, probably, you already have. You're one of the most observant people you know, never missing a thing, always noticing. You make a great witness because you see everything. And in the new book "One Night" by Eric Jerome Dickey, you see two people about to make a mistake.

It was pouring rain that evening and it perfectly matched her mood.

Once she'd been a comedian and an actress. She'd been someone's mother but now she was dressed in a pilfered shirt from an electronics store, driving a stolen truck and trying to con somebody into paying for a box of rocks because the rent was

due and she didn't have it. The man putting gas in his expensive car looked like an easy mark.

He had a bruise over his eye, which was fine: she had a bruised heart. She offered the box for sale and he handed her the money, knowing full well that it was a con. He also handed her a business card with an Orange County number before he drove off. She knew he wouldn't get far; L.A. traffic was backed up, police were everywhere, sirens blasting. Her boyfriend wasn't answering his phone, so she dialed the man's number to explain that conning really wasn't what she was all about.

He was skeptical. She challenged him to meet her at a diner.

Dinner was strained but pleasant, a get-to-know-you where very little information was exchanged. She didn't want to be alone; he didn't want to go home to a wife he no longer loved, so they went to a movie before he kissed her in a way she'd never been kissed. She was the first to

mention a hotel. He paid for the luxury room.

She thought she'd been in love before: with the father of her daughter, certainly with her daughter but she'd never been with a man who did to her what the man from Orange County did. He made her moan and call out things that she didn't know she had a voice for calling.

It was only supposed to be a one-night stand. But she wasn't being entirely truthful with him. And he definitely wasn't telling her everything, either...

Let's start here: "One Night" is steamy. Like, burn-your-mind, hott-with-two-Ts steamy.

But it's not just that. Author Eric Jerome Dickey ekes this novel out slowly, minute-by-minute, like a slow dance between two people who aren't forthcoming with facts to one another – or to readers. That can be snail-like, but it's also fascinating: we know there's something we're not quite seeing, but we're too distracted by the tryst to figure it out – that is, until



Author, Eric Jerome Dickey.

Joseph Jones Photography

Dickey repeatedly interrupts the action with smartly-timed shocks that reset everything.

There are a few moments of silliness in this book but overall, I couldn't let it go and if you

can handle the lengthy bedroom scenes, you won't be able to, either. For readers who crave a boatload of spice with their novels, "One Night" is worth two looks.

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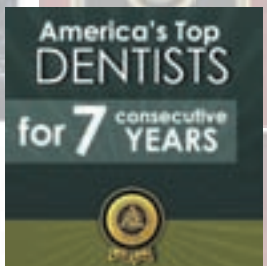
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Environmental factors can trigger asthma

Though many are likely familiar enough with asthma to recognize it's a respiratory disease that affects millions of people across the globe, few may know the role that environmental triggers play with regard to asthma.

Indoor allergens and irritants often trigger asthma attacks, but fortunately, such triggers can be controlled by people who take a proactive approach to reducing their exposure to environmental triggers like those listed below.

Secondhand smoke

The smoke from a cigarette, cigar or pipe contains more than 4,000 substances, some of which are cancerous compounds. In addition to triggering asthma attacks in those already diagnosed with the condition, secondhand smoke is a risk factor for asthma among preschool-aged youngsters.

Thanks to their diminutive statures, kids breathe more rapidly than adults, and that means they take in more secondhand smoke when around smokers than older kids or adults. But secondhand smoke is harmful to adults as well, triggering asthma attacks and increasing their risk for a variety of health conditions. Parents should not let anyone smoke near their children, and adults should avoid smokers

as much as possible.

Dust mites

Tiny, invisible bugs that feed on dead skin, dust mites can be found in mattresses, pillows, carpets, stuffed toys, and clothes, among other things. Individuals who are allergic to dust mites might be susceptible to asthma if they come in contact with dust mites' body parts and droppings, and such exposure can trigger asthma in youngsters who have not previously exhibited symptoms.

Bedding should be washed in hot water at least once per week and dried completely, and dust proof covers should be used on pillows and mattresses. Vacuum carpets and furniture once per week. Also, parents can reduce their kids' risk of asthma attacks by only buying stuffed toys that can be washed in hot water.

Molds

Molds live on plant and animal matter and can be found nearly anywhere that moisture is present. Inhaling mold spores, which continually float through indoor and outdoor air, can trigger an asthma attack. Mold problems in a home should be addressed immediately. Mold on hard surfaces can be removed with soap and water, and the surfaces should be allowed to dry completely before being put to use again.



Studies have confirmed that early childhood exposure to cats, dogs, and other animals may lower the risk of developing allergic reactions later in life.

Six common myths about pet allergies

According to The Humane Society, 62 percent of American households have at least one pet. Yet, an estimated 31 million Americans are allergic to animals, including up to 30 percent of those who have asthma. For these people, congestion, sneezing, runny nose, and other allergic symptoms occur whenever they are exposed to household pets.

Below are six common misconceptions about pet allergies. By knowing the truth about these myths, you can take action to live comfortably with the pets in your life.

Myth #1: It's only pet hair that triggers allergies.

Not true. Pet hair can trigger allergies, because it contains saliva or other pet proteins. Allergic reactions to pets are actually caused by pet proteins contained in pet dander, and also saliva and urine. Overactive immune systems attack these otherwise harmless substances.

Animals with more fur are more likely to carry other allergens such as pet dander and dust, according to the American Lung Association. If you have a pet, not only do you need to handle pet hair carefully, you also need to clean household dust carefully, as it may contain pet dander that can trigger allergic reactions.

Myth #2: Continuous exposure to animals will eventually desensitize you to them.

Not only is this not true, but in some cases, the opposite is true. If you have a confirmed allergy to animals, it usually will not get better through increasing exposure — it may even get worse, according to the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

However, studies have confirmed that early childhood exposure to cats, dogs, and other animals may lower the risk of developing allergic reactions later in life. One study of 8,000 children found that children continuously exposed to cats from the time they were 1 year old were 67 percent less likely than others to develop allergic asthma.

Myth #3: If you just get the right breed, you won't have allergy problems.

Not true. All cat and dog breeds produce dander. However, some breeds are believed to be better for allergy sufferers than others. Typically, the best breeds are those that shed the least fur. Also, smaller dogs produce less saliva than do bigger dogs. The American Kennel Club recommends breeds that produce the least dander for allergy sufferers, including poodles, terriers, schnauzers, and Bichon Frises.

Myth #4: Small animals are not a problem for allergies.

Wrong. Hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, and other warm-blooded mammals can also trigger asthma and allergies in people with allergies to animal dander, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Birds are also a problem for many allergy sufferers, as birds release dander into the air by cleaning their feathers, flapping their wings, and flying. If you are allergic to animals but still want a pet, try animals without dander like a fish, turtle, or other reptile.

Myth #5: Outside the home, you shouldn't have pet allergy problems.

Not necessarily. Pet allergens easily stick to clothing and other fabrics and are carried to other locations. Animal dander can be found in many public places such as the workplace, classrooms, and hospitals, according to the Lung Association. Those with severe allergies may also want to avoid the homes of family and friends who have the type of pet that irritates their allergies.

Myth #6: An air purifier will help.

It depends. Only a high-performance air purifier can help. Small, low-quality air cleaners make little or no difference at all.



Routinely vacuuming floors can improve indoor air quality in a home by preventing the buildup of dust mites and other harmful allergens.

New York Methodist Hospital gets trauma center

NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL

April has marked a new beginning for emergency services at New York Methodist Hospital, and for all Brooklynites who may need life-saving care in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. That is because the medical center now receives trauma patients via New York City Emergency Medical Services. This follows the New York State Department of Health's designation of New York Methodist as a trauma center — a designation only granted to hospitals that are able to provide life-saving care across all emergency scenarios, and that have a continuous process in place for monitoring and improving that care.

“New York Methodist’s establishment of a trauma center is the result of over a year’s worth of preparation,” said Dr. Bashar Fahoum, trauma surgeon and medical director of trauma services at the hospital. “That included renovating our Department of Emergency Medicine’s trauma bays, as well as extensive training, trauma simulations and drills for all surgeons, emergency medicine physicians, nurses, physician assistants,



A trauma room at New York Methodist Hospital.

and other staff members involved with trauma response.”

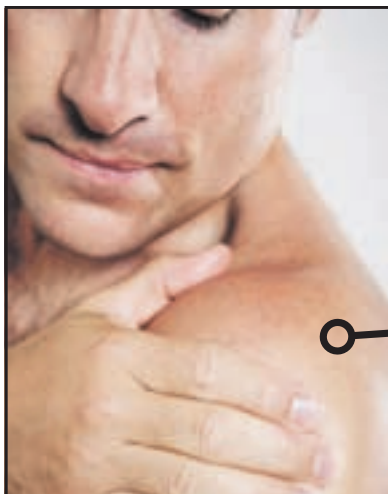
“NewYorkMethodist’sDepartment of Surgery already offers advanced procedures — both traditional and

minimally invasive — across all surgical disciplines, including general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, vascular surgery, urology, ophthalmology, and cardiothoracic surgery,”

said Dr. Anthony Tortolani, chairman of surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at the hospital. “We have specialists in each of these areas who are also trained in trauma response. In recognizing NYM as a trauma center, the Department of Health has determined that we can provide the highest level of care for the most severely injured patients.”

“Each year, over 100,000 Brooklynites already receive emergency care at New York Methodist, including those experiencing life-threatening heart attacks and severe strokes,” said Dr. Joseph Bove, chairman of emergency medicine at Methodist. “The hospital’s trauma team draws on the skills of medical staff members in both the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Department of Surgery, and as a trauma center, we now provide comprehensive treatment for patients with every type and every degree of traumatic injury. We are proud to offer our community the best possible care when they need it most.”

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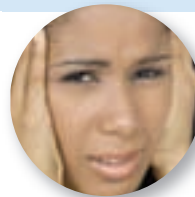


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If you are one of the millions of people affected by seasonal allergies that lead to nasal swelling, sneezing, watery eyes, and a scratchy throat, you may not be eagerly anticipating the warmer weather as much as others.

How to cope with seasonal allergies

The season of allergy-induced sniffles and other complications is right around the corner. If you are one of the millions of people affected by seasonal allergies that lead to nasal swelling, sneezing, watery eyes, and a scratchy throat, you may not be eagerly anticipating the warmer weather as much as others.

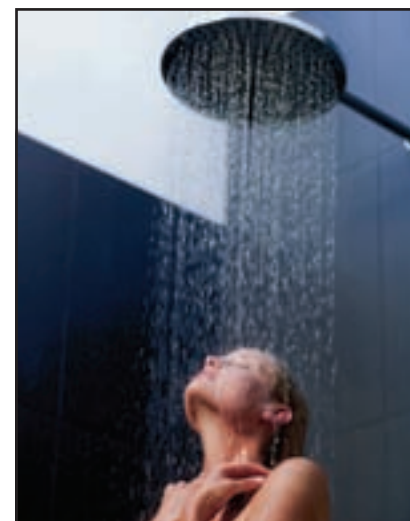
cool and dry.

Head to the beach

If you want to spend time outdoors, areas by the ocean will have pollen counts that are much lower than in mountainous areas.

Dry clothes indoors

Line-dried clothes may smell fresh, but they can bring molds and pollens indoors and exacerbate allergies.



Shower frequently

After being outdoors, take a shower to rinse off any allergens clinging to hair and skin.

Check with a doctor

Before mixing allergy medications with any prescriptions you are taking, ensure that they are safe to mix. If your doctor is unavailable, consult with a pharmacist about drug interactions.

Allergy research is ongoing, and in the future doctors may be able to prevent allergic reactions from occurring rather than treating the symptoms that ensue. Until then, you will have to work with the remedies that currently exist. These remedies include antihistamines, which can cause dangerous interactions with other medications and may cause drowsiness. These side effects can be dangerous for use in seniors. Consider these other options instead:

Drink plenty of fluids

Although liquids can't wash the allergens out of your system, water, juice and clear broths can help loosen congestion. Hot liquids can soothe inflamed membranes in the nose and throat.

Avoid allergens as much as possible

Check weather reports for the levels of particulates in the air and stay indoors if they are high. Keep away from tall grasses and places with a lot of foliage.

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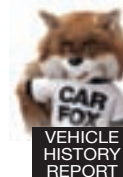
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opment in the Caribbean ... is expensive, often unreliable and carbon-intensive energy," Obama said.

"This region has some of the highest energy costs in the world. Caribbean countries are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and we have to act now," he said

The U.S. president said there would be a new fund to encourage clean energy.

"We are announcing partnerships, a new fund to mobilize private investment in clean projects," Obama said.

St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government has announced changes to the operations at the Castries Health Center following an upsurge in murders near the facility in the past few days.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness, Human Services and Gender Relations said the changes are "to facilitate the revision of security arrangements to ensure the safety of clients and staff of the Castries Health Center."

Police said while they had no motive for the latest killing, they believe it may be gang-related. So far four people have been detained in connection with the other murders committed recently.

While there were no murders in January, February and March, there were five

killings so far for the month of April.

Suriname

A Jamaican teenager has been detained in Suriname on suspicion of being a would-be militant hoping to join Islamic extremists.

In a statement, Suriname's police said the 16-year-old was denied entry after arriving at the country's airport recently on a Saturday flight. The teen, whose identity was not disclose, was apparently trying to fly to the Netherlands and then to Turkey.

An intelligence agency said Suriname police did not inform them that the Jamaican apparently intended to slip into Syria to join Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militants.



After being questioned and obtaining background information on the youth, he was flown back to Jamaica.

Jamaica's national security ministry did not respond to questions from the media.

Last month, the ministry insisted there was "no evidence" of Jamaicans joining the Islamic State group or other terrorist groups a few days after a U.S. general identified the island as one of the Caribbean nations that have produced roughly 100 would-be militants with Islamic extremists in Syria.

— compiled by Azad Ali

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Dynamite Calypso Tent prepares for 2015

The Dynamite Calypso Tent of New York has elected a new executive committee led by President Ainsley Primus during its meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

The other executive members are: Secretary - Raquel Richardson; Treasurer - Gailene Windsor; Public Relations - John Dougan; Committee Members - Denis Bowman, Ian Gordon, and Cauldric Forbes.

Earlier this year, the Dynamite Calypso Tent held its inaugural annual Symposium on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, in Brooklyn New York, at the Friends of Crown Heights Education Center. The meeting which consisted of an opening session and five main sessions generated much discussion. Each session had a lead presenter who spoke for about 10 minutes to introduce the theme of the session. Then a discussion with everyone followed.

Gailene Windsor chaired the meeting which was facilitated by Maxwell Haywood.

In his address, president Primus stated that Dynamites recognize the

need for change. He stressed that the Dynamite Calypso Tent cannot operate as tents did 20 years ago, hence there is a need for change due to the demands of the younger generation and technological changes. In this context he called for a higher sense of urgency to move the tent forward. He emphasized the need to establish more linkages with the broader community, including organizations, and to inspire people to join and support the tent. He suggested that the tent establish short term and long term goals.

In introducing the meeting, Haywood briefly explained the significance of the meeting and the importance of the work of the Dynamite Calypso Tent. He identified the objectives of the meeting and the outputs that will emerge from the symposium.

Session 1 focused on the theme: "The history, contributions and achievements of the Dynamite Calypso Tent since it started." The Lead Presenter for this Session was John "The Truth" Dougan. Session 2 focused on the theme: "Identify strategies or ways

to strengthen the Dynamite Calypso Tent." The lead presenter for this session was John Cato. Session 3 focused on the theme: "Creating and building partnerships with other organizations." The lead presenter was Ainsley Primus. Session 4 focused on the theme: "Existing rules of the Dynamite Calypso Tent." The lead presenter was Ainsley Primus.

The activities of the 2015 calendar year of the Dynamite Calypso Tent are as follows:

- May 15- Tent Opening
- May 29- Preliminary of the National Calypso Monarch competition
- June 13- BBQ
- Oct. 24- Independent song competition

The Dynamites hope to see all Vincentians friends and supporters at these activities. The tent thanks all the fans for their support over the years.

Vincentian releases CD on new airport

By Nelson A. King

Vincentian musician Oscar James, a singer, song writer and player of several musical instruments, has released a new CD on the Argyle International Airport, saying that air accessibility is "vital for Vincentians and foreigners who want to visit St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"I wrote this song, "Argyle International Airport," because it is presently being built in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," the Brooklyn resident told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview.

"Air accessibility at Argyle International Airport will create employment for vendors, taxi men, hoteliers, artisans, plumbers, cleaners, bag handlers, tarmac traffickers and many others," he added.

"By creating employment, it helps to grow the economy," James continued. "When the economy grows, the government has an easy opportunity of obtaining loans from the IMF (Washington-based International Monetary Fund)/World Bank to do projects like housing, roads, hospitals, schools and improving the medical system.



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Prez Carter returns to Guyana to inspire peace

If the answer to a television game show Jeopardy question is "former United States President Jimmy Carter" the question must be "who is the busiest president no longer living in the White House."

Since leaving office in 1981, the 39th president of the USA has busied himself traveling the globe to improve the quality of life of citizens living on virtually every continent.

No sooner than he left the White House, Carter mobilized to build houses for the poor. After launching Habitat for Humanity, he and teams of volunteers constructed homes they gave to citizens that might otherwise never own property.

Perhaps he was motivated by the fact he is the only president to have ever lived in public housing, he identified with the plight of not owning a dwelling and relying on government subsidies in order to survive.

One year after serving in the highest capacity of leadership in America, President Carter and his wife Rosalyn founded the Atlanta-based Carter Center which has helped to improve the quality of life for people in



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

more than 70 countries.

Committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering, they have relentlessly exemplified the motto of the Carter Center — "Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope."

This week the 90-year-old former president — from 1977 to 1981 — will lead an observer mission to monitor the May 11 regional and national elections in Guyana.

They will be joined by a larger delegation of election observers next month and for the fourth time the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize winner will lead the monitoring team.

"I look forward to leading our delegation to observe Guyana's elections on May 11," the former president said.

The election is regarded as a contest between the ruling People's Progressive Party/

Civic (PPP/C) which is seeking to extend its more than two decades hold on power and the coalition alliance comprising the main opposition, a Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and the small Alliance for Change (AFC).

"The Carter Center has a long history in Guyana and great respect for the Guyanese people. These will be the fourth elections we have observed there since 1992, and we trust they will be peaceful and inspire hope for the future."

It was Oct. 5, 1992 when Carter's Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government observed presidential elections in Guyana.

Two years later, on Sept. 28, 1994 the Carter Center opened an office in Georgetown, Guyana to support the country's efforts for economic development, electoral reform, and preservation of the environment.



Former President Jimmy Carter speaks during the memorial service for Rev. Theodore Hesburgh on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, inside the Purcell Pavilion at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Associated Press / South Bend Tribune, Robert Franklin, Poo

After that, the former Plains, Georgia, peanut farmer met with Guyana President Cheddi Jagan on April 23, 1996 to discuss implementation of Guyana's comprehensive long-term development strategy.

Earlier that year he headed delegations to Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and prior to that Guatemala, Liberia, Ethiopia, Guinea, Sudan,

China, Chile, Burkino Faso, Nigeria, Mozambique, Uganda and numerous countries in the sub-Saharan regions of Africa.

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American jazz trumpeter Miles Davis in concert Sunday, June 1, 1987 in the old Roman Amphitheater in Caesarea, North of Tel Aviv. Davis is in Israel for two concerts which are part of the Israel Festival.

Associated Press, File

Jazz Day

By Vinette K. Pryce

The genius of trumpeter Miles Davis will be resounded and echoed April 30, when International Jazz Day heralds one of the greatest musicians of the genre.

Although many of his compositions will recall the legacy of the 20th century jazz legend, a tribute to his greatness will be marked by a photo exhibition featuring some of his collaborative paintings with Jo Gilbert which he

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Spring gala

As Harlem continues to shift into a new era, plans are slated to renovate a local firehouse on 120 East 125th Street to serve as the new home for the historic East Harlem Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCADI). To celebrate CCCADI's next chapter in its existence in the community since 1976, the institute will host its First Annual Spring Gala in Harlem's historic Alhambra Ballroom on April 25, 2015.

Long established as a major cultural force in the community, the CCCADI gala will take participants back in time to the big band era of the 1950's featuring entertainment by the acclaimed Mambo Legends Orchestra in celebration of Graciela, known as the first lady of Latin Song with guest artist vocal-

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MUSICAL TREAT

Jamaican singer Tessanne Chin performs at the "Voices In Concert" at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn.

Photo by Anthony Turner

Divas deliver at 'Voices In Concert'

By Anthony Turner

American, R&B pop princess Fantasia lived up to her top billing at the sold out "Voices In Concert" held recently at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn, New York.

"Fantasia came, saw and conquered tonight" said event organizer George Crooks, Jammings Events. "We are just thrilled that we had the opportunity to present such a memorable performance of her in the tri-state area," he said.

When the Idol winner hit the stage

at close to 11:00 p.m. with her band in tow, excitement broke out in anticipation of the tasty musical treat that fans were to receive. The singer, who announced she was mourning the passing of her grandmother quickly composed herself and for the next 60 minutes, engaged fans with classic hits like "Lose To Win," "Free Yourself," "Ain't Gon' Beg You" "Bitter Sweet" and "Baby Making Hips" that were warmly received. Midway in her set she even made her way off stage and into the press/VIP area so she

could better interact with fans. This simple act was a winning move that may have earned her a permanent place in the hearts of music lovers in the house.

Voice season 5 winner Tessanne Chin was also in fine nick, displayed stunning vocal range at her first major performance in Brooklyn. The Jamaican reggae, soul, pop queen served up a tasty musical treat, including her first hit single "Hideaway," "Anything's Possible," "Under-

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Uptown Funk!**
Mark Ronson
- 2 **Sugar**
Maroon 5
- 3 **Love Me Like I Do**
Ellie Goulding
- 4 **Style**
Taylor Swift
- 5 **Earned It (Fifty Shades..)**
The Weeknd
- 6 **Thinking Out Loud**
Ed Sheeran
- 7 **Somebody**
Natalie La Rose
- 8 **One Last Time**
Ariana Grande
- 9 **Shut up & Dance**
Walk the Moon
- 10 **Blank Space**
Taylor Swift

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Furious 7**
Soundtrack
- 2 **Future Hearts**
All time Low
- 3 **The Album About Nothing**
Wale
- 4 **Strange Trails**
Lord Huron
- 5 **To Pimp A Butterfly**
Kendrick Lamar
- 6 **If You're Reading This...**
Drake
- 7 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 8 **American Beauty...**
Fall Out Boy
- 9 **V**
Maroon 5
- 10 **Amoke & Mirrors**
Imagine Dragons



Voices in concert

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neath It All,” “You Got What I Need,” “Redemption Song” and “Try” for the 3,000 plus fans who were there to see her perform. Midway in her set she earned a rousing ovation after a riveting, spine chilling rendition of Whitney Houston’s “I Have Nothing” that was perfectly executed.

These two phenomenal artist are just the kick off to Jammins Events upcoming concert series. Look out for a Mother’s Day Weekend you can not miss as on Saturday, May 9 it is the O’Jays, Harold Melvin’s Blue Notes and special guest Glen Jones; Sunday, May 10 it is the King of Soca - Machel Montano, Angela Hunte & Friends; and on Saturday, Aug. 1 it is the Lover’s Rocker himself, Beres Hammond and Jamaica Reggae/Jazz legend Monty Alexander.

Tickets are available online through www.ticketmaster.com / www.kingstheatre.com or you can visit the Kings Theatre Box Office.



R&B pop princess Fantasia at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn, New York.

Photo by Anthony Turner

Miles Davis

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painted during the final years of his life.

There will be networking opportunities, music and a panel discussion moderated by jazz radio station WBGO’s Sheila Anderson.

The discussion will feature Miles’s biographer Quincy Troupe, drummer and Miles collaborator Jimmy Cobb as well as Miles’ protégé Wallace Roney.

Davis died of pneumonia and a stroke at age 65, on Sept. 28, 1991. Acclaimed and revered for his innovative be-bop, cool jazz, hard-bop, modal jazz, jazz-rock, jazz-funk and blues-infused compositions, throughout his career he incorporated pop, flamenco, classical music, rock, Arab music and Indian music to uniquely distinguish himself from other jazz performers.

He was also a trailblazer in introducing burgeoning musicians who also proved innovative in their renditions and music styling. In addition to being a musician he was also a



Modern jazz musician Miles Davis takes a look at one of his 31 sketches on display at a Tokyo department store gallery, July 29, 1988. Davis opened the exhibition as part of the Select Live Under the Sky ‘88 festival this week.

Associated Press / Katsumi Kasahara

bandleader.

Some of Davis’ most outstanding works include “Bitches Brew,” “Miles Smiles,” “Walkin,” “Milestones,” “Miles Ahead,” “Porgy & Bess,” “Miles In The Sky,” “Tutu,” “Music From Siesta,” “The Man With The Horn” and a myriad of other compositions.

Transcendent talent

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worked to spearhead program-ist Cita Rodriguez who will present a special evening’s tribute to Graciela.

The center’s gala also honors the contributions of several highly esteemed community members including:

Lorraine Cortes Vazquez, vice president of Multi-Cultural Markets and Engagement at AARP; Eugene Giscombe, president and chief executive of The Giscombe Realty Group in Harlem; Mario Baeza, Esq. founder, Baeza & Co. and chairman, TCW/Latin America Partners, L.L.C.; Lucky Rivera, community organizer and founder of Positive Workforce in El Barrio.

CCCADI’s Impacts Cultural Landscape

While Harlem continues to experience an ever expanding demographic shift, the CCCADI has maintained a foundation which honors the artistic, intellectual and cultural brilliance of the African Diaspora. Dr. Marta Moreno Vega, president and founder of CCCADI, has

worked to spearhead programming, which produces culturally-grounded, purpose-driven and activist-oriented works. For nearly four decades, CCCADI’s history has proven the center to be an incubator and springboard for artistic and intellectual brilliance, community-building initiatives and cutting-edge academic works presented in engaging ways.

Over the decades, CCCADI has presented transcendent talent including: Celia Cruz, Max Roach, Amiri Baraka, Tito Puente, Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, Cassandra Wilson, Hugh Masekela and Ladysmith Black Mambazo. In addition, CCCADI has hosted international gatherings and curated countless groundbreaking shows, such as Transforming the Crown: African, Asian and Caribbean Artists in Britain, 1966-1996 (1996), which amassed more than 100 works into an exhibition that was simultaneously on-view at CCCADI, The Studio Museum in Harlem, and The Bronx Museum of the Arts.

Shades of Romeo, Juliet abound in inner-city saga

"Brotherly Love"
Very Good (3 stars)
Rated R for violence, profanity and ethnic slurs
Running time: 111 minutes
Distributor: Liquid Soul Media / Freestyle Releasing



Eric D. Hill, Jr in a scene from the film "Brotherly Love."

By Kam Williams

Twins Jackie (Keke Palmer) and Sergio Taylor (Eric D. Hill, Jr.) already had it tough enough growing up in the ghetto before the untimely demise of their dad a few years ago. But then their mother (Macy Gray) stopped functioning and started hitting the bottle.

That's when their big brother, June (Cory Hardrict), became the family breadwinner, and it's been a struggle for him to keep a roof over their heads ever since. So, he started dealing drugs hoping that his becoming an outlaw

would at least enable his siblings to keep their noses clean and continue pursuing their dreams. After all, Sergio is one of the top high school basketball players in the nation, while Jackie is an aspiring singer in need of a big break.

By comparison, the living is easy for kids like Chris Collins (Quincy Brown) from "The Hilltop," the upscale enclave

located just across the proverbial tracks. He's a classmate of Jackie's at Overbrook High, where students from his 'hood don't mix with those from "The Bottom," especially in the wake of the gang warfare that recently claimed the life of one of his cousins.

Chris has a crush on Jackie, and she likes him, too. Under normal circumstances theirs

would be a match made in heaven, since his father is a famous record producer capable of launching a promising talent's musical career.

However, complications arise reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet when the competing clans suggest that the pair separate. Will the star-crossed lovers follow their hearts or capitulate to the pressure from

friends and relatives?

Written and directed by Jamal Hill (Autumn), "Brotherly Love" is a gritty, inner-city saga of Shakespearean proportions shot on location in West Philadelphia. Provided you have a strong stomach for Ebonics laced with lots of cursing and the N-word, you'll likely find this super-realistic adventure quite compelling.

As far as performances are concerned, Keke Palmer is terrific in the lead role as Jackie. She also belts out a couple of tunes on the soundtrack, including a mesmerizing, closing credits rendition of the Harold Melvin R&B classic, "Wake Up Everybody." And the rest of the cast, especially Cory Hardrict, Romeo Miller, Macy Gray, Eric D. Hill, Jr., Quincy Brown and Faizon Love, does a great job creating the requisite edgy atmosphere that imbues the production with a very authentic feel for the duration.

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art though Romeo? I be hanging with my homeys, mama!

Independent & Foreign Films

Adult Beginners (R for profanity and drug use) Diminished dreams dramedy about a narcissistic entrepreneur (Nick Kroll) who moves from Manhattan to the suburbs to take a job as a nanny for his sister's (Rose Byrne) children after his latest start-up crashes and burns. With Bobby Cannavale, Bobby Moynihan and Joel McHale.

Blackbird (R for teen sexuality, profanity and drug use) Coming-of-age drama about a 17-year-old, high school student (Julian Walker) struggling with his sexuality in a sleepy Southern town marked by intolerance. Cast includes Mo'Nique Isaiah Washington, Kevin Allesee and Terrell Tilford.

Brotherly Love (R for violence, profanity and ethnic slurs) Gangsta' saga, set in West Philly, revolving around a couple of star-crossed teens (Keke Palmer and Quincy Brown) who fall in love despite hailing from opposite sides of the proverbial tracks. With Cory Hardrict, Romeo Miller, Macy Gray, Eric D. Hill, Jr. and Faizon Love.

Emptying the Skies (Unrated) Endangered species expose' chronicling the decimation of the migratory songbird population now facing extinction due to flagrant poaching of the rapidly-disappearing species. (In English, Italian, French and German with subtitles)

The Forger (R for violence and profanity) John Travolta stars as the title



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

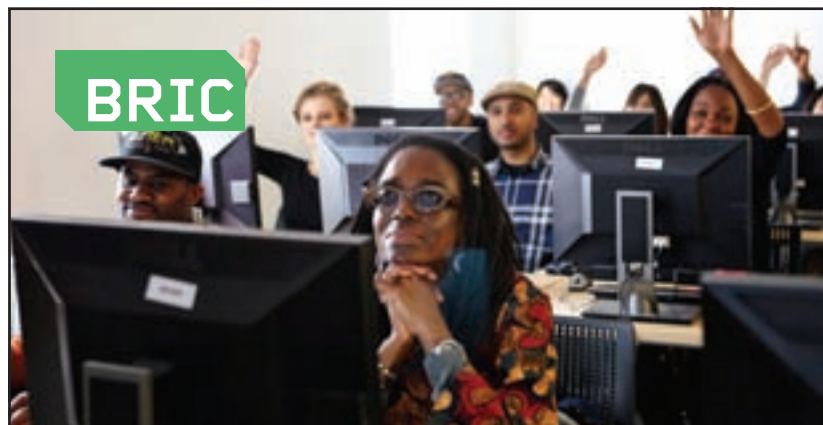
character in this crime thriller as a recently-paroled thief who conspires with his father (Christopher Plummer) to steal a Monet from a museum and replace it with a fake. With Abigail Spencer, Anson Mount, Tye Sheridan and Jennifer Ehle.

Helicopter Mom (Unrated) Nia Vardalos (My Big Fat Greek Wedding) handles the title role in this dysfunctional family comedy about a meddling mom who becomes obsessed with her possibly-gay, college-bound son's (Jason Dolley) sexual orientation. Supporting cast includes Skyler Samuels, Kate Flannery and Kurt Collins.

Just before I Go (R for sexuality, profanity and drug use) Courtney Cox directs this dark comedy starring Seann William Scott as a suicidal soul who returns to his hometown to make amends with folks he's offended before taking his life. With Olivia Thirlby, Evan Ross and Elisha Cuthbert.

Laugh Killer Laugh (Unrated) Crime drama about an antisocial jewel thief (William Forsythe) who finally turns a new leaf the day he emerges from a coma with a new personality. Featuring Tom Sizemore, Bianca Hunter and Larry Romano.

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comedy, hosted by Max Silvestri.

FRI., APRIL 24

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TUES., APRIL 28

MEET A BUSINESS COUNSELOR: 5:00 p.m. Central Library. See Monday, April 27.

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"KEHINDE WILEY: A New Republic": Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue, Brooklyn; (718) 638-5000; www.brooklynmuseum.org; Wednesdays and Fridays – Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Now – Sunday, May 24; \$16 suggested. The first museum survey of Brooklyn artist Kehinde Wiley's prolific career.

BROOKLYN MUSEUM EXHIBITION: Basquiat: Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue, Brooklyn; (718) 638-5000; www.brooklynmuseum.org; Wednesdays and Fridays – Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Adults \$16, students w/ Id \$10, 62+ \$10, 19 and under Free. Brooklyn-born artist Jean-Michel Basquiat filled numerous notebooks with poetry fragments, wordplay, sketches, and personal observations ranging from street life and popular culture to themes of race, class, and world history. The first major exhibition of the artist's notebooks, Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks features 160 pages of these rarely seen documents, along with related works on paper and large-scale paintings.

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Indie Films

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Little Boy (PG-13 for violence and mature themes) Faith-based fable about a desperate seven-year-old (Jakob Salvati) willing to do whatever it takes to end World War II so he can be reunited with his father (Michael Rapaport). Co-starring Kevin James, Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson and Cary Hiroyuki-Tagawa.

Misery Loves Comedy (Unrated) Anecdotal documentary featuring five dozen showbiz icons speculating about whether one must have experienced misfortune to be able to make other people laugh. Ensemble includes Tom Hanks, Larry David, Jimmy Fallon, Whoopi Goldberg, Lewis Black, Janeane Garofalo and Matthew Perry.

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A scene from "Emptying the Skies."

ents (Harrison Ford and Kathy Baker) when her big secret is suddenly put in jeopardy. With Ellen Burstyn, Amanda Crew and Anjali Jay.

The Water Diviner (R for violence and disturbing images) Russell Crowe directed and stars in this historical drama about an Australian farmer searching in Turkey for his three sons who went missing in the Battle of Gallipoli. Cast includes Isabel Lucas, Olga Kurylenko and Megan Gale. (In English, Turkish, Greek and Russian with subtitles)

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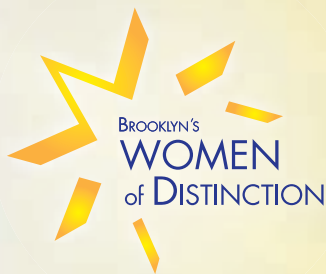
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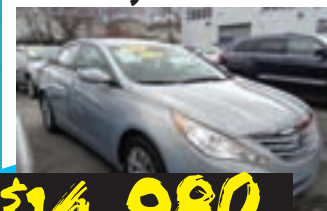
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Jefferson does well in track meet

By Robert Elkin

While Ryan Clifford of MacArthur High School in Long Island captured the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Akeem Aaron, a junior at Thomas Jefferson of Brooklyn, finished second in the same event, to start the day's action off in the Knight-Time Invitational Track and Field meet conducted by Uniondale High School also of Long Island.

Jefferson dominated some of the running events as junior Hakeem Alexander captured the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 58.27 thus giving Jefferson 18 of its total of 28 points to wind up in 16th place out of 30 schools from the met area in the 12th annual meet.

A native of Guyana, Aaron, played cricket and soccer in the Caribbean and started running but not seriously. When he came to Brooklyn, he started his running career at Jefferson High

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Cricket photo of the year

By Azad Ali

An image of Trinidad cricketer and former West Indies One-Day International captain Dwayne Bravo taking full-length catch in mid-air has been named the Wisden-MCC Cricket Photograph of the Year 2014.

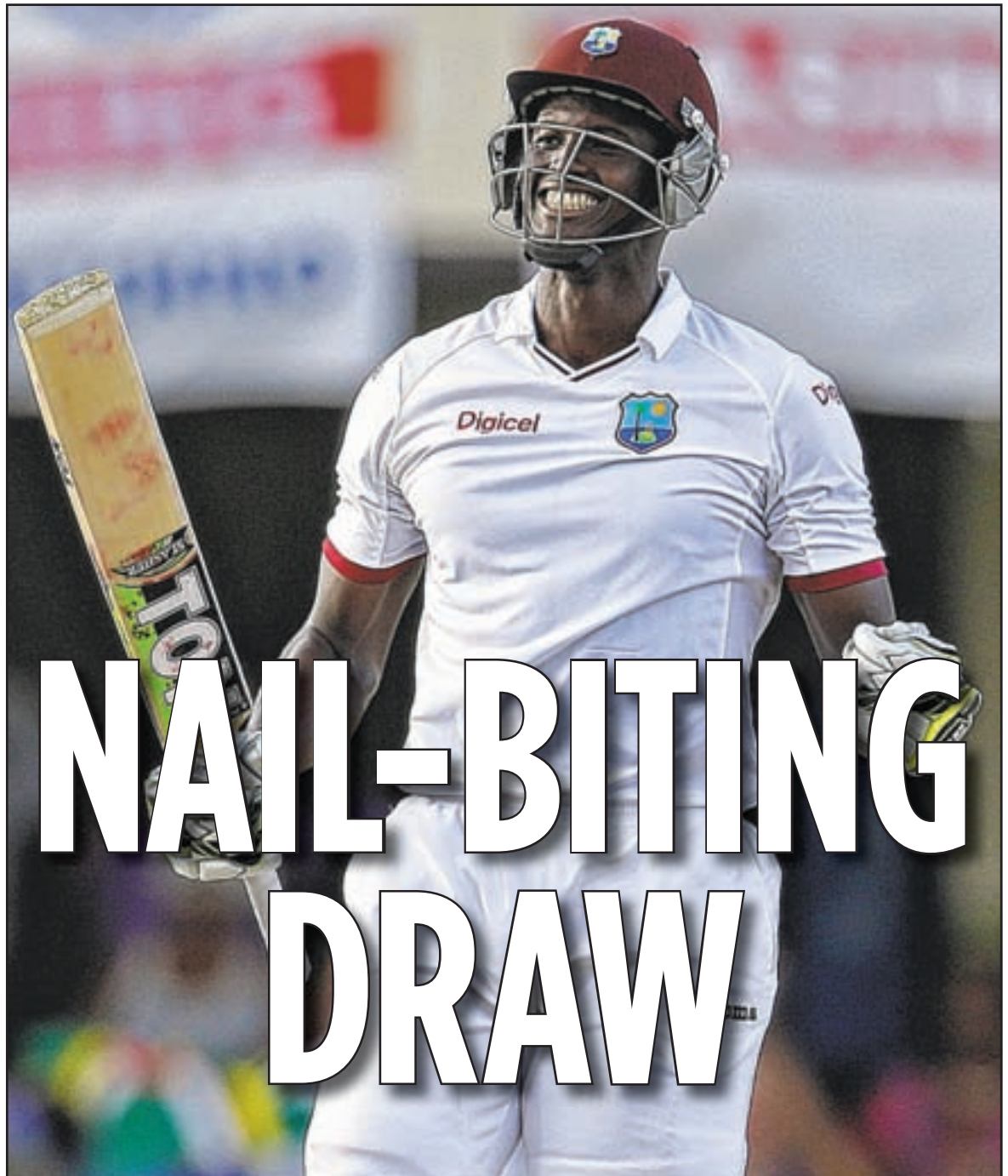
The photo, taken by Getty Images photographer Matthew Lewis, shows Bravo stretching to dismiss Australia's James Faulkner during last year's ICC World Twenty competition in Bangladesh.

West Indies went on to win the match by six wickets with two deliveries remaining.

The judges also chose two runners up.

South African Morne de Klerk, another Getty Images photographer, captured a striking shot of Australia and South

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West Indies' Jason Holder celebrates after scoring a century against England on the last day of the first cricket Test match, that ended in a draw, at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda, Friday, April 17, 2015.

Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

W.I. saves face in 1st Test vs England

NORTH SOUND, Antigua (AP) — An unbeaten 103 by Jason Holder helped West Indies salvage a nail-biting draw against England in the first test Friday, spoiling James Anderson's celebrations after becoming his country's record wicket taker.

Holder had successive partner-

ships of 105 with captain Denesh Ramdin and 56 with Kemar Roach as West Indies reached 350-7 to hold on until the end of the final day. England had declared its second innings after reaching 333-7, setting West Indies an unrealistic target of 438 to win.

The 23-year-old Holder, whose previous highest score was 58, joined wicket-keeper Ramdin at the fall of the last of the specialist batsmen, first innings century-maker Jermaine Blackwood, at 189-5 8.1 overs after lunch.

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School, especially in his freshman and junior years.

He is used to running on his home track at Jefferson High School, where he and his teammates practice. For his meets they travel to various venues including one recently in Long Island. It was on the latter track, Uniondale High School, where the boys competed and, in fact, did very well.

In the steeplechase, he uses a different strategy from the one that he does in other events.

His goal is to be the best that he could be in any of his events that he is entered into by his coach.

In the middle distance, his teammate Gary Springer, picked up ten points for capturing the varsity 800-meter run in a time of 2:02.06 far off the meet record of 1:58.14. He could have run faster, but he came to the meet late.

"This is my first 800 meter run this season," he said.

Gary's father, Gary, Sr. hails from Guyana, like his teammate. The Springers keep in touch with each other. In fact the elder Springer gives his son words of encouragement and gives him pointers in running via telephone, before the races.

Gary Jr. is not trying to follow in anybody's footsteps for the student athlete is trying to bring Guyana back to the top and help his native land to a new era in track and field.

Springer has to make a decision about college. He has three choices—North Carolina A&T, Indiana Tech and Troy of Alabama.. He wants to prove to the college coaches/recruiters that he deserves a track scholarship

His style of running is just about starting—that is, to go out fast. "In the other years I stayed in the back, but now I learned to go out fast," he said.



England's Gary Ballance plays a shot during day four of the first cricket Test match against West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua; Antigua and Barbuda; Thursday, April 16; 2015.

Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

Anderson beats Botham's record

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He remained to the end after facing 149 balls in just over three and a half hours. He hit 15 fours, mainly fluent strokes through the off-side.

His partnership with Ramdin ended when Anderson induced a catch to first slip to end the captain's resolute 57 that occupied three hours. With that wicket, Anderson surpassed Ian Botham's England record of 383 in tests, having drawn level earlier in his 100th test when he had overnight batsman Marlon Samuels caught at gully for 23 in his 11th over.

The milestone was celebrated by the bowler and the England team on the field and his family in the stands. Botham, commentating for television, was at

the stadium to see his mark surpassed.

Roach then stayed with Holder for 18.2 overs before England conceded with two balls remaining.

Holder passed his hundred with two fours in off-spinner James Tredwell's 40th over, seven balls before the end when Roach was unbeaten 15 after keeping out 55 balls in an hour and a half at the crease.

Resuming the day at 98-2, the West Indies had no realistic chance of achieving the winning target of 438.

New West Indies head coach Phil Simmons said that the first hour would be critical to the outcome. In that time, England removed both overnight batsmen, Devon Smith and Samuels, adding left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul, the 40-year-old veteran of 162

tests, 10 minutes before lunch.

The wicket of Chanderpaul, leg before wicket to second-string off-spinner Joe Root, opened the way to the West Indies lower order and strengthened England's position.

England appeared to have the match wrapped up when first innings century-maker Blackwood charged down the pitch, swung wildly at fast bowler Chris Jordan and edged a catch to wicket-keeper Jos Buttler.

But only one wicket fell for the rest of the day as England's hopes of an early lead in the three-match series were dashed.

The second test starts in St. George's, Grenada, on Tuesday.



West Indies' Dwayne Bravo dives to take a catch. Photo by Matthew Lewis

Lewis makes photo history

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Africa's players leaving the field at the Second Test at Port Elizabeth, in February.

Mathew Lewis was also the second runner-up – making him the first photographer in the history of the competition to be both winner and a runner-up.

His second image shows Nurul Hasan, of Bangladesh A, looking despairingly at his scattered stumps after being bowled by South Africa's Dale Steyn during an ICC World Twenty20 warm-up match in Bangladesh in May.

The competition attracted 400 entries from around the world.



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Shannon Gabriel must be in the Test squad

Clive Lloyd and his selection staff must see the importance for an additional fast bowler in the West Indies team against England. Jerome Taylor is bowling fine with some degree of pace, but Kemar Roach is not in the best of form and this continues to affect the team. Roach failed to put on a good showing in South Africa during the 2015 World Cup and also now against England in this Test Series.

Shannon Gabriel is pretty quick and he carries a good bounce and with this type of steady bowling he will be able to affect the English batsmen. West Indies must go with a four-pronged attack in Roach, Taylor, Holder and Gabriel. Knowing how the selectors go about their business, their choice to replace Sulieman Benn will be the spinner from Guyana, Devendra Bishop.

West Indies Batsmen Too Defensive

West Indies opening batsman Kraig Braithwaite will have to learn to play the lifting balls and he and Devon Smith will have to rotate the strike.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

West Indies batsmen must be more aggressive. They allow themselves to be bogged down to bowling that was unworthy.

It is important that Darren Bravo takes control of the number three spot and he must not be too defensive. He must set the pace for making runs for the West Indies team. Devon Smith looks solid but he must be able to use his feet much more to the spinners.

Note: West Indies batsmen should carry the spinner. This tactic would damage their preparation and put West Indies in the correct rhythm to win the series especially with the last of three Tests scheduled for Kensington Oval, Barbados. Kensington Oval is known as the quickest wicket in the Caribbean and it is the time that four pacers be included for the second Test match in Grenada. All pace should be the key to this

series.

Holder Displays Cricket Intelligence

Not too often West Indies batsmen exhibit top class intelligent batting, on the fifth day of the first Test match against England. West Indies all rounder Jason Holder scored 103 runs not out and hitting 15 fours. This effort saved the game for the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground, in Antigua.

On day one of the first Test match, the West Indies won the toss and elected to field first. England had some early trouble at 34 for 3 but recovered well scoring 399 runs. Ian Bell and Joe Root stood up and scored 177 runs partnership for the fourth wicket, Bell scored 143, Joe Root 83 and Ben Stokes 79. Kemar Roach picked up four wickets for 94 runs, Jerome Taylor 3 for 60



West Indies fast bowler Shannon Gabriel bowls during the second innings on the fourth day of their second cricket Test match against New Zealand in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Thursday, June 19, 2014. Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco; File

and Jason Holder 2 for 69. Sulieman Benn went wicket less for 85 runs.

picked up two wickets for 67 runs.

Jermaine Blackwood Scores Ton

West Indies middle order batsman Jermaine Blackwood scored his first Test century in 112 runs not out with 14 fours and 2 sixes. Shivnarine Chanderpaul scored 46. For England, James Anderson got 2 for 67 and Stuart Broad also

England Declared At 350 Runs For 7 Wickets

A fine century for Gary Ballance 122 runs, Joe Roots 59 and Jos Buttler 59 not out boosted England to 350 for 7. For the West Indies, Jerome Taylor got 2 wickets for 42 runs and the expensive Sulieman Benn 2 for 115 runs.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
A big change may be looming, Taurus. Think about leaving your comfort zone and trying an adventure. You never know what the experience will bring.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
There's a lot to accomplish right now, Gemini, but distractions seem to turn up just when you get on track. Try to keep your attention focused on the tasks at hand.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
You tend to gravitate toward leadership roles, Cancer. That can pack on the pressure, and sometimes you need a break. Choose this week to stand on the sidelines.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, even though you're excited about a planned getaway, you're also a little apprehensive about leaving home for long. Shake off such feelings and enjoy the time away.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, trust your own instincts when an unusual situation arises. Others will offer advice, but you will be most satisfied if you go with your gut.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a friend reenters your life this week and you are better for it. Enjoy this rekindled friendship and set aside some time to catch up and share a few laughs.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, be alert at work this week, as a great opportunity may be coming your way and you want to be prepared. Supervisors will like that you're on your toes.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your excitement over an upcoming revelation has you wondering how long you can keep a secret. Hang in there a few more days, and all will work out just fine.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, it is finally time to take a well-deserved rest. Make the most of this time to get some R&R as your schedule might be hectic once more in just a few days.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, put yourself first this week, even if you have a lot of things on your plate. If you're not at your best, you will not be able to help others, so take some time for yourself.

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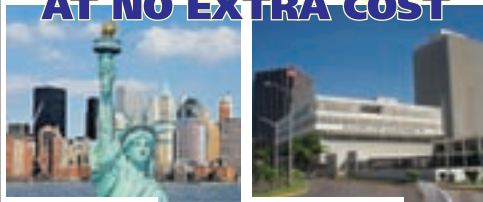
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