



## Anti-violence protest

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, (third from left) with other demonstrators at the "Not In My Hood" march. See story on page 3.

## Garifuna: Honorary Vincentians

By Nelson A. King

Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace says, if his New Democratic Party (NDP) wins the next general elections in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, his administration would honor the Garifuna people by making them "Honorary Citizens of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"I want to bring them closer to St. Vincent and the Grenadines," said Eustace, leader of the country's main opposition party, in making the announcement Sunday night at a town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, flanked by

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# CANADA DESERTS CARICOM

## Trade dispute goes to WTO

By Bert Wilkinson

Saying it is fed up of the protracted nature of the talks, the Canadian government has not only walked away from free trade negotiation discussions with the Caribbean trading group but has also asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to allow it to revert to an old mechanism governing trade between the two because the future for a deal looks quite bleak.

Talks on a deal that would not only allow for two-way free trade but also one that is more compliant with today's global trading rules started way back in 2009 amid much optimism that an agreement between traditional friends would have been

achieved in a short space of time.

As the months wore on, it became clear that the differences in approaches and how each other saw the world would become an impediment that eventually resulted in a complete breakdown of negotiations after six years.

Recently, Canada gave the 15-nation grouping the clearest sign yet that it has abandoned sessions at the round table by formally writing to the WTO, asking it to extend the life of CaribCan, the decades-old agreement that had governed trade between the two.

The problem with CaribCan, however, is that it is a one-way deal in

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# Celebrating the best of Caribbean cuisine, culture



Participants at the fifth annual "Not In My Hood" march in Brooklyn.

## Marching against senseless violence

By Alley Olivier

Marches and rallies are no longer a concept of the past.

In recent months, we have seen marches stop traffic, take over bridges and more across the states and in New York City.

On Saturday May 30, the fifth annual "Not In My Hood" march took over the streets of East Flatbush to spread the message of non-violence. Held by the East Flatbush Village in conjunction with Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, the energy of the crowd demanded an end to the violence in their communities.

"We do not want to live in a society where the only way we feel safe is if there's five or six officers on every block," Williams said. "We want to make sure we are funding programs that are dealing with structural issues that have been going on in these communities for generations."

Leading the march, which started on Tilden and Ralph Avenues, was former gang member Shanduke McPhatter who energized the crowd with messages to end gun violence.

"Violence will not be accepted as a norm in our community," McPhatter blasted on a microphone. "It doesn't matter who pulls the trigger. Violence is violence and it's a public health crisis. Guns Down! Lives Up!"

McPhatter is the founder and executive director of Gangstas Making Astronomical Community Chances Inc., a nonprofit he founded while incarcerated in 2008 and established after his release the following year. The mission of the organization is to reach out to youth following his former path.

Over 200 youth participated in the march that culminated at Flatbush Gardens on Foster, Brooklyn and New York avenues for a health fair.

By Melissa Chapman and Natasha Andrews

Foodies across New York City and beyond can look forward to sumptuous food and beverage offerings with the return of Caribbean Restaurant Week New York, which will run from June 22 - 29!

This week-long celebration of Caribbean cuisine and culture comes after a very successful launch last June, with a collaboration between the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce (BCC), who co-produced the event. This year, both organizations have partnered again to produce the event.

"Caribbean Restaurant Week New York had a very successful launch last year, and we are thrilled to partner with WIADCA again this year to produce another week-long celebration of Caribbean food and beverages," said Brooklyn Chamber President and CEO Carlo A. Scissura. "More importantly, this event presents a tremendous opportunity to increase foot traffic to the many terrific Caribbean restaurants in New York City, and allow them to attract new patrons to their establishments."

"It was once said that "the way to someone's heart is via the stomach," said WIADCA President, Thomas Bailey. "BCC together with WIADCA are determined to prove that this is true as we welcome all and sundry to take this opportunity to partake in all the sumptuous and tasty dishes that are being made available at our Caribbean Restaurants during Caribbean Restaurant Week New York. WIADCA is proud to use this opportunity to promote our Caribbean businesses."

Participating restaurants will feature a delightful range of Caribbean customs through an exciting and delicious array of tasty dishes, including callaloo, griot, roti, stewed, curried or jerk meats, a wide range of sea food, vegetarian dishes, and ice-cold beverages with Caribbean fruits and rums.

This year's festivities kick off at the brand new SUEDE Restaurant in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. "SUEDE welcomes the opportunity to work with the WIADCA and BCC, as the primary partners organizing Caribbean Restaurant Week New York. What a great opportunity for not just SUEDE but all Caribbean businesses to promote the many tastes of the Caribbean" said the proprietors.

The producers of Caribbean Restaurant Week New York are excited to announce Caribbean Life and the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) as new partners, and are thrilled that the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) has joined once again as a community partner.

"We are proud to partner with WIADCA and BCC for Caribbean Restaurant



Stewed chicken - Caribbean style served with rice and vegetables.

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Week," said Les Goodstein, president and CEO of Community News Group, publisher of Caribbean Life. "This is becoming an important cultural event for the Caribbean-American community, and for all New Yorkers."

"Two of the responsibilities of the Caribbean Tourism Organization are to engage the Caribbean Diaspora and to promote the authentic Caribbean. That is why Caribbean Restaurant Week New York showcasing Caribbean cooking is such a perfect initiative to support. The region's culinary experiences are tantalizingly diverse and the event brings them together in an unforgettable way, which inspires patron's desire for a Caribbean vacation. And that is the real objective!"

"We are pleased to support the partnering between BCC and WIADCA as it bridges the celebration of Caribbean culture with a much needed promotional platform for our business establishments. CACCI is proud to continue to serve as a community partner for this event and others in the future," said Dr. Roy A Hastick, Sr. president / CEO / founder of CACCI.

To see a full list of participating restaurants, or for additional information about Caribbean Restaurant Week New York, visit [www.caribbeanrestaurantweeknewyork.com](http://www.caribbeanrestaurantweeknewyork.com), Twitter/Instagram @caribrestweekny #CRWNY; and Caribbean Restaurant Week on Facebook.

On May 29, 2015 President Barack Obama declared the month of June to

be dedicated as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month to honor the contributions of Caribbean Americans to the nation, as well as celebrate the rich, diverse culture of the Caribbean region. In addition to Caribbean Restaurant Week New York, WIADCA has several other activities planned for the month of June, including a Mas workshop (teaching Carnival costume design), and the "Make Music New York Concert" along with a mini-junior carnival parade at Ronald McNair Park.

WIADCA is a nonprofit 501 © 3 tax-exempt organization, comprised of volunteers dedicated to promoting Caribbean culture. WIADCA hosts educational forums, cultural workshops, networking, and special events annually to broaden community involvement and educational goals. Annually, WIADCA presents the New York Caribbean Carnival, a spectacular parade on Brooklyn's famous Eastern Parkway that attracts over a million spectators. For more information, visit [www.wiadcarnival.org](http://www.wiadcarnival.org)

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based, business assistance organization which represents the interests of over 2,100 member businesses, as well as businesses across the borough of Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Alliance is the not-for-profit economic development organization of the Chamber, which works to address the needs of businesses through direct business assistance programs.

## Community Health Festival

Brookdale Hospital is hosting its annual Community Health and Street Festival on Saturday, June 13 from 11 am to 4 pm on Rockaway Parkway, between Linden Boulevard and Church Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

Kids will enjoy balloon artists and magicians, face painting, pony rides and a bouncy castle. People of all ages will be able to receive a number of medical evaluations, ranging from dental, health, and mammography screenings to blood pressure and HIV testing.



### Antigua

The husband of former Miss Dominica Nadira Lando, has been declared a "persona non grata" in Antigua and is now facing deportation from the island, according to media reports.

Media reports say businessman, Morad Ghonim, is wanted for an alleged "capital crime" in the U.S.

It has been reported in the Antigua media that he was declared a persona non grata by Cabinet after his home was searched recently by the police and they found out that he had no work permit for the island, his last extension was in 2012 and he had remained in the country longer than the period granted by immigration.

Ghonim was handed over to the Immigration Department.

The Antigua Guardian, is reporting Ghonim is wanted for a capital crime in the U.S. and that U.S. Marshals are already in Antigua to escort him to the mainland.

Ghonim, the owner of "Ayoushe Beauty Supplies Limited" in Antigua, married Lando, who is Miss Dominica 2012, in 2014.



### Rihanna visits Cuba

Rihanna gets into an American classic car after a photo shoot in Havana, Cuba, Friday, May 29, 2015. See story on page 26.

Associated Press / Desmond Boylan

### Barbados

Barbados has ratified the global Arms Trade Treaty aimed at preventing the illicit trade in conventional arms.

Barbados officially became a state party after Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, Keith Marshall, deposited the country's instrument of ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty at the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

The Arms Trade Treaty is the first global treaty, which establishes legally binding standards to regulate the international trade in conventional arms. It also aims to prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in conventional arms and prevent their diversion.

The Treaty entered into force on Dec. 24, 2014, following its ratification by

50 states.

"Given the devastating impacts of illicit small arms and light weapons and their ammunition in the Caribbean region, Barbados joined fellow CARICOM countries in negotiating for a robust treaty, which would include regulation of the trade in small arms, light weapons, their ammunition, parts and components," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade said in a statement. A total of 11 of the 14 states of CARICOM are now party to the treaty.

### Dominica

The Petrocaribe plant in Dominica is to be renamed in honor of late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez this month, exactly a decade after he signed the fuel deal with Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit.

The announcement was made by Minister of Lands, Housing Settlements and Water Resource Management Regional Austria, who has responsibility for Petrocaribe, at the recent celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the Petrocaribe Energy Corporation Agreement under which Venezuela sells gasoline, diesel and liquid petroleum gas to Dominica at preferential rates.

He said the June 29 renaming of the plant from Waitikubuli Storage Facility to the Hugo Chavez Storage Facility would be done "in recognition of the effort and hard work that President Chavez has put in the program".

The Petrocaribe agreement, conceived by Chavez who died on March 5, 2013, at the age of 58, benefits several

other countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

### Guyana

A mining pit collapsed in the Guyanese jungle recently, presumably burying 10 gold miners, who are believed to be dead.

So far six bodies were located in the mine.

"The men are confirmed dead," said Ajay Baksh, a consultant with the local Guyana gold and diamond miners association.

The accident at the private mine was believed to have been caused by heavy rainfall that saturated the soil surrounding the pit.

Rupert Roopnarine, Guyana's official in charge of the natural resources

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# Garifuna to be recognized

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Member of Parliament for North Leeward, Roland "Patel" Matthews, and former Communications and Works Minister in a former NDP administration, Glenford Stewart.

"There are those who say it can't be done, but it will be done," added the former prime minister to loud applause, with some Garifuna in the audience. "I have naysayers who say 'it'll be a drain on the economy.' There's a saying, 'where ignorance is bliss, it's folly to be wise.'

"I must say, they'll (Garifuna) make the most marvelous contribution to St. Vincent and the Grenadines," continued the NDP president. "There's no way they can pull us down; they'll pull us up.

"Tonight, I say to the Garifuna, 'welcome home,'" Eustace declared. "We've stated our position tonight, and we'll stand by it."

During his week-long visit to New York, Eustace said he had met with a number of Garifuna, descendants of Black Caribs from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and "got an understanding of what took place" (leading up to and during their exile by the British on Baliceaux – a rocky island in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Roatan, an island off Honduras).



Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace addressing town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

"They are, therefore, ours," the Opposition Leader said. "It is time that we take steps to remedy this situation. We cannot allow, in good conscience, the situation to continue."

In recent years, Eustace said he had heard "more and more of the Garifuna and their commitment to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which they call Yuremein.

"It became more and more clear that we cannot ignore this matter," he said. "We must address it."

He noted that, about 218 years ago, the British "mistreated and exiled a lot of people we now call Garifuna," stating that they were first sent to Baliceaux "where many of them died" and then to exile in Roatan.

# CaribCan

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favor of the Caribbean, as it largely allows products from the region to enter Canadian markets duty free or with preferential treatment. A new agreement would have amended this but from all indications, this might not be the case anytime soon unless something dramatic happens from the level of the Canadian prime minister's office.

The missive to the WTO asks it to extent CaribCan until 2023, the second time an extension would have been sought. The first was to cover the period when negotiations had been active.

In the meanwhile, however, the Canadians have interestingly not indicated any plans to restart talks. Both sides have been arguing that they have granted the maximum level of tax and other concessions to each other, leaving little wiggle room for a restart of talks.

Regional leaders welcomed the move to the WTO by Canada, noting that it "will ensure that existing CARICOM trade with Canada will continue without disruption."

From the very beginning, the negotiations have had its problems with the smaller Eastern Caribbean states being lukewarm to the sessions, arguing that they had little reason to open their economies to powerful producers

and suppliers out of Canada while having little in return to export.

Additionally, duty free trade means they would lose much needed import duties, noting the fact that the U.S. and Europe have already destroyed the lifeline banana export industry and have collapsed other revenue earners such as online gambling.

For the region, CaribCan has been kind to economies. Since the 90s, CARICOM has dominated trade with Canada, enjoying a favorable trade balance thanks largely to bulk gold exports from Guyana and Suriname as well as petroleum products from Trinidad.

This is the second time Canada has asked the world body to approve a waiver and extension of CaribCan. The first had come in the midst of negotiations for a free trade deal.

Officials at regional headquarters in Guyana say that the move by Canada means it has given up on trade negotiations with the region but trade ministers will try to nudge Canadian negotiators back to the table. Leaders are scheduled to meet in Barbados in early July and will discuss the way forward if there is one.

While some officials cling on to hope, the latest announcement from CARICOM speaks of "Canada's recent decision to suspend trade negotiations with the community," noting that various levels of meeting in the Caribbean "will give member states the opportunity to decide on the way forward."



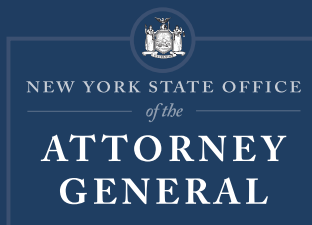
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# National Caribbean-American Heritage Month

By US President Barack Obama

For centuries, Americans have been united with our Caribbean neighbors not just by friendship and economic cooperation, but also by our common values and ties of kin.

From a region of extraordinary beauty, generations of immigrants have brought their enormous spirit, unique talents, and vibrant culture to the United States. Their contributions have enriched our Nation and strengthened the deep bonds between our peoples.

This month, we celebrate the Caribbean Americans whose legacies are woven into the fabric of our Nation, and we reaffirm our belief that throughout the region, we all share a stake in one another's success.

As partners, our nations have reached for progress together, and in our diverse cultures and complex histories, we see a common trajectory toward a more free, equal, and prosperous community. Throughout the Caribbean, courageous peoples have thrown off the yoke of colonial rule, seizing the right to chart their own destinies, and they have overcome the stains of slavery and segregation to widen the circle of opportunity for all. Here in America, Caribbean Americans have followed in the footsteps of their ancestors, joining their voices with the chorus of patriots and carrying forward the baton of justice — from the battlefield and the outfield, in places like Selma and Seneca Falls, and through powerful song, poetry, and prose.

Just as our nations' pasts are shared, our futures are inextricably linked. As millions of Caribbean Americans con-



President Barack Obama.

Associated Press / Carolyn Kaster

tinue to innovate and thrive in the United States, my Administration is committed to lifting up hardworking individuals throughout the Caribbean and partnering with governments to build the foundation for the next century of progress and prosperity. We are investing in young business leaders and civil society activists, working to expand what is possible for the next generation of Caribbean leaders, and supporting entrepreneurship, student exchanges, and more effective job training. With new partnerships, we are helping to move the region toward cleaner, more

affordable energy. And as the United States begins to normalize our relations with Cuba, we have the potential to empower a nation and end a legacy of mistrust in our hemisphere.

America is and always has been a nation of immigrants, and today — as pillars of family and leaders in their communities — Caribbean Americans strengthen every aspect of our society. We must ensure our Nation remains a magnet for the best and the brightest around the world. Because of my 2012 DACA policy, thousands of DREAMers

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## St. Vincent's first chief minister

By Nelson A. King

Ebenezer Theodore Joshua (May 23, 1908 – March 14, 1991) was a Vincentian politician and the first chief minister of St. Vincent from 1956 to 1967.

Joshua, who was born in Kingstown, the Vincentian capital, went to work, as a young man, in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1920s.

There, he became involved, with Buzz Butler, in trade unionism. From 1938 until 1950, Joshua was an official of the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union.

According to Caribbean Companion, Joshua, in 1950, was futile in being elected to the Trinidad and Tobago Legislature.

A year later, however, he returned to his native land, where he entered politics and was elected to the country's Assembly.

In 1952, Joshua founded the People's Political Party (PPP), whose goal was to garner political independence from the United Kingdom, and improve working conditions and wages.

With St. Vincent and the Grenadines obtaining increased autonomy, Joshua became the country's first chief minister in 1956.

His PPP gained continued success in subsequent elections up to 1967, when the party lost to Robert Milton Cato's St. Vincent Labor Party (SVLP).

Joshua remained in Parliament until 1979, when the PPP lost all parliamentary seats. Five years later, the party dissolved.

Dr. Kenneth John, a historian, columnist and lawyer, wrote in THE VINCENTIAN on March 13, 1992 that Joshua, affectionately called "Papa Joshua,"

was "a born leader, a noble patriot and committed Vincentian," who went to the Great Beyond on Thursday, March 14, 1991.

John noted that Joshua died on the anniversary of the death of Carib Paramount Chief Joseph Chatoyer.

"Joshua was a colossus that bestrode the political center, and one who contributed positively to the shaping and molding of modern St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he said, stating that Joshua saw active political service from 1951 to 1979 — from Adult Suffrage to Independence.

John said Joshua's political career can be "neatly divided up" into three separate decades: 1951-1960; 1961-1970; and 1971-1980.

"His finest hour, undoubtedly, fell in  
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Geoffrey Holder and wife attend the Alvin Ailey 50th Anniversary Opening Night Gala in New York on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008.

Associated Press / Peter Kramer, File

## Geoffrey Holder, the quintessential multi-tasker

By Les Slater

In a New York Times review in 2009 of the documentary film "Carmen & Geoffrey," about multifaceted Geoffrey Holder and his wife, the dancer/choreographer Carmen de Lavallade, Stephen Holden wrote that given Holder's awesome accumulation of talents, along with de Lavallade's impressive resume, you wonder why they were not more widely recognized as "national treasures."

Holden mentioned the marginalization of the world of dance, as well as race, as perhaps contributing to this. And he asked: "What does it say about our culture that Mr. Holder is probably best known as the voice of the 'uncola' commercial for 7 Up?" To the Times' credit, not giving Geoffrey Holder his props wasn't about to be a charge laid at its door. Its full-bodied obituary when Holder died last Oct. 5 was altogether reflective of the "national treasure" esteem in which he was held.

It would be difficult, if not downright impossible to find anyone in arts and entertainment as gifted in as many disciplines as was Holder: dancer, choreographer, costume designer, set designer, director, painter, sculptor, actor, singer, composer. He achieved his most notable acclaim when he won Tony Awards for directing and costume design for "The Wiz" in 1975. He also earned a Tony nomination in 1978 for costume design in "Timbuktu!" Early in his U.S. residency, he had been the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship in painting. But except for these and other acknowledgments of his creative strengths that would have been brought to the public's attention, Holder largely did not gain the kind

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# Grenadian trailblazer for 'Schure'

By Vinette K. Pryce

A Hollywood spotlight will focus on Grenadian Yvette Noel-Schure on June 19 when she receives Caribbean Heritage Organization's Trailblazer Award.

Named to receive the prestigious award, the music industry specialist is among six distinguished honorees to be cited for excellence and superlative contribution in as many areas of career fields.

That she will be celebrated in Caribbean-American Heritage Month and Black Music Month honors the Birch Grove-born native who is named for persevering and dedicated duty in the music industry.

Her journey from Grenada, led her to City University of New York's City College where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

After that, she quickly honed her skills as a reporter working for Gannett News Service where she was tasked with covering a wide variety of stories.

That foray ended when she was tagged in 1985 for an editor's position at the popular teen Black Beat Magazine.

In her position, the editor-in-chief was responsible for delivering the latest entertainment news breaking with young stars.

Akin to the TMZ of this era, Black Beat and Noel-Schure was able to keep teenagers informed on virtually every aspect of their adolescence. Often her reports also introduced new talent signed to major record label deals.

It was there that she bonded with and nurtured relationships with the likes of LL Cool J, Will Smith, Whitney Houston, New Kids on the Block, Boyz II Men, New Edition, Tupac Shakur, Patti LaBelle and other Black entertainment talents.

Her insightful production displays, unique style of writing, diversity in reporting and alluring personality did not go unnoticed and eight years later she made a major leap from objective journalism to personally declaring approval of specific products

as a publicist.

Named director of media at Columbia Records, Noel-Schure was handed her very first project.

"I remember taking a deep breath and ...praying," Noel-Schure said.

Her first task was to execute a publicity plan for her boss' — Tommy Mottola — new bride, Mariah Carey.

That the singer was also the label's young and promising signee from Long Island posed more than a few challenges for the former journalist.

Needless to say, that successful first endeavor quickly led to campaigns for Jessica Simpson, Tony Rebel, Diana King, Super Cat, Tremaine Hawkins, John Legend, Kenny Lattimore, Destinys Child, Will Smith, Wyclef Jean, Bow Wow and Beyoncé.

By 1997 she was upped to the position of senior director and not long after, vice president working for an even expanded roster which also included Johnny Mathis, Nancy Wilson,



From left, John Legend, Yvette Noel-Schure and Chrissy Teigen.

Prince and long-time signees to the label.

Fully loaded with expertise from virtually every genre, Noel-Schure left the corporate structure in 2010 to establish an independent franchise devoted to publicity and event planning. She named it Schure Media Group and as a symbol, used the Spice Island's nutmeg as her identifying logo.

Her first major triumph was inking her first client signing the

global superstar Beyoncé.

"Yvette Noel-Schure is a seasoned and respected industry veteran, and one of the top creative executives in the music PR business," Mathew Knowles, Beyoncé's father, former manager, and World Entertainment president and CEO said.

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# Jamaican Patriot scores touchdown in Super-Bowl

By Vinette K. Pryce

Without apologies, Jamaicans are known to toot their own horn.

And on Super-Bowl Sunday earlier this year, Jamaicans on the island huddled in clubs, sports bars and private homes to whistle, cheer and applaud throughout the National Football League's showdown between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots.

For most, all bets were on a winning performance from Patriots' player number 23, Patrick Christopher Chung.

When the 27-year-old, 5 feet 11 inches, 210-pound athlete scored a tackle, it was like sprinter Usain Bolt had won another Olympic gold. And when victory recorded a final score of 28-24 for the Patriots, television viewers there added another historic entry naming the nation's first Super-Bowl ring bearer.

Supportive of the Kingston, Jamaica-born athlete they cheered each tackle that may have enabled a touchdown to their 28-24 victory against the Seattle contenders.

Chung is one of a handful of Jamaicans to play in the much-revered Super Bowl game. He was tagged a Caribbean achiever by Caribbean Airlines' web portal [caribbean-beat.com](http://caribbean-beat.com) as one of only four from the region to excel to Super-Bowl status.

With Puerto Rico's Victor Cruz (New York Giants), Haiti's Pierre Garcon (Washington Redskins) and Barbados' Ramon Harewood (Baltimore Ravens) Chung joined the short list of Caribbean players to make the NFL.

"It's something I've worked for my whole life," Chung told the Portland tribune. "This is awesome."

According to reports: "Chung was drafted by the New England Patriots in the second round (34th overall) of the 2009 NFL Draft. He played four seasons with the Patriots, signed a free agency contract with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2013, and subsequently returned to New England for his sixth season in the NFL."

His road to the spotlight began when his family moved to the United States.

He was 10 years old.

His mother, Sophia George, acclaimed for her reggae hit "Girlie Girlie" and father Ronald Chung settled in Miami, Florida.

After a brief stint in Miami, the family relocated to Rancho Cucamonga, a suburb southeast of Los Angeles in California. Chung did not play organized football until he was a 13-year-old freshman at Rancho Cucamonga High.

Reportedly a fast-learner, by age 16 he was enrolled at the University of Oregon and playing the game with skill and promise.



New England Patriots defensive back Patrick Chung (23) celebrates after an interception clinched a victory for the Patriots against the Seattle Seahawks Sunday Feb. 1, 2015 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, site of Super Bowl XLIX. New England defeated Seattle 28-24 to win Super Bowl XLIX.

Associated Press / Damian Strohmeier

Initially, his mother feared he would be hurt playing the rugged sport and even tried to dissuade him from playing the game.

She encouraged her athletic son to try-out for the swim team.

Chung holds the distinction of starting more games than any other defensive player in Oregon history, having started 51 straight games during his collegiate career.

But his record reveals he is "a two-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection."

It has been widely reported that "Chung finished his Oregon Ducks college career with 384 tackles; 9 interceptions, 19 tackles for loss, 26 passes defended, and 4 sacks."

"He caused and recovered a fumble, batted down seven passes and returned his only interception 31 yards for a touchdown," Wikipedia states.

Early into his career he played safety for the Philadelphia Eagles.

About his heritage Chung said: "I'm not just a Jamaican. I'm from the West Indies. That means pride, hard work,

and being kind to people.

The Chinese-Jamaican added: "Growing up in Jamaica teaches you about diversity."

"It teaches you race doesn't matter. It's how you live life and how you treat people."

He credits his Jamaican roots with shaping him as a hard-working, relentless NFL player.

"I realize I come from a small place," he said, "but so many West Indians have shaped the US. I'm proud of that, and I know I can make a difference on the field. Jamaicans are fast and quick, and that helps us in football."

Chung is proud of his Jamaican heritage.

He sports tattoos that remind him of his roots. "Kingston and August, my birthday, are on my right bicep, and Jamaica is on my left bicep."

"I never forget my Jamaican roots."

For Jamaicans, nationality mattered on Feb. 1 at the University of Phoenix Stadium when the Patriots became champions.



Grenadian Theophilus Albert Marryshow.

Photo courtesy of University of the West Indies

## Father of West Indies Federation

By Nelson A. King

Grenadian Theophilus Albert Marryshow was known throughout the Caribbean as the "Father of West Indies Federation."

He was regarded as an ardent advocate of closer association of the islands of the region all his life, leading campaigns in all West Indian colonies with that object in view, according to CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Perspective.

Born Nov. 7, 1887, Marryshow received primary education at the St. George's Methodist School in Grenada.

He started life as an office boy at the age of 16 in the then "Federalist and Grenada People," and was its sub-editor and book reviewer at 19.

In 1915, he co-founded the "West Indian," which he later owned outright and edited until 1924, according to CARICOM Perspective.

It said Marryshow was a prime mover around 1905 in spreading branches of Literary and Debating Societies in Grenada. The movement was later adopted in other islands.

After years of preparation in municipal life, CARICOM Perspective said Marryshow took a leading part in politics and in West Indian affairs generally, with emphasis on the right of all West Indian people to elect their own chosen representatives in inter-colonial legislatures.

As a result of his persuasion, CARICOM Perspective said the then secretary of state for the colonies appointed a commission, which was sent to the West Indies to enquire into constitutional reform.

The report of the commission was favorable; and, as a result, Grenada and the rest of the Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands and Trinidad and Tobago gained a "first measure of rep-

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# Enforcing Belize rights to its territorial waters

By Wellington C. Ramos

According to international law many countries claim their 12 miles of territorial waters and enforce their jurisdiction over it. There is also a 20-mile and the Exclusive Economic Zone for drilling and other rights that Belize can control in their southern border with Guatemala and Honduras. Then come international waters. Belize would like to do the same but the Guatemalan claim is standing in the way. Guatemala is claiming the whole or part of our country for years now and there is no end in sight. If Guatemala was to drop their claim, then they will be land locked and have no access to the Atlantic Ocean for their commercial and military vessels. Guatemalan vessels have always and continue to traffic through Belizean waters without any action taken by the Belizean government. Is there a secret agreement between Great Britain, Belize and Guatemala to allow their vessels to traffic through our territorial waters? If there is then it should be made public to we the Belizean citizens. The failure of the Belize government to stop these vessels to continue traveling through Belize waters gives me the impression that there is an agreement. Or, Belize may be allowing Guatemala to use their waters as a Good Neighbor Policy to avoid increasing tensions over the Guatemalan claim. These are the

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type of discussions that our leaders from the political parties should be discussing to educate us about the Belize-Guatemala dispute.

The withholding of information from the Belizean citizens will make us not trust our government in dealing with this Guatemalan claim. I am not against signing a conditional agreement with Guatemala, to allow their commercial vessels the right to go back and forth through Belizean waters to the Atlantic Ocean as a Good Neighbor Policy but military vessels no. Unless, their commercial vessels are being threatened while trying to move back and forth in Belize's territorial waters with their goods.

In fact, indirectly it seems as if this has been the position of the British and all the Belizean governments PUP and UDP since we obtained our independence on Sept. 21, 1981. Do you all remember The Maritime Areas Act? The Belize government was forced to withdraw it because of pressure

coming from Belizean citizens. I just hope and pray that some provisions of this proposed agreement were not signed later in bilateral agreements without our consent and approval. They cannot say that they have changed their positions on this issue because they have not publicly stated their position to we the Belizean citizens. Belizean fishermen are at risk if they travel in this area and encounter Guatemalan patrol boats. Offshore drilling is another issue that is being discussed constantly by the Belizean government that will be affected as well.

If Guatemala does not have a 12-mile territorial waters in the region because they are landlocked, then the issue of having "markers" to identify our territorial waters is insignificant. For anyone to raise the issue that there is need for "markers," make me suspect that there was and is an agreement between Britain, Belize and Guatemala for the use of our Territorial Waters. The use of military vessels to traffic back and forth through the territorial waters of a nation state without their consent and approval, is in violation of international law and can be deemed a hostile act leading to a conflict and war. I call on my people in Belize to start asking these types of questions in this debate.

*Wellington C. Ramos is an adjunct professor of history and political science*

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# Congress rewards corporations, punishes the American people

By Frank Clemente

Congress keeps feeding big corporations huge tax cuts they don't deserve, even as it starves average Americans of the services and investments they need. The latest example of this indefensible policy is a \$182 billion corporate tax giveaway the U.S. House of Representatives recently approved. It comes after Congress passed a budget earlier this month that slashes \$5 trillion from benefits and services that help working families get by and get ahead.

This huge tax cut would make permanent a break corporations get for research and development (R&D) costs. The R&D tax credit has been around for years, but only on a "temporary" basis that's been repeatedly extended.

While government should support useful private-sector research, this tax break has often been abused: corporations can claim the tax credit for questionable "innovations" including new food flavors, textures and packaging or use it on research they likely would have done anyway, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. As the Congressional Research Service explains, companies can claim the tax credit for such dubious research because the guidelines for what qualifies as research are "vague and incomplete."

Even granting that the R&D tax credit is worthwhile, it should be paid for by closing

other corporate tax loopholes. While conservatives demand that any new spending benefiting the American people be paid for by cutting spending, they hypocritically apply different rules to corporate tax breaks: every dollar handed out to corporations in tax cuts is added to the deficit.

The R&D tax credit is not the only huge tax giveaway to corporations and the rich passed by the House this year. Two other costly tax breaks have been approved without being paid for ("Section 179 expensing" and the "State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Act"). Then there's the \$269 billion cost of repealing the estate tax, which the House voted to do last month, benefiting the wealthiest 0.2 percent of estates owned by multi-millionaires and billionaires. The total cost of all four of these special-interest tax breaks is \$570 billion over 10 years.

Meanwhile, the American people are paying the price for fiscal austerity. The budget blueprint just passed by Congress would slash health care for seniors and the poor, ignore crumbling infrastructure, and make it harder for already struggling families to buy groceries and afford college.

The cuts are stupid as well as cruel. The IRS won't have enough money to catch tax cheats, even though every dollar invested in enforcement

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# Jack, apparently seriously in the box

We're prepared to give the benefit of the doubt to Jack Warner's lawyers (the presumption being that, typically, he has a battery of them) and assume that all of the post-indictment rants coming from the guy have been happening in spite of advice given by counsel that he not be running off at the mouth. History tells us that's too tall an order for Warner, though, so until he has a sense of stuff menacingly hitting the fan and the forces closing in to inflict on him some serious hurt, non-stop yakking from the indicted one seems a pretty safe expectation. But serving up last week's indictments to Warner and a bunch of others related to skullduggery in the FIFA operation was the U.S. Justice Department. And maybe that dynamic should get the guy to thinking of treading more lightly than he's used to.

How Warner responds in circumstances like the present tends to be quite predictable. He is always "a victim," with one or more haters at any given time out

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

to get him. Whereupon comes his promise to spill the beans that will cause all damnation to pour down like acid rain on whoever had the chutzpah to do him wrong. Upon his exit from FIFA he was supposed to be doing some squealing that would shake that benighted outfit to its core. We've been waiting; maybe the timing just hasn't been right. Ditto, when he was suddenly no longer in the bosom of the KamlaPersad-Bissessar government in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2013, was he going to expose dirt on the regime that it couldn't possibly survive. And again, an opportune moment for running that play is evidently yet to arrive.

Warner's parting of ways with Bissessar and her confederates was prompted by the release of a report on

the affairs of CONCACAF, the regional soccer confederation, that was very incriminating of Warner. The report, by the respected Barbadian legal eagle Sir David Simmons, forced Bissessar's axing of Warner from her cabinet. In truth, Warner ought never to have become a member of the cabinet, appointed as he was while still serving as a FIFA vice president. The absence of scruples, either on Warner's behalf in making himself available for a cabinet position or Bissessar's in handing him one, was one of the early signals from the administration of its scant regard for rules and / or convention.

Warner was clearly very much at home in the Bissessar administration culture of reckless abandon and arbitrarily laying aside basic guidelines of proper governance. And let's not entertain any doubt that, but for that damning CONCACAF report that put a high beam on his malfeasant ways, he would today be as happily

**Warner had pulled out all the stops in his effort to prove himself a king maker.**

ensconced with Bissessar's crew as he was after serving as principal navigator of her challenge to and dethroning of Basdeo Panday as their party's leader.

Earlier, with Panday at the helm, Warner had similarly pulled out all the stops in his effort to prove himself a king maker. No dirty trick was too dirty – using "doctored" photos in campaign advertising and all the rest. All of it paled by comparison, though, with one gambit which, given any conscience in the man, would haunt him through eternity. This was the "pilgrimage" to South Africa made by Warner and Panday to "hustle" Nelson Mandela into endorsement of their party in the T&T election of 2007. Sanity prevailed, and

they got rebuffed by the great Mandela. But this was and is Warner. There is no bridge too far.

As usual, Warner is rolling out the regular routine in this latest round of problems. This time, says he, it's the big bad U.S. lording it over pipsqueak T&T, he having done his country so proud in attaining the heights within FIFA that he did. (Say, what? Not at all so sure that, even if it did at one time look good on his home turf, that Warner's being a FIFA big cheese continued to register positively for the long haul.) All of these diversionary tactics, all the bravado and big noise are good for squat. The smart betting says the Justice Department moved on Warner and the other alleged FIFA wrongdoers only because it had solid reason to. Trash-talking to garner sympathy, to instill doubt...to whatever end, looks like a sure-fire loser. Warner's legal people need to try again to get their embattled client to zip it.

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reaps six dollars in revenue. Ironically, even as profitable corporations have their often dubious research subsidized by taxpayers, the federal budget blueprint cuts medical and other scientific research that makes our society healthier and our economy stronger.

All of us have given up something to reduce the deficit—except corporations. Federal spending is expected to be cut by about \$3.6 trillion over the next 10 years due to budget deals enacted since 2010. Total revenue increases will be about \$836 billion, resulting in a very unbalanced ratio of \$4 in spending cuts for every \$1 raised from taxes on the rich. The wealthy could do a lot more, but corporations haven't contributed a dime.

Giveaways like the R&D tax credit just add to the unfairness of a system riddled with loopholes. Over a recent five-year period, many familiar corporate giants such as General Electric, Verizon and Boeing paid zero federal income tax.

The choices being made by this Congress are very troubling. While it's willing to give out a \$182 billion R&D tax break with no questions asked, it's been scrambling to figure out how to close a 10-year \$168 billion shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund because it's not

willing to raise taxes. This imperils basic investments for roads, bridges and mass transit.

Even as Congress makes corporate tax breaks permanent, it refuses to do the same to help working families. The Republican budget failed to renew improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit that expire in 2017, which provide crucial income support to working families. As a result, more than 13 million families (including nearly 25 million children) would lose an average of \$1,073 per family.

Voting to give corporations a huge tax cut, without closing loopholes to pay for it, is the height of hypocrisy. It represents an egregious double standard by conservatives: they increase the deficit by providing hundreds of billions in tax breaks to corporations while they slash \$5 trillion in spending that primarily benefits working Americans in order to reduce the deficit.

No further research is needed: that destructive pattern must be reversed. Congress can begin by rejecting the R&D tax credit.

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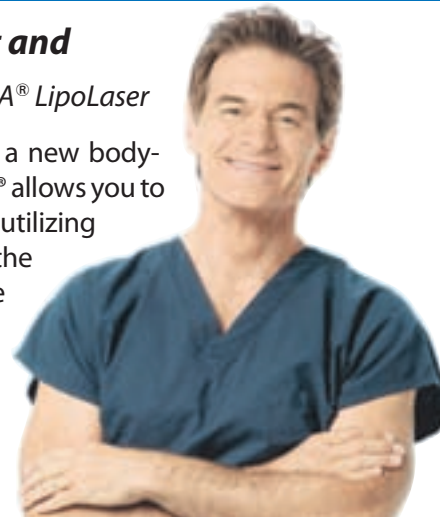


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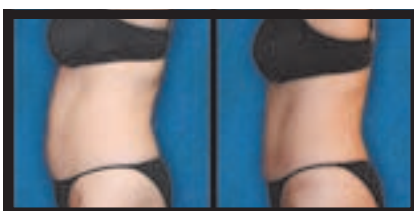
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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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es sector, said efforts would continue to recover the corpses of the 10 men believed to have died.

Seven other miners escaped or were rescued alive after the accident, which occurred about 40 feet underground.

## Jamaica

Jamaicans are being put on alert following an outbreak of another mosquito-borne illness, the Zika virus.

Following meetings at the World health Assembly, which took place recently in Geneva, Switzerland and a warning issued by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) regarding an outbreak of the Zika virus in Brazil and its potential to spread to other countries, the Ministry of Health is urging citizens to take the necessary precautions to ride their surroundings of any place mosquitoes breed.



The Zika virus, also known as ZIKV, is transmitted by the bite of an infected Aedes aegypti mosquito, the same mosquito that transmits chikungunya and dengue.

Brazil has confirmed its first case in May.

Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Marion Bullock-Du Casse said "this virus has never been detected in Jamaica before and we are taking all the precautions."

## St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government said that it was become aware of an Associated Press (AP) report dated May 5, 2015 that 38 Cubans caught trying to sail to the United States had tourist visas to the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia when they were intercepted at sea by Coast Guard.

An investigation has been launched into the matter to determine how the alleged visas appeared in the passports of the Cuban nationals, since Cuban nationals do not require tourist visas to visit St. Lucia.



The government of St. Lucia said it is in touch with the Cuban and American authorities on this matter. The government said it has become aware of the AP story and an investigation has been launched into the matter.

## St. Vincent

Chairman of the Prisons Committee Bishop Charlesworth Browne is strongly defending a program to utilize the services of convicts to work for St. Vincent's Environment Division.

There are some 20 prisoners, who include at least one woman will be employed with the division in varying capacities.



Browne said the program is strictly rehabilitative and worthy of the effort and time which went into getting it off the ground.

"There are 345 prisoners, even those

who are given life sentences, chances are, they have appealed. There are others who could have their sentences shortened. What we are doing now is preparing these persons to be a better citizen when that person comes out," Browne said.

Chief Environment Officer Diann Black-Layne said the prisoners will be engaged in a pilot recycling waste program, operating a sewage treatment plant, planting 1000 trees island wide and cleaning beaches of seaweed, among other environmental projects.

## St. Kitts

St. Vincent Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves and Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne have urged Caribbean governments that are not major shareholders of regional airline LIAT to change the status by giving meaningful financial support to the airline.

Both made that appeal at the recent Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) seminar in St. Kitts on making air transport work better for the Caribbean.

Gonsalves spoke in his capacity as chairman of the group of shareholder governments of LIAT.



Browne said, while LIAT must seek to improve its operations, the airline needs to be subsidized, arguing that LIAT is making a significant contribution to the integration process and should be supported by the governments of the region.

It's not clear what the position of the new Team Unity administration in St. Kitts and Nevis on LIAT will be. Former Prime Minister Denzil Douglas said his government had in its last six months in office been taking a critical look at the LIAT problem.

Douglas said under consideration was the use of the Sugar Industry Diversification Fund (SIDF) funds to help Bassetterre become a major shareholder of LIAT.

## Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago citizens will soon be able to travel to Europe without a visa.

T&T Ambassador to Belgium Allison King-Rousseau has signed an agreement with Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Dookeran to allow T&T nationals to travel visa free to much of Europe.

The agreement was signed at the margin of the EU-African Caribbean and Pacific Meeting which took place in Brussels last week.



The European Union Delegation to T&T announced the agreement.

In a release, the delegation said the agreement allowed citizens of T&T to visit Schengen area countries for a short stay of up to 90 days without requiring a visa, as long as the purpose of the visit was not to engage in paid activity.

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Compiled by Azad Ali



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# Jamaican college prepares for a public offering

The University College of the Caribbean (UCC), Jamaica's largest privately held tertiary education institution and one of the ranking top four recognized universities with accredited programmes in the island, is preparing to launch the first ever IPO by a college or university in Jamaica. Led by Dr. Winston Adams, UCC's President, and with major business partners in tow, the UCC will officially announce its plans at the Jamaican Diaspora Conference at the Montego Bay Convention Center, June 15-18, 2015.

In sync with the Conference theme, "Jamaica and the Diaspora: Linking for Growth and Prosperity", the UCC will showcase a fully developed investment package throughout the three-day conference. The UCC will host a booth and exclusive, by invitation only, cocktail reception for investors, in partnership with JAMPRO, Jamaica's investment and trade promotions agency.

## Initial Public Offering & Investment Opportunities

"The UCC is looking forward to undertaking its next development phase, this time as a public company" said Dr. Adams. He further noted that the college is now taking the necessary steps in establishing an IPO targeting the international community, including the Jamaican Diaspora that will offer lucrative medium and long



The University College of the Caribbean (UCC), Jamaica.

University College of the Caribbean

term investments in Jamaica in substantial and profitable areas of the economy.

Based on the pool of assets, the experience of the players and the strength of the plans, the UCC initiative has been welcomed by the Jamaica Stock Exchange. The IPO will be positioned to raise US\$10 million of capital funding.

## Holland Estate University Town

The capital will be utilized for the build out of the first phases of the university's investment projects, including the development of Jamaica's first university town. Part-

nering with UCC, is Zuccherrina Developments, headed by foreign real estate developer, James Goren. Located on 192 acres of land, the expansive gated community is located just five minutes from Trelawny's capital, Falmouth. The 1,200 home community is slated to be site for the development of UCC's Western Region Campus focused on Tourism and Hospitality; Health and Wellness and a Boutique Hotel. UCC will be granted 10 acres of green space in the centre of the development.

The University Town will offer a host of complementary services and amenities such as

banks, cambios, supermarkets and health facilities. The development has been conceptualized to be a first-world facility with tremendous appeal to international student.

## Business Process Outsourcing

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## The importance of the Diaspora

Acknowledging the significance of the Jamaican Diaspora in Jamaica's development, Dr. Adams said, "The Jamaican Diaspora is an important and untapped source for investment. They have a compelling personal interest in Jamaica and have demonstrated this interest in decades of investment in real estate, financial support for their families remaining in Jamaica, not to mention to the education sector, in particular, in immeasurable ways".

Dr. Adams went on to highlight his appreciation for the fact that Jamaicans abroad, like any investor, want real and viable investment opportunities that are profitable. "The fact that these investments will also redound to the benefit of the Jamaican economy and their families back home is but an additional benefit that makes the return on investment that much more attractive," Dr. Adams said.

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# Washington removes Cuba from US terrorism list



This coastal view of Havana, Cuba shows the United States Interests Section diplomatic mission, the third tall building from the right, on Sunday, May 24, 2015. On Friday, May 29 the Obama administration formally removed Cuba from a U.S. terrorism blacklist as part of the process of normalizing relations between the Cold War foes.

Associated Press / Desmond Boylan

By **Andrea Rodriguez and Matthew Lee**

HAVANA (AP) — The Obama administration formally removed Cuba from the U.S. terrorism blacklist Friday, a decision hailed in Cuba as the healing of a decades-old wound and an important step toward normalizing relations between the Cold War foes.

Secretary of State John Kerry signed off on rescinding Cuba's "state sponsor of terrorism" designation exactly 45 days after the Obama administration informed Congress of its intent to do so on April 14. Lawmakers had that amount of time to weigh in and try to block the move, but did not do so.

"The 45-day congressional pre-notification period has expired, and the secretary of state has made the final decision to rescind Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism, effective today, May 29, 2015," the State Department said in a statement.

"While the United States has significant concerns and disagreements with a wide range of Cuba's policies and actions, these fall outside the criteria relevant to the rescission of a state sponsor of terrorism designation," the statement said.

The step comes as officials from the two countries continue to hash out details for restoring full diplomatic relations, including opening embassies in Washington and Havana and returning ambassadors to the two countries for the first time since the U.S. severed diplomatic relations with the island in January 1961. The removal of Cuba from the terrorism list had been a key Cuban demand.

The Cold War-era designation was levied mainly for Cuba's support of leftist guerrillas around the world and isolated the communist island from much of the world financial system because banks fear repercussions from doing business with designated countries. Even Cuba's Interests Section

in Washington lost its bank in the United States, forcing it to deal in cash until it found a new banker this month.

Banks continue to take a cautious tone about doing business with Cuba since U.S. laws still make the island off limits for U.S. businesses. Leaders of the Republicans-controlled House have shown zero interest in repealing the laws from the 1990s that codified the U.S. embargo on trade with Cuba.

"Taking Cuba off the terrorism list is one step toward normalization, but for doing business down there, we have a long way to go," said Rob Rowe, vice president and associate chief counsel at the American Bankers Association.

In a blog post, the White House called the decision on the terrorism list another step toward improving relations with Cuba.

"For 55 years, we tried using isolation to bring about change in Cuba," it said. "But by isolating Cuba from the United

States, we isolated the United States from the Cuban people and, increasingly, the rest of the world."

The terrorism list was a particularly charged issue for Cuba because of the U.S. history of supporting exile groups

responsible for attacks on the island, including the 1976 bombing of a Cuban passenger flight from Barbados that killed 73 people aboard. The attack was linked to Cuban exiles with ties to U.S.-backed anti-Castro

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# Bronx through the eyes of a Jamaican artist

By Alley Olivier

What does the borough really have to offer beside the Yankee stadium and a ridiculously long commute? For residents of the borough, these are common misconceptions tossed by members from the surrounding boroughs creating a negative stigma that the “Boogie Down Bronx” simply has nothing to offer.

Jamaican descendant and Bronx native Dondre Green is taking on the task to change the world’s perception of his beloved borough through BronxNarratives.com — a new online publication showcasing the borough through art.

“Bronx Narratives is an online publication that provides a fresh view on our community. The Bronx is a place that is often associated with negative stereotypes, so we’ve created a platform for our readers to help understand the lifestyle of the Bronx. Created and run by Bronx native photographer, Dondre Green and fellow Bronxites. We invite you to experience our borough through our eyes,” the new website reads.



Founder Dondre Green is changing the conversation around his beloved borough of the Bronx.

Green’s love for the Bronx was not always constant. Steadily hearing that it is not a destination for the arts or that it lacks attractions like museums and other amenities found in other boroughs like Brooklyn or Manhattan, Green — a photographer — also ventured out in search of things to do. “Hear-

ing the stigma and I think any Bronx person after hearing all these bad things about your borough it can influence how you see your own borough,” he said. “You start thinking ‘well, maybe there isn’t much to do here.’ I feel like a lot of people gravitate towards the popular opinion and for me when I was a lot younger I would think the same, ‘there isn’t much to do here. Brooklyn has all these nice collectives and the museum is very nice.’”

Unwilling to settle with the stereotypes, Green decided to explore the perceptions of the Bronx through the eyes of residents and non-residents in creation of a short film. Compiling answers ranging in celebration of all the Bronx has to offer to a minority group stating how “there really isn’t much to do here,” the 11-minute short film was debuted in December 2014. With this project, Green met Decota Letman who now operates as the lead editor on the site. Through their chance meeting outside of their borough, this provided even more of a reason for Green to undertake this project as he felt there

is a lack of community in the borough.

Pooling their resources, Letman — who serves as the site’s lead editor — embarked on a journey to capture the responses of Bronx natives and transplants proving that while there are some improvements they’d like to see there is something about being and living in the Bronx that is unique and should be celebrated much like any other borough.

“There was a lack of Bronx pride coming from me and the borough in general,” he said. “I just wanted to highlight that conversation. I decided my first project as a photography project to just really highlight this conversation.”

Following the short film’s exhibit, the two realized the conversation could not end there. The exhibit attracted other artists and designers to participate in the project leading to the creation of the website. Artists such as Kayla Smith, a poet and founder of Bronx Collective is also aiming to dismantle the negative stigma about the Bronx through art, created a poem which cur-

rently leads as the site’s first editorial shot by Green.

“I went to the exhibit because I was really interested in his work and in turn he contacted me to see if I was interested in joining the work he was doing with BronxNarratives. Through any socio-political movement, art is always attached. That’s the way we have always communicated struggle, it just made sense that art is one of the mediums that I see as effective because it always been throughout history,” Smith said.

Through BronxNarratives.com, Green and his dedicated team of writers and artists are generating meaningful content that exposes another layer of the Bronx not shown on popular news networks. The website focuses on more human interest stories such as a profile of Mrs. Sarah Turner who celebrated her 99th birthday, creation of businesses, art exhibitions and more.

Still ironing out the details, Green is focusing on simply getting it right through generating original stories and photos.



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# Relationship advice from the guys

By Kevin Bollers

Relationship advice from the guys! On Thursday, May 20, Dr. Jean Alerte along with Frank Gateau held a book signing in Brooklyn, N.Y. for the newly released relationship book, "Single Man, Married Man."

Dr. Jean Alerte with eight other men has penned a new book "Single Man, Married Man" to provide women with insight to what men are thinking. So, what happens when you place eight men, single, married divorced, divorced and remarried in the position of answering and giving unique insights to real questions from real women about the male psyche when it comes to romantic relationships? What you get is a groundbreaking look at the thoughts and feelings of a diverse group of men with answers to those burning questions you've never been able to ask as well as surprising information that will forever transform the way you look at relationships.

In the book "Single Man, Married Man" you have a group of men that have come together to share their thoughts about



From left, Andrea J. Archer, Jonathan Sykes, Linda Walker, authors Dr. Jean Alerte and Frank Gateau, Jeff Wells, Crystal Okorie, Skylar, Devin and Ace. Photo by Kevin Bollers

women, relationships, marriage and what it takes for them to feel that connection that can lead to something more. In the book, the reader is able to get various men's perspective on exactly what they are looking for and expecting.

How these eight men came together was not in a haphazard way; there was a deliber-

ate process. Dr. Alerte spoke about this saying, "The process started first with myself, Frank Gateau and Jikael Bazin; the married man, the single man and the divorced man. It really happened organically. As we were doing the surveys, we were just focusing on guys who we wanted to be part of it; guys like Pervis Taylor who

is a life coach, Kel Spencer, the engaged man and Fadelf Jackson who was married, divorced and then remarried. We thought his perspective was going to be very unique and figured quite a few women would be interested hearing the point of view of what makes a man get married, remarry or stay single."

Dr. Alerte discussed how his background influenced the writing of this book. "I come from a Christian background and I come from a place where my parents have been married for over 30 years. Most of my family is married and together. So, I've always seen the family structure. I grew up in the church where my father is the pastor. In fact, he actually married me and my wife. For me, family is vital and I know firsthand what a good, solid partnership can do."

In this day and age, there is a plethora of books, articles and even movies about how to navigate relationships. Some would ask whether there is a need for another one. Dr. Alerte, however, believes that "Single Man, Married Man" cannot be compared to any other body of work because there is nothing like it. "What makes this book different is that we have real questions coming from real women, seeking real answers. This is not a book where the author is trying to project his views and ideologies onto the reader. Secondly, it's a relationship book written by real men.

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Fans take photographs of pop artist Rihanna, wearing a green scarf, as she is transported in an American classic car, after a photo shoot with photographer Annie Leibovitz at a building on the Malecon, in Havana, Cuba, Friday, May 29, 2015.  
Associated Press / Desmond Boylan

# Rihanna in Cuba's capital to record music video

HAVANA (AP) — Pop star Rihanna drew a crowd Friday while cruising down Havana's Malecon shore boulevard in a classic American convertible from the 1950s.

Children and young people swarmed around the car, using their cellphones to snap pictures of the singer while security guards kept them from getting too close.

Cuban state media say Rihanna arrived in Cuba on Wednesday and made an unannounced appearance at the La Fontana restaurant.

The media reports say she also has recorded video footage in the capital's central district of El Vedado and at the La Guarida restaurant, where the Cuban movie "Strawberry and Chocolate" was filmed.

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# Cuba

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groups and both men accused of masterminding the crime took shelter in Florida, where one, Luis Posada Carriles, currently lives.

"I think this could be a positive act that adds to hope and understanding and can help the negotiations between Cuba and the United States," said director Juan Carlos Cremata, who lost his father in the 1976 bombing.

"It's a list we never should have been on," said Ileana Alfonso, who also lost her father in the attack.

Top U.S. Republicans criticized the move, with House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio saying the Obama administration had "handed the Castro regime a significant political win in return for nothing."

"The communist dictatorship has offered no assurances it will address its long record of repression and human rights at home," Boehner said in a statement.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said the decision was a mistake and called it "further evidence that President Obama seems more interested in capitulating to our adversaries than in confronting them."



In this March 27, 2014 file photo, Cuba's President Raul Castro smiles during a meeting with Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung at Revolution Palace in Havana, Cuba. Associated Press / Adalberto Roque, Pool, File

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, praised the move, saying it is a "critical step forward in creating new opportunities for American businesses and entrepreneurs, and in strengthening family ties."

U.S. and Cuban officials have said the two sides are close to resolving the final issues needed for restoring diplomatic

relations, but the most recent round of talks ended May 22 with no announcement of an agreement.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Friday that "there continue to be issues that need to be worked out." He said important progress had been made, but would not give a time frame for an announcement. "That's obviously among the next milestones," he said.

# Marryshow

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representative government in the right to popular election on a quota of members to their legislative Councils," CARICOM Perspective said.

Through his ceaseless agitation in press and on platform, there was steady constitutional development in the West Indies, it said.

Marryshow was the first deputy president of the Grenada Legislative Council, 1951 to 1954, and member of the Executive Council from 1942 to 1954.

He sat as elected member for the capital town of St. George's since the inauguration of the new Legislative Council with elected members in 1925.

"His unbroken period of service, 30 years in the same seat, was said to constitute a parliamentary record for the Dominions and Empire," CARICOM Perspective said.

It said Marryshow, who died on Oct. 6, 1958, was referred to in influential quarters in Britain as "The Elder Statesman of the West Indies."

In the "Marryshow of Grenada: An Introduction" Jill Sheppard wrote that Marryshow was one of the key figures in the

political history of Grenada and the West Indies Federation.

Marryshow was registered as Theophilus Maricheau, son of P.I. Maricheau, a small planter, and Eugenia de Souza.

His mother died in 1890, and the boy was brought up by his godmother, Christine, housekeeper and later wife of Antonio Franco, a Portuguese merchant, Sheppard said.

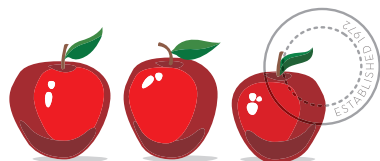
After a brief apprenticeship to a carpenter, in 1903, Franco obtained a job for the young Marcheau in the printing establishment of W.G. Donovan, initially to deliver newspapers.

Sheppard said Donovan produced "notably radical newspapers, advocating representative government and a Federation of Britain's West Indian colonies."

Marryshow (he adopted an Anglicized spelling of his last name) demonstrated literary abilities that were soon recognized by Donovan who became his mentor, Sheppard said.

"Teddy' Marryshow was soon involved in the whole range of journalistic activity, as well as becoming an active participant in local politics and in the Grenada Literary and Debating Society," she said.

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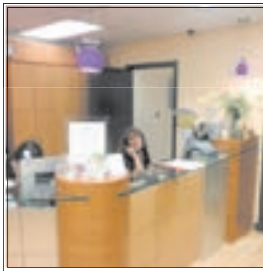
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# Comptroller steps in to protect immigrant workers



Comptroller Scott M. Stringer with workers and representatives from New York Communities for Change, Make the Road, and La Fuente. Photo courtesy of NYC Comptroller

By Alley Olivier

For immigrant workers, it can seem like an uphill battle to secure representation genuinely invested in their interests and concerns.

On May 18, New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer showed his support for immigrant workers by presenting checks for work completed on various New York City public schools and the Queens Museum.

This effort provided nearly \$1 million in unpaid wages to 33 workers with the majority of Guyanese descent, by North American Iron Works Inc. (NAIW).

“Thirty-three workers, many of them immigrants, were robbed and exploited. Today, we will pay these men the wages they deserve for their work and in doing so, we are

sending a message to unscrupulous contractors: we will take action against those who cheat their workers,” Stringer said in a press release.

Steve, who asked to exclude his last name, worked for the NAIW around 12 years. During his time, it was typical for him to be cheated out of wages and it was not until he finally got into the union that he realized the conspiracy by NAIW’s president Abdul Kari.

“I used to work for them and I asked them a couple of times to help me get in the union and he never did. He get his family into the union, why can’t he help us too? We’re all Guyanese together. He said the union is no good so I get into the union on my own. When I get into the union he was very upset with me,” Steve said.

Stringer’s efforts allowed for

workers to finally feel valued and respected for their contribution on 12 projects for which NAIW served as a subcontractor between January 2010 to February 2012.

“NAIW took advantage of workers for financial gain and now they are paying for their actions,” Stringer said. “New York is a city of immigrants and a place where if you work hard, you can succeed. To those workers who feel they are being cheated out of their wages — I am here to tell you that my office has your back.”

“I want the people out there to know what these contractors are doing out there. There are other contractors treating people worse than that. Most contractors from the Caribbean that’s what they do. I’m very happy I went ahead and did what I did. The Labor Department worked very hard on my case; when they filed it was 33 of us. They fight for us and got all of us our money,” Steve said.

Stringer launched an investigation exposing that NAIW committed wage theft. NAIW paid non-union workers \$16 per hour,

a fraction of the wage and benefit rate.

After taking legal action, the comptroller reached a settlement with NAIW requiring them to pay \$970,371.24 of which \$871,851.96 represents wage and benefit underpayments, \$52,311.12 represents interest and \$46,208.16 is payable to New York City as a civil penalty.

Kari, is also barred from bidding on or being awarded any public works contracts with the state or New York City as contractor or subcontractor for five years,

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# Ebenezer Joshua, the people's champion

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the first period when he lifted the level of political awareness of the man-in-the-street, raising his social consciousness to new heights," he said.

When confronted by stark choices, John said Joshua's second phase was characterized by his "reneging on his early promise, seeking out the lines of weakest resistance and setting himself on a course leading to decline."

The political scientist said the second phase "accelerated in the third period, as the integrity and fortunes of the party took a turn for the worst and the leadership finally lost all credibility."

John noted that Joshua was part of George Charles' Eighth Army and the United Workers and Rate-Payers Union that captured all eight elected seats in the first elections under Adult Suffrage.

"The cutting edge of the group," Joshua had won the North Windward Constituency "after Cato had backed away from the 8th Army for whatever reason," John said.

During the 1950's, he said Joshua was "in his element."

"He was the tribune of the people, championing their every cause, real and imagined," John said. "Living the simplest of lives, he rode his bicycle around the town and, with wife Ivy, walked from village to village preaching the Gospel of anti-colonial politics and spreading the word of militant trade unionism.

"In thunder, lightning or rain, Joshua held his regular Wednesday night meetings in Kingstown; and, on other nights, where ever two or three were gathered in his name, hammering home his message by constant repetitiveness fired from a voice box of gravel," he added.

"For their part, the masses enjoyed every bit of it, as, on their behalf, Joshua challenged the might of the plantocracy, stood up to colonial authorities and defiantly twisted the tail of the establishment," John continued.

As always, he said Joshua remained in constant touch with the grassroots, "taking the pulse of the people, and keeping his ear close to the ground."

"One afternoon, he would be at Mount Bentick (in North Central Windward) pleading the cause of the sugar workers; next 'fore-day' morning, he would be at Richmond (in North Leeward) 'opening' an arrowroot field," John said.

From 1957-61, he said Joshua behaved "responsibly," concentrating on infrastructural development, of which feeder-roads, school- building and low income housing programs, together with the Arnos Vale Airport, "bear eloquent testimony." The Arnos Vale Airport was renamed the E.T. Joshua Airport.

John said Joshua's "timely interven-

tion into the banana industry turned that crop into green gold."

After 1960, he said Joshua denounced socialism, as his government became "more business-oriented, self-centered, even corrupt."

John said Joshua helped to create "an unsavory political climate" on the approach to statehood, "which ultimately led to the dismal defeat of his government in 1967."

After statehood in 1969, the PPP's fortunes dipped more sharply, as Joshua struggled for survival in "political quicksand," John said.

"He began to see a communist under every bed," he said. "To him, the Labor Party had gone red, and [James F.] Mitchell [the former prime minister] had turned Marxist."

John said Joshua cast aspersions on "The Black Power Boys" in reference to the burgeoning movement of black consciousness in the early 1970s.

Joshua finally embarked on a course which, despite its short-term gains, "could only lead ultimately to his downfall," John noted.

First, Joshua joined with Mitchell in 1972, "purely as a tactic to buy time and keep the Labor Party at bay."

Then, in 1974, John said Joshua caused "consternation amongst his top brass, and panic in his rank-and-file when, without consulting them, he abandoned Mitchell and jettisoned some of his most loyal and devoted followers, to enter into a unholy alliance with the Labor Party - which, for 25 years, he had represented as the very embodiment of evil."

Three years later, Joshua, who ranked foremost in the vanguard of the movement for self-determination, broke with Labor on the pretext that the country was not ready for independence, John noted.

"It was probably about this time, too, that he shook off the 'Shakers' [Baptists] and joined the Church of Latter Day Saints," he said.

In the ensuing 1979 elections, held three months after the grant of independence, the PPP failed to win a seat, with Joshua himself suffering "ignominious defeat" in the former PPP bastion of South Central Windward, John said.

"Six months later, drained and battle-weary, a punch drunken Joshua threw in his political towel," he said.

John said Joshua's story represents the "classic case of the populist leader whose magic was lost, whose spell had been broken, and whose hold over his people, therefore, loosened as his charisma waned, his native gift of grace worn thin," John said.

"Correspondingly, it is the story of a once towering figure who could not march with the times, out-lived his usefulness, and eventually lost his direction," he added. "Finally, it is the story of the leader who became cut off from his roots and so withered and died."



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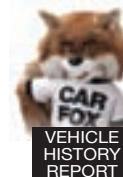
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## TOP



## ADAPTING TO A NURSING HOME

**M**any older men and women find the transition to a nursing home somewhat difficult. Seniors tend to see a move to a nursing home as a step toward surrendering their independence, and this can be a difficult hurdle for seniors and their loved ones to overcome.

Adding to the difficulty is the fact that many move into nursing homes because their physical or mental status requires the help of a professional nursing staff, leaving family

members with little to no recourse when aging relatives protest the move. But there are ways to ease a loved one's transition into a nursing home.

**Keep a positive attitude.** The stress of moving an aging relative into a nursing home can be significant for all parties involved. But focusing on the positives of nursing homes, such as around-the-clock care and daily activities, can help aging relatives look at nursing homes

in a new light. In addition, family members who familiarize themselves with nursing homes will begin to see they are often great places for aging men and women to socialize with others their age while receiving the care and attention they need. When discussing the move to a nursing home, focus on these positives and your relative will be more likely to follow your lead.

**Choose a nursing home that's close to home.** One of the more dif-

ficult parts of transitioning to a nursing home is the notion that seniors are leaving their lives behind once they move into a home. Choosing a nursing home that's close to home and makes routine visits from friends and relatives possible enables seniors to maintain a connection to their current lifestyle. A home that is miles and miles away from a person's support system can foster feelings of isolation and loneliness.

**Plan trips with your loved one.**

Just because an aging relative lives in a nursing home does not mean he can no longer travel. If a relative is healthy enough to travel, include him on family trips and outings. This includes more routine events like weekly Sunday dinners, kids' sporting events, and other extracurricular activities. The more involved your aging relative is in the daily life of your family, the more likely he is to see the advantages of living in a nursing home.

# Getting seniors the care they deserve

## How a 76-year-old woman changed Medicare for millions of patients

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Sometimes all you need is one determined woman to change the lives of millions of seniors. Glenda Jimmo, a 76-year-old, blind, wheelchair-bound woman did just that; she improved Medicare's rehab policy for millions of infirmed seniors. In 2011, Jimmo filed a class action suit against Medicare after being denied rehabilitation therapy. She was informed that she was no longer eligible for physical and occupational therapy because she was not making progress with the therapy she was receiving. In rehab language, she had "plateaued."

Jimmo could not understand this reasoning. She had her right leg amputated due to complications from diabetes and was confined to a wheelchair. She required intense rehab therapy to improve her physical abilities. She knew her condition would deteriorate if she did not continue.

Thousands of rehab patients face similar situations everyday. Since Medicare's creation in 1965, it has stuck to an improvement standard policy that states once a person stops show-

ing progress in physical, occupational, or speech therapy, treatment will stop. This policy is particularly harmful for chronically ill patients who require continuous therapy in order to maintain an optimum level of health. When their therapies are discontinued, their condition deteriorates.

Jimmo, a resident of Bristol, Vt., decided to challenge this decision and filed a class action suit against Medicare. This landmark case, *Jimmo v. Sebelius*, changed the lives of millions of chronically ill seniors throughout the United States. On Jan. 23, 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont decided in Jimmo's favor. The Court ruled that nowhere in Medicare's policy manual is there a clause requiring a person to show improvement in order to continue receiving skilled treatments through Medicare. In fact, the court determined that Medicare must cover therapy services that helps a person maintain his ability to function. As a consequence of this settlement, patients with chronic conditions can now continue to receive physical and occupational treatment

in and out of a rehab facility.

This court's decision does not mean that a patient can continue receiving physical, occupational, or speech therapy indefinitely. A person who receives rehab in a nursing home can get up to 100 days of Medicare financed therapy. The first 20 days are paid in total. After that Medicare pays 80 percent of additional therapy starting on day 21 and continuing up to 100 days. The remaining 20 percent is covered by a secondary health plan.

Upon leaving a rehab facility a person can continue to receive out-patient rehabilitation, however, it is not as intense as the treatments received in a rehab facility. In-house therapy includes two 30- to 45-minute sessions a day. A person receiving rehab at home gets the same amount of time per visit but usually gets therapy approximately three days a week.

In 2015, Medicare covers up to \$1,940 for outpatient physical and speech therapy combined, and another \$1,940 for occupational therapy. If a patient is approaching this limit and a doctor or therapist feels more therapy is re-

quired, he can tell Medicare that it's medically necessary to continue. With proper documentation from the provider, Medicare may cover additional therapy. If Medicare denies the claim, the decision can be appealed.

All the information on how much, how often, and under what conditions a person can receive rehabilitation therapy paid by Medicare is publicly available by referencing The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Policy Manual on Medicare. It is important that every person be aware of his rights under Medicare. It takes people like Jimmo to challenge unsubstantiated policies like Medicare's "improvement standard" and demand their rights. And it is up to consumers like you to insure you get the care you deserve.

*Joanna R. Leefer, a senior care advisor/advocate, and panel of elder-care experts speak about long-term planning at West Park Presbyterian Church (165 W. 86th St. at Amsterdam Avenue on the Upper West Side, www.joannaleefer.com) June 16, 6-7:45 pm. Free.*

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# Cognitive ability better among bilingual

**S**eniors who are bilingual and have spoken two or more languages since their youth may have cognitive advantages over adults who have only spoken one language their entire lives.

A new study headed by Brian Gold, a neuroscientist at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, which was published in the journal *Neuroscience*, found that bilingualism leads to heightened mental skills. In the study, participants were divided into three groups: bilingual seniors, monolingual seniors, and younger adults. Each group was instructed to sort colors and shapes in a series of simple cognitive exercises. The researchers used a brain imaging technique to compare how well the subjects switched between mental tasks. The results indicated there were different patterns of brain activity among the groups when the tasks were being completed.

The patterns showed that bilingual seniors were able to

switch between tasks and activate their brains in a manner closer to the younger subjects. They didn't have to expend much effort, and they outperformed their peers who were monolingual. The researchers surmised the bilingual seniors were using their brains more efficiently.

Other studies have shown bilingualism pays even more dividends, including improved cognitive function in those suffering from Alzheimer's disease. A study titled "Lifelong Bilingualism Maintains Neural Efficiency for Cognitive Control in Aging," found that even though seniors who spoke dual languages had more brain atrophy due to Alzheimer's, they were still able to function better than individuals with lower levels of atrophy who spoke one language. Researchers believe that being bilingual strengthens the brain's capacity for doing work, even if it is working at a deficit.

The jury is still out as to whether learning a second

language or moving to a foreign country as an adult can provide the same level of cognitive advantage as being bilingual from childhood. However, learning a new language can help keep the brain sharp. Many experts now believe learning a second language is no harder when you're getting on in years than when you're a child.

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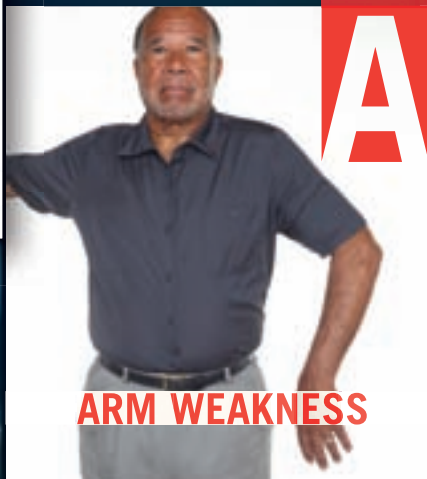
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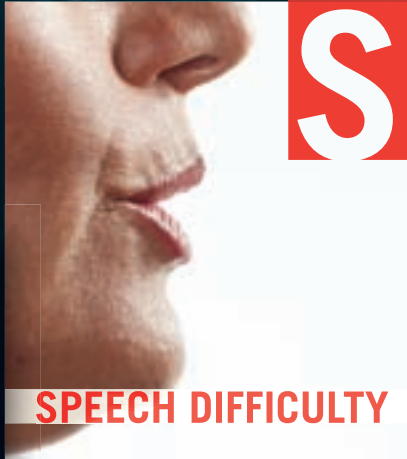
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# IRD 21: Celebrates Global Reggae Culture

Big plans are now in motion to mark the 21st anniversary celebration of International Reggae Day.

It is the first calendar event in the world to be officially proclaimed and dedicated to celebrating reggae music.

The global fete for a genre birth in Jamaica is annually held on July 1 and by its definition describes the music of reggae as — “the infectious syncopated sound from the little rock that has turned pirate into governors, quietly shaping western civilization while giving rise to a major social revelation and lifestyle movement.”

This year, IRD will salute the Jamaican sound system movement and recognize the fundamental and pioneering role the operators played in advancing the growth of Jamaica’s music and lifestyle culture.

Reggae lovers on virtually every continent are already committed to the July 1 date. Their worldwide participation via, radio, the internet and other medium will add to the annual internationalization of the festive celebration.

Local events at varying des-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

tinations have focused on concerts, conferences, film screenings, photo and literary exhibitions relevant to the genre. This year’s program already has committed cities and on radio stations in New York, Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Honolulu, Hawaii, London, England and Mumbai, India.

Although countries in Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and throughout the Caribbean have annually participated in the festivities, Jamaica has been the focal point of major activities helming fashion shows, concerts, international reggae poster contests, digital art displays, tree planting ceremonies, symposia, and a myriad of reggae-related activities geared to include generations, nationalities and genders.

Andrea Davis, whose Jamaica Arts Holdings (JAH) created and sustained the unifying cal-

endar date through two decades said her principal motive was to mobilize “celebration of the best of Jamaica’s creativity and unite, inspire and uplift the reggae community through special programming complimenting a network of official lifestyle party events.”

According to the Kingston-based trailblazer, this year a conference will engage audiences for a discussion on how to create bridges between capital and culture in Jamaica. It will be presented in two sessions: “Securing Jamaica’s Competitive Advantage in the Global Market,” and “Jamaica’s Sound System Movement and Creative Economy.”

Its aim will be to focus on how Jamaica can benefit from the vast international reggae market which seems to be the biggest benefactors of profits from the genre.

According to Davis, although



Andrea Davis of Jamaica Arts Holdings.

major accomplishments have been recorded throughout the years, “reggae is still not being given a priority in terms of investment and promotion here.”

“How do we secure a share of what’s out there?” Davis asked. “That’s what we will be focusing on.”

“As the home of reggae, when you look out there, there are so many versions of our-

selves. For example, right now there are more sound systems outside of Jamaica. There are secure brand deals and making inroads into the market which Jamaicans are not doing or not in a position to see. We need to become more proactive in maintaining our competitive advantage or we won’t be in that position for long,” Davis added.

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Karisma Jay, founder of AbunDance Academy, instills a passion of dance into every student.

Photo courtesy of AbunDance Academy

## Dancer's spirit

By Alley Olivier

Put on your dancing shoes.

Whether you're two or 102, there is a dancer's spirit itching to burst out to the right musical chord.

For Karisma Jay, founder of AbunDance Academy in Prospect Heights, every chord has a movement – even the positive affirmations that helped shape the creation of her dance school.

"I'm the ambassador for abundance," Karisma said. "I am a firm believer that once we are ready and we have

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## BAM R&B Festival at MetroTech

By Amun

Events producer, Danny Kapilian promises that this 21st year of the R&B Festival at MetroTech will be fantastic. The festival opened on Thursday, June 4 with Bobby Rush a known show stopper and R&B legend. The festival which features 10 noon-time Thursday concerts will end on Aug. 6.

This year's lineup includes returning artist like George Clinton and Bobby Rush, as well as new artist such as Grammy Award winner Erica Campbell (and longtime co-star of multi-platinum gospel group Mary Mary) and Andra Day. All concerts take place on the MetroTech Commons, where

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# BANKRA CARIB FOLK FESTIVAL

Grenadian folk group Quake USA.

Photo by Kevin Williams

## Queens comes alive with folk traditions

The Jamaica Performing Arts Center in Queens comes alive this summer when Braata Productions hosts the inaugural Bankra Caribbean Folk Festival on Sunday, June 7, 2015. The event, which promises to be a day of fun and entertainment for the entire family, begins at 12 noon.

Caribbean Folk culture is set to be showcased in fine style at this one-day festival, which is expected to attract a large and diverse audience who will be attending the festival pri-

marily to experience the folk culture traditions from across the islands and sample the cuisine of the Caribbean. The Bankra Basket Caribbean Folk Festival will feature traditional authentic folk forms, and experiences from the different Anglophone Caribbean territories.

Braata Folk Singers of Jamaica leads an impressive lineup of cultural groups scheduled to perform throughout the afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. Something Positive Inc. and Adlib Steel Orchestra will pro-

vide a taste of the Trinidadian experience, La Troupe Zetwal and Smax Music of Haiti, Impressions Dance Theatre and Chitra Singh of Guyana while Quake USA of Grenada round out, the regional cultural explosion.

"As we embark on this inaugural Caribbean Folk Festival in Queens, we hope it will grow and expand in ensuing years to become a staple on the list of must do summer festivals," said Andrew Clarke, founder of Braata Productions. "The Caribbean

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **See you Again**  
Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth
- 2 **Shut up & Dance**  
Walk the Moon
- 3 **Earned It (Fifty Shades..)**  
The Weeknd
- 4 **Want to Want Me**  
Jason Derulo
- 5 **Love Me Like I Do**  
Ellie Goulding
- 6 **Sugar**  
Maroon 5
- 7 **Uptown Funk!**  
Mark Ronson
- 8 **Style**  
Taylor Swift
- 9 **Hey Mama**  
David Guetta
- 10 **Talking Body**  
Tove Lo

### TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Blurryface**  
twenty one pilots
- 2 **Pitch Perfect 2**  
Soundtrack
- 3 **True Colors**  
Zedd
- 4 **1989**  
Taylor Swift
- 5 **The Desired Effect**  
Brandon Flowers
- 6 **Just As I Am**  
Brantley Gilbert
- 7 **Sol Invictus**  
Faith No More
- 8 **Wilder Mind**  
Mumford & Sons
- 9 **Hollywood: A Story of ...**  
Jamie Foxx
- 10 **JEKYLL + HYDE**  
Zac Brown Band



# Bankra

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community has so much to offer and this Folk Festival provides a unique opportunity to showcase our rich and diverse cultural heritage with the residents of the borough and its environs. We look forward to the support of the Queens community and the wider New York tri state area to ensure the Festival's success."

The festival offers a full sensory experience of traditional music, dance, crafts, and food. There will be three major components to the festival: The Stalls / Island Baskets, The Cultural Performances, Effigy Walkway.

These three components will set the Bankra Caribbean Folk Festival apart from other Festivals or other concerts featuring popular recording artistes. "This event is dedicated to Folk forms and Folk culture, it will stimulate nostalgia for those who grew up with it, provide learning opportunities for others who had no knowledge of it, and will help reestablish the importance, and relevance of Folk as a viable, vibrant contributor to the Caribbean brand," noted Clarke.



Braata Folk Singers of Jamaica.

Jason Johnson Photography

In addition to the cultural performances, the festival will also feature: A marketplace with, drumming circle, folk games & dances as well as a cultural exhibit; A Children's

Village with face painting, bounce-about, a magician and a clown and A Food Pavilion.

The inaugural Bankra Caribbean Folk Festival promises to be a celebration of Carib-

bean folk arts, culture and heritage. The festival serves as a climax to Caribbean Week in New York. Admission: \$20, Children under 12 free, students and seniors \$10.

## Dance

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done the work, our blessing, our wealth of knowledge or money or whatever is to come it rushes in."

Technically trained in a range of dance genres including African, Tap, Ballet and more, Karisma – much like any college graduate – thought she had it all figured out. She put in the long hours at LaGuardia Arts and New York University Gallatin School, got the degree and anticipated the world would open up and expose her oyster right after waltzing across the stage.

Like most graduates, she was proven wrong. "I was in a particular space after graduating college and trying to figure out my life and what to do. I wasn't getting very far or as far as I thought I should've been," she said. "I'm a performer so I was going on all these auditions and getting really depressed because I would get to the end and then they would cut me — every time."

Teaching dance since the ripe age of 10, Karisma con-



Young AbunDance dancers ready for more instruction.

Photo courtesy of AbunDance Academy

sistently gave her knowledge of style, edge and technique to children for various programs.

Welcoming abundance into her life through a verbal affirmation turn dance that resonates in a big welcoming movement of her arms, the pieces to her life's puzzle organically created an unforeseen but destined picture.

"I would say this affirmation that ended with 'I now accept my abundance of good.' Every time I would say the affirmation as a natural mover my body would go and my arms would go," she said. "I'm a choreographer and a teacher so I'm always editing myself.

I looked at my hands and my body and thought 'this isn't big enough for stage, what are we doing with our hands' so I made an abundance dance."

Folding in the abundance dance and affirmation into her regular routine, Karisma was introduced to Cheryl Smith who owned Full of Energy School of Dance Inc. Initially asked to teach at the school — which she was unable to do though she was able to send one of her students to fulfill the role — Karisma was shocked to then be charged with taking over Smith's school.

## BAM

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tables and chairs are available for those enjoying their lunch and lone chairs and benches are also available. There is a grassy area where many sit on blankets and set up their own chairs.

Concerts are usually attended by groups of young children from day care and summer camp programs, as well as workers from the area, shoppers and music fans, who make a point of catching these amazing act at an unbeatable ticket price, free. It only cost you taking time out of your busy New York schedule.

The Jones Family Singers, two virtuoso West African music legends, King Sunny Ade with his JuJu music, and the incredible Malian musician Bassekou Kouyate, jazz funk trumpeter/bandleader Theo Croker, New Orleans' greatest legend of soul piano soul, deep blues, ragtime and boogie, Jon Cleary and his band the Awesome Monster Gentlemen, and Al B. Sure all grace the stage at MetroTech this year.



# Broke college student moonlights as stripper

“Chocolate City”  
Good (2 stars)  
Rated R for  
profanity, brief  
violence, partial nudity  
and pervasive sexuality  
Running time:  
91 minutes  
Distributor:  
Freestyle Releasing

By Kam Williams

Cash-strapped Katherine McCoy (Vivica A. Fox) is holding down a couple of jobs to make ends meet while praying that her sons stay on the straight and narrow path until they can make it out of the ghetto. Though grown, both boys still live at home; yet neither is helping their struggling single-mom much, financially.

At least the younger one, Michael (Robert Ri'chard), is close to graduating from col-



Robert Ri'chard in a scene from “Chocolate City.”

Photo courtesy of Paramount

lege and works part-time at a diner as a short order chef. But he hasn't even been able to save enough from that minimum wage position to have his car fixed, so he has to travel around Los Angeles via bicycle. By comparison, his 30-year-old

brother Chris (DeRay Davis) is a trash-talking hustler who's more interested in hanging out on the streets than in finding gainful employment.

The siblings' fortunes change the day they decide to patronize the local gentle-

men's club. For, while Michael is relieving himself in the men's room, he's approached by the owner (Michael Jai White) about stripping there on Ladies' Night.

Initially, the handsome hunk hesitates out of con-

cern about how his girlfriend (Imani Hakim) and his Bible-thumping mother might react to his moonlighting in his birthday suit. However, after taking the time to watch girls go gaga over other buff beefcake (played by Tyson Beckford, Ginuwine and others), he decides to throw caution to the wind.

So, on the advice of his brother-turned-promoter, he takes the stage name “Sexy Chocolate.” I suppose “Magic Mike” might have been a tad too transparent, even for this unapologetic rip-off.

Nevertheless, despite soon raking in the big bucks, Michael's life starts to come apart at the seams. His grades plunge from As to Fs. His mother becomes suspicious about whether his sudden gains are ill-gotten. And his girlfriend gets the surprise of her life the evening she shows up at the club to take in a show with her BFFs in tow.

## Independent & Foreign Films

Doomsdays (Unrated)

Pre-apocalyptic comedy following the misadventures of a couple of slackers (Justin Rice and Leo Fitzpatrick) with a penchant for squatting in unoccupied summer homes in the Catskill Mountains. Supporting cast features Brian Charles Johnson, Jenny Bradley and Laura Campbell.

Charlie's Country (Unrated) Australian drama about an aborigine (David Gulpilil) who heads for the hills to escape the encroachment of white civilization on his simple, but idyllic life in the bush. With Peter Djigirr, Luke Ford and Wayne Anthony.

Freedom (R for violence) Antebellum Era drama, set in Virginia in 1856, about a runaway slave (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) who makes a break for freedom in Canada with his family via a secret network known as the Underground Railroad. Co-starring Sharon Leal, William Sadler and Phillip Boykin.

Hungry Hearts (Unrated) Psychological drama about a newlywed couple (Adam Driver and Alba Rohrwacher) whose marriage is suddenly tested by the birth of a baby when the wife becomes inexplicably obsessed with nutrition and cleanliness. With Roberta Maxwell, Al Roffe and Geisha Otero.

Love & Mercy (PG-13 for mature themes, drug use and profanity) Musical biopic chronicling The Beach Boys'



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

singer/songwriter Brian Wilson's (John Cusack) battle against mental illness with the help of a shady psychotherapist (Paul Giamatti). Featuring Paul Dano, Elizabeth Banks, Jake Abel, Dee Wallace and Kenny Wormald.

The Nightmare (Unrated) Medical documentary chronicling cases of sleep paralysis, a frightening condition plaguing thousands of people who find themselves unable to move while trapped between the dream and waking worlds.

Patch Town (Unrated) Sci-fi fantasy about a toy (Rob Ramsay) who, after being abandoned by the mother who'd adopted him, decides to confront the evil corporation that manufactured him. Featuring Zoie Palmer, Julian Richings and Scott Thompson.

A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence (PG-13 for disturbing images and brief sexuality) Episodic absurdist comedy revolving around the trials and tribulations of a couple of peripatetic traveling salesmen (Nils Westblom and Holger Andersson). With Viktor Gyllenberg, Lotti Tornros and Jonas Gerholm. (In Swedish and English with subtitles)

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# Geoffrey Holder

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of recognition, outside of the arts community, commensurate with the enormous contribution he made on several fronts. There was no doubt, however, as to his place as one of the leaders of the pack among Caribbean émigrés in the U.S. who staked a claim in the arts and proceeded to excel.

Born and raised in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Holder was greatly influenced by his older brother Boscoe, who had himself developed an interest in the arts and had formed a dance troupe of which Geoffrey, at age seven, had become a member. Assuming leadership of the Holder Dance Company after Boscoe left for England, Geoffrey proved himself eminently suited to the challenge. While performing in St. Thomas in 1952, the troupe was fortuitously seen by and impressed the noted American choreographer Agnes de Mille. Two years later, de Mille arranged for Holder and his troupe to come to New York — a move that resulted in Holder getting his first taste of Broadway, playing a character and doing choreography for the musical “House of Flowers,” which opened in December 1954. Holder’s influence was the impetus for another Broadway first associated with the Caribbean-themed “House of Flowers,” when a steel band was added to the music featured in the show.

Holder taught for a while at the famed Katherine Dunham Dance School and he also landed a gig for two years as a principal dancer at the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. Other Broadway gigs, besides “The Wiz” and “Timbuktu!” included “Waiting for Godot” and the Josephine Baker musical revue. He also appeared in the Gershwin musical “Rosalie” onstage in Central Park. Perhaps the most significant affirmation of Holder’s work in dance was that pieces choreographed by him have become permanent repertory selections for two distinguished companies, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Dance Theater of Harlem.

Holder was tapped for a number of films, including the James Bond thriller “Live and Let Die,” “Doctor Dolittle,” “Annie,” “Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex,” “All Night Long,” “Krakatoa, East of Java,” “Swashbuckler” and “Boomerang.” In addition, his paintings always lent further validation to Holder’s prodigious creative output. Apart from commercial success, he had the honor of his paintings being given auspicious showings by, among others, the Guggenheim Museum in New York and Washington’s Corcoran Gallery. The quintessential multi-tasker co-wrote and illustrated a book on Caribbean folklore. And in the 1970s he also wrote a Caribbean cookbook.

# Cicely Tyson’s insistence on quality roles in her career

By Les Slater

Cicely L. Tyson’s parents, both of them immigrants from the island of Nevis, were apparently so deeply religious that their daughter’s desiring to be involved in movies and such was the kind of pursuit deemed forbidden in the household. When, as a working young woman, Tyson decided to give up her secretarial job and go into acting full-time, she and her mother reportedly became estranged for some time. In truth, perhaps condemning Tyson’s choice of profession was a rush to judgment. Whether or not engendered by the environment in which she was reared, Tyson would establish in the industry a reputation for refusing any roles offered her that did not pass the high bar she set for qualitative material.

Raised in Harlem, Tyson’s first taste of being somewhat in the spotlight came after she was selected to be a fashion model, a part-time engagement she undertook while holding down her nine to five office gig. When she gave up her regular employment to concentrate on an acting career, Tyson did so even while being committed to maintaining her own standards for roles she would accept. Many of her career highlights attest to the kind of premium-grade material on which she set her sights from quite early. She won two Emmy Awards for her title role in the epic television presentation “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman” in 1974, for Best Dramatic Performance in a TV special and Actress of the Year. For her memorable performance in the film “Sounder” in 1972, she earned a Best Actress in a Leading Role Academy Award nomination. She received a Golden Globe nomination as well for this portrayal. And she won a Tony Award in 2013 as Best Actress in a play for her Broadway turn in “The Trip To Bountiful.”

For these and other performances



Cicely Tyson arrives at the Critics’ Choice Television Awards at the Beverly Hilton hotel on Sunday, May 31, 2015, in Beverly Hills, California.

Photo by Richard Shotwell / Invision / Associated Press

over the years in films, on television and in the theater, Tyson garnered many other honors. Although she is herself reported to have commented about having to sometimes endure intervals of “two or three years” between jobs, the roles she was prepared to accept came along often enough to have given her a successful, much respected acting career, more so as far as work of which she could be proud.

Among the films were “A Man Called

Adam,” “The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter,” “The River Niger,” “Fried Green Tomatoes” and “The Comedians.” On television, besides dozens of appearances in episodes of various network series, Tyson’s credits in special programming include “Roots,” “A Woman Called Moses,” “The Marva Collins Story,” “King” and “The Rosa Parks Story.” Stage credits, in addition to her Tony Award-winning performance in “The Trip To Bountiful.”

## Caribbean-American heritage proclamation

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from the Caribbean have been able to live up to their potential, and last year, I announced my intent to take action that would allow more high-skilled immigrants, graduates, entrepreneurs, and families to contribute to our economy, including by expanding the existing DACA policy and creating a new policy to provide temporary relief to certain undocumented parents of American citizens and lawful permanent residents. And I continue to call on the Congress to finish the job by passing comprehensive immigration reform.

Caribbean Americans have shaped the course of our country since the earliest chapters of our history, and they continue to drive our Nation to realize the promise of our founding. During National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we honor the courage and perseverance of the Caribbean-American community, and we rededicate ourselves to building opportunity and protecting human rights for all our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the author-

ity vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. I encourage all Americans to celebrate the history and culture of Caribbean Americans with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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FIFA President Sepp Blatter speaks during a press conference at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 2, 2015. FIFA President Sepp Blatter says he will resign from his position amid corruption scandal. Associated Press / Keystone / Ennio Leanza

## USA justice unravels FIFA

By Patrick Horne

The USA to the rescue — again! It's ironic that the USA, with its men's team still trying to find its footing in the world game and which has little influence in the administration of world soccer, is the country that many believe may have just saved the game. In less than a week after the U.S. Justice Department in New York indicted 14 people — among them seven members of FIFA (world soccer's governing body), three of whom are high-ranking FIFA executives — on allegations of wire

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## Junior league in full swing

By Robert Elkin

This is the time of the year when the youngsters are on the outdoor tennis courts and for the beginners to learn the sport. They try to move up the ladder. Some of them play on the junior circuits. Some of them try to still climb the ladder, advance to the next level, and even attempt to make it big time, going to the men's tour. Some are very serious about going into the pro field.

The mission of New York Junior Tennis and Learning is to develop the character of young people through tennis and education for a life time of success

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Kirani James, from Grenada, celebrates after winning the 400-meter race during the Prefontaine Classic track and field meet in Eugene, Ore., Saturday, May 30, 2015. Associated Press / Don Ryan

## Kirani James wins 400 meters

By Jay Sowa

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Kirani James won the 400 meters Saturday in the Prefontaine Classic, pulling away from a strong field at Hayward Field.

James, the 2012 Olympic champion from Grenada, and American rival LeShawn Merritt ran side by side on the final curve before James turned it on, finishing in a world-best 43.95 seconds, two-hundredths of a second faster than the time he and Merritt ran at the meet this year.

James won that race as well and

holds a 9-5 edge against Merritt.

"It's something that you always have to take seriously. You can't take any athlete for granted," James said. "There are a lot of talented athletes, a lot of guys capable of doing great things, so you always have to stay on top of your game and make sure that you try to do all the right things to be successful."

Merritt, the 2008 400 Olympic champion, was bothered by a knee injury in February and March that limited his training.

"We're kind of doing the training a little backwards," Merritt said. "I have to run myself into shape. But the beauty of it is I have the bye so I don't have to peak for nationals. Just train and get ready for Beijing. I've been running races, learning every race, and I'll put it together."

American Justin Gatlin showed that he's not done at age 32. He won the 200 in 19.68, matching his lifetime best to break the Hayward Field record. It was the fastest time in the

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fraud, money laundering and bribery, FIFA President Sepp Blatter resigned on Monday.

Recently-appointed U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, who led the Justice Department's investigation, said the indicted FIFA officials "corrupted the business of worldwide soccer to serve their interests and to enrich themselves."

Blatter, who last week Friday was re-elected for a fifth consecutive four-year term, was widely blamed for the corruption, which the U.S. Justice Department said went on for the past 20 years, 17 of those years under Blatter's reign. His resignation was welcomed by the soccer world as it paves the way for true reform, which most believed could not be achieved with Blatter. A new president will be elected by March 2016.

UEFA (Union of European Football Association) President Michel Platini, a likely candidate for president, said, "It was a difficult decision, a brave decision, and the right decision." Englishman David Gill, a member of FIFA's Executive Committee, said that he will consider returning to the post now that Blatter is no longer at FIFA.

Among the allegations were bribes accepted by FIFA officials for awarding the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 tournament to Qatar, which the Swiss government is investigating. The Qatar situation is a prime example of how these decisions are detrimental to the game: a Qatar World Cup means that the traditional June tournament now must be played in January, the coolest month there, and in the midst of local league schedules throughout the world.

Also, temperature soar to around 120 degrees Fahrenheit by noon in Qatar, presenting dangerous conditions for players; these extremely hot temperatures would facilitate numerous water stoppages and slow the game down considerably, taking away from the free flow and rhythm of play; soccer fans now will have to vacation at an unusual time in January.



Associated Press / Don Ryan

Competitors in the Prefontaine Classic track and field meet pose for photos during a press conference in Eugene, Ore., Friday, May 29, 2015. They are, from left, are Renaud Lavillenie, Allyson Felix, Jenny Simpson, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Justin Gatlin, Genzebe Dibaba, Mutaz Essa Barshim, Sanya Richards-Ross and Kirani James.

## Gay takes aim at championships

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world this year.

"I'm very proud of that, to be able to come out here and run with these young guys," Gatlin said. "I think age is nothing but a number, and I just want to come out and show the fans that it doesn't matter what race you're in you've got to give it your all."

Tyson Gay won the 100 in 9.88, ahead of fellow American Michael Rodgers (9.90).

Gay, whose doping case led to the 2012 U.S. men's 400 relay team being stripped of its Olympic silver medals, accepted a one-year ban in 2014.

He has a goal of making the U.S. team for the world championships later this year. The USA championships will

be held at Hayward in June.

"I want to make the team, man," Gay said. "A lot of people don't know, I haven't competed in the world championships since 2009. That's been a very long time, and people don't realize it because I've been around the sport for so long."

"So to make the team would be a huge blessing for me because I haven't been in that environment for so long, it would be great for me to get back in that position."

France's Renaud Lavillenie, the pole vault world record-holder, had the best mark ever in the United States at 19 feet, 10 1/4.

Ayanleh Souleiman of Djibouti won the Bowerman Mile in 3:51.10, edging American Matthew Centrowitz (3:51.20) and Kenyan Asbel Kiprop (3:51.25).

Three-time 3,000 steeplechase world

champion Ezekiel Kemboi of Kenya won for the second time at Hayward Field in 8:01.71, just ahead of countryman Jairus Kipchoge Birech (8:01.83).

Allyson Felix showed her depth, moving up in distance to win the women's 400 in 50.05. Fellow American and four-time Olympic champion Sanya Richards-Ross was second in 50.29.

Felix expects to run the 400 at the USA meet at Hayward next month. She also has four Olympic titles, including the 200 in 2012.

"I focused on the 200 for so long," she said. "Just wanted to explore the 400 a little bit and see where I can go."

Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce won the women's 100 in 10.81, the same time as runner-up Murielle Ahoure of Ivory Coast.

## NY Junior tennis league

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on and off the court.

Formerly called the New York Junior Tennis League, the organization changed its name last year to New York Junior Tennis & Learning.

Originally called the NYJTL it had a program throughout the year, indoors and outdoors and it was and still is for boys and girls of school age. There are numerous sites for both sexes throughout each borough, including the newest — the Cary Leeds Center in Crotona Park in the East Bronx near 175 St. and

Crotona Avenue.

The venue is only outdoor courts run in conjunction with the Department of Parks but the indoor courts will be soon completed. New York City Department of Parks has conducted many tournaments and workouts for the ones who wish to use them.

The first major competition of the year, the Mayor's Cup for school children, was held recently on a team and individual basis. The boys and girls represented their schools in both individual and team competitions in singles and doubles.

Meanwhile, the Cary Leeds Center

has just an outdoor competition with an anticipated indoor one soon to be completed. Then came the New York Junior Tennis and Learning, which helped out tremendously on the new court.

Over the years, the Mayor's Cup tournament drew about 400 youngsters held at the USTA National Tennis Center in Queens, and under the direction of Bill Wiese and his staff. With the new facility, Ron Nano who grew up in Great Neck, Long Island, where he was an outstanding player, was recently named general manager of the Cory Leeds Tennis Center.

On the interscholastic scene among the Public Schools Athletic League in New York, Cardozo High School

seemed to dominate action year after year. Then its head coach Henry Aarons retired from teaching and coaching and stepped down, paving the way for another coach to step in. The program hasn't been the same. Player rosters do run in cycles.

Cardozo won championships year after year and turned in outstanding individual players.

Along came Beacon High School of Manhattan, which lacked having indoor and outdoor facilities for tennis on campus. Cardozo had its own tennis courts but Beacon emerged strong and won titles over the more recent years.

Beacon captured PSAL and Mayor Cup championships this year.



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# Four pacers must be in final eleven



West Indies' bowler Jason Holder appeals unsuccessfully for the wicket of England's James Anderson, back, during day three of their third Test match at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

It is quite fitting for the West Indies selectors to include four pacers for the first Test match starting June 3 against Australia at Windsor Park in Dominica. West Indies selectors should take this opportunity and put on show four fast bowlers and assess their performances playing in one team.

Jerome Taylor has been in fine form, Jason Holder is developing quickly with the ball, and Shannon Gabriel is hostile and very quick but he has to work much more in getting batsmen to make mistakes.

Kemar Roach has to regain his form. He has been bowling very slow and without any threat to batsmen. Hopefully, he can regain his rhythm in these two Test matches.

Leg spinner Veera Sammy Permaul unfortunately will not

be in the final 11 if four fast bowlers are included. Knowing the West Indies selectors, they are certain to play Veera Sammy Permaul and Shane Dowrich, the wicket keeper batsman from Barbados, may have his opportunity in the final 11 based on his batting strength.

### YOUNG OPENERS HAVE GREAT CHALLENGES

I am quite optimistic that Kraigg Braithwaite and Shai Hope will battle the storm and give the West Indies some good starts. This experience against the Australian fast bowlers

should be a learning one as their careers progress.

Both Kraigg Braithwaite and Shai Hope certainly seem to be the future, with a long career and their development may determine if the West Indies gain success or not. Going up against the lifting deliveries and be knowledgeable on how to avoid edging in the slips will be crucial for the two openers.

NOTE: West Indies are number eight in Test matches according to the ICC standings while in One-day internationals, they are at number seven and in the Twenty20 at number four.

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**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Fun conversations with a friend prove to be a great way to start your week. Taurus. Things will continue to progress on a positive note throughout the week.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, make an effort to more effectively manage life at work and at home this week. The fruits of your labors will pay off with more productivity at work and more family time at home.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, do not hesitate to share your personal goals with others in your life. Your loved ones are there to offer their support and encourage you to do your best.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, others are sure to take notice of your work ethic and impressive accomplishments this week. If you keep quiet, recognition may pass you by.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, stay true to your faith this week. Don't feel you have to change to fit in with the masses. Uniqueness is to be prized, and your faith can guide you.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Worrying about something you can't change will only bring on more stress. Libra. Trust that things will work out and don't worry about things you can't control.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, your ideas are met with encouragement and optimism this week. Stick with your plans and allow others' encouragement to fuel you as you work toward your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, don't be afraid to readjust your work schedule if you are running out of gas. You can handle multiple projects at once, but don't do so at the expense of your health.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, attention to detail is a staple of your work ethic. Try not to get too caught up in the minor details, as you might end up missing the big picture.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, be there for a friend who needs you in the coming days. This friend has been there to support you in the past, so now it's your turn to provide support.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
This week you are more comfortable relaxing and engaging in fun pursuits, Pisces. Immerse yourself in creative projects.

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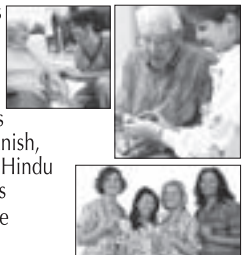


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