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Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson listens as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 14, 2015, before the House Judiciary Committee hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security's enforcement of the immigration laws. Associated Press / Manuel Balce Ceneta

GUYANA GOLD RUSH

United States Customs uncovers alleged gold smuggling scam

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyana's three-month-old government is beginning to come to grips with the magnitude of illegal activities that were tolerated by the previous regime and has a number of western agencies, including U.S. Customs, to thank for it.

The recently established asset recovery unit operating out of the office of President David Granger reported this week that it has just uncovered a gold-smuggling racket to the U.S. involving at least \$220 million worth of gold in less than a year of monitoring.

As officials have indicated, a number of businessmen without

gold export licenses would smuggle large amounts of gold out of the country to the U.S. without declaring the shipments at the local airport but would in fact declare their cargo to American authorities upon arrival for fear of seizure and prosecution.

The smugglers have quite smartly used a loophole in local laws, labeling their exports as "scrap gold" because this category does not attract any export duties from Guyana or import taxes into the U.S.

Startled by the amount of gold arriving on commercial flights from

Haiti 'protected' for 18 more months

By Nelson A. King

United States Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson has extended Haiti's designation for Temporary Protected Status for an additional 18 months, Citizenship and Immigration Services

reports.

The agency said on Tuesday that the extended designation is effective Jan. 23, 2016, through Jul. 22, 2017.

The U.S. urged current Haiti beneficiaries seeking to extend their status to re-reg-

ister during a 60-day period that runs from Aug. 25, 2015, through Oct. 26, 2015.

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services encourages beneficiaries to re-register as soon as possible

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Caribbean Life journalist to be honored Sunday

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Journalists from the United States and Guyana will be honored on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Second Annual H.U.G.E Guyana Day, to be held at the Amphitheatre of Brooklyn Arts Center, on 8024 Preston Ct. (between Ralph Avenue and E. 83rd Street. Gates open at 11am.

Tangerine Clarke, Correspondent of Caribbean Life Newspaper, and Gordon Moseley, founder of News Source Guyana in Georgetown, and other nationals, were named by the entertainment company, as persons who have been on the frontline of Guyana's development.

Other honorees included politicians Sharma Solomon and James Bond, community activist Sherod Duncan, Alicia Roopnarine and Clayton Halley. Medalist Alien Pompey, as well as Orin Phillips, Ruel Johnson, Melissa Garner, Burchell Marcus, Travis Chase, Vernon Todd, The Lady Jag, eight-year old author Anaya Lee Willabus, Chris Bosso. Dr. Faith Harding, former politician and advocate and Legendary Boxer, Andrew "Sixheads" Lewis will be honored posthumously.

H.U.G.E. LLC is gearing up to display Guyana's beautiful cultural diversity to the max. The celebration will commence with a parade of Guyanese dressed in national wear of six races of people. This will be followed by more than thirty presentations to include a children's corner of Arts and Crafts, music, and dance. Little J, Elijah, Gaddie G, Jackie Jaxx The Big Show, Fojo, Jay Anderson, and others will be among the impressive lineup of poets, dancers and musicians.

In addition to Guyana's finest cuisine that will be on sale from booths around the ground, memorabilia such as T-shirts will be available for purchase. A raffle with prizes totaling more than \$3,000.00, an iPad, and a Flat-screen television and other giveaways will keep Caribbean nationals entertained.

H.U.G.E Guyana Day at the Amphitheatre of Brooklyn Arts Center [8024 Preston Ct. between Ralph Avenue & E. 83rd Street. Tickets for the event are available by calling (917) 346-4415, (347) 545-6987, and (718) 218-4940. www.guyanaday.com. Gates open at 11am.



Patricia Brindle (right), a prime organizer, with her painting Season Breadfruit and Marie Francois Bernadel who works with the UN Ambassador (right).
Tequila Minsky

200 take in Energie Nouvelle

By Tequila Minsky

Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kenkelaba House was abuzz, packed with more than 200 people last Sunday celebrating the month-long exhibition Energie Nouvelle—New Energy. The works of 53 artists—solely of Haitian descent, almost 100 pieces, are on exhibit including traditional, realistic, cubist, and abstract paintings. Watercolors to spray paint, collages, sculptures, and black and white images by four photographers are on display.

"We put out an open call, internationally, the first one ever, and made our selections from 200 submissions," says Patricia Brindle, one of five from the "Artist Forum," who organized the exhibit.

On Aug. 30 at 3 pm, five exhibiting artists will participate in a panel at the Gallery, 214 E. Second St. in Manhattan, discussing issues of the feelings of Haitian artists and what they think of the future of Haitian art.

Exhibitors in this show run the generational gamut, some in their teens to two in their eighties. And these Haitian artists live all over too: Canada, Austria, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Florida, and the New York region. At least two-thirds were at the reception.

Art lovers, friends and fans couldn't believe the variety of art produced from the Haitian community, says Brindle, "It's not all coconut trees or naïve art."

The Artist Forum collaborated with the Haitian Consulate, which offered

support, inviting those from its vast mailing list and bringing in a wider audience. They also helped with the reception.

The Artist Forum and Consulate organized the show well aware that there is a plethora of artists in the community and that "artists don't know how to promote themselves."

The host space Kenkelaba House is perfect for this exhibition, as it is dedicated to the exhibition of artworks by African-American, Latino, Asian-American, and Native American artists. The Gallery sponsors exhibitions, often exploring historical or thematic issues, and hosted "Save a Museum

Exhibit and Sale," in September
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Opportunity for Vincentian voters in NY

By Nelson A. King

In preparation for general elections, constitutionally due by March next year, members of the Vincentian community in New York are being urged to file objections to their names possibly being struck from the electoral list of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Consulate General in New York said it is working with the Supervisor of Elections in allowing Vincentians in New York to lodge their objections at the consulate.

Beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 18, through Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, copies of the full list of names to be removed

from the voters' list will be displayed at several locations in New York, the New York Consulate General said.

To allow for ease of access to the public, the consulate said some of the Brooklyn locations where the list is displayed include Square Deal Shippers and Movers, Standard Shippers and the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Centers.

"During this period, anyone desirous of filing an objection to their name being removed can do so by submitting a letter addressed to the Supervisor of Election stating why their name should not be removed from the voters' list and present the necessary documents

to support the reason for the objection to the office of the Consulate to be forwarded to the Office of the Supervisor of Elections," the statement said.

"Persons wishing to submit their objections directly to the Office of the Supervisor of Elections will still be able to do so, using the same method of submission," it added.

The Consulate General urged Vincentians in New York to "make full use of this opportunity to ensure that their voter registration is regularized and pledges to continue the excellent working relationship with the members of the Vincentian community in New York."

Barbados

Barbados Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Senator Maxine McClean says the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons pose a grave threat to Barbados and the rest of the Caribbean.

Speaking during the Open Debate on Peace and Security Challenges Facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS) at the UN Security Council in New York recently, she said: "On a day-to-day basis, we must focus on the trade in small arms and light weapons which facilitates traffic in illicit drugs and other organized crime, and which undermines our economy and can destabilize society".

McClean said the situation was made worse by the many vulnerabilities which commonly characterized SIDS, such as narrow resource bases, small domestic markets, susceptibility to external shocks and environmental vulnerability.



"These threats are made more significant because of the geography of SIDS. Often of small land mass, their air and maritime borders are multiple times larger. The cost to protect national borders is thus rendered prohibitive and difficult," she said.

Taken together, the foreign minister said, these threats to peace and security required the diversion of already limited resources at a significant cost to national development.

She pointed out to the Security Council that CARICOM heads of government had reiterated the threat and committed to implementing all necessary actions at the national and regional level to combat the illicit trade, in the 2011 CARICOM Declaration on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Dominica

An agreement amounting to US\$1.5 million has been signed with China towards purchasing police vehicles and equipment as well as the training of policemen and women.

National Security Minister Rayburn Blackmore who made the announcement recently at the commission of a new police station and court in Laplaine, to the east of the capital Roseau, said the agreement is one that deepens ties between both countries.



He said the money is going to be utilized to purchase new vehicles, to train police officers and to invest in equipment for search and rescue.

He said the agreement is with a view to further developing and improving the cooperative relations between the



A Bolt for Jamaica

Men's 100m gold medalist Jamaica's Usain Bolt, second left, stands with Men's 100m silver medalist United States' Justin Gatlin, left, and Men's 100m bronze medalist's United States' Trayvon Bromell and Canada's Andre De Grasse following the medal ceremony on the podium at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Monday, Aug. 24, 2015.

Associated Press / Kin Cheung

People's Republic of China and the people of Dominica.

The new police station is financed through a loan from the Social Security fund.

Guyana

The Guyana government says 12 people, including six Haitians and two Russians, were intercepted at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport when they sought to enter the South American country illegally.

Citizenship Minister Winston Felix said immigration officers had also denied four Cubans and a Colombian from entering the country after they arrived on a COPA Airline flight recently.

He said the foreigners did not have visas or money.

Felix told reporters that the Haitians had produced a letter purportedly issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Guyana granting them entry into the country.



But the minister said that immigration officers have informed him that the use of such letters by illegal migrants is common.

Haitians require visas to enter many Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries even though the French-speaking country is a member of the

15-member CARICOM grouping.

All six Haitians as well as the Colombian were deported and the Russian national was denied entry because she did not meet immigration requirements. But her husband, who did, opted to leave Guyana with her.

Haiti

A truck crowded with vendors heading to a market went out of control and tipped over Haiti's northern region recently, killing 18 people and injuring 28, authorities said.

The accident occurred when the truck driver swerved to avoid a motorcycle and the vehicle turned over near the coastal city of Cap-Haitien, said Jean-Henri Petit, a coordinator for the Civil Protection Agency.



He said the truck also was carrying loads of charcoal and wood the passengers had planned to sell at a nearby market.

Petit said the 28 injured were all hospitalized.

Jamaica

Jamaica's government has identified four potential stages to tax the medicinal ganja industry, in a bid to benefit from seed to sale, according to a draft document entitled the "Regula-

tory Footprint on Medical Ganja."

The document which was released recently forms the latest development in the government's drive to regulate and license a ganja industry.

The stages of potential taxation include a cultivation tax applied to each plant; a license fee and income tax from all licensed and registered entities; a distribution tax applied to each plant; a license fee and income tax from all licensed and registered entities; a distribution tax applied to each package and a sales tax.

Industry Minister Anthony Hylton explained that government needs to identify all possible avenues to tax the industry, for the benefit of the country.

Hylton said his ministry expects to receive recommendations to guide the development of the regulations for the cannabis industry by September, following which, it will be taken to Parliament for debate.

St. Kitts

United Airlines will be launching its inaugural non-stop flight from its New Jersey hub at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) to St. Kitts, commencing Dec. 19, 2015 and operating

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Haiti gets an extension

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once the 60-day re-registration period begins,” the statement said.

The agency said the 18-month extension also allows re-registrants to apply for a new Employment Authorization Document.

It said eligible Haiti beneficiaries who re-register during the 60-day period and request a new authorization will receive one with an expiration date of Jul. 22, 2017.

“USCIS recognizes that some re-registrants may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs expire,” the statement said. “Therefore, USCIS is automatically extending current TPS Haiti EADs bearing a Jan. 22, 2016, expiration date for an additional six months. These existing EADs are now valid through Jul. 22, 2016.”

Haiti was initially designated for temporary protected status on Jan. 21, 2010, after a major earthquake devastated the country.

Following consultations with other federal agencies, the Department of Homeland Security said it determined that current conditions in Haiti support extending the designation period for current beneficiaries.

To re-register, current beneficiaries must submit Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status. Re-registrants do not need to pay the Form I-821 application fee.

Beneficiaries must also pay the biometric services fee, or a fee waiver request, if they are 14 years old or older.

Additionally, beneficiaries must submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, regardless of whether they want an authorization, and Form I-765

application fee, or a fee waiver request, but only if they want an EAD.

If the re-registrant does not want an authorization, no application fee is required, the agency said.

It said applicants may request that the agency waive the Form I-765 application fee and/or biometrics fee based on an inability to pay.

To do so, the agency said applicants must file a Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or submit a written request.

It said fee waiver requests must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

The agency said it will reject the applications of any applicant who fails to submit the required filing fees or a properly documented fee waiver request.

It said all forms are free. Applicants can download these forms from its website at uscis.gov/forms or request them by calling USCIS toll-free at (800) 870-3676.

Additional information on TPS for Haiti—including guidance on eligibility, the application process, and where to file—is available online at uscis.gov/tps.

Further details about this extension of TPS for Haiti, including the application requirements and procedures, appear in a Federal Register notice published on Tuesday.

Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check My Case Status Online, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283 or TTY (800) 767-1833.

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Gold scam

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Guyana at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport and other American airports, U.S. customs office began liaising with the Guyanese intelligence community, alerting them to the racket and also began building intelligence files on the smugglers.

In one case, officials from the two sides compiled evidence showing that a single businessman alone accounted for a whopping \$18 million in smuggled scrap gold, while a group of others account for at least \$200 million.

The racket came to the attention of authorities around mid last year so agencies are looking into the money laundering aspect of it and say they expect a number of indictments from the US in the coming months as evidence is overwhelming.

Scrap gold has much to do with personal amounts of gold a person might have owned and decided to smelt the pieces into a bar or bars so these is no real tax categorization for this.

About two years ago, the natural resources ministry had complained that half of the gold produced in the coun-

try by small and medium scale miners is smuggled out of the country, a fair amount of it through neighboring Suriname and the others by air to Canada and the US. Rough estimates put the amount at around one million troy ounces. As well, officials say that much of Guyana's gold ends up in Dubai in the Middle East through Suriname.

Taxes and royalties in Suriname on raw gold are way cheaper than in Guyana, making it a prime temptation for smugglers, as the profit margins are humongous.

Some also head out to the Caribbean by river transport as was seen in the case of about 70 gold bars discovered on a trawler from Guyana to Curacao back in 2012.

A leading city businessman remains under the watchful eyes of local and especially American intelligence officials as they try to track down where the money is going and what it could be financing.

To go along with the investigations and to put pressure on some of those involved, the State Department has already cancelled American entry visas of several businessmen and women, many of them from the western Bartica river town that is regarded as the gateway to interior goldfields.

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Miss Jamaica Universe is named Ting's spokeswoman

By Kevin Bollers

It's a Jamaican Ting! At least that's how the saying goes for the tasty blend of sweet citrus and grapefruit flavored drink. On Aug. 21, 2015 the wildly known beverage of Jamaica made a splash at Miss Lily's in Soho. The grapefruit infused beverage is sporting a new face and spokesperson in beauty queen, Kaci Fennell, Miss Jamaica Universe 2014.

"I'm actually going on to be Miss Jamaica again because Ting is a Jamaican thing! My mother weaned me on Ting," said Ms. Fennell. "It's great to be apart of the Ting family and it means so much to be a part of brand Jamaica even after my reign,"

From its early beginnings in 1976, the brand has grown tremendously and is now available in most markets in the Americas, United Kingdom, Europe, Central America, and the Caribbean, and many retailers are excited about the re-branding efforts.



Kaci Fennell the new face of Ting. Photos by Kevin Bollers

in Jamaica, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Central America, but now the brand, which also features Pink Ting, a pink grapefruit twist on the original, and Diet Ting, wants to have a greater presence in the United States market.

"The objective is to grow Ting's market share internationally through a vibrant, engaging and versatile program that transcends culture and age," Hollingsworth explained. "Hand in hand with our re-branding exercise is our signing of a brand ambassador. We believe that Kaci Fennell is a perfect spokesperson and the best face for true Jamaican Ting! In fact she is a long time Ting drinker,"

Ms. Fennell added, "It a huge deal! Our voices are being heard and we will continue marketing and making sure that we are never forgotten, which in reality, will never happen because people love Jamaica and every Ting that comes from Jamaica!"



Blacka di' Danca, right, bussin' a move at the Ting celebration at Miss Lily's. Photos by Kevin Bollers

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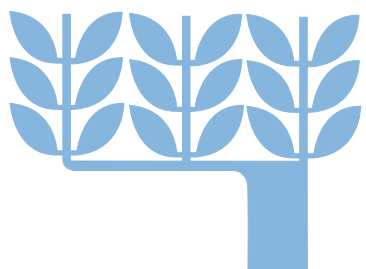
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Women's equality 95 years later

On Aug. 26, 1920 the 19th amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote, became part of the United States Constitution. The anniversary of this historic achievement deserves recognition, celebration, and a tremendous "thank you" to those brave women who faced ridicule, beatings, starvation, torture and false imprisonment so that women today could exercise their right to cast a ballot. Yet 95 years later, equality continues to elude many women.

The right to vote armed women with a critical weapon in the fight for equality. However, the persistence of economic policies that degrade the value of women's work, damages the access to fair labor and cripple career promotion undermines that promise of equality. The litany of challenges is daunting: low wages, cuts in public services, pregnancy discrimination and access to health care remain substantial obsta-

cles to women, particularly women of color and working class women.

We must work harder to ensure equality for all women. State legislatures are often the first line of access – for it was there that the women in the U.S. first received the right to vote. We must leverage these bodies of justice to ensure that women and their families continue to improve their opportunities.

We can pass real policies that will improve the lives of women and their families and make meaningful progress toward equality, but it won't happen unless everybody — elected officials, voters, men and women, demand change. We need not debate whether one party or another has done more to help or harm women. If we work together, across party lines and towards a common good, we can take the actions necessary to advance policies that will make women's lives better. By standing

united to address the barriers in the areas of economic policy and women's health, women across our country will benefit every day. Adopting paid leave policies, ending pregnancy discrimination and expanding Medicaid for the working poor reflect the core value of women's contribution to our economy and to our success. We don't have to wait for Congress to act. In legislatures everywhere, we can deliver our own victories.

Progress has been stalled for far too long. The millions of women who are working both inside and outside the home to support themselves and their families should demand action and not rest until changes are made. With their voices raised, women can show that they care much more about the concrete actions that legislators take than about fruitless political debates and restrictive policies that stand in the way of women making progress in our state, leaving

families worse off than they are now.

When we talk to the women in our districts, the issues they care most about vary; but the message is loud and clear: they want to see an end to the partisan bickering and political bank shots. They want to see policies that reflect our values, an economy that works for all families, and real progress for everyone in our state.

It took 72 years of campaigning for women to win the right to vote. Since then, 95 years have passed. The new gender gap is not in voting. It lies in pay, promotions, healthcare, and retirement. Too few women hold leadership roles in elected offices, the courts, and boardrooms. We need to pick up the pace of change substantially, if we want to reach parity in the near future. We not only need leaders who will do the right thing, we need them to take action now to build a more equitable future.

Ultimately, fulfilling the promise of the 19th amendment will take more voices and votes from women and men, asking each elected official to stop focusing on wedge issues that divide us. It is time for us all to stand with women and demand that they take action on policies that will help ensure equality for all.

Representative Stacey Y. Abrams is the Georgia House Minority Leader, the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly, and the first African-American to lead in the House. Representative Kathy Hawken is a Republican member of the North Dakota House of Representatives, representing District 46. She was first elected to the chamber in 1996. Hawken has served as Chair of Women in Government and most recently was the recipient of the 2015 Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Barry Goldwater Award.



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Clarke welcomes new Jamaican ambassador to United States

Health screenings at Kingsbrook

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has welcomed the appointment of Ralph Thomas as the new Jamaica ambassador to the United States.

Thomas is currently Jamaica's ambassador to China; he will take the U.S. position next month.

"I welcome His Excellency Ralph Thomas, who studied business and pursued a career in banking here in New York City, on his return to the United States as the Ambassador of Jamaica," said Clarke, who represents the Ninth Congressional District in Brooklyn.

"With his extensive experience in international finance as vice president of the Bank of New York Mellon and with the Jamaica Financial Services Authority, the Urban Development Corporation, and the National Investment Board, Ambassador Thomas has the opportunity to build on the relationship between the United States and Jamaica," she added.

Clarke said this could be done by "facilitating investment and encouraging collaboration on initiatives, such as the development of renewable energy, for which President Obama has already pledged his support."



Yvette Clarke, Democratic congressional candidate from New York City's 11th District is photographed on the first day of the 2006-2007 school year, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006. Clarke won a hard fought four way battle for the Democratic nomination and will continue a family tradition in politics begun by her mother, Una Clarke, when she won a seat on the New York City Council in 1991.

Associated Press / New York Post, G.N. Miller

"I remain committed to working with my colleagues in Congress, President Obama, and the Department of State, and the Nation of Jamaica to contribute to the renewal of its economy and the aspirations of its people."

"As we celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of the Independence of Jamaica, I remain committed to working with my colleagues in Congress, President Obama, and the Department of State, and the Nation of Jamaica to contribute to the renewal of its economy and the aspirations of its people — in Jamaica and around the world — in the 21st Century," said Clarke, a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives and a member of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, among others.

"I also want to thank His Excellency Dr. Stephen Vasciannie for his record of service on behalf of Jamaica," added Clarke about the outgoing ambassador.

By Alley Olivier

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center is opening up its main courtyard to the public Saturday, Aug. 29 with a myriad of screenings, health, wellness education, and information stations for specialty services.

The health expo will span the park-like grounds and feature various screening stations including: hypertension, asthma, diabetes, stroke, and body mass index. Kingsbrook's health expo's features services aimed to be aligned with their constituent's needs.

"Our health expo is Kingsbrook's way of giving back to our community as well as increasing access to needed services such as early detection options and education," said Enid Dillard, director of marketing and public affairs at Kingsbrook. "We've made sure to coordinate a wide range of services that speak to the unique health care needs of the community."

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The non-stop flights which will have a capacity ranging from 154 to 166 seats will complement existing airlift into St. Kitts from North America, providing more convenient options for travelers to get to St. Kitts during the peak winter travel season.

Mark Brantley, minister of foreign affairs and aviation for St. Kitts and deputy prime minister of Nevis, said: "We welcome the United Airlines flight from Newark as an integral component of our strategy to provide non-stop airlift from our key international gateways. Our visitor research and stakeholder input have indicated that New Jersey is a very strong market for the Federation and for Nevis, in particular."

St. Lucia

A delegation from Venezuela, led by Venezuela's Minister of External Affairs, Delcy Rodriguez recently visited St. Lucia to hold talks with Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony and Minister of External Affairs Alva Baptiste to deepen the relations between the two countries.

The Venezuelan delegation was on a regional tour of nine ALBA PetroCaribe member countries, including St. Lucia, in order to strengthen bi-lateral cooperation amongst ALBA PetroCaribe member countries.

Baptiste, accompanied by St. Lucia's Ambassador to ALBA-TCP and PetroCaribe, Eustace Vitalis attended the ALBA-TCP and PetroCaribe Political Council Meeting in Caracas.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) became the ninth country out of 161 members of the World Trade Organization (WTO), to accept the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) on July 29.

T&T is also the first Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member to accept the TFA, a release from the

Trade Ministry said. The TFA is the first multilateral agreement to be completed out of the protracted Doha Development Round (ongoing since 2001).

It provides a series of global measures for expediting the movement, clearance and release of goods. Some major reforms covered by the agreement include disciplines on fees and charges; transparency measures such as the online traders and procedures for faster release and clearance of goods.

The TFA, when globally enforced, is expected to reduce trade costs by 13 percent. Its entry into force requires formal acceptance by at least two-thirds of the WTO membership.

Turks & Caicos Island

Deputy Attorney General in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), Wyanante Mary Adrien-Roberts, has been appointed as a high court judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and has been assigned to Grenada. She assumes office on Sept. 1, 2015.

"I am delighted that Ms Adien Roberts' elevation to the High Court bench in the Eastern Caribbean has now been announced," said TCI Attorney General Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles.

On her new appointment, Adrien-Roberts said; "I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the capacity of deputy attorney general. I will always cherish the time that I spent here in the TCI in particular at the Attorney General's Chambers.

Adrien-Roberts holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of the West Indies, a Master of Laws Degree from the George Washington University Law School and the Certificate of Legal Education from the Norman Manley University. She is a former president of the Dominica Bar Association.

— compiled by Azad Ali



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Above: Dr. Kathleen Walls, Edmund Herman and Cindie Finisterre at the first Piton International Film Festival.
Left: Kendal John, president of the St. Lucian AVFA, being interviewed by Velika Lawrence on the red carpet.
 Edmund Herman

Vincy Film Festival hopes to bring new opportunities to Caribbean

By Alley Olivier

The Caribbean can offer more than pristine beaches, national dishes, and great music — it makes a great location for shooting a movie.

Providing Caribbeans with the tools of how to use a cam-

era from A to Z — and trying to convince movie makers to use the islands as a backdrop — St. Lucian native Edmund Herman hopes his second annual Piton International Film Festival entertains and educates.

“The inspiration behind the Piton International Film Festival is looking at this billion dollar industry called filmmaking and how we could use that to build bridges between here in the U.S. and the Eastern Caribbean where they’re look-

ing into new industries down there,” Herman explained.

This year’s festival is an evolution of Herman’s already established business — a 12-month initiative that focuses on celebrating, educating, exploring, and understanding the various aspects in the production of filmmaking.

Herman saw a need to bring this lucrative industry to his home where he believes people will be able to benefit from the new business opportunities that it will bring with it.

“Other than tourism, what else can we supply our people

to give them more independence so they can use their creative skills and bring more things to the table,” he said.

The four-day festival features 22 unique films from filmmakers from all over the world and will include seminars to educate those interested on the ins-and-outs of filmmaking, converting stories and ideas into screenplays, how to make money, and more.

“PIFF is looking at the business of filmmaking,” he said. “We’re looking to do the classes so that we can increase the

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Turning an insecurity into a lucrative business

By Alley Olivier

Insecurities can be crippling.

For some, insecurity can force them to hide and for others it can be the key to the creation of the next Facebook.

Flipping her own insecurity into an unforeseen business, Grenadian native Sherine Patrick designs high-end glasses you won't find on just anyone.

"I was actually born with a medical condition that's basically a lazy eye lid," Patrick said. "Ever since I was a little girl I've always liked to wear sunglasses because it let me be this glamorous person on the outside. I started off doing it as an insecurity thing but then it evolved into something that became a part of my personality."

A lover of fashion and glamor, Patrick began embellishing frames for her own enjoyment as a way to stand out. As a student at the City College of New York studying public relations and advertising, she found herself being tapped for fashion shows and photo shoots.

"People started pulling my little designs for themselves and I still didn't think it was a business," she said.

It wasn't until she was faced with the harsh economic climate of post-graduate life that she went from hobby to business.

During an internship at Complex Media, then-supervi-



Sherine Patrick, sunglass designer and founder of Enerjeee, wearing "Galactica" from her collection. Kevin Bollers

sor noticed her frames and provided the push she needed to start the journey of launching her eyewear collection "Ener-

jeee" "She was like 'Those are great, where'd you get them,' and I told her I made them,"

she said. "Then she was like 'Okay, where do you sell them.' I told her I don't and she said 'Sherine, you need to start your business.'"

Patrick then enveloped herself in 10-month long research journey to learn the foundation of good business practices.

Flipping her own insecurity into an unforeseen business, Grenadian native Sherine Patrick designs high-end glasses you won't find on just anyone.

What was most important to Patrick was creating a business was not just another Instagram platform pushing a product.

"I wanted it to be legit," she said. "I took the time to do that pre-planning."

Patrick's shades appeal to those who are fierce lovers of detail. Hand-crafted so that every Swarovski crystal, chain, or piece of leather is in its proper place, the eyewear designer spends at least two hours on each pair of frames.

"Sometimes my friends will be around when I'm designing and they'll say 'Sherine it looks fine' and I'm like 'No I have to take everything off because this one isn't sitting properly.' They say people aren't going to notice but I notice and I want to make sure I have the

best representation of my product out there," she said of the frames that range in price from \$125 to \$400.

Constantly creating and evolving, Patrick will check off one of the many items on her list of goals as her eyewear will make a debut during this upcoming New York Fashion Week 2015.

Through a previous relationship with Dallas-based, African designer Ese Azenabor, a connection was created to open a new door of opportunity.

"I actually thought our connection would be more on a campaign level," she explained. "She'd pull the glasses for like a swimwear collection or for the pictures or something like that but she reached out to me at the beginning of the summer and said 'I need eyewear for the runway for fashion week and are you available' so I said yeah."

At the upcoming presentation, Patrick will design a special capsule collection comprised of four sunglasses and include six other pieces from her current collection.

Down the pipeline, Patrick plans to craft an eyewear collection indicative of her Caribbean roots with a carnival line.

"I'm an island girl and am very much so aware of that and always try to represent my culture," she said.

Patrick's Enerjeee eyewear is available on her website www.enerjeee.com.

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Barbadians heading to Canada need to read this

By Azad Ali

The government of Canada has issued a revision to its new entry requirements for all visa-exempt travelers seeking to enter the country by air.

Effective March 15, 2016, it will become mandatory for Barbadians travelling to Canada to obtain an electronic travel authorization.

The application must be submitted online and will

be available from Aug. 1, 2015.

This is due to the Canadian government's limited capacity to identify and screen foreign nationals who do not require a temporary resident visa to travel to Canada.

The application fee is Can\$7 or Bds \$12.

This new requirement is similar to the existing US Electronic System for Trav-

All persons with Barbadian passports are expected to have the paperwork prior to their departure for Canada.

el Authorization or Australian Electronic Travel Authority.

All persons with Barbadian passports are expected to have the paperwork prior to their departure for Canada, and this includes all holders of diplomatic and official passports travelling on official or personal business. Only holders of diplomatic and official passports who are accredited to Canada will be exempt from this requirement. Additionally, an application for a work or

study permit would constitute an application.

Students in possession of the relevant student visa will be exempted.

The program, which is only applicable to visa-exempt travelers arriving by air, will only require an online application.

The vast majority of applications will be auto-granted by an electronic system, and will be valid for

five years or until the passport expires, or whichever comes first.

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E. Flatbush teen joins Youth Council

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane D. Williams (D-Brooklyn), deputy leader and chairman of the Council's Housing and Buildings Committee, has appointed Brooklyn teen Errianna Brown to the inaugural class of The New York City Youth Council from District 45.

Run in partnership with the Coro New York Leadership Center, a civic leadership training organization, the New York City Youth Council is a leadership training program comprising 49 members, one from each district with a sitting lawmaker.

"I am happy to announce that Errianna Brown will be the first Youth Council member to represent the 45th District," Williams said. "Errianna is a bright, ambitious senior at NEST+m High School whose strong academic performance and community involvement have made her an outstanding youth leader."

"She has also served as an intern in my district office, handling constituent affairs, community outreach and more, and has been an active member of my youth council Students Taking Action Today (STAT)," he added. "I have no doubt that she will be an excellent representative of the young people in our district, and look forward to seeing her regularly at City Hall."



Council Member Jumaane D. Williams congratulates Errianna Brown after appointing her to The New York City Youth Council.

William Gerlich, NYC Council

Williams said the purpose of the Youth Council is to enhance youth-adult partnerships throughout the City and elevate youth voices in decision making related to policy and practice.

Each council member was asked to nominate one exemplary young person from their district to participate in the Youth Council for a one-year term.

Youth Council members will build their leadership skills, learn about how New York City government works and the issues in their council district, and work with their council member's office and colleagues to represent the ideas and concerns of young people across the city, Williams said.

Miss Grenada Independence putting animals first

By Alley Olivier

Not every pageant is cut from a shallow cloth.

Mainstream media and television programming might suggest that pageantry is all about tanning, false teeth, and big hair but there are organizations giving pageants a level of substance.

The Grenadian American Young Women's Association, hosts a Miss Grenadian Independence pageant in hopes of helping young Grenadian teens learn more about their roots.

Founding member and Grenadian natives Noreen Wall and Kizzi Belfon use pageant to make learning about Grenadian culture fun.

"It's really about the culture, instilling those values – when we mentor those ladies Grenada, Grenada, Grenada is drilled into their brains," Wall said.

Miss Grenada Independence 2015 is Grenadian and St. Vincent United States-born Cianni Thomas. Wanting to learn more about her father's country, the



Left: Cianni reading a prayer for the youths at the Independence Ecumenical service.

Grenadian American Young Women's Association

14-year-old decided the pageant would be a fun and enlightening experience.

"My dad is Grenadian and I wanted to learn more about his culture because I like the things I learn from him like the food and carnival. I really admire it since I'm American and we don't really have things

like that," Thomas explained.

Thomas says that she will now launch an animal welfare project and hopes her title will help make people aware of the casue.

"I want the people in Grenada to take the importance of animal welfare as seriously as I

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Cianni at the Independence Ecumenical Service reception.

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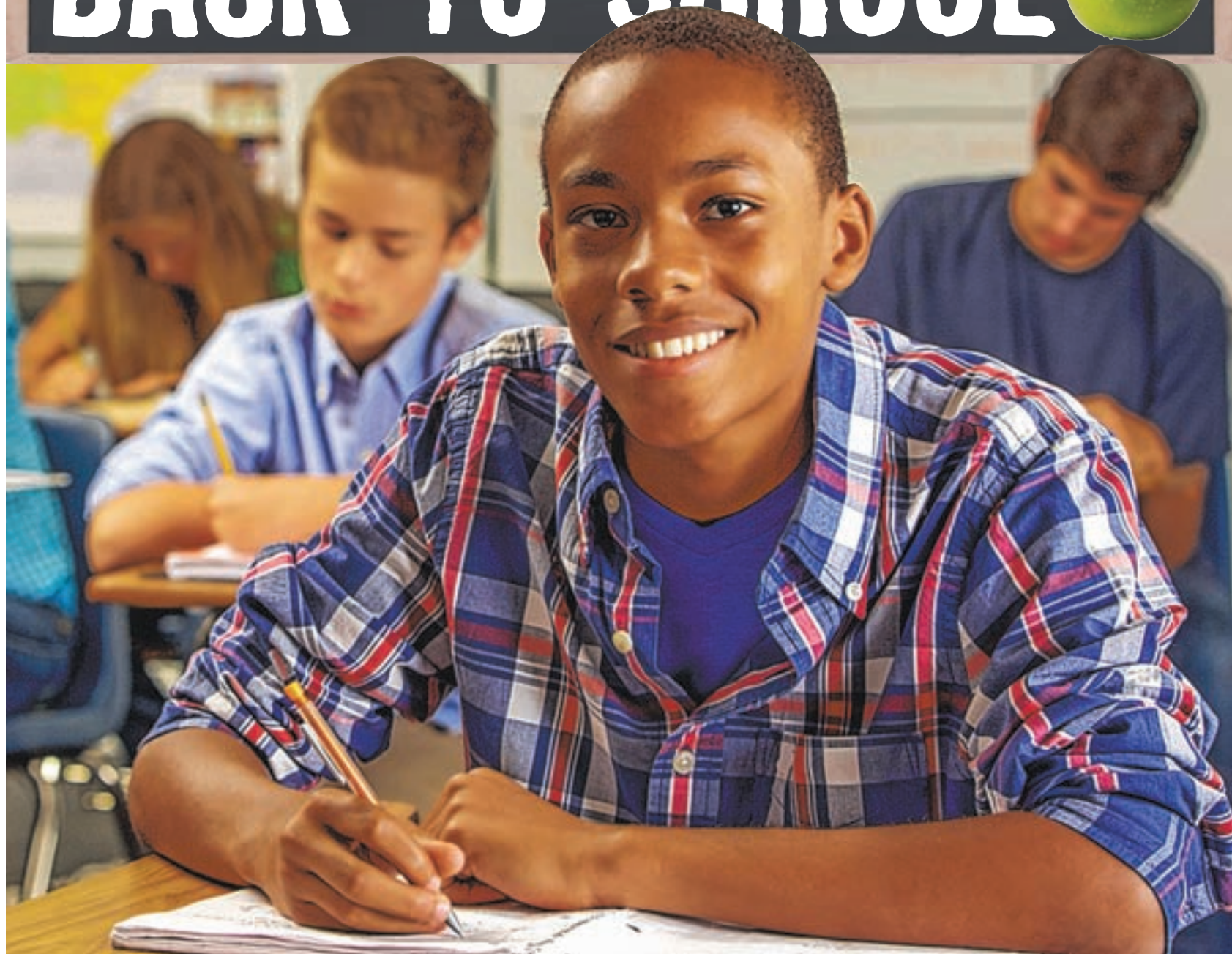
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BACK TO SCHOOL



Easing the high school transition

Each school year brings new opportunities. Attending a new school can involve some butterflies as kids acclimate to their new classmates and teachers, but the transition from grade school to high school is typically one of the more dramatic transitions students have to make.

Starting high school can be an overwhelming experience full of change, but there are many ways for students to ease this transition:

Take part in high-school orientation. Orientations help students acclimate to their new surroundings. Ori-

entation sessions can provide insight on coursework and help kids learn about the campus and any amenities it provides. Learning the layout of the school in advance can help calm any first-day jitters students may encounter.

Arrive prepared. Make sure all summer assignments are completed so you start off on the right foot. Unprepared students are likely to be apprehensive.

Adjust to new sleep-wake schedules. Summer vacation may have been filled with late nights and sleepy mornings, but now that school will begin anew, it's time for students to

gradually readjust their schedules. That will make it easier to wake up for school. Many high schools begin the day earlier than grammar schools and middle schools. It may take a few weeks to grow accustomed to the earlier hours, so start waking up earlier as the summer winds down.

Plan to arrive with friends. Seeing familiar faces can help students feel more secure. High schools tend to be larger than grade schools and include kids from various neighborhoods, but chances are your friends will be attending the same school as you. Carpool with friends during

the first week of school so your first steps on campus are with friends.

Enroll in a mentoring program. Some high schools pair freshmen with upperclassmen so younger students can learn the ropes of the school. New students can benefit from these personalized guides and should feel comfortable asking questions about teachers and school protocol.

Participate in clubs and extracurricular activities. Another way to feel more comfortable at a new school is to participate in activities. High schools offer numerous extracurricular activities that cater

to an array of interests. Band, choir, sports teams, debate teams, student government, and foreign language clubs are just a few examples of enjoyable extracurricular activities. Joining such groups can introduce you to like-minded students.

Arrive to class on time. Teachers may be more lenient the first few weeks of school, but over time they will expect students to learn their schedules and arrive to class on time. Students can make arrangements with friends to share lockers or employ other strategies to make it easier to get to class on time.

Get the best deals on electronic school supplies



In the not-so-distant past, scientific calculators were the most technologically advanced school supplies students needed. But today's students rely on technology more than ever. Thanks to mobile phones, e-readers and portable computer tablets, the average student's back-to-school shopping list often includes at least one electronic device. But with such technological advances comes a higher price tag for supplies.

Electronics can range from the affordable to the very expensive, and the most expensive product is not always the best. Here's how to shop smart for electronic school supplies:

Think about how the device will be used. Will your son or daughter be typing term papers or putting together reports? If so, a device that has a word processing function will be necessary. Al-

though many e-readers and tablets have apps that function as word-processors, such apps won't be as comprehensive as more traditional word processing software. And unless the student has an external keyboard for typing, using a touchscreen can be cumbersome when producing lengthy assignments. Some tablets also need to be connected to a wireless printer in order to print documents.

Educate yourself. Go online and read everything you can about the various devices available. Some parents who aren't tech savvy may quickly learn that there is an entirely new vocabulary with regards to technology and it pays to be informed. Having the information at the ready and being able to discuss what you want from a given product with a store employee will make you less likely to spend extra money on things that you probably don't need, such as

accessories or upgrades.

Comparison shop. Electronics are big business, and different retailers provide different deals. For example, one retailer may not offer as good a warranty plan or tech-support as another. Compare apples to apples when comparison shopping to find the best deal. Do not be bashful about bringing in a competitor's price to a particular store you like and asking for it to match a lower price. Many stores will do so to keep your business.

Consider a refurbished item. Manufacturers like Apple offer refurbished items that are backed with the same warranty as fresh-out-of-the-box merchandise. Because these machines were rebuilt, the cost is considerably lower than buying new. Also, refurbished equipment is usually thoroughly tested before it is shipped out to a new owner.

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Time management is a skill all college students must learn in order to ensure their success.

Time management tips for busy college kids

Today's college students are busier than ever before. Tuition hikes and higher costs of living have forced many college students to work part-time jobs in addition to their full-time jobs as students.

In addition to the need to work, college students are also embracing extracurricular activities in an attempt to make themselves stand out in an increasingly competitive post-college job market.

While that ability to multi-task might one day prove attractive to prospective employers, it's an ability many students must learn. Time is often a commodity for college students, and managing time effectively can make the difference between a successful student and one who is overwhelmed by stress.

Learn to prioritize. For some college students, the weekend is the ultimate priority. Though this might be a recipe for fun, it's not a recipe for success. Prioritizing both academic and social commitments is a very important step for students looking to manage time more effectively.

First and foremost, school should be a student's top priority. After studies, it's up to a student to choose what's the next most important priority. This is often very difficult, as colleges typically offer a bevy of activities to students. Socializing is an important aspect of college life, but students must be careful not to place socializing too far up on the totem pole of their priorities. When prioritizing, it's best to keep in mind that education comes first. Keep school and school-related activities high on the list of priorities. **Don't over-extend.** Many students

love college for the very reason that there is so much to do. In an effort to ensure all students make the most of their college experiences, colleges and universities provide many different avenues by which students can express themselves and become a part of the college community's fabric. However, with all those activities, it's easy for college kids to go overboard and overcommit themselves. Attempting to do too much can lead to feelings of stress and burnout, often resulting in poorer academic performance. When managing time, college students should schedule some daily time to relax and take a breather.

Keep a planner. Daily planners might seem very adult, but they're also very practical. Students with academic, extracurricular and social commitments should write things down in a daily planner to help keep their heads from spinning. Larger things, like mid-term exams or research papers, don't need to be included in a daily planner. But smaller details that tend to get lost in the shuffle should be written down to help students stay on track and make the most of all of their commitments.

Stay as flexible as possible. While today's busy college students might scoff at the suggestion that they stay flexible, flexibility is an important element of time management. Few plans ever go off without a hitch, no matter how well planned they are. Something unexpected tends to pop up around every corner. By remaining flexible with their time, students are putting themselves in positions to better handle these unexpected surprises, be it a sickness, a computer crash, car troubles, etc.

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Careers for women in science and technology



Women interested in science should consider a career in engineering.

Female engineers and organizations such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers want women choosing a course of study and potential career path to consider scientific fields — like engineering. There's more to this line of work than meets the eye. Here are some of the many reasons female students should think about pursuing a career in engineering.

Design and innovate

"Engineering jobs are involved with the invention, design and manufacture of products and systems," says Dr. Irena Atov, chair of Institute's Women in Engineering and technical manager at Telstra, a network architecture reliability group. Essentially, engineers apply the principles of science and mathematics to develop economical solutions to technical problems. "Everything you use, everywhere you go in the man-made

environment has its basis in engineering."

Play with technology

Technology isn't just for catching up on social networking or trading e-mails. At the crux of engineering are technologies used to design, produce, test, and simulate how a machine, structure, or system operates. You can actually "play" with the concepts that you are developing before they are put to market.

Science can liberate

There's something empowering about a career in a field that has such widespread touch, impact and relatability.

"Engineering is such an interesting field in that every day when you go to work you can create things you never thought possible — a true way to follow your dreams," says Atov.

Additionally, the talent pool provided by female engineers is growing

and women can bring a new perspective to the field and its social force.

Hands-on work in different specialties

For those who love to get inside a problem and work toward a solution, engineering has multiple fields of interest to pursue. Engineering pervades so many subsets that there are dozens of specialized concentrations within this field of study. In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 17 engineering specialties recognized by the Federal Government's Standard Occupational Classification system. These include: agricultural engineers, biomedical engineers, civil engineers, computer engineers, environmental engineers, and nuclear engineers, among others. Individuals interested in a specific area of study can likely find an engineering specialty that works in conjunction with that field.

Engineering can be lucrative

Thanks to the widespread demand for engineers in all facets of the economy, engineering can be a stable and intellectually stimulating career. In a time of economic uncertainty, it can be a smart move to choose a career path that ensures long-term employment, like engineering. Although salaries vary according to country and area of specialty, it's not uncommon to earn a starting salary of \$80,000 and upward per year, which, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is "among the highest of all college graduates."

Travel opportunities abound

A truly global career path, engineering jobs exist all over the world.


"Engineering offers international portability — enabling you to work in different countries," says Atov. Domestic companies may place employees to work in foreign subsidiaries, or global companies may be looking for

The talent pool provided by female engineers is growing and women can bring a new perspective to the field and its social force.

a larger pool of applicants.

"Especially in the field of academia, engineers don't just pursue careers in their home state, or even country. University jobs are now advertised worldwide and it is quite the norm, to have applicants from every continent — thus ensuring that the best candidates in the world are chosen," she says. "Women should know, now more than ever, that engineering is a career that brings together passion, creativity and intelligence to a job where you can help people."

Engineering careers generally require a four-year degree from an accredited university. Internships can help students further clarify the intricacies of a career in engineering, especially one in a certain specialization. Regardless of age or level of education, if your dream is to join the ranks of other successful women engineers — such as Dr. Radia Perlman, known as the Mother of the Internet, and Nancy J. Currie, a NASA astronaut, engineer and officer in the U.S. Armed Forces — visit www.TryEngineering.org or www.ieee.org/women to take action and get your career started down the right path.



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How to improve test-taking skills

Students are periodically tested to gauge their progress on a variety of subjects. Testing can be an effective way to determine a student's understanding of a given subject, but not every student performs well on tests. Test-taking comes easily for some, but not so for others. Nerves or trouble concentrating can foil the best students. However, there are ways for students to improve their test-taking skills.

Preparation

Most tests are given with prior notice, enabling students to prepare for them well in advance. Sometimes teachers and professors will surprise students with a quiz. These pop quizzes are used to judge how well students are absorbing the information and if they have been paying attention.

When in class, continually jot down notes and create an outline of important information. The teacher may provide hints about the upcoming test, including emphasizing specific areas of focus or even revealing the format of the test. Contrary to what some students believe, teachers want their students to succeed. Therefore, your teacher may offer a review session the day before or be open

for questions prior to the test if further clarification is needed.

Studying with others can shed new light on a subject. Studying difficult subject matter with peers may help students grasp the materials better than they did in class. Classmates may have some tricks they've developed, including mnemonic devices for putting facts together.

Day before and day of

Prior to a test, make sure you eat and get enough rest. While it may be tempting to pull an "all-nighter," you will not perform well on the test if you are tired from having studied all night. Review the material and put the main ideas or formulas onto a sheet that can be quickly reviewed. Review it many times and then put it away. Have a good meal, relax, and try to get at least eight hours of sleep.

On the day of the test, wake up and arrive on time or even a few minutes early for your class. This can help to calm your nerves and enable you to squeeze in some last-second studying.

The test itself

Make sure you have the supplies

needed for the test. This may include pens or pencils, a calculator, a textbook if you are allowed to reference, or any other supplies the teacher allows. Have a watch available so that you can pace yourself during the test. Avoid using a mobile phone during the test, as the teacher may misinterpret that as cheating.

Try to remain positive through the test. If you feel yourself getting nervous, take a few deep breaths and regroup.

In addition to these tips, there are other ways to approach the test.

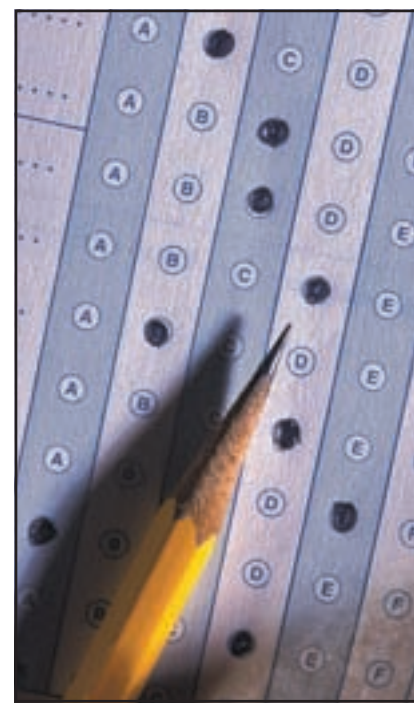
Do the easiest problems first. If you do not know a question, skip it and move on. There may be clues later on in the test that help you go back and answer skipped questions.

Always read the entire question. Skimming could find you missing important instructions.

Look for words that may help you determine the answer. Words such as "all," "never," or "none" may present clues to the answer.

Pay attention to your work and only your work. Do not be distracted if others finish before you.

If there is time, go back and



Testing can be an effective way to determine a student's understanding of a given subject, but not every student performs well on tests.

look over the test. Make sure that all the questions have been answered and check for any careless mistakes. Proofread any essays and short answer questions.

Preparing well for a test, remaining calm and checking over your work can help students who struggle with test-taking do their best.

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African-American males are 60 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer than Caucasian men.

Exploring the risk factors for prostate cancer

In the United States, one in six men can expect to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, while there is a one in seven chance that a Canadian man will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during his lifetime.

Those elevated incidence rates could be a byproduct of an aging population, as age is a significant risk factor for prostate cancer. According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, one in 10,000 men under age 40 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. That figure skyrockets to one in 38 for men between the ages of 40 to 59, and one in 15 for men in their 60s.

Though age is perhaps the most significant risk factor, it's not the only thing that increases a man's risk for prostate cancer. In fact, there are a host of factors in addition to age that increase a man's risk for prostate cancer, which the Canadian Cancer Society says will claim the lives of more than 4,000 Canadian men this year.

One such risk factor is where a man lives. Men who live in rural China, for instance, have a relatively low risk of developing prostate cancer during their lifetime. That risk is only two percent if a man stays in rural China his entire life. But that risk increases significantly if a Chinese man moves to the West, where a man in the United States has a 17 percent chance of developing prostate cancer.

And not only does which country a man lives in play a

role, but also the location of his home within that country's borders can elevate the risk. Men who live in cities north of 40 degrees latitude (north of Philadelphia, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio; and Provo, Utah) have the highest risk of dying from prostate cancer, and researchers feel this is because men who live in such cities get less sunlight during the winter months and therefore less vitamin D.

Race is another risk factor for prostate cancer. Asian men have the lowest risk of developing prostate cancer, while African-American men are 60 percent more likely to develop the disease than Caucasian men. The PCF notes that African-American men are also 2.5 times more likely to die from the disease, which highlights the importance that African-American men must place on screenings.

Family history also plays a role in a man's risk for developing prostate cancer. Men whose fathers or brothers have had prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop the disease. Their risk increases even more if their fathers or brothers were diagnosed with the cancer before reaching the age of 55 or if they had three or more family members who were diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Research into prostate cancer is ongoing and continues to unearth new information regarding this potentially deadly disease. More information about prostate cancer is available at www.pcf.org.

High cholesterol linked to prostate cancer recurrence

High cholesterol poses a significant threat to human health, and now there is another reason for men to get their cholesterol levels in check, as high cholesterol has now been linked to increasing a man's risk for prostate cancer recurrence.

A recent study funded by the National Institutes of Health linked triglycerides and cholesterol to the recurrence of prostate cancer. Among men who underwent surgery for prostate cancer, those with high cholesterol and triglyceride levels in their blood were more likely to develop prostate cancer again, says the research.

Instead of eating an abundance of saturated fats, such as those found in red meat and dairy products, select foods with monounsaturated fats found in olives and peanuts.

The study also found that relatively simple changes can greatly reduce one's prostate cancer recurrence risk. Findings suggest that normalization, or even partial normalization, of serum lipid levels among those with an abnormal cholesterol profile can reduce the risk of prostate cancer recurrence. Men with triglyceride levels of 150 mg/DL or higher were 35 percent more likely to have a prostate cancer recurrence. Similarly, those with total cholesterol levels above 200 mg/DL were linked to a 9 percent higher recurrence instance for every 10 mg/DL increase.

Men can take various steps to lower their cholesterol, which can be a multi-pronged process, and can work in concert with their physicians to develop an effective plan. The following are some effective ways to lower one's cholesterol:

Make dietary changes. Many different changes to your diet can impact cholesterol levels. Choosing healthier fats is



Men who have previously been diagnosed with prostate cancer should know that high cholesterol can increase their risk of recurrence.

a start. Instead of eating an abundance of saturated fats, such as those found in red meat and dairy products, select foods with monounsaturated fats found in olives and peanuts. Eating whole grains and opting for fruits and vegetables over meats and refined carbohydrates also can lower your cholesterol.

Exercise. Moderate daily physical activity can help raise high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, which is often referred to as "good cholesterol." Such activity also may help lower bad cholesterol levels.

Lose weight. The Mayo Clinic advises that losing as little as five to 10 percent of your body weight can help you signifi-

cantly reduce your cholesterol levels.

Consider niacin. Some studies say niacin (vitamin B3) may be more effective at lowering bad cholesterol than medication. Niacin can be found in liver, meat, peanuts and other nuts, and whole grains.

Consider medication. People who are at a high risk of heart disease and who have poor cholesterol numbers may need to take medication. Doctors can work with you to find the right combination of treatment.

Lowering cholesterol has a number of health benefits, and preventing prostate cancer recurrence can now be added to that list.



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The ongoing prostate test controversy

Inaccurate results and less than fool-proof detection has lead many health professionals to eschew prostate specific antigen tests as an indicator of prostate cancer. A draft recommendation from the U.S. government said tests should no longer be part of routine screening for men.

Why? According to the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force, evidence indicates there is little, if any, reduction of prostate cancer-related deaths from the tests. Further research has indicated that tests actually may turn a man's life upside down by unnecessary stress and surgery for false-positive readings. But there are proponents of the test that say it is still vital in early detection of prostate cancer and enables men to get treatment earlier.

A prostate-specific antigen test measures a protein in the blood, which has a tendency to spike when prostate cancer is present. People who support the test say that it is one of the best practices for male health screenings and that fatalities have dropped 40 percent due



Some people still believe that prostate specific antigen tests are a good choice in prostate cancer detection. Others say they can lead to false positives and unnecessary surgery.

to prostate cancer since these tests were introduced 20 years ago.

Opponents say the tests often deliver flawed results. This has

frequently led to overtreatment, stress and anxiety. Furthermore, the test may indicate cancer, or it could be detecting something much more benign,

like an infection or recent sexual intercourse. Also, a positive test reading can require a biopsy that takes place through the rectum, which can lead to a

number of uncomfortable side effects.

One of the biggest arguments against tests is that they don't really lower a man's risk. Prostate cancer is a slow-growing cancer for many men, which may not actually impair a man's health in his natural lifetime, especially since prostate cancer is largely a disease of men in their 60s and older.

The American Cancer Society has not taken sides on the matter. The Canadian Cancer Society has said that the test cannot diagnose cancer. If your tests are high, more tests are usually needed to determine if you have prostate cancer. They also say some types of prostate cancer grow slowly, may never cause problems, and don't need to be treated. Finding this type of cancer may lead to unnecessary treatment that can have side effects.

Whether to undergo a test or not is largely the decision for a man and his doctor. Some believe it to be invaluable in the fight against cancer, while others are no longer so sure about a test's efficacy.

Is heavy tea consumption linked to prostate cancer?

After water, tea is the second most popular beverage in the world. However, new evidence suggests that men who tend to be prolific tea drinkers may be at a higher risk for developing prostate cancer than those who are not.

A Scottish study led by Dr. Kashif Shafique of the Institute of Health & Wellbeing at the University of Glasgow points out that, among the 6,016 Scottish men ages 21 to 75 who participated in the 37-year study, heavy tea drinkers, defined as those who had more than seven cups of tea a day, were at 50 percent higher risk of developing prostate cancer than men who drank less tea. Of the men who were reported to have consumed the most tea on a daily basis, 6.4 percent developed prostate cancer while the study was being conducted. Though the study did not



A new study shows a potential connection between tea and prostate cancer risk.

take into consideration a host of factors, including family history or any additional dietary choices beyond tea, coffee and alcohol intake, the doctor believes heavy tea drinking can increase prostate cancer risk. But Dr. Shafique indicates that he doesn't know whether the tea

itself is a risk factor or it is simply that people who drink tea, which is high in antioxidants, are more likely to live longer lives. That's an important distinction, as a man's risk of developing prostate cancer increases dramatically as he ages.

The study does not show a direct link between tea consumption and prostate cancer, so it is not wise for individuals to quit their tea habits — particularly because tea has so many potentially positive side effects. Previous studies have shown that drinking tea may help reduce cholesterol levels and even help fight cancer. But the study does suggest that perhaps moderate tea consumption is best.

Until more information is discovered about tea's connection to prostate cancer, men can continue to enjoy their favorite varieties, but it might be prudent to err on the side of moderation.

Recognizing the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is a deadly disease that forms in the tissues of the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system that is found below the bladder and in front of the rectum. According to the Canadian Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers), while the National Cancer Institute estimates that nearly 30,000 American men will lose their lives to prostate cancer in 2014, and roughly 15 percent of American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in their life.

Despite its status as a

potentially deadly disease, prostate cancer can be beaten. In fact, the NCI notes that the five-year survival rate for men diagnosed with prostate cancer between 2004 and 2010 was 98.9 percent, proving that a prostate cancer diagnosis is not a death sentence. Like many types of cancer, prostate cancer is most effectively treated when discovered in its early stages. For example, the five-year survival rate for patients diagnosed with localized prostate cancer, which describes cancer that is found only in the part of the body where it started, between 2004 and 2010 was 100 percent.

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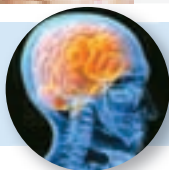


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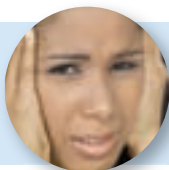
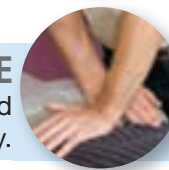


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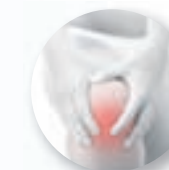
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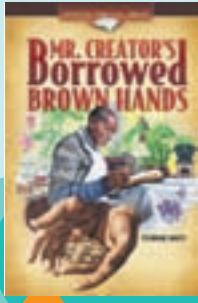
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Men are often their own best friends when it comes to fighting prostate cancer. Men over 50 should speak to their physicians about routine prostate cancer screenings, which include the prostate-specific antigen test or the digital rectal examination. Such screenings can help detect prostate cancer early and dramatically improve a man's prognosis. In addition to screenings, men can learn the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer to further improve their chances of surviving a diagnosis.

Early signs of prostate cancer

Prostate cancer does not always show signs or symptoms in its early stages, and that's because it tends to be slow-growing. A sign of prostate cancer refers to something that a physician or healthcare professional can observe and recognize, while a symptom is something that only the person experiencing it can feel. It's important men recognize that certain symptoms associated with prostate cancer may be caused by other conditions and that the presence of these symptoms does not mean a man has prostate cancer. However, it's equally important that men who notice symptoms associated with prostate cancer bring them to the attention of their physicians immediately.

Changes in bladder habits are among the most common symptoms of prostate cancer, and these symptoms tend to be early indicators of the disease. These changes may include a frequent need to urinate, especially at night; an intense need to urinate; difficulty in starting or stopping the flow of urine; inability to urinate; weak and/or interrupted urine stream; and burning or pain during urination.

Blood in urine or semen and painful ejaculation may also indicate the presence of prostate cancer.

Late signs of prostate cancer

When prostate cancer is not detected early, the cancer then grows larger and may metastasize, or spread to other organs of the body. This spreading can produce the following late signs and symptoms, which differ greatly from those that appear during the early stages of prostate cancer.

- Bone pain, especially in the back, hips, thighs or neck
- Weight loss
- Fatigue
- Low red blood cell count (anemia)
- Weakness or numbness in the legs or feet

• Loss of bladder or bowel control
Though prostate cancer is a potentially deadly disease, men who prioritize screening and learn to recognize its signs and symptoms can vastly improve their chances of surviving a diagnosis.

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BY ALEXANDRA NEUMAN

Hearing screenings are often overlooked among the array of recommended routine health and maintenance services. The general population is more likely to get an annual eye examination or teeth cleaning, but a hearing screening is a time-sensitive service that is essential to preventing, detecting, and resolving any hearing related complication. At Liberty Hearing Centers, a Brooklyn-based audiology firm, hearing screenings are offered free of charge and the entire process takes only 15 to 20 minutes. One of the main reasons for this free screening service is to raise awareness about hearing loss and prevention before any significant loss occurs.

“We truly want to educate our patients. Sometimes patients wait too long before addressing their hearing health care. We want to stress the importance of every patient having an annual hearing exam,” says Chief Executive Officer David Tonkovich.

When hearing loss is long standing and goes undetected, the treatment is generally hearing aids, which can slow the progression in some cases.

“If we had the opportunity to help a patient five years earlier, it is possible to conclude that we may have been able to reduce the patient’s level of hearing reduction,” he says, emphasizing the need for



(Clockwise from the left) Liberty Hearing Centers Chief Executive Officer David Tonkovich gets his yearly hearing exam. A hearing screening with an audiologist such as Dr. Jennifer Campolo, Au.D. is essential to preventing, detecting, and resolving any hearing related complication. There are many hearing aids from which to choose. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

annual testing, especially when the beginning stages of hearing loss can easily go unnoticed.

Many medical conditions put the patient at risk for an earlier onset or accelerated rate of hearing loss. Having your hearing checked should be a part of your annual routine exams.

Beyond free screenings, Liberty Hearing Centers’ services include management of tinnitus (ringing in the ears), as well as treatment for complications related to dizziness, loss of balance, and vertigo. Liberty Hearing Cen-

ters’ comprehensive and collaborative approach to care ensures that any consultation will include a wide variety of options for patients, including information on the latest technologies and treatments available. One of Liberty Hearing Centers’ main functions is to help patients select the best hearing products for their needs and lifestyles, such as invisible hearing aids for those who are uncomfortable wearing exposed aids in their ears.

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2013, to raise money for Haiti's Musee d'Art that was heavily damaged in the earthquake.

Gallery Director Corinne Jennings greeted attendees at a brief welcoming presentation.

The fact that the gallery is located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan didn't stop the exhibitors from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams (read by Patricia Brintle). Congress Member Mathieu Eugene was in the house, too.

"Some frequently-exhibited artists wanted to be 'invited', but that's not how we did it," said Brintle "All the artists needed to submit their work."

Seeing how popular this exhibit is, they're no doubt sorry.

A new group of five will constitute next year's Artist Forum to collaborate for another exhibit.

"We'll be alumni and act as advisors," says Brintle.

The show sold out its artist's catalogue with a statement from each artist and reproduction of all the work on exhibit.

Now that this exhibition is assembled, Brintle would love for it to travel and be exhibited



Katia San Millan traveled from the Dominican Republic for the reception. She stands with her painting *La Marie Bel, Marie is Beautiful*.
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Film

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knowledge behind the camera from A to Z — showing the people what goes in to taking a story to a screenplay. We have great stories in the Caribbean so how do we help them become screenplays?"

Herman is a firm believer in the old adage, "give a man a fish, he eats for a day, but teach a man to fish he'll eat for a lifetime." He views filmmaking and networking as another layer of opportunity the Caribbean is missing out on.

"I'm very passionate about this because I'm looking right now Marvel Comics has a dateline from 2008 to 2019 of movies they're going to be producing,"

"I'm very passionate about this because I'm looking right now Marvel Comics has a dateline from 2008 to 2019 of movies they're going to be producing," he explained.

"The last 'Avengers' movie, some of it was shot in South Africa with the Hulk. Of all those movies that DC Comics and Marvel Comics are coming out with, how many Caribbean islands are on their short wish list of places to shoot? If we don't make ourselves available to them they will not put us on that list."

The festival is not typical as the focus is fixated on building future filmmakers and entrepreneurs versus beating other filmmakers out for awards. There is competition aspect, instead, participating filmmakers are encouraged to explore the possibilities and benefit of collaboration.

"We don't have to compete on everything. PIFF is about collaboration; talking to the filmmakers about how can we come together in the Eastern Caribbean and bring more industry to the Caribbean while saving ourselves money and while building a good network," he said.

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Miss Grenada

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do," she said. "In Grenada there is a lot of stray animals — cats, dogs, and cows on the streets of our country. I don't like it all. I want it to end" Thomas said.

And pageant organizers back her up. "She is really passionate about animals and we're very excited to launch her project," Belfon said.

On social media, Thomas is creating flyers to be shared in the streets of New York and Grenada. She also plans to share a public service announcement video via Facebook to reign in her audience.

Thomas takes this project and her love for animals seriously, she is currently volunteering at the Sean Casey Animal Rescue center.

"They have me walking dogs, helping vaccinate cats, cleaning out cages, feeding them, giving them water," she said. "Sometimes, I have to help with the turtles like pick them up and carry them. They're really big turtles and I have to feed them watermelon but be careful that they don't bite my fingers off."

Thomas is also organizing a walk-a-thon to raise funds to donate to the Grenada Society for the Protection and Care of Animals and other similar organizations in Grenada.

"Since it's summer I thought doing a walk-a-thon would be nice since it's nice outside. People can enjoy themselves while they're also working and helping a cause," Thomas explained.



Cianni photographed at the 2015 Independence gala.

Grenadian American Young Women's Association

The well-poised crown holder is hoping to continue this project domestically as she enters her freshman year at Abraham Lincoln High School. Thomas was determined to attend the school solely because of its veterinarian program.

"That's the only school I've heard of that has a veterinarian program," she said. "Many people told me that Abraham Lincoln is good school but I didn't care because I want to do that veterinarian program no matter what."

Join Thomas Aug. 15 at Prospect Park to walk for animal rights, for more information on Miss Grenada Independence and Thomas' project please contact giacony74@gmail.com.

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A scene from the movie "Better Must Come" directed by Storm Saulter.
 Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival

T&T Film Festival a ticket to the Caribbean

By Nelson A. King

Trinidad and Tobago will be the "destination of choice" for movie and film enthusiasts in the month of September as the twin-island republic hosts its annual film festival, the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Development Company says.

Voted one of the 25 coolest film festivals in the world by MovieMaker Magazine in 2014 and one of the top-10 unmissable events in the Caribbean by Culturetrip.com in 2015, the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival will run from Sept. 15-29.

"Featuring films from and about the region and its Diaspora, the film festival aims to facilitate the growth of Caribbean cinema by offering a wide range of industry programs and networking opportunities," the group said.

Some of the stand-out events included in this year's festival are the opening night red-carpet gala and after-party, an awards ceremony and the screening of about 100 feature length and short films created by Caribbean and Diaspora film makers, many of which will make their world premiere on the stage there.

The festival, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, will also screen 10 classic Caribbean films and, for those interested in the art of film making, host workshops, a documentary master class facilitated by renowned documentary film maker Nick Broomfield and a three-day academic symposium entitled Caribbean Cinema Now.

Participants will also have the opportunity to network with some of the best local and international directors and film makers, including Pras Michel of the Fugees, who will be attending the festival to promote the Caribbean premiere of his film "Sweet Micky for President," which will be shown at the opening night gala and after-party.

Festival memorabilia such as T-shirts, mugs and bags with this year's slogan "It starts here" will also be available for purchase during the festival, TTTDC said.

"To experience a true taste of the Caribbean and for a chance to meet and network with the people who know it best, the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival is the place to be in September," the group said. "The fun starts here."

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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You have talents that are inherent inside you, says Jakes. -You may not understand them. You may call them God-given, dumb luck, or fate, but those talents are your destiny and "... people must learn to live genuine lives that allow them to perform the... tasks they are gifted to do."

In following your destiny, remember that it's a process. That doesn't mean things can't happen quickly, but it's unlikely. Time will give you the chance to grow and learn to use your talents to their utmost; just be patient and understand that few things happen when it's convenient. Meanwhile, gather all the skills you can get, which "may be just what you need to propel you..." And remember that "the only reason we have steps is to get us to a higher level."

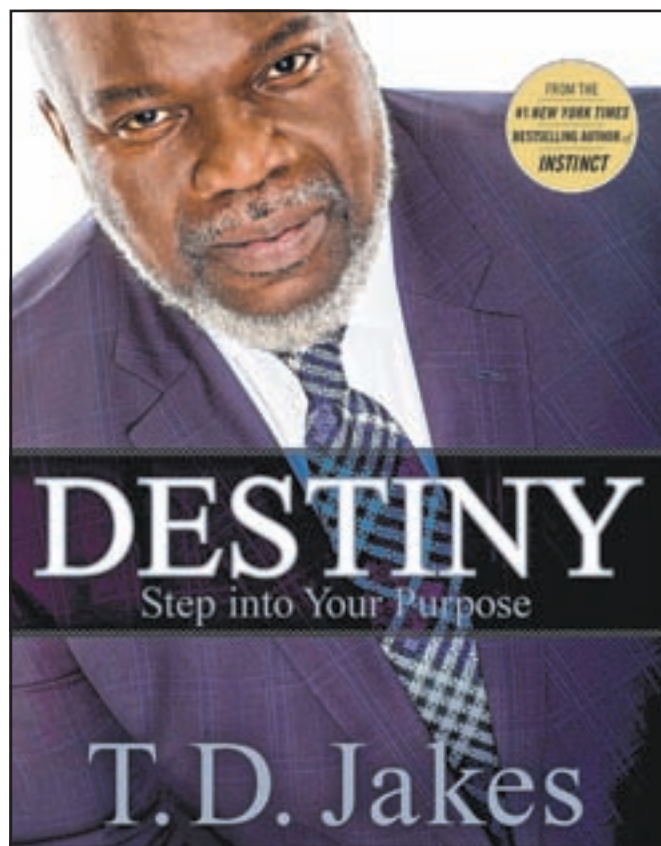
Learn to prioritize, not just in your tasks but in your relationships, your finances, and in your dreams. Don't "fix every problem that comes across your radar." Know how to handle sit-

uations that are important, and "leave behind small thinking."

Don't confuse who you are with what you do. Remember that pain and failure are part of the journey, but don't let them deter you from your destiny and don't waste a second of your life. And remember that "Sometimes the best hello to a new opportunity is the good-bye you gave to a dead situation."

As I see it, there are two main aspects that set "Destiny" apart from other books that line the business shelves at the library or bookstore: it's perhaps not surprisingly quite faith-based, and it's very surprisingly quiet in its steadfastness.

Author T.D. Jakes is almost laser-focused-insistent in his urgings for readers, in fact, and that's not a bad thing. Jakes' words feel like a giant hand on your back, like an industrial magnet pulling toward success and his advice, though sometimes repetitive, is startlingly intense. Again, that's not a distraction, but there was one thing that did bother me: I saw



Cover art for "Destiny: Step into Your Purpose" by T.D. Jakes.

words on responsibility but not much about what to do if a destiny is misread or, if chased, turns sour.

And so, though I liked this book quite a bit, I would've liked

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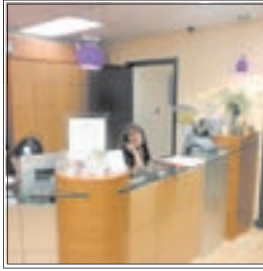
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More than 100 candidates to contest T&T election

By Azad Ali

A total of 132 candidates will be contesting the General Election in Trinidad and Tobago on Sept. 7, 2015.

When nominations closed last Monday at various registration offices across the country, there were 17 political parties and five independents who would be contesting the election, according to the Election and Boundaries Commission.

The United National Congress (UNC), which is led by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar is the major partner in the People's Partnership (PP) coalition has nominated 28 candidates for the 41 constituencies, while the other coalition partner, the Congress of the People (COP) led by Justice Minister Prakash Ramadhar is fielding only eight candidates — four less than in 2010. The minor parties in the coalition — the Tobago Congress of the People (TOP) is contesting two seats in the Sister Isle Tobago and the National Joint Action Committee (NJAC) is going with three candidates.

The Independent Liberal Party (ILP) led by Jack Warner has 28 candidates in the election race.

The main Opposition party the People's National Movement (PNM) is contesting all 41 constituencies.

The Trinidad Humanity Campaign has three candidates, the New National Vision Party (three), and there are five Independents.

The pollsters are predicting a very close fight between the UNC and the PNM with the PNM slightly in the lead with 21 seats to the PP 20 seats.

The PNM has been campaigning on poor governance, corruption and escalating crime.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar has promised 19 items to be delivered in its "First 100 Days of Government" if it wins the election, which includes escalating crime, establish a financially independent judiciary, tackle the homeless problem, laptops for university students and tables to primary school pupils, which will begin in 2016.

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Catholic Charities to welcome Pope to America

By Vinette K. Pryce

A seemingly unending procession of Roman Catholics are already queuing up to meet Pope Francis when he visits the United States for the first time.

The long line of potential spectators includes celebrities, and average citizens willing to wait extended hours in order to get a glimpse of the papal apostle from Rome during the six days he is slated to address faithful believers and even some non-believers in Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City.

"We are thrilled that the Holy Father is visiting the United States," Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, executive director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of New York said.

Hosted here by Catholic Charities, the Pope will be the guest of an agency that aims to provide a vast array of human services, including protecting and nurturing children and youth, feeding the hungry, and sheltering the homeless, strengthening families and resolving crises, supporting the emotionally and physically



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

challenged, and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees.

"Our country and New York City in particular, has long been a beacon to those tired and oppressed who seek a better life," Monsignor Sullivan explained. "The Pope's visit with recipients of Catholic Charities' work; reflects the importance of charity and also recognizes the generosity that is a tradition of the United States."

The Holy See is slated to arrive here on Sept. 25 and a cross section of people who have benefitted from the services provided by Catholic Charities will be accommodated and blessed with admission to Madison Square Garden when he conducts a mass at mid-town.

Already confirmed to attend the mass gathering are a group of immigrant carpenters who have been chosen to build the altar where the papal leader

will speak. Also among the chosen are Honduran women who are now busy embroidering cloths that will be used to drape the altar.

The Hondurans represent the indigenous, immigrant Garifunos who reside in the Bronx.

Another group identified to be "Dreamers" — immigrants brought here as children by their parents in search of opportunities for a college education — will also receive special blessings.

A number of undocumented children and their parents or guardians are also assured a place among the 24,000 expected to attend the ticketed religious service.

And Dominican immigrant families in Washington Heights and the Bronx are also slated to participate in the special ceremony.

Those Spanish-speaking



Pope Francis arrives to a meeting with the young in Asuncion, Paraguay, Sunday, July 12, 2015. Francis ended his South American pilgrimage with a huge Mass and words of hope and faith for young and old. But the political, anti-capitalist message he left behind may have a more lasting punch. Associated Press / Jorge Saenz

children are registered in the after-school and summer programs that are part of Catholic Charities' Alianza Division.

Representing individuals that work with Catholic Charities, as well as those selected to meet with and be blessed by the Pope; day laborers from Yonkers, Port Chester and Westchester — some represent a sewing

group who will make linens and others who are building chairs for the mass at MSG, immigrant mothers from Yonkers and East Harlem, a Bronx soccer team of undocumented teenagers, an East Harlem mothers group, unaccompanied youth fleeing persecution in Central America, and, refugees from the Mid-

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Third World member, Stephen "Cat" Coore performing at "Celebrate Brooklyn." David Andrako

Third World performs in Prospect Park

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans and reggae fans were special guests at a free, outdoor party in Brooklyn that celebrated two milestone events — the 42nd anniversary of super, reggae group, Third World, and the 53rd anniversary of Jamaica's independence.

The lucky crowd that wandered into Prospect Park on the eve of the final presentation of Celebrate Brooklyn 2015

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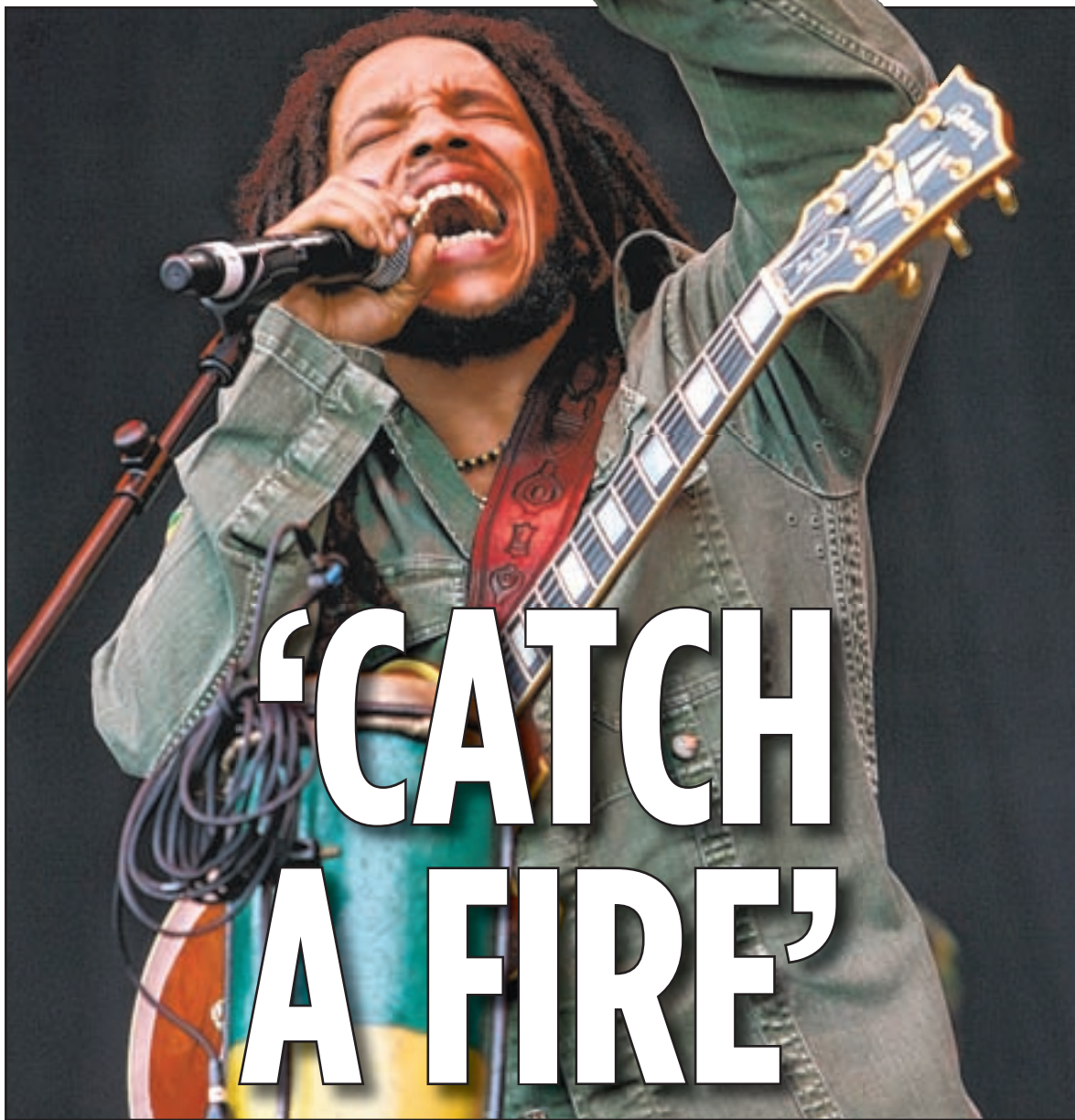
Karma Carnival

By Nelson A. King

With some of its founders from partially patois-speaking St. Lucia — others are from Trinidad and Tobago — Karma Carnival will this Labor Day present "La Chaleur du Moment — Fire and Ice Edition."

"We decided with this theme based on our overall experience of Carnival; there is no in-between, for it's always hot and cold," said Jamell Henderson, the band's director of public relations, in a Caribbean Life interview. "Everyone can either enjoy the cool, icy groovy vibes and atmosphere of carnival; or they can be on fire, which will give them the power of the atmosphere of carnival."

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Stephen Marley of the Band Exodus, and son of the late Bob Marley, sings on the last day of the three day long Glastonbury music festival, Glastonbury, England, Sunday June 24, 2007. Associated Press / Jon Super

Marley's sons and grandson perform

By Vinette K. Pryce

Heirs of Bob Marley claim they intend to "Catch A Fire" in Central Park on Aug. 30 when two generations continue the 13-date tour named from the 1973 release of the iconic album.

Sons Damian and Stephen Marley are headliners of the "Catch A Fire" tour, and grandson Skip Marley is part of the lineup.

The third-generation teenager recently released "Cry To Me," his debut single

Since the age of five, Skip has played piano, adding guitar, drums, and ultimately songwriting.

First recorded as a demo on his phone, the haunting love ballad "Cry to Me" is only the second song he ever wrote.

It concerns "a personal situation with a young woman I was dealing with," he explained.

"The words came to me and the rhythm all at the same time. It's a love song, but I like to write about everything: ups and downs of life,

poverty, girlfriends, God," he said.

Working with rhythm twins Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare, he spends some of his off-time from touring in the studios readying an album slated for an end of year release.

Like his famous grandfather, the 19-year-old said "I want to spread positivity through music."

Already committed to a publishing agreement with Blue Mountain Music Ltd. — the label his grand-

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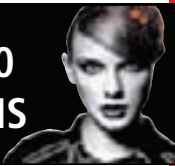
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- 3 **Lean On**
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Taylor Swift Feat. Kendrick...
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Walk the Moon
- 6 **Photograph**
Ed Sheeran
- 7 **Fight Song**
Rachel Platten
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Karma Carnival

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Henderson said "La Cheleur du Moment" comprises four sections: Glacial Fever, Aurora Borealis, Seductive Inferno and Sultry Submission.

For Glacial Fever, he said: "In the moment of carnival, no matter how hot the atmosphere of the party, the moment you walk in the place, your cool icy vibes give them chills; and, therefore, they are yearning for your waistline to cool them off."

On Aurora Borealis, Henderson said "in the moment of enjoying the vibes of the music, a special glow comes over you that gives you powers to dance all night."

One's seductive ways to the music, in Seductive Inferno, will "draw anyone to want to thief a whine from you," said Henderson, warning, however, to be "careful, because you will set them on fire with your moves that they aren't ready for."

"Your body and soul draw them to your hotness of the rhythm and vibes of carnival; and, therefore, they have no choice but to submit to the flames of your presence," he said about Sultry Submission.

Glacial Fever and Seductive Inferno are for males only, said Henderson, adding that each section comprises at least 40 masqueraders.

He said masquerades are from all islands of the Caribbean, the United States, and across the world.

"At Karma, we welcome anyone and everyone; that's how we change the mood of mas," he said. "We are looking to be the very best, but it's now to perform and execute, and to show the Caribbean community that Karma is not just a band — we are a family."

Over the years, Henderson said Karma has "always performed well" on the parkway.

"We have always made sure that our masqueraders and supporters have a memorable experience that they will never forget," he said. "Our masqueraders can expect another year of major fun and vibes while celebrating the pride of the Caribbean, as well as show love for Karma."

Henderson said preparation is "going well for the parade, emphasizing that "Karma is a family, so we all work together for the greater goal.

"We have our beautiful and



Kenica Rene portrays "Seductive Inferno."

Nelson A. King

extraordinary models, our executive board, and our supporters who are always willing to lend a hand," he said. "And because of them, Karma becomes more excited as the days draw near

towards the parade."

Henderson said Karma Carnival was formed in 2008 by a group of young adults "who simply adhered to its creed "Changing the Mood of Mas."

Marley

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father and grandmother were signed to — a worldwide deal allows him to include recordings on his family-owned Tuff Gong International label.

Chris Blackwell is ecstatic about his latest acquisition.

The tour de force of signing another Marley after inking deals with Bob Marley to Island Records in the 1970s and later the Rita Marley Music catalogue, Blackwell added: "I am really excited to be working with Bob's grandson, Skip. He has so much to offer."

Including a possible remix of one of Bob's songs.

"I'll do four of my own numbers," he said, "And maybe one of my grandfather's. I'll keep that positive message flowing."

Fans to the Central Park showcase will be treated to songs from Skip's repertoire and if all goes in their favor could even experience a steaming hot, session with another Marley grand, if Jo Mersa, Stephen's son makes an appearance to totally burn up the scene.



Following the West Indian Day Parade, Rohan Locke, right, cooks jerk chicken at a stand along the parade route on Eastern Parkway in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Associate Press / Tina Fineberg

The 2015 summer concert series in New York City parks will be recalled with memories of blazing performances from Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder, Nicky Minaj, Lauryn Hill, Grace Jones, George Clinton, Lenny Kravitz, Maxi Priest, Angelique Kidjo, Third World among others.

Jammin' in the park

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concert series unknowingly happened into one of the best performances of the season, and perhaps the most memorable Third World showcase in recent times.

The reggae ambassadors blazed a rousing showcase delivering pop and even an operatic concert.

Full disclosure dictates objectivity, therefore it was an unexpected treat to see colleagues singing, parodying, and vigorously applauding vintage reggae recordings from the years Third World signed with Island Records, Mercury, and CBS Records.

But there it was, scenes of fellow scribes bouncing to Jamaica's hard-driving beat as if work was way-laid for a session.

Needless to say, TW has had a long and exalted history since Stephen "Cat" Coore and Michael "Ibo" Cooper formed a union 42 years ago in Kingston, Jamaica.

Throughout the years they have invited Richie Daley, Mil-

ton "Prilly" Hamilton, Willie Stewart, Herbie Harris, Irvin "Carrot" Jarrett, Carl Barovier, Rupert "Gypsy" Bent III, Leroy "Baarbe" Romans, Mikel Wallace, Robbie Lynn and the late William "Bunny Rugs" Clarke into their Third World configuration.

Through all the various grouping, TW has endured.

Each reformation seemed to either established new audiences or forced the ficklest of fan to remain optimistic that the original hit-making lineup would rethink a departure and jam again in unity.

However, neither of the very best — Cooper and Jarrett — seemed willing to return to the lineup.

And, fans continued to hope for the good old days of Third World excellence.

After tragedy struck early last year with the passing of beloved lead-singer Bunny Rugs, the group performed at the Apollo Theater on a bill that included Kymani Marley, Lauryn Hill, Maxi Priest, and the Wailers.

Small town slacker marked for death by govt

"American Ultra"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for graphic violence, pervasive profanity, ethnic slurs, drug use and some sexuality
Running time: 96 minutes
Distributor: Lionsgate Films



Jesse Eisenberg (Mike Howell) and Kristen Stewart (Phoebe) from the film "American Ultra." Rotten Tomatoes

By Kam Williams

At first blush, Mike Howell (Jesse Eisenberg) looks like your prototypical slacker with not much of a future. The small town stoner is very content to fritter away his life behind the counter of the local convenience store, so long as he can go home and get high with his girlfriend, Phoebe (Kristen Stewart), after work every day.

It's hard to figure out why she puts up with the loser, between his lack of ambition and a crippling fear of flying

that prevents them from venturing very far from landlocked Lymon, West Virginia. After all, she's attractive and has a decent career as a bail bondsman. Nevertheless, she sticks

with him, even after he has a panic attack in the airport and screws up their plans for the perfect Hawaiian getaway. Mike was as upset as Phoebe when he failed to muster up the

courage to get on board, since he'd purchased a diamond ring with which to pop the question during the vacation.

But Phoebe has no idea that her beau has a hidden past as

a sleeper agent trained as a deadly assassin by a U.S. government spy agency. Trouble is, Mike's been blissfully unaware of it, too, since a part of his brain was turned off when the Ultra program was put in proverbial mothballs.

However, the cozy couple is in for the shock of their lives soon after Adrian Yates (Topher Grace) targets Mike for death. The callous bureaucrat dispatches killers to Lymon to eliminate the remote risk of the dormant asset somehow activating and going rogue. Mike surprises himself when the hit men arrive to take him out.

He suddenly displays an array of prodigious fighting and survival skills implanted deep in his subconscious, and slays his attackers almost effortlessly.

Alternately sophisticated and silly, but ever unpredictable thanks to a few cleverly-concealed twists, "American Ultra" is a delightful summer sleeper not to be missed.

Independent & Foreign Films

I Touched All Your Stuff (Unrated) Cross-cultural documentary chronicling how Christopher Kirk, a nerdy American, ended up falling head-over-heels for a mysterious woman after

moving to Colombia to study hippos. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

My Voice, My Life (Unrated) Oscar-winner Ruby Yang (for *The Blood of Yingzhou District*) directed this overcoming-the-odds documentary following a group of underprivileged, middle school students for six months as they prepare to stage a musical production in Hong Kong. (In Cantonese with subtitles)

Queen of Earth (Unrated) Psychological thriller about childhood BFFs (Elisabeth Moss and Katherine Waterston) who discover that they've drifted apart while spending time together during a reunion spent at a lake house in the country. Featuring Kate Lyn Sheil, Patrick Fugit and Kentucky Audley.

The Second Mother (R for profanity and brief drug use) Dysfunctional family drama, set in Sao Paulo, about a nanny (Regina Case) whose life is turned upside-down when her estranged daughter (Camila Maldila) shows up unexpectedly and starts challenging the upper-class / lower-class dynamic. With Helena Bergara, Michael Joelsas and Luis Miranda. (In Portuguese with subtitles)

Unsilenced (R for violence, rape, profanity and brief drug use) Fact-based tale of survival, directed by ex-NFL star Simeon Rice, recounting the ordeal of a young



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

woman (Murray Gray) kidnapped by a couple of sociopaths (Rusty Joiner and James Gaudioso) after her car broke down on a deserted road in backwoods Florida. Supporting cast includes Erin Boyes, Cindy Karr and Nicole Paris Williams.

Z for Zachariah (Z for sexuality, partial nudity and brief profanity) Post-apocalyptic, sci-fi thriller revolving around the love triangle which develops among the only three survivors (Chiwetel Ejiofor, Chris Pine and Margot Robbie) of an extinction level event.

Zipper (R for nudity, profanity, graphic sexuality and brief drug use) Shades of Eliot Spitzer in this drama about a self-destructive prosecutor (Patrick Wilson) who ruins his marriage and promising political career by cheating with a string of high-priced call girls. With Lena Headley, Ray Winstone, Richard Dreyfuss and John Cho.

Big Budget Films

War Room (PG for mature themes) Faith-based morality play about a Christian couple (Priscilla Shirer and T.C. Stallings) whose marriage is tested by the husband's emotional abuse, infidelity and crooked financial dealings. Support cast includes Karen Abercrombie, Beth Moore and Jadin Harris.

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FRI, AUG. 28

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MON., AUG. 31

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Papal visit

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dle East and Africa.

Anticipation is high for at least a viewing of the world's most known religious disciple during the brief time he will spend in NYC.

Although the sum total hours amount to 36, a multitude remains optimistic that they will be able to see him when he stops by the museum at Ground Zero to view remnants from the September 11 terrorist attack; visit an East Harlem school, and address the General Assembly at the United Nations.

The flock will also be able to see the Argentina-born, South American when he visits St. Patrick's Cathedral.

To the large venues a lottery of tickets distributed by parishes will enable 3,500 to the Fifth Avenue church and 24,000 when he goes to MSG.

"Pope Francis' message of charity has resonated with people throughout the world," he said.

On his very first visit to the United States, he is expected to make the White House his first stop before making history as the first papal leader to face a joint meeting of the House of Representatives. In Washington D.C. he will reportedly address members of the senate and congress.

In honor of the Pontiff's visit to the United States from Sept. 22 to 27, Catholic Charities of New York launched www.CharityHasNoBoundaries.org a

new digital site where people throughout the country, regardless of religious beliefs, can share a greeting with the Pope along with a message of charity.

Among the first to share welcome messages are: talk show host, Stephen Colbert, filmmaker Ken Burns, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin, the New York Yankees, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, actress Whoopi Goldberg, Nancy Pelosi, television talk show hosts Carson Daly and Rosanna Scotto, and former news anchor Tom Brokaw, Police Commissioner William Bratton, former Mayor David Dinkins, and Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein.

Members of the public can upload their video — or a simple text message or photograph — by visiting the site and following the online instructions.

A collection of these messages will be shared with the Pope when he visits next month.

In addition to asking people to share a brief welcome, Monsignor Sullivan is encouraging those participating to include a Biblical verse in their message.

He quoted words of charity from the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 31 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

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Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown (84) is tackled by New York Jets safety Jaiquawn Jarrett (37) in action against the New York Jets at Met Life Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey November 9, 2014. Associated Press / Damian Strohmeier

Jarrett looks to start for NY Jets

By Robert Elkin

Some of the keys to a winning team are playing good offense and defense, and focus on what's ahead. Playing these positions are a must. Everyone must come together for a winning team and become a playoff contender. And it includes players who are not at the skill positions — the non-scorers. A player not in the latter

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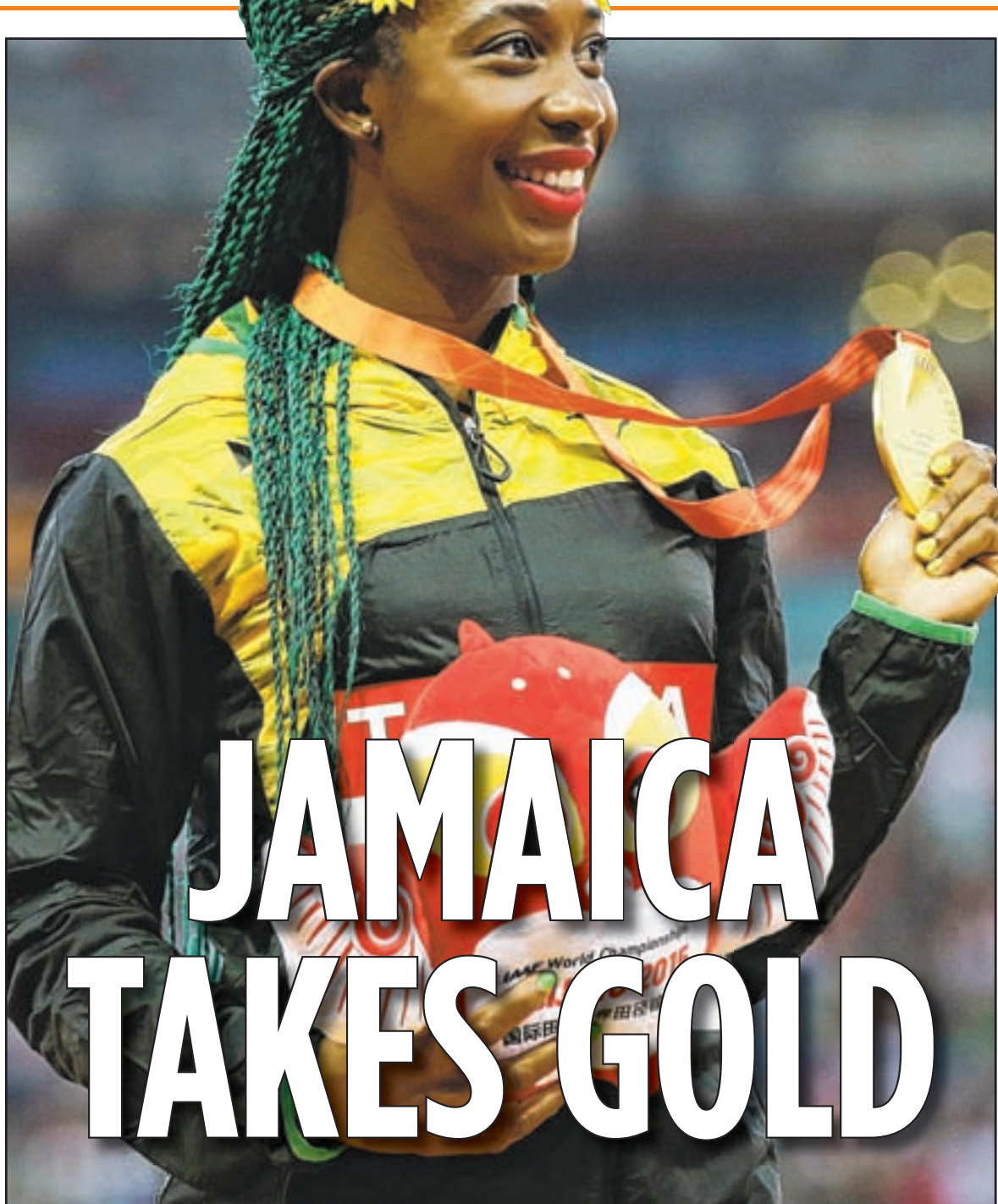
WICB yet to make radical changes

By Azad Ali

A ruling by the Supreme Court in India aimed at shaking-up the administration of cricket in that country should give fresh momentum to a move for radical changes to the operations of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), a former chairman of the governance committee for West Indies cricket has said.

The Supreme Court has suspended two franchises in the Indian Premier

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JAMAICA TAKES GOLD

Women's 100m gold medalist Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce holds up her medal on the podium during the medal ceremony at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015. Associated Press / Kin Cheung

Fraser-Pryce, Bolt win 100-meter

By Nelson A. King

Jamaica's sprint dominance continued on Sunday with race favorite Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce capturing the women's 100-meter world title.

The 'Pocket Rocket,' Fraser-Pryce, is now the first three-time world champion in the women's 100

meters, thanks to her exciting win at the International Amateur Athletics Federation World Championships in Beijing, China.

Fraser-Pryce beat out the Netherlands' Dafne Schippers, who placed second, and the United States' Tori Bowie, who came third.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist's winning time of 10.76 seconds comes a day after fellow Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt's victory in the men's 100m race.

"We are delighted to celebrate with the 'Pocket Rocket,' Shelly-Ann

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League (ILP) for two years over a corruption scandal and had recommended changes to make the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) more transparent.

In an article circulated across the Caribbean, Charles Wilkins has accused WICB administrators of deliberately refusing to introduce the changes needed in the region for personal reasons.

"The same changes are badly needed in this region. The WICB has itself recognized that, but does not like the consequences for its clique of administrators hence has backed away," said Wilkins in his article.

In April, the WICB and CARICOM prime ministers said they had agreed to set up a panel comprising eminent Caribbean persons to examine the problem-plagued governance structure of the WICB with the view of "reversing the current negative trends in the sport."

The move represented the latest attempt to arrest a worrying trend of crises in the regional administration of the game.

Jarrett

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category is Jet defender and safety Jaiquawn Jarrett, who is in his third year Gang Green.

Jarrett, who made headlines as a safety for two Public High School Athletic League champion Fort Hamilton Panther teams, is now battling for a starting position. Jarrett's father, an electrician, comes from Jamaica.

Last year, Jarrett started for a career-high five times as a Jet and also made 40 tackles. He registered his first sack and interception in his career as well. The 6-foot, 196-pounder first joined the Jets in 2013 and played his first two years primarily as a substitute. He impressed since that time, and is now battling for a starting job on a team that has many new players. Last year he even received Player of the Week honors on defense in the American Football Conference.

Last week, in his second game of this exhibition season, he helped the Jets toward a 30-22 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

The 25-year-old Jarrett, who wears uniform number 37, went to Temple University in Pennsylvania, where he competed on its team for four years. Prior to coming home to New York, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles where he saw action for one season.

He entered this current season with a new one year contract as a Jet. Last off season he worked very hard in Florida where he prepared for training camp. And he came into it in good shape ready to climb the ladder and be a starter.



Women's 100m gold medalist Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, centre, stands with silver medalist Dafne Schippers, left, of the Netherlands and bronze medalist United States' Tori Bowie on the podium during the medal ceremony at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.

Associated Press / Kin Cheung

'POCKET ROCKET' IS GOLDEN

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Fraser-Pryce, on her emphatic win in the 100-meter at the 15th IAAF World Championships in Beijing," said Wykeham McNeill, Jamaica's Minister of Tourism and Entertainment. "Shelly-Ann is in a class by herself, clinching her third individual World Championship win by retaining her 100m title. Jamaicans at home and abroad are beaming with pride today"

Jamaica's Director of Tourism Paul Pennicook was also high in praise for Fraser-Pryce.

"Shelly-Ann has had a remarkable career, and her win in the 100-meter concretizes her dominance on the track," he said. "She has worked hard this year, and we are excited to celebrate her golden run."

McNeill and Pennicook also had high praises for sprint king Usain Bolt, who had a challenging year in preparing for the World Championships.

They said the pride of Jamaica was once again on display for the entire world, as Bolt, the two-time Olympic gold medalist, edged Gatlin, in the finals on Sunday.

In 9.79 seconds, the Jamaican sensation narrowly beat Gatlin by 0.01 seconds in the long-awaited match up of the sport's top two athletes. The victory snaps Gatlin's two-year, 28 race win streak.

"Shelly-Ann has had a remarkable career, and her win in the 100-meter concretizes her dominance on the track," he said. "She has worked hard this year, and we are excited to celebrate her golden run."

"We are extremely elated to congratulate our native son, Usain Bolt, on his 9.79 clocking to win the world 100-meter title in Beijing," McNeill said. "Being touted as perhaps his greatest miracle of all, he beat American, Justin Gatlin, to retain his world 100-meter title, and as he said he would, he brought it home!"

The victory placed him on level with Carl Lewis and Maurice Greene, both of

whom have won three 100-meter world titles.

"Jamaicans everywhere are proud today," he added.

Inside the same stadium where he romped home to victory in 2008, winning two Olympic gold medals and setting two world records, Bolt rose to the occasion silencing many of his critics who doubted his form ahead of the Championships, the Jamaica Tourist Board said.

"It's a great win for the undisputed sprint king, and we are happy that he was able to put his early season struggles behind him to snatch victory," Pennicook said. "Bolt has represented Jamaica with great distinction, and we are proud to share in his successes."

"This is Usain Bolt's best race ever" said American sprint legend and BBC commentator Michael Johnson after the race. "When it comes to Bolt, that's a familiar refrain. Seven years after shocking the world at the Beijing Olympics, the best could still be ahead of him."

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Caribbean Cup semifinals set



Team Jamaica is the 2014 Caribbean Cup champions.

Photo by Keith Dawson

The semifinal round in the New York Caribbean Cup, playing at Jefferson Sports Complex in Flatlands, Brooklyn, gets under way on Sunday, Aug. 30.

At 3:30 pm, the surprising Team St. Kitts and Nevis will take on defending champion Team Jamaica, before a surging Team Haiti meets Team St. Lucia in the second semifinal. The winners will battle for the 2015 Caribbean Cup title at the same venue on Sunday, Sept. 6.

In the first quarterfinal game last Sunday, defending champion Jamaica had a very easy time in defeating a decimated Team St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 4-0. Denzil Watson scored twice and Garfield Gillespie and Dannie Shaw added to the scoresheet.

The Vincentians have been in turmoil all season long; the team struggled to keep a full squad and have started at least two of its regular season games with less than a full squad. In Sunday's game, St. Vincent and

the Grenadines took the field with nine players, before a full squad eventually attempted to give Jamaica some competition. Under these circumstances, the Vincentians lost the game against the defending champion before the game started. The team was very disorganized and was an embarrassment to the league and the game and worst of all the reputation that the squad developed over the years.

The Jamaicans, on the other hand, came ready to defend their title,

"We are the best in the league and we are out to prove it, we will win again," said manager Norbert Radjpaul.

In the second quarterfinal, Team St. Lucia beat Team Guyana 1-0 in a close battle. In the regular season, Team Guyana defeated Team St. Lucia, but it was a different story last Sunday. The St. Lucians were determined not to go down twice to the Guyanese and immediately put the opposition under pres-

sure. Team Guyana was on the defensive from the outset as St. Lucia forged forward and created the better opportunities in the scoreless first half. The St. Lucians actually kept the Guyanese in the game with their poor finishing; and just before the halftime break, Guyana gained some momentum and had a few opportunities of their own.

At the midway point in the second half, Kevin Edwards took a long pass from the mid-field, raced down the right wing and hit a hard shot that curled

just inside the far post. Edwards' goal stood as the winner after a tense second half battle. The goal put more urgency into the game as Guyana was in a do-or-die situation; the Guyanese forged forward in searching for the equalizer, and blasted away at the St. Lucian goalkeeper Chad Phillip, who had replaced the St. Lucia starting net-minder. Phillip came up big on numerous saves and was the man of the match. He withstood a barrage of shots from Team Guyana and prevailed to secure the win and put his team

into the semifinal round.

Didier Drogba made his debut with host Montreal Impact last Saturday at Saputo Stadium when the Impact went down to the Philadelphia Union, 1-0. Drogba, the former Chelsea FC (English Premier League), entered the game in the 56th minute with the contest scoreless. And although Drogba's entry lifted his team, it was Sebastian Le Toux who knocked in the lone goal from close range after a scramble in the goal area with 15 minutes to play to win the match.

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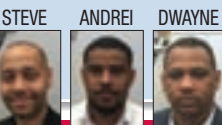
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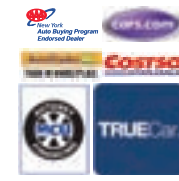


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Virgo, you may be so engrossed in your own routine that you miss some of the subtle goings-on at work. If suddenly you feel out of the loop, make an effort to be more in the know.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, speak up about a situation that you feel needs to be addressed. Your voice won't be heard if you remain quiet, but your point of view offers some valuable insight.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, rather than focusing on your own progress this week, see what you can learn from others without making everything a competition. This can be a special learning process.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be doing your best to demonstrate your good intentions, but others may not be satisfied with your efforts. Reexamine your approach.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
A big payoff awaits if you work hard and exercise patience this week, Capricorn. Although you may be pushing for immediate results, the outcome will take some time.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't abandon your spontaneity this week, Aquarius. Hang out with others who appreciate flying by the seat of their pants. You will be in for a good time later in the week.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
A sense of self-confidence does not mean that everything will immediately go your way, Pisces. You still need to work hard to have things play out right.

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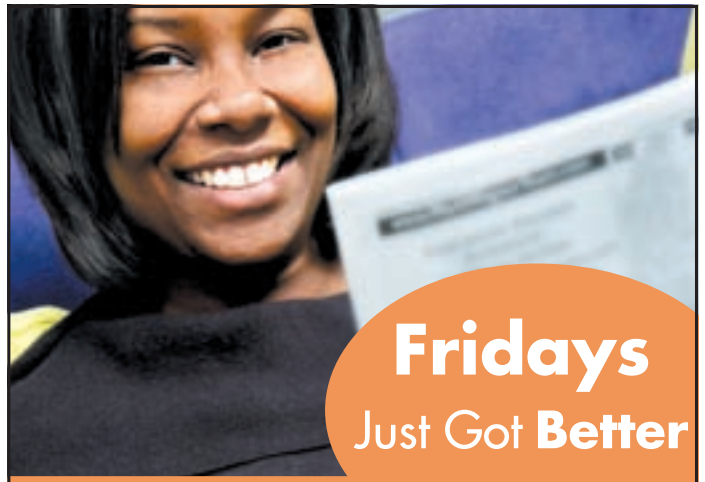
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