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Radio host Francine Chin.

Francine Chin is taking over Internet radio

By Alley Olivier

We are spoon-fed that radio, newspapers, magazines and eventually television, are dying.

Many pioneers have left their perches in search of either joining the new wave in the digital realm or reminiscing on the good ol' days.

Francine Chin stands as a radio powerhouse who has taken her talents online with the new school but manages to keep everything else old school. "There's no rules in doing it on online radio," Chin explained. "As you know, it is a free medium so I think what most of what you will find are just folks who want to do their thing without the training and there's nothing that we should say to discredit that. However, when you want to establish and maintain a professional outfit than obviously you should do it the way it's supposed to be done with some updates."

Chin is a decorated radio host with a background in broadcast media, Spanish and English. Her drive to be one of the greatest started in her teenage years after being inspired to be a voice on the radio like the greats before her.

"Since I was a young teenager, I wanted to do radio mainly because of some influences that were on radio in Jamaica where I was born. Namely, the biggest influence was a woman called Marie Garth. I just fell in love," Chin said.

Like many Caribbean radio hosts before her, Chin took the traditional route to achieve radio host status. After high school, she immersed herself in theater training and some speech work.

In 1982, Chin's first opportunity to join the airwaves presented itself when well-known Don Topping approached her to start working at radio Jamaica. "At the time I couldn't do it, I was newly married, pregnant, I had a good job position and I totally

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Grenadian group effects change locally & 'back home'

By Alley Olivier

There is a wealth of women's organizations aiming to pull women together in the name of sisterhood and empowerment.

On college campuses, women have many organizations to choose from whether it is within a sorority, student union, faith based or Caribbean based organization.

Bringing women together to empower and celebrate their cultural heritage, the Grenadian American Young Women's Association (GAYWA) is championing for their beloved country with a passion to impact and effect change.

Kizzi Belfon, a Grenadian native and past president of GAYWA, could have joined any women's health organization but chose GAYWA for a sense of community.

"It would be great — and none of us are objecting to being members of women's organizations that are more inclusive — but I think when you're in a place like New York City and you have all these people from these different areas it's good to band together. And a lot of times when people migrate here there isn't that community connection. Being together, there's so much we can do because we have that commonality of being Grenadian so that makes us push more," Belfon said.

Chantal Jones, a first-generation Grenadian American and current president, added, "I was born here so I feel like it helps me learn better because



From left, members of Grenadian-American Young Women's Association, Nerisa Degale, Aquaina Murrell, Ashley Superville, Chantal Jones, Dara Pierre, Leta Alexander and Jasmine Mark at the Fashion For A Cause showcase.

Kevin Bollers

I'm around people who are around my age range. My mother, she didn't really engage me in much of the culture when I was younger and that's why I took it upon myself to join an organization like this where I can learn more and become more connected."

Founded Nov. 10, 2010, the founding ladies realized that there were more for them to do following a Grenadian

beauty pageant where they connected. "At the end of the pageant, we all got together and literally just started hitting the ground running. The idea was really just to speak to the youth in the diaspora as well as back home and to have events and do charitable things to help," Noreen Wall, a Grenadian native and founding member, said.

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Vinette Pryce - catches you 'Inside Caribbean Life'

By Alley Olivier

At the helm of all things Caribbean, logging stories from politics to entertainment, is veteran beat reporter Vinette Pryce. Joining Caribbean Life at its inception, Pryce has delivered insightful pieces from her coverage of Nelson Mandela's visit to Jamaica to interviewing Fidel Castro at Columbia University, to name just a few.

"I'm a beat reporter so I cover entertainment, I've been known to cover sports in that publication, I have a column in that publication where I cover politics and whatever is happening in the New York area with the Caribbean community," Pryce explained.

Before bringing her talents to Caribbean Life newspaper, Pryce worked as the entertainment editor at The Amsterdam News and also wrote for many black publications in New York



Vinette Pryce with Edmund Barlett, Jamaica's Minister for Tourism.

Vinette Pryce

City including The Daily Challenge.

Her decision to expand her writing into the Caribbean community came during the time of the Rita Marley trial,

which was not being covered in our then bi-monthly publication.

"Simone Gill — who was the founding editor of that paper — was very excited to have regular coverage. At that time, Caribbean Life was a bimonthly publication," she said.

Since joining the Caribbean Life newspaper family, Pryce has at times covered the paper — having one page dedicated to her many stories.

"At times I had a page dedicated to whatever I was covering and other items throughout the paper," she said.

Pryce remains a valuable member to the team, aiming to always report on what matters most to the Caribbean community away from the islands. Her hope for Caribbean Life newspaper is that the paper continues to provide information pertinent to the audience, nothing cookie cutter that can be found elsewhere.

Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government says it will settle the country's longstanding debt to the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

The debt, which dates back to the late 1990s, provided loans to the country for the construction and renovation of the parallel taxiway at the airport, the repairs of All Saints Road, and the construction of American Road to Airport Road.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne and the first Deputy Prime Minister, Charles "Max" Fernandez signed off the new financial arrangement recently, with the chairman of the Fund's board, Sheik Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabha.



In a response to the development, Leader of the United Progressive Party (UPP) Harold Lovell said his administration had failed to resolve the debt during its time in office.

He explained that the government had been unable to come to agreeable terms with the Western Asian Fund.

"It's a debt that we met and during our 10 years it's the only one, with the exception of the one with Trinidad and Tobago that we had not resolved from the administration before our time," he said.

The former finance minister further noted that his administration had devised a debt management plan to service Antigua and Barbuda's mounting debt burden.

Bahamas

The U.S. Department of State has warned citizens traveling to The Bahamas because of a rise in armed robberies in New Providence.

A recent travel advisory posted on the Department of States' Overseas Security Advisory (OSCA) website warns visitors of an increase in robberies in tourist areas.

"An apparent two-year rise in armed robberies in The Bahamas has spurred numerous warnings by foreign governments to their citizens visiting the country," the report said.



"Given the large volume of U.S. tourists that visit The Bahamas and recent criminal incidents in popular tourist destinations, American visitors to tourism hubs in Nassau should be cognizant of heightened criminal risks," the report said.

On each country's website, travelers are warned that crime in The Bahamas is on the rise.

Barbados

A lawyer has taken the Council of



Sunbathing in the Bahamas

Tourists sunbathe along the beach in Nassau, Bahamas.

Associated Press / Alexandre Meneghini

Legal Education, which runs the Norman Manley School to court challenging its refusal to admit him to pursue the six-month course to qualify to practice law in Jamaica.

Owen Roach is contending that the law degree he obtained in 2001 from Middlesex University is of equivalent rating to the LLB offered at the University of the West Indies.

Lawyers from overseas are required to do a six-month program before they can be allowed to practice law in Jamaica. Roach is seeking leave from the Supreme Court to go for Judicial Review to quash the council's decision not to admit him to the Norman Manley for the September 2015 academic year.



The application is set for hearing on Oct. 13. He is also seeking an expedited hearing for judicial review.

Roach, who is a barrister-at-law residing in London, obtained a joint major Bachelor's degree in law and politics at the Middlesex University in the United Kingdom.

He is a citizen of Montserrat and therefore a citizen of CARICOM and is expected to apply to the Law School in Jamaica, he said in his court document.

Cayman Islands

A Cayman Islands pastor is calling

on churches in the Cayman to stand firm against gay marriage, noting that the only morally acceptable sex is that between a man and woman who are married and everything else was a sin.

Pastor Alson Ebanks from the Church of God in a statement submitted to the media that the objection by Christians to gay sex is not hate speech and has compared the expression of those objections to homosexuality to a parent chastising a child for being badly behaved.

Defending the church's opposition to same sex unions, the pastor wrote that the church rejected the practice of classifying as 'hate speech' any objection to a particular behavior lifestyle, in particular when the opposition is to be the behavior and not an attack on the personhood of the practitioners.



In the statement, which was endorsed by all of the pastors of the various Church of God congregations in the Cayman Islands, the influential pastor, who is one of several local church leaders who have been particularly vocal over their objection to same-sex unions and gay marriages, but almost silent on most other sex-related transgressions, said no human is free from "sexual challengers" and that "all sexual behavior has moral implications."

As the local Human Rights Commission awaits a response from government about how it plans to address the

question of civil unions for gay couples in Cayman, it appears likely that sooner or later same-sex unions will be legal in the Cayman Islands, regardless of the position taken by religious institutions.

Cuba

The communist-island of Cuba is expecting some three million tourists this year.

This was revealed by Cuban tourism official Pablo Vazquez who said in Panama that given the tourist boom witnessed by the island, marked by a 17 percent growth.

Vaquez who is the representative for Venezuela and Central America made his statement during the opening of Panama's Tourist Fair and he added that over 10,000 Panamanians have traveled to Cuba this year.



Cuban authorities are currently building new tourist facilities, marinas and other resorts on the cays to the northern of central Villa Clara province and in eastern Holguin province, said Vaquez.

The construction program is joined by more than 11,000 private homes offering accommodations in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism, plus another 53 business projects included in the island's tourist investment portfolio.

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Travelspan is still keeping fares low



Staff and friends of Travelspan pose for a group photograph. Travelspan

By Alley Olivier

Vacation. How sweet that three-syllable word sounds.

Exploring a new country, state or island or even returning to a place of origin melts the stress of the realities left at home away.

In planning any vacation, there is a battle to secure the cheapest rates whether it be in terms of airfare, hotel stay or deals on cruises.

With more than 20 years and counting under their belt, Travelspan works tirelessly for their clientele to ensure their travels to countries such as Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago are stress free.

Allisoin Mason, manager

sales and marketing representative at Travelspan, works alongside her clients to secure reservations with the best rates. "We try to always beat the competition where fares are related," Mason said.

Travelspan is the vision turn reality of Guyanese native Nohar Singh, whose love for aviation and his home forged together in the creation of charter flight services to Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago via New York and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

"When we first started with Caribbean Life, we would operate charters to Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana either out

of New York or Ft. Lauderdale International," Mason said.

Zoom 20 years forward; with the changing economy and rising fuel costs Travelspan switched its focus from charter flights to the travel agency aspect. "We had some changes over the years, we moved from operating yearly charters to seasonal charters and now we're just mainly focusing on the travel agency side of it and the vacation side of it," Mason said.

Operating as a small travel agency, Mason notes that since focusing on the travel agency aspect the clientele has

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Kam Williams - a film reviewer worth reading

By Alley Olivier

Churning out 10 to 12 articles a week, boasting an impressive list of celebrities he has held conversations with, and one of the few black reviewers on popular site Rotten Tomatoes, Kam Williams' career as a film reporter happened seemingly by accident.

A resident of Princeton, New Jersey, Williams was charged with the opportunity to write film reviews by an editor who was fed up with her current film reviewer that often took two-week vacations; leaving an empty space where his review would have been.

"She said, I know you like movies would you like to go



We celebrate Kam Williams's unwavering dedication to Caribbean Life Newspaper. Kam Williams

in for a couple. I said yeah I'll do that," Williams explained.

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Nelson King: Caribbean Life's freelancer since 1990

By Alley Olivier

Nelson King began putting pen to paper for Caribbean Life newspaper while wrapping his senior year at Brooklyn College, pursuing a dual degree in Political Science and Journalism, back in 1990.

King's affinity for words and sharp reporting did not start in the Fall of 1990, rather, it began right at home in St. Vincent and the Grenadines where his focus was to shine a bit of light on his hometown, Chateaubelair.

"I covered a lot of politics but I initially started out as a sports reporter — I wanted to put my town on the map," King, who served as the president for the North Leeward Cricket Association and Chateaubelair Football Association in St. Vincent, said.

King's first piece for Caribbean Life newspaper featured

a cricket player who's stomach was sticking out — reigning in a bit of laughter from the audience.

"I did the story and I didn't realize it had so much impact on the readers; a couple people called me up and told me they were making fun of the guy in the article. I was a senior in college — been around a long time and have paid my dues so to speak," he said.

His extensive resume included experience serving as a correspondent for multiple Caribbean-based publications.

In the mid-late 1980s, King had toured the Eastern Caribbean — travelling from St. Vincent to St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat — as a way to promote himself and his work. Before landing at Caribbean Life, King had already corresponded for exceptional news organizations such as the

British Broadcasting Corporation.

Stacked alongside his vast journalism experiences are his time spent teaching Caribbean History and other topics at secondary schools in St. Vincent, serving as a local preacher, and activist in his community. All of these experiences lent to his inspiration to begin writing, documenting all that he encountered.

"I began to report these activities in the community to the national radio station and newspapers pro bono," he said.

Much of his success he attributes to his extensive education, including an undergraduate law degree — LL.B (Upper Second Class Honors) — from Huddersfield University School of Law at Holborn College in the United Kingdom, and an associate degree in Liberal Arts from St. Leo



Caribbean Life freelancer Nelson King with an award from Central Brooklyn Lions Club.

University in Florida, while serving in the U.S. Army at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia.

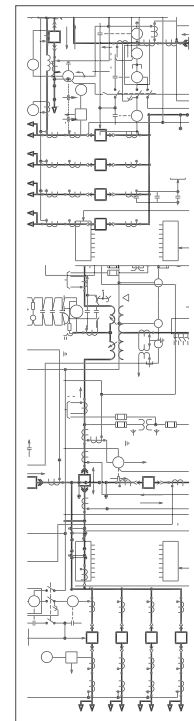
His thirst for knowledge

and connections to the Caribbean community — locally and abroad — have cemented King as a trusted source for reporting.

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Paul Clement — Grenadian political scientist

By Nelson A. King

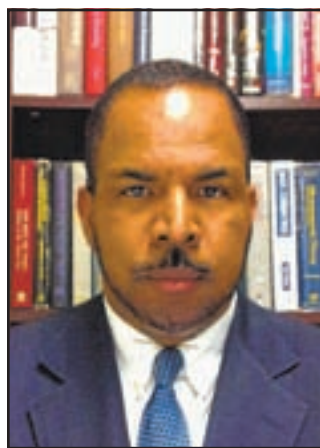
Paul C. Clement is an associate professor of Economics and chair of the Department of Social Sciences at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), State University of New York (SUNY).

Clement, who was born on Grenada's smaller sister isle, Petite Martinique — the larger one is Carriacou — holds a Ph.D. in politics from The New School University in Manhattan; a Master of Arts (MA) degree in politics from The New School University; a Master of Arts (MA, Honors) degree in economics from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York (CUNY); and a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in accounting from Brooklyn College, CUNY.

He also holds a certificate in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Clement's interests are in the areas of international political economy and comparative politics.

His current research focus-



Grenadian Paul Clement

es on the politics of regional integration in the developing world, namely Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.

Clement has also been an adjunct professor in economics, from 1990 — present, at Nassau Community College in Long Island; and an adjunct professor in economics, from 1998-2013, at St. Francis College in Brooklyn.

He teaches courses in macroeconomics, microeconomics, international economics, labor economics, health economics, and money and banking.

Clement's forthcoming papers are on "Foreign Aid and Regional Integration: The CARICOM case;" "The Influence of National Parliaments on Caribbean integration;" and "Implementation Deficit: Why member States do not comply with CARICOM directives."

On March 26 this year, he wrote an article in the New York Times on "Reflecting on the Trayvon Martin Tragedy."

He has published two books: "The Quest for Economic Development in the Caribbean (1999)" and "Petite Martinique: Traditions and Social Change (2000)." Among Clement's recent scholarly presentations are: "Contemporary Issues of Conflict and Governance" at the 68th Annual New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA) Conference; "Making Unions and Workplaces

More Diverse," AFT/NEA Joint Higher Education Conference, Lake Buena Vista, FL; and "The Politics of Regional Integration in the Developing World: The Case of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)," Economic Globalization, Development and Integration Conference, Lehman College, CUNY.

Clement's recent professional conferences comprise co-chair, conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), FIT; New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Financial and Fiscal Reporting, Tarrytown, N.Y.; American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Special Leadership Conference, Washington D.C.; and moderator, Legal Issues, New York State United Teachers Community College Conference, Saratoga N.Y.

Clement has professional membership in several organizations, including the American Economic Association (AEA); American Political Science Association (APSA); Eastern Economic Association

(EEA); Caribbean Studies Association (CSA); New York State United Teachers (NYSUT); and American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

He told Caribbean Life that it is "a great accomplishment, as the first Black, to chair the Department of Social Sciences at FIT.

"It serves as a role model for young Blacks in the community," he said. "It says a lot."

Clement, who worked with the youth at Erasmus High School in the East Flatbush, Brooklyn, said his achievements should also inspire young people to realize their dreams.

"It should give them some encouragement — that with hard work and determination, they can break down barriers," he said.

Clement also said that one's place of birth should not deter one from reaching for the stars. His native island, Petit Martinique, has a population of only 800.

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The party's over for U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals

By Adriano Campolina

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30, 2015 (IPS) - The Pope has left the U.N. and the traffic in Manhattan is back to normal. The board of government delegations, NGOs and civil society representatives are packing up and the press is moving on. The party's over for the Sus-

tainable Development Goals. Last week member states of the U.N. agreed goals, which set to end extreme poverty, fight against inequality and fix climate change. The Sustainable Development goals cover almost every aspect of poverty and are targets for every country around the world — devel-

oped and developing alike. For such ambitious goals to be achieved, leaders will need to turn their promises on inequality into policies that will deliver real change. One day after the deal was done, I had a glimpse of how hard it will be to convince the world's leaders. Attending a meeting on growth as part of the official SDG agenda, I was surprised the narrative of free trade and mega-investments continued to flow unbounded from governments.

Despite having a goal dedicated to ending inequality, the language of false market-based solutions continues — the same solutions which for years have locked people into

low paid employment, divested money from public services and helped drive up inequality in almost all countries. The consequences of bad investments on people and the environment — causing environmental degradation, evictions and land grabbing — were blatantly ignored.

But here lies the catch. Corporations are not just stalking the corridors of the U.N. and promoting investments damaging to the poor, they also have a stranglehold on how countries raise tax, which will enable them to pay for the goals.

ActionAid research last month discovered tax incentives given to big corporations

in West Africa drain the region of an estimated 9.6 billion dollars a year — money which could be spent on health and education. And globally it is estimated that developing countries lose over 200 billion dollars a year from corporate tax dodging. Yet rich countries continue to block moves for a global body on tax to make the rules fairer.

The 800 million people in poverty worldwide need change. In many ways, people are ahead of the U.N. as they're doing it without flashy launch events or concerts. Across Africa, people have been mobilised and fought for the right to free primary school education, with massive wins.

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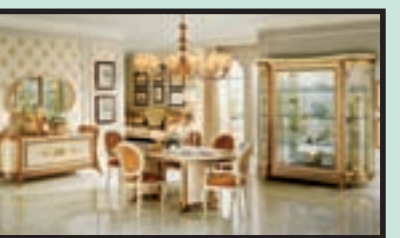
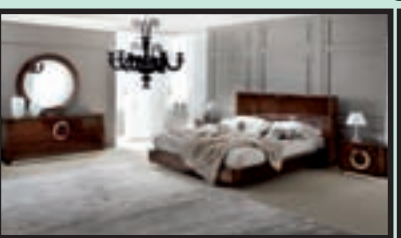
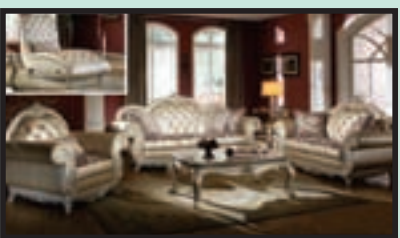
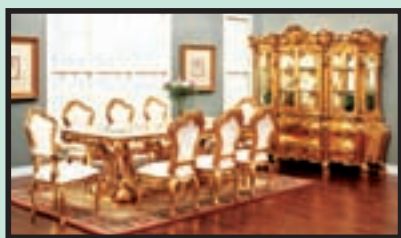
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Clueless Kevin stars in GOP sideshow

So, the ink wasn't yet dry on what we had to say last week about the alleged speaker-in-waiting, Kevin McCarthy, and GOP stewardship in the House probably becoming even more dysfunctional than under John Boehner, when...along comes McCarthy unloading a mouthful about the sleaze tactics that constitute top-priority strategizing among the party hierarchy.

Presumably much to his chagrin, an apparently not-too-smart McCarthy chose to boast, while in the friendly environment of Fox News, that he and others in the Republican high command had trained their guns on Hillary Clinton and the tiresome Benghazi story, evidently not because they were convinced there was anything that would attach culpability to Clinton, but because it seemed an effective means of wrecking her "unbeatable" status as the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee. This gang of con artists, in the assumed guise of protectors of the public's best interests, enthusiastically embraced the idea of wasting

serious amounts of taxpayer dollars on "inquiries" that they knew, going in, to be a farce and a Hillary Clinton witch hunt. Does it bother anyone that a GOP majority in the House is supposedly an unavoidable reality for some time yet?

It's not that we here on the outside weren't hip to the sick games these GOP charlatans were shamelessly content to play with a serious incident that had occasioned the loss of American lives in Benghazi. Persons even slightly familiar with the goings-on in the aftermath of that consulate attack in 2012 knew that multiple investigations including, outside of government, an independent New York Times probe, had found no evidence of then Secretary of State Clinton conducting herself other than altogether responsibly. Agenda-driven Republicans, intimating to the public that there was a major "Aha!" moment to be exposed somewhere in what went down in Benghazi, insisted on their prolonged "hot seat" treatment for Clinton. Hardly did they

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

suspect, though, that one of their number, a presumptive speaker yet, would blow the lid off their reprehensible stratagem. Behold clueless Kevin, unwittingly the public's ally against Republican treachery!

The spotlight that has been turned on McCarthy, revealing him to be not very bright, cannot but set lots of us to wondering how is it possible, today, for seats of power in the U.S. to be occupied by folks who so glaringly don't belong there. What's absolutely amazing in the case of McCarthy is that, as a congressman and, to boot, one installed in the leadership ranks, why doesn't he have staff capable of making him not look as much the ninny as he now does. And where does the GOP get off, foisting yet another circus act on the American citizenry as leadership material? The speaker of the House is next in the line

of succession to the presidency behind the vice president, for heaven's sake.

McCarthy's goof and gaffes should be a bonanza for Democrats who seem ready to play some hard ball, rather than act timid in the face of typical dirty pool by Republicans, as they're so often prepared to do. The Dems are now talking about releasing testimony given before the select committee on Benghazi that controlling Republicans would rather have kept under wraps. And Democratic demand for the farcical select committee exercise to be terminated now obviously has a lot more muscle and popular support than heretofore.

The hoof-in-mouth bit about Clinton by McCarthy that has had his fellow Republicans seeing red looks to be a boon for Clinton in her drive for the Democratic nomination. McCarthy's misspeak about the GOP's Benghazi tactic was the first of two planks of GOP "stopper" strategy regarding Clinton, the other being the omnipresent email non-issue, for which they've gone into attack overdrive on the right.

We'll be quite surprised, here, if the second plank of Republicans' "Stop Hillary" master plan doesn't suffer the same fate as the first.

Meanwhile, we're left to ponder the very disturbing prospect of Republicans electing McCarthy House speaker — two heartbeats away from the presidency. Word on the street is that McCarthy is facing what is at best lukewarm challenges to his being anointed Boehner's successor. And it should give great pause to a concerned electorate that the enormous power and privilege that attends the number one figure on Capitol Hill will apparently come to reside in an absolute misfit.

Not by a long shot was Boehner any great shakes as speaker. His accomplishments in the role, such as they were, will never land him among the memorable names of speakers past. In light of which, one is constrained to wonder if there isn't something almost sinister at play in a departing Boehner willingly ceding his space to the likes of clueless Kevin McCarthy.

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Francine Chin

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waited until I came here and I went to broadcasting school," she said.

Following her broadcast instruction, Chin kicked off her career with Caribbean radio pioneer, Ken Williams where she soaked in a wide range of knowledge from her mentor.

Taking over local and international airwaves for nearly 24 years and counting, Chin has worked with the late Philip Smart and has provided voice over work for public relations agencies in New York City and Fox F.M. in Melbourne, Australia.

Now, the Jamaican native is spearheading a new project: online radio. Providing a Caribbean centered show with the inclusion of a few other veteran hosts, Chin boasts an average listenership of 200,000 and counting.

"I am pleasantly surprised at the success of what we're doing on Internet radio and how much I have learned," she said. "It shows how times are changing and where the next big thing is. A lot of folks tell me I came into this game at the right time because when they started there was not much respect for Internet radio. Now, you have someone like the former director of KISS FM who has a fully up and running Internet station like we do."

The seasoned radio host manages to offer a full radio line-up through the access the Internet provides. Tapping into other networks who carry her show

as well, Chin cherry picks radio hosts who fit her standards — many of whom are colleagues of hers — to fill in the hours from morning to late evening.

"Well basically, each of us have our own network," Chin said. "I have 1095 Jamz and I take the morning show from someone who has another network with a full lineup. I had a two-hour slot from 10-12 so I fit in a gentleman who has another additional 20 networks that carries him, there's some music but there's mostly talk. Mid-day, I take Clinton Lindsay who is one of the more established networks within the foundation radio network. I take Clinton's show because we are very close and we worked together in New York and he has a huge listenership. Patrick Lafayette has a small network where he does mostly music without talk but at 6 o'clock he comes on. That's how I get my full line-up, taking professionals from different networks and they carrying me."

Her ability to include all of these different networks who in turn carry her is something she coins as: "the power of the network" — which she ultimately attributes to networking and the willingness to build community.

Since the inception of the online radio station, Chin's thoughts on expansion includes reaching out to local media outlets including newspapers and magazines catering to the Caribbean community.

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GAYWA

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According to GAYWA, "The purpose of the Grenadian-American Young Women's Association is to promote the advancement of the youth within communities throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. To implement programs that will facilitate their development educationally, socially and culturally."

Since its inception, GAYWA has worked to create culturally enriched programming for Grenadian natives and first generation Grenadian Americans within the organization.

Celebrating their fifth year anniversary this year, GAYWA has grown insurmountably. From membership to events, GAYWA has been able to create pillar events including "Fashion For A Cause" and their "Take A Stand" campaign.

"One major thing that we've done in the past five years is our domestic violence campaign, "Take A Stand," and that was in response to a number of killings and incidents of domestic violence in a matter of 12 days back home in Grenada. That really energized us and got us upset so we really wanted to do something about that and we started this campaign. We adopted a home — a women's shelter in Grenada — we did an IndiGoGo in November of


2013 and we raised over \$5000 towards that cause. We're still working with the home and we're trying to give some long-term help to the women there," Belfon said. The money raised was used to buy books for the home, maintain the house grounds and more.

The women hope to raise more funds and make a trip to Cedar's House where they want to get into the ground to make some aesthetic changes. "Our program once a year would be Cedar's Home, the home that we adopted, and when we do "Fashion for a Cause" we have been donating to Cedar's Home. We're working towards making some physical improvements to the home itself right now," Wall added.

Together, these women have watched each other face challenges, lean on each other for support and accomplish goals. Already accomplishing five years, the ladies of GAYWA hope that the future of the organization will continue to strive empower women within a sisterly bond.

"I think a legacy of sisterhood and just togetherness. I really want everyone coming in to understand that we're in this together and at the end of the day we're all the same. To really look at each other to learn and grow," Wall said.

"I really want our legacy, the members, to be able to look at the older members and see how diverse we are, see our journeys and learn from that and be inspired by that," Belfon added.



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George Irish embraces diverse fields

By Nelson A. King

The community work of Montserratian Dr. George Irish, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Education at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College, embraces diverse fields.

At Medgar Evers College, Dean Irish, who has a very impressive curriculum vitae, is the head of the Caribbean Research Center (CRC), where he documents and analyzes policy and programs as they affect the Caribbean immigrant community.

This is particularly critical in the following areas as outlined in Dr. Irish's book, "Evolution of a Global and Diasporic Vision," published by Caribbean Diaspora Press, Inc.: Social and cultural adjustment of families; parent empowerment for engagement in the school leadership system; Caribbean American youth and the justice system; and educational policy and services at the New York State Regents level and New York City Department level.

Others are: Mapping student outcomes, especially at the high performing levels; monitoring student challenges in low performing schools; demographic studies on Caribbean residents in New York; and demographic studies for the political redistricting of NYC Council and State legislative districts that led to the election of Caribbean legislators in both City and State legislatures in the 90s.

Besides being dean at Medgar Evers' College, Dr. Irish, from 2003-2014, was director, Caribbean and Latin American Studies, Departments of Interdisciplinary Studies and Social & Behavioral Sciences at Medgar Evers.

In this regard, he was responsible for developing the curriculum and a proposal for a Bachelor's degree in Caribbean and Latin American Studies.

In 2003, Irish co-founded and became chancellor of the Peoples of the Americas Consortium of Research present

Centers and Universities for Sustainable Development N.Y. (Universidad Popular de Desarrollo Sostenible de Las Americas, Panama).

He is the head of an education task force that is responsible for coordinating activities of a group of psychologists, educators, administrators and parents involved in developing policy issues and programs related to the advancement of Caribbean students in New York City public schools.

This involves multicultural, bilingual and special education issues; curriculum development; research, evaluation and assessment; parent involvement; counseling; placement and adjustment concerns, among others.

Additionally, he is a consultant on Multicultural Education to New York City Board of Education and New York State Education Department.

Dr. Irish is a member of the Doctoral Dissertation Committee, St. John's University, N.Y.



Dr. George Irish (center), receives a Community Service Award from Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (left) and Brooklyn Councilmember Laurie Cumbo. The event was held on Father's Day at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue.

Nelson A. King

(Linguistics), and Boston University, Massachusetts (Education); and doctoral supervisor, Logos Christian University, Jacksonville, FL., Christian Ministry.

Among other things, he is

editor-in-chief of WADABAGEI, a journal of the Caribbean and its Diasporas; editor of CRC's newsletter, FOCUS; president, Caribbean Diaspora Press Inc, N.Y.; president, Transitional

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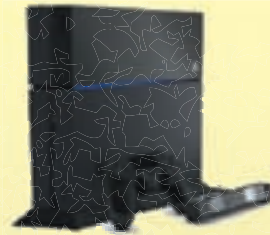
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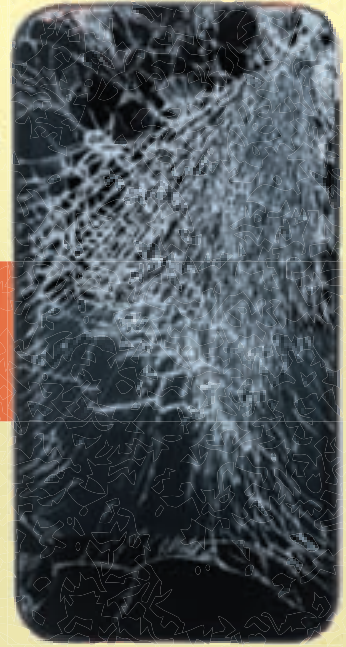
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Brooklyn's Tropical Paradise



Dave Gayle, Jr. (left) and his dad Davis Gayle, Sr. Neil Dedier

By Alley Olivier

Caribbean restaurants populate Brooklyn.

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Tropical Paradise Restaurant opened in 2001 featuring the deliciousness we crave such as jerk wings and macaroni pie. Seven years later, owner Dave Gayle, Jr. listened to his audience and opened Tropical Paradise Ballroom. "After being in the restaurant business since 2001, we opened up a banquet hall seven years ago," Gayle said.

The East Flatbush native has always operated as an entrepreneur. Starting out in his community working in the grocery stores, Gayle worked his way into working with his father in the meat business.

Juggling his position in the meat business with his father during the day, Gayle's day would not end, as he would head to Riker's Island for the midnight shift as a member of New York City's Department of Corrections. "I used to juggle

two jobs — I used to work with my dad during the day time and then the midnight shift on Riker's Island."

The serial entrepreneur attributes much of his success in the juggle of three businesses to his wife and loyal employees — a few having been with Tropical Paradise for 14 years.

Watching the neighborhood change over the course of the years, Gayle utilizes his good business sense to always cater to his audience — much like the decision-making he used in opening Tropical Paradise Ballroom.

"As the neighborhood starts to change, you get a lot of people who are very inquisitive about Caribbean food. I feel that it's very competitive but once you do your homework and get the right cooks and market your product effectively, there's room for growth," Gayle said.

Gayle is a true believer of following the dream. The proud father of four does not intend on grooming any of his kids — ages ranging from three to 27 — to take over the Tropical Paradise empire.

"My daughter works in

Dubai. She's a manager of Abercrombie & Fitch. My younger daughter, she's in college, infectious disease is her major. I firmly believe in following your dreams. If your dream takes you to be a certain place then follow it," he explained.

Already retired from New York City's Department of Corrections, Gayle's achievements are a testimony to what he believes in.

New businesses are opening right and left and Gayle hopes his success can teach younger entrepreneurs that their dreams can be achieved.

"I'm a living experience, a product of East Flatbush. I grew up in this neighborhood and everything that I've done was pretty much surrounded by this neighborhood. I've lived in this neighborhood and worked in local grocery stores in the community. Worked with my dad until eventually I opened my own business and worked at corrections at the same time," he said.

There is more in the works for Gayle and the Tropical Paradise empire. The next item on his list is to expand Tropi-

cal Paradise Ballroom with an outdoor space in the form of a rooftop space. "One of my next ventures that I'd like to take on is to put a rooftop on top of that building. Outdoor space is very limited and there are a lot of requests for outdoor space, so we're looking to adding an

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George Crooks, international promoter extraordinaire

By Nelson A. King

Jamaican-born George Crooks, founder and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn-based Jammins Entertainment, an arts and cultural promotions event management company, considers himself a promoter of international repute.

Jammins Entertainment has evolved, over the years, into a premier entertainment enterprise in the New York Tri-State area.

Crooks, 60, who migrated to Brooklyn when he was 12, has developed sound entrepreneurship and path-breaking leadership skills that he said have resulted in the staging of a wide array of activities, in the arts and cultural fields, in the past 30 years.

In a Caribbean Life interview, in his office at Trelawni Place Seafood Bar & Grill, on Farragut Road, near Utica Avenue in Brooklyn, Crooks said he started promotions — concerts and parties — while still in school.

He listed among his promotional concerts — a significant number conducted in New York and Florida — the late Jamaican reggae artiste Peter Tosh, Shabba Ranks, Inner Circle, Gladys Night and the Pips, the Pointer Sisters, Hall and Oats, Patti LaBelle, Fantasia and Baby Face.

Crooks, a UN Navy veteran, is credited with the introduction of the St. Mary Reggae Music Festival in Jamaica; the



George Crooks stands in front of Trelawni Place Seafood Bar & Grill at the corner of Utica Avenue and Farragut Road in Brooklyn. Photo by Nelson A. King

annual New York Reggae Festival; the Brooklyn Music Festival; the Soul and Reggae Legends Series at the landmark Brooklyn Academy of Music; The Singers in Action series; The Reggae Jazz Festival; stage plays; and amateur boxing.

He said he has conducted numerous music festivals throughout the Caribbean and the United States, includ-

ing the R& B group TLC and Shabba Ranks in Trinidad and Tobago in 1991.

Crooks said these “have brought increased economic activities and generated much interest locally and internationally.”

In December 2012, he produced the first ever reggae concert at the Barclays Center, downtown Brooklyn, “exalting

Caribbean culture in New York City to a new level.”

Crooks recently produced the first ever reggae and soca concert in the newly-renovated Kings Theatre in Flatbush, “which was another success for Caribbean culture.”

The promoter extraordinaire also operates the indoor / outdoor venue, The Cultural Performing Arts Center, in Brook-

lyn.

Through these and other activities, he said he has provided “opportunities for exposure of numerous artistes and nurtured business development for many in related fields.”

He said, through his renowned advocacy, arts and entertainment can be used to “positively influence the youth.”

In this regard, Crooks, who holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from the University of North Florida, has established the New York Cultural All Star Music Academy that exposes kids, K-12, to the music and entertainment industry.

He said his strong views about the importance of education for the younger generation are well known, adding that his organization provides financial aid to students in need.

Crooks said Jammins Entertainment also proudly sponsors several students at the University of the West Indies.

A large number of young people are employed at Trelawni Place Seafood Bar & Grill, which Crooks said he only promotes.

Besides being the promoter of Trelawni Place Seafood Bar & Grill, Crooks told Caribbean Life that his son-in-law and his unidentified brother were the owners of the upscale concern. Trelawni Place Seafood Bar & Grill is located at 1438 Utica Ave., Brooklyn.

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Kam Williams

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“I liked it so much that I said can you keep me and they did.”

Building an impressive resume of critical reviews and engaging interviews with stars such as Kerry Washington and even President Jimmy Carter, Williams decision to join Caribbean Life was also because of that same editor.

“She said to me, ‘you’re really good why don’t you try getting into other papers, so long as they weren’t in the same region and aren’t any of our competitors you can sell your review,’” he explained.

From that point on, Williams began expanding and landed on Caribbean Life newspaper through relatives who live in New York. Proud of his roots in the Caribbean — both sets of grandparents were from the islands including Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Croix — writing for the publication was like a home coming of sorts.

“I feel a special connection to the paper because of my Caribbean roots, even though as a child I had a Caribbean accent growing up in St. Albans, Queens and I used to be teased by friends for it,” he explained.

The proud father, who maintains a low profile

despite much of his high profile success, has much to brag about as far as his writing experiences are concerned.

One particular event that occurred about a year ago includes him being quoted, something that has happened in the past, for a review written about Denzel Washington and the Antoine Fuqua-directed film “The Equalizer.” Following his interview with both Washington and Fuqua, he nudged that he be quoted in the promotional materials and to his shock he was.

“As a critic you like to get that, so I asked if he would blurb me on this film,” he explained. “I was watching ‘Saturday Night Live’ a year ago and they went to the first commercial. I heard the commercial for ‘The Equalizer’ come on and then you heard the deep voice guys say ‘Denzel is better than he is on Training Day’ — something that my quote was.”

Williams continues to digest multiple films and dutifully craft quality pieces for Caribbean Life — something he hopes himself and future writers continue to do.

“I hope the paper continues to flourish and do the great job that it does,” he said.

It feels good to know where you stand.

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Travelspan

Continued from page 5 slightly switched; however, those of Guyanese and Trinidadian descent have remained their loyal audience.

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Arze and Mollica, LLP – helping the injured

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

We seem to be reading about far too many construction accidents these days.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office recently filed criminal charges against two construction companies for the death of a 22-year-old worker last April. The companies allegedly ignored warnings issued by inspectors to the site that dangerous conditions existed, and they disregarded federal safety regulations. The excavation of the site went as deep as 14 feet, without the fortification required by both city and federal law for excavations deeper than five feet. Gerald Arze of the law firm, Arze and Mollica LLP says, "Unfortunately, big business and construction sometimes comes ahead of worker safety, and it shouldn't."

Becoming injured in this type of accident — or any type of accident — is painful.

But the legal restitution process shouldn't be — and it won't be — when Arze and Mollica LLP is on your side.

The Brooklyn law firm recently obtained a jury award of more than \$800,000 for an undocumented worker who was injured while performing brick pointing on the roof of a commercial building. He was working within a chimney which was thought to be sealed. Instead, it collapsed, causing the injured worker to fall approximately seven stories down the chimney chute, says Mr. Arze.

The worker suffered a fractured ankle, a fractured scapula, lower back injuries, and fractured ribs. A year later, he underwent an arthroscopic surgery to repair damage sustained to his shoulder. The law office of Arze and Mollica filed a motion on his behalf, requesting that liability be awarded in his favor.

"The building owner failed to provide sufficient safety devices to him at the work site," says Mr. Arze. The court agreed, and declared the building owner was negligent in permitting the work to be done in that fashion, but a jury trial is still always required to determine the amount of compensation which should be awarded under the circumstances, he



Gerald G. Arze and Raymond J. Mollica.

says.

At trial, the building owner's attorneys claimed he recovered from these injuries, and that he could now return to work in the same capacity.

"A one-week jury trial determined that our client be awarded over \$800,000 in damages for past and future pain and suffering, as well as past medical expenses," says Mr. Arze.

When situations like these arise, there are lots of questions that come up, long before any decision is made. For example, people want to know: How long will it take before there's a settlement? Who pays for medical care if you have no insurance?

It can take six months to a few years before a case is resolved, says Mr. Arze. Medical coverage depends upon many factors. If it's a car accident, No Fault is part of every auto insurance policy, but if the accident happened at work, it may be covered by Worker's Compensation.

"If it occurred on someone's premises, there may sometimes be insurance cov-

erage available for medical treatment," says Mr. Arze.

When issues aren't so clear, the services are of an attorney are all the more important.

Mr. Arze says the firm has a strong track record of fighting for what's right.

"Our office is dedicated to protecting the injured against the negligent acts of persons, corporations, businesses, and municipal entities," he says.

If you're not sure if you have a case, consulting an attorney may be intimidating.

"We want to alleviate these types of fears right away," says Mr. Arze. "The initial consultation is always free, and we take all the time necessary to identify your legal issues, and advise if you have a case."

In addition, you will always speak with an attorney — either Mr. Arze himself, or his partner, Raymond Mollica.

Like most personal injury law firms, Arze and Mollica LLP does not get compensated for its time unless it wins your case. Some of the

company's success stories are posted on its website, but one you won't read there involves a car accident where a man suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery.

"The defense lawyers said the injuries were repetitive and work-related injuries," says Arze, and because of that, argued that they did not have to provide compensation. But after one week of trial, Arze and Mollica LLP was able to convince a jury with medical proof that the injuries were caused by the accident. "Our client was awarded \$240,000," says Mr. Arze, who takes pride in these success stories.

"We have established an outstanding reputation of providing top-quality legal services in the field of personal injury," he says. The firm has fought and won cases that have involved automobile accidents, medical malpractice, construction accidents, falls, and more. Sadly, cases involving nursing home care and bed sores are on the rise, he says, and this shouldn't be the situation.

"Bed sores can lead to seri-

ous injuries or death."

To better serve clients, the office does not take on more than it can handle, says Mr. Arze.

"This way, we can be personally involved." Clients are kept aware of the case progress, too, and calls are returned promptly, he says.

Both attorneys worked for high-profile law firms before deciding to open Arze and Mollica LLP in 2007. Mr. Arze is an active participant in the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Brooklyn Bar Association. He is fluent in Spanish and English.

Mr. Mollica is a member of the Columbian Lawyers Association, Brooklyn Bar Association, and the New York Trial Lawyers Association.

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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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The Panamanian Tourist Fair, which was attended by tour operators, travel agents, journalists, was the appropriate venue for Cuba to promote what is known as Tourism of Events, included on the island's promotional strategy.

Jamaica

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe paid a short visit to Jamaica last week.

During his visit Cameron addressed parliamentarians. Abe is expected also made a brief visit en route to the 70th anniversary celebrations of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The Japanese prime minister used his visit to lobby Jamaica to influence member states in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), in support of efforts to reform the UN Security Council.

Jamaica's Ambassador to the UN Courtenay Rattray is the incumbent chairman of the UN inter-governmental Negotiations on Security Council reform.

In addition to the visit of both prime ministers, Princess Anne of Edinburgh is also scheduled to visit this week

(October) for a working visit.

Her visit coincides with her attendance at the Caribbean-Canada Emergency Leaders' Dialogue.

Guyana

Guyana and Venezuela have agreed to restore their respective ambassadors despite a continuing border dispute.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his Guyanese counterpart, David Granger, met recently in New York ahead of the United Nations General Assembly.

In July, Venezuela recalled its ambassador and last month stalled its acceptance of Guyana's nominee for ambassador to Caracas.

President Maduro said that Venezuela would restore its ambassador to Georgetown "immediately" and accept Guyana's nominee.

He described his meeting with President Granger as "complex, tense, difficult," but insisted Venezuela was "not an imperialist country" and that he wanted to restore "brotherly relations" with its eastern neighbor.

Granger had accused Venezuela of conducting an "extraordinary escalation of Venezuelan military activity" near the disputed border.

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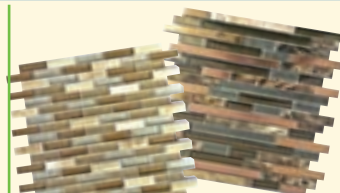
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Jamaicans angry with British prime minister

By Bert Wilkinson

The fallout from last week's visit by British Prime Minister David Cameron to Jamaica continued this week with a flaming row over whether Jamaican authorities had in fact agreed to allow Britain to dump hundreds of Jamaican convicts serving time in British jails into a facility to be built on the island specifically for that purpose.

Cameron had already angered Jamaicans by dismissing calls for Britain to compensate Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean for using millions of Black people as unpaid slaves on sugar and other plantations during the genocidal Trans Atlantic slave trade. In fact, he basically told them to forget all about it and focus on today's events and the future.

His level of flippancy and British arrogance has sparked an ongoing row in Jamaica as to whether authorities had exerted enough pressure on him to say something positive even though Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller said publicly she had indeed



British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Associated Press / Alastair Grant, Pool

raised the issue with him during formal meetings.

Now the latest flare up has much to do with pressure London is exerting on Kingston to give in to already well developed British plans to donate about \$40M to Jamaica to build a spanking new facility to house about 700 Jamaicans serving time for various offenses in the United Kingdom.

Cameron's administration has complained about the cost of maintaining such a large posse of criminals from the island and thinks it best to send them home to serve time once they have about three

years left on jail time.

Since his departure, there has been a back and forth about whether Jamaica had in fact agreed to both take the money to build the prison and to welcome, house and accept people who had not committed any crime on Jamaican soil.

Official websites in the UK are reporting that Kingston has bowed to the wishes and demands of Cameron but Jamaican Justice Minister Peter Bunting says no such deal has been signed, not even a memorandum of understanding.

"This is not the case. The fact is that we have agreed to commence a process, which may, or may not, result in a prisoner-transfer agreement. We have brought these inaccuracies to the attention of the British High Commission locally and trust that it will be corrected. We have not signed a prisoner-transfer agreement (PTA). The British government put an offer on the table, which is contingent upon our signing a prisoner-transfer agreement. We have said to them that in order to sign

a prisoner-transfer agreement we first have to have legislation that will allow it."

Of the 700 in prison in England, about 300 are ready for transfer if only there was an agreement to allow for this.

Opposition Leader and former Prime Minister Andrew Holness as well as legislator Daryl Vaz asked in parliament this week for a clear and unequivocal guarantee from government that no such deal will go through bearing in mind general elections are about a year away.

"I am quite convinced, based on what I have heard, especially coming out of the mouth of the UK prime minister, that this deal is a done deal. The timing of the deal is not a good time. We have a certain event coming up," Vaz said.

How authorities will escape the pressure Cameron has heaped on by striking first with an announcement about an agreement is unclear but the issue is fast becoming an election headache for the Simpson-Miller administration as many believe it is not telling all it knows.



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UN officials 'shocked' by ex-Antiguan diplomat arrest



Ambassador John Ashe, of Antigua and Barbuda, the President of the General Assembly 68th session, speaks during a news conference at United Nations headquarters on Sept. 17, 2013. Associated Press / Richard Drew, File

By Nelson A. King

Top United Nations officials say they are "shocked" and "deeply troubled" to learn about the "very serious allegations" announced by United States' federal prosecutors against Dr. John Ashe, a former president of the UN General Assembly and erstwhile Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN.

U.S. federal prosecutors said on Tuesday that Ashe and a Chinese billionaire real estate developer from the territory of Macau were arrested and accused of engaging in a broad corruption scheme.

Ashe, 61, was one of six people identified in a criminal complaint outlining a bribery scheme that involved more than US\$1 million in payments from sources in China for assistance in real estate deals and other business interests, according to the New York Times.

Prior to his appointment as leader of the 68th session of the UN General Assembly in Sep-

tember 2013, Ashe was Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the UN.

Stéphane Dujarric, the spokesperson of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Tuesday that the allegations against Ashe "go to the heart of the integrity of the United Nations."

Asked about whether the UN was involved in the United States attorney's investigation, Dujarric told reporters that the UN was not informed of the case until it was featured in the press.

"Obviously, if we're contacted by the relevant U.S. authorities, we will cooperate with them," he said.

President of the General Assembly's 70th session and former Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Mogens Lykketoft, said he, too, was shocked by the allegations.

"Coming from a country, which is consistently number one on the world transparency index and having served for 34

years in Danish politics without being rich, I certainly am shocked about it, and I think that the United Nations and its representatives should be held to the highest standards of transparency and ethics," he told a news conference.

Lykketoft said that when he took office as the President of the UN General Assembly on September 15, he committed himself to uphold these principles during his tenure, stating that "corruption has no place at the United Nations or anywhere else."

The case is highly embarrassing to the United Nations, which had vowed to act with greater transparency and accountability after past scandals, according to the Times.

But the paper said Ashe's case is different from the oil-for-food program scandal in Iraq a decade ago, when an independent commission found widespread abuse by UN officials.

The complaint alleges a

broad pattern of corruption by Ashe, who is accused of using the bribes to support a lavish lifestyle: spending US\$59,000 on hand-tailored suits in Hong Kong in 2013 and 2014, buying two Rolex watches in 2014 for US\$54,000, and later that year paying US\$40,000 to lease a new BMW X5, according to the Times.

He also bought a membership at a South Carolina country club for US\$69,000, and solicited money to construct a US\$30,000 basketball court at his home in Dobbs Ferry, New

York, according to the complaint.

"If proven, today's charges will confirm that the cancer of corruption that plagues too many local and state governments infects the United Nations as well," Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, told reporters.

He said that the investigation was still in its early stages, adding, "We're looking at a lot of things, and I wouldn't be surprised if you would see other people charged."

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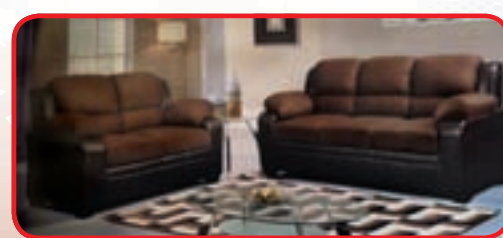
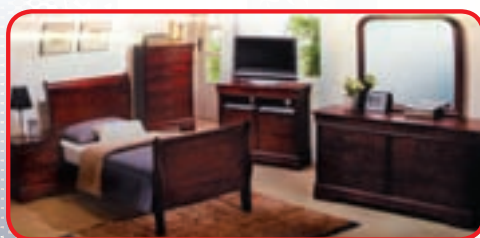
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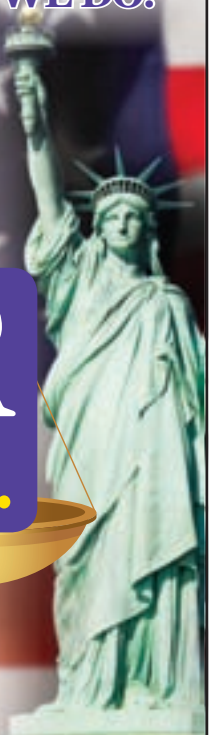
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Top tech degrees for today's job seekers

The career outlook for technology professionals remains highly promising. With so many emerging employment opportunities, The White House announced the TechHire initiative recently to encourage American cities to offer training to prepare the workforce for careers in growing tech fields.

The United States has about 5 million open jobs today, which is more than at any point since 2001. Over half a million of those job openings are in information technology fields like software development, network administration and cybersecurity, many of which did not exist just a decade ago.

As an added incentive for Americans to pursue tech careers, the average salary in a job that requires information technology skills — whether in manufacturing, advertising, retail or banking — is 50 percent higher than the average private-sector American job.

“Our information technol-



ogy students today are enthusiastic about the future job,” Rajin Koonjbearry, professor and cyber security expert at DeVry University, said. “Not only are traditional IT careers standing out, but increasing private information online calls for cyber security

experts to help companies protect against threats.”

Here are some of the most valuable tech specializations and degree programs available to career seekers today:

Cyber Security

Cyber security has been

listed by The World Economic Forum as one of the top five global risks in terms of likelihood, and has been ranked as a top concern in federal chief information officer surveys. The White House even released an executive order aimed at improving critical infrastructure cybersecurity.

Demand for cyber security professionals continues to rise, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicting a 37 percent increase in information security analyst jobs through 2022.

To meet this demand, colleges and universities are starting to offer degrees in cyber security. In May, DeVry University unveiled a new Cyber Security Programming specialization within its Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems program, available on campus or online in select states.

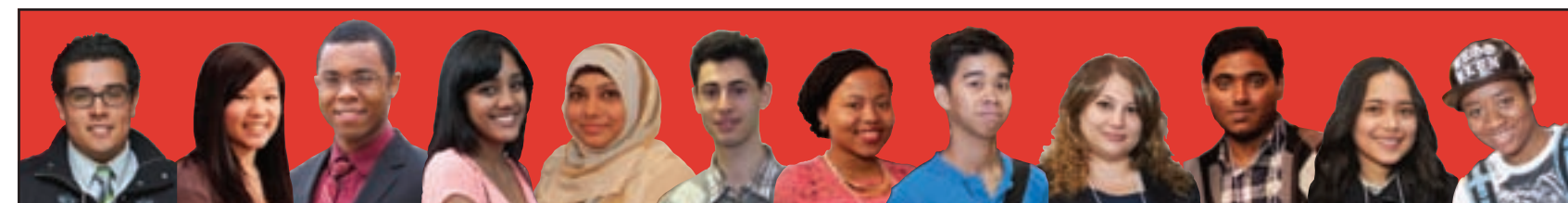
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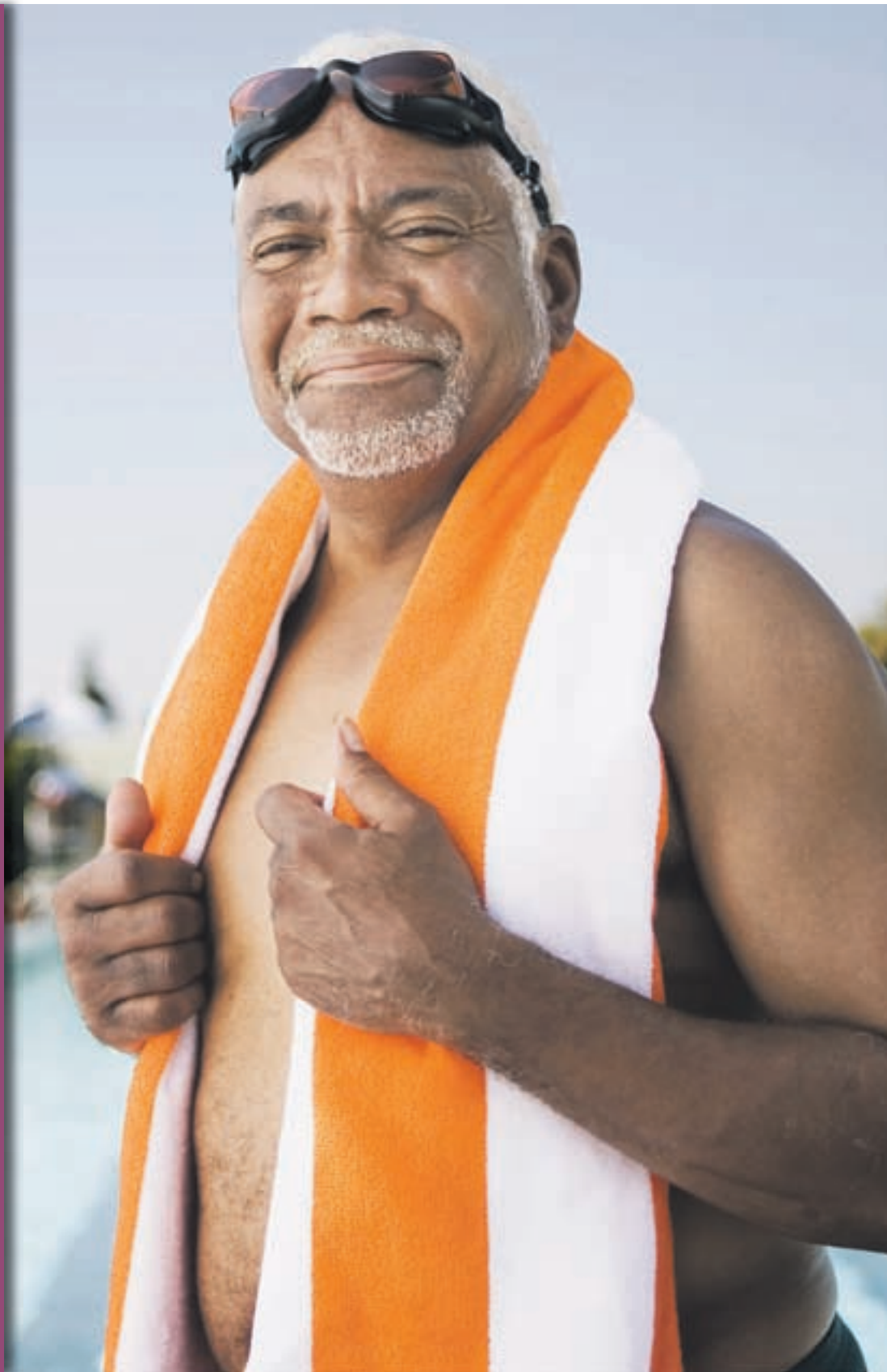
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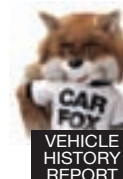
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- Is your natural parent dead or lack viable

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Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.

A very sought-after speaker and preacher, Dr. Irish conducts weekly community outreach programs in the Bronx through the church ministry.

In addition, he conducts International Community Sustainable Economic Development programs across the Caribbean Basin and Central America in collaboration with Dr. Waldaba Stewart, a Panama-born professor at Medgar Evers College, and the international team of the Universidad Popular de Las Americas.

Irish earned his Ph.D in Spanish (Latin American and Caribbean Studies) from the University of the West Indies in 1969.

Four years earlier, he obtained his BA (Honors) Spanish and French (History Minor) from the same university.

Diplomat

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The charges represent a widening of the investigation of Ng Lap Seng, a developer based in Macau, who was arrested by customs officials in New York last month and charged with bringing US\$4.5 million into the United States under false pretenses, the Times said.

Ashe, according to the complaint, took payments from Ng and used "his official position to obtain for Ng potentially lucrative investments in Antigua."

In one instance, US\$200,000 was wired into Ashe's private bank account in exchange for a foreign trip in 2014 in his official capacity, to discuss a conference center that Ng wanted to develop for the United Nations, the compliant alleges.

The campaign to construct a permanent center in Macau seems to have started as early as February 2012, when Ashe, in his capacity as the ambassador to the United Nations from Antigua and Barbuda, proposed a "permanent expo and meeting centre" to be created with help from Ng's company, the Sun Kian Ip Group of China, the Times said.

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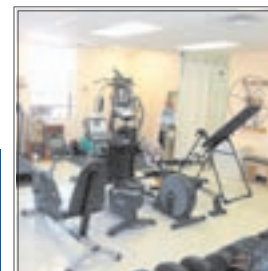
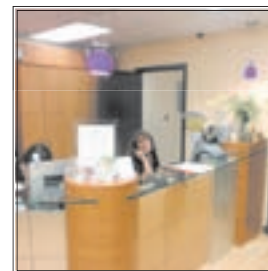
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From left back row, Cory Provost, Liaison, New York Comptroller Scott Stringer's, Glenda Cadogan, Director of Mauby Media Services, and Senator Kevin Parker, join Cleopatra Harlow Peters, Anna Walrond, Henrietta Stewart, Rosalind Mahalia October and Elvira Eugene Alexander.

Tangerine Clarke

Elderly honored at Yesterday's Children Tribute

By **Tangerine Clarke**

A salute to Yesterday's Children is about love, honor, obedience, gratitude and unity — qualities that were certainly expressed on Sept. 20, when five elderly women were treated to an evening of elegance at the New Hope Empowerment Center in Brooklyn.

Elvira Eugene Alexander, 91, a former hairdresser and factory worker from Duncan Village, Port of Spain, credits the blessings she received, and the active lifestyle she led as the reasons for her longevity. Acquiring a good education, working hard and always saving for a rainy day, are standards the mother of four lived by.

Born on May 2, 1925, in Minachy Alley, Port of Spain, Cleopatra Harlow Peters, 90, a former medicine woman from the age of seven, said she was born with the gift of healing. The former teacher and nurse, and mother of seven, enjoyed playing rounders, an activity that helped her to live to a ripe old age.

Rosalind Mahalia October, a proud mother of 14 born in Sisters' Village on the East Bank of Berbice in Guyana, was inspired to acquire a family compound after selling ice from an icebox for many years. Today, the business Rosalind started with her husband remains the oldest establishment on the busy thoroughfare of Regent in Georgetown.

"Never hurt anyone, and always take care of yourself," are the words of wisdom from Anna Walrond of Siparia Hill, Port of Spain, Trinidad who celebrated her 100 birthday last July. The former domestic worker, who, back in the day enjoyed playing Hopscotch, is a mother of nine who cherishes being called Mother Annie by the many spiritual children she has.

At 101 years old, Henrietta Stewart from Mucurapo Road, San Fernando, Trinidad, a former seamstress and nurse's aide, loves watching football. Her long life is due to her faith and the belief that you receive whatever you ask for in God's name, said the mother of

four.

With images of their Caribbean heritage in the hall, the honorees were treated like royalty and presented with "You are a Shining Star" plaques. The beautiful designed image of a shooting star named for each dame, was the brainchild of Trinidad-born Glenda Cadogan, director of Mauby Media Services.

Cadogan honored the exceptional contributions the matriarchs made to their communities during the fifth Annual Yesterday's Children salute, and spoke about her role as the "Colored Girl in the Ring" who was diligent in her commitment to honor the elders, despite having to work with a "shoe-string' budget."

The charming senior citizens, who were dressed in their finest, and treated to an African drum salute that had the elders shaking their bodies during the possession into the hall, received their likeness in print, compliments of HM Photographics NYC head.

The Positive Community Magazine, in turn, presented the Front Page Award to the ladies, while Danella Abby of Ahsiro Creations bestowed Lapgans to keep the great grandmothers warm.

During the evening of great entertainment that included a poem by Kenya Jacob, drum salute by Averi Fanfair and dance performance by Lamont Joseph, Senator Kevin Parker who honored the ladies with citations, thanked Cadogan for the magnificent work she has been doing to bring the stories of the elderly to 'our community and the world.' "Thanks for everything you have done, Parker told the senior citizens, I stand on your shoulders, I would not be here, as a person and as a senator to represent you if you did not come before me. Thank you for what you have done and what you will continue to do," added Parker who praised the ladies for their energy and enthusiasm.

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Damian Marley performing with son Lil Zilla in Central Park.

Hakim Mutlaq

Marley billed in Brooklyn

By Vinette K. Pryce

Say what you will about the Marleys, just refrain from calling them lazy.

Consistently on the entertainment circuit, the benefactors and sons and daughters of reggae legend Robert Nesta Marley seem to be relentless, hard-working and most of all front and present to represent the genre often ignored on high profile billings.

Check it, after performing a memorable set at New York's Summerstage Con-

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Old Master is new to you

By Harry MacCormack

It is time for this artist to make an impression!

The Brooklyn Museum is shining a spotlight on the "Missing Impressionist" — an Old Master unjustly ignored because of his origin in the New World. The exhibit "Impressionism and the Caribbean: Francisco Oller and his Transatlantic World," on display until Jan. 3, places the work of the first Latino Impressionist painter in context with other artists across the world.

"When we decided to do a show of Oller's work, we knew we had to present it in a global context," said Brooklyn Museum curator Rich Aste. "We live in a global community, much as he did, and I think it is important to show his art that way, especially in Brooklyn."

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The French dance troupe Compagnie Herve Koubi.

Ahmad Daghlas

Dance Festival in full swing

By Amun

The 12th Annual Fall for Dance Festival is in full swing. The first performance of the five program festival was on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The festival runs to Oct. 11 with the final performance of program five, which ends the festival for this year. The programs are rich as always. This year's festival presents 20 international dance companies and artists.

Performances include: a world premiere by Michelle Dorrance; a New York premiere by Pam Tanowitz; U.S.

premieres by La Compagnie Hervé Koubi, Jesús Carmona & Cía, L-E-V and Steven McRae; and New York premieres by Bill Irwin and Tiler Peck, Companhia Urbana de Dança, Fang-Yi Sheu and Herman Cornejo, and Houston Ballet.

The two-week festival comprises five unique programs (each program is repeated once) with performances by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Bill Irwin and Tiler Peck; Boston Ballet; Che Malambo; La Compagnie Hervé KOUBI; Companhia Urbana

de Dança; Dorrance Dance; doug elkins choreography, etc.; Fang-Yi Sheu and Herman Cornejo; Houston Ballet; Jesús Carmona & Cía; L-E-V; Miami City Ballet; Nrityagram; Paul Taylor Dance Company; Project FFD: Pam Tanowitz; San Francisco Ballet; Stephen Petronio Company; and Steven McRae.

As part their educational initiative, New York City Center and the Department of Education co-present a Fall for Dance Festival Lab where

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Antigua & Barbuda will fund 'Rebels'



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



A mural depicting reggae music icon Bob Marley, right, and former Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie decorate a wall in the yard of Marley's Kingston home, in Jamaica, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013. The reggae icon died of cancer in 1981 at age 36. Associated Press / David McFadden

The government of Antigua recently earmarked \$20 to \$80 million of its budget sealing a deal that will spotlight "Rebels," a film about Robert Nesta Marley.

Allegedly, one-fifth of a total \$125 million development deal decided between the government of Antigua and Golden Island Filmworks, the agreement dictates that five feature films will be shot on the island.

Announced at the Toronto International Film Festival in Canada, reportedly, the deal was struck by the independent film company owned and operated by St. Kitts-born film producer Rudy Langlais.

"My partners and I had a dream more than 10 years ago, that the Caribbean, which has produced brilliant statesmen like Alexander Hamilton, Nobel Prize-winning poets and novelists, Walcott and Naipaul, legendary athletes like (Garfield) Sobers and (Vivian) Richards and (Usain) Bolt, and perhaps the world's greatest cultural icon in Bob Marley, should add its 'voice' now to filmmaking," Langlais explained.

His main partners in the ven-

ture are entrepreneur Valmiki Kempadoo, producer Don Allan and veteran film executive Neil Sacker.

"We have wanted to join our colleagues around the world to share our stories and join in telling stories together," Langlais added. "Now that time is here. Exciting films will come of this collaboration."

From the title, it is safe to believe that the Rastafarian reggae icon will not be the sole focus of the feature.

From early reports, along with the iconic musician a spotlight will shine on four men who discovered and mentored him through his journey to worldwide fame.

Already, the film company has acquired the life stories of Danny Sims, Allan "Skill" Cole, Johnny Nash, and David Simmons - the men who signed, developed, and produced Marley in the initial stages of his

career.

From those insider perspectives, the film is expected to provide new insight and unprecedented information about Marley's life before he became the first Third World superstar.

Nash, the founder of JAD Records was first to sign the now-legendary singer/musician.

Sims, who died in 2012 at age 75 was Nash's partner and another principal to be spotlighted.

Allegedly, the film will examine Marley's career growth after meeting the Mississippi-born Sims and Nash, a Texan he met in Kingston, Jamaica during the late 1960s.

It is widely known that Sims successfully secured a deal for Nash with CBS Records. With that commercial relationship, the two hired Marley to write several songs including the hit

JAD recording "Stir it Up."

During that period, the Jamaican singer recorded with Peter Tosh and Bunny Livingston, with releases credited to Bob Marley & The Wailers.

Reportedly, the film company has secured the rights to never-before-released JAD Records catalogue which include much of the early Marley music.

In addition to biographical details from the revolutionary music investors, previously unreleased information about the early life of the reggae legend and songs from Marley's pre-fame career fans will be delighted with this alternative from the deluge of so-called definitive biopics on the Caribbean music legend.

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Grammy-winning rapper's reunion with dad

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By Kam Williams

Che "Rhymefest" Smith is among the handful of rappers who have actually managed to make it in the music industry. What's even more remarkable is the fact that the Grammy-winning artist also overcame a challenging childhood, having been raised on the rough South Side of Chicago by a single-mom who'd given birth to him while still in her early teens.

Despite his phenomenal success in the music business, one thing that nagged at Rhymefest was why he'd been abandoned by his father, Brian, a man



Che "Rhymefest" Smith (right) and his dad Brian in a scene from "In My Father's House."

he'd only seen a few times in his entire life, and not at all over the past two decades. He wondered whether his dad ever cared or thought about him? Or might he be dead?

Rhymefest's curiosity was probably piqued because of the guilt he himself felt about having three out-of-wedlock offspring with baby-mamas he'd never committed to. He wanted

to understand why he'd perpetuated the cycle of parental neglect, especially since fatherless kids represent 60 percent of youth suicides, 71 percent of juvenile incarcerations and 90

percent of homeless children.

So, first, he proceeded to buy the house that his father grew up in and moved in with his wife, Donnie. Then, after hearing rumors that Brian was a local hobo and an alcoholic, he started scouring the streets of the Windy City for him.

Yes, he did search for and get his dad into rehab right after their tearful reunion. But would the lush find the strength to keep his nose clean with the help of this new lease on life coming in the form of a job, an apartment, and a loving, supportive son?

That is the tension that tugs at your heart while watching "In My Father's House," a prodigal dad documentary co-directed by Ricki Stern and Anne Sundberg. The picture proves to be very compelling as a sociological examination of profound dysfunction, but it's simultaneously a bitter disappointment for anyone expecting a miraculous, happy Hollywood ending.

Independent & Foreign Films

Big Stone Gap (PG-13 for brief suggestive material) Romantic comedy, set in Appalachia in 1978, revolving around a shy and retiring spinster (Ashley Judd) who finds herself being courted by several suitors when a surprising secret about her long-lost father surfaces. Ensemble cast includes Whoopi Goldberg, Patrick Wilson, Jane Krakowski, John Benjamin Hickey and Jenna Elfman.

Breaking Through (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a Youtube dance sensation's (Sophia Aguiar) attempt to balance sudden fame and her authentic identity before she loses everything she cares about. Co-starring Julie Warner, Jay Ellis and Robert Roldan.

A Faster Horse (Unrated) Reverential documentary chronicling America's love affair with the Mustang, the crown jewel of the Ford Motor Company fleet, from its introduction in 1964 to its recent redesign earlier this year.

The Final Girls (PG-13 for profanity, drug use, violence, sexuality and crude humor) Horror comedy revolving around the grief-stricken daughter (Taissa Farmiga) of a recently-deceased scream queen (Malin Akerman) who is magically transported into her mom's most memorable movie where she ends up on the run from a deranged maniac (Dan Norris) while having to fend off the unwanted advances of young alpha males with raging hormones. With Alia Shawkat, Alex



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ander Ludwig and Nina Dobrev.

The Forbidden Room (Unrated) Undersea adventure about a lumberjack (Roy Dupuis) who mysteriously materializes aboard a submarine stuck on the bottom of the ocean with a cargo of unstable explosives. Featuring Charlotte Rampling, Geraldine Chaplin, Clara Furey, Mathieu Amalric and Udo Kier.

In My Father's House (R for profanity) Prodigal father documentary chronicling Grammy-winning rapper Rhymefest's reunion with the deadbeat dad who abandoned him at an early age.

Knock Knock (R for nudity, profanity, disturbing violence and graphic sexuality) Home alone horror flick about a happily married man (Keanu Reeves) who comes to regret allowing a couple of stranded damsels-in-distress (Lorenza Izzo and Ana de Armas) enter the house while his wife (Ignacia Allamand) was away for the weekend. With Aaron Burns and Colleen Camp.

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DANCE

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dance educators take master classes focusing on repertory featured in the festival. This year there are two pre-concert panel discussions with festival artist moderated by dance scholars, which are free and open to the public. The festival also features free pre-show dance lessons

The Grand Tier lobby is a place where attendees can gather, relax, mingle, and enjoy a cocktail or a snack. It is also the place where you can take part in a pre-show dance lesson and converse with festival artist.

A major feature of this festival is the ticket price, which is comparable to the price of a movie ticket. The festival remains accessible and affordable, and is an event that the whole family can attend together. Even if the perform-



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Ronald K. Brown's "Four Corners."

Bill Hebert

ance is sold out, you still have the possibility of seeing the show. Everyday house seats are released for sale. Check with

the box office to find out the time of the release and be there to purchase the tickets. House seats are always good seats.

For more information on the Fall for Dance Festival and its calendar of events, visit www.nycitycenter.org.

Marley

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cert Series in Central Park, last month where brothers Stephen and Damian Marley introduced their sons Jo-Mersa and Lil Zilla and sister Cedella's Skip for a rousing musical journey billed to promote their "Catch A Fire" tour, the youngest son of the legend is making a break-through appearance for the genre.

Critically acclaimed as one of the highlights of the season, Tidal X: 1020 at Brooklyn's Barclays Center booked Damian, the only reggae act to perform on a showcase that not only bills some of the biggest names in pop and hip-hop music but is also staged to promote good vibrations, a sentiment Bob Marley often expressed in song.

Super-stars Prince, Beyonce, Usher, Nicki Minaj and a roster of stellar artists are confirmed for the Oct. 19 date recently announced for the mega-concert named for Tidal, the "artist-owned" streaming service launched by Jay Z on March 30 of this year.

The inaugural celebratory event aims at promoting philanthropy with a focus on global issues. From early accounts, proceeds from the concert will be donated to organizations "dedicated to advancing positive community relations and effecting systemic change for the development and sustainability of just societies."



Eddie Vedder and Beyonce perform onstage during the 2015 Global Citizen Festival to end extreme poverty by 2030 in Central Park.

Getty Images / Kevin Mazur

Also featuring Indochine, Hit-Boy, Fabolous, Thomas Rhette, Lil Wayne and others, Damian AKA the Junior Gong and Gongzilla will be the only talent waving the colors of red, gold and green and most noticeably flashing ankle-length dreadlocks.

An acclaimed entertainer who professes belief in the Rastafarian tradition, perhaps, on this go-round, Marley's youngest son might duet with pop music's Queen Bey to sing another telling tune his legendary father wrote and recorded in order to raise funds to benefit

the less-fortunate.

The last weekend in September Beyonce stepped up to show solidarity with entertainers dedicated to that same cause.

In sync with ideals promoted at the opening of the 70th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, she wailed Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" as the American first-lady, Michelle Obama watched from the sidelines.

It was a momentous occasion when millions witnessed the Global Citizens Festival aired live on MSNBC and other television channels.

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The Puerto Rico-born Oller worked alongside well-known French artists Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and he trained Paul Cezanne. But he has largely escaped public attention outside of Puerto Rico, says Aste, because much of Oller's work is concentrated in his island home. The Brooklyn Museum is one of the few North American museums to permanently house one of Oller's paintings: "Hacienda La Fortuna," which features a Puerto Rican sugar plantation whose sugar would have been bound for the Brooklyn sugar refinery that later became the iconic Domino Sugar Refinery.

"While we cannot be credited for making the historic link, our collection committee was very enthusiastic about the idea of having such a historic piece with ties to Brooklyn," Aste said.

The show gathered paintings from museums and private collectors across the globe. Once it finishes its run at the Brooklyn Museum, the exhibit will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico for another three month display.

Impressionism and the Caribbean: Francisco Oller and his Transatlantic World at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 638-5000, brooklynmuseum.org]. Oct. 2-Jan. 3. Suggested \$16 contribution.

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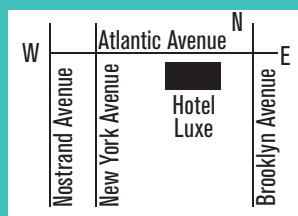
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New York Mets Kirk Nieuwenhuis throws the ball to Ruben Tejada, left, after the Mets defeated the Cincinnati Reds 12-5 in a baseball game in Cincinnati, Friday, Sept. 25, 2015.

Associated Press / Tom Uhlman

Tejada helps out as a reserve

By Robert Elkin

Who would ever think that the New York Mets would capture their East Division title of the National League after completely missing the post season in 2014? Nobody thought that they would make such a strong showing during most of the second half of the season.

However with a strong showing during such a period, but a slight let down toward the end of the regular schedule, it did not take long for the surprise of some new personnel on the field and at the same time have Terry Collins be

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Mystery spinner returns to squad

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago mystery spinner Sunil Narine, who pulled out of the World Cup squad to continue work on his bowling action, has been recalled to the One-Day International (ODI) and Twenty20 squads — 13 months after he played his last game for the West Indies — is a huge fillip for the side in the two series against Sri Lanka later this month.

Trinidadian Jason Mohammed has been recalled four years after he made his debut in India, while Jamaican batsman 23-year-old Jermaine Blackwood, who has played in 10 Tests, is poised for his first taste of ODI action.

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CONCACAF CLASH

Haiti midfielder Venel Saint Fort #13 and Mexico forward Daniel Alvarez López #16 in action during a CONCACAF men's Olympic qualifying soccer match in Carson, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015. Mexico won 1-0.

Associated Press / Ringo H.W. Chiu

USA, Mexico in another battle

By Patrick Horne

When the USA and Mexico stage yet another intense cross-border battle on Saturday night, Oct. 10, 9:30 pm at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena (CA), there is more at stake than the usual battle for CONCACAF superiority or area dominance; the match

will determine who represents CONCACAF at the FIFA Confederations Cup in Russia next summer, and the result will also ultimately crown the true CONCACAF champion and could very well determine the future of USA head coach Jurgen Klinsman.

The USA is the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup champion and Mexico won the tournament in 2015, which prompted this CONCACAF play-in game to determine who goes to Russia next year. The Confederations Cup is the championship tournament,

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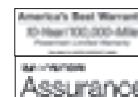
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a contender for Manager of the Year honors in the National League. Collins, the coaching staff, and the players turned in a tremendous job.

By dominating at home at Citi Field in Flushing, the team captured its division title by seven games and a .556 percentage.

It was a team effort with pitching and defense showing the way with the starters and reserves showing off their specialties.

Ruben Tejada was one of the individuals who did his share of the work. He is a versatile player who can perform at any position with the infield — short stop and second base, his specialty. He saw action in 116 of 162 games and in the process made some timely hits. He is now a power hitter, hitting those balls out of the ball park.

A native of Western Panama and born on Oct. 27, 1989, Tejada is 26 years of age, with much baseball still left in him. Ruben, Jr., is the son of Ruben, Sr., a mechanic, and also the son of Dona Tejada, a secretary.

While growing up, Tejada had a favorite player who he admired and it was not a Met, either. It was New York Yankee's infielder Derek Jeter, who is now retired.

The 5-11 Tejada bats and throws right-handed and played in the minor leagues or New York Mets system before moving up to the National League. He has been with the Mets ever since. He made his major league debut on April 7, 2010.

This past spring, he wanted badly to get his short stop position back and worked hard for it.

"He went out and had a very good year offensively," said Manager Terry Collins during the closing week of the regular season. "(Defensively) we knew that he had great hands. Ruben made a good run toward the end of the season. He won a lot of games for us."

He ended the regular season with a career batting average of .255. He hit 10 home runs although he is not a power hitter.

Now let us see what he can accomplish on and off the field during the playoffs, better known as the second season, if the Mets make it that far.



USA defender Mathew Miazga, left, pressures Canada forward Michael Petrasso, right, in the second half of a CONCACAF men's Olympic qualifying soccer match, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, in Kansas City, Kan. USA beat Canada 3-1.

Associated Press / Colin E. Braley

USA EXPERIENCES BAD RUN

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played every four years, between the champions of FIFA's (soccer governing body) six confederations: Africa (CAF), Asia (AFC), North and Central America and the Caribbean, (CONCACAF), Europe (UEFA), Oceania (OFC) and South America (CONMBOL). The tournament is staged at the sites of the next World Cup the summer before, which gives the teams advance knowledge of playing conditions for the upcoming tournament.

The USA is on a bad run with one win in its last four games, finishing fourth in last summer's Gold Cup with losses to Jamaica and Panama, and taking a four-goal bashing from Brazil in September. The only win came against

Peru in Washington DC just before the Brazil fiasco.

Former national player Landon Donovan has called for Klinnsman's firing if the USA loses Saturday night to Mexico, saying that when players have spells of bad games that are dropped and so should the coach.

Klinnsman's problem is that he seems not to be able to make up his mind or make good decisions about players because he does not effectively evaluate them; as a results, he uses players in the wrong positions and is inconsistency in his lineups from game to game. After taking over the team from Bob Bradley just over four years ago, he has problems settling on his defensive quartet, the most important part of the team. Klinnsman has history on his side,

though, as he has not lost to Mexico in six games against El Tri, however, that may not be enough.

The other obstacle facing the USA — apart from facing a talent-laden, determined Mexico team with a new coach who has much to prove — is the fan support. The Americans will remember well their last defeat at the Rose Bowl, in 2011, when Mexico, behind a raucous crowd of predominantly Mexican fans among the 93,000 in the stadium, rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat the USA, 3-2, and win the Gold Cup. The Americans may have felt as though they were in Mexico's Azteca Stadium in Mexico City. That lost signaled the end of Bradley as the national team coach, so a similar scenario could well see Klinnsman meted the same fate.



West Indies' Sunil Narine prepares to bowl in the nets during a training session.

Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi

New faces in Windies squad

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There are eight changes to the squad, which reached the quarter-finals of the ICC World Cup in Australia and New Zealand this year.

Guyanese leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo, who recently made his Test comeback, has been included four years since playing his last ODI, while Andre Fletcher is back after last playing in 2010.

Fast bowler Ravi Rampaul is back, having not played since October last year.

As expected, no room was found for Trinidadians Dwayne Bravo and Kieron

Pollard though their names have been mentioned in the 15-man Twenty20 squad.

Their exclusion from the ODI squad prompted claims of "outside interference" on the selection process from head coach Phil Simmons that led to his suspension last week.

The ODI squad will be led by Test Captain Jason Holder, while the T20 team will be captained by Darren Sammy.

West Indies will play the first two ODIs in Colombo on Oct. 31 and Nov. 4 before closing out with the final game in Pallekele on Nov. 7.

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Simmons intent is good for West Indies cricket

Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Suspended West Indies Head Coach Phil Simmons may have committed a breach as head coach but that should not result in such a harsh penalty as to suspend him and remove him from the Sri Lankan tour.

Simmons needs the best team available to compete at the international level and not just a team for the sake of going on a cricket field masquerading. West Indies cricket is under the microscope and it seems as if Bangladesh will surpass the West Indies in points in the International Cricket Council's rating.

He should have been asked to apologize, and allowed to go to Sri Lanka as head coach without any interference to the preparations that took place in Barbados. Simmons recently was appointed head coach and the players and staff had their preparations intact. The suspension of Simmons will have

a negative effect on the team. To make the situation worse, the Assistant Coach Stuart Williams was overlooked after the suspension of Phil Simmons.

LLOYD, SIMMONS, HOLDER AGREE FOR PLAYERS' RETURN

Chief of Selectors Clive Lloyd, suspended Head Coach Phil Simmons and Test and ODI Captain Jason Holder are all in support of bringing back Dwayne Bravo and Kieron Pollard to the One-Day squad. Indications are that Simmons may not be re-instated as coach but if he is, he will be able to gain the respect from players and other staff?

It seems as if Eldine Baptiste was the defactor coach in the hiding. This is not the type of situation that a team comprising of youngsters now establishing themselves into the



West Indies cricket team Phil Simmons, fields during a practice at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Thursday, April 30, 2015. England and West Indies will play the last of a series of three Test matches from May 1.

Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

Test arena should go through. Managing cricket is different to managing a manufacturing biscuit company. The

West Indies Cricket Board is not in a crisis situation because of Phil Simmons statements, the crisis was there before.

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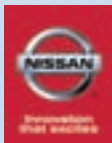


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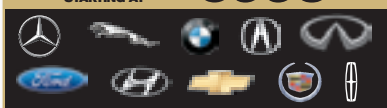
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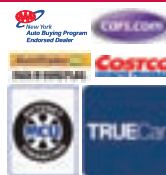
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Taurus, expect to be pulled in a million directions over the next several days. Keep a cool head and you will handle this situation with the same flare you always do.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Take a step back and reassess a particular situation this week, Gemini. A step back and a new perspective might be just what you need to make the most of this situation.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you sometimes have a sixth sense about you, and it guides you through the tough decisions that need to be made. Rely on your intuition for something major this week.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you will be the king (or queen) of your domain this week. Others will respect your final decision on many issues, and you will feel comfortable being the head honcho.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you cannot dictate every situation. Not only can you get frazzled, but also others may begrudge your taking over all of the time. Go with the flow once in a while.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you have any tricks up your sleeve, now is a good time to pull them all out. People are expecting serious productivity and you can deliver.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week presents a great opportunity to allow a colleague to take over the reins of a big project. This person is fully capable and ready for the responsibility.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, others may turn up at your door this week seeking assistance. Don't be surprised by the sudden visitors, and do your best to send them off with what they need.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, with so much on your schedule, you have to give some serious thought to prioritizing. Otherwise, you may expend energy that cannot be wasted.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
You have been indecisive of late, Aquarius. While you may not know which way to go regarding an important decision, trust your instincts and you won't be unhappy.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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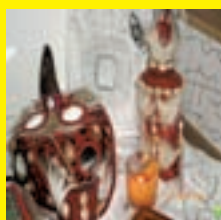
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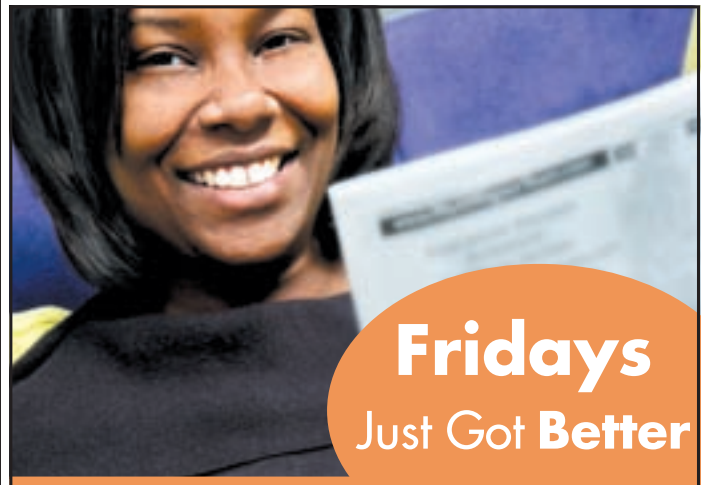
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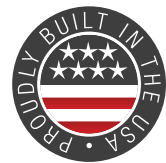
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