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Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

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Adams announces 'One Brooklyn' New Year's Eve celebration

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams has announced plans for New Year's Eve celebrations in both Coney Island and Prospect Park for the second year in a row, giving Brooklynites greater access to family-friendly festivities.

Hosted by Borough President Adams, with lead sponsorship from Council Member Mark Treyger, Airbnb, NYC and Company, and the One Brooklyn Fund, Inc., the second annual New Year's Eve celebration in Coney Island will be highlighted by a digital "burst" of lights to ring in 2016 from the iconic Parachute Jump.

This year's Coney Island event at Steeplechase Plaza will once again complement his ongoing support of the 36th annual fireworks and festivities held in Grand Army Plaza, staged in partnership with the Prospect Park Alliance.

The party will begin in Coney Island at 9 pm, while Prospect Park's will commence at 11 pm.

"This New Year's Eve, whether you're a beachgoer or a landlubber, Brooklyn will be the place to be!" Adams said. "With fireworks in Coney Island and at Grand Army Plaza, and family-friendly activities on both ends of the borough, the best parties for ringing in 2016 will be in the center of the universe: Brooklyn, USA."

Both Coney Island and Prospect Park will ring in the New Year with celebrations that will include fireworks, live entertainment and hot chocolate, Adams said.



Guyana's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, George Talbot, fourth from left is surrounded by CARICOM diplomats, Counsellor Raymond Landveld of Suriname, Counsellor of Jamaica Nicola Barker-Murphy, Rhonda King of St. Vincent, Shorna-Kay Richards, deputy permanent representative of Jamaica to the UN, Michelle Joseph of St. Lucia, Ambassador Menisa Rambally of St. Lucia, and Minister Counsellor of Guyana Troy F. Torrington.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

By Tangerine Clarke

His Excellency George Talbot said that the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guyana to the United Nations had a momentous year, and praised staff members for working beyond the call of duty with expectations that were beyond the capacity of the Guyana government.

Talbot made these remarks at a Dec. 16, Christmas luncheon at the diplomatic office in New York City, during a welcome of his Caricom counterparts, United Nations staff and Guyanese citizens.

"I want to salute the staff who have equated themselves well and have commanded the respect of their peers and superiors in their work, and have the full appreciation and acknowledgement of the government and recognition of the people of Guyana, said Talbot.

The gracious host, who, along with staff members provided festive Guyanese fare, and steel music by pianist Patrick Davis praised members of CARICOM, stating that the Caribbean nationals are family.

"We understand the value of partnership, of collaboration, of coalition," said

Talbot, adding "without our Caricom family we would not be able to achieve much of what we do individually as member states.

"I acknowledge and appreciate our Caricom colleagues who are here. They have provided a source of strength, a source of encouragement and a source of inspiration intellectually, and many assets that we have been able to draw on and make our way into these United Nations."

"Without our Caricom family we would have a harder task making a difference," said the diplomat.

Clarke: Justice Scalia's remarks deeply troubling

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke says she's "deeply troubled" by remarks made by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia during the oral argument for Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, "which could result in a decision invalidating programs intended to increase diversity at college and universities."

Justice Scalia said: "There are those who contend that it does not benefit African Americans to get them into the University of Texas, where they do not do well, as opposed to having them go to a less-advanced school, a less — a slower-track school where they do well."

"I am deeply troubled by Justice Scalia's false assumption that African

Americans are less deserving of the opportunity to attend a prestigious college or university," said Clarke, who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn.

"This categorization of millions of people — millions of individuals — based on a stereotype that African American students are less qualified defies logic and does not represent reality," she added. "The ideas expressed by Justice Scalia are reprehensible."

Clarke said Scalia has attempted not only to diminish the intellect of African American students but also the value of historically Black colleges and universities and predominately Black institutions, such as Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

"These universities continue to pro-

vide excellent educational opportunities to millions of Americans of every race," she said. "I urge Justice Scalia to apologize for his remarks. Racism, and these assumptions are racist, has no place in this country or its courts."

At the same time, Clarke welcomed a statement by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that it will release demographic information from clinical trials used to evaluate prescription drugs, which often fail to include women and people of color.

The agency has created a website, Drug Trials Snapshots, that will include information on the sex, race and age of individuals who participated in clinical trials.

Caribbean

Trade Ministers from the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) recently attended the 10th Ministerial Conference (MC10) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) which was held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Prior to the four-day conference, the ACP ministers and officials held a strategic preparatory meeting where Barbados Foreign Affairs Minister, Maxine McClean, highlighted several unresolved issues.

McClean, who chaired the deliberations, said that among the unresolved issues that would need to be resolved, include agriculture, flexibility issues, special and differential treatment in trade, and the continuation of the Doha Development Agenda.

An ACP statement said that ACP Secretary General, Guyanese-born Dr. Patrick Gomes was also among those making presentation to the strategic meeting.



Antigua

A call has been made for Caribbean people to be given the right to recall representatives or de-elect them before their expiry date of their usual term if they are performing badly or poorly.

It has come from former Dominica's Attorney General Bernard Wiltshire and Antigua and Barbuda's former Information Commissioner Alister Thomas, who both agreed that citizens should not be forced to accept a representative with whom they are dissatisfied.

Wiltshire said, "where is that recall process if the governments of any of these administrations of these island states are functioning in an incompatible way with the citizenry, the overwhelming majority of the citizenry."

He contended that the current position where the people have to wait for a general election to remove those who are not performing "speaks volumes of a weakness in the administrative structure and it shows a total advantage to the parliamentary process."

Thomas, who said he was uncertain whether there's any nation where the power of recall is available to the people, said Caribbean leaders "have to be creative."

Former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar during her campaign for the 2010 general election had promised that she would bring legislation to recall ministers who were not performing, but that was put on the back burner until she went out of office in September this year.

Bahamas

A report into the probe of the arrest of 11 Jamaican women in The Bahamas earlier this month is expected to be



Trade ministers meet

Maxine Pamela Omata McClean, foreign minister for Barbados, addresses the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Associated Press / Frank Franklin II

handed over to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Fred Mitchell.

Police said that the women were detained when the Selective Enforcement Team, acting on intelligence went to a nightclub where they held the 11 Jamaican women whom they suspected to be involved in prostitution.

The Police Department is compiling a report to be sent to Mitchell and also Jamaica's Foreign Affairs minister.

Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs wrote to Mitchell expressing concerns that the women may have been unfairly profiled for arrest and were not afforded proper treatment.

Bahamian women's rights groups believe the Jamaicans were victims of misconduct by officers who allegedly discriminated against them based on their nationality.

The police said that the women were taken into custody for breach of the Immigration Act. The club's managers

were also held for Breach of the Business License Act.

Dominica

Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit and other government officials recently paid a visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to strengthen economic and political ties with Dubai — one of the fastest growing and most strategically important Middle Eastern countries.

He met with investors from Dubai as well as others from the rest of the Middle East to bring foreign direct investments to Dominica to create jobs and stimulate economic activity.

Skerrit also addressed a conference of service providers of Dominica's Citizenship by Investment program in Dubai.

Dominica's Citizenship Program has been taken around the world by Skerrit, who is also the island's finance minister, with the hope of bringing large

scale developments to the island.

Guyana

A High Court judge has thrown out a case in which former Guyana President Bharath Jagdeo had been accused of using statements that could have resulted in hatred or ethnic violence.

Justice Navendra Singh recently dismissed the private charge the former head of state that had been filed by Christopher Ram who alleged that statements made Jagdeo on March 8 this year about the beating of drums to drive one race out of office could have resulted in ethnic violence or hatred as cited in the Representation of the People's Act.

Attorneys for Jagdeo argued that he was innocent of the charge and the magistrate did not have the jurisdiction to hear the matter.

The private criminal charge followed statements during the general election campaign.

Grenada

The Canada-born Grenada university lecturer Linnea Veinotte, who went missing was found dead in the capital, St. Georges two days later.

A post-mortem examination revealed that she died as a result of blunt force trauma to the chest and lower body, caused by a car accident.

Akim Frank, 26, who gave himself up to police has been charged with non-capital murder.

Veinotte was reported missing after going for a run with the family dog on the morning of Dec. 6, 2015. The dog, Nico, was found injured at the side of the road, but the 36-year-old mother of two could not be found. The dog later died.

After a few days of searching and investigating, police recovered the vehicle involved in the accident and named Frank as a person of interest.

Less than 24 hours later, Frank turned himself in and took the police to the area where Veinotte's body was found.

Frank appeared in court last week and was remanded in prison. The trial is set for Jan. 19, 2016.

Jamaica

The Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) is preparing to stage the first in a series of lectures on medical tourism in Jamaica, dubbed #DoBizJa Medical Tourism Lecture Series later this month.

The sessions aim to increase the number of local investors in the sec-

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Guyana approves US tax evasion bill

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyana's parliament has approved new legislation allowing authorities to share commercial banking information of Guyanese and American citizens with the U.S. Inland Revenue Service as the Caribbean Community member nation becomes the latest of its regional neighbors to comply with a new U.S. anti tax evasion law designed to trap hidden overseas holdings.

The bill was approved in the 65-seat house at the weekend but opposition legislators Monday called for the bill to be sent to a bipartisan select house committee to allow further scrutiny and for a clause to be inserted giving an account holder three week's notice that information will be shared with foreign authorities, a suggestion that was rejected outright by the government side. Legislators thought the idea was preposterous and would defeat the entire purpose of the law.

The new legislation will target Americans who stash cash and other holdings abroad, believing that it will be beyond the reach of the IRS and its team of expert auditors. Once President David Granger who won general elections in May signs the bill into law in the coming days, those with undeclared foreign accounts should sit up and take notice.

Governing legislators in rejecting the calls for the 21-day notice period, argued



Guyana's President David A. Granger. Associated Press / Kevin Hagen

that the bill has already been approved as the country moves to comply with Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act as is the case with most of its Caribbean single trading bloc neighbors.

Ironically, the bill also ensures that the local revenue authority will also be able to obtain information from the U.S. about Guyanese with foreign bank accounts that are believed to be linked to misappropriation, narcotic activity or money laundering.

Junior Finance Minister Jaipaul Sharma said the opposition opposed the bill because several in the previous government had enriched themselves and have money stashed overseas.

"This is the nitty, gritty that is bothering them." Former attorney general

Anil Nandlill says the bill will forced people to "go back to mattress banks," meaning that they will opt to stash it under beds rather than expose themselves to the prying eyes of the revenue authority.

The bill was passed with government's simple one-seat majority as government officials prepare to haul several big wigs associated with the previous Bharrat Jagdeo and Donald Ramotar administrations before the courts for a slew of wrongdoings linked to laundering, graft, bribery and fraud.

Chief among them could be former finance minister Ashni Singh for breaches of financial regulations and Winston Brassington, the head of a national holding company for state assets.

Published information for forensic audits the seven-month-old administration has released so far has pointed to damning evidence against the two and other associates even as pressure mounts on authorities to quickly haul them before the courts before they take counter measures.

Additionally, fear is also stalking the ranks of the main opposition as the U.S. has opened a permanent office of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and is moving for closer cooperation with law enforcement agencies to target launderers and those associated with the drug trade.

Trini doctors make medical history

By Azad Ali

Three Trinidad and Tobago doctors created medical history when they removed an eight-pound tumor from a 52-year-old man at the Southern Medical Clinic, San Fernando recently.

According to medical records, this is the largest tumor in the western hemisphere and the second largest ever in the world.

Medical records which the doctors used to base their feat, show that the largest tumor successfully removed from a patient weighed 5.018 kilos (approximately 11 pounds) and was done during a five-and-a-half-hour surgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi India, breaking the previous record of a 5.5 pound tumor removed at Sir Gangaram Hospital, also in India.

The three doctors — urologist and lead surgeon Dr. Lal Saw, vascular surgeon Dr. Steven Budhoorman and Dr. Peng Ewe, anesthetist, took three hours to perform the surgery on the man from East Trinidad.

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Christmas treat for Vincentian kids

By Nelson A. King

Hundreds of Vincentian kids and their parents Sunday evening were treated to a special Christmas treat at the ninth annual party organized by a prominent Vincentian shipping concern, friends and community groups in Brooklyn.

"Our annual kids Christmas party was a huge success," said Atiba Williams, coordinator of the event that is spearheaded by Gideon "Fessy" Yorke, owner of Standard Shippers on Clarendon Road in Brooklyn, adjacent to Café Owner, who hosted the event in conjunction with Solid Band, among others, in a Caribbean Life interview.

Williams, a community advocate, said though over 250 kids registered for event at Café Omar, many more were present.

He said the kids, including toddlers, parents and friends were treated to free gifts, entertainment and food.

Many kids also participated



in dances, karaoke, arts and craft, face-painting, and sat on Santa's lap. Popular community advocate Garnes Byron served as Santa Claus.

"It was always a pleasure putting a smile on the faces of the kids," said Williams, complimenting former New York City Councilman, Vincentian-born Dr. Kendall Stewart, proprietor of Café Omar, for "the use of the venue free of charge."

Williams also thanked a number of participating organizations and individuals for contributing to the event's success," including the umbrella Vincentian group in the United States, Council



Left: Newly-minted Sports Ambassador Gailene Windsor (l) and Sherrill-Ann Mason Haywood, members of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, coordinate games activities with Vincy kids. **Above:** Community activist Garnes Byron serves as Santa Claus, flanked by organizers and kids.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A. Inc. (COSAGO); St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ex-Teachers Association of New York; the St. Vincent and the Gren-

adines Diaspora Committee of New York; VincyCares, Inc.; Vincy Liberators; Bishop's College Alumni Association; and Sion Hill Association.

"A special thanks to the DJs,

the promoters and the volunteers who made this a tremendous success," said Williams, who is also president of the Bishop's College Alumni Association.



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tor, while highlighting the opportunities available for local medical practitioners for this untapped market.

Discussions will be held by Dr. Jacqueline Watson, president and CEO of the Washington DC-based healthcare management and strategy firm, Health Concepts International LLC.

JAMPRO's president Diane Edwards said the health and wellness tourism sector is a multimillion industry globally and the lecture series will provide an opportunity for practitioners to gain further insight for Jamaica and the region.



"This sector has evolved originally in Jamaica over the past few years, already attracting over \$15 million euros in foreign investments through the Spanish Group, Hospiten, as well as developments such as G west in Montego Bay. We see this interest as an opportunity to discuss the inner workings of Medical Tourism and get feedback on its potential for development," she said.

The national service sector strategy developed by the Jamaica Coalition of Services Industry (JSCI) identified health and wellness as one of the priority sub-industries for export.

The strategy projects a minimum of 15,000 medical and residential care patients and an annual income of US\$15

million by 2020.

St. Kitts

St. Kitts and Nevis Attorney General Vincent Byron said capital punishment remains on the books of the twin-island and any change in the policy must be preceded by a robust and comprehensive debate.

He acknowledged that the world has changed significantly over the years and that brought with it a different sensibility.

"It is something the United Nations has over the time been bringing to the table. Should the state be involved in taking life? Brown asked.

The Attorney General said there has been more pressure being put on governments around the world to adhere to the principle of sanctity of life and should we find alternative ways of punishing people who have done so (taken a life). Capital punishment remains legal in a majority of these countries and Byron, who also served as St Kitts and Nevis minister of justice and legal affairs, said it was a matter of sovereignty.



According to prison statistics, the last time the death sentence was carried out in St Kitts and Nevis was on December 19, 2008.

—compiled by Azad Ali



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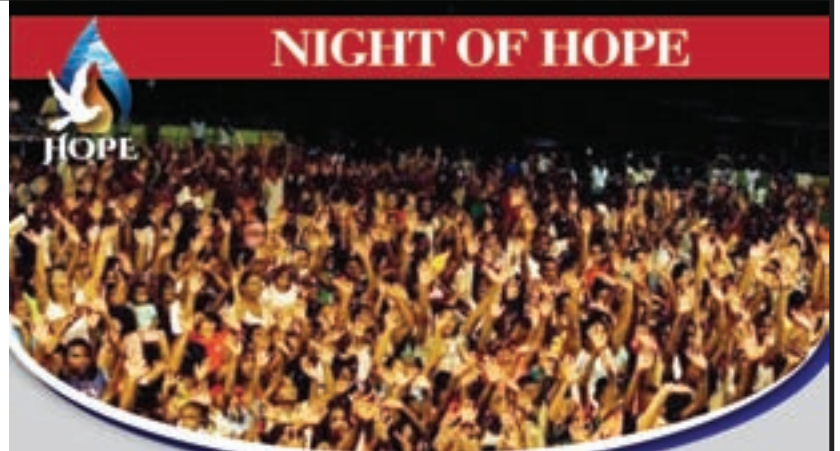
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Permanently support families, not corporate tax giveaways

By Lawrence Mishel

Temporary lapses of judgment can be corrected. Permanent mistakes are harder to fix.

Congress is poised to offer very costly permanent tax giveaways to powerful corporations. It is also considering renewing more modest tax credits that encourage work and support millions of low-wage workers and their children. This is an easy choice: do not provide any more corporate tax breaks. Instead, renew the pro-worker tax credits because they have an important role in alleviating poverty and income inequality at a time of wage stagnation.

Congress will soon vote on whether to renew a grab bag of 50 tax breaks known as “tax extenders.” Though defined as “temporary,” they’ve been rubber-stamped every year or two for decades. The package costs about \$50 billion a year. A small army of some 1,400 corporate lobbyists watches over this process, as four out of five dollars of these tax breaks benefit their patrons.

Remarkably, these corporate tax cuts get doled out for free — their costs added directly to the deficit. On the other hand, conservatives always require that vital services benefitting

average Americans have to be paid for. What’s worse, this year a big push is underway to enshrine up to six of these costly corporate giveaways in permanent law. The price tag: more than \$600 billion.

At the other end of the income scale, improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) are slated to disappear at the end of next year. These two targeted expansions help working families make ends meet and cost a tiny fraction of the six corporate tax breaks.

Thanks to a rigged economic and political system, working families have seen their incomes and futures stalled for decades. The fortunes of Wall Street billionaires have soared. Experts agree that the skewed tax system contributes to our widening income and wealth gaps.

Tax policy should be crafted to correct the imbalances in our economy, not exacerbate them.

Yet, Congress hasn’t repealed a single corporate tax giveaway in years. Meanwhile, nearly \$2.7 trillion in spending cuts are scheduled over the next decade to reduce the deficit. Critical services — public educa-

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What’s next for the US after the Paris Climate Agreement?

By Richard Eidlín

Well before the final negotiations of the COP21 climate talks in Paris, business was already making a big difference on the ground. For the first time, superstar entrepreneurs showed up with plans to fund major initiatives. Giant companies sent CEOs to showcase their results in reducing carbon in their own operations. And entire industries, such as financial services, agriculture and manufacturing, made new commitments to address climate change.

Attending the talks as a business leader, I could tell that positive pressure from the business sector was going to lead to success. The overwhelming message to government leaders was, “we, the international business community, will support you if you make a strong deal.”

But of course talk is cheap — and easy. Now comes the difficult part: turning the agreement into actions that will actually save the planet.

Luckily, business excels at innovating and turning plans — no matter how vague — into practical, achievable results. And American businesses are arguably the best in the world at that.

First, and easiest, is for companies to make or extend individual commitments to reduce carbon. Whether by increasing their usage of renewable energy or energy efficiency, streamlining supply chains — or even steps as small as offer-

As the voluntary efforts are, no one believes they will be enough to reach the necessary targets. For significant progress, business needs government to nudge things in the right direction.

ing mass transit incentives to employees — companies large and small can take their own steps to cut carbon emissions.

Over and over in Paris, we heard how these efforts actually strengthen the bottom line. We saw many businesses that are committed to doing their part on climate change — like Patagonia, which has installed nearly 500 solar panels at its headquarters.

But as great as the voluntary efforts are, no one believes they will be enough to reach the necessary targets. For significant progress, business needs government to nudge things in the right direction.

For example, take the Clean Power Plan, the EPA’s rules to reduce carbon emissions from power plants. These rules will significantly cut our greenhouse gases, which is a major benefit for every industry. The rules provide states with unprecedented leeway in crafting their own plans, which will result in technological innovation and job creation.

Unfortunately some in

Congress are trying to block the rules as being bad for business. That’s why during the Paris summit, our business group joined with Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) to announce letters calling on Congress not to derail the talks and get serious about strengthening America’s economy.

Most small business owners agree with us. National, scientific polling found that 64 percent of small business owners support government regulation to cut carbon pollution from power plants.

In fact, many business people want even stronger climate policies, such as carbon pricing.

Major U.S. brands like Ben & Jerry’s and Seventh Generation support putting a market price on carbon. Many more U.S. companies are signing a business letter to Congress showing support for a carbon tax. Internationally, even oil companies are getting behind the idea.

When I was in Paris, I spoke with an executive of a giant European oil company. As she explained, a carbon tax “provides us with a clearer path for making mid-term investment decisions. Whether we invest in another oil field, or move toward more wind depends in large part on what the price of CO2 will be.” This is using the power of the market to determine how to power the economy going forward.

The Paris climate talks resulted in a breakthrough

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Coverage overkill of one guy's campaign

Maybe it's too much to expect that some of the media organizations committed to a 24 / 7 concentration on the buffoonery of the leading GOP presidential contender, would have the fortitude to acknowledge how much they're responsible for the current "laughing stock" phase that has laid siege to politics in America. If media outfits, be they among the "respectable" or otherwise, stand by this willingness to dance to every tune called by an impish caricature of a candidate for national office, it speaks volumes about the appetite still existing for the pseudo event as news and, with it, continued erosion of the standards that defined serious journalistic practice.

This is not to be construed as suggesting that the antics of Donald Trump be altogether ignored by the media. Having gone through the motions of presenting himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination, he qualifies for some attention, as far as the electorate being made aware of what would he bring to the

presidency. But haven't we by now gone past the time that a halt could be called to the charade, or whatever the game is that's been played, since this guy announced he was running? Why are there elements of the establishment still making believe that this is a serious candidate for president? Surely it's not enough that Trump says so...he and the half-wits who keep telling pollsters he is their idea of who the so-called "leader of the free world" should be. Intelligent people with decision-making authority for "managing" coverage of this important presidential election of 2016 should have no compunction about dealing with the Trump candidacy on a realistic level, which is to say, as the side show that it is. And stop acting like puppets pulled hither and yon by a puppeteer typically taking bows as the self-styled leading attraction in the carnival.

There's no way a reasonably savvy caller of the shots on coverage of this ongoing act shouldn't, by now, be dealing squarely with the scam and sham of it and pulling the

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

plug on an inordinate amount of free advertising a con artist has literally demanded as his due. So yes, he's showing up in polls as the top choice of Republican voters (supposedly dethroned recently in Iowa by another joker, Ted Cruz, with slim-to-none chances of being elected president). But leading a crowded GOP pack changes none of the core fallacy of a Trump candidacy, foremost being that he is not about to win any presidential race. Media honchos know this with no less certainty than does the Republican Party's high command. Why, then, this pretend game of treating Trump like he's the real deal?

Are media houses, aware though they must be, not prepared to confront the inevitability of the Trump flamethrower simply because the sensationalism factor trumps all, so to speak? Hasn't there been

enough already out of the Trump camp since this road show began, that has been bizarre, offensive, even flat-out scary, coming from an operator who fancies himself capable of landing any prize he covets? It's frankly difficult to imagine why there would be any further shock-value curiosity on the media's part, given what's been rolled out thus far. The guy has an aversion to truth-telling that seems always auto-pilot ready ("thousands upon thousands" of Muslims in New Jersey celebrating the 9 / 11 attack); he has insulted women, immigrants (non-white, notably) and individuals, groups, causes of all stripes; he deduces that President Obama's sympathies with ISIS terrorists are borne out by his not calling them out in the manner he should. And a whole lot more.

So why, media movers and shakers, why this outsize fixation with a gasbag whose routinely inflammatory rhetoric is, at this point, getting really tired? He's the GOP leader in polls, they would offer by way of justification. Which isn't, in

fact, rational enough. Trump has polled ahead of other Republican aspirants because he's the darling of the ignorami. No one with even minimal facility for determining what does and doesn't make sense would see Trump as the least bit presidential. The Republican establishment, while knowing this all too well and frequently declaring that Trump's outlandish views and pronouncements aren't reflective of the party, also knows that the assembled humanity aboard Trump's bandwagon is indicative of a hard-right demographic that figures prominently in the GOP profile. The GOP's far-right imprimatur brings it face-to-face, in episodes like this Trump pickle, with a nightmare of the party's own making.

Media folk, for their part, could give themselves a dose of principle, respond to the chicanery with only the most basic coverage requirements, and quit being pawns and patsies for anyone for whom running for president equates with just another hustle.

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Path of permanent progress

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tion, college aid, nutrition and housing, infrastructure and medical research — have all been significantly cut. Every one of these cuts would affect working Americans, while wealthy corporations are not being asked to contribute an additional dime.

Three of the worst corporate breaks slated for permanent status will take a big bite out of the federal budget while doing nothing to help working families.

The bonus depreciation tax break allows corporations to write off big purchases much faster than they actually wear out. Though it will cost \$28 billion over 10 years, numerous studies show that it doesn't help the economy much. It's also very inefficient — the bang for the buck from spending on the EITC and CTC is four times greater than spending on bonus depreciation.

Two other loopholes enable the shifting of profits and jobs offshore.

The Active Financing Exception (AFE) allows multinational banks and other financial firms to move certain types of income — like dividends, interest and royalties — to foreign countries to avoid U.S. taxes. This giveaway was instrumental in General Electric not paying a dime of U.S. income taxes over five years despite making \$27 billion in profits. AFE costs \$78 billion over 10 years, more than enough to provide high-quality pre-school for all four-year olds for a decade.

The Controlled Foreign Corporation (CFC) Look-Through Rule allows U.S. multinationals to shift profits between

foreign subsidiaries without triggering the U.S. taxes normally due. This encourages more offshore tax sheltering instead of domestic investment. Making the CFC Look-Through Rule permanent would cost another \$22 billion over 10 years.

U.S. firms already have over \$2 trillion in earnings stashed overseas. We shouldn't be renewing loopholes that encourage offshore tax dodging. We should be closing them. The money we save should be used to make permanent the improvements in working-family tax credits.

The EITC makes work pay by supplementing the incomes of low-wage workers. Supported by both parties throughout its 40-year history, the EITC is widely viewed as one of the most successful anti-poverty measures in U.S. history. The Child Tax Credit supports workers and their families by providing a tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child.

If the improvements to the EITC and CTC expire, it will push more than 16 million people — about half of them children — into poverty or deeper into poverty. We can't let that happen.

Congress can make a temporary mistake permanent by locking in hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts for an exclusive group of multinational corporations. Or, it can start our nation on a path of permanent progress by using tax policy to lift up America's working families. The choice should be clear.

Lawrence Mishel is the president of the Economic Policy Institute, and co-chair, Americans for Tax Fairness.

Turn climate talk into action

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agreement. But it is really just the beginning. Now we all — individuals, government and businesses — need to do everything we can to turn that talk into action. For business leaders, that means not only doing what we can in our business, but it means pushing our

elected officials to do what they need to. Paris proved that business support can help in making a deal. To turn that deal into reality, business support will be essential.

Richard Eidlín is Vice President of Policy and Campaigns at the American Sustainable Business Council.

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Destiny's Place offers hope

By Ava Ramdeen

There is new hope in the old city. For the young people of Brooklyn an oasis has arisen in the midst of all the turmoil, crime and youthful turbulence that beset our inner city communities, leading to self degradation, depression, suicides and hopelessness in general.

Hope has come in the form of training programs, lectures, workshops, cultural and other events which will result in individuals being better prepared to meet employment demands. Some involvement may even result in forms of financing, ensuring they become more self confident individuals who believe that they have the power within them to effect change, both for themselves and their community.

Hope has found a home and it's called Destiny's Place.

Situated at 1118 Rogers Ave., Destiny's Place operates under a similar mission statement to the Lancaster Youth Forum PA out of Pennsylvania under its founder and businessman Claudius Phillips, who in May 2008, "observed that there was and still is a need for training and services to disadvantaged youths — particularly but not limited to those of African American and Latino ethnicity."

The Forum is a registered non-profit organization and is modeled after a sister organization, Youth Forum TrT, started by Phillips in Trinidad and

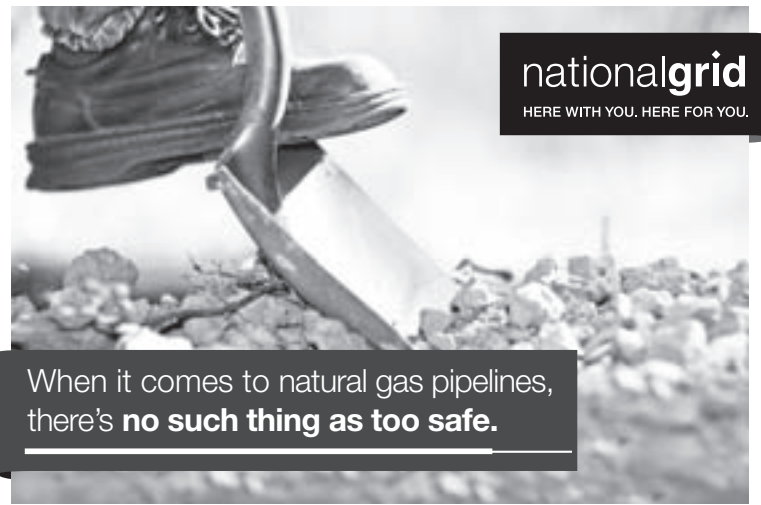


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Tobago in 1990, after being moved by the obvious need within for programs geared towards enhancing the future of ambitious youths who had a challenge with financing and establishing themselves in the work force of the time.

From Dec. 19 until way into 2016, Destiny's Place will be a hub of activities, hosting whole gamut of Christmas programs designed to keep the youth hopping and interested.

On Christmas Day Dec. 25, and the day following, there will be Christmas "Shoutouts" to Caribbean families from relatives in the New York area starting at 9 am through to 11 pm. This is the result of a collaboration of Lancaster Youth Forum PA, Faith Miracle Outreach Ministries, Program B.I.G. (Being Intelligently Guided) and also KMG Ambassadors (Family Radio).



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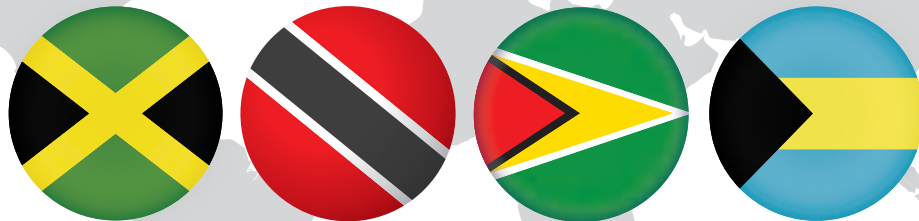
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Climate change and floods, Guyana's uninvited guests



One of the houses built for Mahaica residents who relocated to Hope Estate in Guyana. Inter Press Service / Samuel Maughn

By Neil Marks

GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, Dec 4 2015 (IPS) - Mrs. Doodnauth is being interviewed about the fact that the effects of climate change are what led the family to abandon their home and farmlands in the Mahaica Creek and relocate to an area identified by the authorities. She was clear climate change was not the reason. - "And what's the reason?"

- "Too much rain," she says. "We have never seen so much rain and floods before."

- "What is climate change?"

- "I really don't understand," Doodnauth says with a blank stare.

It is now 10 years since extreme rainfall caused widespread flooding which devastated the coastal lowland areas of Guyana, which is below sea level and prone to flooding.

Official figures show that the 2005 floods caused an estimated US\$465 million in damage, or just about 59 percent of

the country's GDP at the time. That major flood was followed by others, which resulted from severe rainfall events in the years to follow.

The families of the Mahaica Creek were the collateral damage of the extreme rainfall patterns. Even when the rains didn't cause the banks of the creek to overflow, flooding came as a direct result of government orders.

The coastal zone of Guyana, where most people live and where most economic activity is concentrated, is cut across by a dense network of drainage and irrigation canals which are all linked to the East Demerara Water Conservancy (EDWC), a water storage canal which is the source of drinking water for the capital Georgetown and also provides water for rice, sugar and cash crop farms during the dry season.

The problem is that the Conservancy is hemmed in by an earthen dam, approximately 67 km long, which could col-

lapse if it takes in more than the 250 million cubic meters of water that it was designed to hold. The collapse of the dam could cause widespread flooding along the coast.

So at times of extreme rainfall, the Conservancy acts as a drainage canal, using five sluices at different locations - Cunha, Kofi, Maduni, Lama and Land of Canaan. Two of those sluices - Lama and Maduni - release water into the Mahaica River.

However, during periods of extreme rainfall, pumping the water into the Mahaica Creek aggravates the already stressful flood conditions. Unable to cope with the constant flooding, many families decided they had to leave the Creek for a new life on the coast.

In addition to the plots of land to live on, with modest houses built by Food for the Poor, they were also offered new farmlands, which they could lease.

Khemwantie Ramkissoon,

44, misses the creek. But it is not just about missing "home." She has seen her crops - watermelons, pumpkins and other cash crops - destroyed time and time again and so she had to leave.

These days, she is unable to travel with her husband to the farm, as it often involves an overnight trip sleeping in a shack. These days also, instead of taking her line and hook to get fish for the typical evening curry, Ramkissoon now has to find money to buy fish.

For Bahawanie Basdeo, 57, a resident of Joe Hook, the creek was the only life he knew until the floods forced him to move

to higher ground.

"It was terrible. When the floods come, it took away everything. Then you are forced to use your savings, but that could only last so long," he says with a smile, but his eyes well up with tears as he speaks of his cattle killed time and time again by the floodwaters.

"The families of Joe Hook were the first to be affected and the worst affected when water is discharged from the Conservancy into the Mahaica and Mahaicony Creeks," said Robert Persaud, who served as Agriculture Minister when the decision of voluntary resettlement was offered.

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Steven Baboun captures 'Humans of Haiti'

By Alley Olivier

What should a Haitian look like? A Jamaican? These types of questions are only reality due to stereotypical references plastered in mainstream media such as movies or television shows.

Diversity does not necessarily rid the world of stereotypes and generalizations attached to particular cultures and people. This realization fueled Haitian photographer Steven Baboun to launch a photo campaign shattering negative ideations believed by people he encountered while studying at the American University.

According to Baboun, "After finishing high school, I went to the United States for college and was exposed to the ignorance of people towards Haiti."

Despite being a land of many cultures, Baboun realized that there are few positive images showing the Haiti he grew up with.

To combat mass misconceptions of Haiti's culture and



In this picture, Baboun asked: "What religion do you practice?" "I heal people through the practice of Voodoo. I rely on the saints and ancestors to heal people who hurt. I'm like a doctor."

people, Baboun followed popular photojournalist Brandon Stanton's social media photo project, "Humans of New York," in creating Humans of Haiti the summer of 2014.

"I decided to start 'Humans of Haiti' to help educate people about our wisdom, diversity, and to share our people's stories. I want Humans of Haiti to be the Haitian people's microphone and platform to express themselves," he explained.

His project hasn't been easy. Often, Baboun is met with distrust from those who he tries to capture.

"We have been exploited so many times by the media that is hard for us to not see a camera as being a weapon. I've been chased after and cursed at for wanting to share people's stories," he said.

Despite these challenges, Baboun is committed to uploading photos – ideally daily – with short stories capturing what life is like in Haiti. His motivation to continue is firmly grounded in being asked questions like "do you live in a tent" by peers in America.

"It was important to start because my friends were victims of ignorance," he said.



In this picture, Baboun interacts with a vendor. "Can you talk for a minute?" "I'm selling. Are you buying?"

Photo by Steven Baboun

So long as he is armed with his camera, Baboun pledges to continue the Humans of Haiti project and earn the trust of his people.

"I always tell them that this isn't my project, but our

project. As long as I am here, Humans of Haiti will always be up and running," he said.

View images of Humans of Haiti on Baboun's website, <http://www.thestevenbaboun.com/>.



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A new Tree House in Brooklyn

New co-sharing office space

By Alley Olivier

Entrepreneurs rejoice! All those tired of working in their pajamas now have a space to call their office home in Prospect Lefferts Gardens.

Above the iconic Phat Albert Warehouse on Flatbush Avenue between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, a new co-working office space – BKLYN Commons – is set to officially open its doors Jan. 1.

According to Jack Srour, president of BKLYN Commons, the influx of entrepreneurs and freelancers within the vicinity was all the proof he and his team needed to open the 6,000-square-foot space.

“We saw that there is a huge demand in terms of people wanting to rent office spaces. We figured the way the community is changing and the needs that it has there’s really nothing in this area that’s catering to the entrepreneur,” Srour explained.

BKLYN Commons handles all the amenities one would desire in an office: high speed Internet, WiFi access, small and large meeting rooms equipped with Smart TV, daily mail and package handling, complimentary coffee, tea, water, and much more.

There are 25 fully-furnished private offices ranging in size from single individual suites to 8-person team private rooms, and for a limited time the co-working space is offering a 50 percent off your first month promotion if you sign up prior to Jan. 1.

“Open desks are starting at \$20 a day, and offices are starting around the \$350 range at first. Going forward we’ll have different pricing criteria as the offices get bigger,” Srour said.



Tree House BK aims to become a staple in its Bedstuy community and continue supporting other black-owned businesses in their neighborhood. Photo by Camille Bautista

By Alley Olivier

Bedstuy’s newest hangout spot is celebrating the rich cultures inhabiting the neighborhood.

Taking you on a tour of Africa, to Asia, and even making stops in the Caribbean, Tree House BK is mashing together flavors they love and representative of their neighborhood.

According to co-owner Bintou Ndaw, “It’s really about community.”

Ndaw, who is Senegalese and lead chef at Tree House, is a resident of Bedstuy like the other two owners, who believed their community needed a new place to come and call home away from home.

“My partners and I are from Bedstuy, we all live a few

blocks away. We really want people to come out and do their baby showers, we’ve done a lot of birthdays already,” she explained.

Officially opening their doors a month ago, Tree House’s eclectic menu includes Jerk Pork, Djollof Rice, Fierce Tiger Shrimp, and includes fresh vegetables courtesy of local gardens.

“There are people who have never had yucca, and some people have never heard of djollof rice. It’s bar-bistro food so you can mix and match, have the classic bar food like wings but all with a twist,” she explained.

Inspired by the bar’s surroundings, Tree House was named in part by the tree growing in the backyard.

“We have a beautiful back-

yard, that’s why we call it Tree House and also like a tree, we’re willing to grow. We’re really close to our roots and want to grow with the people around,” she said.

Working with the surrounding businesses is important to Ndaw who mentions the neighboring black-owned businesses within a two-block radius of them.

Forming partnerships with House of Art, an African American art gallery, hosting after parties for their openings as well as partnering with the East New York Farm that work with youth in their community, teaching them urban farming and sustainability.

“We just all work together and support each other,” she explained. “This area didn’t have anything until last year.

We have this little block where you have the Doll House, House of Art, a wine shop — this little cluster in the neighborhood works together.”

Heading into the New Year, Ndaw and her partners hope to solidify their community ties and continue blending the rich cultures in their neighborhood under one roof.

“We want to have different kinds of music, reggae one day, African music another day, a soul night, really just trying not to be a club or lounge but a place where you feel comfortable and can blend our culture,” she said.

Tree House BK is located on Marcus Garvey Boulevard between Macon and Halsey streets.

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Roy Brummell with copies of his latest book "My Buddybo Mac - My Brother Mac"

Folklorist writes about Wordsworth McAndrew

By **Tangerine Clarke**

The late Wordsworth McAndrew was an eloquent folklorist, storyteller and poet in the history of Guyana's cultural life. "Mac" as he was fondly referred to in every corner, evoked the true emotion of Guyanese creole with his stirring "Ol' Heigue" that became the most performed poem for many years.

In a recent launch of "My Buddybo Mac - My Brother Mac" - Volume 1 at the Moray House Trust in Georgetown, Roy Brummell, also a folklorist and very close friend of the former cultural icon, captured the memorable life of McAndrew, of the once broadcaster, whose indelible contribution to Guyana did not truly receive the recognition it deserved, not even after his death.

Brummell, a country boy, who hails from Dartmouth village, on the Essequibo coast was eager to tell the story of this extraordinary man, and in so doing, recalled the historic figure, with the help of friends, former schoolmates and workmates who knew "Mac" in some way or the other.

The book traces "Mac's" early public service life and his work as a broadcaster with the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC). In addition to his phenomenal career as a folklorist that spanned over 50 years, McAndrew's dedication to the arts and his innate ability to inspire future generation is noted in this anthology.

After being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Guyana Cultural Association, the Wordsworth McAndrew Awards was established to pay tribute to the icon, and keep his memory alive.

"Wordsworth is someone who should be remembered," said Brummell a teacher and writer, adding, "this is a man who dedicated 50 years of his life to folklore, a man that should be honored, and one of the better ways of doing so is certainly in a book. This is why I selected him to write about."

"Mac" is hailed as a great storyteller in the book, and someone who played a significant part in preserving Guyana's folklore, elevating folktales to national prominence."

Brummell, an author of other works such as "De Great Jackass" was made popular by "Mac" after it was read on the radio, while "Cynic" won awards.

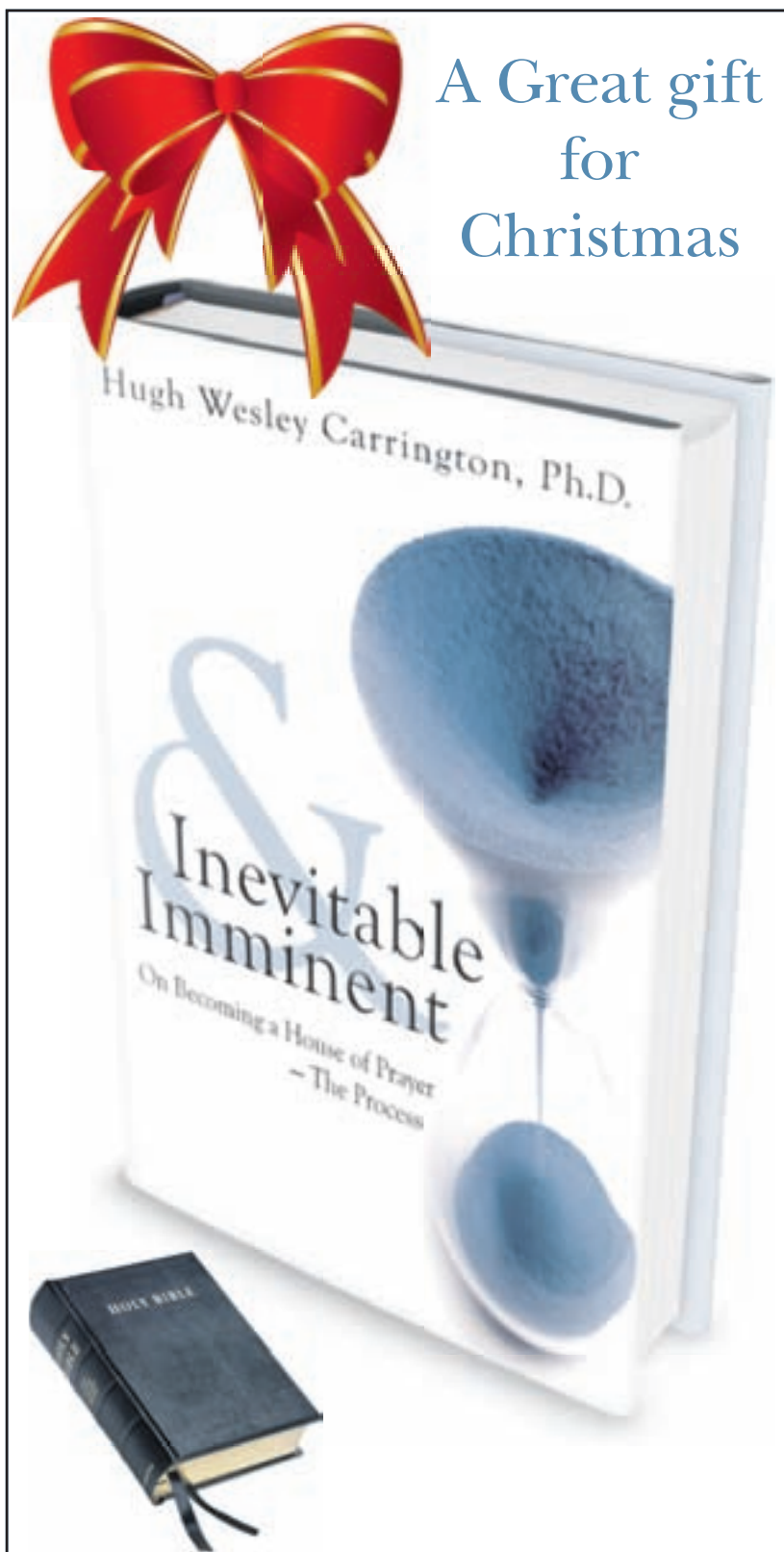
McAndrew who left an indelible mark on Guyana's cultural landscape, and who many felt was not accorded the prestigious Guyana National Award, was called a cultural giant by Brummell whose play "Adventure," received rave reviews after its stage performance many years ago.

Brummell who read excerpts from his other book "Half Way Tree" about a silk cotton tree that stands in the middle of the East Coast Village of Michony, noted that like McAndrew the tree is a legend.

Brummell collected stories from villagers about Half Way Tree, and weaved them into a novel.

"Folklore is part of my life, I heard proverbs from my grandparents and mother and villagers who drank 'bush tea' while others read folktales everyday of my life," said Brummell, who won the Third Year Literature Prize while attending the University of Guyana.

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Lawrence Waldron's new book blends calypso and noir



Author Lawrence Waldron reading passages from his new novel, "Gypsy in the Moonlight." Photo by Stefano Giovanni

By Alley Olivier

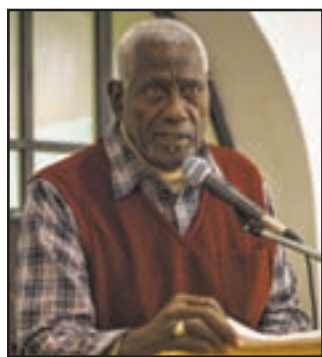
Literary genres go far beyond the simple fiction and nonfiction. Every day, an author is experimenting with new ways to combine themes that on the surface level seem worlds apart.

Forging a new genre blending calypso and noir is Trinidadian author and professor Lawrence Waldron in his first novel, "Gypsy in the Moonlight."

"I have attempted to start a new genre, combining what I describe myself as the wit, gender anxieties, distrust, cynicism, humor – often a very dark humor that is both typically noir and typically calypso," he explained.

Set in World War II Trinidad, Waldron aims to take readers on a journey through that historic time.

"I was actually surprised that no one tried to combine noir and calypso, these two uniquely modern mediums, while they were in their golden age during the 1930s and 40s,"



Duff Mitchell of Trinidad and Tobago Folk Art Institute reading his detailed review of "Gypsy in the Moonlight."

he said.

An intimate group of fans and supporters gathered at the Brooklyn Public Library Flatbush branch to celebrate the launch of Waldron's novel.

Before the program began, organized by the Caribbean Awareness Committee and Trinidad and Tobago Folk Arts Committee, attendees enjoyed light refreshments and a slideshow of Waldron's "Trinidad

Noir Dictionary," which is also available on his book's Facebook page.

Serving as the MC, Jennifer Joseph of the Caribbean Awareness Committee, invited Duff Mitchell up to the podium where he read a detailed review of Waldron's piece.

According to Mitchell, "In this book, one can read for pleasure as well as for entertainment. One can also gain a deeper understanding of life."

Towards the end of Mitchell's reading, Waldron warned for spoiler alerts as his review provided an in-depth look at the characters and plot.

Following Mitchell's review, Waldron took center stage where he proved to those in attendance just how calypso and noir walk along the same lines — focusing on the darkness of music genre's lyrics and distrustful nature seen in noir.

"Calypso's topics and noir's topics, calypso's style and noir's style are uniquely and unexpectedly compatible," he said.

"Gypsy in the Moonlight" blends fiction and reality, often citing real locations in Trinidad and referring to actual lyrics and characters in Calypso songs.

During Waldron's readings of certain passages, the crowd was transported into the vivid imagery of "Gypsy in the

Moonlight" as he gave life to every character — switching his tone of voice and body language to literally become his characters.

"Gypsy in the Moonlight" is available for \$20 on Waldron's blog, <https://bonhammars.wordpress.com/author/ieredelta/>.

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Tiga's "Awareness," his last painting.
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TIGA TO KLODE

By Tequila Minsky

The gallery Rio III is one of three galleries that are part of Broadway Housing Communities in Washington Heights. These galleries integrate opportunities for cultural activities into community housing.

The exhibition: Art Making, Celebration and Tradition From TIGA to Klode opened on Sunday, Dec. 13, on the 9th floor gallery at 898 St. Nicholas Ave. at

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Grammy 2016 announces Reggae surprises

By Vinette K. Pryce

The anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor was a disaster to many reggae music insiders hoping their names would be among contenders for the 58th annual Grammy awards slated for February.

The Dec. 7 announcement by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences although a future memorable date for pop recorders Kendrick Lamar, Taylor Swift and The Weeknd resonated with surprise to others unexpectant of the early votes for finalists.

Lamar might never forget that he topped the list with a whopping 11

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Vocalist Pauline Jean pulled from her repertoire Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean A Thing" and also W.C. Handy's "St. Louis Blues" and Sippie Wallace's "Women Be Wise" and also Haitian traditional songs.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Haiti Cultural Exchange wraps up the year

By Tequila Minsky

Having a great time was the mood at Haiti Cultural Exchange's recent year-end party that turned its home base Five Myles Gallery into a "Speak Easy."

Several dazzling gals, decked out as flappers in beads and feather boas sauntered as well as a few fellas dressed in roaring twenties attire.

"We called it 'Le Lambi,'" said HCX director Regine Roumain, "after the famed Haitian nightclub (near the Mariani section of Port-au-Prince),

which decades back was jumping with big bands.

Buyu Ambroise and The Blues in Red band, usually known for Haitian jazz standards, played big band and jazz numbers. Vocalist Pauline Jean — looking marvelous — transported everyone back to that other era. And the crowd responded, kicking up their heels, swing dancing and all to Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean A Thing" and also W.C. Handy's "St. Louis Blues" and Sippie Wallace's "Women Be Wise."

Ambroise spontaneously played "Nirvana," the signature song from a Haitian Carnival band of his youth in Haiti. He remembers, "The band on their respective float, dressed in satin pink and black attire, played a very popular up-tempo song with lyrics that described the unusually large anatomical size of women's buttocks. When played, it brought a frenzied spirited emotion as people danced and sang." His band along with Jean reproduced the trance-like music for

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A scene from the movie "The Revenant."

By Kam Williams

Hugh Glass (1780-1833) was a legendary frontiersman who explored the American West in the early 19th Century. He's been previously portrayed on the big screen by Richard Harris in *Man in the Wilderness* (1971) and by Dewitt Lee in *"Apache Blood"* (1975).

Glass' life story has also been the subject of several books, most recently, *"The Revenant,"*

a harrowing tale of survival published by Michael Punke in 2015. That best-selling page-turner has now been adapted by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, who won a trio of Academy Awards for writing, directing and producing *Birdman,*

2015's Best Picture of the Year. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio who just might finally land the Oscar that has eluded his grasp five times before. For, this is a star vehicle featuring the veteran thespian in virtually every scene. And he

never disappoints, delivering again and again in a compelling performance which keeps you on the edge of your seat as you pull for his character from beginning to end.

At the point of departure, we are introduced to Hugh

and his orphaned, Pawnee son, Hawk (Forrest Goodluck), as they escort a hunting party of fur trappers across the Rockies. Along the way, the expedition is tested at every turn, whether by "Injun" ambush, animal attack, frigid weather or the challenging terrain.

Unfortunately, one member of the crew, John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy), is a cowardly racist with no reservations about cavalierly murdering Hawk and leaving the boy's badly wounded father behind to die in the forest. Instead of perishing, Hugh exhibits an incomparable will to survive, if only to pursue his son's killer to the end of the Earth, or at least back to the fort.

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Independent & Foreign Films

45 Years (R for profanity and brief sexuality) Marital crisis drama about a couple (Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay) whose 45th anniversary party plans are jeopardized by the discovery of the corpse of his girlfriend missing more than a half-century. With Geraldine James, Dolly Wells and Hannah Chalmers.

TransFatty Lives (Unrated) Bittersweet biopic featuring writer / director Patrick O'Brien filming himself after being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Yellow Day (PG for mature themes) Faith-based feature chronicling a day-in-the-life of a sensitive young man (Drew Seeley) searching for spirituality, hope and love. With Lindsey Shaw, Ashley Boettcher and Akeem Smith.

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Concussion (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes and disturbing images) David vs. Goliath saga about the National Football League's attempt to discredit the forensic pathologist (Will Smith) whose research established a link between hits to the head and the early onset of a host of neurological disorders in football players. Cast includes Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Alec Baldwin, Albert Brooks, Hill Harper, Richard T. Jones, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje and Eddie Marsan.

Daddy's Home (PG-13 for profanity, crude humor, suggestive materi-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

al and mature themes) **Dysfunctional family** dramedy about the competition between a resurfacing biological father (Mark Wahlberg) and his ex-wife's (Linda Cardellini) new husband (Will Ferrell) for the affection of the kids (Scarlett Estevez and Owen Vaccaro) from the first marriage. With Thomas Haden Church, Alessandra Ambrosio and Cedric Yarbrough.

The Hateful Eight (R for profanity, frontal nudity, graphic gore and a scene of eroticized violence) Quentin Tarantino directed this post-Civil War saga set in Wyoming revolving around a bounty hunter (Kurt Russell) whose stagecoach runs into trouble while bringing an apprehended fugitive (Jennifer Jason Leigh) to justice. Featuring Samuel L. Jackson, Channing Tatum, Michael Madsen, Bruce Dern, Tim Roth and Zoe Bell.

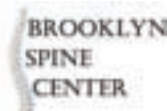
Joy (PG-13 for brief profanity) David O. Russell wrote and directed this fact-based drama about the cash-strapped single-mom (Jennifer Lawrence) who turned her family's fortunes around by inventing the Miracle Mop. Ensemble cast includes Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro, Isabella Rossellini, Virginia Madsen, Edgar Ramirez, Diane Ladd, Melissa Rivers, Susan Lucci and Drena De Niro.

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HAITIAN RHYTHMS

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those on the dance floor.

Jean also sang Haitian traditional songs Yo Yo and Wongolo.

"The crowd was so engaged and receptive of our performance — we laughed, danced and sang together," commented Jean.

"Performing Haitian songs and Jazz standards of the 1920s, 30s and 40s for such an enthusiastic crowd was an absolute joy." The cross-pollination of music styles and Haitian community made for an incredible time.

For HCX director Roumain, it was another highlight in the continuing HCX programming. Looking back at the year, she recalls, "We had the third biennial Haitian film festival. Thanks to funds from Jumaane Williams' office, we expanded our "little artists" program to P.S. 361, with 10 weeks of dance, songs, and storytelling."

"This is the first year we

had a theme: Revolution," she said, of the programming that included an An'n Pale (artist salon) with professor, performer and writer Gina Ulysse, a one-week artist residency with Allenby Augustin from Haiti culminating in an afternoon of street rara and storytelling with Schneider Laurent, Michele Marcelin and Goussy Celesin at the Brooklyn Public Library.

What's coming up? Roumain says, "We're having a dance performance featuring Veroneque F. Ignace on Friday, Jan. 29, 6–9 pm, at Five Myles Gallery followed by a discussion, an An'n Pale.

Feb. 7, the auspicious date when Baby Doc and his entourage left Haiti, will also mark end of this HCX programming year.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, 2–8 pm at Shapeshifter Lab, the Revolisyon / Revolution Season finale will feature a screening of Jonathan Demme's "The Agronomist."

Exhibition

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155th St.

Art Making runs through January and brings together father and daughter, 12 of Tiga's works and 13 of Klode's paintings, to the spacious light-filled gallery.

Multi-genre, internationally exhibited and collected Haitian artist Tiga was born Jean Claude Garoute. Tiga is known as a painter and the founder of the Saint Soleil art movement, paintings created by peasants living in the mountains above Prince-au-Prince, Soisson-La-Montagne.

He was also a dedicated teacher of art. He engaged children from all classes using clay, paint and drumming as art mediums in his "rotation method." A visionary, he was devoted to beliefs in creativity. Beauty for him was the same as the surrealists, the descent of the marvelous among us.

"I share my father's passion for art, people and nature," says his daughter Klode, who turned to art in the late 80s, transforming her life in the art field and reconnecting with her father, who became her art mentor, at the same time.

The exhibition marks the 10-year anniversary of Tiga's death, Dec. 14, 2006. Klode carries on and maintains her



Klode's bright watercolors and bleached ink are an adaptation of Tiga's Soleil Brulé technique.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

father's legacy.

Continuing to create since his death, Klode uses but alters Tiga's ink-based mixed-media techniques.

About herself, she says, "I discovered Klode, the conscious individual, creative artist and teacher. Today, I consider myself a conscious art leader, like Tiga, mindful of people's welfare, community growth and development." Klode also conducts workshops in his rotation method.

Art Making exhibits an early, personal work by Tiga, the 1978 colorful collage "Les Naufragés (Shipwrecked), which depicts the story of his teenage mom, Athoine Garoute. Unwed and pregnant and banished to the distant city of Jeremie, she attempts to return by boat to Port-au-Prince to have her child.



Beads and boas, these flapper women dressed for the roaring 20s. In the white dress (second from left) is HCX Director Regine Roumain. Photo by Tequila Minsky

This is a great opportunity to see the acclaimed biographical film about Jean Dominique. Born to a bourgeois family, Dominique became an outspoken radio journalist who broadcast in Haitian Creole, denounced abuse of political power, and was shot and killed outside of his radio station, Radio Haiti, on April 3, 2000,

at the age of 69.

Also on the Sunday program will be staged readings by Haitian Diaspora artists from the Edwidge Danticat's book "Create Dangerously: The Immigrant Artist at Work."

Looking further forward, next season's theme is: Liberté, liberty.

Reggae

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ries to emerge the best of the best. Add Drake to that list and otherwise more than a few expected nominees will reflect on the date with remorse.

The singular category that annually comprises Caribbean contenders in the Best Reggae Album category named an all-independent record label lineup of contenders.

Representing VP Records, Doctor Dread Presents, Vpal Music, CTBC Music Group, Ghanian singer Rocky Dawuni is Cumbancha Records' only hope of winning.

Veterans Barrington Levy and Luciano will not soon forget their big chance to claim a gramophone and Jah Cure might already be celebrating the fact he is among the crème de la crème of the finalists of the genre.

Probably for the first time ever, five very unique recorders are also vying for the sole honor dedicated to the beat of the Caribbean. Acclaimed reggae's Royal Family of Reggae, Morgan Heritage made the shortlist with "Strictly Roots."

Missing from the list is the name Marley — Ziggy, Stephen, Damian — all with 2015 album releases were conspicuously

absent from a lineup they have dominated for years and often won predictably when total votes were counted.

Their absence leaves a clear path to victory for any one of the five nominees.

While none of the names nominated announced decidedly a clear-cut champion to win are the children of Denroy Morgan who is renowned for scoring a pop hit in the 1980's with a single "I'll Do Anything For You."

Ironically, earlier this year, the group traveled with Damian and Stephen Marley opening the "Catch A Fire" tour.

The tour played here inside Central Park and on a rainy evening performed to SRO crowds.

The family of Morgan brothers — Peetah, Mojo, Gramps, Lukes with sister Una have been on the scene since 1994 when they made their debut. Now Morgan Heritage will compete against Ghanian Rocky Dawuni, Jah Cure, Luciano and Barrington Levy for the coveted music honor. In order to win, their "Strictly Roots," must find favor with voters unimpressed by the African's reggae rendition of "Branches Of The Same Tree," Levy's "Acoustical Levy," Luciano's "Zion Awake" and Jah's "The Cure."

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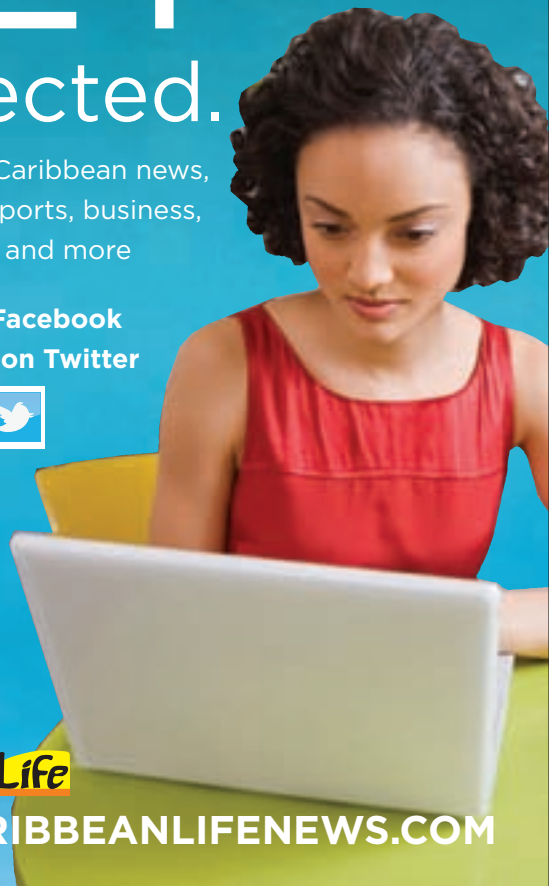
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In this courtroom sketch Rafael Callejas, far right, a former president of Honduras, makes a U.S. court appearance with his lawyer Manuel Retureta, second from left, in the investigation of bribes and kickbacks involving FIFA, soccer's governing body, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015, in New York. Associated Press / Elizabeth Williams

FIFA officials plead not guilty

By Tom Hays

NEW YORK (AP) — A sprawling U.S. bribery prosecution that has scandalized soccer's governing body took another step forward on Tuesday, with the former president of Honduras and a former FIFA vice president pleading not guilty at their first court appearance

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Samuels faces bowling ban

By Azad Ali

West Indies all-rounder Marlon Samuels has been banned from bowling for one year by the International Cricket Council (ICC) after undergoing a test for his bowling action.

It is the second ban for the 34-year-old Jamaican, whose off-spin bowling is only used on a part-time basis by West Indies.

Samuels was reported for an illegal action following the first Test defeat against Sri Lanka in October and had testing at the ICC accredited testing

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Columbus Crew defender Michael Parkhurst, left, tries to kick the ball away from Portland Timbers forward Fanendo Adi, of Nigeria, during the first half of the MLS Cup championship soccer game Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. Associated Press / Paul Vernon

Portland's long-awaited MLS title

By Patrick Horne

The Portland Timbers are a most worthy MLS champion! The five-year-old MLS franchise won its first ever title, MLS Cup, in dramatic fashion, when it defeated host Columbus Crew, 2-1, at MAPFRE Stadium on Sunday, Dec. 6.

The title went to a team that is one of the oldest in North American soccer; the Timbers franchise was a member of the old NASL (North American Soccer League) and in its first year in that league, it advanced to the title game, the Soccer Bowl, in 1975, eventually losing to the

Tampa Rowdies. I played against the Timbers in Portland in 1978, when the team was led by former West Ham United (England) and Bermudan international, Clyde Best; and even back then, the city of Portland showed unwavering support for its

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and authorities announcing that two other defendants would be extradited to face charges as well.

Former president Rafael Callejas, a current member of FIFA's television and marketing committee, was ordered held without bail at a hearing in federal court in Brooklyn. A judge agreed to release former FIFA vice president Juan Angel Napout on \$20 million bond with various restrictions, including electronic monitoring and home detention.

Both men are facing racketeering conspiracy and wire fraud charges for their alleged roles in a bribery scheme involving lucrative broadcasting and hosting rights for the World Cup and soccer's other biggest events. Their lawyers left the courtroom on Tuesday without speaking to reporters.

Callejas' appearance came after Honduras officials say he decided to travel to the United States on the advice of his lawyers. Napout, a former president of the South American confederation from Paraguay, had consented to extradition from Switzerland, where he was arrested on Dec. 3.

The two were among 16 new defendants, most from Central and South America, named in a revised indictment that was unsealed earlier this month. U.S. prosecutors charged 14 others, including seven top FIFA officials arrested at Baur au Lac hotel in Zurich, in May.

On Tuesday, authorities announced that two of the original 14 — Nicolas Leoz, another former head of the South American football confederation and Eduardo Li, former head of the Costa Rican football federation — would be extradited to the United States. A Paraguay appeals court approved Leoz's extradition, while Li withdrew his appeal and agreed to depart Switzerland and be turned over to U.S. authorities.

The indictment alleges that in 2012 a marketing firm wired \$500,000 to a Panama bank account so it could be paid as bribes to Callejas and another soccer official in exchange for broadcasting rights to qualifier matches for the 2022 World Cup. The indictment identified Napout as a member of a bloc of soccer officials known as the "Group of Six" that would receive annual bribes in exchange for supporting FIFA contracts with another marketing firm.

In a year-end letter to 209 FIFA member federations, suspended FIFA President Sepp Blatter has written he is "bewildered" by allegations he faces and will go before the FIFA ethics committee on Thursday with "a strong belief in justice." He wrote that "although I have been suspended I am not isolated and will certainly not be silenced."

Callejas served as president of Honduras from 1990 to 1994.



Portland Timbers raise the trophy after defeating the Columbus Crew 2-1 in the MLS Cup championship soccer game, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. Associated Press / Paul Vernon

Portland scores success on the field

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Timbers, which is why the franchise survived after the NASL and after playing in the lower U.S. leagues.

The tradition of unwavering fan support continues today in the MLS, as Portland is one of the most successful franchises at the gates — and now on the field. It is among the top three clubs — along with the Seattle Sounders and the Vancouver Whitecaps — that boasts sellout crowds every weekend during the MLS regular season. Its successful marketing and promotion of the sport is reflected in its game-day gimmick, Timbers Joe, the man who carries a large saw and maintains a huge log of timber and saws off a slab of timber for

each player who scores a home goal; the rounded slab serves as a sort of trophy for good play; there is also the Timbers Army, a boisterous group, clad in 'Army' green, Timbers colors and is omnipresent, not only at home games, but on the road. The Timbers is one of the franchises that has kept soccer alive in North America — kudos to owner Merrick Paulson and his family.

The title win was also deserving of the Timbers for other reasons; the team, which finished third in the Western Conference, had a ho hum season as it had to advance from the first round by an eleventh-round penalty shootout against Sporting Kansas City; overcame a strong Vancouver Whitecaps team, 2-0, and survived another dramatic,

4-3, finish in the conference championship — all on the road.

After the win, Timbers coach Caleb Porter had this to say: "It's a great feeling, great feeling. All I could think about was sharing that moment with my players, we have been through a long season. We have been together through highs and lows and they deserve all the credit, they are the ones playing the game inside of the lines and they had belief. I don't think it has fully sunk in completely yet. Good teams, when they make a run like this, they are so locked in, laser focus that there's a next game. I don't think it has sunk in yet that there is no next game, we are raising the trophy and we are the best team in MLS this year."

Bowling ban

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center in Brisbane, Australia earlier this month.

"The assessment revealed that Samuels' elbow exceeded 15 degrees while bowling and, thus, he employed an illegal bowling action," the world governing body said in a statement.

"As this report constitutes the player's second suspension, within a two-year period, he is now automatically suspended from bowling in international cricket for a 12-month period," it states.

Samuels has already served a near

four-year bowling ban from 2008 over concerns with his action, but was allowed to resume in 2011 after remedial work. He was reported again following a Test in India in 2013 and subsequently banned from bowling his quicker deliveries. He was allowed to continue with his standard off-break.

He will not be allowed to have his action re-assessed until the ban ends, according to the ICC.

Last month another West Indies bowler Sunil Narine was banned by the ICC from bowling in international cricket over his illegal bowling action.

An independent assessment revealed that all variations of his deliveries exceeded the 15-degree limit.



West Indies' Marlon Samuels plays a shot on the second day of their second test cricket match against Sri Lanka, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

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Just-win Jets top Cowboys

By Schuyler Dixon

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ryan Fitzpatrick lacked the efficiency he showed in propelling the New York Jets to three straight wins. Randy Bullock missed an extra point and a field goal. The offense botched a few short-yardage situations.

Regardless, the Jets made it four straight victories for the first time since 2010, beating the Dallas Cowboys 19-16 on Bullock's 40-yard field goal with 36 seconds left Saturday night to get a leg up in the AFC wild-card race.

"Whether it's playoffs or not, we've got to string some games together," coach Todd Bowles said. "It's a good time to start playing good football. Wasn't pretty today. All of them are not going to be pretty, but the good teams win the ugly games."

Fitzpatrick's 43-yard pass to Kenbrell Thompson set the Jets (9-5) up for a win that moved them a half-game ahead of Pittsburgh and Kansas City in the race for two playoff spots.

"Kind of had tough sledding for a while," said Fitzpatrick, who faces AFC East-leading New England and Tom Brady

next week. "There's going to be adversity throughout the game and I thought that was a great sign for us to show that the belief is always there. This is a winning football team."

Kellen Moore replaced an ineffective Matt Cassel at quarterback and gave the Cowboys (4-10) a spark, but it wasn't enough to keep last year's NFC East champions from being eliminated with two games remaining.

Eric Decker caught a 3-yard scoring pass for a 16-13 lead in the fourth quarter, and he and Brandon Marshall set a franchise record with 21 combined touchdowns receiving.

Fitzpatrick threw his first interception since Nov. 22 to give the Cowboys a field goal and a 13-9 lead in the third quarter but came back to direct a 70-yard drive to Decker's score. He finished 26 of 39 for 299 yards.

"He made some timely throws," Bowles said. "He took a bunch of hits during the game. They weren't clicking like they have been the last couple of weeks, but he was calm and he was good and the guys believed in him."

TIED, AND UNTIED: Dallas' Dan Bailey tied it at 16 on a 50-yard field goal that caromed through off the right upright with 1:55 remaining. Moore got the tying drive going by sneaking a pass behind Buster Skrine for a 23-yard gain to Cole Beasley.

The first play after a near-fumble by Fitzpatrick on a sneak for a first down was held up on review, Thompson got behind rookie cornerback Byron Jones along the sideline before stepping out of bounds at the Dallas 26.

DONE IN DALLAS: The last chance for the Cowboys ended on Moore's third interception when his desperation heave for Dez Bryant went over the outstretched arm of the All-Pro receiver and was caught by Marcus Williams. The Cowboys had four interceptions overall.

"We all start with aspirations," said Jason Garrett, who had already clinched his first losing season as Dallas coach. "For some teams it works out and you get to play in the playoffs. For us this year that is not going to happen. But that doesn't diminish the work everyone has put in."



New York Jets quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) throws a pass against the Dallas Cowboys in the first half of an NFL football game, Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press / Brandon Wade

RECEIVING MARKS: Decker and Marshall broke the franchise mark of 20 combined TDs that they shared with Art Powell-Don Maynard (1960) and Al Toon-Wesley Walker (1986). Marshall tied Toon's franchise record of 93 catches in a season. He had four grabs for a team-high 74 yards.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are on a roll, and now it is only a matter of maintaining momentum for a few more days. Don't let anyone slow you down this week.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may not know where your path is taking you, but you are fully aware that an adventure is in store. Take some time to prepare for the unknown that lies ahead.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Learning from your mistakes can help you to grow, Cancer. Accept a challenge presented to you this week, even if it scares you. You may find it's not so challenging after all.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, many opportunities are within reach, but you are just not sure which way to go. Seek advice from Pisces when you get a spare moment.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, no one will know what you're like deep inside unless you share a few secrets. You don't have to give everything away, but let some information slip out.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Some can see straight past your protective facade, Libra. So why not take it off and simply let others see the real you? You won't be disappointed, and neither will they.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Now is not a time to drag your feet, Scorpio. You have a full slate of tasks to tackle, and it seems like the hours will slip away quickly. Recharge and refocus.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you never shy away from a challenge, but you also know when to pick your battles. If something arises this week that seems a waste of time, pass it by.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, when a past conflict pops up this week, push it aside. It is better to focus on the positive things that are in store for you rather than problems from the past.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't let anyone tell you that you can't accomplish something, Aquarius. As you have proven time and again, you simply need to set a goal in your sights to get things done.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, when you love someone, it can be difficult to step aside and let that person make his or her own mistakes. Be patient.

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D/O/F: December 2, 2014
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your liability for this debt, this law suit is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises. Dated: December 1, 2014 Ijeoma Nduka, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road Plainview, NY 11803 516-741-2585 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1 - 8 7 7 - B A N K N Y S (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

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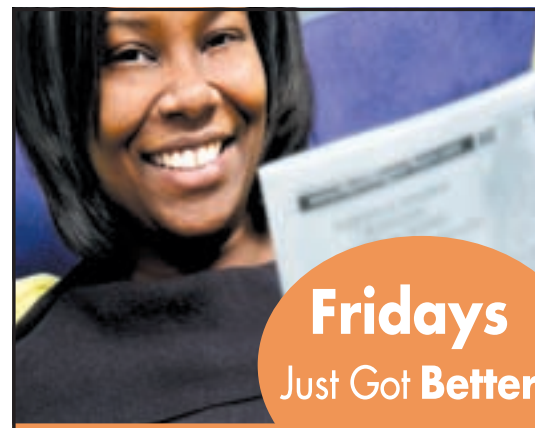
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