



## Haitian culture on display

Sherley St. Fort Davilmar, founder of "La Troupe Zetwal" performs at Selebrasyon!'s kick-off. See story on page 23.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Landlord's indictment a 'bittersweet victory'

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Council Member Jumaane D. Williams has characterized a "bittersweet victory" Monday's indictment of Manhattan developer Steve Croman on 20 felony charges related to allegations of tenant intimidation and fraud on May 9.

The charges include grand larceny, falsifying business records, a scheme to defraud, criminal tax fraud, and offering a false instrument for filing.

"Steve Croman's indictment on Monday is a bittersweet victory," said Williams, Deputy Leader and Chair of the City

Council's Housing and Buildings Committee. "His indictment means that we are one step closer to stopping him from taking advantage of our City's housing crisis for personal profit."

"His surrender, and potential conviction, would mean there is one less greedy building owner harassing the City's most vulnerable so they can be replaced by higher-paying tenants," added Williams, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn.

"I find it deplorable that former New York Police Officer Anthony Falconite, who took an oath to protect and

serve, was the main instrument used in intimidating and forcing tenants out of their homes," he continued. "Croman continuously harassed, intimidated and manipulated rent-regulated tenants to force them out of their homes so he could convert their apartments into market-rate units."

Williams said that for every Steve Croman, "there are a handful more just like him, who are targeting New Yorkers who are struggling to make ends meet."

"I applaud Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and his office for making cases like

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# TRAVEL FEUD GROWS

## Trinidad, Jamaica now in trade war over immigration

By Bert Wilkinson

The simmering years-old row between Trinidad and Jamaica over the way Jamaicans are treated while visiting Trinidad is shifting from a row over free movement of Caribbean nationals into an all out trade war as Jamaica moves to retaliate against a neighbor it says is sometimes too arrogant and insensitive.

Jamaican authorities complain that about 50 Jamaican nationals have been summarily refused entry into Trinidad in recent months on suspicion that they were intended drug traffickers, prostitutes or were arriving to sweep local men off their feet and later obtain citizenship in the oil and gas-rich nation.

Tired of pleading with Trinidadian immigration officials to be more open minded and live with the fact that there is something called the free movement of people within the 15-nation single trading group, some sections of Jamaican

society including the private sector think that the time has come to retaliate and hit the Trinidadians where it will hurt the most.

So radio Disc jockeys, some influential private sector players and local politicians have begun a spirited campaign to fight back at Trinidad by persuading Jamaicans to not only not buy Trinidadian products but to also remove them from supermarket shelves.

This situation has been playing out to growing levels of success as both Jamaican and Trinidadian media have published photos of supermarket shelves bereft of normally popular Trinidadian products such as milk and soda beverages.

Trinidadian Trade and Industry Minister Paula Gopee-Scoon in addressing the issue said, "I am aware of one large business entity where the product has been taken off the shelf in Jamaica. You are not going to see the figures because this has

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# Presidents College to benefit from GAC fundraiser

By Tangerine Clarke

Presidents' College of Guyana will benefit from funds raised at the (GAC) Guyana Action Committee's 50th Independence Gala at Georgetown Pegasus Hotel, on May 21, according to Operations Director Bonita Montague.

Scholarship grants, and donation of books and supplies will then be handed over to students of the 31-year-old college during a May 24 education initiative, and ceremony at the school's Golden Grove campus.

Students who wrote the National Grade Six Assessment and the lower sixth year in the academic performance of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate, attend the school, that suffered neglect, said Montague, whose organization wants to return Guyana to its glory day of academic excellence.

Montague says the prestigious school, founded by late president Forbes Burnham in 1985, was abandoned, and as such, GAC is seeking support to return not only Presidents College to its once high academic standing, but is prepared to uplift Guyana's literacy rate by teaching many Guyanese to read and write.

As part of its outreach, the non-profit is also lobbying the United Nations to discuss domestic violence in Guyana where the surge has reach epidemic proportions.

To this end, GAC will invite overseas organizations to conduct programs to educate citizens. Its long-term goal is to build a transitional center to house battered woman.

These programs are planned for Guyana's Independence. In addition, GAC will host a fundraising booth at the May 12 to 15 GuyExpo 2016, at the Sophia Center, where memorabilia would be sold to benefit various causes.



Bonita Montague addressing a recent 50th Independence fundraising event in Brooklyn.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke



Dr. Maria-Luisa Ruiz receives award flanked by Dr. Una S.T. Clarke (left), Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley and other officials at Medgar Evers College.

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Four receive Medgar Evers College International Educational Awards

By Nelson A. King

The office of International Education at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College (MEC), City University of New York (CUNY) last Thursday held its inaugural International Education Awards Ceremony amid much fanfare, honoring four outstanding individuals.

The honorees were a faculty member, a student, an alumna (posthumously) and a corporate sponsor.

Dr. Maria-Luisa Ruiz, chair of the college's Foreign Language Department, received the International Education Faculty Award; Dominican-born Certified Public Accountant Jean Joseph received the International Education Corporate Sponsor Award; Business Major Sharmony Gibson received the International Education Student Award; and Dominican Agnes Madalene Abraham, a Medgar Evers College alumna, was honored posthumously with the International Education Alumni Award.

The ceremony, which was held in the college's Founders Auditorium, preceded the keynote address by Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley. The proceedings were chaired by former Grenada United Nations Ambassador, Eugene Pursoo, MEC's director of International Education.

"It is truly an honor for our college to host this inaugural International Award Ceremony," said the college's President Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, a former chancellor of New York City's public schools, who, in August, will mark three years in leading the predominantly Black institution in Central Brooklyn.

"Clearly, it is with your assistance and the amazing work of this evening's

honorees and our distinguished guests that we take another significant step in realizing our quest to transform MEC students into global citizens," he added.

CUNY Board Trustee, Jamaican-born Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, a former New York City Councilwoman and the first ever Caribbean-born woman to be elected to the City Council, said she was one of the founders of the college in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

She also said that she had "walked the streets of New York" in ensuring that the college, named after a slain civil rights leader, became historic.

Rowley – Trinidad and Tobago's 7th prime minister, who was introduced by Dr. Sheilah Paul, MEC's Associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Education – said the "community spiritedness and generosity have come at a critical milestone and must be rewarded.

"I can see the Medgar Evers energy – thinking back to the origins of the college," he said. "Congratulations to the honorees!"

Dr. Ruiz, who has been leading MEC students on study abroad trip to Paris since 2008, said it was "great to be appreciated.

"It's a great honor," she said, dedicating the award to her students and her mother, who sent her to Germany to study German.

"What I'm doing with them is putting them on the road," added Ruiz about her students.

Joseph – founder and chief executive officer of Joseph Tax and Consulting Services, LLC, considered one of the leading tax services in Central Brooklyn – said she has been "a friend" of MEC

for the past 25 years.

She said she has taught accounting pro bono at the college, offered internship to MEC accounting students, and made financial donations to various causes at the college.

"It has been an extraordinary journey for me," said Joseph after receiving her award. "Medgar Evers College gives me a source of encouragement.

"Medgar Evers College has stood the test of time as a beacon of hope," she added. "I plan to support the international program at Medgar Evers College."

Gibson, who has successfully completed study abroad programs in Japan and Italy, thanks to the signing of a \$1,600 promissory note by Pursoo, the amount of which was repaid, complimented the former diplomat for helping to realize her dreams.

"Hopefully, this year, I'll be able to go to Africa," she said after breaking down in tears.

Dr. Rowley also urged her to consider travelling to Trinidad and Tobago.

There were lots of teary eyes, as well, as Alejandra George, a MEC Alumna, read a brief biography of Abraham, a "very highly regarded" ex-MEC student leader, who, on Dec. 22, 2015, "suffered an accident in her bathroom and died," as she was preparing for work.

Abraham's only sister, Astazie Abraham, cried aloud when called to accept the award on behalf of her late sister and had to be consoled by Dr. Drew and other officials on the stage.

"Thank you for this in my sister's name," said Astazie's tersely afterwards.



### Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda Minister of Trade Chet Greene said his country will continue to speak out against the false allegations against the region as "high risk" for financial services and the label of "tax havens."

Speaking at a recent trade ministers meeting in Guyana Greene said that, without correspondent banks, the region's capacity to trade would be so constrained as to make any legal trade virtually impossible.

He said, "if the present trend continues in which our banks lose correspondent relations in the United States, which is our biggest trading partner, we will witness an upsurge in illegality."

Greene called on his colleagues to immediately declare at the end of the meeting, among other things that the CARICOM region is a non-secrecy area for financial services.

He noted that CARICOM countries are compliant with international standards set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATA) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Forum and CARICOM countries have tax information exchange agreements with every major nation and are implementing the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA).



### Barbados

The U.S. Coast Guard recently held its fourth annual multilateral maritime interdiction and prosecutions summit in Barbados.

The summit, which gathered representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the region, the Dominican Republic and France, focused on building partnerships to deter and disrupt transnational organized crime organizations and to prosecute the leaders of such organizations.



The original focus of the summit had been drug interdiction, but was expanded to encompass migrant and weapons smuggling.



## Tourists continue to flock to Jamaica

Mariner of the Seas passenger Chuck Robinson of Sioux Falls, S.D., center, walks ashore from the pier at Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The Mariner is the third-largest cruise ship in the world.

Associated Press / Joe Kafka, File

Among the topics discussed were firearms and human trafficking protocols, synchronized training for participants and policies for customs violations.

US ambassador to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Linda Tagliatela said the US embassy is always pleased to cooperate with "our partner nations on issues of mutual concern, including citizen security, drug interdiction and law enforcement training."

### Guyana

The British government is giving Guyana a US\$77 million grant to improve airstrips and drill new wells in the South American nation's vast jungle interior.

This was revealed by Finance Minister Winston Jordan who said that the funding is part of a US\$432 million initiative from the United Kingdom Car-

ibbean Infrastructure Fund to pay for development projects in former British colonies in the region.

The initiative was unveiled by British Prime Minister David Cameron last year. Jordan said the grant will help repair several airstrips that are the only way to get to some Amerindian communities on the coast.

He said the funds will increase access by those communities to potable water and will be used to build new roads, bridges and ferry piers.

### Jamaica

One of the world's largest travel companies, Expedia group, has reported that travel demand to Jamaica on all its sites grew about 20 percent compared to 2014.

Expedia said some Jamaican desti-

nations that experienced a noteworthy increase in package bookings in 2015 to 2014 included: Ocho Rios with more than a 30 percent increase, South East Coast with nearly a 60 percent increase and Port Antonio with a 75 percent increase.

New data from Exordia group also indicated that the United States remains the feeder market for Jamaica with a reported growth of nearly 25 percent in 2015 year over year.

Canada and the United Kingdom are other key markets for Jamaica, growing at nearly 13 percent and nearly 50 percent respectively as well as during the same frame.

Representatives from Expedia's market management team attended the Jamaica Product Exchange (JAPEX),

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# Travel fears to be discussed

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been happening just over two weeks. I have been in touch with persons whose goods have not been imported and persons to whom sentiments have been expressed that at this time we are not buying from you."

She has also said that local authorities are quite disappointed that the situation is beginning to resemble a war over products rather than an immigration issue but even as she spoke, there was a hint of Trinidadian arrogance as the minister just could not help boasting that Jamaicans have to buy Trinidadian products.

"The spectrum of goods produced by T&T is very wide and there are things that Jamaica needs and will obviously buy from us because we have the competitive advantage of buying within CARICOM," she said.

Fatigued by the prolonged war which dates back to more than a decade when Trinidad did everything in its power to prevent Jamaica's world renowned Beef Patties from Trinidadian supermarket shelves, former Jamaican Foreign Minister Anthony Hylton says the time has come for the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice to adjudicate on the matter as this is a key reason why the court was established.



Trinidadian Trade and Industry Minister Paula Gopee-Scoon.

"We are still using the megaphone to shout to each other across the Caribbean. I believe that that matter should appropriately be brought before the CCJ at an appropriate time," Hylton told a Rotary Club forum this week. His remarks were carried quite prominently by the Jamaica Observer.

In the past week, there appeared a glimmer of hope on the horizon as Port of Spain made it clear it was moving to address fears by Jamaica and other countries about unfair treatment by immigration offices and prejudice in how they handle arrivals from particular countries including Guyana.

# Landlord to face judge

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these a priority," he said. "I am proud to be part of a legislative body that works every day to protect tenants' rights, as evidenced by the series of bills passed during this session to do just that."

In announcing the indictment on Monday, Schneiderman said Croman, a major New York City landlord with more than 140 apartment buildings across Manhattan, surrendered on multiple felony charges for his role in an alleged scheme to fraudulently obtain several multi-million dollar refinancing loans between 2012 and 2014.

Croman was also named, along with private investigator Falconite, in a civil suit filed on Monday by the Attorney General's office for allegedly engaging in illegal, fraudulent, and deceptive conduct in connection with Croman's real-estate business.

The lawsuit alleges that Croman directs an illegal operation that wields harassment, coercion and fraud to force rent-regulated tenants out of their apartments and convert their apartments into highly profitable market-rate units.

The lawsuit further alleges that Croman deployed Falconite to frighten and intimidate rent-regulated tenants into surrendering their apartments.

"My message to unscrupulous landlords is simple: if you put your own profits over your tenants' legal protec-

tions, we will investigate you and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law," Schneiderman said. "My office will not tolerate anyone who attempts to line their own pockets by gaming the system. No one is above the law — no matter how rich or powerful."

Based on an extensive investigation by the Attorney General's office, Croman allegedly submitted false mortgage documents to New York Community Bank and Capital One Bank, including rent rolls that falsely reflected market rate rents for units that were actually occupied by rent-stabilized tenants.

Croman also allegedly inflated the amount of rent charged for certain commercial spaces in his buildings in an effort to show greater rental income. Croman allegedly falsified these rent rolls in order to inflate the annual rental income of his buildings, upon which his refinancing terms are partially based.

All told, over a three-year period, Schneiderman said Croman allegedly received more than \$45 million in loans under these false pretenses.

A grand jury indicted Croman on 20 felony counts, including seven counts of grand larceny in the 1st degree, seven counts of falsifying business records in the 1st degree, one count of scheme to defraud in the 1st degree, four counts of offering a false instrument for filing in the 1st degree, and one count of criminal tax fraud in the 4th degree.



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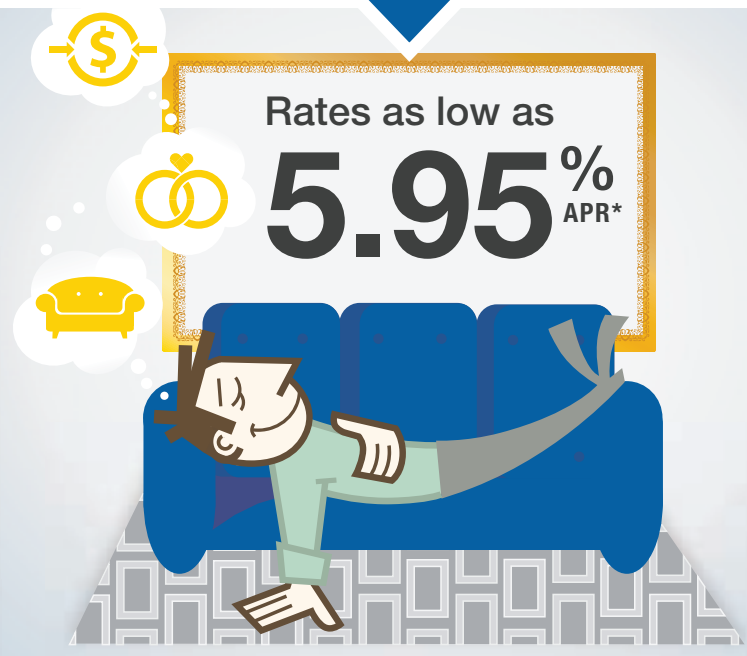
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# Trinidad PM says gov't making steady progress

By Nelson A. King

Despite several challenges facing the twin-island republic, Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley says his new People's National Movement (PNM) administration is "making steady progress" in addressing them.

In delivering the keynote address Thursday night, at the inaugural International Education Awards Ceremony at Brooklyn's predominantly Black Medgar Evers College, City University of New York (CUNY), Rowley said his eight-month-old administration has, "step by step," been "putting modalities in place after five years of recklessness and irresponsible governance.

"The special entities we've set up to improve lives are taking roots," said Dr. Rowley in a 40-minute address at the end of the award ceremony that featured four presentations to faculty, students and a corporate sponsor.

"We're tackling waste and corruption; we've established a smaller Cabinet — the size of government has been reduced from 54 to 24," added Rowley in listing several initiatives underway or on stream.

These, he said, include, a "thorough review of the health sector;" the tabling of "whistle blower" legislation to tackle corruption; the creation of jobs, particularly for young people; and the address of the spiraling crime wave.

"We're facing a crime wave," declared Dr. Rowley, stating that his administration has "changed legislation to have a Commissioner of Police, but the opposi-



Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley addresses the inaugural International Education Awards Ceremony at Black Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson King

tion has taken us to court. "We'll go to court," he added, as the standing-room-only audience of students, faculty, staff, officials and members of the Caribbean community in the New York metropolitan area applauded.

The Trinidad and Tobago prime minister bemoaned the Parliamentary opposition's rejection of an eavesdropping measure that he said would help deter crime.

"Given the crime wave we're facing, we're gone to Parliament, and, for some un-bemoaned reason, the opposition is opposed to it," he said, hoping, however, that independent senators will support the bill.

# Trinidad gov't seeks to freeze terrorists assets

By Azad Ali

The Trinidad and Tobago government wants to ask the court to have several people designated as terrorists so as to freeze their assets.

This was revealed by Attorney General Faris-al-Rawi who told Parliament, "the country deserves action and enforcement and that is what we intend to deliver."

The AG said he could not give a precise number of the nationals who are currently fighting with ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) in the Middle East.

"We are approaching the issues of foreign terrorist fighters... by separate stand-alone legislation as well, which would be coming to the Parliament shortly," he said.

Al-Rawi said the matter of foreign terrorist fighters was being addressed by all the security apparatuses in Trini-

dad and Tobago and with the country's international partners.

He said it was important to deal with the terrorist threat and apply the laws of the country, and to work with Trinidad's international partners to eradicate terrorism and the financing of terrorism.

The attorney general had explained earlier that Section 22B of the Anti-Terrorism Act can be invoked to deal with people who have been proven to be linked to ISIL and are wishing to return to the country.

The act allows the attorney general to apply to a judge for an order to designate an individual a terrorist and freeze assets where there are reasonable grounds to believe the entity or individual is knowingly acting on behalf of, at the direction of, or in association with an entity designated as a terrorist entity by the United Nations Security Council, such as ISIL.



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# Reforming our end-of-life healthcare system

By Barbara Coombs Lee and Kim Callinan

During a CNN presidential town hall on Feb. 3, an 81-year-old man from Concord, NH, with phase IV colon cancer, Jim Kinhan, asked Hillary Clinton what she could do to “help advance the respectful conversation that is needed around this personal choice that people may make, as we age and deal with health issues or be the caregivers of those people, to help enhance and — their end of life with dignity.”

Jim Kinhan is not alone. Our society is in the midst of a profound shift in attitudes toward end-of-life healthcare. We are increasingly aware that too many suffer needlessly in their dying. Too many endure tests and treatments that increase suffering but do nothing to extend life. Too many carry memories of the pain, confusion and agony of a dying loved one.

Every day, 10,000 people turn 65. The proportion of the population reaching age 85 is 48 times larger than a century ago. Increased life expectancy brings challenges of advanced illnesses among the aged.

Our medical system focuses almost exclusively on extending life at any cost, often at the expense of its quality. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reinforces this focus by reimbursing doctors generously for complicated tests, ICU stays and medical device implantations, but not for conversations and comfort care.

People who do not communicate their values and priorities as illnesses advance often pay dearly for this failure. Lacking clear guidance on how an individual weighs the quality of life against its absolute duration, physicians often assume the latter, so they propose agonizing tests and treatments that steal life’s joys as they prolong the dying process.

Most Americans want to die at home, peacefully and with loved ones close by. But nearly 40 percent die in a hospital, and almost 60 percent of these hospitalizations include an ICU admission.

As noted in the Jan. 19 issue of the Journal of American Medical Association, devoted entirely to end-of-life care:

“ICU care in the United States at the end of life appears unwanted, expensive, and futile.

In other words, our health-care system is failing to deliver what people need as they approach an inevitable and imminent death.

Polls shows people across the country increasingly expect candid information, more options and more personalized care at the end of life.

Empowered patients ask more and better questions. They weigh treatment decisions carefully and they understand how an ICU admission, with its cascade of tests and treatments, impacts the end-of-life experience.

People need greater access to information and options as

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# Growth of lateral economies in the Caribbean

By Wayne Kublalsingh

The message to the Caribbean people is to make our own government. And so, our own economies. There are enough riches on the ground, in the communities, to do so.

The communities of the Caribbean are paved with gold. Local roads, local, local commons, local corporations, local parlours, local churches, local schools, local police station, local farms, local health centers, pickups, vans, motor cars and more recently, the Internet, connecting the local with the global, the planet. Built by the people, ever since they shattered the ashen urn of Empire, plantation, which held them, and walked free.

One week ago, I went to a pigeon peas festival in Covigne Road, Diego Martin. At the Y of the road, the street was lined on one side with tents. Each tent carried a product, each made from pigeon peas. Pigeon peas wine, pigeon peas dip/relish, pigeon peas liqueur, pigeon peas pastelles, pigeon peas and rice, pigeon peas lasagne, pigeon peas soup, pigeon peas bread, pigeon peas sweetbread, pigeon peas punch, pigeon peas pizza, pigeon peas ponche crème, pigeon peas roti, and curried pigeon peas and eddoes which my mother carried.

All this was the product of the local: the local leaders, local expertise (the local farmer, Mr. Francois), local police, local corporation, local entrepreneurs/vendors/traders (mostly women), local church, local transport, local road, local school, local com-

**When the metaphorical tsunami hits, it is not the prime minister, the Cabinet and Parliament who will to save us; it is the local: land, leadership, corporation.**

mons, that is the steep hills above Covigne Road, where he pigeon peas crop was reaped. Local production.

Nobody owns the hills above Covigne hills. It is shared property: commons. The goal is to grow the entire hills of Upper Covigne Road, way up to the mountain peak, with pigeon peas. A large tract of pigeon peas flourishing uphill. I was told that Covigne produces a special brand of pigeon peas. Large, full, bright, like pearls. The soil here, the sun, the uphill relief is just right for this species of peas. And this peas have grown here historically. And that the only chemical additive was pesticides, to keep fungus in the soil from spoiling the pod, the grains.

This is not the only pigeon peas economy I know. In Claxton Bay, where I grew up, there is a thriving pigeon peas economy. Seven bags were sold in twenty minutes at the stall next to the fishing port that morning, mopped up like hot hops. Pigeon peas gone ballistic! On the hills above Pranz Gardens, where citizens revolted and brought an end to the Essar Steel Complex, a 100 percent for-

eign deal, in the locality, pigeon peas abound. The soil is good for another species of pigeon peas. Weather, soil type: pigeon peas could grow on dry ground. In each yard, families plant a pigeon peas or two.

These are the economies of the future. Local expertise, local communities, local expertise, the local leaders, traders, vendors, producing and trading goods, developed from local commons, shared property. Hundreds of such economies. All along the West and East coast, the hills, the plains of Caroni and Naparima. Local products, traded locally, using local expertise. And through the Caribbean. Hardly a cent in U.S., Forex, fiat currency involved.

Within the next 20 years, our central government’s capacity will wither away: exorbitant public debt; ungovernable public sector wage bills; “development” error; global recession, leading to fiscal shortfalls; and extreme climate events. When the metaphorical tsunami hits, it is not the prime minister, the Cabinet and Parliament who will to save us; it is the local: land, leadership, corporation. Ordinary citizens, whilst giving to Caesar with is Caesar’s, now have no choice but to make our own governments.

It is local police who will have to protect us: burn down the marijuana to plant pigeon peas. Local churches and temples, mosques: build spaces of sanctuary to serve food, a meal a day, books, clothes. Local corporations: with their fund of tractors, backhoes, store-

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# Does he know what 'crooked' means?

Now that Donald Trump's outwitting whatever constitutes the Republican "establishment" is complete, the party is forced to look in the mirror and behold the ghastly image staring back. They would shrug it off simply as democracy in action, that they've settled on this narcissist, unabashed racist and altogether contemptible figure as their ablest White House prospect. Which should automatically have made effective an edict (if one existed) that further usage of the expression "party of Lincoln" be forthwith forbidden. You know there's something radically amiss with any invoking of Lincoln by the current GOP bunch when the party winds up with Trump and Ted Cruz as the options from which would come the pick of the 2016 litter.

The nomination quest of John Kasich is as instructive a barometer as there is of why the Republican Party looks right now fixing to be in abject disarray. That the more centrist Kasich — who has been shown in polls to be a more competitive GOP opponent for Democrats than either Trump or Cruz — has won but a single primary, is indicative of

the strong rightward pull that steers the GOP. But its ideological moorings aside, a party which allows Trump's xenophobic blasts against Mexicans and Muslims, to name just two, to go unchallenged, as we've said here before, is a party whose moral underpinnings are very much open to question.

Republican National Chairman Reince Preibus has intimated, quite troublingly, that there's pretty much an open door respecting who can enter the GOP nomination stakes. It means that David Duke of KKK fame, who was a Trump endorser, could just as well have been a candidate himself. As could, presumably, any big cheese in the American Nazi Party. If a so-called national party has no mechanism currently for denying entry to undesirables on that order, maybe the Trump experience of 2016 gets them back to the drawing board to set down a marker against conduct that's unarguably beyond the pale...if they have any real desire to avert more Trump-like scenarios.

But for now the GOP game plan for re-taking the presidency revolves around Trump.

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

And it's left to be seen how much stock one ought place in reports that have circulated about Trump being advised by minions to begin acting "presidential." Where, we wonder, did those alleged words of wisdom land, given the relentless flow of oafish behavior emanating from this guy? Upon whose advice, if not his own, did he begin referring to Hillary Clinton as "crooked," for instance? Maybe it's because he continues to be surrounded in his little empire by a cadre of fawning "yes men" that no one apparently bothered to tell him how awkward it would be going down that road while, to cite one example, there have been multiple legal actions surrounding some gullible folk being fleeced by a curiosity called Trump University, with Trump and confederates being called out along the way by state authorities for misrepre-

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sentation with respect to use of the "university" term. If there is anyone on the planet who is justified in referring to Clinton as "crooked," it's pretty clear Trump doesn't come anywhere close.

Also included in the Trump attack strategy against his presumptive opponent, apparently, is a regurgitation of the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky episode. It takes an inflated ego like Trump's to ignore that at the height of the Lewinsky cause celebre Clinton had a job approval rating of approximately 70 percent; that under Clinton's presidency was when

the federal budget last reported a surplus; that the post-presidential Clinton for years polled as the most popular political figure in the country. It could only be a level of hubris in this joker that defies measurement, that he could think to re-shape public opinion on one of the more successful presidential tenures of recent history.

It would surprise us not one bit if Trump saw his running for and becoming president as no different from another business deal — acquiring a tract of land here or a reality show there. It is, of course, a very flawed assumption on his part. There are, to be sure, any number of simpletons in the general population for whom the Trump antics amount to presidential readiness. But this country has shown itself ready, when the occasion demands it, to summon its better self. Unease now infecting the very Republican ranks that Trump supposedly represents underscores a determination in the wider electorate to attach to the presidency a sophistication that obviously eludes candidate Trump.

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# A new Caribbean economy

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# End-of-life healthcare system

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# CARICOM's case on correspondent banking

Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr. Timothy Harris championed CARICOM's case on correspondent banking during an important consultation in Washington, D.C., with State and Treasury officials at the U.S. Department of State on Tuesday, May 3.

The prime minister led a delegation comprised of representatives from the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. Justin Hawley, counselor at the St. Kitts and Nevis Embassy to the United States of America, accompanied the prime minister.

Harris outlined the challenges confronted by Caribbean countries as a result of de-risking. De-risking is the practice whereby several major banks have either terminated their correspondent banking relationships with banks in the Caribbean or threatened to discontinue them. According to the International Monetary Fund, as of June 2015, at least 10 banks in the region in five countries have lost all or some



Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris (11th from left) and Energy Minister Honourable Ian Liburd are shown in a group photo with delegation members in attendance at the U.S.-Caribbean-Central American Energy Summit. U.S. Department of State

of their correspondent banking relationships.

Hawley gave a report of the consultation which took place at the U.S. State Department. "The honourable prime minister expressed his concern that the stringent regulatory requirements that have been placed on national banks have begun to adversely affect the financial sector, leading to a negative perception of Caribbean banking on a whole. He reassured the U.S. representa-

tives that St. Kitts and Nevis along with member states of CARICOM have established and implemented mechanisms to tackle the scourge of money laundering. Prime Minister Harris was applauded for his in-depth and thorough analysis of the plight of the commercial banking sector throughout CARICOM and the negative impact that these onerous regulations have placed on its respective economies," Hawley said.

Representing the U.S. during Tuesday's consultation were Daniel L. Glaser, assistant secretary for Terrorist Financing in the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and Juan Sebastian Gonzalez, deputy assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere Affairs, with responsibility for U.S. diplomatic engagement and policy implementation in Central America and the Caribbean.

Gonzalez was previously at the White House, most recently as special advisor to the U.S. Vice President from 2013 to 2015.

The consultation began at 3 pm on Tuesday; three hours prior to a reception that was also held at the State Department in honour of the delegations attending the U.S.-Caribbean-Central American Energy Summit. U.S. Vice President, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., hosted the Energy Summit on Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4.

The Energy Summit forms part of the Caribbean Energy Security Initiative, which is coordinated by the U.S. Department of State and provides technical assistance for improved governance in the Caribbean energy sector. The Initiative was launched on June 19th, 2014.

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CARPHA said the 61st CARPHA Health Research Conference, which will take place from June 23 to 25 will also address child health and healthy ageing among other issues.

TCI Premier Dr. Rufus Ewing said his Overseas British Territory “will gain tremendous exposure from this conference. It is an opportunity for local health professionals, to share their experiences and challenges, to be educated and informed and for delegates to enjoy activities in the Turks and Caicos Islands.”

CARPHA Executive Director Dr. James Hospedales, said the conference is the longest running health event in the Caribbean and Latin America and attracts leading health professionals from across the globe.

### St. Kitts

Attorney General Vincent Byron Jr, who is responsible for electoral matters in St. Kitts and Nevis, will soon be taking to Parliament proposals to reform the electoral process.

Speaking at the prime minister's press conference recently, the attorney general said that the question of electoral reform involves several factors including if the current voters' list is properly constituted, the need for proper enumeration process to register people where they live, whether citizens living overseas would have to be resident to be able to be active participants in the voting process, and the issue of the realignment of the constituency boundaries.

Byron said there needs to be a legislative framework for these reforms to happen and to initiate the process.

He indicated that the question of electoral reform is a constitutional issue “involving all aspects of society

and it would be open to the citizenry to be involved in the process.”

The minister responsible for elections highlighted that there are many problems with respect to the electoral process that were inherited from the ousted Douglas administration and that to be addressed by the present government, but that the electoral process at the moment has been restored under the current Elections Act.

### St. Lucia

Former St. Lucia National Security Minister Guy Mayers is suing Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony over statements he made regarding the 2010/11 “Operation Restore Confidence” by the St. Lucia police.

Mayers, who is also the chairman of the main opposition United Workers Party (UWP), is alleging that Prime Minister Anthony made the allegations during an address to the convention of his ruling St. Lucia Labor Party (SLP) earlier this year.

He said Anthony also repeated the statements at SLP meetings afterwards. Mayers said he demanding a public apology from Anthony as well as a court order preventing him from making the allegations. He is also seeking compensation.

In August 2013, Anthony said the ORC was among reasons the United States decided to suspend all assistance to the local police.

Anthony had also sought assistance from the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) to probe the so-called “extra-judicial” killings by members of the police force.

### Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar said the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) Bill which is being debated in Parliament will result in an onslaught on the constitutional rights of not only citizens but visitors to T&T as well.

The former prime minister told a news conference that the legislation, which was presented by Attorney General Faris-al-Rawi seeks to give the SSA more powers and will allow phone tapping without a warrant.

She said while the opposition understood the need to support crime-fighting legislation, the measures must have the required checks and balances.

Persad-Bissessar said the bill would breach the privacy rights of “every citizen and even non-citizens who may be visiting Trinidad and Tobago.”

Persad-Bissessar said her concerns must not be seen as being against crime-fighting measures but rather one for ensuring that safeguards were put in place to protect citizens.

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By Lauren Gill

He's Jamaican it!

A Jamaica-born Brooklyn chef who was once told he might never walk again is not only cruising around the kitchen again, he just achieved his dream of opening his own eatery, unlocking the doors to an island grill in Fort Greene last week.

"I knew from the first day I started in the culinary field I always wanted to open my own restaurant," said Canarsie resident Lancelot Brown, who is now the proud owner of Jamaica Grill on Myrtle Avenue between Hall Street and Washington Avenue. "It's one of the dreams I wanted to accomplish and accomplishing it is a momentous achievement for me."

Brown — who moved to a public housing complex in Canarsie from Jamaica 19 years ago — has two culinary degrees, and has worked in eateries across the island and the Big Apple.

But Brown's goal of commanding his own kitchen was nearly sliced and diced when he broke his back in a 2004 accident, and doctors told him he might never be able to stand in front of a stove again.

Brown refused to take the prognosis lying down, however, and after years of physical therapy, he was back on his feet and aiming to make it big.

"I wanted to do something more, because I knew I could



Grill master: Jamaica Grill owner Lancelot Brown cooks up some chicken in his newly opened Myrtle Avenue restaurant.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

do more," he said.

He enrolled in the inaugural class of New York City Housing Authority's Food Business Pathways program, where he learned how to run a business and got help securing the permits he needed to open

Jamaica Grill.

At his new eatery, Brown is serving up dishes from his home country that he said are rarely done well in the concrete jungle.

"It's one of those cuisines that you either have to go

to Jamaica to have it or find somewhere that prepares it really well," he said.

Brown said diners go wild for his vegetarian pasta, made with jerk-spiced butter and tofu — a recipe he created himself — as well as more tra-

ditional Caribbean fare such as jerk chicken and curried goat.

Taste it for yourself at Jamaica Grill [474 Myrtle Ave. between Hall Street and Washington Avenue, (718) 272-6382, [www.jamaicagrill.net](http://www.jamaicagrill.net)].

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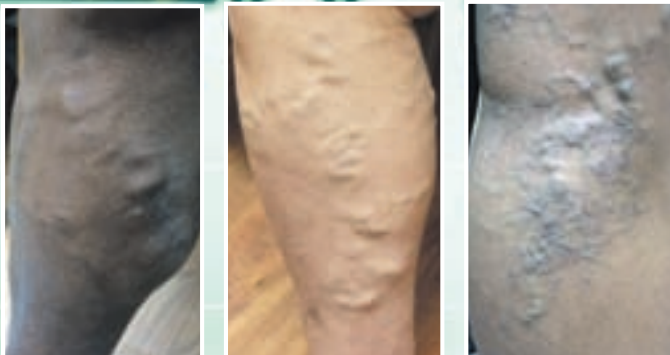
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# Miss Plus Size Universe Women's Confab a success

By Nelson A. King

Despite some obstacles, the inaugural Miss Plus Size Universe Women's Conference in New York was "quite a success," organizers say.

Vincentian Pearl Williams, president of Miss Plus Size Universe, told Caribbean Life that several changes could have derailed the staging of the event that took place on Saturday, April 23, at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn. The event was originally scheduled to take place at JFK Hilton.

Williams said both date and venue changes were made just a few days prior to the event, thus contributing to the smaller-than-expected turnout of patrons.

Nonetheless, she said her persistence ensured that the conference was "packed with pure quality."

She said the conference was "a global initiative of love and leadership of women."

"We are creating multiple channels across the globe to enable great leadership by women so they can express their energy in society to bring more balance and harmony, while utilizing their own capacity to create and influence others," Williams said.

"The atmosphere was filled with a diverse spiritual presence of four dynamic speakers, who explored all facets of issues that affect women,"



From left, Mistress of Ceremony Dhyllles Davis, Judy Boyce, Ripandee Kur, Alene Mathurin and Pearl Williams.  
Miss Plus Size Universe Organization

she added. "They delivered strong messages that encompass the beauty of loving oneself, and provided solutions and plans that are being implemented to ensure positive results."

"All four queens were extremely excited for the opportunity to present their initiative on empowering women on a global level," Williams said.

The speakers were: First Lady Ripandee Kaur, WE Global Campaign for Women from India; Guyanese Linda Johnson, Women of Mission International; Judy Boyce, chief executive officer and owner of Kenju, Plus Size Diva

Pageant Director from Barbados; and Alene M. Gervais, St. Lucian business consultant and child care provider.

Williams said the speakers were given "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" for their "outstanding and invaluable services to the communities in which they serve."

The event concluded with a special dance rendition by Remedy in Action, Williams said.

She said patrons and supporters were so enthused with the event that they asked for it to be held next year in New York.

# Jamaican government tackles crime

By Azad Ali

Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness said the government will be sparing no effort in the fight against crime.

The prime minister said the government remains resolute that the issue of crime must be addressed and will be dealt with using two parallel strategies.

Last year there were 1,192 homicides — 20 percent higher than in 2014.

He said the police have operational responsibilities and "we continue to support them with resources. We have a platform to appeal to the people who live in these communities, that violence and murders are not the only way to resolve conflicts".

Holness noted that the high level of crime in the parish of St. James, Montego Bay, has been turning away prospective overseas investors, which he said is the center of the country's economic activities

He said Montego Bay is the gateway for much investments that come into Jamaica and "we could get far more investments if we didn't have to contend with the negative reports.

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# Two months of Haitian arts and culture

By Tequila Minsky

Haiti Cultural Exchange is hosting its second Biennial Celebration of Haitian Arts & Culture, an inter-disciplinary two-month springtime festival that began May 1 and run until June 30.

Featuring music, film and video, art exhibitions, dance, storytelling, literature and food, Selebrasyon! 2016: Freedom / Liberte is bringing together more than 30 artists — emerging to established from Haiti and the diaspora. The programs take place in community-based and main-stage venues in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens.

This year's theme pays tribute to the 30-year anniversary of the fall of the Duvalier regime. This brutal dictatorship resulted in the exile of thousands of Haitians, their migration to the U.S. and the growth of a Haitian diaspora community in the New York region.

"Selebrasyon! highlights

the revolutionary spirit of the Haitian people, movements of resistance, and the on-going opportunities and challenges of freedom," writes Regine M. Roumain, director of the seven-year-old HCX.

The family day kick-off event at Affirmation Arts offered something for everyone, children drew or danced to the music of DJ Hard Hitting Harry. A performance in folkloric dance and live music entertained.

Announced that day were the recipients of the HCX's Lakou NOU (Our Yard) artists' residency grants, awarded to Haitian descent artists in order to connect their skills and talents with underserved Brooklyn neighborhoods. Recipients are DJ Sabine Blaizin, dancer Sherley St. Fort Davilmar, percussionist and MC Okai Fleurimont and dancer and choreographer Veroneque Ignace.

On May 6, BRIC, in partnership with HCX, presented the nine-member collective of

Haitian musicians — Lakou Mizik, who came together after the Haitian earthquake and are "bringing new life to Haitian music." Elder drummer Sanba Zao along with guitarist Steeve Valcourt, fellow singer Joan Attis and the ensemble inspired BRIC's filled ballroom to dance.

Upcoming programs: Haitian Flag Day on May 18 will be celebrated at Shapeshifter Lab (6-10 pm) with Gashford Guillaume's Creole Fusion Ensemble and the band Baz Twoubadou that blends traditional sounds of the popular acoustic genre with modern instruments.

On May 21 (7 pm) and May 22 (2 pm), Boston-based Jean Appolon Dance Expressions will dance the New York Premiere of Angaje (Engage) exploring themes of injustice in the context of contemporary Haiti, set to the music of Toto Bissainthe.

Also performing, locally based Kanu Dance Theater will



Lakou Mizik entertains a filled ballroom at BRIC.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

dance "She is a Potomitan (Pillar of strength)."

Come June, Guetty Felin's latest film Ayiti Mon Amour, a magic neo-realistic post-earthquake tale, will screen at BAM Rose Cinemas on June 1 at 7:30 pm.

For the family, storytelling will take place at 1087 E.43rd Street the Block Association Community Garden on Saturday June 18 at 2 pm.

The Queens Museum will host writer, novelist and teacher Yanick Lahrens as the featured guest at Salon D'Haiti, June 19, at 2 pm.

The festival continues featuring Haitian music at Pioneer Works in Red Hook (June 23, 7-10 pm, 159 Pioneer St.). Also, Bowery Poetry Club will host an An n'Pale conversation with poet laureate of Boston Danielle Legros Georges, June 26 at 3pm.

With the concluding wrap-up, music and Haitian food will be celebrated as the 2016 Selebrasyon! comes to a close. Taste of Haiti will feature a Haitian food tasting at Berg'n (899 Bergen) June 30, 6-11 pm.

The schedule: [www.haiticulturalx.org/celebrasyon](http://www.haiticulturalx.org/celebrasyon)



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Now, as Esswein continues his career as a coding quality assistant, health care is changing again. Following the release of a medical coding system overhaul in October 2015, expected updates in the near future are underscoring the demand for coders.

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, or ICD-10, increased the number of medical codes by more than 50,000 — and in fiscal year 2017, about 5,500 more diagnostic and inpatient procedure codes will roll out.

“The new codes are designed to enable more informative, accurate recording of the medical information required to bill correctly for reimbursement,” Esswein said. “In my role, it’s essential that I not only understand ICD-10, but that I’m staying ahead of what is coming next to help alleviate any confusion in my workplace and mitigate mistakes in advance.”

### Prepping for industry change

Many health care organizations say transitioning to the new system was their biggest challenge last year.

While Esswein graduated years ago

and is getting on-the-job training with the new system, many employers struggled to find qualified new technicians, since recent graduates had studied the previous classification system, ICD-9.

To get these new grads up to speed, DeVry University offered an ICD-10 course at no cost for medical billing and coding graduates who had registered by November 2015 and students in their last semester of the program. All future courses will be taught using ICD-10 as the standard.

“DeVry University programs will continue to evolve as healthcare advances and becomes more accessible in the United States,” Kristyn Murphy-Rodvill, assistant national dean in the College of Health Sciences at DeVry University, said. “We know finishing a degree program during an industry transition can create obstacles for recent graduates. Our ICD-10 course is designed to eliminate those barriers and prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to be competitive in their field.”

### Propelling the future of health care

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# 'The Seawall' to be filmed in Guyana

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyanese-born Film Director Mason Richards is scouting Guyana's Kaieteur Falls, the widest single-drop waterfall in the world, as a possible location to shoot the full-length feature of his award-winning film "The Seawall," to celebrate Guyana's 50th Independence Golden Jubilee.

Richards said the stunning Madhia, Guyana's gold coast, with vistas of the amazon and the country's monumental sea wall — built by Dutch settlers in the 1880s — would also be idyllic as a backdrop for the film.

According to Mason, who is a recipient of Guyana Golden Arrowhead Award of Distinction for Service and Humanitarian, and the 2012 Sony Pictures Diversity Fellowship through Film Independent's Project: Involve — a diversity initiative that identifies emerging filmmakers — production on "The Seawall" film will begin later this year.



Guyanese-born Film Director Mason Richards on set in Guyana. Maurva Productions

Set in Brooklyn and Guyana, as a modern-day immigration story where the main character journeys back home to Guyana after living abroad for most of his life, the filmmaker said "it's sort of my story, and I think the story of many immigrants who leave their county in search of a better life somewhere else, but then at some point return home and things become clearer or not."

"It's a film about identity — both cultural and personal," Richards added.

The film project, will coincide with the First Annual Timehri Film festival, scheduled for May as part of the Independence celebration, and presented by Romola Lucas, founding, director of the Car-

ibbean Film Academy (CaFA) of Brooklyn.

Lucas noted that expanding and developing "The Seawall" and choosing to shoot it in Guyana, will inspire up-and-coming filmmakers in Guyana and will confirm the experiences of many Guyanese people and artists alike.

"We have a rich heritage and we are natural storytellers, and except for a few Hollywood blockbusters such as 'The Pirates of the Caribbean,' 'The Shaw Shank Redemption,' or 'Jurassic Park' which were all filmed in the Caribbean, show very little of the countries and minimally focused on the natives, and other stories," said the film expert.

# CaFA seeks funding for Film Festival

By Tangerine Clarke

Founder of New York-based Caribbean Film Academy (CaFA), Romola Lucas, will return to her homeland, along with co-founder Justen Blaize to showcase the brilliant work of Caribbean and Guyanese filmmakers, during the first Timehri Film Festival in celebration of Guyana's 50th Independence Jubilee.

Georgetown's Moray House will showcase an array of short, and feature films from May 18 – 20, in three parts to include, free screenings, followed by a Q&A session.

Film production and directing workshops, and networking opportunities to connect local filmmakers with industry players in Guyana and throughout the diaspora, will also be a part of the festival.

According the Lucas, the project is seeking sponsorship to raise \$4000 to make the festival a success.

The monies will go towards securing the venue in Guyana, advertising and market-

ing, Tee shirts, programs, and banners. For this, the TFF team has set up – an Indiegogo campaign at - <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/timehri-film-festival-2016/#> and would accept any size contribution.

CaFa, is a non-profit that was established in 2012, and is dedicated to promoting Caribbean filmmaking and filmmakers in the region and the Diaspora.

The film academy is focused on promoting and sharing the art of storytelling through film from the unique perspective of the islands.

Founding editor and the Caribbean-American culture blog Rewind and Come Again, Alysia S. Christiani, who will team-up with CaFA for the Timehri Film Festival said storytelling is one of Caribbean filmmakers means of communicating and entertaining and over time, the artists have developed new ways to tell stories and discover new platforms to tell them.

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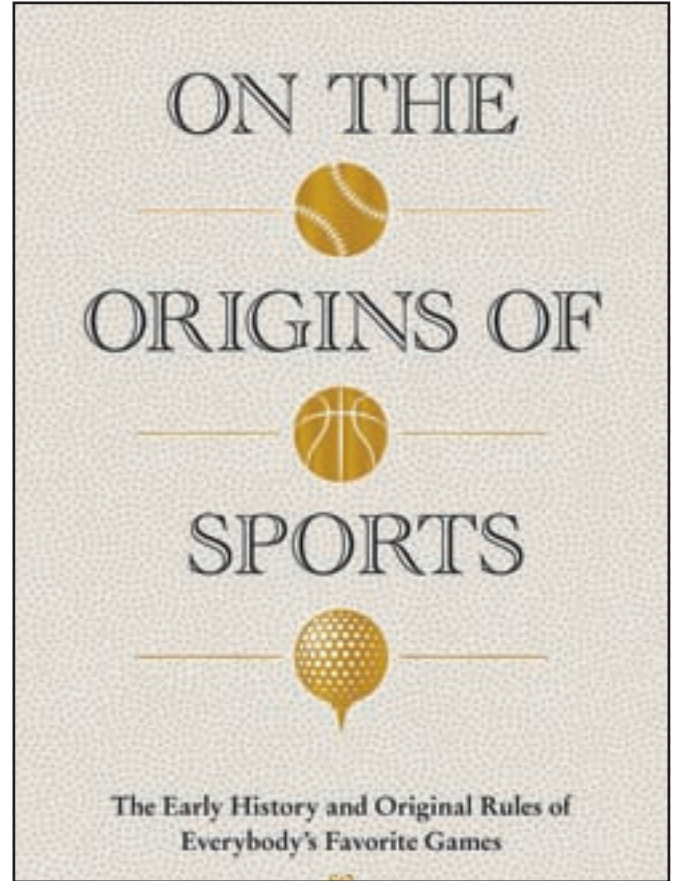
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and you're all going to argue. Who's the greatest dunker? Why are softballs bigger than baseballs? Are football helmets good enough? Wars, as Belsky & Fine point out, have been fought over lesser questions so they took a look at the origins of our most popular games and sports.

Mythology says that Abner

Doubleday created baseball, for instance, but the authors say that "forms of baseball were played on farms in New England" long before Doubleday's day. Original baseball rules said that the first team to score 21 "aces" was the winner and, until 1952, only one or two umps were mandatory for regular season play.

Basketball was "pretty much



Authors Gary Belsky and Neil Fine.

created in a couple of weeks" by one man who was looking for an indoor game. James Naismith couldn't find what he wanted so he made something

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# Britain lauds Grant, a trailblazing Guyanese



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



Cy Grant.

region — after the huge losses in the Battle of Britain.

During military service he trained as a navigator and in 1943 during the Second World War was shot down in the Battle of the Ruhr, landing in Holland.

According to an obituary published in the Guardian newspaper in London, Joost Klootwijk, the young son of a Dutch farmer, looked on as his parents tried to help the airman. The boy was moved by the novelty of a uniformed Black RAF officer crash-landing near his home.

The Gestapo identified Grant as “a member of the Royal Air Force of indeterminate race” and he was held as a prisoner of war for two years.

Grant later used that phrase for the title of his book about his war service.

The wartime encounter must have made an indelible impression on the farmer's son because as an adult he researched history on the RAF enabling his son, Hans, to write a book about Grant's crew, “Lancaster W4827: Failed to Return.”

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“For the first time, the country was seeing a Black face on TV on a regular basis.”

Grant, actor, singer and writer, born on Nov. 8, 1919 in Demerara, Guyana, died Feb. 13, 2010 at age 90 after living in Highgate, London, England.

His extensive career spanned acting, song writing, Civil Rights and a stint in the Royal Air Force.

That illustrious career was recently celebrated by a project at London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) in England.

Geoff Pick, director of London Metropolitan Archives said the LMA was “delighted that we have been entrusted with the Cy Grant Archive and have become a key partner in preserving and making accessible this outstanding collection that traces the life and work of a very special Londoner and hero of the Black Caribbean community.”

Documents, manuscripts, photographs and films dating from the 1940s to 2010 will now chart Grant's enviable and admirable life and form part of the Cy Grant Archives.

They will be catalogued and made public for the first time, following an award of a \$115,711 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to the Cy Grant Trust.

Archived and presented to inspire young people and raise awareness of his achievements Grant's storied contribution to British history has been well documented.

His mother was a talented pianist and he grew up surrounded by music, playing the guitar and singing folk songs. He had two brothers and four sisters and excelled at school.

His interest in law emerged at an early age with a burning desire to study the legal profession. But at that time his

parents could not afford the expensive schools.

After working as a civil servant, he migrated to Britain and on arrival in 1941 joined the Royal Air Force. He was one of approximately 400 men recruited from the Caribbean — the first cadre of soldiers from the

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This year the C2C Ayiti Marché spills out onto the street just outside BRIC with live performances, DJ, dance, artwork, tastes of Haitian cuisine, family fun and more, all in support of a worthy cause.

The highlights of extending the Marche outside will be the Water Walk by C2C Collective Partner Dlo Pou Viv. In the Water Walk, guests move from

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## One monkey in a comedy stew

The Harlem School of Arts Theatre Department is launching "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" a consistently hilarious, emotionally stirring and beautifully written satirical comedy directed by Artistic Director Alfred Preisser. Written by Donald Evans, "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" is a hilarious foray into 1970 Philadelphia, mixing romance, religion and the declining jazz scene into a completely unique comedic stew. This not-to-be-missed production drama stars HSA's Young Theatre Alliance Company.

The performance will run from May 13 through 15 at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday at the Harlem School of the Arts, The Herb Alpert Center, HSA Theatre, 645 Saint

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Hibiscus (Michelle-Ann Hillocks) performs winning song "Riddim."

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Newcomer wins New Song Competition

By Nelson A. King

Clearly out-performing nine other contenders, a female newcomer to calypso / soca Saturday night / Sunday morning won the New Song Competition in New York, as Vincy Mas kicked off in Brooklyn, coinciding with the official launch of the national carnival in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

In her very first entry in the calypso/soca world, the Philadelphia-based Michelle-Ann Hillocks, singing under the sobriquet Hibiscus, stunned her

competitors — most of whom were veterans — and the ebullient crowd in rendering "Riddim" at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant and Lounge, at the corner of Avenue L and East 95th Street, in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

Hillocks, 40, also won the "New Breakout Artist" category in the competition, organized by the Brooklyn-based Level Vibes Promotions, headed by Ainsley Primus.

Primus — who is also president of the Brooklyn-based Dynamite Calypso Tent, the lone Vincentian calypso

tent in the United States — is assisted in Level Vibes Promotions by popular Vincentian DJ Joseph Ciaphus "SupaEyes" Cuffy.

Adorned in an all-in-one, yellow outfit, Hillocks out-classed her competitors in rendition and stage performance in capturing the 10th annual title.

Defending champion, Toronto-based David "Chang-I" Morgan, did not defend the crown. Primus said Morgan's new song was not ready for

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **7 Years**  
Lukas Graham
- 2 **I Took A Pill in Ibiza**  
Mike Posner
- 3 **Love Yourself**  
Justin Bieber
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- 5 **Cake By The Ocean**  
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Prince
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# HIBISCUS BLOOMS

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With one “dancing lady” waving miniature Trinidadian and Grenadian flags on the make-shift stage, and several ladies, with an assortment of flags, including Vincentian’s, dancing around the stage, Hillocks offered a soca-infused “Riddim” that caught calypso bards and aficionados off-guard.

Even veterans Dennis Bowman, a former New Song New York winner, and John Dougan “couldn’t touch her.”

Hillocks, who also wrote “Riddim,” rendered in part: “West Indian possé / Are you ready to party / We have to get the party going / We’re not going to let it go / It’s our culture.”

“I give thanks to Almighty God,” said Hillocks after she was declared the winner, by co-MC Hailes Castello, just past 3 am Sunday. The other MC was Bennett Straker. Both Castello and Straker were former elementary school teachers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

“I want to give thanks to Ainsley Primus for opening up the door,” Hillocks added. “Thanks to Cauldric Forbes [Vincentian singer and song

writer] for writing me a song. It’s my time to shine.”

Before partying with her fans, Hillocks told Caribbean Life that Primus, recognizing her talent, had asked her to compete.

“I said, ‘why not, I’ll give it a shot,’” said Hillocks, who is also a daycare owner in Philadelphia. “It’s in the blood; my family has it in the blood.”

“I have a long list of songs,” she added. “I know I was going to start singing, but did not know when.”

Primus also told Caribbean Life that Hillocks, indeed, comes from a singing family, stating that one of Hillock’s uncles, Al Wilson, a former singer with the defunct Vincentian band Asterisks, was a St. Lucia Calypso King.

“She grew up with music; she’s in the Dynamite Calypso Tent,” he said. “I recognized the talent, and I encouraged her to participate.”

“We want to have more females [competing],” Primus added. “She brought up a whole entourage from Phillie [Philadelphia],”

The other female contender was Prim Adonna Bascombe, who rendered Kamasutra, with



Prim Adonna performs “Kamasutra.” Photo by Nelson A. King

a Japanese slant and accompanying dance, complemented by three bare-chested young dancers.

Prim Adonna placed fifth; Bob MC [Mervin Bobb] was fourth with “Get Off Ah Me”; Bowman took the third spot with “Get Close”; and Jakie [Kenroy Jack] was first runner-up with “We Jammin.”

“It’s been a long time [coming],” said Jakie after receiving his trophy from Desmarie Greenaway, a member of the newly-formed, Brooklyn-based Cultural Association of Vincentians in the U.S.A. [CAVUSA], part of the St. Vincent and the Diaspora Committee of New York, chaired by Maxwell Haywood.

## Many hands

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being spectators to participants through the experience of carrying buckets of water for at least half a city block a mere fraction of the distance members of our Partner Communities in Petit Goave travel to get clean water daily. Other interactive exhibits will invite attendees to engage in the C2C Reforestation and Education initiatives.

There is an urgent need to replace the temporary school shelter recently destroyed by Hurricane Erika in 2015 with a permanent building. “Our goal on the 14th is to generate awareness and participation, thus enabling C2C to reach its goal of raising the \$400k needed to fund the construction of a permanent school before the 2016 hurricane season,” said C2C CEO + FireStarter Marie-Yolaine Eusebe. This year is C2C’s “Year of Scholarship,” and thus the celebration will focus on creating a solid educational foundation for the children of Petit Goave, Haiti.

C2C’s multi media theatrical production, “Men Anpil”

(Haitian Kréyol for “Many Hands”), will star Haiti’s musical ambassador, award winning, guitarist and singer Bélo, himself a humanitarian along with Brooklyn’s own Christian Cultural Center (CCC) BOOTS Step Team and the Brooklyn Interdenominational Choir.

“We are excited about the progress of the water distribution system in 2015 and grateful to our C2C Neighbors for making that progress possible,” said MarieYolaine. “Now, we must shift our focus to providing for Haiti’s future; it’s youth.” Proceeds from the 6th Annual “Hope and A Future” — A Celebration of Haiti will go towards completing C2C’s Education Initiative and building a permanent school building in Petit Goave, Haiti.

“Hope and A Future”— A Celebration of Haiti (HAAF) is a fresh paradigm, where for one Saturday afternoon in May, New Yorkers will actually engage with the work C2C and their C2C Neighbors (monthly contributors) do with their partner communities in Petit Goave, Haiti.

The C2C Ayiti Marché is free and open to the public.

## Comedy in Harlem

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Nicholas Avenue New York, NY 10030. Tickets go on sale April 20, 2016 (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; \$18 Group Rates; \$10 Students & Seniors). The production is open to the public and suitable for ages 12 and up.

“One Monkey Don’t Stop No Show’ is an enthralling, under-produced comic masterpiece animated by quick one-liners that give light to 1970s-era gender and racial stereotypes. Our entire cast and crew are excited to be giving the first production of it in New York in many years,” stated Alfred Preisser, HSA’ artistic director and chair of the Theatre Department.

The action takes place in suburban Philadelphia, where the Reverend Avery Harrison, a Baptist preacher, clings tenaciously to his position in the local black elite. His upwardly mobile philosophy is avidly shared by his wife, Myra whose hilarious malapropisms, continually betray her impoverished origins and by his son,



Nia Seward Arrington and Jaquain Bennett in “One Monkey Don’t Stop No Show.” Steven Schnur

Felix, a private school product. Another jarring note is struck when the Reverend’s countrified niece Beverly, the only daughter of his lately demised brother, arrives from the rural South with the news that she has been left in the custody of Caleb Johnson, who was the partner of Beverly’s father in a disreputable local nightclub.



# Muslim apprentice spikes Jewish baker's dough

"Dough"  
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By Kam Williams

Nat (Jonathan Pryce) is the owner of Dayan and Son, a Kosher bakery located in London. The store's name is a bit of a misnomer since he's been the only Dayan working there ever since his father passed away.

Nat's disappointed that his own son, Stephen (Daniel Caltagirone), opted to become a lawyer rather than join the family business. Consequently, he had to settle for teaching the tricks of the trade to a neighborhood kid (Dominic Garfield), only to have that sole assistant eventually stolen away by Sam Cotton (Philip Davis), a conniving competitor planning



Jerome Holder(left) and Jonathan Pryce star in the movie "Dough."

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to open another bakery right next door.

To add insult to injury, Cotton is also wining and dining Nat's lonely landlord Joanna Silverman (Pauline Collins), not out of affection, but to buy the building for a song. If successful, he'll be able to kick Nat out once the lease expires. Worst of all, Dayan and Son is

having trouble staying afloat due to a dwindling clientele that's dying off.

Nat's fortunes change soon after he hires Ayyash (Jerome Holder), a teenaged Muslim immigrant from Darfur, as his new apprentice. For, it isn't long before the store is attracting long lines of customers.

But what Nat doesn't know

is that Ayyash has been spiking the batter with marijuana. That's the reason for the sudden increase in satisfied shoppers. Of course, it's just a matter of time before the cat's out of the bag, and matters come to a head when the proprietor gets an explanation for his skyrocketing profits.

Thus unfolds "Dough," a ten-

der-hearted dramedy directed by John Goldschmidt (Maschenka). The cross-cultural adventure milks most of its humor and tension out of the friendship grudgingly forged between unlikely-buddies Nat and Ayyash. The picture effectively contrasts the former's being old, Jewish, white, British and middle-class with the latter's being young, Muslim, black, African and living hand to mouth.

The film also features a surprising number of intriguing subplots, including a love triangle involving Nat, Joanna and Cotton; Ayyash and his mother's (Natasha Gordon) becoming homeless, Nat's neglected granddaughter (Melanie Freeman) craving quality time with her grampa, and Ayyash's antagonizing a vengeful drug dealer (Ian Hart).

By the closing tableau, all the loose ends are tied up quite satisfactorily, and we've also learned a very timely lesson in tolerance. 'Dough'-lightful!

## Independent & Foreign Films

**I Am Wrath** (R for profanity and violence) Revenge thriller about a grieving widower (John Travolta) who takes the law into his own hands after corrupt cops fail to find his wife's (Rebecca De Mornay) killer. With Amanda Schull, Christopher Meloni and Sam Trammell.

**Last Days in the Desert** (PG-13 for disturbing images and brief partial nudity) Biblical saga revolving around Jesus' (Ewan McGregor) 40-day battle with the devil while praying and fasting in the desert. Cast includes Ciaran Hinds, Susan Gray, Tye Sheridan and Ayelet Zurer.

**Love & Friendship** (PG for mature themes) Adaptation of "Lady Susan," the Jane Austen novella about a beautiful widow's (Kate Beckinsale) search for husbands for herself and her daughter (Morfydd Clark) while living on the estate of her well-heeled in-laws. With Chloe Sevigny, Xavier Samuel and Stephen Fry.

**Pele: Birth of a Legend** (PG for smoking, mature themes and mild epithets) Soccer biopic chronicling the legendary Pele's (Kevin de Paula) rise from the slums of Sao Paulo to lead Brazil to its first World Cup victory when he was just 17 years-old. With Colm Meaney, Vincent D'Onofrio and Rodrigo Santoro.

**Search Party** (R for drug use, sexuality, graphic nudity and pervasive profanity) Road comedy about the bud-



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

dies (T.J. Miller and Adam Pally) of a jilted groom's (Thomas Middleditch) attempt to help him find the bride (Shannon Woodward) after she leaves for their Mexican honeymoon without him. With J.B. Smoove, Alison Brie and Lance Reddick.

**Sundown** (R for crude sexuality, graphic nudity, pervasive profanity, teen partying and drug use) Spring Break comedy about a couple of BFFs (Devon Werkheiser and Sean Marquette) who travel to Puerto Vallarta hoping to hook up with their high school crushes. With Teri Hatcher, Camilla Belle and Sara Paxton.

**Sunset Song** (R for sexuality, nudity and violence) Coming-of age epic, set in 1910, about a Scottish farm girl (Agness Deyn) torn between tradition and change. Cast includes Kevin Guthrie, Peter Mullan and Jim Sweeney.

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**The Darkness** (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, disturbing violence and brief sensuality) Supernatural horror flick about a family which unwittingly brings back a demonic force from its Grand Canyon vacation. Co-starring Kevin Bacon, Radha Mitchell, Jennifer Morrison, Ming-Na Wen and Lucy Fry.

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WICB President Dave Cameron.

## India, Windies in Test series

By Azad Ali

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that India would play a four-match Test series in the Caribbean, starting in July this year — signaling renewed relations between the BCCI and the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

In a statement the BCCI said that the “outstanding issues” from the abandonment had been “resolved.”

The West Indies had pulled out mid-way through a tour of India in October 2014 amid claim of payment disputes between players and the WICB.

The BCCI officials were angered by  
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## Windies players chastised over behavior

By Azad Ali

The International Cricket Council (ICC) — cricket’s world governing body — has lashed out at the behavior of some members of the West Indies team following the final of the Twenty20 World Cup in India in April this year.

The ICC labeled the players’ behavior as “inappropriate and disrespectful” and said it “brought the event into disrepute.”

In a statement following a meeting of its board recently, the ICC even said  
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# SOUNDERS BEAT EARTHQUAKES

Seattle Sounders’ Clint Dempsey kicks the ball against the Montreal Impact in the first half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, April 2, 2016, in Seattle.  
Associated Press / Ted S. Warren, File

## Clint Dempsey, Jordan Morris score one each

By Mark Moschetti

SEATTLE (AP) — Through the first eight games of the season, neither Clint Dempsey nor Jordan Morris had a goal in the same game for the Seattle Sounders.

On Saturday night, the World Cup veteran and the star rookie both

found the back of the net.

Dempsey rocketed in a shot from straight in front of the goal in the 26th minute, and Morris scored for the fourth straight contest, and the Sounders beat the San Jose Earthquakes 2-0.

Dempsey’s goal, from just beyond

the top of the penalty spot, was his second of the season.

Morris scored from the top of the penalty area restraining arc in the 89th minute. That tied the MLS record for consecutive games with a goal for a rookie. Damani Ralph

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it had given “serious consideration” to bringing sanctions against the players.

“The board considered the behavior of some of the West Indies players in the immediate aftermath of the final, and unanimously agreed that certain comments and actions were inappropriate, disrespectful and brought the event into disrepute,” the statement said.

“The board acknowledged an apology by the WICB but was disappointed to note that such behavior had detracted from the success of what was otherwise a magnificent tournament and final,” the governing body said.

West Indies beat England by four wickets in a dramatic final in Kolkata to win their second Twenty20 World Cup, following their triumph four years ago in Sri Lanka.

Many of the regional players celebrated wildly afterward, with some removing their shirts as they danced in delight.

West Indies Captain Darren Sammy also stunned many cricket fans by openly criticizing the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) during the official post-game interview and highlighting the players’ ongoing pay dispute, which had marred the build-up to the tournament.

Man-of-the-Match Marlon Samuels was also fined for his verbal outburst against bowler Ban Stokes during the final over of the game.

The ICC Chairman Shashank Manohar said the Windies players’ actions were not “acceptable conduct” for ICC events.

“The sport of cricket is proud of its unique spirit and this involved being gracious in victory as well as defeat and respectful at all times to the game, one’s opponents, the sponsors and the fans,” Manohar said.



West Indies’ captain Darren Sammy. Associated Press / Andres Leighton



Seattle Sounders’ Jordan Morris makes a shot on goal against the Columbus Crew in the second half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, April 30, 2016, in Seattle. Associated Press / Ted S. Warren, File

## SOUNDERS DEFEAT EARTHQUAKES

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did it for the Chicago Fire in 2003, and Patrick Mullins matched it for the New England Revolution in 2014.

“It’s always nice to get a goal, but all that matters is the three points,” said Morris, who picked up an assist on Dempsey’s goal. “Clint had a great game and a really good finish. We’re on a good streak, and we just have to keep it going.”

Added coach Sigi Schmid, “Jordan did a good job with Clint in terms of dropping and going, so they were hard to pick up.”

The Sounders (4-4-1) have points in five of their last six games (4-1-1).

“We created some more chances in the attacking third and still kept it tight in the back,” Dempsey said. “Tonight, we probably could have scored more than what we did. But we’re moving in the right direction, and hopefully, we can keep building.”

Goalkeeper Stefan Frei earned his

second straight shutout. He got some help from the left goal post in the 84th minute when San Jose’s Chris Wondolowski banged a penalty kick off of it.

The penalty kick was awarded when Victor Bernardez was taken down in the box by Sounders defender Tyrone Mears.

Earthquakes coach Dominic Kinnear said it was just one of those breaks that didn’t go his team’s way.

“He’s got a lot of goals and a lot of penalties,” he said. “If we get a penalty in the first minute (of the next game), I’d like for him to take it — and the next one, and the next one.”

Saturday was the first time in 23 games that the Earthquakes (4-3-3) were kept scoreless.

Dempsey was the last of four Sounders to touch the ball leading up to his goal. Aaron Kovar initially kept it in play deep in the right corner, passing it back out to Morris. He tapped it on to Erik Friberg, who took it into the right side of the penalty area.

Friberg crossed the ball toward the top of the penalty spot, and Dempsey ran onto it for a 14-yard blast into the back left corner.

Besides the penalty kick, the Earthquakes missed two other opportunities to tie.

In the 36th minute, Frei slid out to the top of his 6-yard box and took the ball off Wondolowski’s right foot. Then in the 56th, Simon Dawkins launched a 22-yard free kick over a seven-man Seattle wall. It bounced off the underside of the crossbar and down onto the goal line, where Frei was able to grab it.

“You’ve always got to have a little bit of fortune,” Schmid said. “I thought at times, our soccer was as good tonight as it has been this season. We were very dangerous when we were effective. Clint put in a really good effort tonight and deservedly got a goal. It was good to see Jordan get a goal, as well.”

## Four-match Test series

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the development and were seeking compensation from the WICB for the abandoned tour.

But that issue was recently resolved and the two cricketing countries have resumed relations.

WICB President Dave Cameron said, “We are extremely delighted that concerns which arose due to the incomplete tour have been addressed and would like to thank the BCCI for reviving our ties.”

He said the cricket fans of the Carib-

bean are now keenly looking forward to witness some exciting contests between the two teams.

The first Test is expected to get underway in Antigua, with the second in St. Lucia and the third in Jamaica.

The fourth and final Test will take place at the Queen’s Park Oval, Port of Spain, Trinidad from Aug. 19-24.



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# Hundreds bid farewell to Keith 'Slick' Bonadie-Clarke

By Nelson A. King

Hundreds of Vincentian and Caribbean nationals in Brooklyn last Sunday paid their last respects to Keith "Slick" Bonadie-Clarke, one of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' greater mid-fielders ever in soccer, who died on April 18 at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn. He was 58.

Scores of ex-national soccer stars, erstwhile sporting heroes and officials were among mourners at the jam-packed wake and funeral service at El Caribe Funeral Home, 1922 Utica Ave., near Avenue L in Brooklyn.

Dozens also converged on the entrance to, and in the lobby of, the large chapel.

Mourners paid tributes in song, scriptures and speeches, while pianist Trevor "Ras Jahbie" Hepburn beat out spiritual rhythms during the almost three-hour-long wake and periodically during the two-hour-long funeral service that followed.



Keith "Slick" Bonadie-Clarke.

Since no other musical instrument was used during the service, Hepburn provided the lone accompaniment to renditions in song and hymn.

Bonadie-Clarke, who represented the nation in soccer from 1974 until he migrated to New York in 1982, died from cardiac arrest after suffering a stroke in August last year, from which he never fully recovered, his eldest brother, Lennox Ber-

thram "Bertie" Hadaway-Clarke told Caribbean Life.

Hadaway-Clarke also said his brother, who played soccer for the Brooklyn-based Vincentian team, Hairoun, was additionally afflicted with hypertension and diabetes.

"The thing about Keith today is that you, too, can meet him again," said Sarah Tannis, a former neighbor, who served as liturgist during the funeral service, while an overhead screen showed photos of Bonadie-Clarke's soccer-playing and frolicking days. "He has surrendered his life to God."

Earl Horne, a former president of Hairoun Sports Club, described Bonadie-Clarke as a "genuine, humble and passionate human being," who was the "best" midfielder the nation had ever seen.

Horne — the nephew of former St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cultural Minister John Horne, under the previous New Democratic Party administration — said he knew



Hundreds of mourners paid their respects at the funeral of Keith 'Slick' Bonadie-Clarke. Photo by Nelson A. King

Bonadie-Clarke even before he played for Youths United in the national soccer championship, adding that Bonadie-Clarke's "first national cap" came during the 1974 Cable & Wireless Windward Islands Tournament.

"Yes, I know he had talent," said the ex-General Secretary of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Football [Soccer] Association in his tribute, stating that Bonadie-Clarke was a player anyone would want on one's soccer team.

"I know you will be playing soccer in Heaven and will be learning the game of basketball when you meet the talented

Pearl Washington and many more who have gone before you," added Horne, referring to Bonadie-Clarke. "Cuthbert Keith "Slick" Bonadie-Clarke, may your soul rest in peace. Gone but would never be forgotten."

In adding to his previous tribute, former national soccer captain Stanley "Luxie" Morris, under whose captaincy Bonadie-Clarke played in the national squad and for Hairoun, said Bonadie-Clarke was "a very exceptional player, who was destined to be so," reiterating that Bonadie-Clarke played with "poise, grace, and assertively; and was a mastermind.

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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, your tendency this week is to escape into your mind and imagination. While that's fine for a little while, pretty soon you have to come back down to earth.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, people are pulling you in all sorts of directions this week. They each want you to share in their good times, but there's only so much of you that can go around.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, even though you generally like to keep your feet on the ground, this week you are looking to be a little adventurous. Let someone entice you into a whimsical journey.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, a desire to bring more calm into your life could have you seeking out a vacation or just a respite from daily life. Take the time to unwind and you'll come back recharged.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, this week may prove to be a little intense, but you'll muster the energy and strength to push on through. Balancing fun and some work-related responsibilities is key.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Practicality seems to disappear when you have your mind on enjoyable activities, Virgo. Find a way to be both fun and practical and you will be set.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Well-laid plans are the cornerstone of a successful week, Libra. Everything will go smoothly, but most days should pass without a hitch. Enjoy the brief respite.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, expect a lot of action this week. There's no slowing down as you check off each item on your to-do list. Others may have difficulty keeping up with you.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, live creative fantasies this week because you might not have another chance to indulge for a while. This is the break you have been seeking for some time.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Honesty is always the best policy, Capricorn. This will become obvious when a past untruth you shared comes back to haunt you. Confess now to save face.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
You have the physical stamina to accomplish many things, Aquarius. This week is bound to be one with a lot of progress. Make a list now of what you want to accomplish.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, be patient with the people around you. You may be fast to grasp a concept, but it could take others a little while longer.

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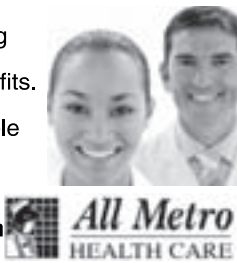
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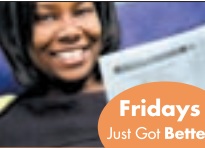
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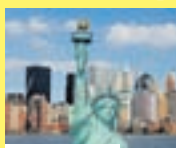
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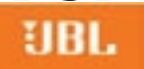
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