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## New Zealand takes the advantage

New Zealand batsman Kane Williamson, left, plays a shot as West Indies wicket-keeper De-nesh Ramdin (center), and Chris Gayle, (right back), look on during the opening day of their first cricket test match in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, June 8, 2014. See page 46.

AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco

## Heimlich maneuver a Senate life saver

By Chudi Chukwudi

A frightening moment in the New York State Senate that could have taken the life of a Brooklyn representative was averted by the heroic actions of a State Assemblyman and a Senate staffer.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver explained the incident and the consequences in a news release Wednesday after the incident and acknowledged the heroic actions of Assemblyman Sean Ryan and Assembly Staff Member Bakary

Janneh, as follows:

"As many of you know, an emergency transpired on the floor of this House last week," he said, adding: "One of our colleagues, Assembly Member

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# DIRTY GUYANA POLICE

## Police Association rankled by rogue members of the ranks

By Bert Wilkinson

In recent years, opposition groups, active media, rights organizations and ordinary Guyanese have watched in awe as the police administration grapples with a growing brigade of rogue cops engaged in open torture of criminal suspects, widespread

demand for bribes and a string of other atrocities that have reached to such an alarming stage that the umbrella police association says it now feels compelled to act.

In recent days, the association that represents about 2,500 junior officers and ordinary ranks, says it

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## Antigua

The ruling Antigua United Progressive Party (UPP) has promised that no new taxes will be introduced if it is re-elected government on June 12.

It has also pledged in its just released election manifesto that none of the existing taxes will be increased.

The manifesto dubbed, "The People's Charter", was unveiled recently before an audience of about 300 supporters at the Sandal Grande Antigua Resort.



The document promised further income tax relief of up to 20 percent, for thousands of low to middle income earners.

Among the promises is a regeneration of the Free Trade Zone to promote exports, the creation of jobs and attracting foreign direct investment.

The UPP said it would provide generous incentives to companies that import raw materials and manufacture finished products for export.

The UPP is relying on its agenda for the next years, which include economic stability to economic resilience, from social transformation to social cohesion, human development and promoting vibrant communities.

## Cuba

Cuba welcomed 1.28 million tourists between January and April this year - a five percent rise compared to the same period in 2013.

According to the National Statistics and Information Office (ONEI), the Spanish-speaking island, welcomed in April alone 287,103 foreign visitors, up four percent year-on-year.

Canadians continue to outnumber all other visitors to the island with 623,337 arrivals, followed by Germans with 55,238, according to PNEI, which noted that British, French and Italians tourists were also at the forefront of visitor numbers.



In 2013, Cuba attracted 2,852,572 tourists to its shores, more than a million of them from Canada. That number was just 150,000 short of the three million goal and



## Transition gaps for immigrant children

Most immigrant parents of children like this star soccer player want to be engaged in the lives of their sons and daughters but face obstacles in doing so. See story on page 8.

IPS/Marcelo Brociner

tourism authorities are aiming for this year.

Tourism is Cuba's second leading source of foreign revenue, with income of some \$1.8 billion in 2013, most of it for accommodation and food, according to official figures.

## Guyana

The United States has reaffirmed its commitment to work closely with the government of Guyana to combat the illicit trafficking of narcotics and illegal weapons.

At the signing of an agreement recently for the provision of additional funds in the amount of US\$850,000, US Ambassador, Brent Hardt said the citizens of Guyana should experience the benefits of improved security.



The agreement signed by Foreign Affairs Minister Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett and the ambassador, is the third amendment to the Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement agreement to support several on-going and new programmatic activities.

It also includes enhanced training in police functions such as evidence gathering, interrogation methods, and case development, Hardt said.

It will also focus on specialized investigation in the areas of human trafficking, gender-based violence, corruption and money laundering.

The funds will also go towards strengthening Guyana's correction service, with particular focus on the management and rehabilitation of juvenile detainees.

Since 2011, both governments, under the Caribbean Basin Initiative partnership have been working towards a common goal of building safer and more secure communities, the minister said.

## Jamaica

Jamaica's government says it is launching a US\$5 million welfare-to-work program that is expected to benefit some 2,000 people.

This was disclosed by National Security Minister Derrick Kellier who said the program will be implemented in the next two years.



He said the program aims to reduce the number of people who receive financial support and prepare them to enter the workforce.

The island's 2.9 million people has a 16 percent unemployment rate and nearly 17 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

## St. Lucia

St. Lucia Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony has assured Caribbean rum producers that marketing campaign to position Authentic Caribbean Rums in Europe and internationally has the backing of Caribbean governments.

Dr. Anthony was at the time speaking at a regional rum exposition in St. Lucia recently, which hosted 16 Caribbean rum producers and journalists from six European countries.

The prime minister acknowledged that despite victories at rum festivals worldwide, the Caribbean had a lot to do to maintain its foothold in traditional markets in Europe and to establish new markets.



He said although the region was known for the "absolute quality and excellence" in the rums produced, it still had to deal with competition in the international market.

The exposition was organized by the West Indies Rum and Spirits Producers Association to introduce to the visiting European journalists the Authentic Caribbean Rum marketing campaign and the mark associated with it.

## St. Vincent

A magistrate in St. Vincent and the Grenadines has jailed a mother of four for one year for burning her six-year-old son three times with an iron.

Tashika Da Souza, 23, pleaded guilty to a charge of grievous bodily harm before Magistrate Rechanne Browne-Matthias in the Kingstown Court last week.



Da Souza told the magistrate that she did not know the iron was hot when she pressed it against her son's left hand and abdomen.

Chief Prosecutor Adolphus Delphelec described the act as "wicked, backward and barbaric."

The court heard that Da Souza's son defecated on himself after she prepared him for school. She then burnt him with the iron.

## Trinidad

A Surinamese-born Dutch national was extradited to Singapore to face trial for fraud.

A r m a n a t h Jagmohan, who was detained in Trinidad since he was arrested on a provisional warrant in January last year, has lost his battle in the Trinidad High Court and Court of Appeal to avoid extradition.



It is alleged that sometime in May 2003, Jagmohan visited several money lenders in Singapore and attempted to change counterfeit euros. He was charged in Singapore but fled the country before his trial while on bail. He was held in Trinidad and Tobago on Jan. 29, 2013.

## Guyana

Guyana police are searching for two men in connection with the discovery of 10 pounds of cocaine worth millions of dollars hidden

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Left: CCH Pounder. Right: Machel Montano

Photo credit: Tangerine Clarke

# Messages of hope for a brighter future

## At UN, Carib artists address world issues

**By Tangerine Clarke**

Trinidad and Tobago superstars David Rudder and Machel Montano on June 6 joined artists at the UN in a global message of hope for a better future in the year 2015 and beyond.

Wearing a white ensemble, Montano's energetic performance got the audience to their feet and to the front of stage where he wowed guests with his chart-topping hits, calling on leaders to end hunger in the world.

"Haiti, I am sorry," said Rudder "One day we will lift our heads and see the glory to end poverty."

It was indeed an historic moment at UN headquarters as he joined a throng of fans to implore world lead-

ers to end poverty. The flag of Antigua&Barbuda was waved with excitement as Soca artist Tizzy revved up the audience as he called on the world to end abuse and trafficking of women and children.

The electrifying evening of music was inspired by the Antigua-born president of the General Assembly John Ashe, who said everyone has a role in making the world a better place.

"The lives of generations to come, the planet we call home and the future of all that encompasses our world depend on the actions we take today," he said.

Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, who joined Ashe on stage for a traditional African dance with Jai, reit-

erated that the year 2015 is a once-in-a-generation opportunity, adding that "our duty is to end poverty, leave no one behind and build lives of dignity for all," as he set the stage for the 2015 UN initiative to address critical issues affecting the world today, that will be addressed by world leaders next year.

The evening was punctuated by the pulsating rhythms of the islands, but it was former child-soldier Emmanuel Jai whose spoken-word poetry and rap music prayed for hope for the billions of people around the world, where every child can go to school and where all women and girls would not fear violence.

"Our weapon is music,"

said Jocelyne Bernard, as she called on people around the world to come together as one for a better understanding of each other.

The 60 million people still living in poverty in Bangladesh was brought into focus by artist Sumi, who said that despite recent process women make up the largest number of citizens who are hungry.

The evening of poignant tributes from all of the artists whose passions were heard in their lyrics ended with the words of Bob Marley: "One Love: Let's Get Together and Feel All Right."

The concert was co-hosted by veteran actress CCH Pounder and MSNBC Anchor T.J. Holmes.

## The measure of a man

**By Kenton K. Kirby**

The community Basil Paterson loved and served -- and who loved him in return, came together recently at a memorial service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Upper Manhattan and literally raised the roof of the famous church, during a poignant celebration of a life well lived.

Set in motion with the well-known hymn, "Blessed Assurance" led by the magnificent church choir; with the pipes of the great organ at full blast, yet almost stifled by the voices of mass congregation; the stability of the roof of the great church's literally seemingly under threat.

Goose bumps were in high order during the magnificent musical rendition, and remained at large throughout the ceremony, as speaker after speaker who knew Basil Patterson -- some with tears slipping down their cheeks, spoke of this giant-of-a-man, yet humble, who touched the lives of many.

From the get-go, an evening of tributes poured from the lips of all who knew Mr. Paterson; some very well, others not so well, as they heaped mountains of praise on the former lieutenant governor.

The Venerable Dr. James Forbes officiated at the service.

**Read some of the tributes.**

**The One Hundred Black Men fraternity:**  
"Basil Patterson's was a life well lived."

**Governor Andrew Cuomo:**

"A lawyer's lawyer."  
"A mediator's mediator."  
"Basil Paterson was marching in Memphis because he believed that was what Dr. King would have wanted." "We're all the better for it."

**Mayor Bill DeBlasio:**

"Praised the relationship with David Dinkins, for 1199 and the Labor Movement. His "signature calm amidst the stormi  
"He (taught us all) how to be leaders."  
"Like a leader, he went after the flock and led from behind."

**Former Mayor David Dinkins:**

Spoke of Basil Batterson's signature "calm  
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Family members and friends at the Basil Patterson memorial service.

Photo by Leonard McKenzie

# Dirty Guyana cops up to no good

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has become so ashamed of the actions of dirty officers in the force that it has sent representatives on missions to visit police stations to remind active officers and supervising ranks that the situation is getting out of hand and is bringing the entire system into disrepute.

Quiet and if not dormant for years, the association surfaced with a highly unusual statement this week just days after two officers were criminally charged with grievously harming a 15-year-old high school student by shooting him in the mouth because they believed he was withholding vital information about an armed robbery involving the relative of one of the policemen. One of the policemen was a cadet officer on probation.

Both have been remanded to prison and could face

up to 15 years in jail if convicted. The victim is being treated in hospital. He has told reporters that the officer played a game of Russian Roulette with him and appeared surprised when the revolver's spinning chamber lined up and ejected a bullet that nearly killed him. The magistrate remanded him to jail because of a previous attempt to bribe the victim, expressing fears that the same will occur if out on bail.

The statement was also issued by the body about two weeks after a policeman at a coastal station was crazy enough to pour a flammable liquid onto the hands of suspect in station detention and set them alight and about six months after another allegedly sodomized another suspect with a condom-covered baton at a station near the main airport. The

officer involved in this case has also been charged but is out on bail. The 19-year-old remains hospitalized while police complete their investigations into the matter.

The latest case of a suspect being set alight has come about five years after a group of policemen on the west coast poured a similar liquid on the genitals of a 15-year old and set them alight, scarring him for life. The state paid him a mere \$30,000 in compensation.

Apart from the association, opposition legislators and the Guyana Human Rights Association and Justice Cecil Kennard who heads the police complaints have all spoken out against the growing number of police torture and brutality cases urging immediate action by the top brass.

The body said that rogue

cops engaged in "venalities, inappropriate conduct and other transgressions, which tend to stigmatize the organization and bring into disrepute the credibility of the many hard working policemen and women. Supervisors must take swift, decisive and appropriate action against defaulting ranks," the association said.

Similar acts of brutality that prisoners and criminal suspects say they felt were ignored by the state led to the shooting deaths of 27 law enforcement officers between 2002-04. Most were killed by inmates on inordinately long periods of remand without trial who broke out and formed a murderous gang that killed a prison guard, a narco police officer, a soldier and 24 policemen. Critics fear a repeat of this if the police administration does not act quickly.

# Annette Robinson

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Annette Robinson, was choking and unable to breathe. A number of you immediately came to her aid, most notably Assembly Member Sean Ryan, who made several valiant attempts to dislodge the obstruction.

"Sean, we thank you for your heroic efforts.

"Recognizing that Mrs. Robinson's situation was worsening, a young man who was sitting in this Chamber at the time, Bakary Janneh, who is both a member of our Program and Counsel staff as well as a volunteer EMT with the local Mohawk Ambulance Corps came to the rescue, lifted Ms. Robinson from the floor, performed the Heimlich Maneuver with precise, technical perfection and saved her."

"Assembly Member Robinson, on behalf of the House, let me say how wonderful it is to know that you are well and back in action. As you know better than

anyone, it was a frightening moment and we are greatly relieved to see that you are okay."

The speaker asked Mr. Janneh, if he would stand and be recognized by the House, and continued:

"Bakary, first and foremost, let me say 'thank you.' Your calm, swift action prevented an accident from becoming a tragedy. We are fortunate indeed to have someone with your life saving training serving in the Assembly.

"In considering your actions last week and in reviewing your resume, you are clearly demonstrating both exceptional leadership qualities and a strong, selfless commitment to serving the greater good.

"Bakary, we salute your heroic actions and we are proud that you are a member of our Program and Counsel staff.

"My colleagues, let us join in giving Bakary Janneh a much deserved round of applause."

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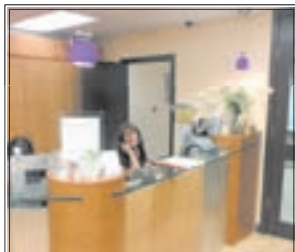
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Boro President, Eric Adams (center) with members of the APC, Inc. Community Group.

## Towards a healthier B'klyn

**By Nelson A. King**

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams says he's committed to building a healthier Brooklyn.

"My goal is how to build a healthy Brooklynite," Adams told the Fifth Annual Caribbean Health Summit on Jun. 5, organized by the Brooklyn-based community group, APC (Action, Performance, Commitment) Community Services, Inc., in conjunction with Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC), Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) and the American Heart Association.

"Part of this healthcare must move away from the current healthcare system," added Adams at the day-long event at KCHC's auditorium. "Here, we must go to another level in America.

"How do we become more spiritually-grounded?" he asked rhetorically. "I don't want to build another building; I want to build people."

Adams said his office was expected to commence mediation workshops this week, stating that he is fully committed to making Brooklyn residents more healthy.

According to summit participants, health care statistics show that Caribbean populations living in Brooklyn suffer disproportionately from a variety of health care concerns,

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including diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

Stating that health care literature indicates that medical providers need to be trained to provide comprehensive, culturally-competent care to Caribbean and other minority patients in reducing health disparities, organizers said that the summit addressed practice gaps for medical practitioners who provide care to Caribbean and other populations.

The conference focused particularly on diabetes, heart disease and stroke, with presentations from, among others, Drs. Michelle Johnson, assistant chief of cardiology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Nao-Solo Tetty, cardiovascular health education and community outreach coordinator, New York Presbyterian Hospital; Ronald Pedalino, director of cardiology at KCHC; Kurt Kodroff, chair, Department of Medicine, KJMC; Saka Kazeem, chief of endocrinology, KJMC; and Janice Emanuel-Bunn,

APC Community Services, Inc. president.

Suzette Williams, Family Nurse Practitioner at KCHC, Dr. Mauvareen Beverly, deputy executive director, case management, KCHC, and Dr. Michael Biglow, of KJMC, also presented on diabetes, cardiovascular programs and healthcare in general. KCH executive director, Ernest Baptiste, welcomed participants.

Experts urged attendees to practice health living by eating healthy and exercising regularly.

"Follow a meal plan, self-monitor and exercise," Williams urged diabetic patients. "Self-monitoring glucose is very important."

The experts said diabetes is a condition in which sugar levels are high, adding that, when one has diabetes, one's pancreas makes little or no insulin; and that the body prevents the insulin that one makes from working right.

As a result, sugar can't get into one's cells; so it stays in the blood, causing the blood sugar to get too high. This condition is called hyperglycemia.

Kelvin Smith, 51, author of "The Unlikely Candidate" and heart transplant patient, testified about complications from heart disease.

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# U.S. education system and immigrant parents

By Michelle Tullo

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2014 (IPS) - Immigrant parents in the United States face serious challenges accessing early elementary programmes for their children, advocates here are warning.

The centrality of parents in early childhood education is undisputed, yet a new report from the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), a Washington-based think tank, highlights a broad lack of programming for immigrant parents. The report lists gaps in translation services as well as cultural and systems knowledge for parents as primary obstacles, and notes significant potential impacts on children's education.

"With one in four young children in the United States living in an immigrant family, efforts to build trust and establish meaningful two-

way communication with these families is an urgent priority," states the report, released this week.

In recent years, U.S. policymakers have increased efforts to improve early childhood education. In January 2013, for instance, President Barack Obama introduced his Plan for Early Education for all Americans, which focuses on children to age five and includes funding high-quality preschool for all low- and moderate-income children.

Yet plans like this and others often overlook the importance of supporting immigrant parents, especially those with limited English-language proficiency. MPI's researchers warn that fast-changing demographics in the United States are making this oversight increasingly problematic.

"Immigration for the

longest time had been a five-state issue, but now it's a 40-state issue," Margie McHugh, one of the report's authors, said at a briefing Monday.

Of the one in four young children in the U.S. with immigrant parents, 45 percent are low-income, and their parents are twice as likely as native-born parents to have less than a high school diploma.

"This represents a significant risk factor for many young children of immigrants," the report states, "given that maternal educational attainment is closely linked with education outcomes for children, and parental education is closely linked with family earnings and economic well-being."

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# FPWA recognizes June as Safety Month

By The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

Each June, the National Safety Council celebrates National Safety Month as an opportunity to bring attention to important safety issues including preventing slips, trips and falls. The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) recognizes programs and community-based organizations throughout New York City serving vulnerable older New Yorkers that provide them with injury prevention strategies and instruction so they may live safely in their homes.

Older adults are at a much higher risk of unintentional injury and even death than the rest of the population. Seniors experience at least 6 million medically treated injuries and more than 30,000 deaths every year. Additionally, one out of every three older adults falls every year, but less than half actually speak to their health-care provider about it.

"National Safety Month is the optimum time to highlight programs that are designed to educate seniors how to remain injury free," states Kathleen Fitzgibbons, senior policy analyst for Elderly Welfare and Youth Services, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA). "It is imperative that older adults have continued guidance and support from trained social service professionals on ways to live safely and comfortably within their communities so that

they may have continued prosperity and stability," continued Fitzgibbons.

"Heights and Hills's mission is to promote successful aging in the community. Our services focus on keeping elders safe and independent in their homes," says Judy Willig, executive director of Brooklyn-based Heights and Hills. "Our case managers perform in-home assessments to determine how we can best support each senior so they can avoid injuries. Our goal is to identify and remove barriers that impede the older adults' safe functioning in their environment," continued Willig.

"Preventing injury among the older individuals we serve is of paramount concern to Search and Care," reports Susan Siroto, program director for the agency which serves Harlem residents. "Search and Care offers a multi-tiered case management model where seniors are fully assessed. Our care managers, work with occupational therapy interns to help many of our elders remain safe and independent with falls prevention initiatives including shower safety treads, reviewing and adjusting home lighting, and teaching chair ergonomics. Additionally, at our upcoming symposium, a doctor from The Center for Health and Healing will be speaking with 250 community elders about balance and safety in a panel segment entitled "Put Your Best Foot Forward," notes Siroto.

# Fed student loan repayments

By Chudi Chukwudi

President Obama declared 2014 a year of action – vowing to use the power of his pen and phone to help ensure that hardworking Americans have the opportunity to succeed. And this week will be no different. With a focus on supporting hardworking Americans and upholding our country's commitment to provide a quality education for all of our students, the president is again taking action. Today, he will deliver remarks at the White House, announcing new executive actions to further lift the burden of crushing student loan debt, including a Presidential Memorandum that will allow an additional five million borrowers with federal student loans to cap their monthly payments at just 10 percent of their income. A fact sheet detailing these new steps is below.

Tomorrow the president will do a live Q and A with Tumblr, answering questions directly from consumers across the country about this crucial issue. At both of those events, and throughout this week ahead of their upcoming vote, the President will use every opportunity to urge Congress to do their part by passing Senate Democrats' bill to help more young people save money by refinancing their federal student loans.

From reforming the student loan system and increasing Pell Grants to offering millions of students the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments at 10 percent of their income, making a degree more affordable and accessible has been a long-time priority for the President. But he knows there is much more work to do and that's what this week is all about.

## Presidential Fact Sheet

A postsecondary education is the single most important investment that Americans can make in their futures. Higher education results in higher earnings and a lower risk of unemployment, but for too many low- and mid-

dle-income families this essential rung on the ladder to opportunity and advancement is slipping out of reach. Over the past three decades, the average tuition at a public four-year college has more than tripled, while a typical family's income has barely budged. More students than ever are relying on loans to pay for college. Today, 71 percent of those earning a bachelor's degree graduate with debt, which averages \$29,400. While most students are able to repay their loans, many feel burdened by debt, especially as they seek to start a family, buy a home, launch a business, or save for retirement.

The president and his Administration have a long track record of taking steps to make college more affordable and accessible for families. And as part of his year of action to expand opportunity for all Americans, the president is committed to building on these efforts by using his pen and his phone to make student debt more affordable and more manageable to repay.

Today the president will use the power of his pen to help millions of borrowers afford their student loan payments. He will sign a new Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of Education to propose regulations that would allow nearly 5 million additional federal direct student loan borrowers the opportunity to cap their student loan payments at 10 percent of their income. The Presidential Memorandum also outlines a series of new executive actions aimed to support federal student loan borrowers, especially for vulnerable borrowers who may be at greater risk of defaulting on their loans.

Today the President will also reiterate his call for the Senate to pass legislation that could help an estimated 25 million Americans refinance outstanding student loans at lower interest rates, the same as those available to federal student loan borrowers taking out

loans this year. This move could save a typical student \$2,000 over the life of his or her loans.

The Challenge of Student Debt: The challenges of managing student loan debt can lead some borrowers to fall behind on their loan payments and in some cases even default on their debt obligation, with such consequences as a damaged credit rating, losing their tax refund, or garnished wages. Because credit ratings are increasingly scrutinized in making employment offers, financing a home, or even opening a bank account, a damaged credit rating can further reduce borrowers' ability to repay their loans. Today's actions build on the Administration's significant progress in creating flexible repayment options for borrowers and raising awareness about the steps borrowers can take to responsibly manage their debt.

Capping Student Loan Payments at 10 Percent of Income: Today, the president will direct the secretary of Education to ensure that student loans remain affordable for all who borrowed federal direct loans as students by allowing them cap their payments at 10 percent of their monthly incomes. The Department will begin the process to amend its regulations this fall with a goal of making the new plan available to borrowers by December 2015.

With legislation passed by Congress and signed by the president in 2010 and regulations adopted by the Administration in 2012, most students taking out loans today can already cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their incomes. Monthly payments will be set on a sliding scale based upon income. Any remaining balance is forgiven after 20 years of payments, or 10 years for those in public service jobs. However, this Pay As You Earn (PAYE) option is not available to students with older loans (those who borrowed before October 2007 or who have not borrowed since October 2011), although they can access similar, less generous options.

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# Possibly hinting at bold new leadership

As President Obama keeps plugging away, trying to navigate a divided Congress -- the most daunting of challenges, with House Republicans, in particular, uniformly committed to non-cooperation -- there's no end, correspondingly, to the pile-on of banner issues from which GOP obstructionists hope to reap political pay dirt. As we've noted here previously, the Affordable Care Act's place in the pile as a major Obama-bashing gift has evidently been revised dramatically downward, now that going harshly negative on the health care fix has been shown to have serious backfire potential. But there remain a lot more on which Republicans pin hopes to score campaign points -- the well-worn Benghazi story, alleged IRS targeting of conservative groups, mismanagement at the V.A. and all the rest.

In wake of the latest brouhaha for which the president earned himself some more GOP poison darts, the p.o.w swap involving Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, after a professional colleague and good friend shared with me some cogent analysis about how full of bias and hypocritical was the Republicans' pummeling of the president for authorizing the swap,

my rejoinder was that such detailed critique was wasted on Republicans' stock reflex-action response to the Bergdahl story. It suffices to simply know this: Had George W. Bush taken precisely the same action Obama did, there would be nothing but hosannas from the GOP chorus.

Automatic rejection by Republicans of practically every initiative Obama has undertaken, even those which in another life had strong Republican legs, leaves absolutely no doubt, of course, as to what would befall an issue known to be pure acid in GOP country... among some Democrats too, one would imagine. No wonder that the president has so far refrained from acting on a suggestion reportedly pitched to him by his former secretary of state.

Among the tidbits leaked in the lead-in tease before release of the new Hillary Clinton memoir, "Hard Choices," was that as secretary of state, she suggested to President Obama that he consider lifting the embargo on Cuba -- clearly, for us, head and shoulders above anything else heard from the Amen corner attributed to Secretary Clinton. Interesting, the source of this "dare-

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

devil" conjecture. Only because we have always felt that Bill Clinton, one of the smartest guys to have occupied the White House in many moons, surely must have been convinced, while in the role, that ritualistic perpetuation of an embargo almost unanimously opposed elsewhere around the world, had to be senseless. And that if he had his druthers, he would have himself floated the idea that this relic of the Cold War era be forthwith retired.

Only, lest we forget, maybe not with quite the venom and depths of ugly that the racial component has laid bare with the sitting president, but Clinton had an army of full-time haters as well with which to contend. He too, like the current guy, was considered a White House interloper, by the elitist bunch who long ago assumed the self-styled mantle of "guardianship" of the Republic. So President Clinton, if ever he flirted with the notion of rattling the cages of charac-

ters hell bent on maintaining the Cuba embargo till kingdom come, probably considered the costs and promptly switched channels.

But now the Clinton camp draws our attention again on this nettlesome Cuba conundrum...at least for those forcibly beholden to a policy they know to have long outlived any usefulness. Do the sentiments Hillary says she conveyed to the president on Cuba reflect a strongly felt policy position she would herself pursue if given the opportunity? And what, in the way of strategy, would she bring to the table that would make a U.S. shift in Cuba policy a more viable prospect?

We've been for all these years in the vice grip of a tail-wagging-dog equation with respect to Cuba, where a small vested interest has exerted disproportionate national influence on how the U.S. engages Cuba. While in some quarters it's seen as making good political sense for America to respond to Cuba today the way the Kennedy administration did back then, there's increasing evidence that a lot more Americans aren't of that view. There has been polling indicating a shift in attitudes, surprisingly even among residents

in the Cuban-American stronghold in Florida. A survey published by the Atlantic Council registered 64 percent support for ending the embargo in that part of Florida. At some point, numbers have got to stand for something. In addition to poll numbers, there's the emphatic message annually sent to the U.S. by the UN General Assembly where, this country has recently had but a solitary assist from Israel against the tidal wave of disapproval from the world community, whenever the embargo question is up for a vote.

Although many have concluded that Hillary Clinton has already decided to be a candidate in 2016, she insists she has not. One doesn't want to read too much into her having broached the Cuban embargo question to the president, but it's foolhardy all the same to treat it lightly. If she is committed to making that 2016 run, and if she is fully prepared to have the Cuban embargo conversation despite stick-in-the-mud sound and fury from the usual suspects, she has already earned plaudits from those of us flabbergasted by America's confounding insistence on being embarrassingly out of step.



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# Journey to Excellence Ceremony in Queens

## Faith Temple Church honors the local press

**By Kimmy-Roux James**

Looking from the outside, the white stucco building framed with a chrome-gated entrance seems nothing more than a building wedged on a busy street. But looking up to see a cross, it would be clear that the building is a church. Inside, there's a relatively small, furnished hall with 200 plush, red chairs, and an adjoining room -- separated by a glass-enclosed wall, for additional seating.

On Saturday, June 7, the church -- named Queens Faith Temple of Seventh-day Adventists (QFT), hosted a special Education Day celebration themed: "The Journey to Excellence."

Around 11 a.m., the church sanctuary is near seating capacity, while a Bible study program wraps up and is followed by announcements. The celebration began with 18 graduates, dressed in blue and yellow regalia, marching down the church's aisle to be seated in the first three rows. With all the pomp and circumstance, there is an air of pride and joy that fills the church.

"This is a special day!" said Pastor Clyde Thomas, program coordinator of the

special event. "We are here to honor the achievements our graduates have attained and inspire others to reach their educational pursuits."

For an hour, graduates from kindergarten to university status were individually and collectively recognized with a medal of honor or awarded with a bronze-plated plaque.

"I almost welled up with tears receiving so many touching messages from my church members," said Ms. Jellisa Grant, a recent college graduate. "I really love my church and the support they have given me through my years of study."

Ms. Grant graduated with honors and plans to become an attorney.

"No matter how smart you are, put God first and allow him to lead your life," said Dr. Waitline Williams, who shared her story of earning her doctorate in nursing.

Other notable mention were given to two Adventist Education institutions: Greater New York Academy and Northeastern Academy, for their continued commitment to Christian education. In addition, members from the community, including New York's Carib-

bean Life newspaper and the Queens Press were specially recognized for their media services to the Queens community.

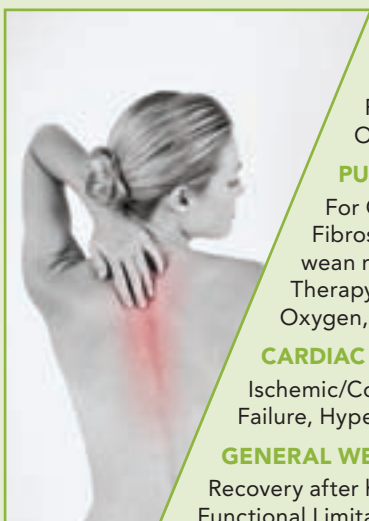
The sermon was preached by 12-year-old, Charles Clarke, and 11-year-old, Anthony Trim, taking turns on the topic: "Go for the Goal!" Each delivered inspiring 20-minute messages about athletes who had to overcome defeat on their journey towards the achievement a higher education.

"One day, when they're all grown up," said Pastor Thomas, referring to the two young men, "they'll look back on this moment and remember that we, as a church body, took the time to cherish and devote our time to honor their hard work in school and the community."

Queens Faith Temple is a faith community rooted in the beliefs described by the Holy Scriptures. Programs like the Education Day celebration are hosted once a year. The church is located at 217-03 Merrick Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY. To learn more about QFT, visit: [www.queens-faithtemple.org](http://www.queens-faithtemple.org).

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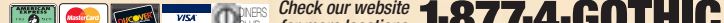
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# Dr. Yvonne McCallum-Peters

By Nelson A. King

Dr. Yvonne McCallum-Peters was born and raised in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member-nation of Guyana.

She has earned a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Dr. McCallum-Peters began her academic duty at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York (CUNY) in the fall semester of 1994.

She worked as a part-time Basic Education/GED instructor in the Continuing Education Department, now known as the Department of External Programs.

In the fall of 1998, Dr. McCallum-Peters became a full-time faculty member of the Post Secondary Readiness Center, now renamed Academic Foundations Division.

She has also been an adjunct faculty member of the English Department since 2000.

Before joining the Medgar Evers College faculty, Dr. McCallum-Peters



Photo shows Dr. Yvonne McCallum-Peters receiving community service award in Feb. 2014 from the Brooklyn-based APC Community Services, Inc. executives, President Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bunn and chairman Dr. Gordon John.

Photo by Nelson A. King

taught at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, from 1985 until her full-time appointment at Medgar Evers College.

She has also been an adjunct assistant professor at Brooklyn College, where she continues to teach basic skills in the summer and winter programs.

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## CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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in boxes containing peppers and ochroes at Piarco International Airport, Trinidad last month.

The Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU) of Guyana has issued wanted bulletins for the alleged suspects who have been identified as Caleb Habeeb Caesar, 30, of Newton, Guyana and Phillip Carlos Jermin Lovell, 37, of Guyhoc Park, Guyana.

Photographs of the wanted men have been posted in the newspapers in Guyana.

Guyana police said the quantity of cocaine was found hidden in boxes containing peppers and ochroes on a Caribbean Airlines flight which had earlier arrived in Trinidad from Guyana. The final destination of the flight was stated as New York.

There is concern over how the cocaine went unnoticed by Guyanese authorities and was allowed to slip through security at the Cheddi Jagan Airport.

### St. Vincent

Chairman of regional airline LIAT, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, prime minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines said a technical

committee will soon be established between management and workers to oversee the smooth and improved daily operations of the company.

He said the decision was made at a meeting last month between the chairman and shareholders committee and directors, the new chief executive officer and the union representing the workers across the region.



Dr. Gonsalves said the basis of the meeting was to review an eight-page document submitted by the unions representing workers, analyzing the failings of the company and provided recommendations for urgent measures to stem the downward spiral of the regional airline.

The document was submitted to the LIAT chairman in February.

The Vincentian prime minister said the new LIAT CEO David Evans presented a broad overview of his vision and "strategic frame" for the airline's future, which he plans to make available in detail to all LIAT shareholders, including workers.

*Compiled by Azad Ali*

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# Clear need in the U.S. for SVG business

By Nelson A. King

Maxwell Haywood, president of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, Inc. has expressed delight about what he described as a very successful initial, special Diaspora business meeting last Saturday aimed at establishing a Vincentian American Chamber of Commerce.

Haywood, a United Nations social development officer, told Caribbean Life, in an exclusive interview, that the main Vincentian organizations in the Diaspora, with the capacity to initiate the project, are “fully” supportive of the initiative.

“I feel a sense of great accomplishment by our Diaspora to have managed to bring this idea this far,” said Haywood after the meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, considered the primary gathering venue for most Vincentians and organizations in the “Big Apple.” “Our community is better off as a result of this successful meeting.

“I feel as if we are now on a path that, in many ways, could be irreversible in terms of setting a firm foundation for more wealth creation in our Vincentian community in the United



Maxwell Haywood, chairperson of the Diaspora Committee addressing the special Diaspora business meeting last Saturday.

Photo courtesy of SVG Diaspora Committee of New York, Inc.

States,” he added. “This has great implications for the development process in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Vincentian Diaspora.”

Haywood said the meeting, convened in partnership with the Brooklyn-based umbrella Vincentian group in the United States, Coun-

cil of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), and the New York Consulate General, attracted about 30 delegates.

He said the meeting achieved the objectives of presenting the case for a Vincentian business organization in the United States,

hearing the views of the Vincentian business persons in the U.S. and establishing a Steering Committee.

Eight nationals were nominated to lead the Steering Committee, Haywood said. They comprise: Vaughn Toney, president and chief executive officer of the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Centers, Inc.; lawyers Curlina Edwards and Colin Liverpool; educator Dr. Atiba Weza; businesswoman Joanne Legair; insurance executive Judy Marksman; medical supplies personnel Michelson Mclean; and accountant Andre Bailey.

Haywood noted that the Vincentian Diaspora in the field of business has a “long history” in the U.S.

“All along, it was always the view of most people that more could be done in the Diaspora to promote the growth and development of Vincentian-owned businesses in the U.S.A.,” he said.

“There is a clear need in the U.S.A. for the Vincentian business owners, Vincentian business professionals and Vincentian business students to come together on a constant basis to address issues and opportunities before them, and to come up with solutions that the entire Diaspora community in the U.S.A. and SVG

(St. Vincent and the Grenadines) could rally around,” he added.

Furthermore, Haywood said the business sector in St. Vincent and the Grenadines has expressed interest in working together with Vincentians living abroad in promoting the business interest of Vincentians at home and those in the Diaspora.

He also pointed to the formulation of ideas and proposals in the business section of the Diaspora Framework for Action, which emerged from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Conference of 2009.

One of those proposals is the creation of a “Vincentian Business Association in the Diaspora,” Haywood said.

He said the initiative is to empower Vincentian-owned businesses in the U.S.

“It will enhance the process that would establish of a strong Vincentian platform or umbrella organization – Vincentian Chamber of Commerce in the U.S.A./ Vincentian Business Association in the Diaspora,” Haywood said.

“It will promote Diaspora investments in the economic and business development of SVG and in the United States,” he added.

“We believe that it will

provide the opportunities for all Vincentians to discuss the business and economic development issues in SVG and in the SVG-U.S. Diaspora,” he continued.

Additionally, Haywood said such initiative will promote “productive employment and wealth-creation in SVG and in the United States, via Diaspora investments.

“This initiative will help us to think through these matters and to develop clear views as to how the Diaspora could create a platform for promoting business activities that will benefit Vincentian businesses and, by extension, all Vincentians at home and abroad,” he said.

Toney was the featured speaker at the meeting, which also heard from Edwards, representing COSAGO; Cecil McKie, SVG Minister of Sports, Tourism and Culture; U.N. Amb. Rhonda King; Consul Gen. Selmon Walters; Mulrairie “Mac” Richards, public relations officer of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, Inc.; Ben Harrison, Toronto-based International Correspondent, THE VINCEN-TIAN newspaper; and Margarita Cabral, of the Brooklyn-based New American Chamber of Commerce.

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# Erectile Dysfunction — more than a quality of life problem!

BY JACK RYAN

The benefits of seeking professional treatment for erectile dysfunction may seem obvious to both the patient and his partner. But what many men don't realize is that a thorough evaluation of this condition can uncover serious threats to their health.

Dr. Vitaly Raykhman, Director of the New York Urological Institute in Sheepshead Bay, says that millions of men in the United States suffer from erectile dysfunction. Typically, he said, the man can't perform at all or is not satisfied with his sexual performance. The dysfunction can surface at any age, but it is more common in men 50 years old or older.

The problem can be psychological or the impotence may be caused by physiological abnormalities. In such cases, he said, the dysfunction may be

related to diabetes or an indication of even more serious conditions. A series of clinical tests done at the Urologic Institute can help doctors determine the reason of impotence.

"Sexual dysfunction is not just an embarrassment or inconvenience," said Dr. Raykhman. "It is important that men who are experiencing this problem be promptly and properly evaluated by a urologist."

Erectile dysfunction, he stressed, can be an early indicator of "metabolic syndrome," a name given to a group of factors that raise the risk for heart disease and other health threats, including heart attack and stroke.

"The fact that they are bringing this problem into their consciousness can give a physician several years of lead time in heading off these far more serious medical problems,"

said Dr. Raykhman. "Could a visit to a urologist indirectly save a patient's life? Absolutely."

At this time, the doctor explained, there is no cure for organic impotence. However, a skilled urologist can slow the progress of the dysfunction and with the proper treatment most patients can regain a more satisfying sexual experience.

Although surgery is sometimes necessary, "it's the last resort." Changes in lifestyle can often reverse the effects of erectile dysfunction. These include exercise, improvements in diet, and a reduction in smoking and alcohol intake. Erectile dysfunction can often be treated with medications such as Cialis, Viagra, Levitra or hormone therapy.

Dr. Raykhman stressed that because an erection is a vascular event, erec-



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tile dysfunction needs to be taken seriously. Fortunately, he said, for many reasons, men are no longer as reluctant to discuss this condition with a doctor as they once were.

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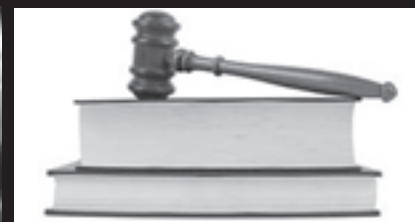


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# Education system

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support and engage immigrant parents in the United States, while ongoing budget battles in Washington are impacting on initiatives that have partially filled this gap.

The government has cut funds for Head Start, a federal programme that provides public preschool and health services to low-income children. And Even Start, a federal family literacy programme that integrated adult literacy with parenting education, was defunded in 2010.

These cuts disproportionately affect immigrant families.

Some programmes do exist, either through private or piecemeal funding, but these advocates say these typically lack accountability standards and continuity, since funding is so fickle. Such initiatives also tend not to communicate or coordinate with one another, meaning, for instance, that programmes aimed at secondary education do not

build on those for primary schooling.

Focus group participants from MPI's study said that programmes offered very limited translation and interpretation services, and generally ignored languages other than Spanish. Some projects did offer classes to parents, but long waiting lists, inconvenient hours or lack of child care reportedly deterred parents – despite a strong desire to participate.

"I don't go to [parent engagement] programmes like this because one time I went, and the school had me waiting for an hour, standing around and waiting for an interpreter," one parent told MPI researchers. "I was so tired of waiting – I have no idea what they told me in the end and they didn't help me at all."

Even when translation services are provided or parents speak English, understanding teachers or school materials requires a substantial understanding of the U.S. education lexicon and culture.



One federal project, Promise Neighborhoods, is funding a pilot programme specifically geared towards immigrant parents in a neighbourhood near Washington.

"In the majority of the families we work with, the parents are trying to be deeply engaged in their children's lives," Eliza Leighton, the programme's director, told IPS.

"Many parents came to this country to make sure their kids have access to quality education, yet when they arrive they find there's very

limited information available for them."

The lack of information leaves parents unaware of available resources and also leaves them in the dark about early childhood development.

"For example, many parents work under the misconception that they should only read to their child in English – and if it's not in English, then they shouldn't read at all," Leighton says. "That's not true. It's wonderful to read to your child, even if it's not in English."

The pilot project has four

main components. First are "parent promoters", each of whom has about 50 families to connect to the community. Second is a 13-week parent and teacher class, conducted mostly in Spanish, to teach parents how to support their child's development.

The third component is a series of community events to build a support community for immigrant parents. Finally, the last part is a class to educate teachers on the linguistic and cultural needs of their students and

families.

If the programme is successful, supporters say it could be expanded throughout the country.

## DATA NEEDED

MPI notes that increasing the collection of pertinent data would increase the visibility of immigrant parents for school administrators, especially parents who speak a language other than Spanish.

Currently, from the school to federal level, data collection begins in kindergarten. But more information could help teachers better understand the needs of their students and help policymakers hear demands for programming catered to immigrant parents.

Of course, programmes to educate immigrant parents overlap with the field of adult education, like adult literacy classes. However, few federal adult-education programmes meet the needs of parents that lack English-language proficiency.

"Right now, adult education programmes are only meeting about four percent of needs," McHugh said.

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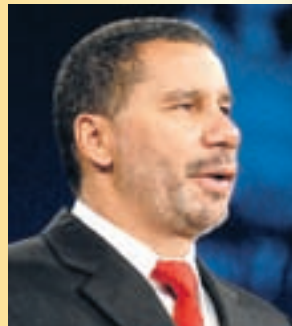
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Temporah Williams, left, and Rutland Center Director Nicole Casimir  
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## Milestone celebration for Brooklyn centenarian

By Chudi Chukwudi

The Rutland Nursing Home's Adult Day-Care Center at Brooklyn's Kingsbrook Medical Center held a 100th birthday party for Mrs. Temporah Jones Williams last week.

Center staff, friends and medical specialists showed up to honor Ms. Williams on her incredible day that included a DJ, refreshments, dancing and a number of festivities. Dressed in a lovely purple two-piece outfit, Ms. Williams was radiant as she was surrounded by the many caregivers who love and adore her.

The Rutland Center, which caters to a cultural cross-section of the community, enables physically challenged adults and frail elderly to spend the day with friends at the facility and their evenings at home. Caregivers find the Center a tremendous asset in providing respite for the elderly as they tend to their busy schedules. Seniors are eligible for the program if they do not require a full-time nursing home but are in need of supportive health-care to help them maintain independent lifestyles in the

community.

Mrs. Temporah Jones Williams, also known as "Tempie" was born at home at the family farm in Millen (Jenkins County) Georgia on

**"I opened this place and I'm still here. This is my spot!"**

June 4th, 1914. Her father was a farmer whose crop included cotton, corn and vegetables and her mother cooked for the Jones family until their death. She was one of seven sisters and two brothers and still maintains contact with "her aunt's daughter" a first cousin who still resides in Georgia. She attended grade school in Millen until she moved in with her grandmother and aunt to accommodate her high school education in Atlanta, Georgia about 193 miles away.

She moved back home after high school and became a schoolteacher for Grades 1-6 and also worked on the family farm as a cotton picker.

Mrs. Williams married at

age 28 to James Marshall Williams who she said was "five years older than her". They moved to Savannah, Georgia, his home town, and gave birth to their son, John Elbert in 1943. She moved to Brooklyn about 60 years ago and currently resides in Crown Heights.

Mrs. Williams joined the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center-Rutland Adult Day Care Center upon its establishment in 1990 at age 76 and has been an active participant since then.

With pride she stated: "I opened this place and I'm still here" and, pointing to her seat, adds: "This is my spot!"

She remains active at Brown Memorial Baptist Church and was an avid bowler up until recently with numerous awards for her feats. She loves vanilla ice cream, her favorite color is purple, and can still dance a storm. Her favorite hymn is "I come to the garden alone."

She is known as a very optimistic, generous individual, and is a "ball of fire", energetic and dynamic, celebrating her 100th birthday.

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# Grenada Revolution film at Medgar Evers

“Forward Ever: The Killing of a Revolution,” a documentary film that examines the rise and implosion of the Maurice Bishop-led People’s Revolutionary Government (1979-1983) of Grenada will have its New York premiere on Friday, June 20 at the Main Auditorium, Medgar Evers College, CUNY, commencing at 6:00 p.m. The film, which runs approximately two hours, focuses on events in 1983 surrounding the execution of Prime Minister Bishop, cabinet members and civilians and the subsequent U.S. military invasion in alliance with certain governments in the region.

The film was produced and directed by the noted documentary filmmaker Dr. Bruce Paddington. This special screening is being presented by the Caribbean Awareness Committee in conjunction with the Medgar Evers College Film & Culture Series

and the film’s producer.

“Forward Ever: The Killing of a Revolution” utilizes archival footage, some of it never before publicly shown, and interviews with a number of key participants to raise some profound questions about this tragic and pivotal turn of events in Caribbean history – a sequence that began in 1979 with the dramatic wresting of power from Grenada’s then prime minister Eric Gairy by Bishop’s New Jewel Movement.

Roger Toussaint, former president of the Transport Workers Union Local 100 and a member of the Caribbean Awareness Committee, said: “The Grenada experience impacted the course of struggles throughout the Caribbean and beyond. This film makes a valuable contribution to those of us concerned about the way forward to a progressive Caribbean.”

The film’s New York pre-

miere at Medgar Evers was deliberate scheduling, in light of and intended for the large Caribbean immigrant population domiciled in the borough. Other screenings of the film are scheduled for Harlem (June 21), Lower Manhattan (June 26) and Rochester, NY (June 27).

The Medgar Evers screening will be followed by a Q & A session with a panel comprising Dr. Paddington, Grenadian academic Dr. Paul Clement and Toussaint as moderator. Admission to this screening is free and open to the general public. The Medgar Evers College auditorium is located in the main campus building, 1650 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, at Crown Street.

For further information, contact Caribbean Awareness Committee at: 718-532-6347. The film’s trailer may be accessed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzDAIZFESkQ>.

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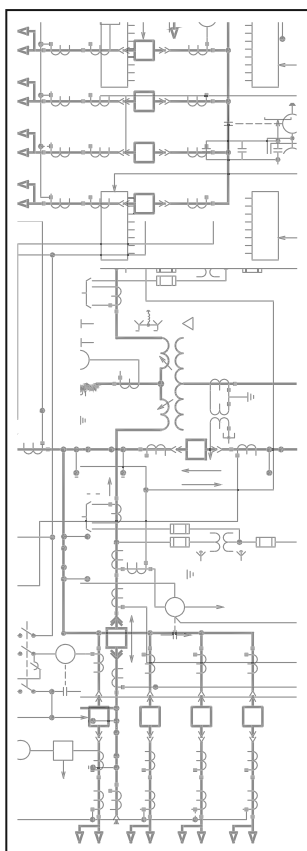
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# The measure of a man

Continued from Page 3 amidst the storm." There was "a softer genius behind "his outward countenance. He was "never faunted by power." "I'm reminded of Maya Angelou's poem: "When great trees fall." "We all can be and are better because he existed."

**Eric Schneiderman:** "He was incredibly generous with his time."

**Charles Rangel:** "I'm pleased that Basil came into my life." "I didn't know that he was part of the 'Bulay,'" "What we can do to be more like Basil is to fight for teachers, fight for children, for people who are sick" ... "I shared a part of the wonderful friendship of Basil Patterson."

**David Dinkins:** [Sobbing]: "The Gang of Four is no more." I cannot remember anything that has hit me as hard as losing Basil. His "unparalleled dedication to helping to serve the people of this city." "We all have the power to live our lives with ... and that's what Basil did." "Death is not the end, but the opening of a door that leads to eternal life. We must not lose sight of where he came from and where he's going. Serving others is the rent we pay for living here on earth." "Basil has paid in full."

**Keith Wright:** "He was a friend to his enemies. Never once did Baail

get agitated by anyone. His legacy is with his grandchildren."

**Inez E. Dickens** "Today the Village of Harlem is celebrating the memory of its son." "I knew Basil since age 9." "I was blessed to know this man of distinction." "He broke down barriers and gave hope to Black people in this country." "He was a soft-spoken... but strong labor leader. A fierce litigator..." "No man succeeds without a good woman." "The next gang of four would come from the Patterson family. "People may fight what you said ... what you did, but they won't forget how you make them feel." "He was "a friend of age and a guide of youth."



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# 7 beauties vie for Miss New York

By Nelson A. King

Seven Caribbean beauties will vie this Saturday evening for Miss New York Continental 2014 at George Wingate Campus in Brooklyn.

The contestants will be representing St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Shereescia Browne); Tobago (Jadini Phillips); Grenada (Imani Peterson); New York Elite (Joseanne Harper); Barba-

dos (Drina Akuetarie); St. Lucia (Kelly Indy Smith); and Trinidad (Aaniya Johnson).

Miss Jamaica, who was initially slated to appear in the pageant, will not be doing so, according to Yvonne Peters, the Vincentian-born president of the organizing group.

"At this moment, the committee for the Caribbean American Cultural

Group, Inc. is working diligently to ensure that our audience enjoys the Miss New York Continental 2014 Pageant," Peters told Caribbean Life.

"Our contestants are from our community right here in New York, yet representing islands from the Caribbean through prenatal heritage, Caribbean or U.S. born," she added, stating that the young ladies will

make three appearances in which "they will eloquently display grace, poise and knowledge with swim wear, talent and evening wear."

Peters said the beauties will end the evening with an interview from a panel of judges.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. at George Wingate Campus, 600 Kingston Ave, behind Kings County Hospital Center.



Yvonne Peters (L) and Dr. Roxie Irish (R) with contestants for Miss New York Continental Pageant 2014. Miss Jamaica, Eddine Sampson, has dropped out of the competition.

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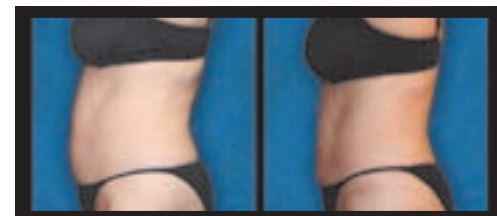


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# 'My Jamaica!' Festival now includes storytelling

Familiar Jamaica terms such as Aunty Roachie – (Miss Lou character) Dutchie (cooking utensil made of iron) and Ska, names three festivals that will be incorporated to make this year's Jamaica Festival a more diverse island-wide celebration.

Extended to run from June to Independence Day in August, national Emancipation and Independence event were detailed recently when Lisa Hanna, the island's minister of culture announced the theme for 2014 would be "This is Jamaica ...My Jamaica."

A new feature of the festival is the introduction of the Aunty Roachie Festival. Named for the character created by poet/actress/folklorist Louise Bennett, this aspect is tailored 'to showcase the storytelling talent of Jamaica Literary, Film and Television communities.' Aunty Roach Festival will feature: a short film competition, trailers from new television program, a



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

book fair, poetry reading and storytelling.

An appeal for submission of scripts for the short film competition will open the competition to everyone who make applications at [www.cptcjamaica.com](http://www.cptcjamaica.com)

Hanna said the redesigned program also includes the Heart of Ska International Festival and the Dutchie Culinary Festival which will add music and cooking to the major festival. Also making a debut are Live Music Tuesdays, National Independence Exhibitions and Independence Signature Conversations — which will reflect the government's determination to enhance the contribution of culture and the creative industries to the national economy.

The most major change to the annual Jamaica Festival

program is that the celebrations of Emancipation and Independence which usually refers to the week of celebration from July 31 to Aug. 6, Independence Day is now extended to brand Jamaica Festival a season of activities beginning in June.

The redesigned Jamaica Festival includes an expansion of activities to incorporate most areas of the Cultural and Creative Industries including literature, film, television, culinary arts and fashion. The program also increases focus on parish and community activities in order to widen the identification, development and showcasing of talent island wide. In this regard, the ministry is introducing the Big Stage - a talent search competition at the community and parish levels which

will provide unprecedented exposure for creative talent and present an opportunity for development through the JCDC's new artiste management program.

"In the spirit of not leaving our cultural development to chance, we have made the strategic and deliberate decision to enhance the Jamaica Festival program by reviving, revitalizing and adding new activities to the season of celebration and reflection. Culture is an economic catalyst that we must maximize for the benefit of our people."

Hanna said that Jamaica Festival would continue to ensure that Jamaicans "never forget the ancestors who fought for and attained our Emancipation and our Independence" and be "inspired by their example of triumph in the face of adversity".

The minister said that the celebrations would also be used to emphasize the importance of family values through the first ever

National Family Day.

"I really wanted to do this as a way of helping to heal the Jamaican family. Many of the challenges that our children face are directly related to problems in the homes. If we can fix the families, we will fix Jamaica."

National Family Day is set for Aug. 2. Hanna is encouraging families, particularly those who have never had a reunion, to use the opportunity to connect to their roots and "to bolster the ties that bind."

Additionally, Hanna appealed for support of the reintroduced Independence Ball which will be a major fundraising event to improve conditions for Children in State Care.

A statement of solidarity with the people of Nigeria was issued on behalf of the government. The statement referenced the kidnapping and hostage holding of schoolchildren by terrorists.

## CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH OFFERS SOMETHING POSITIVE & BRAATA

Something Positive -- acclaimed as New York's premier Afro-Caribbean performing dance company -- slates a number of events to mark Caribbean Heritage Month. Under the artistic direction of Michael Manswell, two back-to-back weekend engagements promise high energy activities at Jazz at Lincoln Center on June 14 when a Pan-Jazz performance bills Tales from the Silk Cotton Tree. The following day, Long Island University's Kumble Theater is the venue for another spectacular Brooklyn showcase. The following weekend, two fundraising events -- designed to bolster support for their public performances, educational programs and improvement projects -- promise an all-white summer fete on June

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## Launch of fashion and accessory designs

By Tangerine Clarke

Janice Lawrence Clarke, fashion connoisseur and creative director of JLC Productions was elated that her 30-year dream to market Caribbean-heritage fashion and accessory designers in the U.S. became a reality when the Caribbean American Fashion Exchange (CAFE) initiative was launched with great fanfare.

The social entrepreneur partnered with the Caribbean Tourism Organization Foundation on June 5 at a fundraising reception during Caribbean Heritage Week, and promised that CAFE will provide a forum for the region's creative industries to engage the North American market.

Wearing a creation by Meiling, a fellow Trinidad and Tobago-born professional, Lawrence Clarke expressed her eagerness to showcase Caribbean coutu-



Barbadian-born Dexter John designer of John1NY and EMK Espadrille shoe designer Willem Germany with Janice Lawrence Clarke (center).

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

riers through a variety of programs that would help them to build their brands.

The eloquent fashion expert that was applauded by the Diaspora for her brilliant concept, said the door is open for Caribbean nationals to share "our vibrant, culturally-rich heritage. It is time

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## Battle 'On Broadway'

By Vinette K. Pryce

Hinton Battle stopped into New York's hottest nightspot for one night and there at 54 Below delivered classic, jazz and blues. Billed for a singular engagement to pay homage to jazz legends the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole and others the three-time Tony winner sampled a track from his stint along the Great White Way to sing "Sophisticated Ladies."

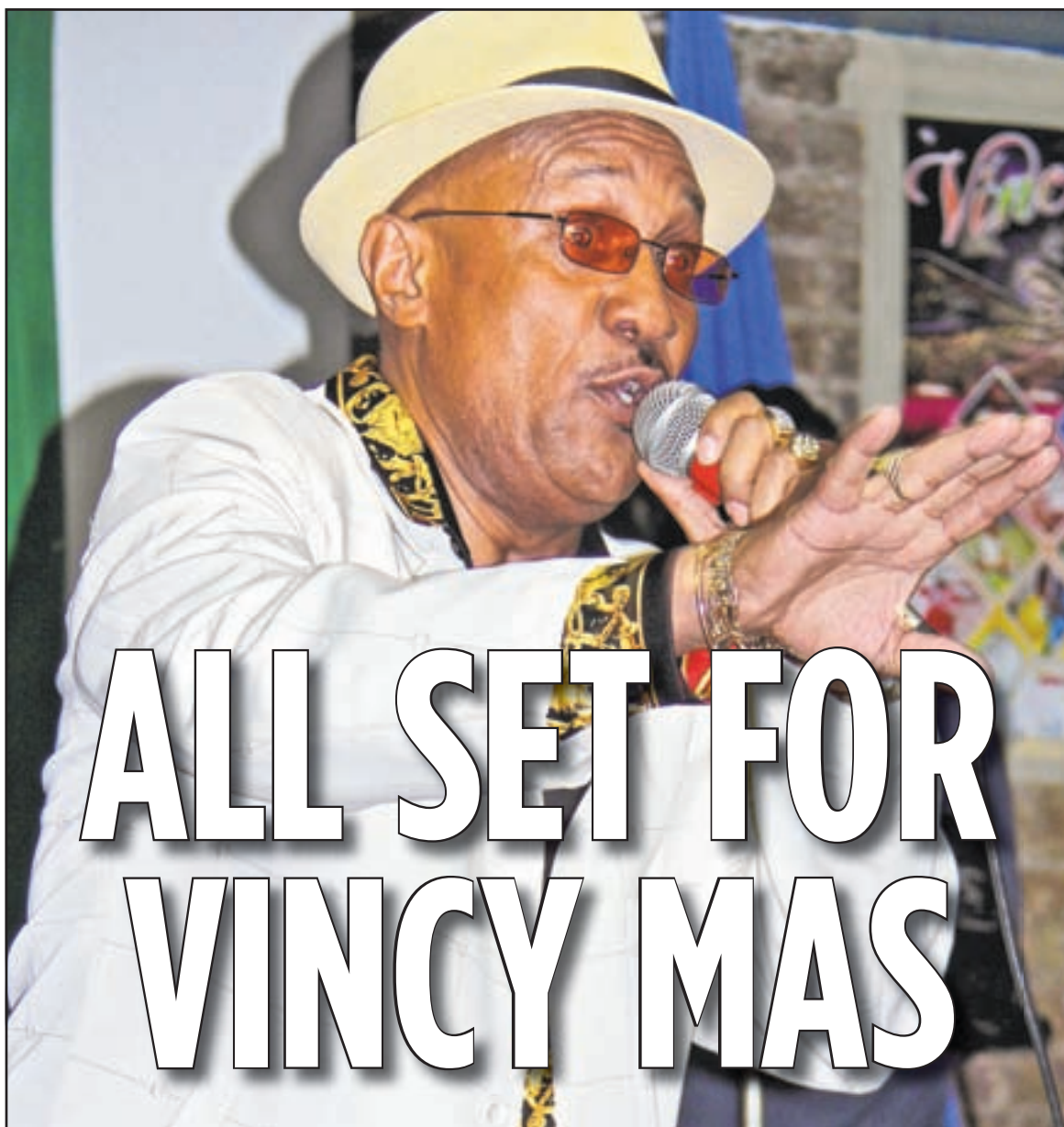
Although he limited his repertoire by performing a varied set of classic jazz selections, he also delivered "Caravan," "On Broadway," "Night In Tunisia," "Ellie my Love" and "Welcome to the Club"

and with those selections included a sampling of blues and scat.

Fresh from a three-month stint in Japan where he performed in Osaka and Tokyo, the acclaimed singer, dancer, choreographer, producer and director knows no boundaries.

Needless to say Battle was delightful. From the very start of the set, his stamina, energy and personality set the tone for a stimulating and enticing session that was filled with surprises and unexpected treats. Joined on this cabaret outing by his traveling companions - Lee Pearson on drums, Terry

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Exposer (Earl Isles) performing at the Café Omar in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

## New York Calypsonians in top gear

By Nelson A. King

With relatively very good weather – and the temperature in the Dynamite Calypso Tent just right, unlike last year when it was sweltering hot – Vincentian calypsonians in North America last Saturday night/Sunday morning clearly demonstrated that they were quite ready to take VincyMas 2014 by storm.

The artistes and die-hard fans

were also not deterred by any flash floods warnings, as was the case last month, when the New York Dynamite Calypso Tent was launched.

A dozen calypsonians showed up last weekend at Café Omar in Brooklyn to compete in the preliminary round judging for VincyMas 2014. Only half that number had participated in the launch at the Matrix Lounge, on Ave. H, in Brooklyn.

The lyrics, melody, rendition, presentation, originality and crowd response were described as very impressive, as calypsonians gave calypso fans their "money's worth" during the judging segment of the four-hour-plus long show, which began around 12:30 Sunday morning.

Three judges from the local  
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# ‘So What?’ about the Environment

## Student Activism through the Arts

By Shari Logan

An art exhibit called “So What?” focusing on the environment, which was created entirely by students from two Bedford Stuyvesant schools is sure to make an impact beyond the walls of the Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts [MoCADA] where it is on display.

Students like seven-year-old Sarah Christie of P.S. 3 --The Bedford Village School that has a population of up to 70 percent, with students of Caribbean descent -- according to school administrators, has influenced her mom to be more environmentally conscious.

“She turns off the lights in the house and when I

went to put foil in the garbage, she said: ‘No Mommy, we have to recycle’” said Jamaican native Nadia Christie at the opening celebration for the exhibition on May 21.

Sarah along with her sister Katherine, 9, and 23 other classmates in grades one through five from the Bedford Village School, cre-

ated a map made of scrap paper. For example when construction paper was used to make letters for signs encouraging students to recycle or save energy, the remaining paper was torn off and put in a blender with some water. Then the excess water was drained and the new paper was flattened, dried and used for various



Art students in the MoCADA program Photo by Shari Logan

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designs.

“I feel proud that I’m in a museum. I’m also proud that we created the globe together. I like helping the planet by recycling. I recycled cans, foil, and milk cartons. This experience with MoCADA was very fun,” said Katherine.

The exhibit is the result of the Artist in the Schools (A-I-S) program that is made possible by an Afterschool Activities (CASA) grant from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. MoCADA has participated in the program for the past 10 years. Teaching artists Joseph Zoboi and M. Scott Johnson worked with students from the Bedford Village School and M.S. 57 Ron Brown Academy respectively for 25 weeks.

“So What?” also features a photo composite technique that Johnson, a sculptor of 20 years, created himself and used with 15 eighth-grade students. Although he has great knowledge of the world of art, he said that at times he became the student.

“I may be teaching them but I’m learning simultaneously. I look at them as fellow artists, not children, because they have a stroke of genius now that I don’t have,” said Johnson who has taught in the A-I-S program for four years.

People will approach the exhibit because there is a familiarity with it. The students took a leap in how they looked at the Environment theme. We have pictures with [bottles of antidepressant] Prozac. Some of the kids complain that the medication [they are prescribed] makes them sleepy or that the foods in their community are unhealthy and the photography shows that. They are more mature

than you think.”

In fact, student artist Ericson Lewis, 14, of M.S. 57 Ron Brown Academy came up with the concept for the photo composite that features foods like an apple or fish and tools such as nails. He said that nails represent the harsh chemicals that are killing our foods.

“The program was lovely. I was inspired to continue creating artwork. I want to inspire other people to feel happy and eat healthy,” said Lewis.

Parent Adia Music was both happy and thankful about what she saw in the student art exhibit.

“It’s visually stimulating. There are students in art schools who can’t come up with some of these concepts. This is powerful and not as mundane as what other museums have. A lot of artists are trying to mask reality so they can become commercial. This says ‘Wake up!’ ‘Wow, thank you to [MoCADA and teachers] for guiding our youth.’”

MoCADA Education Director Morgan Parker is excited about the impact this experience will have in the lives of the students.

“This year the students became extremely invested in the environment, and used the arts as a way to express their activism. It was so exciting to watch them find new ways to think about climate change, sustainability, and how to make an impact in their communities. For many students, the program provided a spark for lifelong environmental activism,” Parker said.

“So What?” runs through July 27 at MoCADA which is located on 80 Hanson Pl. in Brooklyn. For more information, visit <http://mocada.org>.

# Tom Cruise rises to the occasion as reluctant hero

*"Edge of Tomorrow"*  
**Excellent (4 stars)**  
**Rated PG-13 for profanity, intense violence and brief sensuality**  
**Running time: 113 minutes**  
**Distributor: Warner Brothers**

## By Kam Williams

William Cage (Tom Cruise) is lucky to have risen to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army without ever seeing any combat, since he can't stand the sight of blood, not even a paper cut. So, you can imagine his surprise the day that he's informed by his superior (Brendan Gleeson) that he'll be shipping out soon to England to lead a D-Day style invasion of France. The aim of the mission is to take back Western Europe from an army of intelligent alien invaders called Mimics because of

an uncanny ability to stage sophisticated counterattacks.

When Cage attempts to decline the dangerous assignment, General Brigham explains that he's just been given an order, not an offer. And when he still proves reluctant to obey, he is summarily stripped of his stripes and forced to join a motley unit of troublemakers known as J Squad, operating under the command of a no-nonsense sergeant (Bill Paxton) capable of keeping anybody in line.

Shortly thereafter, they ship out aboard a plane as part of an international squadron of troops which proceeds to parachute onto a beach that looks like a slaughterhouse. The allies' firepower is being easily overmatched by that of the enemy, and it isn't long before Cage takes a fatal shot to the chest.

However, he is dead only briefly before finding himself transported back in time to the moment he met Sergeant Farrell a few hours before, when he was roused out of a stupor



Tom Cruise as William Cage and Emily Blunt as Rita Vrataski in "Edge of Tomorrow."

by the Southerner's thick drawl of "On your feet, maggot!" Somehow, Cage has been given a reprieve, a second chance to exhibit expertise and heroics on the battlefield. In fact, he is subsequently killed again and again and, like your typical computer game, is thereby afforded

umpteen opportunities to start over and improve his strategy against the seemingly-invincible Mimics.

Cage is ably assisted in this endeavor primarily by Special Forces soldier Rita Vrataski (Emily Blunt), aka the Full Metal Bitch, the only other person aware of his

recently-acquired ability to reincarnate. Therefore, it falls to these two strangers to save the planet from the alien scourge bent on world domination.

Thus unfolds Edge of Tomorrow, a mind-bending sci-fi based on All You Need Is Kill, a graphic novel originally published by Hiroshi Sakurazaka in Japan in 2004. Directed by Doug Liman (Mr. & Mrs. Smith), this action-oriented thriller revolves around a plot device famously explored in both Groundhog Day (1993) and Source Code (2011).

Nevertheless, Liman has put a refreshing spin on the time machine genre, and keeps you enthralled by holding his cards close to the vest as he keeps you guessing about the series of thoroughly unpredictable developments that transpire. Just when everybody was ready to count Tom Cruise's career out for the count, not only is he back, but back again and back again and back again, ad infinitum!

## Independent & Foreign Films

The Amazing Catfish (Unrated) Strange bed-fellows dramedy about a lonely supermarket clerk (Ximena Ayala) with appendicitis who finds herself befriended by her hospital roommate (Lisa Owen) and family. Support cast includes (Sonia Franco, Wendy Guillen and Andrea Baeza). (In Spanish with subtitles)

Burning Bush (Unrated) Czech docudrama, set in 1969, chronicling the student protests of the Soviet invasion of Prague launched by a martyr who set himself on fire. Starring Tatiana Pauhofova, Jaroslav Pokorna and Petr Stach. (In Czech with subtitles)

A Coffee in Berlin (Unrated) Tragicomedy about a just-jilted college student (Tom Schilling) who drops out of school after being cut off financially by his father (Ulrich Noethen) only to end up aimlessly wandering around the streets of Berlin. With Katharina Schuttler, Andreas Schroders and Marc Hosemann. (In German and English with subtitles)

Evergreen (Unrated) Cannabis documentary



## Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

examining the state of affairs in Washington after the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana.

Hellion (Unrated) Dysfunctional family drama about a juvenile delinquent (Josh Wiggins), being raised by an emotionally-distant, widowed dad (Aaron Paul), whose anti-social behavior leads Child Protective Services to award custody of his imperiled little brother (Deke Garner) to their very protective aunt (Juliette Lewis). Support cast includes Augustine Frizzell, Jonny Mars and Annalee Jeffries.

I Am I (Unrated) Father-daughter drama about the frustrations encountered by a young woman (Jocelyn Towne) who belatedly befriends the brain-damaged dad she's never known (Kevin Tighe) when he shows up unexpectedly at her mother's funeral. With Simon Helberg, Jason Ritter and James Morrison.

Ivory Tower (Unrated) Education expose' questioning whether a U. S. college degree is still worth the investment.

The Rover (R for profanity and gory violence) Post-apocalyptic drama, set in the Australian Outback a decade after the collapse of civilization, about a hard-boiled army vet's (Guy Pearce) search for the gang of criminals that stole his only possession. With Robert Pattinson, Scoot McNairy and David Field.

See You Next Tuesday (Unrated) Dysfunctional family dramedy, set in Brooklyn, about an unemployed, pregnant woman's (Eleanore Pienta) toxic relationships with her mother (Dana Eskelson), her lesbian sister (Molly Plunk), and her sister's live-in lover (Keisha Zollar). Support cast features Taylor Dior, Stephan Goldbach and Michele Meises.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **All Of Me**  
John Legend
- 2 **Not A Bad Thing**  
Justin Timberlake
- 3 **Fancy**  
Iggy Azalea Featuring Charli XCX
- 4 **Happy**  
Pharrell Williams
- 5 **Ain't It Fun**  
Paramore
- 6 **Dark Horse**  
Katy Perry Featuring Juicy J ..
- 7 **Problem**  
Ariana Grande Feat. Iggy Azalea
- 8 **Turn Down For What**  
DJ Snake & Lil Jon
- 9 **Summer**  
Calvin Harris
- 10 **Sing**  
Ed Sheeran

### TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Ghost Stories**  
Coldplay
- 2 **The Secret (EP)**  
Austin Mahone
- 3 **Me. I Am Mariah... Elusive**  
Mariah Carey
- 4 **Just As I Am**  
Brantley Gilbert
- 5 **Frozen**  
Soundtrack
- 6 **Do It Again (EP)**  
Royksopp & Robyn
- 7 **Turn Blue**  
The Black Keys
- 8 **The New Classic**  
Iggy Azalea
- 9 **Neon Steeple**  
Crowder
- 10 **Below Paradise**  
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# Dynamite Calypso

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Calypso association – Earl Paynter, Eustace Maloney and Aubry Gould – as well as the association's Canouan-born president, Ann Miller, were on hand to eventually determine who will compete in the semifinal round in VincyMas, on June 27, dubbed “Fantastic Friday.”

An admixture of calypso veterans and relative newcomers provided long-anticipated entertainment to the very appreciative crowd, as they vied for a coveted place in the “semis.”

Former national calypso monarch De Man Age (Errol Rose), Exposer (Earl Isle), Rejector (Carlos Providence), Groovy D (Vincent Kennedy), Dennis Bowman, John Dougan, Jose Juan (Ramon Diaz), Detector (Delano Joseph), Chang I (David Morgan), Bob MC (Mervin Bobb), Singing Della (Delanti Isle) and Jakie (Kenroy Jack) raised the bar, at least by a notch, according to Ainsley Primus, president of the

Dynamite Calypso Tent.

“The standard this year went up a notch compared to last year,” he told Caribbean Life in a post-show interview.

“The calypsonians, their attire, their standards, were very high,” he added. “They set the standard about how they portrayed themselves. The crowd responded very well.”

“Some fans believe we definitely have at least five (calypsonians) in the semifinals,” Primus continued. “Others think we will get between five and seven.”

Paynter told Caribbean Life that the semifinal picks will be determined after adjudication of the four local tents earlier this week.

He said a total of 22 calypsonians, with two reserves, will be chosen for “Fantastic Friday” at Carnival City, Victoria Park.

Three-time national calypso monarch De Man Age urged that it was time to “Tek Back We Country”, claiming “they treating we



Dennis Bowman of the Dynamite Calypso Tent compete in the preliminary round judging for VincyMas 2014. Photo by Nelson A. King

like step child”; Exposer, rendering “Yankee Man,” said “the corruption I seeing/You have to agree/All yo more Yankee than me”; Rejector said he was delighted that there would be “No Excess Baggage”, when the Argyle Inter-

national Airport becomes fully operational, adding: “the airport is for all ah we”; and Groovy D, who suffered a stroke last year and performed with a cane, said “You Never Know” what can happen in life.

## Designs

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that we put into practice economic empowerment through cultural development.

She lauded the likes of Adolfo of Cuba, Francis Hendy of Trinidad, Carolina Herrera of Venezuela and Oscar de La Renta of the Dominican Republic, for reaching international acclaim.

However, the fashion forward professional would like to see other talented Caribbean designer grasping the elusive fame that would allow them to reach the pinnacle of fashion in America.

Fully supported by the CTO Foundation, chairman Jacqueline Johnson drew parallels between the two entities, saying, “both entities have at their core, identifying and developing the best and the brightest from the Caribbean to assure prominence in their field of endeavor.

“We applaud the work of JLC PProductions on the CAFE initiative and look forward to continuing to collaborate on future activities that rebound to the benefit of the Caribbean and Caribbean peoples.

Sylma Brown Bramble, director at the Caribbean Tourist Board, and a board member of the CTO Foundation, added that because CTO



Models wearing designs by Coat of Arms and John1NY with creative director of JLC Productions Janice Lawrence Clarke (center)

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

engages the Diaspora and Janice is active in the Diaspora, “I thought CAFE would be and interesting project to be involved with.”

“With the launch of CAFÉ, and partnership with CTO we are excited to foster Caribbean American fashion designers who for some reason are not recognized in the U.S. We will represent these designers that are more known in the Caribbean, and give them a U.S. presence,” said Mitria Di Gacomo, brand maven and president of Nexus Plexus.

Barbadian-born Dexter John of John1NY collection showcased samples of his male vintage inspired style that he described as authentic and detailed.

Models also displayed pieces from Coat of Arms – a luxury fashion and accessories brand collection inspired by Caribbean travel.

## Broadway

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Brewer on piano, Samir Moulay, on guitar and Romeir Mendez on bass they provided a full complement to accompany his incomparable performance.

Scatting and gyrating to an infectious beat, Battle's first treat introduced Chloe Arnold, a tap dancer Gregory Hines would have approved. More in step with the stylings of latter day tap dance kid Savion Glover, Arnold showcased skill and talent by parodying the sounds of Battle and musical accompaniment by musical director Pearson.

A big surprise introduced three-time Grammy winner Dee Dee Bridgewater who was urged onstage to join him in singing the standards they seem to enjoy.

The accomplished jazz singer pleaded against a performance saying she was out to hear Battle sing but yielded when an enthusiastic crowd demanded the collaboration.

Before agreeing to the duet Bridgewater shared a story of the union she enjoyed while she was in Japan. After many years, it seems they found themselves in Asia and together re-bonded at an international jazz festival.

Hinton and Bridgewater sang “Bye Bye Backbird.”

The unrehearsed, impromptu duet treated patrons to a rendition

from two acclaimed Tony award winning song stylists. Together the three-time Tony award winner and his special unexpected guest reprised a classic patrons seemed to indulge with appreciation and nostalgia.

On that evening Battle also launched his three-CD compilation “Something New” which features a sampling of blues, Broadway and jazz.

“I've listened to Hinton first three songs -- “All Blues”, “On Broadway”, and “Sophisticated Lady,” Dee Dee Bridgewater said.

“I really like the arrangements and.... I love it.”

During the 90-minute set, he took time out to talk about his early retreat from his home-base of Washington D.C. when he was just a boy. The brief reflection credited choreographers Geoffrey Holder, George Faison and others who encouraged him to finish his academic studies before pursuing dance. But dance was in his blood.

He said he walked “like a ballerina” and for a time auditioned to a single ballet command. And although Holder encouraged him to add more “sparkle” to the scarecrow he portrayed on Broadway when he debuted at age 15 in “The Wiz,” he has added his own panache and left an indelible imprint on audiences who saw him later in the “Tap Dance Kid.”

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# Films

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The *Signal* (PG-13 for violence, profanity and mature themes) Sci-fi thriller revolving around a couple of MIT freshmen (Brenton Thwaites and Beau Knapp) driving across the Southwest with a girlfriend (Olivia Cooke) who take an ill-advised detour in the desert at the sugges-

tion of a computer hacker with a hidden agenda. Featuring Laurence Fishburne, Robert Longstreet and Sarah Clarke. *Violette* (Unrated) Lesbian biopic about French novelist Violette Leduc (Emmanuelle Devos), a write remembered for her sexually-explicit passages and as the life mate of Simone de Beauvoir (Sandrine Kiberlain). With Olivier Gourmet, Catherine Hiegel and Jacques Bonaffe. (In French

with subtitles)

**BIG BUDGET FILMS**  
22 Jump Street (R for sexuality, violence, drug use, brief nudity and pervasive profanity) Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum reprise their roles as ill-matched LAPD partners, this time going undercover as college students to crack a narcotics ring operating on campus. With Ice Cube, Amber Stevens and Nick Offerman.

# Inside Life

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21. The chic summer event will begin at 9:00 p.m. at Brooklyn's newest hotspot located at 333 Flatbush Ave. With music an integral consideration, the all-white fete promises to be an electrifying night filled with sounds provided by renowned DJs, Strictly Noise and Freeze International. Sunday Soiree at Harlem's Strivers Row brownstone of art offers an exclusive day party hosted by art collector and gal-

lery owner Asake Bomani On June 22. The soiree will feature a performance by Something Positive, delicious cocktails, and a smorgasbord of African, Caribbean, and Asian inspired cuisine prepared by Bomani and Alexander Smalls, executive chef at Harlem's The Cecil Restaurant.

For more information visit [www.somethingpositiveinc.org](http://www.somethingpositiveinc.org)

Caribbean Heritage Month also returns BRAATA Folk Family with song, dance and comedic nostalgia from the region. On

June 21 at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave. in Queens, the cultural folk group will celebrate their fifth anniversary with revelry, beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 718-618-6170.

On June 22, the anniversary celebration moves to Long Island University's Kumble Theater, One University Plaza (Flatbush Ave. bet. Dekalb & Willoughby) for a 6:30 p.m. concert.

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**ONGOING**

**FRI., MAY. 2 – SAT., JUN. 28**

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U.S. player Tim Chandler.

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## U.S. not ready for the World

By Patrick Horne

USA men's World Cup soccer manager Jurgen Klinsmann, like any coach, will live or die by his decisions and the prognosis isn't good. The German-born Klinsmann, in an attempt to create 'his' team, discarded proven World Cuppers and selected a very inexperienced squad to compete at the highest level of the game at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, which started yesterday.

Klinsmann clearly favored players bred on German soccer despite their lack of

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## Caribbean Cup triple threat

By John Melbourne

Before the largest crowd of the young season New York Caribbean Cup soccer fans were treated to three outstanding soccer games this afternoon. At the end of the day Team St. Kitts and Nevis dominated Team Dominica 4-0, Team St. Lucia squeezed by Team Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 in a game that could have gone either way, and in the nightcap, the match of the day, Team Grenada's two early first half goals held up for a 2-1 win over Team Guyana.

**Team St. Kitts and Nevis wins**

From the opening, Team St. Kitts and Nevis played with more determination and organization as Team Dominica defend-

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# READY FOR THE FIGHT

Mikkel Lespierre (left) won against Raphael Luna by unanimous decision.

Photo by Amy Drury

## Mikkel Lespierre preps for July bout

By Robert Elkin

Mikkel Lespierre is anxiously awaiting for his next fight. All eyes from his friends, family and the average boxing buffs from here in the metropolitan area will be cheering him on and hoping he does well, maybe even win by a knock

out. He is training hard for his upcoming fight at Gleason's Gym. He wants to be in top shape when he demonstrates his skills in the ring. Now he must wait for his opponent to be announced. His trainer, Dan Saxby, has not made up his mind about his next opponent.

However, the bout has been set for Friday evening August 1 and the bout is part of the Elton D'Harry Promotions at the old Jamaica Arena as part of a boxing card. Lespierre, who wants to keep his unbeaten record in tact, expects to fight

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Trainer Don Saxby (left) with Mikkel Lespierre.

Photo by Amy Drury

# Good talent and skill for the sport

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in the junior welter weight class or 140 pound weight class.

Originally from Trinidad, Lespierre came to Brooklyn when he was six years of age.

He enters his sixth professional fight with a 5-0 record, including one draw and three knockouts. As an amateur, he had 55 bouts with a winning record.

Many people, including the opposition, and his connections, including the other pugilists who work with him, say that Lapierre's best punch is his uppercut.

"I favor my uppercut and use it a lot," he said at

Gleason's Gym in downtown Brooklyn where he works out. "An 'uppercut' is a hard throw to punch. I don't have problems throwing it and I can throw it from almost any angle. I've been working out at Gleason's Gym since 2001. I've experienced a lot of pros who come here to spar. Some of these guys I've had a pleasure of sparring with. It's been a great experience as I've learned a lot from them."

His first trainer was Mike Smith who has helped him with his uppercut.

"Smith developed my foundation," the 24-year-old pugilist added at Gleason's Gym. "He no longer trains

here, for he moved to Las Vegas. He established my foundation well enough for me to throw my punches in any direction or angle that I choose and is suitable for me."

His current trainer Don Saxby has been improving him ever since Smith left.

"Saxby has been with me for whole amateur career," Lespierre went on during a recent Saturday morning. "He's been able to see me grow, He became my head trainer in about 2009. (In fact,) he's my trainer and coach. He's been with me for four years."

Lespierre began his sports career at Brooklyn's

Transit Tech High School. During his schoolboy days, he became used to the sport of boxing.

"Doing it for so long I've been getting accustomed to it," said the Brooklyn resident who attended City Tech College for a brief time. "Boxing never kept me bored as I learned something new every day. I have good talent and good skill for the sport.

# Soccer World Cup

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international experience. The Americans will take on Ghana on Monday, and Portugal (6/22) and Germany (6/26) in a tough Group G in preliminary play. Among the American players dropped was the USA's most successful World Cup player, all-time leading scorer Landon Donovan, who, had he been selected, would have come into this, his fourth tournament, with 59 international goals and the experience of over 120 international games. The USA World Cup team should be the country's strongest unit and indicative of the standard of game in the country. The team should be built and molded over a four-year period to develop strong team spirit and player bonding; the players eventually should exude an intense passion to play for the country and for each other. World Cup play requires this passion and intensity, awash with national pride, to be successful. Klinsmann World Cup squad seems devoid of these intangibles.

The World Cup is not the place for inexperienced players; Klinsmann should have built the squad around the many experienced players as possible to take the strongest team to the tournament; much work was done by previ-



In this May 22, 2014 file photo; U.S. soccer player Landon Donovan stretches prior to training for the World Cup soccer tournament in Stanford, Calif.

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ous national team coaches to develop a core group of veteran players, including former captain and defender Carlos Bocanegra; defensive midfielder Maurice Edu; forward Eddie Johnson, the leading scorer in the qualifiers; and central defender Clarence Goodson. These players all have World Cup experience and, except Bocanegra, qualified the team for Brazil and then were dropped. The excruciating part in all this is that the new players are not better than those discarded. Klinsmann chose the wrong time to breakdown and rebuild.

# New York Caribbean Cup

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ed stoutly. For this game, Team Dominica showed up with a goalkeeper who helped keep the "Sugar Boyz" at bay for much of the first half, but at the 25th minute, Joeski Williams pounced on a loose ball inside the box and slid the ball home to put his team up 1-0. Five minutes later, kicking toward Egan Street, the referee put the ball on the spot after an infringement inside the box against Team Dominica. Donroy Liburd stepped up and made no mistake, Team St. Kitts/Nevis 2

Team Dominica 0.

Just before the end of the first half, Team St. Kitts/Nevis snared its third goal when Team Dominica's defense watched Yusuf Saunders rise above them and head home from a corner kick.

On resumption, it took the "Sugar Boyz" 15 minutes to widen the gap. Substitute Jamie McKoy ran on to a ball misplayed by Team Dominica's defense and between hesitation, indecision and luck, eventually bundled the ball into the net. McKoy actually had more opportunities to score that would have given Team

St. Kitts/Nevis a wider margin of victory but shooting is not something practiced on a Sunday as he missed a couple of good opportunities. At the whistle it was a well deserved 4-0 win for the twin-island.

## Team St. Lucia makes it Two from Two

After their win against Team Grenada on opening day, the game against Team St. Lucia was probably the measuring stick for Team Trinidad and Tobago as to their improvement in the New York Caribbean Cup Soccer Tournament.

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# West Indies players lack aggressiveness

The first Test match between the West Indies and New Zealand started at Sabina Park in Jamaica with the tourists taking the advantage in first two days. New Zealand scored 508 runs for 7 wickets declared. Jim Needham scored 107 and Kane Williamson 121. New Zealand batsmen batted intelligently on a wicket where the ball was not coming on to the bat. They ensured that they took a good look at the pitch and the bowlers.

## WINDIES BOWLERS A LITTLE RUSTY

Sulieman Benn and fellow spinner Shane Shillingford were not at their best after a long layoff from Test cricket. Benn had disciplinary issues and Shillingford had to resolve his bowling action. Pacers Kemar Roach and Jerome Taylor were also out of circulation for a while. Several members of the team



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

suffered from injuries and other issues. All of the West Indies front line bowlers have been out of international action for a long period. Taylor was the best of the West Indies bowlers with one wicket for 37 runs with 110 overs going down as maidens.

## NEW ZEALAND 508 FOR 7 DECLARED

New Zealand dominated the first two days with Kane Williamson and Jimmy Neesham scoring centuries and Tom Latham and BJ Watling scoring in the 80's.

## WINDIES BOWLING STATISTICS

Jerome Taylor  
26-11-37-1  
Sulieman Benn  
52-14-142-3  
Shane Shillingford  
46.3-7-145-3

The West Indies team will have to do some hard work to make a come back and show some muscle in this three-Test series.

It is important that the West Indies bowlers regain their rhythm and pick up wickets much more frequently at an economical rate. Pacer Roach is expected to return to his full fitness and good rhythm in the second Test match. West Indies must play very aggressive cricket and stay focus throughout.



West Indies' Jerome Taylor, center, celebrates after New Zealand's opener Peter Fulton was caught behind by teammate Denesh Ramdin for 1 run during the opening day of their first cricket Test match in Kingston, Sunday, June 8, 2014.

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## Cyclones are headed back to Coney

Brooklyn's Boys of Summer return to battle hated Staten Island Yankees Saturday night

By Brooke Cortese

The latest Battle of the Boroughs will kick off this year's Brooklyn Cyclones season, as the mini-Mets take on the Evil Empire of the New York-Penn League, the hated Staten Island Yankees in a four-game set — and the first pitch on Opening Night at MCU Park will be Saturday at 6 pm.

Sitting in the front car for the Clones this season will be new manager Tom Gamboa, who says he's ready for the wild ride that can only take place in Coney Island after taking two years off from baseball.

"It has definitely reenergized me to be around young people," said Gamboa, 66, who has done time in the Cubs and Royals organizations, and is best known for his on-field run-in with thugs who attacked him while he was coaching first base for the Kansas City Royals in 2002. "I'm just trying to pass on my

experience to help the players."

The names of those players had not been finalized before we went to press, but the team is expected to include highly touted Dominican shortstop Amed Rosario, a five-tool player whom Gamboa compared to Dodger superstar shortstop Hanley Ramirez.

"He can literally do everything — steal bases, hit balls out of the ballpark — he's just a force to be reckoned with," Gamboa said.

If he gets the call, Rosario would become the youngest player to ever don a Cyclones uniform on Opening Night.

Another player that could be ticketed for the team is first-round pick and Team USA alum Michael Conforto, the Oregon State left fielder who smacked 31 homers and drove in 179 runs in 182 games during his three years with the Beavers.

The Cyclones hope to



**HEAVY HITTER:** First-round pick Mike Conforto swung a big bat for the Oregon State Beavers, and could add some punch to what was a punchless Cyclones lineup.

Associated Press

improve upon what could only be considered a dismal season last year when the team's anemic offense — a .235 average and only

one player with at least five home runs — led to a 38-37 record that wasn't good enough to get them into the playoffs.

Hopefully, players with big bats like Conforto's will solve that problem, say the team's fans.

"Clearly, if the Clones

hope to go anywhere this year, they are going to have to hit better," said Sylvan Migdal, who monitors the Cyclones' progress each season from in the stand and at his desk at the Community Newspaper Group. "Players of Conforto's caliber would be fun to watch, and would give us a better chance to pick up some Ws."

Of course, heading out to the ballpark isn't just about beating the Yankees.

Cyclones fans can expect exciting new promotional games, including the highly anticipated "Seinfeld Night" on July 5, which commemorates the 25th anniversary of the first episode of the beloved sitcom. The buzz surrounding Seinfeld Night has gained the Cyclones national attention, and fans who show up will receive a Keith Hernandez bobblehead to give to fans while they enjoy nine innings worth of "Seinfeld"-inspired antics.

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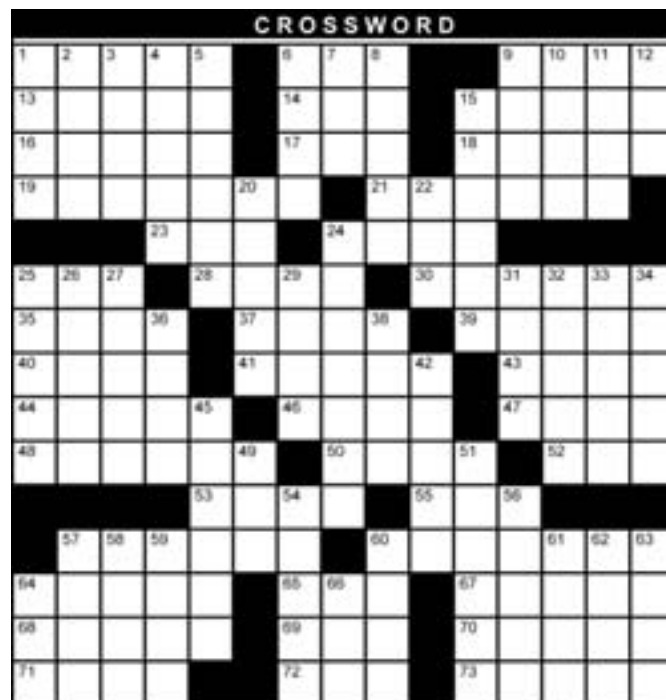
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9. Indian Lilac tree
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31. Not kosher
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### ♈ ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, let your creative side take over this week. Your imagination is ready to run wild, and this burst of creative energy will have long-lasting positive effects.

### ♉ TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, though you are known for being a tad stubborn, this week you are open to any and all suggestions. You may surprise a few people by being so open-minded.

### ♊ GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, while you may have natural leadership abilities, most of the time you do not want to pull rank. This week you may need to step things up a bit.

### ♋ CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, now is a good time to travel, even if it means just a quick jaunt. But if a big vacation is on the horizon, know that you will likely have a smooth trip ahead.

### ♌ LEO: Jul 23/Aug 21

Your powers are magnetic this week, Leo. Others find you simply irresistible, which can bode well if you are looking for a romantic partner or want to step things up.

### ♍ VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a busy week at work will require lots of cooperation among you and your coworkers. If ever there was a time to summon your leadership abilities, now is the time.

### ♎ LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, many things are in disarray and you may need some help getting back to efficient living. Download an app to help you track expenses or keep tabs on your responsibilities.

### ♏ SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22

You are bound to be the center of attention, Scorpio. Get over any shyness early on because you will be spending time with coworkers for most of the week.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21

You will do some of your best work at home this week, Sagittarius. Spend ample time getting the house in order. A few days working from home could kickstart plans.

### ♑ CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, quickly curb any feelings of boredom by exploring a new hobby. Try taking a new fitness or art class. You'll have chances to mingle, too.

### ♒ AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18

Put the brakes on impulse buys, Aquarius. This week you may be tempted to spend more money than you have, and that will only lead to long-term financial concerns.

### ♓ PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, it is time to rebrand yourself. This may start with a mini-makeover or more significant changes to your life and career.

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