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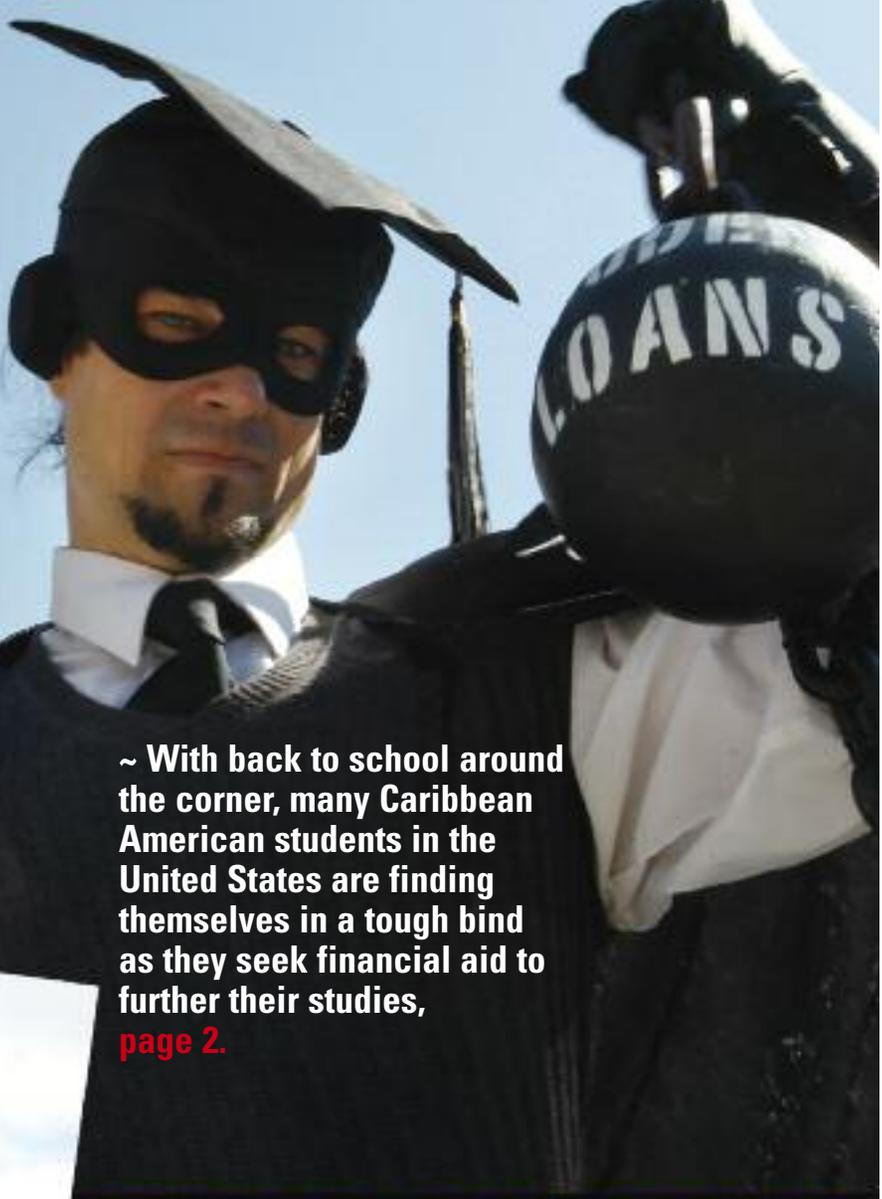
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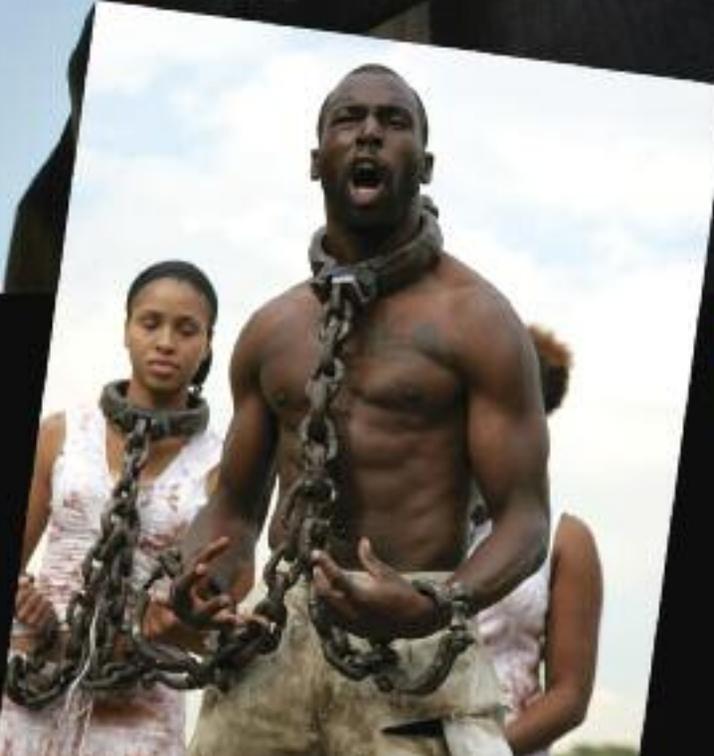
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VICE GRIP: Financial aid woes burden Caribbean American students

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In a few weeks, classes will begin at United States colleges and universities for the fall semester.

Caribbean American parents and students whose jobs and incomes have been cut since the economic depression of 2008 are facing the 2013-2014 school year with more apprehension, less money, more bills, fewer jobs and much less hope for their futures than generations before them.

At the heart of the problem is money.

Federal Student Aid (FSA) – part of the United States Department of Education – is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. The FSA office provides more than \$150 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds each year to more than 15 million students paying for college or career education. FSA also provides the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and processes approximately 22 million FAFSA submissions

each year.

Some students believe the U.S. Congress must assist - not deter – them from getting an undergraduate degree, and should help those who are still burdened by years of student debt. Among them is Miami resident Rene Llerandi, a 21-year-old from Puerto Rico now in his third year at Florida International University (FIU) pursuing a bachelor's degree in sports fitness. Llerandi said his parents applied for financial aid through the FAFSA when he graduated high school in his homeland, but encountered roadblocks.

“Because my dad owns his own company in Puerto Rico, he makes too much for me to receive grants and other financial aid,” he explained, “but he also makes too little to be able to pay for my education – as well as my siblings.”

RICOCHET

Llerandi's mom is an elementary teacher on the Caribbean island. His parents and grandparents went to university. Their past successes may hamper his future.

“You either have to be



Llerandi

really poor, or really rich,” said Llerandi. “If you're in the middle, you may only get expensive student loans from FAFSA.”

Llerandi qualified for in-state tuition fees, after his first year in the U.S. “saving myself about \$20,000 a year,” he said. He works part-time off-campus and lives with family in Miami to save money. Despite those maneuvers, he conceded the tough road to his dream.

“Getting my bachelor's, and then master's degrees at FIU is going to be financially really difficult,” said Llerandi. “But, taking on those expenses is necessary so that I can get my dream job of working with a college sports team and being a trainer.”

He's convinced his politi-

cal representatives haven't been much help with financial aid.

“They're f...ing us over!” Llerandi said bluntly. “They're reducing the financial aid we can get. The colleges are increasing our tuition, book costs and fees. That's hurting middle-class people like me.”

Graduating from high school, Llerandi believed he was academically prepared for college.

“What I was not prepared for, was the big financial burden of trying to make it through university,” he explained. “The politicians have increased

the cost of education and student loan monies so that only the rich can afford to go to school. Their rich children will get richer, while the middle class and the poor will stay where we're at, or become worse off. That's wrong.”

WORRY

Jamaican American Kim Dragas worries about paying back her student loans, plus interest to the banks that collect her monthly payment. Dragas graduated 12 years ago from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale (AIFL), with a bachelor of science degree in graphic design and a student loan of more than \$25,000 from Sallie Mae. Dragas said she saved “a lot of money” by attending Broward County's

public community college for her first two years, instead of studying at the AIFL for all four. She's been in debt ever since.

“I've been paying my student loan every month since I graduated – 12 years ago,” she said.

After graduation, Dragas set up her student loans – of more than \$300 monthly for the next 15 years – to be paid automatically to Sallie Mae from her account. Then, Sallie Mae sold her student loan to Wachovia Bank. Sometime after Wachovia acquired her loan, which she “consolidated” and reduced payments to \$147. To do that, however, she had to extend her loan from 15 to 30 years. The refinanced deal was done over the telephone, Dragas explained, without her signature attached. Then, she said, the banking “shell games” began with her student loan.

“I began receiving a lot of junk mail about refinancing my student loan,” she says. “I put them in the trash, because I had already consolidated my student loan with Wachovia.”

However, a few years ago Dragas noticed on her bank statement that her student loan deductions were being paid to an unfamiliar financial institution. She called her bank, who told her that her money was going to a company called American Consolidated Service (ACS). That signaled problems.

“I had a really hard time

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PAY BACK: Caribbean countries demand reparation for slavery

PETER RICHARDS

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – Ralph Gonsalves, the prime minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not hide his passion for wanting reparation for slavery, which he describes as a “brutal, exploitative and dehumanizing system.”

He insists that Caribbean countries do “have a very strong case to put to an appropriate tribunal” and has welcomed the decision of his fellow Caribbean community (CARICOM) leaders to establish a committee under the chairmanship of the Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart to drive the issue.

Suriname has already said it would instruct the councils of the Union of South American States to collect “all relevant information for Suriname and CARICOM” on the reparation matter. Gonsalves said the Caribbean is demanding reparation from Europe for native genocide and African slavery.

“Principal reason for under development in the Caribbean and Latin America is the legacy of native genocide and African slavery and we do so with the spirit and with the examples, in this new

period, of the combatants of Moncada,” he said late last month as he addressed an audience in Cuba marking the 60th anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines prime minister insists the Caribbean must remain “part of the leadership on the reparation debate,” even though the Pan-African Reparations Coalition in Europe (PARCOE) is warning regional leaders of adopting a “top down approach” to the issue. PARCOE fears that the Caribbean will “end up not achieving the reparations aspirations of the masses of Afrikan descendant and indigenous citizens”.

SUPPORT

But Kafra Kambon, chairman of the Emancipation Support Committee (ESC) in Trinidad and Tobago, said one way to ensure support for the regional governments’ initiative, is for non-government organizations (NGOs) and the Caribbean population in general to show support. He has warned that the moves by the governments may well come under intense scrutiny from Europe to the point that pressure may be asserted to get them to abandon the idea.



Gonsalves



“It is good to see the movement is building again,” said Kambon in reference to the new efforts at reparation, noting there are those who believe that Africans should

not be engaged in any call for reparation.

“We have to get our people to understand who they are,” he said, adding that the “Tarzan image” of swinging of vines in forests in Africa is still something Africans have to deal with.

“We are equal to everybody,” he said, adding that NGOs and the Caribbean population must “give the strength to that call for reparation as a principle,” likening the slave trade to “massive crimes that go beyond the human imagination.”

DAMAGE

“People have been damaged psychologically, we came out of slavery suffering extreme trauma,” he said, adding it is important that descendants of African people understand that at the time of the slave trade, Africa was far superior to Europe, with, for example, its own universities.

Suriname’s Foreign Minister Winston Lackin said people must read the work of the Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano titled “Bloodletting of a Continent”.

In addition, Caribbean people can also read the book “Britain’s Black Debt: Reparations owed the Caribbean for Slavery and Indigenous Genocide” by Barbadian academic, Professor Hilary Beckles, the pro-vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI).

Speaking at a lecture titled, “Britain’s Black Debt: reparations owed the Caribbean for Slavery and Indigenous Genocide” in Guyana earlier this year, Sir Hilary examined the damage done and wealth created through the slave trade particularly by Britain. He said that reparation is not about people getting handouts, but about repairing historical damage and how to find a way forward and that while all races experienced some form of slavery, African slavery was unique in its scope and brutality.

Comparative studies note that it was the only system of slavery in which people were viewed legally as property and seen as non-humans.

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U.S., T&T sign pact to resolve child abduction

The United States and Trinidad and Tobago have signed a treaty that will effectively afford “left-behind parents” the full remedies of the Hague Convention to resolve child abduction cases.

The Hague Abduction Convention treaty goes into effect from Aug. 1, according to a joint statement issued by the two countries. It said “many children have dual nationality, and parents of differing nationalities. At times, children also bear the brunt of the stress of separation or divorce.

“Split between two parents and two cultures, they may even be taken by one

parent to a country they have never previously known, and without the permission of the other parent” the joint statement noted.

“By both countries becoming contracting partners under the Hague Convention, requests can be made for assistance from the Authority to expedite the necessary process through the courts to ensure the speedy return of the child wrongfully removed to or from the U.S. or Trinidad and Tobago”.

Caribbean Today's special feature on T&T begins on page 15.



13 selected for Jamaica's diaspora honors

Thirteen recipients have been chosen for this year's Jamaica Consulate's Diaspora Honors.

The honorees have been selected in the categories of “Changemakers”, “Luminaries” and “Special Community Merit”.

Changemaker honors go to Ambassador Sue Cobb, humanitarian; Lowell Hawthorne, business leader; and the Jamaica Ex-Police Association of Florida, community organization.

Luminary honors for community service go to South Florida entrepreneur Chester Bishop; University of Miami graduate Ludlow

Dawes; cultural entrepreneur Rosie Gordon-Wallace; Pastor Sierra Norwood and Reverend Dr. Richard Ledgister; business community consultant Hazel Maragh; publicist Dr. Garth Rose; Lauderdale Lakes Mayor Barrington Russell; promoter and radio personality Denver “Jamusa” Silvera; and community activist and radio personality Diana Taylor.

Special Community Merit honor recipient is 12-year-old Joshua Williams, founder of Joshua's Heart Foundation, for his mission to tackle hunger in the United States and the world.

The honorees were scheduled to receive their awards during the Jamaica Independence Anniversary Gala and Diaspora Honors event on Aug. 3.

Jamaica's Consul General Sandra Grant Griffiths said the honorees have been recognized for services directly supportive of Jamaica's national development goals, as well as community service integral to the positive mission of the Jamaican diaspora community in impacting positively both local, Caribbean, and wider international society.



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tracking down that company,” she said. “They weren't sending me any statements. They didn't have a phone number. I couldn't speak to a live person.

“I searched for that company's name on the Internet, but several companies had very similar names. It was confusing.

“Finally, after a lot of time and aggravation, and persistence, I got them to e-mail me a statement every month,” said Dragas.

This was years after she



Cameron

dent, Cameron is currently a 12th-grade high school student and a second-year geography student at FIU. His mother is Cuban, his father American. When he graduates high school around June 2014, Cameron will simultaneously enter his third year of university.

Already he's struggling. “Lack of money to complete my university degree is the monster!” Cameron said.

As a Florida home-schooled, dually-enrolled in high school and university, Cameron does not have to pay FIU's tuition – until he graduates from high school. By then, he would have received two years of tuition and credits for free.

Home schools operate under Florida statutes 1002.41 and 1003.21, and students have several benefits over traditionally educated public and private students. One of the benefits of home schooling is the ability to be dually-enrolled in high school and college, and to attend college for free while they are still in high school. But there are drawbacks.

“I can work and study very hard. I can have good time management, and do all the right things that I need to do to succeed,” explained Cameron.

“But, I don't have control over the money I need to go to college. Without scholarships, I won't be able to finish my degree.”

had graduated.

When the economy “crashed” in 2008, her income and benefits at her full-time job were significantly reduced. Still, the “bank” – ACS – kept taking out her loan payment of \$147.

“I'm making less, the loan is the same, and the cost of living has gone way up,” she said. “Student loans are a grave responsibility.”

Dragas, now 44, has more than 19 years left to pay off her student loan. By then, her original \$25,000 student loan at graduation in 2001 may end up costing her \$70,000 - or more. She spent four years in college, but could spend a minimum of 30 years paying for it. Dragas will be at least 64 when her student loan is finally paid off.

“I try not to think about it,” she says. “It's very distressing.”

THE ‘MONSTER’

Nathaniel Cameron, 19, is thinking about becoming a city planner or teacher. A dually-enrolled, home-schooled stu-

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LAST CHANCE: U.S. gives Caribbean extension to comply with tax law

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States has given the Caribbean more time to comply with its offshore tax law.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service last month said that "due to overwhelming interest from countries around the world, a six-month extension to the start of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) withholding and account due diligence requirements will be provided to allow more time to complete agreements with foreign jurisdictions".

The Treasury Department said the six-month extension, to July 1, 2014, will also provide Caribbean and other foreign financial institutions (FFIs) with "the time necessary to comply with FATCA while helping to ensure efficient implementation of the law.

"Given the groundswell of

international interest in FATCA, we are providing an additional six months to complete agreements with countries and jurisdictions across the globe, before withholding begins," said Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs Robert B. Stack in a statement.

"The high volume of international participation in this effort represents a quintessential race to the top," he said.

"Every additional country we bring on board means we are one step closer to winning the fight against offshore tax evasion."

TARGET

Enacted by the U.S. Congress in 2010, FATCA targets non-compliance by U.S. taxpayers using foreign accounts and "establishes a global approach to combating offshore tax evasion," the



U.S. hunting tax dodgers.

Treasury Department said. The FATCA requires U.S. financial institutions to withhold a portion of payments made to FFIs who do not agree to identify and report information on U.S. account holders. To make compliance with the reporting requirements of FATCA feasible, particularly for FFIs in jurisdictions where existing laws prohibit this type of reporting, the U.S. Treasury Department said it has devel-

oped intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) that rely on governmental cooperation to facilitate the exchange of FATCA information.

"This approach not only addresses legal impediments that exist in some foreign countries but also reduces burdens on financial institutions and streamlines the reporting

process," it said.

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It said the approach has been praised by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), the Group of Eight (G-8) of the world's industrialized powers, and many others within the global community, "who are now actively considering making FATCA IGAs the basis for

an international standard for the automatic exchange of this type of tax information.

"Stopping offshore tax evasion is a global issue and the IGAs are a crucial component to FATCA implementation," the Treasury Department said.

To date, the department said it has signed nine IGAs, and is engaged in related conversations with more than 80 other jurisdictions. It did not identify them.

The Treasury Department said while the start of withholding and due diligence will be extended to July 1, 2014, the first report of information under FATCA continues to be due in 2015, and will include information about accounts maintained during 2014.

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Ex-NYPD officer pleads guilty to defrauding Caribbean immigrants

NEW YORK – The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency says a former New York Police Department (NYPD) officer has pleaded guilty to defrauding Caribbean and other immigrants.

Last month, the ICE said

Miguel A. Rodriguez, 53, committed the fraud by "conning immigrants seeking driver's licenses and immigration assistance out of thousands of dollars."

Rodriguez pleaded guilty to the charge in Dutchess County

Court in upstate New York.

The guilty plea follows an investigation by ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Wappingers Falls Police Department and the New York State Department of Motor

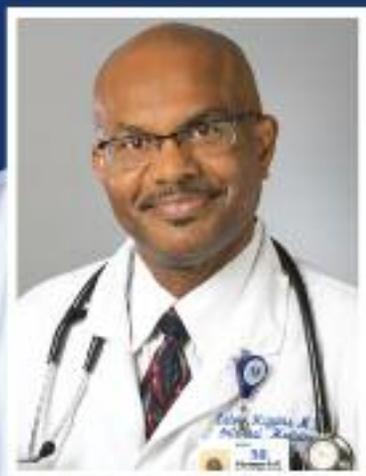
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According to the ICE, Rodriguez carried out the scheme while serving as a police officer and a liaison to the Latino community in the Village of Wappingers Falls in upstate New York. Under the terms of

his plea agreement, Rodriguez is expected to be sentenced to one year imprisonment and to be subject to an order of restitution in the amount of \$13,862.



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Guyanese doctor busted in U.S. selling prescriptions for narcotic drugs

NEW YORK – A Guyanese born doctor was arrested here

and accused of selling prescriptions for the narcotic medication oxycodone.

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman said the arrest occurred after investigators from the New York State Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit executed a search warrant at Dr. Anand Persaud's medical offices in Queens. Persaud was arrested at his Baldwin

office and was arraigned in Nassau County District Court in Hempstead, Long Island on July 30.

Dr. Persaud, 44, is charged with two counts of "criminal sale of a prescription for a controlled substance," a Class C felony. Persaud, who faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment and was ordered

held without bail.

"It's unconscionable that a doctor, a trusted licensed professional, would violate his professional duties and abuse his license to traffic in prescriptions for narcotics," Schneiderman said in a statement.

Persaud is charged with "selling a prescription for oxycodone without providing medical documentation or

conducting a medical examination of his patient on both November 13, 2012 and March 19, 2013." New York State law prohibits physicians from prescribing controlled substances, such as oxycodone, a highly addictive opiate, "other than in good faith in the course of their professional practice."



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itself, meaning the children of slaves were born as slaves, they had no rights, and females in particular were seen as the perfect property since their offspring would add their value.

Sir Hilary said landmark cases such as the 1781 Zong Massacre, in which 350 slaves were thrown to sharks after

the ship's captain went off course, helped to shape the discussion on the legality of slavery. He said the issue of slavery has in recent years been viewed as a crime against humanity and these types of crimes have attracted calls for reparation for victims, in various forms.

He cited the case of Haiti noting Western countries had no qualms about requesting and obtaining compensation. Haiti had to pay, from 1825 to 1922, 150 million gold francs to France after its slave population fought and successfully gained its freedom.

In Suriname, the National Reparations Committee has already filed the first ever petition to The Netherlands for reparations to the descendants of slaves in Suriname.

"We request that the Dutch government appoint an institute with which we could enter into dialogue regarding the reparations of the damage we suffered," committee chairman, Armand Zunder, told Charge d'Affaires Ernst Noorman at the Dutch embassy here.

Zunder, who has applauded the move by CARICOM, said that previously published research results that showed that the Netherlands earned some 125 billion Euros from Suriname during slavery.

In 2011, when they addressed the United Nations General Assembly as part of the International Year for People of African Descent, Gonsalves and his Antigua and Barbuda counterpart, Baldwin Spencer, demanded reparations for injustices suffered by African slaves, arguing that segregation and violence against people of African descent have impaired their capacity for advancement as nations, communities and individuals.

"Antigua and Barbuda has long argued that the legacy of slavery, segregation, and racial violence against peoples of African descent have



Protesters in Suriname are seeking to collect.

severely impaired our advancement as nations, communities and individuals across the economical, social and political spectra," Spencer said.

Gonsalves said racial discrimination was justified and became itself the justification for a "brutal, exploitative and dehumanizing system of production that was perfected during the transatlantic slave trade and ingrained over the course of colonial domination."

CAUTION

PARCOE co-vice chairs - Esther Stanford-Xosei and Kofi Mawuli Klu - in a lengthy letter to Caribbean leaders, wrote that the Caribbean should nonetheless seek to avoid "the same errors that were made with the former Organisation of African Unity's (OAU) Group of Eminent Persons (GEP) in failing to effectively consult on reparations strategies, be informed by and act in the best interests of the various African countries respective citizenries."

They referred the regional leaders to the works of the American activist and law professor Mari Matsuda, who advocates that approaches to reparations incorporate a "looking to the bottom" approach in recognition of the fact that reparations are a legal concept generated from

the bottom.

"By 'bottom', Matsuda refers to the lived experience of those individuals and groups who are alleging the violation of rights rather than those who have traditionally defined the scope of legal redress such as judges, lawyers associations and other groups who are part of upholding the existing social, legal and economic status quo," they wrote.

PARCOE is also urging Caribbean countries not to be taken in by the recent "historic victory for the Mau Mau survivors of British colonial era torture and abuses in detention committed between 1952 and 1963 during Britain's suppression of the Mau Mau war of liberation".

PARCOE said the "the financial compensation aspect of the settlement represents a paltry sum and is not commensurate with the torture and suffering of Mau Mau patriots considering that the British Government paid out £20 million, the modern equivalent of around £16.5 billion, to compensate some 3,000 slaveholding families for the loss of their "property" when slavery was purportedly abolished in Britain's colonies in 1833."

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Well, here I am in China, a Jamaican living and teaching in the world's most populous country. I love it!

It is perhaps one of the most difficult cultures to adjust to. However, if you are open to experiences and ready to learn from some of the most respectful, curious and resourceful people in the world, China is the place to be.

Tianjin, one of the four municipalities, is a flat city - no mountains. And, unlike the capital city Beijing, it is not as crowded. But you better "walk good" on the streets. Traffic lights are just decoration as most drivers ignore red signals, leaving pedestrians to hop, skip, and jump to get to the other side of the road.

No problem man. The Chinese are experts at street crossing. It seems drivers, walkers and cyclists are in tune in a curiously chaotic sort of way. It's like watching a ballet. Guess wah, mi a learn 'ow fi dweet tuh.

My obvious difference makes me a curiosity as well, but a good one. Many Chinese stare and smile. Children take the opportunity to practice their English when they see me. They wave and say hello, then I ask "how are you?" Then they answer "fine thank you" with a broad smile of accomplishment. I clap them and I have made a friend.

SO UNUSUAL

I am a teacher in China and there are only five of us - black people - on the campus where I work - three Jamaicans and two African Americans, one who is a student. I haven't seen another black person in Tianjin. There are more in Beijing, where I have already met two Jamaicans living and working.

Walking in Tianjin is like "bucking up" on treasure every couple of blocks. Colorful, lively, and thriving street markets with exotic aromas, sounds and surprises assault your senses. If you want sweet mango, coconut and jackfruit, yes jackfruit, a yah yuh fi deh. If, like me, you don't speak the language, the buying process becomes an interesting game of body language.

One thing foreigners in China have to get used to is the hole-in-the-ground toilet. You enter what looks like an ordinary bathroom, push open the stall door and you are confronted with a tiled hole in the ground. What to do? Crouch. Actually, it's the natural way to "go". Try it

sometime.

HEAVEN?

Have you ever touched the sky or embraced the heavens? I have, on my recent climb up the Great Wall of China. Considered one of the greatest construction feats in history, it's the longest wall in the world. Built more than 2,000 years ago, between the 7th century B.C. and 1664, the beginning of the Qing Dynasty, the wall cuts across eight provinces in northern China. This incredible fortification was not just created to protect China from invaders, it was, and still is, a symbol of China's power, culture and economic prowess.

The great stones that created this serpentine path of steep and uneven steps through monumental mountains stands today as a testament and memorial to many who lost their lives as they crafted this symbol of profound influence. The drive to Badaling, the mountainous region of Beijing, is a glorious hint of the experience to come. The vertical rock faces, striped beige, gray and a slight pink, turned more colossal the higher we went. Then when our ears "popped" we knew we were way above sea level. It is said that the section in Badaling is more than 1,000 metres above sea level.

Me and fellow Jamaicans Kerry-Ann Morris and Loinel Brown jumped out of the taxi we took from the train station to the Badaling section of the wall. With a broad smile, the taxi driver waved goodbye after we paid him 330 RMB, about \$52, for the long circuitous mountain ride. No need to bargain in China. We were glad to reach.

GIDDY

The air at this height is clean and crisp, like soaking in 100 percent pure oxygen. We were giddy!

We chose a holiday weekend for this climbing adventure, so it was crowded. But it's China, plenty people here, so why not experience the real deal.

You have to be in shape to take on this activity. To put it mildly, it's a steep climb just about the whole way up, down, circular. Because the steps are uneven, some high and some low but mostly high, it is like lunging every step of the way. We climbed up and down and sideways for more than three hours. We eventually flung off the jackets, even though it was relatively chilly on the way up. Half way up we were sweating. Brown was cool though. He's a big time



The writer, left, and her friend Kerry-Ann Morris smile – and rest – on China's Great Wall.

runner so he never felt it. At least so he said.

We had the most wonderfully invigorating time on China's Great Wall and made friends too. The Chinese love taking pictures, especially with new found black foreigners. So, our climb was interrupted for some photo ops. We big

'bout yah and we proudly flaunted our nationality! We also connected with several Americans now residing in China.

Not only did we climb to the "edge" of the world, coming down was quite interesting. Some areas were so steep they forced us to run while

leaning far backwards. When we finally reached level ground again, our thighs were screaming "yuh mad or something!" My gams, abs, and butt are firmer for the experience though...yeah!

The next day we headed

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CARICOM AT 40: Caribbean leaders ponder regional integration

Irwin la Rocque is passionate about the regional integration movement called CARICOM.

He has to be. As secretary general of the 15-member grouping, he defends it against accusation from certain sections of the region that instead of CARICOM, it should be named "CARIGONE".

But as the regional leaders assembled in Trinidad and Tobago recently for their 34th summit, that coincided with the signing of the treaty establishing the grouping 40 years ago, La Rocque said, in short, a CARICOM would have had to be invented if one was not around.

"I simply say just think about it if there wasn't a CARICOM," explained La Rocque. "We do not have a perfect situation, but if we did not have a CARICOM for us to cooperate and do all the many things that we put in place to do. This year is 40 years since the Caribbean Examination Council has been around, it is the same heads of government that created CXC.

"We have had some successes, we tend to forget that because obviously there is an impatience given the pace of integration, one recognizes that...CARICOM is here to stay."

Veteran Caribbean journalist Rickey Singh, in a recent column, said regional government must now "seize the moment for realistic stock-taking to determine how best to rescue the integration

movement from prevailing sloth, cynicism and doubts in this year of its 40th anniversary."

FAILURE

However in an editorial, in which it reviewed CARICOM, the Jamaica Observer newspaper said, as the second oldest integration movement behind the European Union, it has not been able to advance significant trading opportunities among the 15 countries.

"The facts show that intra-regional trade has grown in every trade bloc except CARICOM," the paper stated, asking "will CARICOM remain the bloc that the builders reject"?

But La Rocque disagrees. He said the movement has always "recognized that because of the nature of our economies that trade would be limited and it could never be as high as what obtains in the European Union." He said there are many factors for that, such as small economies, small productive bases and in most cases the economies are similar "in terms of what we produce."

He said despite that, intra regional trade has grown by 16 percent "but there is still room to grow." In T&T, the birthplace of the integration process, the leaders' focus was on improving transportation as they seek to give greater meaning to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) that encourages the



LaRocque

free movement of nationals across the 15-member grouping.

TRANSPORTATION

It was fitting, therefore, that last month's special session of the 34th summit be devoted to transportation matters.

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is now assisting in the development of a comprehensive regional transportation plan. However, for as long as the regional integration grouping has been around, Caribbean governments have found it extremely difficult to establish a single airline to facilitate trade and the movement of people, even though there are at least six national airlines traversing the region.

"We are trying to find solutions," said La Rocque, "and in my own...view it

defies logic why is it we have all these airlines, all of them struggling and they can't cooperate.

"They ought to be cooperation between the airlines. For whatever reasons, perhaps the business models, and there is a notion of airlines just like currency being a symbol of nationhood which is a lingering thing from the past," he added.

CRITICS

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica, owners of the island hopping airline LIAT, have been critical of the T&T government which provides a subsidy to its own national airline, Caribbean Airlines (CAL).

"I just want to say that I have received a confidential legal opinion concerning the fuel subsidy...so we can have an informed discussion on this. Not a fight, but to have an informed discussion on this question," St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves said before the summit.

Gonsalves said LIAT paid an average \$127 for a barrel of jet fuel over the 2008-12 period, while CAL, for the same

period, paid an average price of \$53.

"That is on the fuel subsidy side. It is estimated by the management that during that five year period we lost 78,000 passengers to CAL because of their subsidy and the revenues which we would have lost as a result of that unfair competition would have been US\$10.2 million," he added.

Earlier this year, T&T Finance Minister Larry Howai said CAL received a subsidy of \$40 million last year, a situation Gonsalves said is a violation of the CARICOM treaty and Common Air Services Agreement among member countries.

Transportation woes aside, the regional integration process is still involved in an uphill task to convince the Caribbean population of its relevance in a changing global environment.

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to Beijing's Summer Palace, the country's largest royal park, which has been named a World Heritage Site. Built in the 18th century, this imperial architectural masterpiece of buildings, pavilions, and beautiful landscape design was home to the Qianlong Emperor of the Qing Dynasty.

With an expanse of almost three square kilometers, gardens and hills that rise to about 60 meters high, we thought it would be easy after the previous day's wall climb. But there were more steps.

Still, it was all worth it. We took in the palace complex, temples, towers, wide pavilions, curved bridges and cherry blossoms, plus the calm, meditative beauty.

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A few buildings from the Summer Palace.

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The Trayvon Martin case: The more things change...

CONFRONTATION: Is racism raising its ugly head?

I. JABULANI TAFARI

It is said that justice must not only be done, but must be seen to be done. Black people in the United States mostly saw the injustice of the Trayvon Martin case, in which the white Neighborhood Watch volunteer George Zimmerman was acquitted of second degree murder and manslaughter in the killing of Martin, a black teenager going home from the store.

There has always been a binary opposition between race and criminal justice in America.



Martin

White people generally get justice, especially if they're rich, while black people get injustice, especially if they're poor.

The very fact that the racial aspects of the Martin case were totally ignored by the white prosecution lawyers indicates the level to which the issue of race is still an unresolved problem in America.

Barack Obama's election as the country's first black president supposedly ushered America into a new "post-racial" era, right? Wrong! After the tragedy of the Martin case, the pretense of racial equity and justice in America has been exposed as a fleeting illusion at best, and as a vicious lie at worst.

The awful truth is that having a black president hasn't changed the profiling and killing of young black men.

LESSON

Africans, so-called black people, whether born in the Americas, Caribbean, Africa or elsewhere, were understandably outraged and perplexed by the not guilty verdict. The alarming lesson black parents learned from the verdict is that black people, especially black boys, can still be legally shot on sight by white people in America.

Centuries ago, white slave-catchers profiled, arrested and legally killed black people found "wondering aimlessly abroad." Today, want-to-be-white Neighborhood Watchmen like Zimmerman can profile, confront and legally kill "suspicious looking" black teenagers thought to be "loitering." It seems like nothing has really changed.

Lynching is the practice of killing people by extrajudicial

mob action. Ever since the days of slavery, right up to the 1960s, it was traditional for white Americans to lynch black people by hanging them on trees. Remember Billie Holiday's classic song about Southern trees that bare strange fruit (dead Negroes), trees with blood on the leaves and blood on the roots?

According to a 1926 NAACP poster, 3,436 black people were lynched in America between 1889 and 1922. That was then, but how much has changed? In 1998 in Jasper, Texas, James Byrd a black man, received a motorized lynching, when he was beaten, bound and tied to the back of a pick-up truck by a couple of white guys and dragged for three miles to his death.

In 1921, police dropped dynamite from a plane on the financially and culturally booming Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma, deliberately burning the so-called "Black Wall Street" to the ground as its black residents were attacked by roving white mobs. In January 1923, the thriving black community of Rosewood in northwest Florida was similarly destroyed by vigilante gangs of whites.

That was then, but how much has changed? In 1985, police dropped a percussion fire-bomb from a helicopter on the house of members of the black militant MOVE organization, killing all 11 in the house and burning down an entire Philadelphia city block of 73 homes in a black neighborhood.

Remember the Rodney King riots of 1991 in Los Angeles? That uprising was because the white policemen responsible for the videotaped beating of King, a black man, were acquitted. The injustice was clear for the world to see. Unfortunately, there was no video of Martin's killing, but the ongoing injustice suffered by people of color is just as clear although there was no riot this time.

STAND YOUR GROUND

I'm no lawyer and yet it was more than obvious, even to me, that the state prosecutors did an absolutely terrible job trying to prove that Zimmerman did not act in self-defense, or that he did act maliciously in killing Martin. Prosecution witnesses were put on the stand totally unprepared and often ended up aid-

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Dear Mr. President,

In the post George Zimmerman verdict the discussion has focused on racial profiling in America, but Representative Steve King, Republican-Iowa, does not seem to care – feeling the need to spew his hate against immigrants in the United States.

King's diatribe was published on conservative news website Newsmax reacting to high-achieving young immigrants by stating: "For everyone who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there that weigh 130 pounds and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert."

Say what?

But King, the son of a Iowa state police dispatcher and a homemaker, did not stop there. During an interview on comprehensive immigration reform on Spanish-language network Univision,

King defended his pick of the litter speech made in Pocahontas, Iowa in 2012, when he compared immigrants to hunting dogs.



FELICIA PERSAUD

The congressman, when challenged by Univision host Jorge Ramos, that the comments could be found to be "offensive and racist," insisted: "It was a very complimentary speech."

STATE OF MIND

This is the state of mind of the Republican Party of predominantly old white men who feel threatened by the growing brown and black faces in America and the fact that the minority is fast becoming the majority.

Most of all, not only are these immigrants leading to a

"browning" of America, but they are more likely to start a business than non-immigrants, representing 16.7 percent of all new business owners in the U.S. while also providing job opportunities for thousands of Americans and, compared to U.S.-born Americans, are more likely to hold an advanced degree and are almost twice as likely to hold a Ph.D.

Further, a recent study found that between 1990 and 2005, immigrants started 25 percent of venture-backed U.S. public companies, employing more than 200,000 U.S. workers. And some of the companies at the forefront of the digital revolution were co-founded by immigrants: Intel, Sun Microsystems, eBay, Google and Yahoo, to name a few.

For a former construction company owner and math graduate one cannot possibly think for a minute that King is not seeing all the data that

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Jamaica moving forward, ~ Vasciannie

The following is an edited version of a message from Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States Stephen Vasciannie marking his country's 51st anniversary of Independence.

Jamaica now moves from the symbolic 50th anniversary of Independence into the second half of the pathway towards the century.

In the last year, the nation took the opportunity to celebrate years of achievement: we noted the accomplishments of our sporting heroes, we recalled the efforts at nation-building undertaken by leaders in both the public and private sectors, we revealed in the music of our pioneers in mento, ska, rocksteady, reggae and the like, and we celebrated the other manifestations of Jamaica's vibrant culture and cultural diversity.

OPPORTUNITY

But even in the midst of our celebration of the past, we accepted the "Jamaica 50" opportunity to look forward, for there are still mountains to be scaled. The Jamaican Independence project, as National Hero Norman Manley reminded us in 1969, must encompass not only political freedom; rather, it must also embrace the economic advancement of the Jamaican people. And in this regard,

challenges remain.

Looking forward, the Jamaican state needs to devel-

op its capacity not only to resist external economic

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Jamaica moving forward ~ Vasciannie

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shocks but also to tackle fully the serious problem of public indebtedness. The state must also enhance its ability to generate self-sustaining growth, even as efforts are made to ensure greater fairness and equity in the economic sphere.

With these considerations in mind, the government, headed by Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller, completed this year's arrangements with the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral financial institutions that are intended to lend stability to the Jamaican economy. The arrangements with the IMF, when coupled with

aspects of the government's growth agenda, should help Jamaica reduce some of its economic challenges in the near- and medium-term.

For these challenges to be fully overcome, however, the country will need to re-double its commitment to greater productivity and increased efficiency.

DIASPORA DRIVE

In the drive for economic and social development, Jamaica will continue to benefit from the substantial contribution of persons in the diaspora who look to the homeland for emotional and cultural sustenance.

The recently concluded diaspora conference and the many contributions of diaspora groups to the country affirm yet again that the Jamaican

people are determined to ensure that we find pathways to success.

As we enter the period of Independence, may we cele-

brate our achievements and recommit ourselves to prosperity in Jamaica, land we love.



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points to the contributions of immigrants to this country – legal or not.

So what data is King reading? Simple – the data that tells him the majority of his fourth congressional district in Iowa is white and he'd like to keep it that way. Forget the 2.5 percent Hispanic population there. King probably wants to see them take a hike out of the district anyway. If he didn't,

he would never feel the need to spew such racism.

King is too caught up in fear and bigotry like many members of the Republican Party to give a damn. And that includes John Boehner!

It is why Mr. President you must show real leadership on this issue of immigration reform. If the U.S. Congress won't act in a timely and proper manner, then you must. Use executive powers and show King et al who is the boss. That's how real

leaders lead – from the front, not bringing up the rear while racists run roughshod over hard working, innocent people.

Respectfully,
Felicia Persaud

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ing and abetting the defense.

The prosecution intentionally shied away from the issue of race – the primary underlying issue in the case – as if racial considerations played no part in the profiling and shooting of the unarmed teenager.

Granted, the prosecution was dealt a bad hand by the Sanford police, who failed to arrest Zimmerman on the night of the shooting. Zimmerman, the aggressor, claimed self-defense and initially used Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law as justification for his actions. The Sanford police chose to accept the unconfirmed claims by the Hispanic-white Zimmerman that he shot the youth because he was attacked and feared

for his life. The police failed to seriously begin collecting evidence and investigating until 44 days later.

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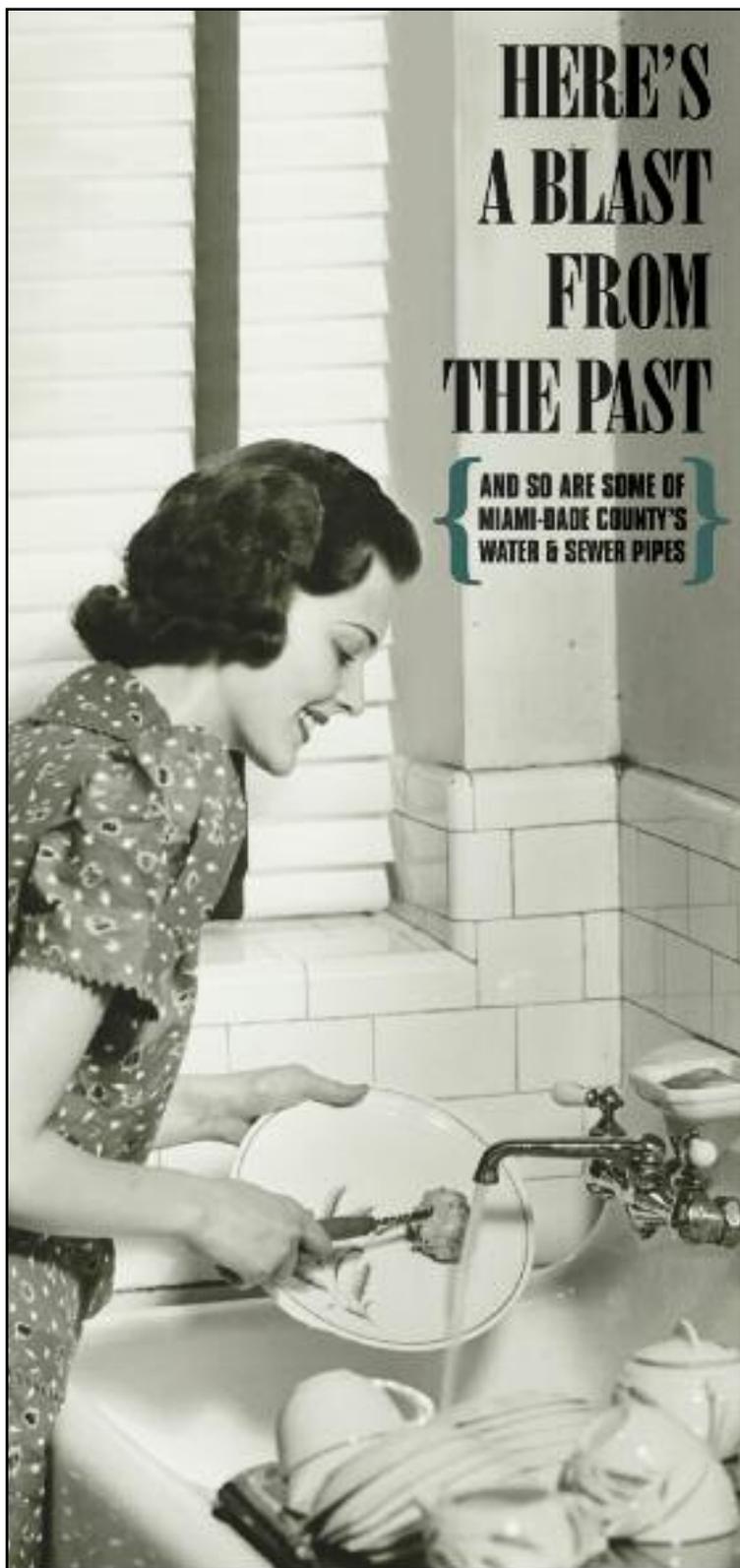
Police ignored the fact that Zimmerman continued to follow the youth even after he was instructed not to by the 911 operator. They ignored the fact that Zimmerman got out of his car and approached Martin on foot. They ignored the fact that Martin was on his cell phone talking to a friend and describing the "creepy-ass cracker" who was following him. But although the youth remained on his phone until right before the physical confrontation took place, it was he who stood accused of stalking and

attacking his killer.

Only in America could a black victim (Martin) end up virtually put on trial for his own murder, just because he resisted a "white" one-man vigilante. So the more things have changed, the more racial injustice has remained the same in America. We still don't live in a race neutral world.

The only poetic justice in all this is that for the rest of his life Zimmerman is going to be mimicking Martin's last actions before the fatal confrontation - looking over his shoulder, afraid that someone is profiling and following him with the intent to shoot him.

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ONE DROP: Bob Marley traveling exhibition heads to South Florida

JASON WALKER

“Bob Marley, Messenger”, the traveling exhibition highlighting the exploits of the late Jamaican music legend, will make a stop in South Florida before heading to its permanent home on the Caribbean island.

HistoryMiami Museum will host the exhibition, curated by the GRAMMY Museum at L.A. LIVE and scheduled to run Oct. 11 through Jan. 5, which focuses on Marley, acknowledged as the king of reggae for his revolutionary music, which carries progressive and uplifting messages.

According to Victoria Cervantes, the museum’s vice president of communications, the exhibition brings “together diverse artifacts, rare photographs and more.

“The exhibition will feature items from the private collection of the Marley family,” she added. “On display, visitors will see a broad array of items, including Marley’s

famous Les Paul guitar, photographs of Marley both on and off stage, ticket stubs, concert posters, tour books and fan memorabilia, and ‘interactives’, such as a drumming station that allows visitors to learn how to play a reggae beat.”

FAMILY FUN

Members of the Marley family also scheduled to participate in the exhibition.

“The GRAMMY Museum at L.A. LIVE curated the exhibition with Marley family involvement,” according to HistoryMiami curator Dr. Joanne Hyppolite,

“They provided some of the artifacts from the family collection and facilitated with acquiring many of the other items you will see on display. Ziggy Marley has also participated in some of the past programs.

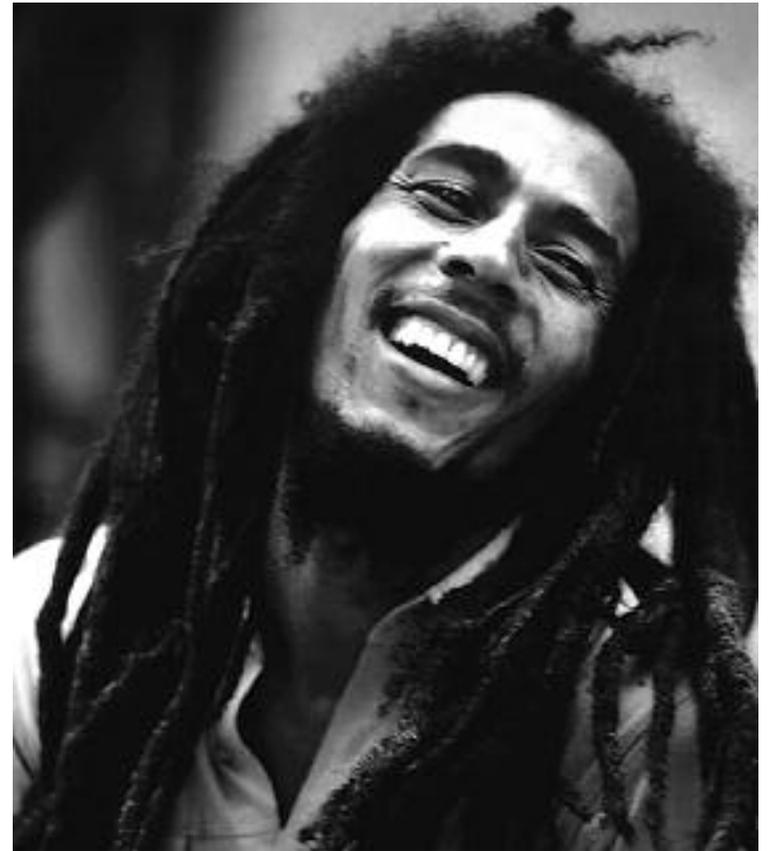
“At HistoryMiami, we currently have Cedella Marley and Rohan Marley participating as part of our exhibition programs. Cedella Marley is

the featured guest at the October 12th free Jamaican Tales Family Fun Day, where she will be reading from her children’s books. The Family Fun Day is focused on Jamaican stories and culture. Rohan will be running a youth soccer clinic for us at the December 14th Family Fun Day, which is focused on healthy living – which Bob Marley placed high value on.”

UP CLOSE

Dr. Hyppolite hopes “this exhibition gives visitors a chance to experience Bob Marley in the way only museum exhibitions can – through actual artifacts and images from his life.

“I think this will bring Marley to people in a very new and personal way,” she said. “We also want visitors to share their own thoughts about him. We are creating a special portion of the exhibition – a video which explores Marley’s impact on South Florida - which will hopefully get at some of that. We also



Marley

plan for there to be opportunities in the exhibition to share how Bob Marley has influenced them.”

HistoryMiami boasts an extensive legacy in showcasing the region. According to Dr. Hyppolite “Bob Marley, Messenger was an easy choice for us because it allowed us to continue to present Caribbean culture to our public in a way that shows how that culture in the form of Bob Marley and his important contributions to reggae music have impacted the world.”

The museum, in partner-

ship with the Jamaican Consulate in Miami, will continue its Jamaican theme on Aug. 7 by hosting a “Wednesday Winedown” event featuring food and music from the Caribbean island.

HistoryMiami is located at 101 W. Flagler St. in the downtown Miami Cultural Plaza. Visit www.historymiami.org for more information.

Jason Walker is a freelance writer for Caribbean Today.



Buju, Selena Gomez team up for ‘Champion’ release

Disney star Selena Gomez has drawn on a hit from Jamaican entertainer Buju Banton for her “Stars Dance” solo project.



Buju Banton

Gomez has teamed up with Banton on the album’s single “Champion”, which was

released last month. The song samples the Grammy-winning reggae singer’s 1990s tune of the same name.



Gomez

The original “Champion” was featured on Banton’s critically acclaimed 1995 album “Til

Shiloh”. The catchy dancehall tune is still a fan favorite. Gomez re-sings part of Banton’s hook in her new version, co-produced by Daniel James, Leah Haywood, Bebe Rexha and Peter Thomas.

Banton is currently incarcerated in a Florida prison, serving time for a drug conviction.



N.Y. revs up for West Indian American Day Carnival

BROOKLYN, New York – Organizers of North America’s biggest Caribbean celebration – the West Indian American Day Carnival here – have revealed their line-up of performers for the five-day celebration, from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2.

The Labor Day weekend event on Eastern Parkway will include a Caribbean Woodstock, featuring masquerade competitions and performances by artistes from over a dozen islands in the

region. They will perform soca, calypso, reggae, zouk and Latin music.

Also on the agenda is the annual “Stay in School”, a youth talent show for children; Brass Fest, a musical performance with headliner Machel Montano; the Steelpan Panorama competition, featuring a special guest performance by New York University’s Steel Orchestra; Junior Carnival, featuring children under age 16; and the Dimanche Gras, a line-up of

musicians and costumes.

This will conclude with the sea of costumes and revelers who take to the street on Labor Day, Sept. 2, from 11 a.m., at Schenectady Avenue. The parade will move to Grand Army Plaza where costumes will be judged on the creativity.

The annual parade, which began in 1967, is usually attended by a diverse group of some three million people.



IDB adds Caribbean paintings to art collection

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) recently added three Caribbean paintings to its art collection.

The Washington-based financial institution said the Caribbean Country Department (CCB) granted funds to the IDB’s Art Collection for paintings to

highlight Caribbean talent.

A painting dedication ceremony was held last month at IDB headquarters at which “Mimosa pudica”, by Bahamian Jocelyn Gardner, “A New Day” by Rash Ishi Butcher and “Personal Language” by Omar Richardson, both of Barbados, were inaugurated.

The paintings by the

Barbadian artists are the first in IDB’s collection from that country.

IDENTITY

The IDB said Gardner “appropriates cultural material found in Caribbean archives to explore her creole identity to

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LOVABLE LEROY



- Gail Zucker Photography

Jamaican singing legend Leroy Sibbles delivers his performance at the Jamaica Festival held late last month at the Meyer Amphitheater in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Caribbean American entertainers express outrage over Zimmerman verdict

Caribbean American singers were among those who took to social media sites such as Twitter and Instagram to weigh in on last month's not-guilty verdict in the George Zimmerman trial.

Jamaican American singer Sean Kingston joined the ranks of Busta Rhymes, Nicki Minaj and Rihanna who expressed shock and outrage at the verdict reached on July 13 in the trial of the Florida man accused of shooting Trayvon Martin, an unarmed

black teen to death last year. "The justice system is the DEVIL ITS SELF... #TrayvonMartingonebutwilllive withusforever", tweeted Kingston.

Trinidad-born rapper Nicki Minaj also chimed in. "We just paid to see...(Zimmerman)... walk free after killing an innocent unarmed little boy. #GodBlessAmerica," said Minaj, who also questioned how Zimmerman could go free but singer Lauryn Hill

could go to jail for tax evasion.

Bajan-born, Grammy-award winning singer and actress Rihanna took to Instagram to voice her opinion. She compared Martin to her younger brother



Nicki Minaj and Busta Rhymes

Rajad Fenty, who is also 17 years old, with a caption that read: "A child was gunned down for no reason! And nothing about that sounds like murder? My baby brother is 17, this rocked my whole sh-!..."

Possibly the most over the

top comment came from Jamaican American rapper Busta Rhymes who tweeted: "#ZIMMERMAN #NOT-GUILTY!! GOD GOT A GREATER PUNISHMENT 4 THIS...BOY THAN THE COURT SYSTEM!! #Staytuned... WE WILL LIVE 2 SEE HIM PAY!!"

- Edited from News Americas.



BRIEFS

• Oliver in the house

Jamaican comedian Oliver Samuels will lead the cast of "Embassy Saga" when the play hits South Florida this month.

Audrey Reid, Dennis Titus and Lakeisha Ellison will join Samuels for four shows – two on **Aug. 31** at the Susan B. Katz Performing Arts Theater in Pembroke Pines; and two on **Sept. 1** at the Coral Springs High School Theater in Coral Springs. Show times at each venue are **5 p.m.** and **8 p.m.**

For more information, call **954-548-7386**.

• CARIFESTA call

Twenty-four countries from across the region have confirmed their participation in the Caribbean Festival of Arts and Culture (CARIFESTA), scheduled to be held in Suriname, **Aug. 16- 25**.

• Kartel beats one rap

A Jamaican court last month freed Vybz Kartel of a murder charge, but the entertainer, whose real name is Adidjah Palmer, is due to return to court in November in relation to the murder of Clive "Lizard" Williams.

- Compiled from various sources.



IDB adds Caribbean paintings to art collection

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intertwine a historical relationship shared by black and white women in the Caribbean."

Butcher's works reflect social concerns regarding race and the role of men in Barbadian society. Richardson won a Juror's Award at the 2011 Atlanta, Georgia Juried Printmaking Exhibit.

Gerard Johnson, CCB's manager, and Marcelo Cabrol, manager for the IDB's External Relations Department, said artists are important in Caribbean society and the IDB "greatly appreciates" and seeks to promote the Caribbean region's unique contributions to art, music and literature.

The IDB has a collection of works from artists from its 46 member-countries.



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COOK THEM!: Conservationists urge Caribbean people to eat dangerous lionfish



Lionfish in red sauce

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - In a region renowned for scuba diving and snorkeling, conservationists are urging Caribbean people to eat the red lionfish that has invaded Caribbean waters and threaten to devastate the marine ecosystem in the region.

Researchers say divers and fisherman appear to be the only players that can do anything to keep lionfish numbers down, adding that native predators, such as large groupers and sharks, don't

recognize lionfish as prey, according to the **Christian Science Monitor**.

"In addition to further research, it seems that the only thing we can do to control lionfish at this point is to keep spearing them," says Serena Hackerott, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina.

Hackerott, the lead author on a 2013 study, published in PLOS One, found native predators, such as large groupers and sharks, are not controlling lionfish popula-

tions to a discernible degree.

"I think that's our best bet now. "I'm not optimistic that natural resistance is going to be enough of an interdiction to control the population," she said.

PREDATOR

Hackerott said the lionfish gobble up the small native fish that are an integral piece of the food chain and an important link in maintaining dazzling underwater seascapes. With no natural predators or diseases to keep

the population in check, the Christian Science Monitor said the lionfish is now found on nearly every coral reef, multiplying very fast. Lacking other options, the publication reported that conservationists are pushing a simple message: capture the lionfish and cook them.

Across the Caribbean, the international news magazine say conservation groups have worked with local communities to teach them how to capture and then process lionfish, pointing out how to avoid getting pricked by one of the

venomous spines. It said the venomous fins are easily removed, and that lionfish are completely safe to eat.

"It's a great eating fish. Even in places where it's not being consumed or offered in a restaurant or at a fish retailer, there's a lot of personal consumption taking place," said Lad Akins, director of special projects at REEF, a Key Largo, non-profit Florida-based marine conservation.

- Edited from CMC.



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Live steel pan music for South Florida celebration

Entertainment for the entire family, including live steel pan music, will highlight a celebration of the 51st anniversary of Independence by Trinidad and Tobago this month in South Florida.

The T&T Citizens Association of Palm Beach will stage the event starting 1 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Phi Delta Kappa Club, 5060 S. Haverhill Rd. in Lake Worth.

Music will be provided by the Silver Stars Steel Orchestra. Attractions for children include face-painting and a bounce house.

Entertainment is free from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A party which follows carries a charge.

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Trinidadian hero is focus of new documentary

A documentary film, inspired by the life of West Indian war hero, jurist and diplomat Ulric Cross of Trinidad and Tobago, is scheduled to be released next year by Caribbean filmmaker Frances-Anne Solomon.

During a recent function at the T&T High Commission in London, England Solomon announced that Justice Cross, "a hero for all time," will be the central feature in the 75-minute documentary "Hero", which also highlights the accomplishments of fellow Trinidadian legends George Padmore, C.L.R. James, Henry Sylvester Williams and Learie Constantine, plus Jamaican Una Marsden.

From an ordinary Belmont childhood in colonial Trinidad, Cross vaulted barriers of color, race and class to realize his extraordinary destiny. The most decorated West Indian squadron leader of World War II, Cross was a navigator with the Pathfinders Force of Britain's Royal Air Force. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for meritorious service during wartime combat and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial exercises.

POST-WAR

After the war, Cross trained as a lawyer and



Cross



Solomon

worked as a producer at the BBC. He also worked in three newly independent African states as advisor to two presidents - Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana and Julius Nyerere in Tanzania - and as attorney general in Cameroon.

Cross returned to Trinidad to serve as judge,

mediator and diplomat before heading back to Britain as T&T's high commissioner in the 1990s. In 2011, Ambassador Cross received The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the highest honor of the twin island Caribbean state.

Reflecting on Cross's accomplishments, actor Rudolph Walker, the film's United Kingdom patron, stressed the importance of role models.

"We need to tell our stories especially for the benefit of our young people and the generations to come," said Walker, whose Rudolph Walker Foundation provides theatrical training to inner city youth in the U.K.

INSPIRATION

Cross's nephew Felix Cross, a composer and theater director, explained "as a young man, Uncle Ulric inspired us all because his life spanned key moments of the 20th Century: the Second World War, the rise of Pan Africanism, the birth of independence in Africa and the Caribbean, the emergence of powerful black leaders across the diaspora, and the coming to voice of Caribbean societies."

"Hero explores not just the life, but also the dynamic and transformative times that

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Trinidadian Lydia Richardson is 'International Learner of the Year'

LONDON, England - Trinidadian Lydia Richardson recently won the International Learner of the Year award as City & Guilds honored 14 vocational achievers last month.

Richardson, 35, joined Jamaican Sandra Cunningham on the list of outstanding global vocational graduates from the Caribbean. Cunningham won the International Learner of the Year award in 2009.

"It feels great to win a Lion Award," Richardson said soon after accepting the award from television personality and renowned musician Myleene Klass. "I don't think it's fully hit me yet. I'm so happy to have this recognition and to represent my country



Richardson

on an international stage."

Chris Jones, chief executive officer and director general of City & Guilds, said "win-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: T&T celebrates 51st Independence Day on Aug. 31

Trinidad and Tobago is located in the southeastern region of the Caribbean.

The dual island nation offers a distinct blend of culture, eclectic cuisine and an



Coat of Arms

assortment of eco-adventure activities.

Trinidad hosts carnival and is the birthplace of the steel pan drum, the only new acoustic instrument to be invented in the 20th century.

Sister island Tobago has secluded beaches, quaint villages, private villas and eco-attractions that include the Main Ridge Rainforest, the



oldest protected reserve in the western hemisphere and the six-time award winner for World's Leading Ecotourism Destination by the World Travel Awards.

The island of Trinidad

was a Spanish colony from the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1498 to the capitulation of the Spanish Governor Don José Maria Chacón on the arrival of a British fleet of 18 warships on



Flag of Trinidad and Tobago

Feb. 18, 1797. During the same period, the island of Tobago changed hands among Spanish, British, French, Dutch and Courlander colonizers.

Trinidad and Tobago (remaining separate until 1889) was ceded to Britain in 1802 under the Treaty of Amiens. The country T&T obtained Independence Aug. 31, 1962, becoming a republic in 1976. Unlike most of the English-speaking Caribbean, the country's economy is primarily industrial, with an

emphasis on petroleum and petrochemicals.

T&T is also known for calypso, soca, chutney and limbo. The country will celebrate its 51st anniversary of Independence on Aug. 31.

For more information on Trinidad and Tobago visit www.goTrinidadandTobago.com or www.visittobago.gov.tt.

- Wikipedia contributed to this article.



ISLAND REEL: 'Half Of A Yellow Sun' to open T&T film fest

Nigerian drama "Half of a Yellow Sun", starring Thandie Newton ("Mission: Impossible II", "The Pursuit of Happyness", "Crash") and nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor ("Children of Men", "American Gangster",

"Salt"), has been selected as the opening film of the 2013 Trinidad+Tobago film festival (tfff), which takes place Sept. 17 to Oct. 1.

The screening at tfff, entering its eighth year, will serve as the Caribbean pre-

miere and mark just the second time audiences are able to see "Half of a Yellow Sun", following its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival several ago.

"Half of a Yellow Sun" is an adaptation of celebrated Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's best-selling novel of the same title, which won the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction. Set in 1960s Nigeria, the story brings audiences to a country torn apart by civil war and shows how the interwoven lives of four central characters intersect during a struggle to establish an independent republic of Nigeria.

The film carries a supporting cast that includes Anika Noni Rose ("Dreamgirls", "The Princess and the Frog"), John Boyega ("Attack the Block"), Joseph Mawle ("Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter", "The Awakening", "Game of Thrones"), Genevieve Nnaji, and Nigerian singer and actress Onyeka Onwenu.

Directed by Biyi Bandele, "Half of a Yellow Sun" is a product of "Nollywood" — the moniker bestowed on Nigeria's film industry that produces over 2,000 movies a



Newton

Immersion", to be held at the tfff.

Solomonoff is the writer and director of "The Last Summer of La Boyita" (2009), which was co-produced by Pedro Almodóvar's El Deseo S.A. and won over 20 international awards. Her directorial debut, "Sisters" (2005), opened at the Toronto International Film Festival, while her original script for the film was developed at the Sundance Writers' Lab.

As a producer, her credits include Julia Murat's "Historias que existen cuando le olvidamos" and "Everybody's Got a Plan", (associate producer), directed by Ana Piterberg and starring Viggo Mortensen.

Solomonoff teaches film directing at Columbia University School of the Arts.



year and has become the third most valuable movie industry in the world, behind only Hollywood and Bollywood. "Half of a Yellow Sun" is the country's most ambitious and most expensive film to date, with a budget of approximately \$8 million.

Meanwhile, Argentine writer, director and producer Julia Solomonoff will be lead facilitator for the "RBC Focus: Filmmakers"

Trinidadian Lydia Richardson is 'International Learner of the Year'

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ning a Lion Award is a sign of exceptional talent and dedication, and Lydia should be very proud of this remarkable accomplishment. I'm sure she will continue to be an inspiration to others."

City & Guilds described Richardson, as having a "passion for learning" and "committed to motivating other young people in Trinidad and Tobago...to gain as much education as possible."



Trinidadian hero is focus of new documentary

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Ulric Cross was born into and starred in," said Solomon. "Ultimately, the film is about us, who we are as Caribbean people and as citizens of the world."

The documentary is being co-produced by Solomon's CaribbeanTales Film Group and Timmy Mora's T&T-based Visual Art and

Production, both film and television production entities.

Republic Bank of Trinidad and Tobago has joined the project as title sponsor. Interviews and dramatizations for the documentary have already been filmed in Trinidad.

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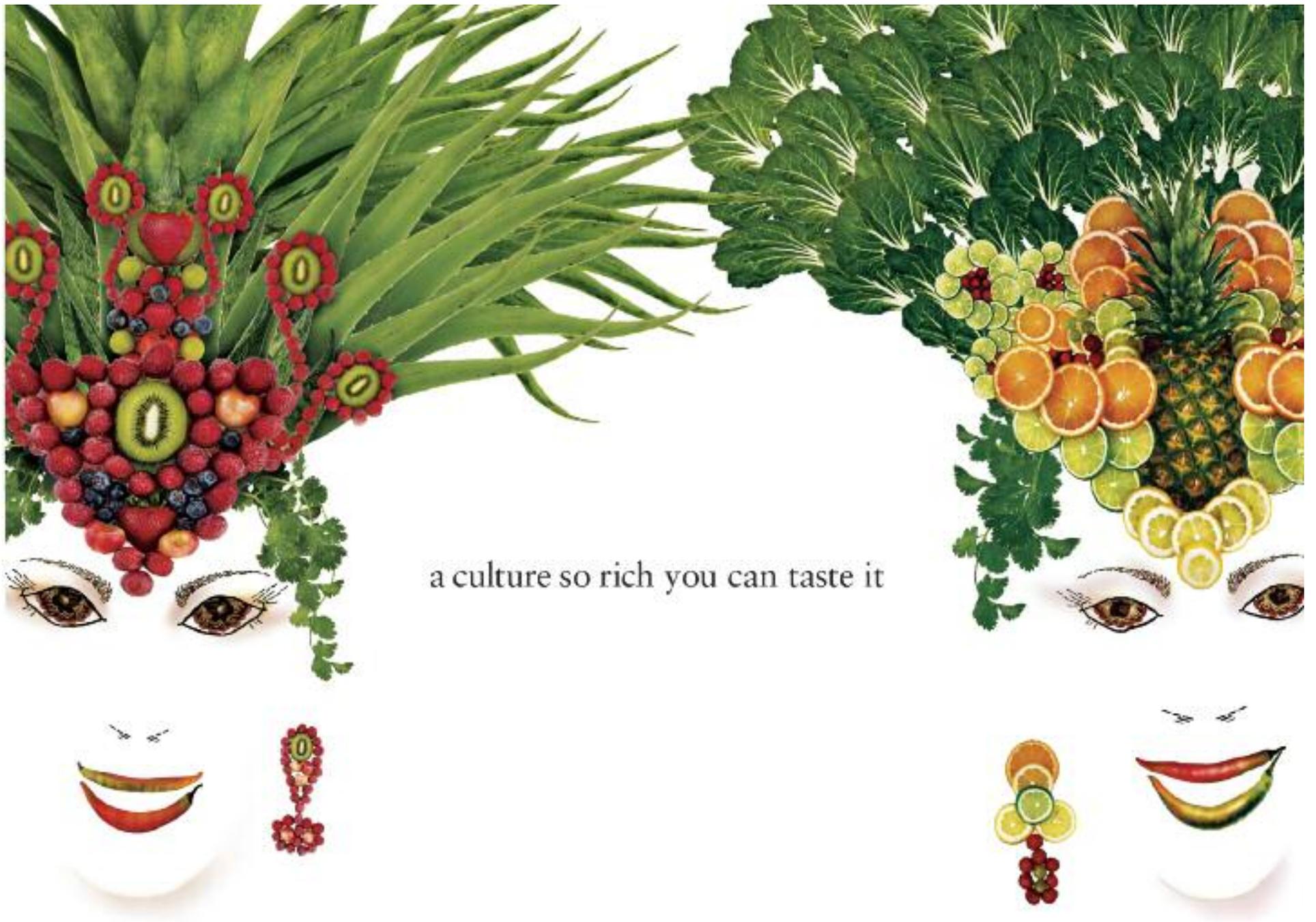
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JUSTICE: Judge frees soca artiste from 'unfair, illegal' 40-year prison term

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, CMC – A High Court judge, describing the 40-year jail term, as unfair and illegal, last month ordered the release of a 51-year-old man convicted of robbery in 1989.

Justice Joan Charles ordered the release of John "The Parrot" Kalicharan, who had already served 24 years of his 40-year sentence for an armed robbery.

She described Kalicharan



the case as "rare and unprecedented" and that the sentence was not consistent with past and present sentencing rules and guidelines.

"Persons can only be sentenced in accordance with law," she said, ruling that Kalicharan be released forthwith. She also ordered that he be paid damages for breaches of his fundamental rights under the Constitution. The damages are expected to be assessed by a master of the High Court.

'HAPPY'

"It was 24 long years I spend inside there. I happy to

finally get justice," said Kalicharan, a singer and musician who said he planned to revive his career.

"I am a soca artiste. My plan now is to pursue my career and get my life back together," he told reporters.

In 1989 Justice Aeneas Wills sentenced Kalicharan, who was convicted of four charges of armed robbery, out of a single incident to four 10-year prison terms which were to run consecutively. As part of the sentence, Wills also ordered that Kalicharan should receive 30 strokes with the birch.

In his evidence, which was

not contested by the state, Kalicharan said while serving his sentence he was placed on death row for three years. He also said a month after being convicted he was tricked by a prison officer into discontinuing his appeal.

In his constitutional motion, Kalicharan submitted that his trial was unfair and unconstitutional because he was prevented from calling four witnesses and obtaining police records, which would have proved he was in custody at the time of the robbery.



JACK IS BACK: Warner wins big in political resurgence, but cautious about joining coalition

Interim leader of the Independent Liberal Party (ILP) Austin "Jack" Warner said it would be "premature" to say whether or not his party would seek membership of the People's Partnership government following his convincing victory in the Chaguanas West by-election here on July 29.

Speaking on a television program, Warner, who trounced the People's Partnership candidate Khadijah Ameen by a two to one margin, said that his party would be meeting soon to discuss the issue.

During the campaign for the by-election, called after Warner resigned as parliamentary representative in April in order to seek "re-validation" from the electorate, Prime Minister Kamla Persad Bissessar laid out conditions for her former national security minister to re-enter the four-party coalition. But Warner had always been dismissive of those conditions, telling supporters that the coalition is not Persad



Warner

Bissessar's private property, even though her United National Congress (UNC) party is the biggest partner.

Warner told television viewers that the officials of the new party will meet "and we will take some decisions...as to where we go from there.

"So it is not for me to say whether we in or out (of the coalition) at this point in time. It would be premature. But I

will say we have been rejected publicly twice, we have been spurned, spat upon.

"I would that feel it is best to fight from inside, but if they do not want us, okay fine," he said adding that he was still awaiting the position of the other partners in the coalition.

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Caribbean Gold Cup soccer run fizzles in quarter-final round

Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago shone brightest, but in the end the Caribbean's hopes for CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer glory fizzled in the quarter-final round played last month in the United States.

Both Cuba and T&T lost in the quarter-finals in the tournament, which showcases the best teams from the Caribbean, North and Central America. T&T was beaten 1-0 by Mexico while Cuba was drubbed 6-1 by Panama.

Other teams from the region, which played in the 12-team tournament, included Haiti, Martinique and Belize. None of those countries advanced beyond the group stage.

The U.S. won the tournament, beating Panama 1-0

in the final.

NEW BLOOD

Following T&T's exit, new coach Stephen Hart said the Soca Warriors will have to start recruiting younger players for future assignments.

"I think we have to sit down and look at the direction of the national team," Hart told The Express newspaper. "Bring in some young players and give them some experience."

"We had quite a few in this tournament here, but there are others we would like to see in future games and assess what work needs to be done with the young players based on what we saw in this tournament."



CARIBBEAN CREAM



Bolt



Fraser-Pryce



James

Big name track and field stars from the Caribbean, including, from left, Usain Bolt, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Kirani James will again take center stage during the IAAF World Championships in Athletics (WCA) Aug. 10-18 in Moscow, Russia. Injuries and setbacks from positive doping tests will rob the region of some of its most prominent performers, but once again the glamour events, like the sprints, are expected to carry a strong Caribbean presence.

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Massive coaching staff shake-up ahead of Jamaica's WCQ

Jamaica, the only Caribbean country still with a chance to play in soccer's World Cup next year, executed a massive shake-up of its coaching staff last month by first hiring a new head coach, then later accepting the resignation of the technical director ahead of

vital upcoming qualifiers.

German Winfried Schafer was hired to replace Theodore Whitmore as coach after Jamaica earned just two points from its first six games in the CONCACAF Hexagonal round of qualifiers, results good enough to land the

Reggae Boyz at the cellar of the group.

Later in the month, Jamaica's Technical Director Alfredo Montesso, tendered his resignation, claiming he could not work with the current coaching arrangement following Schafer's hiring. Fellow Brazilian Luciano Gama, Jamaica's Under-20 coach, also resigned.

The resignation of Montesso and Gama ends years of heavy Brazilian coaching influence on Jamaica's national soccer

teams.

Jamaica resumes its World Cup qualifying campaign with an away game against Panama on Sept. 6, followed by a home fixture against Costa Rica several days later.

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Jamaican finishes eighth in U.S. pro golf tourney

Jamaican pro golfer Wesley Brown turned in a final-round one over par 73 to finish four under par for eighth place at the Palmetto State Open Tournament held recently at the River Hills Golf Club in South Carolina.

Brown, who was four strokes off the lead overnight in the three-day tournament, carded four bogeys and three birdies for an overall 212 score card. He had shot 71 and 68 in the previous rounds.

The event was won by American Paul Woodbury, who recorded six birdies in the last 10 holes on his way to a final round 68 and overall 207 for a two-stroke victory.

Brown made a good start and with two birdies was seven under par. However, three bogeys on the back nine

put paid to his chances of victory and left him five strokes behind the winner.

"I am a bit disappointed that I wasn't able to finish higher, but I had a very good tournament," Brown said. "This was a strong field with a lot of experienced professionals."

Brown's trip was sponsored to the tune of \$30,000 by Sandals Resorts International. Brown is employed at the Sandals Golf and Country Club. The tournament was part of the National Golf Association Pro Golf Tour, which is the number three men's professional golf tour in the U.S., after the PGA Tour and Web.com Tour.



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Applications are now being accepted for the Board of Trustees of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, the governing authority for Jackson Health System. There is one vacancy for the 2013 appointment process. The Trustee will serve without compensation for one year. The PHT Nominating Council will contact selected applicants for interviews and a background check. The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, upon recommendation of the Nominating Council, will make the appointment to the Board of Trustees.

Application forms may be obtained from the County Executive Office, 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 2910, or online at www.miamidade.gov. All applications must be submitted with a current resume or curriculum vitae and must be received by Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief, Clerk of the Board, at 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 17-202, Miami, Florida 33128 **no later than August 13th by 4:00pm**. Emails or facsimiles of the application will be accepted and can be sent to clerkbcc@miamidade.gov or faxed to 305-375-2484. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure electronic receipt of the application by calling the Clerk of the Board at 305-375-1652. For additional information regarding the application process, please call 305-375-5311.

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~ A CARIBBEAN TODAY SPECIAL FEATURE

Rihanna teams with Bud for advertising campaign

Star power with Caribbean flavor has been summoned to boost business of one of the world's largest products.

Barbadian singer Rihanna has been recruited for Budweiser's "Made for Music" campaign, which was launched last month in 85 countries.

The commercial campaign, anchored by a pair of television spots created by film director Mark Romanek with Rihanna appearing in one and Jay-Z in the other, went live online on the brand's dedicated music site and YouTube.

The St. Louis brewery will sponsor the artistes' worldwide concerts through Labor Day next month. "Made for Music"

will include limited-edition packaging, digital promos, out-of-home advertisements and Facebook messaging put together by the social platform and Budweiser's marketing team.

RiRi will join a Bud mar-



Rihanna

keting roster of musical notables that not only includes her and the hip-hop's Jay-Z, but also Justin Timberlake.

Budweiser, an American-style lager, was introduced in 1876 when company founder Adolphus Busch set out to create the United States' first truly national beer brand – brewed to be universally popular and transcend regional tastes. Budweiser is brewed in 17 countries.

- Edited from News Americas.



Jamaica, T&T encourage female entrepreneurs ~ MIF

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago are the only Caribbean community (CARICOM) states ranked among 20 Latin America and Caribbean countries that provide the best environments for female entrepreneurs.

The Women's Entrepreneurial VentureScope (WEVentureScope) index was released by the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), a member of the Inter-American Development Bank Group, and developed by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

In its debut edition, the WEVentureScope analyzes the factors that promote or hinder the success of women-owned micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). It is the first comprehensive and standardized assessment of

the region's enabling environment for women seeking to start and grow businesses.

According to the survey, Jamaica is ranked 12 while T&T is at 18.

The survey found that Chile, Peru, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay provide the best environments for female entrepreneurs in Latin America and the Caribbean.

PARAMETERS

The WEVentureScope examines and scores 20 countries in the five areas that most affect women's entrepreneurship: business operating risks, including macroeconomic risks, security, and corruption; the entrepreneurial business environment, including costs and regulatory requirements associated with starting businesses; access to finance,

including the availability and use of formal financial products by women; capacity and skills, including educational advancement by women and availability of business skills training.

Overall, the WEVentureScope finds that Latin America and the Caribbean score relatively well for educational and business training opportunities for women; in nearly all countries, more than 50 percent of post-secondary education graduates are women, and more than half of the countries analyzed offer access to business networks.

At the same time, women's access to personal and business finance is relatively poor in the region.



'Black Business Forum' set for Aug. 9 in Fort Lauderdale

A panel of experts sharing insights and resources about access to capital, public and private sector procurement, and the importance of joint ventures and strategic collaborations, will be among the highlights of the "4th Annual South Florida State of the Black Business Forum" this month in Fort Lauderdale.

The public forum, hosted by The Mosaic Group along with several business and community partners, is scheduled for **Aug. 9** at the Renaissance Hotel.

It will be followed by a "Speed Networking Reception & Expo".

The forum and reception celebrates National Black

Business Month (NBBM), an annual initiative to increase the number and scale of African/Caribbean American-owned businesses in the United States and globally.

For more information, call The Mosaic Group at **561-290-6739**.



Miami-Dade approves partnership targeting schools, industries

Miami-Dade County will be teaming up with its school board to create several new industry-focused Schools of Choice under a plan aimed at developing tomorrow's leaders in computer science entrepreneurship, international trade, the performing arts and conservation.

The County Commission recently adopted a resolution, sponsored by County Commission Chairwoman

Rebecca Sosa, to develop the partnership, which is designed to create a tech entrepreneurial high school, a trade and logistics technical magnet school, a performing arts industry high school, and science-based magnet high school in collaboration with Zoo Miami – targeting four industries identified in the Beacon Council's "One Community, One Goal" plan.

"This initiative will prepare our youth to enter the work-

force by meeting the needs of some of our key local industries, which will in turn fuel economic growth and strengthen Miami-Dade's position as a cutting-edge community in science, trade and the arts," said Sosa, who has been an educator for more than 30 years and is currently a teacher-trainer for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



Haitian native sets education priority at Florida academy

JUDITH HUDSON

Years ago, Haitian native Chantale Ferguson vowed if she ever got out of her desperate situation alive she would help at least one similar "underserved youth" do the same. So, she leaned on God.

"Unfortunately for me, there was no one available to help (to) pull me out," said Ferguson, now president of Grace Academy International (GAI) in Opa-Locka, Florida.

"But God, who is faithful, made a way of escape through the mind and strength he gave me to be different regardless of my circumstances."

Her faith delivered. In 2005, Ferguson and her husband Al opened GAI with a handful of students. The school now serves students in kindergarten through Grade 12 grade and is committed to serving their spiritual, emotional and academic needs, she claimed. Ferguson believes that GAI's holistic approach and salutary influences set the school apart as a great place to learn.

"Grace Academy is different from all other (learning) institutions simply because of its distinctive ability to provide an education option above the rest," she said.

VISION

Ferguson explained her vision is to change the dismal educational outcomes of Florida's neediest and most at risk youth. She has championed this cause for nearly eight years by making GAI's primary focus inspiring students to take control of their future by becoming passionate learners and responsible leaders who value their personal integrity, God-given abilities, academic achievement and civic involvement. She claimed the school has established a unique and cost-effective program that challenges students beyond the traditional curriculum.

"Grace Academy students receive a solid education to help them to succeed in the real world," said Ferguson. "The curriculum includes rigorous academics; college preparation courses; fine arts classes; character development, self-discipline, critical thinking and life skills, and social and economic empowerment."

Ferguson claimed 98 percent of GAI graduates attend post-secondary institutions, including colleges, universities and vocational schools. The school also offers high school/college enrollment, advance academic transition

between middle and high school, academic software interventions for students with identified learning disabilities, district certified special education support teachers, Early Learning Coalition Programs and educational/career tracks.

"Our program is also designed to teach students to use their artistic skills to make inspirational music a part of their daily living," she said.

PARTNERSHIPS

GAI has developed educational partnerships to include local colleges, community organizations and other non-profits.

"We administer quarterly assessments that ensure academic improvement and promote mastery in all core subjects," said Ferguson.

"...Although students have their unique styles of learning, many schools try to design one size fits all curriculums. By contrast, Grace Academy effectively creates a 'classroom of one', where passionate teachers meet each child's unique needs all day long."

Ferguson admitted her journey hasn't been easy. She had early setbacks, including having a son at age 15.

"It was truly a struggle caring for him and trying to complete high school," she said. "I believe a lot of the mistakes that I made were because of a lack of direction and motivation."

In addition to GAI, Ferguson is involved in other business ventures and charity work, including Women with Purpose Ministry, Assist Ministries, an orphanage and a school in Haiti that provides shelter, food, education, clothes and counseling to children ages two to 19.

Ferguson received the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2010 from Opa-Locka. She hopes in five years GAI will launch other programs that benefit the community, such as a night school and a technical program for at-risk students, high school drop-outs, ex-offenders and adults unable to participate in the day school program.

"We will be the one stop educational center that provides services, resources, and opportunities to enrich and expand the educational, emotional, spiritual and social experience of the individual," Ferguson said.

Judith Hudson is a freelance writer for Caribbean Today.



~ A CARIBBEAN TODAY SPECIAL FEATURE

Guyanese is new president of Fort Valley State University

ATLANTA, Georgia – The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently voted unanimously in appointing a Guyanese academic as the ninth president of Fort Valley State University.

Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, provost and senior vice president at York College of the City University of New York, was scheduled to assume his new post on July 22.

University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby said the Board of Regents has made “an outstanding selection” for the next president of Fort Valley State University.

“Dr. Griffith is an accomplished scholar whose career and academic training will take this institution to a level of achievement and quality so critical in the global world of tomorrow,” he said.



Griffith

time faculty by 30 percent, reorganized the academic division and enhanced the research and scholarly climate by creating a Provost Lecture Series and a companion Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series, among other initiatives. Griffith also established an undergraduate student research program.

Griffith has also served as provost at Radford University in Radford, Virginia.

The University System of Georgia said Griffith is a specialist on Caribbean security, drugs and crime. In this capacity, he has been a consultant to Canada’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other organizations.

Griffith has a bachelor of social sciences degree from the University of Guyana, a master of arts degree in political science and public administration from Long Island University, New York, and both a master of philosophy and doctorate in political science from the City University of New York.

He also is a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education’s educational leadership program.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Griffith has served as provost at York College since 2007. During his tenure, he increased the number of full-

Florida colleges among most affordable in U.S. ~ study

TALLAHASSEE, Florida – Despite rising tuition costs across the country, 19 Florida College System (FCS) institutions landed at the top of a list of public, four-year colleges with the lowest tuition rates.

The United States Department of Education’s (USED) College Affordability and Transparency Center recently released lists identifying college costs to help students make informed choices about higher education.

The USED opened the center in 2011 to help track college costs while providing tools and data to help students and families make smart decisions about their higher education options. Using data from more than 4,000 institutions, the center highlighted colleges with the highest and lowest tuitions, the highest and lowest net prices, and the fastest-rising costs.

LOWEST

Among public, four-year institutions, the center identified 19 Florida colleges as being in the bottom 10 percent

for tuition and fees. The average for tuition and fees in the FCS for public, four-year institutions is \$2,792, well below the mid-point of the national average of \$7,135. The average for tuition and fees in the FCS for public, two-year institutions is \$2,727, below the national average of \$2,905.

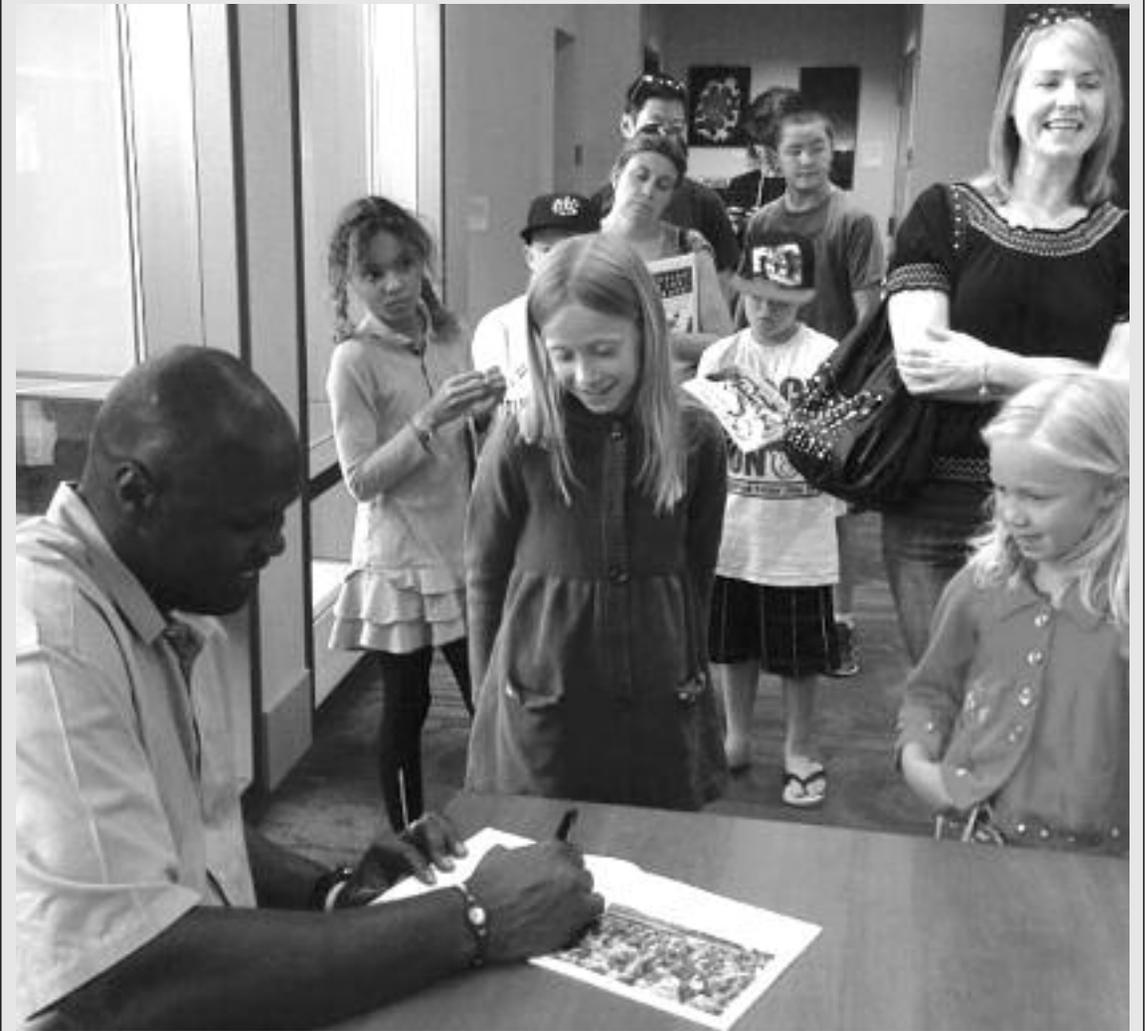
The center also highlighted average net prices, which is the average price of attendance that is paid by students after grants and scholarships are taken into account. Nine FCS institutions were in the bottom 10 percent for net price; eight in the public, four-year category and one in the public, two-year category. The average net price in the FCS for public, four-year institutions is \$6,757, below the national average of \$10,863. The average net price for all FCS institutions is \$6,750.

For more information and to view the reports, visit the College Affordability and Transparency Center.

- Edited from StatePoint.



TOO TALL TO FAIL



Former National Basketball Association (NBA) player Adonal Foyle, left, who is from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, signs copies of his children’s book called “Too Tall Foyle Finds His Game” at Lafayette Library in San Jose, California. Foyle, who played 13 years in the NBA, also works with his Kerosene Lamp Foundation, an organization that empowers children in athletics and academics. He played a decade with the Golden State Warriors and three years with the Orlando Magic after graduating from Colgate University and John F. Kennedy University. The book centers around Foyle’s life as a young boy living in the Caribbean.

Tips for parents to prevent summer brain drain

Each summer, parents look for ways to combat “summer brain drain”, which occurs when children lose some of the knowledge they gained during the school year because they’re not regularly exercising their brains.

According to research from the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University, students typically lose one to two months of reading and math skills during summer break.

“Children’s brains develop at a remarkable pace, and don’t take a break from learning just because school is out,” says neuroscientist Dr. Lise Eliot, an early childhood development expert and author.

“Parents should offer children fun experiences that encourage learning and exploration, allowing them to absorb new skills and expand their knowledge.”

AID

To help parents avoid summer setbacks, VTech, a world leader in age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning

products for children, is offering fun suggestions for summer learning:

• **Look for teachable moments** - Following a recipe? Let your child read and measure the ingredients. Balancing your checkbook? Put your child’s math skills to use. Going on a road trip? Let your child look for specific signs along the way and follow along on a map.

• **Use learning toys** - On the go? Instead of waiting for kids to ask “Are we there yet?”, look for an educational, developmental toy like InnoTab 2S Wi-Fi Learning App Tablet by VTech, which combines a camera, interactive e-books, creative activities, tilt sensor learning games, and a rich collection of applications.

While in the car or during downtime, children can use their tablet to play games, create art, take notes, or use the onboard calendar. Parents can track their child’s progress on learning milestones and lessons and download high-quality, educational content wirelessly at the online Learning Lodge.

• **Read** - The benefits of reading to children are enormous, including helping language and speech development, expanding vocabulary and building a lifelong love of reading. Children who read more also perform better academically, so visit the library often and let children choose books that interest them, or consider downloading an e-book on InnoTab 2S.

• **Plan educational outings** - Visit museums, historical sites, the zoo or aquarium. Take advantage of free summer concerts to expose children to new styles of music and dance.

• **Encourage savings** - Let your children count coins in their piggy banks. Show them how much they’ll need for something they’re saving for, and teach them to create a budget to reach their goals. Clip coupons together, putting the money saved into their piggy banks. Play “store” with your child to practice math.

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BACK TO SCHOOL



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Florida college system leads U.S.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida - For the 11th year in a row, the Florida College System (FCS) ranks among the top associate degree producers in the United States, according to Community College Week (CCW).

CCW's Top 100 Associate Degree Producers report identifies Florida as a leader in a range of categories using data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Highlights of the 2013 report include:

Seventeen Florida colleges are among the top 100 producers of associate degrees.

Broward College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Miami Dade College and Valencia College are in the top 10;

Eighteen Florida colleges are among the top 100 producers of associate in arts degrees. Broward College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Hillsborough Community College, Miami Dade College, Palm Beach State College, St. Petersburg College, Tallahassee Community College and Valencia College are in the top 10. Tallahassee Community College was

number one for two-year colleges and Miami Dade College was number one for four-year colleges;

Fifteen Florida colleges are ranked in the number of associate degrees awarded to African American students.

Ten Florida colleges are ranked in the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Broward College, Miami Dade College and Valencia College are in the top 10;

Eight Florida colleges are ranked for associate degrees awarded in the area of nursing. Broward College, Florida State College at Jacksonville and Miami Dade College are in the top 10;

Six Florida colleges are ranked for associate degrees awarded in the area of health professions and related clinical sciences; and

Nine Florida colleges are ranked for one-year certificate production in all disciplines.

For more information and to view the rankings, check Community College Week's Top Associate Degree Producers Report, 2013.



Miami to host fun day, health, information fair Aug. 10

MIAMI, Florida - A free "Back to School Fun Day and Health and Info Fair" will be held from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 10** at Olinda Park here.

The event is open to families, who will be offered free backpacks with supplies for school age children on a first-come, first-served basis. Children will also be able to receive free immunizations with a parent or legal

guardian's permission and vaccination records. Parents and adults can also get free health check-ups for illnesses such as high blood pressure and HIV.

Additionally, the South Florida Workforce mobile unit will be in attendance to offer information about jobs, research training opportunities and other career advancement assistance. Miami-Dade

County departments, including the Community Action and Human Services mobile unit, will offer information on social services, including water and sewer and library resources.

Olinda Park is located at 2101 N.W. 51st St.

For more information, call **305-636-2331**.



U.S. group awards scholarships to Caribbean students for 2013-2014

The Georgia, United States-based Peace and Love Academic Scholarship, Inc. (PALAS) will this month award 55 new scholarships, for the academic year 2013-2014, to economically challenged high school and university/college students in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean region.

The scholarships will be presented at a ceremony on Aug. 24 at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. Damion Crawford, minister of tourism and enter-

tainment, and attorney Patrick Campbell are the scheduled keynote speakers.

PALAS, a charity organization, has stated its mission is to recognize and honor outstanding academic performances of under privileged students residing in the Caribbean. PALAS was established in Dec. 2010 to honor the memory of Vanessa Campbell, an aspiring Jamaican artiste who was the victim of violence in Jamaica. After her death, an iniyisl program, called the

SSSJamz/Vanessa Campbell Academic Scholarship, was created to assist students from her alma mater Bridgeport High School.

Since the inception of the program, PALAS awarded 110 scholarships, computers and mentoring for students.

Students who have benefitted range in ages 12 to 32 years. The PALAS scholarship application process for the 2013-2014 academic year ran from April 1 through May 15.



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Four reasons to plan children's college funding wisely

Generation after generation, parents have taught their children to prepare for college, which often means to begin from elementary school or even earlier.

These days, financial experts like John McDonough are giving parents the same advice.

"Can you afford the college that will give them the best chance in life? Will paying for their education force you to have to work well into your golden years? These are the questions I ask parents every day," says McDonough, chief executive officer of Studemont Group College Funding Solutions, CollegeFundingFreedom.com, which offers advice for parents worrying about how to pay for their child's education.

"Many parents really don't know how to begin answering these questions; they are afraid of walking into a financial situation that they won't be able to safely walk out of. But the alternative – saddling their children with debt well into their 30s and 40s – is not an appealing alternative."

TRENDS

McDonough reviews four disturbing trends in the challenge of paying for a college

education:

- **The net worth of today's 30-somethings** - Adults in their 30s have 21 percent less net worth than 30-somethings 30 years ago, according to a new Urban Institute report. Why? Much of it has to do with high-interest student loans and credit card debt.

The return on investment of a college education is excellent – college grads earn 84 percent more than those with only a high school diploma, according to Georgetown's Center on Education and the Workforce. But paying off that investment without outside help is exceedingly burdensome for a graduate.

- **Student loan debt is even greater than credit card debt** - That's right – topping all Americans who have made poor decisions with their credit cards are ambitious high school graduates, whose collective student load debt shoots past \$1 trillion!

More important than this being a crucial social epidemic, it's potentially a real problem for your child. President Obama scored some political points in identifying with most Americans when he said his student load debt was paid off only after he was elected to the United States Senate. Two-thirds of students leave

college with some form of debt, according to the Federal Reserve Bank.

- **Fluctuating interest rates** - Recent controversy over federal Stafford loans interest rates adds to the insecurity of borrowing as a college financing strategy. Given the unpredictability of Congress, which allowed the U.S. credit rating to drop while standing on political principles, one can't reliably predict whether interest rates will rise or fall.

- **Your children cannot refinance their loans** - While a borrower who has racked up tens of thousands of dollars in gambling debt can refinance their payments, student loans remain at fixed rates. In collecting money on student loans, there is no statute of limitation, and today it's very common – the norm, actually – for student loan holders to take nearly two decades to pay off their debt.

With the annual average cost of public universities exceeding \$22,000 per year, and the same often surpassing \$50,000 at private universities, it's no surprise.

- Edited from News and Experts.



Tips to make back to school shopping easier

During back to school shopping season, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. From commercials to coupons to mailers, there's an overload of information about where the deals are for all the stuff your kids need this school year.

Even if you are a shopaholic, navigating the mall with your children in tow can be tiring.

"We're bombarded with too much information to truly process when we're out shopping, with so many ads, brands and ongoing sales competing for our attention," says Mort Aaronson, chief executive officer of PlaceWise Media, which provides integrated marketing services to more than 300 shopping malls in 75 markets across North America.

"Shopping is easier and more fun when we can eliminate the clutter to hone-in on just what we want, right where we are."

STEPS

Take steps to simplify the experience and avoid those headaches that occur when you realize you've forgotten those things your kids need most.

Make a list - Figure out

exactly what you need and want before leaving home. A checklist can help you map out a game plan, stick to a budget and stay organized.

Conduct a little fashion show with the kids at home before heading to the stores, to see what still fits and is in good condition, and what's too small and worn out for the new school year.

- **Utilize technology** - Most of us don't have the means to hire a personal shopper, but new technology can replicate the benefits of this luxury. Zero in on just what you want with an online and mobile "shopping companion" that can deliver personalized, timely and relevant product information and deals based on your interests and location.

When selecting a shopping companion, look for one that safely uses a combination of your location and stated preferences to determine the most relevant deals, stores and products nearby. From keeping up with trends to getting directions to stores, a free online and mobile app, such as Shoptopia can ease the shopping experience from the planning stages to the trip to the mall. Above all, when



Shopping for kids can get tiring.

selecting a shopping companion, don't just settle for one from a single store or brand — find one that captures your entire shopping universe in a single app. More information can be found at www.shoptopia.com/news.

- **Compromise** - Remember, you're not the one who is going to be wearing all those new clothes. And let's be honest, kids can be picky. So even if that pink flowered skirt seems like a great deal, if your daughter refuses to wear it, you have thrown your time and money down the drain.

Being a good listener and respecting your child's prefer-

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CHANGING GUARD



Last month marked the beginning of a new phase of leadership at Florida Memorial University (FMU) when Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis assumed the position of interim president. Artis earned a doctorate in higher education leadership and policy from Vanderbilt University. She received a juris doctorate degree from West Virginia University College of Law and a bachelor of arts degree in political science from West Virginia State College Institute.

Are you saving enough for children's higher education?

Despite rising college costs, fewer American families with children under age 18 are saving for college.

Only 50 percent are doing so today, compared to 60 percent just two years ago, according to "How America Saves for College 2013", a national study from Sallie Mae, the country's largest financial services company specializing in education.

While nearly all parents believe college is an investment in their children's future, only one-third have plans to pay for college. And when asked to describe their feelings about saving for college, parents' top answers were overwhelmed, annoyed, frustrated, scared, or that they don't like thinking about it at all.

BARRIERS

Among those not saving,

47 percent cite barriers other than money. Top reasons included thinking children would be awarded enough financial aid to cover college costs, uncertainty about which savings option to use, and other concerns.

Slightly more than one quarter of parents who are saving for college use a 529 college savings plan, a tax-advantaged program created to help families save for education expenses. However, more parents save for college using general funds or CDs, and therefore may miss out on tax incentives offered by 529 accounts.

More information about saving for college is available online at www.salliemae.com/howamericasaves.

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Florida book bag giveaway

Alexandra Davis, vice mayor of Miramar, in partnership with the nonprofit organization Empowering Children and Families, will sponsor a "Book Bag Giveaway" for the 59 elementary school-age children attending summer camp at Fairway Park in the South Florida city from **3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 8** at Fairway Park, 3700 Largo Dr.

"These 59 children attend-

ing Fairway Park's summer camp represent our next generation of leaders, and hopefully our next generation of Miramar residents," said Davis in a press release announcing the event.

"So it is imperative that we try and equip them as best we can for this school year."

For more information, call **954-602-3130** or Ermine Brookes at ebrookes@ci.miramar.fl.us.



Getting your home organized for a successful year

When your carefree summer comes to an end, getting the family ready to go back to school can seem a little daunting. Establishing a routine will help students kick off the new school year and reduce stress for the whole family.

"Going back to school is a pivotal time for children and families across the country," says Wendy Froehlich, vice president of Marketing for Homes.com, one of the nation's top online real estate listing and lifestyle resources.

"Get your home and life organized now to ensure the transition is smooth and the school year is the best yet."

With that in mind, Homes.com is offering tips to help beat the back to school blues and ensure an A+ performance year-round.

• **Eliminate clutter -**

Designate a specific location

to store school papers and materials. This will keep homework and projects from getting lost or in the way. Label individual baskets for each child.

• **Create a family calendar -**

A family calendar displayed in a central location will keep everyone organized and in the know. Include important project reminders, after school activities and test dates. Get the kids involved by having them write in their own activities. Review the calendar together to keep everyone on track.

• **Make lunch a breeze -**

Pre-pack food for the week and store it in easy-to-see containers, so little helpers can lend a hand. Hang an over-the-door shoe organizer in the pantry and fill it with lunch supplies like sandwich bags, napkins and snacks that children can access when packing their lunches.

• **Create perfect study spaces -**

Creating a dedicated study space is an ideal way to help a student focus and stay on top of their schoolwork.

And several studies show that by learning children's study habits and tailoring spaces to reflect how each child best learns, you can help kids achieve their maximum potential. For example, some students need to work in a central location so they can get quick help, while others might need a more private, quiet space.

• **Eye-catching Inspiration -**

Hanging a bulletin board in the study area creates a place for important reminders at eye level. Cover bulletin boards in bright fabric to bring color to the space and spark brilliance and imagination. Or paint an area above the desk with chalkboard paint so children can write with chalk on the wall to stay on top of projects or work through math problems.

For more organization tips, study space inspiration and DIY ideas, visit the Idea Gallery at www.Homes.com.



Miramar offers afterschool program

The South Florida City of Miramar, home to a large Caribbean American community, is accepting enrollment for its fall early childhood afterschool program.

The afterschool program is being offered at the following locations:

Vicki Coceano Youth Center, 2001 Douglas Rd. Bus

transportation offered from Sea Castle Elementary.

Sunset Lakes, 2801 S.W. 186th Ave. Pick-up from Sunset Lakes Elementary.

Silver Shores, 15700 Pembroke Rd. Pick-up from Silver Shores Elementary.

For more information, call **954-602-3126**.



Tips to make back to school shopping easier

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ences can help you avoid closet duds. By picking out things together, you can ensure everything is in line with your budget

and your child's taste.

Don't shop 'til you drop. By preparing ahead and using new tools, you can make shopping more pleasant and more effective from identifying the

hot new trends, to finding the stores that carry them and getting the best deals.

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