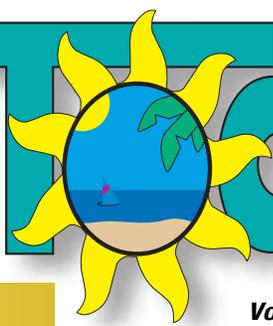


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# SIGN UP: Renewed call for Caribbean immigrants to claim U.S. citizenship

**KATHY BARRETT**

Caribbean immigrants in the United States are being urged to become citizens of the country in an effort to have a greater say in America's decision-making process.

Orlando-based immigration attorney Wayne Golding believes the future of the Caribbean community (CARICOM) could be determined by the impact of those in the U.S. diaspora, but progress is being hindered due to the reluctance of some permanent residents.

According to the Jamaican-born Golding, prior to the passage of the landmark Immigration Bill in the U.S. Senate earlier this year, Caribbean people missed the boat in the decision-making process. The bill, which allows millions of illegal aliens to become American citizens, is part of an overall move for immigration reform, although the U.S. House of Representatives has yet to vote on the bill.

"The Caribbean community really did not have the

amount of input that it could have had," explained Golding. "It was their own fault. We have no one to blame."

"Yes, we did have people in New York, by when you looked at the people out there in their numbers, it's mainly Hispanic. So we kind of missed the boat in terms of having our issues heard."

"I think the push was too late after people recognized the direction it was going in," Golding added. "We tend to sit back and take the crumbs and ride on the coat tails of whatever happens. We are not proactive enough."

## SHY AWAY

Golding believes many Caribbean migrants shy away from becoming U.S. citizens out of loyalty to the land of their birth. He said there is nothing to lose by acquiring citizenship.

"Trinidad and Jamaica have a unique arrangement with the United States where you actually have dual citizenship," Golding explained. "In other Caribbean countries



Golding

there is nothing to stop you from going home if you are a U.S. citizen, so people who voice that concern out of loyalty, it is misplaced. They are actually doing damage to their own communities by having that as a justification for not taking that step.

"Secure yourself while you're here," added Golding. "If you want to go back home, yes, but secure yourself because at the drop of a hat

you can find yourself on the other side of the fence. And get this notion out of your head that if you are an American citizen that you are giving up loyalty to the country from which you came."

"On the political side you have to realize how powerful you can be, because if you don't have a vote you don't have a voice."

## CAUTION

Golding also cautioned Caribbean immigrants who may be eagerly anticipating aspects of immigration reform, stating that a lot of ground needs to be covered before celebrating.

"I must warn people," he said, "this does not mean instant amnesty and even if it passes in the House, there's a long period of waiting. It's up to 13 years of waiting for some folks to fully benefit from the immigration bill if it

goes in the same form that it is now; and people have to understand that it still has a long way to go."

Golding noted that despite the opportunity for undocumented persons to become citizens, other changes will affect Caribbean immigrants. If the bill is passed in its present form, among other things, it will no longer be possible to sponsor siblings who wish to migrate to the U.S.

"These types of filings have been the benchmark and the lifeline for most people to make it to America," said Golding. "A brother filing for a sister and then the kids of that sister trail along ... although that is the category where people wait the longest it happens to be the most beneficial."

"But most people we

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# 10 drug traffickers nabbed in ICE Caribbean operation

AN JUAN, Puerto Rico – The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency says 10 alleged members of a drug trafficking organization in the Caribbean were recently arrested in a law enforcement operation.

The operation, dubbed "Waterfront", was a joint investigation led by ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

"This case exemplifies that those involved in the importation of narcotics and other contraband into and out of our country will be vigorously investigated and prose-

cuted," said Angel M. Melendez, special agent in charge of HSI San Juan, Puerto Rico.

According to court documents, the individuals arrested conspired and coordinated the purchase of kilogram quantities of cocaine and heroin from sources in Colombia and Dominican Republic. The drugs were placed inside containerized cargo vessels that were scheduled to arrive in the seaport in San Juan.

Once in Puerto Rico, longshoremen and other individuals working for private companies used their employ-

ment credentials and privileges to gain access inside the containerized cargo vessels and secure areas inside the seaport to retrieve the controlled substances and deliver them to others waiting outside the seaport, court documents reveal.

"Some of the drugs smuggled were distributed in Puerto Rico, and some were further transported to the continental United States for eventual resale," ICE said.

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# Haiti's P.M. reaches settlement in defamation case

MIAMI, Florida – A settlement has been reached here in the defamation suit filed by Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe against Haitian American journalist Leo Joseph.

United States Magistrate Judge John O'Sullivan signed an order settling and closing the case.

An attorney for Lamothe said on Oct. 29 that the settlement requires Joseph to publish a statement from a source he

cited in his reporting.

Lamothe and his former business partner had sued Joseph in Sept. 2012 over an article published in the New York-based Haiti-Observateur regarding the Haitian government's acquisition of telecom-



Lamothe

munications company Haitel. The newspaper serves Haiti's diaspora communities in Florida, New York, Montreal and the Caribbean.

In the lawsuit filed in the Miami federal court last year, Lamothe and South Florida businessman Patrice Baker said Haiti-Observateur's reporting on the sale of Haitel was "outrageous, scandalous and reminiscent of a tabloid publication."

The lawsuit said the newspaper falsely and maliciously reported that Lamothe and Baker orchestrated Haitel's sale, that Lamothe fixed Haitel's sale price and stood to receive the "lion's share" of the proceeds, and implicated Lamothe and Baker in illegal business practices which damaged their reputations.

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# BABY BOOM: Teenage pregnancies on rapid rise in the Caribbean

UNITED NATIONS – A new United Nations report has spotlighted what it describes as the high rates of teenage pregnancies in the Caribbean and other developing countries.

The report, released here late last month, has called on governments to help girls achieve their full potential through education and adequate health services.

“The State of World Population 2013”, produced

by the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA), notes that out of the 7.3 million births, two million are to girls who are 14 or younger, many of whom suffer “grave long-term health and social consequences from pregnancy.”

The report says that an estimated 70,000 adolescents in developing countries die each year from complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

“Too often, society blames



- File photograph  
More teens are getting caught in pregnancy web.

only the girl for getting pregnant,” said UNFPA Executive

Director Babatunde Osotimehin.

“The reality is that adolescent pregnancy is most often not the result of a deliberate choice, but rather the absence of choices, and of circumstances beyond a girl’s control,” he added. “It is a consequence of little or no access to school, employment, quality information and health care.”

In the Caribbean, the countries with the highest rate

of teen pregnancy are Belize, Guyana, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

## NEW PERSPECTIVE

The report seeks to offer a new perspective on teenage pregnancy, looking not only at

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## Caribbean migrants arrested

MIAMI, Florida - United States law enforcement authorities confirmed last month that six of the 11 Caribbean migrants, who survived a deadly smuggling trip that ended when a motorboat capsized seven miles off Miami Beach, have been arrested.

Law enforcement and immigration authorities said those arrested include the Bahamian-born captain of the 25-foot boat, Naaman Davis and Jamaican-born crewman George Lewis.

The arrests came as authorities investigated the boat accident involving Haitian, Jamaican and Bahamian migrants. The U.S. Coast Guard said four people were killed and 11 rescued after the boat carrying the Caribbean migrants capsized.

Officials said the six people arrested were previously deported from the U.S., and that most of them had been convicted of serious crimes. Lewis faces a charge of attempted smuggling of the migrants, officials said.

## FATAL VOYAGE

The fatal voyage reportedly began in The Bahamas, and ended when U.S. Coast Guard crews rescued the survivors. The criminal complaint said six of the Caribbean migrants interviewed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security identified Davis and Lewis as the alleged smugglers.

The Miami Herald newspaper reported that Lewis was deported on May 13 over a drug-trafficking conviction, and that Davis was deported on Mar. 7.

The other four men arrested have been identified as Sean Gaynor, Kenard Hagigal, Matthew Williams and Everton Jones, who is also known as Everton Bryce. All six face charges of entering the U.S. illegally after being deported.

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# New York stop and frisk ruling disappoints Caribbean American legislators

**NELSON A. KING**

NEW YORK – Caribbean American legislators have expressed disappointment over a United States Federal Appeals Court ruling that stops a sweeping set of changes to the New York Police Department's (NYPD) controversial practice of stopping and frisking blacks and other minorities, including Caribbean nationals.

The appeals court also criticized the trial judge's conduct and removed her from the case.

"I am extremely disappointed and very concerned with the decision rendered today by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that delays reforms to New York City's Stop-and-Frisk program that were ordered by District Court Judge Scheindlin," said Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrant.

She told the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) that the program was based

on racial profiling.

"Every person in New York City must have the right to walk the streets of the city in which they reside, or ride the subway or the bus, without the threat of a serious intrusion based on racial profiling, which dehumanizes them and violates their civil rights and civil liberties," said Clarke, who represents the predominantly Caribbean 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York.



Clarke

"We cannot continue to tell young Latino or African American men to wait for the equal protection of the law. As the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King explained in 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail', wait almost always means never.

"These young men have already waited more than a decade for the freedoms pro-

tect by our constitution. The wait must end now," she told CMC.

**NOT EASY**

New York City Councilman Jumaane D. Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, who has been critical of the NYPD's policy, said being right on an issue in America has "never meant an easy win.

"The stay by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals today has absolutely nothing to do with the positive reforms ordered in the lower court's ruling or the merits of the case in *Floyd v. New York*, including the appointment of a federal monitor to end the abuse of Stop and Frisk by the New York Police Department," he told CMC.

"Instead, this stay has everything to do with an individual judge's own conduct, and even that is questionable," said Williams, who represents the primarily Caribbean 45th Council District in Brooklyn.

Williams, however, said that with the ruling continues "to be put into a state of confusion over the status of stop-and-frisk, and whether the

approach used by the NYPD, which has led to hundreds of thousands of innocent New York City residents being unconstitutionally stopped and frisked, will continue.

"The people of New York City must have full confidence that their constitutional rights will not be violated



Williams

under stop-and-frisk," he said, noting that even with the stay the New York Community Safety Act will soon be enacted.

He said it would help protect New York City residents against the violation of their "basic civil right and liberties."

Williams said he would establish an independent inspector general to oversee the use of stop-and-frisk and enable residents to have violations of stop-and-frisk heard in a court of law.

**'DISHEARTENING'**

The councilman said it

was "disheartening that opponents of reforming stop-and-frisk, including opponents of the Community Safety Act, continue to hold the people of New York City in a state of confusion."

The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled on Oct. 31 that the lower court judge, Shira A. Scheindlin, "ran afoul" of the judiciary's code of conduct by compromising the "appearance of impartiality surrounding this litigation".

The panel was also critical of how she had steered the lawsuit to her courtroom when it was filed nearly six years ago.

The ruling effectively jettisons a battery of changes that Judge Scheindlin, of Federal District Court in Manhattan, had ordered for the NYPD.

It postpones the operations of the monitor, who was asked to oversee reforms of the stop-and-frisk practices. Judge Scheindlin had said that these practices violated the constitutional rights of minorities.

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## U.S., Haiti discuss 'long-term support'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States says it is continuing dialogue with Haiti on the country's "long-term support" for reconstruction, development and the democratic progress.

Last month, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden spoke with Michel Martelly, Haiti's president



Biden

"underscored the importance of elections in solidifying Haiti's democratic foundation.

"The vice president welcomed President Martelly's commitment to continue working to further strengthen Haiti's democratic institutions, including by maintaining a strong and independent legislative branch," noted a statement from the White House.

"The vice president commended Martelly for his efforts to work with the Haitian Parliament and political parties to resolve outstanding issues, and support the work of the Transitional College of the Permanent Electoral Council in setting a date to hold elections," it added.

"The vice president and the Haitian president agreed that open dialogue with all relevant Haitian stakeholders is necessary so that elections can be held without further delay," the statement said.

Biden also reaffirmed that the U.S. remains "a committed friend and partner of Haiti and looks forward to deepening our cooperation as Haiti works to build a more prosperous and secure future for its people."

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**CRIME FIGHT**

The White House said Martelly shared with Biden his administration's efforts in combating "corruption and corruptive practices in government."



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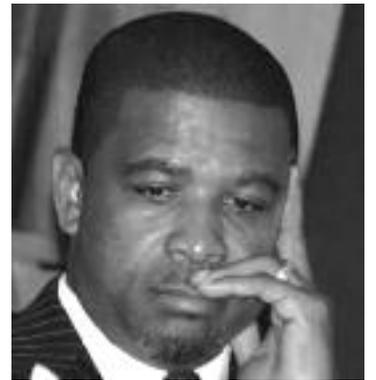
# BOOTED OUT: Brazil orders extradition of ex-Turks and Caicos premier

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks and Caicos Islands, CMC – The Brazilian Supreme Court last month ordered the extradition of former Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) Premier Michael Misick, who is facing corruption related charges in the British Overseas Territory. Earlier this year, the head

investigator in a British government's probe of corruption in the TCI confirmed that Misick will join 10 others, including four of his Cabinet ministers, in defending allegations that they illegally sold government lands for profit and cut other sweetheart deals to enrich themselves during

their tenure in office. Misick, in a Brazilian jail since he was re-arrested in Sao Paulo in April, denied reports that he was seeking a plea bargain with British and American law enforcement authorities in return for implicating United States citizens and senior politicians in

Jamaica, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. The allegations against the former premier stemmed from the 2008/2009 Sir Robin Auld's Commission of Inquiry, which found widespread misuse of government funds and property. Misick, who has maintained his innocence, had sought political asylum in Brazil.



Misick

## BABY BOOM: Teenage pregnancies on rapid rise in the Caribbean

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4) girls' behavior as a cause of early pregnancy, but also at the actions of their families, communities and governments. In addition, it says a country's economy is also affected by teenage pregnancies as adolescent mothers are prevented from entering the workforce.

Besides funding, the report stresses that, in order to tackle teenage pregnancy, "countries must adopt a holistic approach, which does not dwell on changing girls' behavior but seeks to change attitudes in society so girls are encouraged to stay in school, child marriage is banned, girls have access to sexual and

reproductive health including contraception, and young mothers have better support systems."

While teenage pregnancy is a much bigger challenge in developing countries, the report also found that it is a significant issue in developed ones. In the United States, for example, the report says only about half of the girls who become pregnant as adolescents complete high school by 22, compared to nine out of 10 girls who do not become pregnant. The report says teen pregnancies harm the U.S. economy as a whole costing taxpayers nearly \$11 billion.

## New York stop and frisk ruling disappoints

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5) New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, has widely cited the use of police stops as a crucial tool in helping drive the number of murders and major crimes in the city to historic lows.

The police say the practice has saved the lives of thousands of young black and Hispanic men by removing guns from the streets and suppressing violence.

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## CCJ: It's time Caribbean makes own decisions ~ attorney Wayne Golding

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is a regional judicial tribunal established in 2011. The idea of a regional court surfaced in 1970 when the Jamaican delegation at the sixth Heads of Government conference, convened in Jamaica, proposed the establishment of a Caribbean Court of Appeal as a substitute for the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Wayne Golding, a Jamaican-born immigration lawyer based in Central Florida, United States, gave Caribbean Today's freelance writer Kathy Barrett his views on the significance of the CCJ.

**Question: What's the significance of Caribbean Court of Justice to the people of the region?**

**Answer:** My concept, even when I lived in Jamaica as young person, was that I never liked the idea of an outside authority being our final adjudicator in terms of anything. The whole significance of what the queen (of England) represents to me was always obnoxious.

For people to sit in their own country and not make the ultimate decisions that affects them and their daily lives, especially when it comes onto your rights, I never subscribed to the

fact that you have to go to a foreign land. I was delighted when the CCJ was announced. It felt like Independence all over again.



Golding

**Q: The CCJ has two jurisdictions, the original jurisdiction and the appellate jurisdiction. The only states in the region that have signed onto the CCJ, as their final court, are Barbados, Belize and Guyana. In your opinion what's preventing the other countries from coming onboard?**

**A:** The problem is the manifestation from some of our Caribbean countries. The problem is not that England wouldn't relinquish their hold on our legal system, but it's whether or not we are moving in the direction of unity in which a decision can come from a final arbitrator in the Caribbean that each country would be satisfied with.

I've heard rumblings and I've heard that certain countries are unwilling to sign onto the concept and it has been around for awhile. You really wonder what the motivation is and how long is it going to take.

**Q: In October, the CCJ made a landmark ruling when it declared that the government of Barbados breached the rights of a Jamaican woman, Shanique Myrie, to enter the country. Could this ruling be seen as a turning point in the region's approach towards the CCJ?**

**A:** The Barbados situation kind of points out a potential problem we have where a country is indicating, by its actions, that it might not want to adhere, (although it may have to). This just indicates to me that we are going to have a problem with people complying under the system. Barbados is a tricky situation because the Barbadians have always been closer to England than anyplace else in the region.

I love the concept. It's the mechanism that needs to be put in place and whether we are going to have that total buy in eventually.

**Q: What of the future of the**

**regional court?**

**A:** Another problem could be the issue of precedence, because like every system, be it in the United States, England or Germany, you have the body of law that people look to.

So I think that is going to be one of the issues whether we have the body of law in our Caribbean countries that the final appellate court, being in

the Caribbean, is really what we need. But the structure is still in question.

People always look outside of their own borders for authority. We don't need to do that anymore in the Caribbean. There needs to be a stronger push to have this up and going. It's about time for us to really push, because we need to make our own decisions. It's about time.





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### SIGN UP: Renewed call for Caribbean immigrants to claim U.S. citizenship

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know from the Caribbean depend on this type of filing and with that being eliminated they are actually not expanding the total amount of visas available," he added. "They are just cutting out some categories and shifting these numbers to another category. They are shifting it to a category of people who have money to come here. So less of our people will be able to qualify for a visa."

**'LITMUS TEST'**

The immigration bill will also take a look at the qualifications of those wishing to migrate.

"There's almost litmus test where you have to be at a certain educational level," Golding explained. "You have to have a certain work skill in order to qualify for the visa."

"That in itself will impact people because many of them who are looking to migrate don't have that level of work skill. So there you go again with the elimination of certain

persons."

Golding noted that for many Caribbean nationals, immigration reform is a big issue and most tend to see the process as a way to legalize their status, "but they are not looking at what's being taken away and that's the sad part about it."

With over two million Caribbean migrants in the diaspora, Golding believes that despite the challenges facing them in the U.S., there is an undeniable sense of hope.

"People might think that we are not commanding attention because we are few in number, but sometimes only one or two percent are needed to push something over the hump," Golding said, "and believe me, they do pay attention. So it's a lesson for us."

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## Separating U.S. immigration reform myth from reality

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Such a PSA campaign needs to address all of the myths and racist comments being thrown around in town halls of those afraid of losing power in an increasingly diverse country.

The publicly televised campaign needs to especially target those in the "red" areas of the U.S., to educate the ignorant on the facts of immigration reform as set out in the recently passed Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.

Here are some suggested pointers to focus on:

### Myth 1: Immigration reform is not amnesty.

**Answer:** The reform proposed is no free pass to those

living in this country without working papers. It entails fines, paying of back taxes and years of waiting for a green card.

### Myth 2: The undocumented will be given citizenship automatically.

**Answer:** No immigrant is simply handed U.S. citizenship automatically. Legal immigrants have to wait at least three to five years before becoming qualified to apply for citizenship. Under the U.S. Senate's measure, those undocumented immigrants will have to wait at least 13 years in order to be able to even apply for citizenship if they choose. Many immigrants actually qualify, but don't apply for U.S. citizenship despite the misinformation being spewed in small town USA.

Furthermore, in the Senate bill, citizenship won't go into effect until border security measures are put in place.

### Myth 3: More "illegal aliens" will simply pour over the border if the 11 million are given "amnesty".

**Answer:** Actually, immigrants entering the U.S. illegally at border crossings are down while deportations are up. Further, the bill passed will militarize the southern border. It calls for doubling the number of border security agents from 21,000 to 40,000; for 700 miles of new fence to be constructed

along the U.S.-Mexico border and for a \$3.2 billion high-tech border surveillance plan that will make use of drones, infrared ground sensors and long-range thermal imaging cameras.

### Myth 4: These immigrants will take away jobs from Americans if given legal status.

**Answer:** Immigrants do jobs most Americans won't or simply don't qualify for. That is why there is a demand for immigrant labor in the U.S. – both unskilled and skilled immigrants. So the average American is not losing to immigrants but America is gaining as a whole in dollars and cents – one trillion dollars in reality.

Education is the only way to counter ignorance and silence the dumb, rants coming out of the fraction of the Republican Party bent on keeping the undocumented in a new form of slavery in the U.S.

This is the time to push back and stem semi-literacy and racism in many areas of this country.

Respectfully,  
Felicia Persaud

The writer is founder of *NewsAmericasNow*, *CaribPR Wire* and *Hard Beat Communications*.



## Paying for what you value

Miami-Dade County's new fiscal year began on Oct. 1. Taxpayers were calling on their elected leaders to provide economic relief by keeping property tax rates flat. But doing so would mean placing services provided by police, fire rescue, library system and the animal shelter in financial difficulty. In the end, while not every service emerged completely unscathed, essential services remain secure.

But the future of Miami-Dade County's Public Library System and thousands of cats and dogs in the care of Animal Services Department remains uncertain.

Therefore, Miami-Dade County is establishing a trust fund to allow the public to make voluntary contributions toward the county services that matter most to them. Through this trust, citizens will be able to pool resources and direct them where they believe they're needed most.

Property tax bills will be mailed to nearly a million

households and businesses. A postage-paid envelope will be enclosed, making it convenient for citizens to make voluntary monetary donations above their property tax payment.

Whether you choose to provide additional support to animal services, library system, the police or fire rescue, your donation will help ensure that the services you care about will continue to be provided. These donations are tax deductible and will help meet community needs. Consult your tax

advisor with any specific questions regarding your deduction.

- Edited from a press release by Miami-Dade County.



## BEST ADVICE: Don't be afraid to seek counseling

Counselors are always giving advice to couples, yet their own relationships, marriage and lives are often in shambles. Still, wise counsel does serve a valuable purpose.

We always hear about couples seeking counseling when their relationship is in danger. But usually that's a case of not adhering to the principle of prevention being better than the cure. Maybe if they had seen a counselor before they took the plunge, they would not be in need of counseling now.

Sadly many people have no use for it and think they have the answer to everything. But, Caribbean people like to say, "Young bird don't know storm."

Many enter marriage with no clue what they're getting into. By that time they may or may not seek counseling. The wife may suggest it and may even go. The husband may reluctantly tag along.

But to make it effective, both have to go with an open mind and believe they really need help. Only then is all the garbage displayed before them.

### PROBLEMS

One lady was married for over five years, but was yet to have sex with her husband. The

poor man was so frustrated. She too was angry and confused. It was discovered that she had been sexually abused by her stepfather and her uncle when she was a child, so she grew up with great intimacy problems.

Why did she marry? What did she expect? If they both had counseling before they wed, they would have been spared frustration and grief.

Counselors say they merely advise couples about life's realities. After all, the proverbial bed of roses does have thorns.

But many young people marry for the wrong reasons. Some want out of the house after living under their parents' rule. But are they ready?

The counselor will know. Perhaps he may be unable to change their minds, but he can advise them of the road ahead. If they take heed, they may not be surprised when they drop



into the first pothole.

Another wrong reason to get married is sex, counselors say. Some marry because they're in church and fornication is deemed sin. To have sex and not sin, they marry.

Others wed because the attraction is so hot. While some are having sex, enjoying it, then oops, an unwanted pregnancy results. So they marry.



TONY ROBINSON

Without counseling, more than likely those marriages will flounder and fall.

### DISILLUSIONED

Many young couples are disillusioned about sex and become confused, angry, withdrawn and despondent. So counselors advise a need for space. Couples must spend time together, but not become stifling.

Sometimes, men and women need to have their partner on a leash. Now there's the cell phone, a leash that can cover miles.

Couples must have their own interests, different workplaces and friends too. Yet they should be able to discuss, argue, even cuss, without ill feeling. Plus, they should never go to bed angry.

Another thing is not to listen to idle gossip or have too many friends dipping into their lives. Couples should also be their best friends, the counselors advise.

Love won't conquer everything. Counseling is vital, if you're serious about a long-term relationship.

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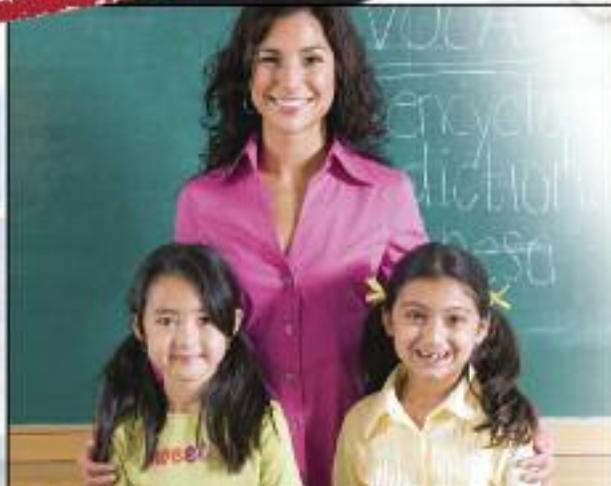
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## MIX UP: Paella brings flavorful Caribbean delight

Caribbean people have never been shy about their love for foods spicy and sweet, with seafood thrown in.

So this month, **Caribbean Today**, courtesy of **Publix Aprons Recipes**, offers a dish which should fit that craving. Try some Caribbean paella!

### Ingredients

- 1 mango
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 medium sweet onion
- 1 poblano chile pepper, finely chopped
- 1 (12-oz) package fully-cooked apple chicken sausage
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups white rice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon saffron threads
- 3/4 lb peeled/deveined shrimp
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

### Preparation

Peel mango and cut into bite-size pieces. Cut bell pepper and one-half onion into bite-size pieces.

Chop one half of poblano pepper. Cut sausage into bite-size pieces (wash hands).



Paella

### Steps

Preheat large stock pot on medium-high two to three minutes. Add water, orange juice and butter.

Bring to a boil.

Stir in all remaining ingredients (except shrimp and lime juice). Return mixture to a boil and cook one to two minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low and cover with tight-fitting lid. Cook 20 minutes (without removing lid) or until rice is tender.

Stir in shrimp and lime juice, then cover; let stand five minutes or until shrimp is opaque. Serve.



## Taste on tap at B'dos festival

A showcase of Caribbean food and drink has been scheduled for this month in Barbados.

The Caribbean island will host the fourth annual "Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival" from **Nov. 22-25**.

The festival will include a variety of chef demonstrations, tasting events and seminars. The chefs will showcase their skills using cooking techniques in intimate gatherings at Barbados hotels and restaurants. The festival hopes to show travelers how to master the art of cooking and wine pairings as they enjoy food, wine and rum.

### HIGHLIGHTS

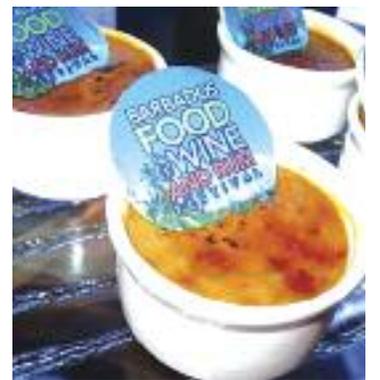
Below are some scheduled festival highlights:

"Oistins Night", where guests can experience local flavor and a fish fry serving a variety of seafood at the Oistins Bay Gardens.

Demonstrations, where guests will have the opportunity to sample Barbados's rum and gain knowledge on wines through seminars.

"Breakfast of Champions" wine seminar with waffle-and-wine expert Joshua Wesson.

"Indulgence Cruise"



aboard a Barbados catamaran.

Chef Jose Garces, at The Cliff restaurant, offering an evening of cuisine and conversation.

"Baxter's Road Bottles" - Wesson takes a culinary stroll down Baxter's Road in search of the best wines to pair with classic Barbados bites.

"Bajan Fiesta"

"Ambrosia IV", where three international guest chefs join local chefs to serve sample-sized dishes.

Learn about Mount Gay Rum, the oldest rum in the world, at the distillery in St. Lucy.

For a full schedule of events and information on the festival, visit [www.food-winerum.com](http://www.food-winerum.com) or [www.visit-barbados.org](http://www.visit-barbados.org).





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# Soccer coach Winston Chung-Fah receives Jamaican national honor

## I. JABULANI TAFARI

Jamaican-born soccer coach Winston Chung-Fah, a long time South Florida resident, has been awarded Jamaica's Order of Distinction (OD) in the rank of commander.

After over 50 years of nurturing, inspiring and directing some of Jamaica's most talented and successful players at the schoolboy, club and national levels, Chung-Fah was selected for the national honor because of his contribution to the development of Jamaica's program.

The controversial but popular coach was presented with the OD by Governor General Sir Patrick Allen at the National Honors and Awards Ceremony held on "Heroes Day", Oct. 21 at Jamaica House in Kingston.

Among the many other events held in Chung-Fah's honor was an appreciation gala and awards ceremony at the Constant Spring Golf Club Complex on October 26. The gala was staged by the Coalition of International Vere Technical High School Past Students in celebration of "Heroes Week 2013". It paid homage to Chung-Fah, a former Vere coach, who played down the accolades but could not mask his appreciation.

"My work wasn't done to receive an award," he said speaking about the national



Chung-Fah

award after returning to his South Miami home. "So it was more than welcome."

### FIFA AWARD

Chung-Fah noted that although he had previously been honored by FIFA, soccer's highest authority, it was still special to be recognized by his own country. The OD was bestowed on the 73-year-old coach legend some 17 months after he received the FIFA Order of Merit at the opening of the 62nd FIFA Congress in Budapest, Hungary on May 24, 2012.

Chung-Fah, whose contributions to soccer have been felt far beyond his native Jamaica, was presented with the FIFA award by President Joseph "Sepp" Blatter. It is the

organization's highest honor and is given to players, coaches and others who have made profound contributions to the sport. Chung-Fah is the 16th recipient from the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) since the honor was first awarded in 1984.

Chung-Fah was born in Clarendon, Jamaica, and grew up playing barefoot on the streets of Rae Town in Kingston. In 1964, Chung-Fah founded Jamaica's Santos

Football Club, which expanded opportunities to underprivileged inner-city players who at that time were denied access to the island's established soccer clubs. Despite the inhospitable social barriers, Chung-Fah eventually won titles at four different levels of Jamaican league soccer, coaching the so-called "ghetto" players of Santos to a place in the 1970 CONCACAF Champions Cup.

### REGION AID

His talents were utilized throughout the CONCACAF region and today, his intimate knowledge of the game of football is legendary.

After installing Jackie Bell in his place as Santos coach, the charismatic Chung-Fah moved on to Vere for

four years, helping the team to win the DaCosta Cup and the Olivier Shield titles. He then took over as coach at Clarendon College, molding one of Jamaica's greatest schoolboy teams. Clarendon College won both DaCosta Cup and Olivier Shield in 1977 and 1978.

Besides coaching Division 1, Under-14, Under-17 and senior league players since the late 1970s, Chung-Fah has also been activist for the sport in the United States, where he has worked with the American Youth Soccer Organization, licensing coaches, organizing soccer clinics and staging seminars and workshops.

Chung-Fah became technical director for the Cayman Islands Football Association in 1989, training all of the country's national teams. In

1991 he returned to Jamaica, serving as the Jamaica Football Federation's technical director for two years and leading the national team to the Shell Caribbean Cup.

Chung-Fah returned to the Cayman Islands in 1996, first as technical director at Scholars Sports Club, and two years later at the Academy Sports Club, where his youth sides won several national titles.

The eloquent and always jovial Chung-Fah is well-known for his uncanny ability to spot new young talent, as well as to instruct and motivate players. His interest in the education and off-the-field welfare of players has also made him a beloved figure.

*Jabulani Tafari is a freelance writer for Caribbean Today.*



## BRIEFS

### • Barbados hosts Dream Cup tennis

Reigning Wimbledon tennis champion Andy Murray will headline Barbados's Dream Cup tournament opening this month.

The Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 tournament was organized to promote opportunities for young, aspiring Barbadians through the creation of a world-class tennis event.

### • T&T jumps Jamaica in FIFA rankings

Trinidad and Tobago has moved ahead of Caribbean rivals Jamaica in the latest FIFA world soccer rankings.

T&T's Soca Warriors are now in 81st position, with Jamaica slipping four spots to 82nd. T&T's jump is due largely to their performance at the OSN Cup in Saudi Arabia - a 3-3 draw with United Arab Emirates and a 3-1 win over Saudi Arabia.

### • Former Grenada sports minister dies

Former Grenada Sports Minister Roy St. John died at the age of 91 on Oct. 31 after a period of illness.

St. John, a former national soccer player, served as minister

during the Eric Gairy regime. A playing field on the outskirts of St. George's was renamed in his honor.

### • Jamaica, T&T advance in U-20 soccer

Host Jamaica defeated Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 to win the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Women's Under-20 soccer tournament last month. However both teams secured the two remaining CONCACAF spots for the U-20 Tournament in 2014 and a chance to qualify for the U-20 World Cup.

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# MIND SHARE: Fair promises IDEA Exchange, award ceremonies

Award ceremonies and panel discussions focusing on a wide range of topics will be among the highlights of this year's Miami Book Fair International in South Florida.

The IDEA Exchange series this month will be based on themes such as "After the Apple e-Book Decision: The New World of Book Publishing and Book Selling"; "From

Banned to Blowing Up: The Graphic Novel Explosion in Libraries"; "Confessional Comics by Jewish Women"; "The Days of Camelot" and "LGBT".

The fair will also host three awards ceremonies with readings on Nov. 23. Times and locations vary. The Paz Prize for Poetry Recognition and Reading event will fea-

ture debut 2012 winner Dinapiera Di Donato, who will share excerpts from her work "Colaterales/Colateral". Developed by the National Poetry Series and the Center for Literature and Theater at Miami Dade College (MDC), the award was named in the spirit of the late Noble Prize-winning poet Octavio Paz.

The audience will also be

able to listen to Florida Book Awards 2012 gold medal winners Campbell McGrath (poetry), Daphne Nikolopoulos (popular fiction), Michael Grunwald (general nonfiction), and Alex Flinn (young adult literature) read from their work. The winners of the American Book Award will also be formally recognized during the fair.

The 30th edition of the fair will take place Nov. 17-24 at MDC's Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave. in downtown Miami.

For updates on fair events, visit [www.miamibookfair.com](http://www.miamibookfair.com), call 305-237-3528 or e-mail [wbookfair@mdc.edu](mailto:wbookfair@mdc.edu).



## COME ONE, COME ALL, to Caribbean Today's 25th Anniversary Party!!



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There will be a \$25 contribution that will be charged per person for the night's festivities and a tour of the Marley exhibit.

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# WRITE ON: Caribbean authors step up for 30th anniversary festival

Contemporary Caribbean and African American authors in the United States will be among those featured at the 30th anniversary edition of the Miami Book Fair International (MBFI) this month in South Florida.

Nikki Giovanni, Walter Mosley, Jamaica Kincaid, Edwidge Danticat and Kwame Dawes will be in the lineup of nearly 35 Caribbean and African American authors who will discuss their latest works during the fair, as well participate in book signings, readings and one-on-one discussions.

They join other African American authors, such as Stanley Crouch, Dr. Carl Hart, Terry McMillan, James McBride, Albert "Prodigy" Johnson and Representative John Lewis.



Trouillot

The lineup of Caribbean authors also includes up-and-coming David Valentine Bernard and Oonya Kempadoo. A few authors, though not of African nor Caribbean descent, have written and presented about the African American and Caribbean experience in their



Danticat

work. They include Robert Antoni, Jonathan M. Katz and Candice Russell.

For scheduled events, visit [www.miamibookfair.com](http://www.miamibookfair.com).

### LIST

The following is a list of this year's featured authors of Caribbean descent, as well as those whose work highlights black culture and interests: Robert Antoni, "As Flies to Whatless Boys"; Elsie



Kincaid

Augustave, "The Roving Tree"; David Valentine Bernard, "The Thirsty Earth: A Novel";

Edwidge Danticat, "Claire of the Sea Light"; Kwame Dawes, "Duppy Conqueror: New and Selected Poems"; Thomas Glave, "Among the Bloodpeople: Politics and Flesh"; Fabienne Sylvia Josaphat, "All That Glitters: Non-Fiction from Sliver of Stone"; Jonathan M. Katz, "The

Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster"; Oonya Kempadoo, "All Decent Animals: A Novel"; Jamaica Kincaid, "See Now Then: A Novel"; Montague Kobbe, "The Night of the Rambler"; Candice Russell, "Masterpieces of Haitian Art"; Evelyne Trouillot, "Rosalie l'infâme"; George Vilson, "Kandelab 101: Notated Haitian Folk And Vodou Songs, Volume 1"; M.J. Fievre, editor, "All That Glitters"; and June Aming, Cecly Ann Mitchell and Colleen Selvon-Rampersad (representing the Writer's Union of Trinidad and Tobago).

For updates on Miami Book Fair International, presented by The Center for Literature and Theatre at Miami Dade College, visit [www.miamibookfair.com](http://www.miamibookfair.com), call 305-237-3528 or e-mail [wbookfair@mdc.edu](mailto:wbookfair@mdc.edu).



## Celebrate Spain at the fair

Spain will be the featured country at this year's Miami Book Fair International, presented by The Center for Literature and Theatre @ Miami Dade College (MDC).

Spain's deep influence on the United States and all of the Americas goes back 500 years when Ponce de Leon landed in Florida. In celebration of the country's vibrant culture and literature, fairgoers will be able to meet and listen to some of Spain's most recognized authors and playwrights, including Cervantes prize winner Jorge Edwards, J.J. Armas Marcelo, Juan Malpartida, Soledad Puértolas, Rosa Montero, José Ovejero, Jesús Gabán, Carmen Posadas, Ana Cristina Herreros, Alfredo Gómez Cerdá, Rosa Navarro Durán and Miguel Gallardo.

The presence of Spanish culture will be evident throughout the 30th year of the fair with visual art, theater, film and music. The Spain Pavilion opens at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in MDC's Building 2 and will feature books, discussions on literary works, videos, an exhibit as well as documentaries on literary figures.

Tablao Flamenco, which takes place virtually each night of the fair, will offer fairgoers a festive Spanish experience with music, tapas, wine tastings and flamenco performances.

The free event will be held from from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 in Building 6.

On Nov. 20, at 8:30 p.m., MDC's Prometeo Theatre students will perform a dramatic reading of Spanish playwright José Ramón Fernández's com-

pilation of scenes that showcase the evolution of Spanish theater throughout the ages.

The following night, starting 6:30 p.m., the fair will co-present "Recent Cinema from Spain", with film screenings at the Gusman Center. At 8:30 p.m. the same night, the group Terekitetap will bring its folkloric sounds from the Spanish



Edwards

Canary Islands to the Wolfson Campus Auditorium.

On Nov. 22, there will be a special tribute to legendary Spanish playwright Federico García Lorca. Directly from Spain, a company of four actors will perform "La Palabra Verde", a piece produced exclusively for the fair's 30th anniversary by the Madrid-based Fundación Federico García Lorca.

The fair will take place Nov. 17-24 at Miami Dade MDC's Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave. in downtown Miami. It runs Nov. 22-24, with more than 200 exhibitors from around the country selling books.

For updates on the fair, visit [www.miamibookfair.com](http://www.miamibookfair.com), call 305-237-3528 or e-mail [wbookfair@mdc.edu](mailto:wbookfair@mdc.edu).



## Music, drama to accompany reading sessions

It's not just about reading. The 2013 Miami Book Fair International will also feature free theatrical performances and concerts.

Jazz, pop, rock, world beat, gospel and Latin music will be performed at the corner of Northeast Second Avenue and Third Street. Some highlights are listed below:

South Florida singer Karina Iglesias, who rose to fame this year on NBC's "The Voice", will perform at 6 p.m. Nov. 24. The Grammy-nominated Latin jazz group Dr. Ed Calle & Friends will hit the stage at 1 p.m., followed by the Latin Grammy nominated jazz group Negroni's Trio at 3 p.m.

and Juan Perro, former member of Spain's Radio Futura, at 4 p.m.

Wolfson Dancers, directed by Delma Isles will take the stage at 10 a.m., Nov. 22, followed at 11 a.m. by New World School of the Arts Dancers. The Wolfson Jazz Ensemble will play at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 23.

Bringing international sounds to the stage, African drumming group Jahwill B & Friends will perform at 2 p.m. Nov. 22, followed by acoustic musician Peter Betan at 3 p.m. On Sunday, the Three Sheets to the Wind will continue the world music vibe at 1 p.m., followed by Reggae Grove band Taj Weeks & Adowa at 3 p.m.

At 11 a.m. Nov. 24, Young Arts Foundation will present The David Leon Trio. Also, Spanish classical guitarist Jose Luis Monton will perform at 2 p.m., Nov. 23 and noon Nov. 24.

Additionally, at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 20 Spanish dramatist José Ramón Fernández will join MDC's Prometeo Theatre students for a reading of select scenes of Spanish theater.

For a list of live performances and updates on the Miami Book Fair International, visit [www.miamibookfair.com](http://www.miamibookfair.com), call 305-237-3528 or e-mail [wbookfair@mdc.edu](mailto:wbookfair@mdc.edu).



## BOOK OF ROOTS



Dorel Callender, right, signs copies of her new cookbook "A Caribbean Mom's Table" for a member of staff at the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington D.C. The book, which offers a look into the Caribbean and its people, tying cuisine with social, cultural and others aspects of the region's history and development, was launched last month.

- Photograph by Derrick Scott

# ENVIRONMENT



## 'Monstrous-looking' ant species discovered in Caribbean

UTAH - United States scientists recently discovered 33 new species of what they describe as "monstrous-looking predatory" ants in the Caribbean and Central America.

The University of Utah biologist, who identified the insects, named about a third of them after ancient Mayan lords and demons. According to entomologist Jack Longino, the new ant species are "the stuff of nightmares when viewed under a microscope."

"Their faces are broad shields, the eyes reduced to tiny points at the edges and the fierce jaws bristling with sharp teeth," he said.

In a study published recently in the journal *Zootaxa*, Longino identified and named 14 new species of the ant genus *Eurhopalothrix* and distinguished them from 14 other previously known species.

### 'EIGHT SWELLINGS'

In another study accepted for publication in the same journal, Longino identified 19



The ant *Eurhopalothrix zipacna*.

new ant species from the genus *Octostruma* and described differences from 15 other previously known species. The genus name means "eight swellings" for the ants' eight-segmented antennae.

"The new species were found mostly in small patches of forest that remain in a largely agricultural landscape, highlighting the importance of forest conservation efforts," Longino said, adding that the

new ant species are less than one-twelfth to one-twenty-fifth of an inch long - much smaller than a rice grain or common half-inch-long household ants - and live in the rotting wood and dead leaves that litter the forest floors.

They are nearly eyeless and crawl around in leaf litter using primitive compound eyes to detect light, but not form images.



## 'Ghost' lionfishes invade region

A new study by scientists at James Cook University in Queensland, Australia has found that the Red Lionfish, also known as the "ghost fishes of the coral reefs", continue to invade the Caribbean in record numbers.

The spiny, toxic and beautiful member of the world's coral reef communities is invisible to the small fish it likes to eat, the study finds.

James Cook University scientists Oona Lönnstedt and Professor Mark McCormick, have suggested that this is one reason for the lionfish's incredible success in the Caribbean, where it is eating its way through the reef ecosystem.

"Lionfish are native to the Pacific, but have been taking over the Caribbean Basin ever since they were accidentally introduced almost 30 years ago," McCormick said.

"Their extreme success as an invasive predator has long been a mystery to ecologists worldwide," he added.

### SOLUTION

The new research, published in the latest issue of *PLoS ONE* science journal suggests that the solution in part lies in the power of camouflage, "as these voracious



Lionfish

carnivores are virtually undetectable by small prey fish."

Scientists say the Red lionfish (*Pterois volitans*), in the reefs around the Florida coast and Caribbean, are viewed as a "huge nuisance."

"For over a decade, scientists have tried their best to understand how these gorgeous but deadly predators can wreak such havoc on their invaded ecosystem," he said.

McCormick and James Cook University graduate student Oona Lönnstedt, have now found that lionfish are "undetectable by prey, acting as ghosts able to feed on anything and everything without being discovered until it's too late."

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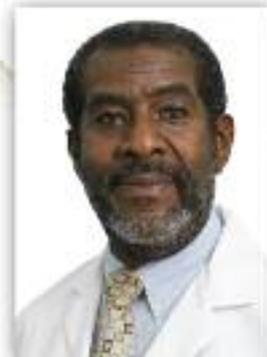
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## 'Caribbean Wives of South Florida' TV reality show premieres Nov. 15

The premiere of new television reality show "Caribbean Wives of South Florida" will be aired in New York City this month.

The screening of the pilot will be staged from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 15 at the at Hunter College's Kaye Playhouse in Manhattan.

The show is expected to feature Caribbean wives living in South Florida and across the United States, showing them raising families, balancing marriage, career/business, living the American Dream with a cultural difference and trying to fit in.

The high point of the hour-long pilot is expected to be the combustion of person-

alities based on culture as the women interact and socialize in various settings.

### IMAGE

"As one of many ethnic groups in America, we are working to achieve respect, recognition, acknowledgement, credit and opportunities and we duly earn our positions in television entertainment," Maxine J. Tulloch, executive producer/creator of the program, said in a press release to announce the show's premiere.

Tulloch said the "Caribbean Wives of South Florida" will be different from other reality shows.

"It's different because

there is nothing like it," she said. "Hollywood wants the high drama, the fight, the ridiculous conflicts, shock behavior. We bring none of that to the production.

"Yes there are conflicts, but they are played out differently, the Caribbean way, with class and dignity. Our culture dictates how we behave and it is shown in our production. We are different. America has never seen the Caribbean in its true form. In this production we expressed the culture as best as possible. The kaleidoscope we reflect is forever changing."



## Belafonte sues estate of Martin Luther King Jr.

NEW YORK - Caribbean American entertainer and social activist Harry Belafonte has sued the estate of slain civil rights leader the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. over "three precious documents" he tried to sell at an auction.

In the suit, filed in Manhattan federal court last month, Belafonte, who is

renowned as "The King of Calypso", claims that the late civil rights leader and his wife gave him the items because the two men were close friends.



Belafonte

The music and film star said he filed suit against King's daughter Bernice and the King estate "to resolve once and for all" a long-standing dispute over documents he tried to auction off in 2008. Bernice King claimed that the papers were "wrongfully acquired."

The documents include  
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## MOBO TOMAHAWK



Sean Paul topped a quality nomination field to win the Music of Black Origin Award, the third time Jamaican reggae/dancehall star has won a MOBO. Grammy-winning Sean Paul, competed against fellow Jamaican acts such as Popcaan, Tarrus Riley and Mavado and United Kingdom-based Stylo G. His success was linked to hits from the album "Tomahawk Technique", including the collaboration "How Deep Is Your Love" featuring Kelly Rowland. Sean Paul is set to release "Full Frequency" his sixth studio album, which features local and international artistes such as Nicki Minaj, Two Chinz, Damian Marley and Konshens.





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# FREE TO GO: Michael Jackson's Caribbean-born doctor out of U.S. prison

LOS ANGELES, California - Less than two years after he was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of the American pop star Michael Jackson, the Grenada-born personal physician has been released from prison.

Dr. Conrad Murray, 60, who was raised in Trinidad and Tobago, was set free on Oct. 29 after serving half of the statutory maximum of

four years in jail.

Prison officials said he was released because of a U.S. Supreme Court decision on state prison conditions that diverted Murray to the overcrowded Los Angeles County jail. Officials also said the cardiolo-



Murray

gist was released to a "representative."

**APPEAL**

Murray's lawyer Valerie Wass told reporters here her client plans to proceed with his criminal appeal for injecting Jackson with a fatal dose of propofol in 2009. She said Murray would also fight revocation of his medical licenses

in Texas and California.

The former cardiologist was convicted in 2011 of causing Jackson's death in June 2009 by providing him with the surgery-strength



Jackson

anesthetic propofol as an off-label sleep aid in his private bedroom without the proper equipment.

Trinidad and Tobago Health Minister Dr. Fuad Khan has said Murray can make a case to practice in the Caribbean country.



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## REGGAE GONE GLOBAL

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Professor Carolyn Cooper, right, signs a copy of "Global Reggae" for Victoria Mutual's Florida representative Suzette Rochester during last month's book launch at the Multitudes Gallery. Prof. Cooper edited the book, which documents the globalization of reggae music and its "wild child" dancehall as an affirmation Jamaican people's potential.

## Belafonte sues estate of Martin Luther King Jr.

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notes from an undelivered speech that King had on him when he was assassinated in 1968, a famous 1967 speech that was King's first outcry against America's involvement in the Vietnam War, and a condolence letter that then-President Lyndon Johnson sent to King's wife Coretta following King's assassination, according to the New York Post newspaper.

**LAST WORDS**

The Post said King's widow gave Belafonte Johnson's letter in 2003, three years before she passed away. The notes from the Memphis speech, potential-

ly King's last written words were left to Belafonte by a former King aide upon his death in 1979, the Post said. Belafonte got the Vietnam speech outline directly from King, it added.

Belafonte has previously estimated the total value of the documents at up to \$1.3 million and reportedly said he wanted to donate the proceeds to charity. The law suit seeks unspecified damages and a court declaration that Belafonte is the rightful owner.

Belafonte in 2008 turned the documents over to a Manhattan auction house, Sotheby's, to be assessed in value and then auctioned off.

But Belafonte opted to withdraw the items from auction after Bernice King publicly claimed the items were "wrongfully acquired."

The suit states "not a scintilla of evidence was ever offered to support this claim, yet the Estate demanded the documents be turned over to them.

"Sotheby's refused to return the documents to Mr. Belafonte (who maintained ownership from a distance) until the Estate and Bernice's claim was resolved formally or informally," the suit added.



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# Challenges call for sober reflection, but no stopping celebrations

**KATHY BARRETT**

On Nov. 1, 1981, the twin island state of Antigua and Barbuda severed ties with England and stepped out on her own to become an Independent nation.

One of the last countries in the region to take charge of its destiny, this nation of 365 beaches marked its 32nd anniversary of political Independence on Nov. 1, 2013.

Faced with its fair share of challenges over the years, the Baldwin Spencer-led administration renewed a call for sober reflection during this year's Independence celebrations. At the launch of the 2013 Independence Homecoming celebration in September, Spencer urged Antiguan and Barbudans to "renew self-pride and work together in unison."

"As the nation begins to show growth and recovery from the global recession, it is my hope that during these Independence activities, we will heed the call to usher in a renewed sense of pride to overcome the challenges," Spencer told the crowd when he officially opened festivities.

**HITCH**

In the run-up to the Independence celebrations, it

## P.M. eyes progress in time of anniversary's

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua – Antigua and Barbuda celebrated its 32nd anniversary of political Independence from Britain with the traditional military parade, the presentation of national awards to deserving nationals and a general reflection on the achievements over the past three decades.

Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer said the anniversary should also provide an opportunity for Antigua and Barbuda to reflect on its role in deepening regional integration with the result being that the island possesses a demographic unlike any other Caribbean community (CARICOM) member state.

"We cherish the contributions made by our brothers and sisters from CARICOM and around the world who have made Antigua and Barbuda their home," Spencer said.

**CITIZENS**

Since 2004, a total of 4,519 persons have become citizens of Antigua and Barbuda, according to Spencer.

Spencer told nationals that under his

was feared that the main Opposition Antigua Labour Party (ALP) would have boycotted the festivities as the head of state Dame Louise



A statue of Sir Vere Cornwall Bird Snr., the first prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda.

Lake-Tack rejected nominations of former Prime Minister Lester Bird and former West Indies fast bowler Anderson Roberts for knighthoods. However, ALP Leader Gaston Brown decided against this move.

"As far as I am concerned the Antigua Labour Party will be participating in the Independence celebrations," Brown said, noting that "all the individuals whom I have nominated, they are individuals who have served the country very well."

**DESERVING**

"They are very deserving and I can't see how the governor general would have rejected my nominations," he said, adding that the contributions

of the nominees were well known to the entire population.

"I hope at the end of the day common sense will prevail and that she will cooperate with the recommendations," Brown said, noting that "the law definitely stipulates that I have the right to nominate at least one individual and I have indicated to her my preference is honorable Lester Bird to be followed by Anderson Roberts."

Bird, 75, was the island's second head of government, serving from 1994 to 2004, while Roberts, 62, was the first Antigua and Barbudan national to play Test cricket for the West Indies.

Independence celebrations were held under the theme "Antigua and Barbuda One Family: Celebrating With Pride, Vision and Integrity". *Story and photograph by Kathy Barrett, a freelance writer for Caribbean Today.*



stewardship, Antigua and Barbuda has also progressed socially and economically, noting that over the past year the government has been able to control expenditure in keeping with the objectives of the Fiscal Consolidation Program. Spencer also said the country recorded real economic growth of about 2.8 percent last year.

However, he said despite the socio-economic progress, Antigua and Barbuda's Independence and development could mean little if the crime situation is not brought under control.

Spencer is preparing his ruling United Progressive Party (UPP) for general elections next year.

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## ONE FOR THE RHODES



- Photograph by Derrick Scott

Jamaica's 2013 Rhode's Scholar Vincent Taylor, center, engages in a discussion with Ariel Bowen, left, minister counselor for trade at the Embassy of Jamaica, and Marsha Core-Lobban, deputy chief of missions during a visit to the Washington D.C. embassy last month while en route to Oxford University in London, England where he will take up his scholarship. Taylor, a computer science and electronics graduate of the University of the West Indies, is scheduled to continue his studies in network security.

## Jamaica's youth minister is special guest for N.Y. gala

Jamaica's Minister of Youth and Culture Lisa Hanna is the scheduled keynote speaker for next month's 19th Annual Scholarship Gala of the New York based Jamaican charity Children of Jamaica Outreach (COJO) Inc.



Hanna

The gala and awards will take place **Dec. 14** at the Hilton New York, JFK Airport. Cocktail reception begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dance.

Proceeds from the fundraiser have been earmarked to provide scholarships and support for deserving students and Jamaican child care institutions in need.

Hanna believes the power of education is a means of

empowerment and advancement. This year's gala is being held under the patronage of Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Courtenay Rattray. Among the honorees this year are The Door Restaurant; Dr. Daniel Laroche and Dr. Karlene Chin Quee, founder of Heartbeats of the World.

COJO has supported several institutions in Jamaica and the United States. Among them are the Alpha Boys' Home; Glenhope Place of Safety; Marigold Child Care Centre, Musgrave Girls' Home, Summerfield Boys Home, Muirton Boy's Home and Windsor Girls' Home in Jamaica; and in New York, the Jamaica, Queens YMCA and Leaf of Life.



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### NOMINATIONS OPEN

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calling 866-516-2497 for a hard-copy nomination form.

The African-American Achievers awards program annually recognizes leaders for their exceptional contributions toward building stronger communities in South Florida.

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### FOOD EXPO

A sample of the world's cuisine will be on display this month at a food and beverage expo in The Bahamas.

The "Meeting Of Minds II: Culinary Fusion Expo", open to people who want to network, socialize and experience meals prepared by some of Grand Bahama's hottest chefs, cooks and restaurants, will be held **4 p.m. Nov. 9**. The expo aims to provide a

platform for building synergies through business to business/people opportunities and promoting healthy competition. Manufacturers, bakeries, ice cream parlors and cafés are scheduled to participate.

### 'DR. SUE' STEPS DOWN

Dr. Susan Lycett Davis, popularly known in the Caribbean American community as "Dr. Sue", has announced she will not serve as a member of the Jamaican Diaspora Board for the Southern United States beyond the current term, which ends Nov. 9.

Dr. Davis cited personal and professional obligations for her decision. Father Horace Ward, of Holy Family Episcopal Church in Miami Gardens, will become interim board member effective Nov. 10 and, according to a statement from Dr. Davis, "serve for the next 60 days

while an agreeable election process is established and a new Advisory Board member is democratically elected."

### U.S. HAILS ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

The United States has hailed Antigua and Barbuda, which is celebrating its 32nd anniversary of political Independence from Britain.

"The United States remains committed to working with you to create economic opportunities and expand trade, and we look forward to strengthening our partnership in the years to come," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said in a recent statement.

Kerry said the two countries share a "long history of cooperation and friendship ... I wish you a happy Independence Day."



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The program is designed to help older adults improve their well-being by consistently staying physically active. It is currently offered at 14 Miami-Dade County park locations.

For more information call program coordinator Allan Tavss at **786-372-9701** and visit Miami-Dade County Parks website at [www.miamidade.gov/parks](http://www.miamidade.gov/parks). To reach Country Village Park, call 305-622-2594.



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## Belize PM set for back surgery in U.S.

BELMOPAN, Belize, CMC – Prime Minister Dean Barrow is to undergo surgery in the United States later this month.

Barrow told reporters that he would be travelling to Los Angeles where he is scheduled to undergo surgery on his ailing back and that the surgery would alleviate at least 80 per cent of the pain he is suffering.

Barrow, 62, said if the operation is successful he should be back in the country by Nov. 14.



Barrow

"The doctor has told me that he believes that it will be a little taxing because of the

long flight from Los Angeles," said the prime minister.

Barrow said, based on his doctor's advice, he should be back in office a week after his return, adding "thereafter if all goes well I should be able to say halleluiah and start a proper exercise regime and hopefully ... get like 80 percent pain relief in consequence of the surgery and the recover."



## Can a chiropractor eliminate migraines?

### DR. LATOYA EVANS

Headaches are one of the most common forms of pain and discomfort that people deal with daily.

They affect more than 11 million adults in the United States every year. They also cost employers money due to lost productivity because of absenteeism.

Reports show that 156 million full-time workdays are lost each year due to headaches. As a result, they account for a large part of the economic cost for Americans. These headaches generate over 18 million office visits annually, which leads to pricey health care costs.

They are also the number one reason for the use of over-the-counter analgesic medications. But these drugs only reduce the intensity of headaches. Most peoples are currently looking for a natural method that would both reduce and eliminate the cause of this pain.

### RANGE

There are many different types of headaches. The most common are referred to as migraines. This form can range from mild to severe. Migraine headaches may be

elimination is possible.

### EXPECTATIONS

What to expect on your visit to the chiropractor? First thing is to take x-rays of the patient's neck (cervical spine). After this, an analysis of the neck (cervical region) would occur. Then the patient would be given a series of high-velocity, low-force cervical technique adjustments.

In addition, the patient could expect stretching, muscle stimulation, and on occasion heat or ice. The patient should expect to feel some alleviation from the headache.

If it is possible for chiropractors to cure even 10 percent of their headache patients they can prevent 16 million workdays from being missed and improve business productivity by over \$10 billion every year in the U.S. This will result in reduced consumption of over-the-counter drug use.

These are just a few of the benefits that can be reached through spinal adjustments.

**Dr. Latoya Evans is a chiropractor at Goldson Spine and Rehabilitation in Pembroke Pines/Plantation, Florida.**



Migraines can be painful.

vascular headaches, which can arise from vascular dilations.

Several factors can trigger this form of headache, including hormonal changes, foods, smells, weather changes, stress. Latest chiropractic techniques are helping people to get rid of headaches and also providing ways to prevent future problems.

So how are chiropractors helping people get rid of their headache? The aim is to try to deal with the source and not the symptoms. Research has revealed that a major cause of headaches is because the body is not properly aligned. By improving joint motions that can be restricted, loosening tight muscles and correcting for postural strain headache

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# CRACKDOWN: U.S. moves to stop offshore tax evasion in Caribbean

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Department of Treasury says it is taking steps to curtail offshore tax evasion in the Caribbean and other places.

The U.S. Treasury Department, along with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), have issued a notice for foreign financial institutions (FFIs) to comply with information reporting and withholding tax provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). The department said the FATCA is “rapidly becoming the global standard in the effort to curb offshore

tax evasion.”

According to the Treasury Department, to date it has reached 16 agreements “in substance and is engaged in related conversations with many more jurisdictions.

“The notice, which is the next step in implementation, previews proposed guidance and provides a draft agreement for participating FFIs directly engaging in agreements with the IRS and those reporting through a Model 2 intergovernmental agreement (IGA),” the statement noted.



Caribbean tax havens under probe.

“It provides FFIs with advance notice prior to the beginning of FATCA withholding and account due diligence requirements on July 1, 2014,” it added, stating that

the FFI agreement will be finalized by year's end.

## COMMITMENT

Robert B. Stack, U.S. deputy assistant secretary for international tax affairs, said the agreement and forthcoming guidance have been designed to “minimize administrative burdens and related costs for foreign financial institutions and withholding agents.” He said the latest preview “demonstrates the administration's commitment to ensuring full global cooperation and a smooth implementation.”

In 2010, the U.S. Congress

enacted FATCA as “a way to identify U.S. citizens using foreign accounts to evade their U.S. tax responsibilities.”

FATCA requires U.S. financial institutions to withhold a portion of payments made to FFIs that do not agree to identify and report information on U.S. account holders.

The U.S. Treasury Department said it has taken a global approach to the exchange of tax information in its implementation of FATCA.

- Edited from CMC.



## U.S. warns of drug trafficking increase in Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – The United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has warned about increased drug trafficking in the Caribbean, saying that more cocaine is being smuggled into the U.S. after passing through the region.

The DEA said the heightened trafficking represents a major shift in the route after the region was largely abandoned decades ago.

Last month, the agency said 14 percent of cocaine bound for the U.S. was trafficked through the Caribbean in the first half of this year, doubling the seven percent that came through the region during the corresponding period last year.

“What we're seeing is that traffickers are increasing the amount of cocaine in each” shipment, said Vito S. Guarino, special agent in charge of the DEA's Caribbean division.

“This is a shift toward the Caribbean,” he told reporters. “And the picture we're looking at right now will be the picture for the next few years.”

## GANGS

In this light, the FBI said it had dismantled one of the most powerful gangs to operate in the Caribbean over the past two decades. The law enforcement agency said the Puerto Rico-based drug trafficking group allegedly moved drugs from the Dominican Republic to users in the U.S., earning more than \$100 million along the way. Twenty-seven suspects were arrested.

Daurius Figueira, a Trinidad and Tobago-based researcher and author of “Cocaine Trafficking in the Caribbean and West Africa in the Era of the Mexican Cartel”, said criminal organizations are “establishing a series of trafficking points in the Caribbean

to move products both to North America and to Europe - directly or via West Africa.

“In the Caribbean, there have been two strategies in response: The first is total denial and suppression of reality,” he told the Miami Herald newspaper. “The second is to simply sit and wait for their



- File photograph U.S. has cracked down on cocaine trafficking on the high seas.

territory to be ‘switched on’.”

## 'ATTRACTION'

In September, William R. Brownfield, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, said the Caribbean trafficking corridor of the 1970s and 1980s is “still around and will begin to look more attractive” to criminal organizations as they search for an alternative to Central America and Mexico.

According to the DEA, the Dominican Republic — regarded as the largest transshipment point in the Caribbean - received 27 metric tons of cocaine in 2013, an increase from 22 tons a year earlier.

The increase in the Caribbean came even amid an overall drop in the amount of cocaine shipped in the hemisphere, suggesting smugglers are confident they can take advantage of weak security in the region, the Herald report-

ed. Guarino said South American and Mexican criminal groups are using the Caribbean's largely unguarded coasts as landing points for high-speed boats carrying bundles of cocaine.

Once on land, he said the drugs are moved on to the United States and Europe

through shipping containers, mules (drug-carrying individuals) or by boat through Puerto Rico.

“We're starting to see 1,000-kilo (2,200-pound) loads off the coast of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands,” he said. “It suggests that, the capability to move those size

shipments is there, and the (traffickers) are more confident.”

## INTELLIGENCE

The DEA said agents in the Caribbean and Bogotá, Colombia have “intelligence obtained throughout numerous investigations (indicating) that go-fast vessels departing Venezuela and Colombia were heading straight to Puerto Rico and Haiti.”

The U.S. federal government has already increased aid to the region, providing military training and other assistance, such as tracking drug boats by radar from Key West, Florida, the Herald reported.

In 2010, Washington launched the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, which dedicates at least \$200 million to Caribbean countries over three years to fight drug trafficking.

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## Jamaican pleads guilty in international lottery scam

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - The United States Department of State (DOJ) says a Jamaican national has pleaded guilty in connection with a Jamaica-based international lottery scheme.

The DOJ said that Oneike Mickhale Barnett pleaded guilty on Nov. 1 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida here to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

It said Barnett was charged in the scheme that “fraudulently induced elderly victims in the U.S. to send Barnett and his co-conspirators thousands of dollars to cover fees for lottery winnings that victims had not won.

“This prosecution is part of the Department of Justice's effort, working with federal and local law enforcement, to combat fraudulent lottery schemes in Jamaica preying on American citizens,” the statement said.

## HEAVY LOSSES

According to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Americans have lost tens of millions of dollars to fraudulent foreign lotteries and sweepstakes.

“All too often, what appears to be an unexpected lottery win is in fact a pernicious lottery scam, and one that cheats unsuspecting Americans out of their hard-earned savings,” said Stuart F. Delery, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Division.

“The Department of Justice will continue our crackdown on those responsible for lottery schemes, particularly schemes that target the elderly,” he added.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida, said the

number of international lottery scams shows fraudsters have no bounds.

## PROOF

The DOJ said Barnett was arrested in Orlando, Florida in August following his indictment by a federal grand jury here on Aug. 9, 2012. As part of his guilty plea, the DOJ said Barnett acknowledged that, had the case gone to trial, “the U.S. would have proved beyond a reasonable doubt that, from 2008 through 2012, Barnett was a member of a conspiracy in which elderly victims were informed that they had won a large amount of money in a lottery and were induced to pay bogus fees in advance of receiving their purported lottery winnings.

“Barnett also acknowledged that the government would have proved that he knew the claims of lottery winnings were completely fabricated and that he, along with his co-conspirators, kept the victims' money for their own benefit without paying any lottery winnings,” it said.

## CONFESSION

The DOJ said Barnett also acknowledged that “the government would have proved that, in an effort to convince the victims that the lottery winnings were real, the conspirators sent them written and electronic communications discussing their purported lottery winnings, which claimed to be from a genuine sweepstakes company and from federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Reserve.

“In fact, these communications were not from a genuine sweepstakes company or from agencies of the United States,” the statement said.

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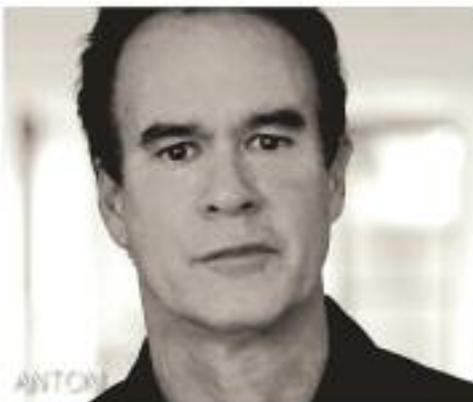
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