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Ougan Asogwe (High Priest) Deenps "Gran Bwa" Bazile led the five-hour event commemorating the ceremony that launched the Haitian Revolution. See story on page 43.

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CITIZEN PROGRAM REVAMP

Antigua tightens citizenship rules

By Bert Wilkinson

As federal authorities in the U.S. and other western countries monitor their moves closely, authorities in Antigua are moving to tighten a controversial program through which people from most countries around the world could become citizens of Antigua and some other Caribbean islands by simply having enough money to pay for documents, buy a new passport and travel with their new nationality virtually anywhere on the globe.

New Prime Minister Gaston Browne

has asked parliament to make significant changes to the Citizenship by Investment Program (CIP) by adding a few layers of safeguards to make it harder for applicants to bribe their way through the system.

The new Antiguan parliament which met this week following general elections in the last two months has redrafted the rules of the CIP to include a statutory board to create a buffer between the implementing unit and the cabinet minister with responsibility for the program that

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BP Adams marches for religious unity

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams on Tuesday led an interfaith gathering between leaders of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities as a gesture of spiritual solidarity

in light of what he describes as recent religiously-motivated assaults on Brooklyn residents.

Adams stood with Assembly Members Dov Hikind and Karim Camara, Public Advocate Letitia James, Council

Members Laurie Cumbo and Mathieu Eugene, and religious leaders in front of 339 Albany Ave. in Crown Heights.

That is the site where Avrohom Wolosow was attacked, as

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Esaw Garner, wife of Eric Garner, left, speaks alongside the Rev. Al Sharpton during a rally at the National Action Network headquarters, Saturday, July 26, 2014, in New York. Associated Press / John Minchillo

'Justice Caravan' set to roll into Staten Island

By Vinette K. Pryce

Rev. Al Sharpton and the family of Eric Garner are determined to protest the police-killing of 43-year-old Eric Garner despite bureaucratic restrictions forbidding a march over the Verrazano Bridge. He abandoned his plan to march across the structure and is now calling for protesters to "get on the bus" to Staten Island.

The Aug. 23 demonstration was revised from a march across the Verrazano Bridge to what is now being tagged a "Justice Caravan" in order to comply with NYPD guidelines.

Logistical concerns were raised last week after Sharpton announced he would lead a protest across the structure.

Reportedly, in order to facilitate such an endeavor, the NYPD would have to provide a walkway along the thoroughfare that would not impede traffic and any other activity on the bridge. For that to be effective a permit would have to be approved and the timely bureaucratic procedure could not be

guaranteed by the scheduled Aug. 23 date set by the activist protest leader.

"Our goal is not to slow folks down our goal is to speed justice up," Rev. Sharpton said.

On the 25th anniversary of the murder of Yusuf Hawkins in Bensonhurst, bus and car loads of protesters against police brutality will ride into Staten Island and ultimately stop at the spot Garner was killed by aggressive police tactics and a choke-hold.

The leader of the National Action Network announced the finalized plans for the justice seeking protest saying the movement will be tagged "We Will Not Go Back."

The reference could be a nostalgic reminder of the weekly protest marches Sharpton and his NAN organization mobilized through Bensonhurst, Brooklyn a quarter of a century ago to seek justice for the racial killing of Hawkins who was a mere teenager when he was confronted and killed.

Since July 17, the date Garner was killed and left dead on a sidewalk as EMT technicians stood looking at his body, Sharpton's organization has actively advocated for the family.

Taped recordings of his voice revealed Garner pleaded for air.

On the tape, he was heard in a strained tone saying "I can't breathe."

Eleven times he repeated that plea as police officer Daniel Pantaleo continued to restrain him by wrapping his entire arm around the neck of the six feet three inch tall asthmatic.

Reportedly, the Staten Island precinct accounts for a disproportionate amount of lawsuits filed against the NYPD for police brutality and an equally alarmingly amount of city payouts and settlements due to lawsuits filed against the NYPD.

Allegedly, police stopped the father of six, Garner and in a videotaped release is heard complaining that he wanted to be left alone. In the video Garner claimed the police frequently harass

him and clearly states he was not doing anything illegal when they stopped him.

Police said otherwise. It is their claim that Garner sold loose, untaxed cigarettes and was told to surrender but instead resisted arrest.

Using the choke-hold to restrain citizens has been outlawed by the NYPD for more than two decades.

According to the revised routing method, "justice caravans" of buses and cars will meet at the spot Garner fell to the ground after being restrained by an illegal chokehold. The New York City medical examiner ruled that Garner died from the chokehold and the compression of his chest.

Afterwards, protesters will march to the office of the Staten Island district attorney, Daniel M. Donovan Jr.

Garner's widow, Esaw said it is her family's hope that justice will prevail, "so that people don't forget that Eric was a victim of brutality, homicide."

6 Democrats: Feds should look into chokehold death

By Jonathan Lemire

NEW YORK (AP) — Several members of New York's congressional delegation are urging the Department of Justice to investigate the death of a man put in a police chokehold, further complicating first-term Mayor Bill de Blasio's precarious political balancing act as the case has roiled the nation's largest city.

Reps. Hakeem Jeffries and Yvette Clarke led a group of six Democratic members of the House Black and Latino Caucus who called into question whether the Staten Island district attorney can adequately investigate the case, in which a black man, Eric Garner, was placed in a chokehold by a white police officer.

Garner, a 43-year-old father of six, can be heard on tape shouting "I can't breathe!" Garner, who had asthma, died a short time later. The city medical examiner ruled his death a homicide.

Jeffries, outside New York Police Department headquarters on Thursday, said, "We've concluded that to have a fair and impartial investigation that could potentially lead to justice, the federal government has got to get involved."

The district attorney, Republican Daniel Donovan, has a close working relationship with the NYPD and represents a borough that is majority white and home to many police officers. Several activists, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, have called for U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to step in because they believe a fair trial would be impossible on Staten Island.

A letter sent Wednesday to Holder was signed by Jeffries, Clarke and Reps. Gregory Meeks, Charles Rangel, Jose Serrano and



Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, left, listens as Congresswoman Yvette Clarke speaks during a press conference outside police headquarters on Thursday Aug. 14, 2014 in New York.

Associated Press / Bebetos

Matthews

Nydia Velazquez.

In response, a spokesman for Donovan said his office "is continuing with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Garner's death."

Holder's office has indicated it is monitoring the situation. Two NYPD officers involved in the Garner altercation have been reassigned pending the investigation.

Garner's death stirred a long-held distrust of the NYPD in certain minority communities and renewed a debate about a police tactic known as Broken Windows.

The Broken Windows theory, which has been long championed by Police Commissioner William Bratton, puts an emphasis on cracking down on low-level offenses that could lead to more violent crimes.

Garner was arrested on suspicion of selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

Clarke, who, like Jeffries, represents a heavily black district, said the NYPD "must be transformed."

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is experiencing major difficulties meeting objectives because member countries are not paying up.

The Antigua Observer newspaper reported the agency's Executive Director Ronald Jackson saying inadequate contributions by member states are causing a circular negative effect because without that money CDEMA cannot build internal mechanisms to qualify for international financing. CDEMA membership covers a total of 18 Caribbean countries, including all members of CARICOM.



Jackson said international aid organizations and donor countries are moving away from the provision of direct assistance in preference to supporting regional bodies such as CDEMA.

Barbados

The Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados Dr. De Lisle Worrell says the authorities are applying appropriate remedies to deal with the economic problems facing the country.

In July, the Central Bank said it was projecting slight economic growth of 0.3 per cent for the island this year, adding it expects the economy to pick up in subsequent years, to 1.2 percent 2015 and 2.5 per cent growth in 2016.

But the Central Bank said output for the economy as a whole remained flat despite the improved tourism performance.



In a monthly letter to business people on the performance of the local economy, Worrell said the health of the economy, as in the health of Barbadians, the island faces "the challenges of success."

He said with respect to the economy, "our high costs are a reflection of our relatively high living standards, when compared to our peers in the region and elsewhere."

Dominica

Opposition Workers Party (UWP) members of Parliament in Dominica have decided to boycott



Climate change impacts children

Students of Buccament Government Primary School in St. Vincent receive gifts from sixth graders at the Green Bay Primary School in Antigua following the terrible flooding that occurred in Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Christmas Eve, 2013. See story on page 12.

IPS / Desmond Brown

parliamentary proceedings in support of its senator, Danny Lugay, who has been suspended from Parliament until criminal charges against him have been resolved.

The party recently held a press conference following Lugay's suspension during the Budget session of Parliament.

Lugay was arrested and charged for inciting the murder of Senior Counsel Alick Lawrence- a member of the Electoral Commission.



During a political meeting in Soufriere in July, Lugay in expressing frustration over electoral reform, said, "If I was not a believer I would take out some people... some people need to die."

John said Lugay spoke out of frustration about what continues to take place in Dominica. Lugay has since apologized publicly to his family, party and parliament. Lugay pleaded not guilty in court and was granted EC\$8,000 bail.

Guyana

The prospect of an early general election in Guyana has increased significantly after the majority opposition grouping, A Partnership for National Unity (APNU), signaled its intention to back a motion of no confidence in the Donald Ramoutar administration.

The last election was held in the South American country on Nov. 28, 2011. The minority Alliance for Change (AFC) has said it will table the motion of no confidence in the minority People's Progressive Party/Civic government. The two opposition parties control 33 of the 65-seat National Assembly.

The APNU shadow cabinet met recently to discuss the motion and according to the group's co-leader, Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, the decision was unanimous and that no dissenting views were expressed during the meeting. He said the party would support the motion when it comes before the parliament, hopefully in October. He said the APNU, which includes the People's



National Congress/Reform (PNCR) believes that the decision to support the motion was the right step given the feeling and mood of the population. The Constitution states that on the House's approval of a no-confidence motion, the president and Cabinet have to resign and make way for general and regional elections within three months. President Ramoutar has repeatedly said that he is not afraid of going back to the polls earlier than the constitutional deadline of 2016 to seek a fresh mandate from the electorate.

Haiti

Haitian law enforcement authorities have launched a search for several prisoners, including a notorious gang leader, Clifford Brandt, who recently escaped from prison after angry prisoners started a riot, holding six people hostage. Brandt, a member of one of the richest families in Haiti, was arrested in October 2012 and held since then by court order on charges of kidnapping, criminal conspiracy, among other allegations. Police said Brandt escaped from the prison of Croix-des-Bouquets, outside the Haitian capital, after prisoners took four police officers and two nurses, hostage.



No one was killed during the break-out, but two people, including a policeman were injured. Police said they have already recaptured 13 of the escaped prisoners and that a significant reward is being offered for information leading to the capture of Brandt. The number of prisoners who escaped custody has not been disclosed. The authorities have launched an investigation into the escape of the prisoners.

Jamaica

Jamaica National Security Minister Peter Bunting said a Federal Bureau of Investigations

(FBI) -style anti-crime agency is to be created on the island. Speaking at a press conference at the Police Officers Club in St. Andrew, Bunting said the new entity will be called the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) and will be headed by Col. DT Edwards of the Jamaica Defense Force. "The new agency will give us greater reach and increase our capacity to carry out investigations on people of interest, including the police and those in public office. This will in turn produce an enhanced capability to prosecute criminals," Bunting said. He said MOCA and the Anti-Corruption Branch have demonstrated their competence, adding that he believes that "pooling their collective talents together in a single more capable agency can only improve performance." This agency, he said, will see the police and soldiers being assisted by personnel of the Financial Investigations Division.



Haiti

Haiti is expected to vaccinate 200,000 people against cholera starting this month, with support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/ World Health Organization (WHO). The campaign will be carried out in three areas by Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) because they are considered high-risk zones. "Vaccination is an important complementary measure in the fight against cholera," said PAHO Assistant Director Francisco Becerra. "But the long-term objective is to eliminate cholera, which will require sustained improvements in access to water and sanitation for the population," he said.



Although Haiti's cholera epidemic has slowed considerably, more than 6,000 cases and 51 deaths were reported between January and July. Last month PAHO shipped 400,000 doses of oral cholera vaccine to Haiti, with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon formally presenting the vaccines to Minister of Health Florence Guillaume.

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New rules to safeguard Antigua's citizenship

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some governments like that in nearby St. Vincent shun because of its inherent risk of corruption and international abuse.

Browne said authorities now hope that the independent board "will ensure that we insulate the minister from any claim of collusion. The board will also serve to provide a ready reference to the unit and speed up the process, thus freeing up ministerial and cabinet time."

To underscore his point, Browne alleged that he had already been offered bribes from around the world seeking to buy citizenship so it is best that an autonomous board deals with applications rather than a line minister.

Despite the fact that the U.S. and other countries have criticized efforts by the Caribbean to earn additional income through the CIP, the U.S., Australia, Canada and others have similar pro-

grams though these are all way more expensive than Antigua, Dominica or St. Kitts for example.

Obtaining a passport and citizenship documents in Antigua or St. Kitts could cost an applicant between \$400,000 to \$1.5M. Applicants are required to invest in real estate and other businesses. In the case of Dominica, The AP news agency recently reported that Palestinian national Hadi Mezawi recently became a citizenship by simply sending \$100,000 to Dominican authorities without ever setting foot on the island.

Many around the world, Chinese nationals in particular, are anxious to cash in on the program because citizens in many of the Eastern Caribbean islands do not have to obtain travel visas to Canada and western Europe so a relatively small investment by a wealthy person could make life much easier than traveling with their other



Antigua Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Photo courtesy of Antigua government

country passports.

Prime Minister Browne said board members will serve three-year terms and the new rules reduce the time successful applicants must stay on the island from 35 days per year to five, a move former Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer scoffed at.

"I just find it amazing that the first thing that this government could bring to the house was the very bill that they castigated us about."

Dominica is believed to have about 3,000 citizens but nationals in some countries like Iran are barred from applying because of alleged links to terrorism among other issues.

Faith leaders denounce bigotry

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a part of the "knockout game" on Aug. 13.

Adams said recent events, such as the incident against Wolosow, the fire set at an East Flatbush church and offenses committed towards worshipers outside of mosques in Bay Ridge and Midwood, would not deter the efforts of his office and the interfaith community from continuing to improve relationships between the borough's many diverse groups.

"I stand in partnership with my colleagues in government and a vast array of faith leaders to denounce hatred and bigotry on any and all levels," he said.

"Brooklyn is a beautiful mosaic, which is home to individuals representing over 130 ethnicities who practice varied religions and speak diverse languages," he added. "Violence against an individual because of one's religious affiliation, color, sexual orientation, or creed will not be tolerated by any of us, or by the members



Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams denounces violence and acts of discrimination against people of faith at an interfaith press conference with elected officials and Jewish, Christian and Muslim community leaders at 339 Albany Ave. in Crown Heights.

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of the constituency that we believe in."

"One Brooklyn means that we stand united against hate, we stand united against violence, and we stand united for peace and harmony," Adams continued.

Hikind said: "We have the greatest police department in the country and we have great leadership at City Hall; but, in 2014, no one should be afraid to walk the streets because of their religion, because of the color of their skin, or because of what they

"This press conference is about innocent citizens of our city being victimized, and so we all stand together and speak out to make sure that the most recent incident that happened is really the last one," he added.

After extending their condolences to the Rabbi's family, the interfaith group laid bouquets of flowers near his property and called for additional support to the religious communities.



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Raising our voices against casino gambling

By CDGLH

Citizens in Defence of Grenada's Lands and Heritage (CDGLH) has noted with dismay the introduction of legislation in the House of Representatives last Thursday, Aug. 14, to permit casino gaming in hotels with at least 300 rooms. We wish to repeat and to place on record our unequivocal, unapologetic opposition to this measure as a strategy to promote economic development, particularly the tourism sector. We heard that the legislation seeks to facilitate "quality entertainment in a pure environment." Poor Grenada!

Our opposition to casino gambling is not a moral one. Firstly, we believe that it is short-sighted measure which sells our people short and does not develop the real skills and talent of our people and secondly, in the not so long term, it will create more problems than it brings benefits. While law makers may wish to close their eyes to the known negative impacts of casino gambling, including the links between casino gambling and organized crime, that does not negate the well documented reality. If they care to read, then we provide the following links for their information:-

http://www.casinofreephilly.org/files/factbook_pages.pdf
<http://www.casinofreephilly.org/casino-facts/gambling-and-organized-crime>

http://www.casinowatch.org/crime/money_laundering.html

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/08/gambling-machines-drug-money-laundering-bookies>

http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2013/04/12/crimecasino_links_should_alarm_toronto_and_ontario_progambling_forces.html

<http://www.casinowatch.org/crime/mob.html>

We also do not support the setting up of any facilities in Grenada, which will discriminate against Grenadian participation except as servers and waiters of one sort or the other.

Camerhogne Park

We are also concerned about recent allegations that operators of booths in the Camerhogne Park area have received notices which suggest that they will not be allowed to continue operations. Should we be concerned? Is the people's property, Camerhogne Park, under threat from investors? Citizens in Defence of Grenada's Lands and Heritage urges "we the people" to continue to be vigilant to ensure that Camerhogne Park is protected.

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A commitment to democracy

By Capil Bissoon

The debate in the House of Representatives on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2014 was a landmark event in Trinidad and Tobago's politics because of both the content of the proposed legislation and how Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar handled it. The most significant part of her strategy was to allow a conscience vote which freed every member of the People's Partnership from following the guidelines of the whip, ensuring that no one would be penalised for breaching the principle of collective Cabinet responsibility.

She took a risk since her party, the United National Congress (UNC) did not have the majority required to pass the bill. But she also put faith in the Partnership. In the end, the bill passed although three of the five Congress of the People (COP) MPs disagreed with the government. Winston Dookeran and Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan voted with the opposition and Rodger Samuel abstained.

Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Rowley saw that as grounds for their dismissal from Cabinet. He argued that it would be wrong for dissenting Cabinet members to continue to sit at the decision making table and deal with confidential matters of State. He was wrong and the question demonstrated his ignorance of the democratic principle that guided the prime minister's decision.

It was democracy at work, a kind of politics uncommon in T&T. The prime minister demonstrated her sincerity in advocating for term limits for PMs by dispensing with the heavy-handed maximum leader style of her predecessors. She was prepared to accommodate dissent as part of her vision of a participatory democracy that gives greater power to the people.

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By contrast Dr. Rowley saw a low tolerance for all dissenting views as demonstrated during the recent internal election in his party; remember when Danny Montano and Mariano Browne were taken to task and threatened with disciplinary action for criticising Dr. Rowley during a campaign which was meant to introduce a greater measure of democracy in the PNM? Dr. Rowley also accused Pernelle Beckles-Robinson of being disloyal to the PNM for suggesting that it might be a good idea to consider the proposal for proportional representation.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar's move was a manifestation of her philosophy of consultation and consensus, which are vital components of a coalition. She has always respected dissenting views and engaged in consultation before deciding what is best for the citizens and the country, even when such views had the potential to hurt her politically.

The people mattered more than her personal politics and that is what was the highlight, not only of the bill but also the manner in which she presented it to Parliament.

When Winston Dookeran stood up in Parliament and rejected ideas that took root inside the party he once led, he was rejecting constitutional reforms, which formed part of his mantra of new politics. Mrs. Persad-Bissessar's decision to

accommodate a diversity of views and opinion provided the flexibility needed to prevent a fracture that could have damaged all her work in coalition building, which allows the widest level of people involvement in the governance of the country.

Had she taken the undemocratic line that to disagree with the government would mean automatic expulsion she might have been facing the departure of the COP from the Partnership. Her bold moves to introduce constitutional change set a new standard for others to follow. Mrs. Persad-Bissessar has become the only leader since 1976 to introduce changes to the Constitution after widespread consultation.

Her predecessors talked about it but none of them did it.

Interestingly, the PM noted that all three proposals in the bill have been discussed and accepted internally by the PNM with the run-off vote enshrined in the party's revised constitution. When the PNM rejected all of them by voting no, it signalled that it did not see the people as equal to the party. What was good for the PNM was not good for the people. The PNM, it seems, is content to have two classes of people in T&T, those who live by the PNM rules and the rest, who are lesser citizens.

That manner of PNM double-talk continues to hurt the party and keep it in the political Jurassic age while the UNC and its partners have made quantum leaps forward in building a society where all are equal and the people have greater power over their destiny.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar's approach to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill is one giant step closer to the true participatory democracy that she promised the people.

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The Hillary pot shots keep on coming

Were Hillary Clinton to decide eventually that she won't be a presidential candidate in 2016 after all, we know this would leave a whole lot of folk quite deflated. True, she looked like a shoo-in for the White House to be back under Clinton control in 2008 too, before history took an altogether different turn. But as of now, she looks hard to beat, both for the Democratic nomination (if there's any challenge mounted there) and when facing off against the Republican nominee. But if, when the word does come from her, it's a "no," there's good reason to be understanding, even if dispirited about how that could change the complexion of the next presidential race.

The Clintons are said to be tough cookies. And we certainly got a sense of that during their White House years, given the non-stop pounding they took from forces on the right who seemed to have organized Clinton bashing into a well-oiled machine. But, tough or not, you reach a point of asking yourself if dodging a steady barrage of poison darts is really worth it. Hillary's position as presumptive leader of

the pack already has her squarely in the crosshairs of the trigger-happy bunch arrayed on the other side...albeit for an election more than two years distant.

A writer connected to the conservative Weekly Standard, Daniel Halper, has come out with a book to add to the already extensive Clinton-focused argot. "Clinton, Inc.: The Audacious Rebuilding of a Political Machine" wasn't a vehicle for tossing brickbats, the author says, but to identify problem areas Hillary would have to address as a candidate. That, at least, is how Halper summed it up when interviewed on C-SPAN's "Book TV" last weekend. The author's determined pursuit of whatever looked to be potential Clinton pitfalls – his protestations about not intending to throw barbs notwithstanding – is the kind of stuff that, in merciless profusion, might give Hillary pause about running again.

As a Weekly Standard guy, it's hard for Halper to be taken seriously with his insistence that he is all about unvarnished reporting of the Hillary (and Bill) saga. An online promo for "Clinton, Inc." sings its praises, via the

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

obligatory right-wing voices, of course. The National Review's Rich Lowry suggests we check out Halper's "appropriately excoriating book" to get hip to how horrid a pair the Clintons are, and "consider yourselves warned."

Seeing that the advertised hosannas come almost exclusively from usual suspects on the right, it is presumably one of their ilk who penned the tease for the book in the promo. No surprise that these types, salivating over yet another forum to vaporize the Clintons, would somewhere in the exuberance display scant regard for adhering to fact. Contrasting the Clintons' standing today as probably the country's two most popular politicians with when his presidential stint ended, the assertion is made that upon departing the White House they were "a disgraced couple, weighed down by a decade of scandal..." Really? Gotta hand it to Hillary

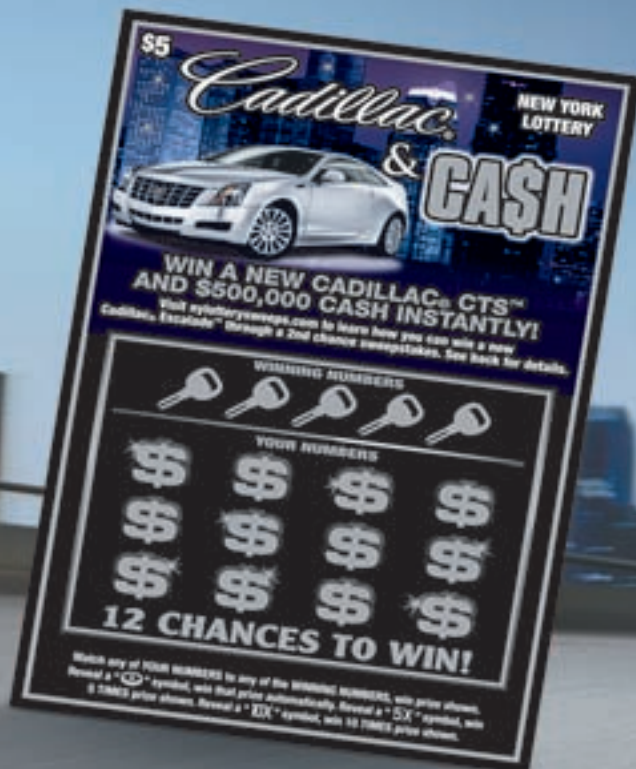
who, as a "disgraced" wife did pretty well for herself the previous November, handily winning a New York Senate seat. A reference to Chelsea Clinton mentions her being "raised in the White House as her father was impeached" (disingenuously ignoring that the House voted articles of impeachment that went nowhere in the Senate).

That the Clinton presidency was a noted success; that he presided over a robust economy in which approximately 23 million jobs were created; that he turned the huge deficit left by his GOP predecessor into a surplus that was, in turn, squandered by the misguided policies of the GOP crew that succeeded him; that his pioneering multiple placements of women and minorities in cabinet and other key positions was a plus, not a bust; all of this has stuck in the throat of right-wing bashers – difficult to swallow. Resorting to half-truths, misrepresentations and the like is the sum total of feel-good condemnation that critics like the "Clinton, Inc." author and his bedfellows can have. They confess being dumbfounded at the

favorability numbers the Clintons enjoy with the American people. Only because at every turn, on the Clinton question, they have been on the wrong side of where a majority of the public stood.

Hence the cheap shots. What "disgraced couple weighed down by scandal" in 2001? Are the American people such idiots that they can't distinguish between scandal and the witch hunts real or would-be demagogues used to hound the Clintons ad nauseam? Had Bill Clinton's eight-year stewardship not registered with the people as positively as it did, he and his wife would not today be held in the high regard they are. The conservative juggernaut can continue being as blind as it cares to be to this truth.

As for Hillary and 2016, there's no doubting the comfort zone her being in the mix would provide for those of us whose proletarian perspective always runs afoul of what they're spewing on the right. No doubt either that she would be one heck of a lot superior to anyone from the rogues' gallery of presidential pretenders likely to be trotted out from that camp.



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Trinidad's lower house passes controversial bill

By Azad Ali

The controversial Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2014 was passed in the House of Representatives during a marathon 15-hour debate which ended in the early hours of the morning on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

The bill now goes before the Senate for final approval.

Before the debate Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar announced she was going to allow government members to exercise a conscience vote on the bill.

In piloting the measure in the House of Representatives at the Waterfront Centre, Port of Spain on Monday, Persad-Bissessar said, "I want to indicate today that I am releasing all members of the Cabinet from the doctrine of collective responsibility on this matter." The prime minister's announcement came after the Congress of the People (one of the partners in the coalition People's Partnership government), which has five MPs had expressed serious reservations about the bill.

Persad-Bissessar said that under the Westminster model when one breached the principle of collective responsibility of the Cabinet, one had to either resign



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

AP Photo/Anthony Harris

or be fired.

There have been widespread criticisms of a provision in the bill where the government has proposed a run-off supplementary poll in the event a candidate fails to obtain more than 50 per cent of the votes cast.

When the vote was taken just after 3 a.m., two members of the COP, Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Dookeran and Planning Minister Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan voted against the bill. Another COP Minister Rodger Samuel abstained from voting.

When the count was taken by the Speaker of the

House Wade Mark, 23 voted in favor of the amendment, 14 against and one abstention.

The PP government had held 26 seats in the 41-House Chamber, but that figure has been narrowed down to 23 with the resignations of three ministers over the past year.

The COP holds five seats; the Tobago Congress of the People (TOP) has two, while the United National Congress (UNC) holds 18.

The Opposition People's National Movement (PNM) has 13 seats, while the Independent Labor Party (ILP) has one seat.

Police: Submarine used for drugs found in Guyana

By Bert Wilkinson

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Authorities in the South American country of Guyana have discovered a rudimentary submarine they believe was going to be used to ferry drugs across the Atlantic, police said Friday.

The submarine is 65 feet (20 meters) long, 12 feet (4 meters) wide and seven feet (two meters) deep, and it was powered by a huge diesel engine, according to anti-narcotics unit director

James Singh.

"It is the first time we have discovered a submarine on the Atlantic side and this is startling," he told The Associated Press. "This seems to be a huge operation by groups which are setting up shop here."

Singh said the submarine was found in Guyana's northwest coastal Waini Region near the border with Venezuela. He said he believes it was locally built and that it could have been headed to Europe or Africa.

No one has been arrested.

The U.S. government has long said Guyana is a major transshipment point for drugs headed to the U.S. and has accused local authorities of not doing enough to fight the trade and money laundering.

U.S. officials expect to soon open a Drug Enforcement Administration office in Guyana. A DEA spokesman did not return messages for comment.



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Caribbean's climate agenda to focus on children

By Desmond Brown

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Aug 12, 2014 (IPS) - Children are often the forgotten ones when policy-makers map out strategies to deal with climate change, even as they are least capable of fending for themselves in times of trouble.

According to David Popo, head of the Social Policy Unit at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). "Very often when we speak about poverty reduction we are not seeing children, children are invisible in terms of development.

"And it's not just St. Lucia but especially throughout the wider Caribbean," Popo told IPS.

He cited the findings of a recent UNICEF-facilitated workshop that showed climate change has a litany of negative consequences for children, in areas such as education, poverty reduction and other forms of social

development.

The OECS Rallying the Region to Action on Climate Change (OECS-RRACC project) is supporting St. Lucia through the establishment of a Geographic Information System (GIS) platform that will enable the mapping of water infrastructure for improved management and delivery services to consumers.

Popo said such a platform must make provision for the impact of the findings on children, who often appear to be overlooked when disaster mitigation plans are being considered.

"This instrument, this GIS platform has to be able, in addition to mapping the infrastructural facilities throughout the island, I think it's very important as well to have some very strong correlations with respect to what happens to people and especially our children," he

said.

"We can very well imagine the impact in terms of schooling, education, health and the other related impacts within the unit of the household especially in areas which are impoverished and impoverished households...If there is no water in the house, the parent cannot send the child to school."

The RRACC Project is a joint effort by the OECS Secretariat and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to assist Eastern Caribbean States in various ways relating to climate change.

The UNICEF Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in an analysis titled "Children and Climate Change in the Small Islands Development States (SIDS) of the Eastern Caribbean" said trends in the Caribbean during the last 30 years are already showing significant



David Popo, head of the Social Policy Unit at the OECS. IPS / Desmond Brown

changes to the environment due to climate change.

It said the results of climate change are all expected to negatively impact children and families due to lost/reduced earnings for families from loss in the agricultural, fishing and tourism sectors; threatened environmental displacement – 50 percent of the population live within 1.5 kilometres from the coastlines – increased vector-

and water-borne diseases; and family separation due to migration because of challenges in some countries.

The analysis also cited the loss of classroom time for children due to emergencies during the storm season; that fact that the rights of children were not addressed within most emergency plans/policies; the psychological toll of constant fear of natural disasters; and further family

separation and migration. UNICEF said children, as an especially vulnerable group, will bear a disproportionately large share of the burden.

Anguilla's Environment Minister Jerome Roberts told IPS the region's response to the climate change challenge must involve children, adding it will be judged by history.

"If we fail to build resilience to adapt to those potential impacts now, we will risk consigning our future generations of Anguillians, and the entire OECS region, to an irreversible disaster," he said.

"As minister with responsibility for education and the environment, it will be remiss of me not to emphasise the need to ensure that Anguilla provides quality climate change education.

"Our approach must encourage innovative teaching methods that will integrate climate change education in schools. Furthermore, we have to ensure that we enhance our non-formal education programme through the media, networking and partnerships to build public knowledge on climate change," he added.

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Prostate cancer — Don't let it change your life

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

About 230,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in 2014.

The odds of surviving this type of cancer are favorable — as long as it is discovered in time. A simple blood test is all it takes.

Dr. Vitaly Raykhman of The New York Urologic Institute says men over the age of 50 need to be pro-active. They should be screened for the disease annually, and The New York Urologic Institute, a modern facility with state-of-the-art equipment, can provide this comprehensive testing and diagnosis.

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Yet, one of the reasons the fatality rate is declining is because of the Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test. It provides doctors with a five-year lead time to battle cancer. That's a good head start.

Make an appointment to be tested, especially if there is a history of prostate cancer in the family. Men of Caribbean ancestry are also prone to the disease.

Don't panic if initial testing indicates that blood levels of PSA are elevated. This doesn't necessarily mean cancer is present. Other factors, such as a urinary tract infection, can cause levels to rise. Further blood testing, urine testing, and an ultrasound can help define what is going on, and Dr. Raykhman will determine if a biopsy is necessary.

If so, The New York Urologic Institute performs biopsies under local or general anesthesia, right at the office. An experienced anesthesiologist and pathologist are at hand to offer patients a high level of care. It is re-assuring, too, that Dr. Raykhman takes the extra pre-caution of administering intravenous antibiotics before the

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"Most patients get radiation," says the doctor. "Surgery is appropriate in some situations, but carries risk of impotence, incontinence, post-opt pain, blood loss, and missed days of work." These risks must be weighed.

Radiation is often advantageous because intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) is well-tolerated.

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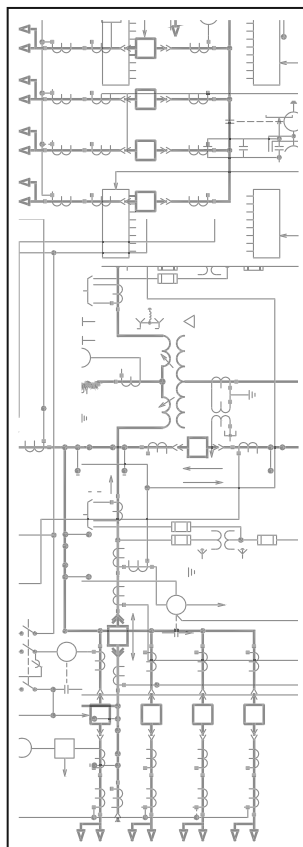
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St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves says the recent audit of the Registry at the High Court raises a number of questions that needed to be answered. The audit followed the May 21 resignation of Registrar of the High Court Tamara Gibson-Marks. Gonsalves, who received a copy of the audit report recently, said that copies were also given to the Attorney General Judith Jones-Morgan acting Commissioner of Police Ronald Hadaway and Director of Public Prosecutions, Colin Williams. He told reporters he was reluctant to give details of the report indicating that it was in the hands of the relevant authorities. The attorney general had asked Gibson-Marks to resign during a 30-minute meeting on May 21. The resignation comes amidst unconfirmed reports that an estimated EC\$300,000 had been missing from an account. Since then the AG has applied to the court asking that the St. Lucian-born



former registrar show cause why he should not be debarred or disciplined.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago's rating on the Global Innovation Index (GII) has dropped for the third consecutive year. Trinidad and Tobago ranked 90 out of 143 countries in this year's index. Last year, T&T ranked 81 while it was at number 74 in 2012 and 72 in 2011. Among four Caribbean countries, Trinidad and Tobago was at lowest position, while neighboring Barbados was ranked the highest at 41. Jamaica came in at 82 and Guyana at 80. The country which ranked 143 on the Index was Sudan.



The GII, in its seventh edition this year, is co-published by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), an agency of the United Nations.

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Tourism signals a paradise lost for Haitians

By Judith Scherr

ILE À VACHE, Haiti, Aug 8, 2014 (IPS) - Calm waters lap the shore beneath stately coconut palms. Mango trees display their bounty alongside mangrove forests. Goats graze peacefully on hillsides.

Ile à Vache is “the Caribbean’s last treasure island,” says Haiti’s Ministry of Tourism. Just 10.5 km off Haiti’s southwest coast, the 13 by 3.2 km haven is, the ministry continues, “unpaved, unplugged, unspoiled and unlike anywhere else,” and “singular for its complete absence of roads and cars.”

These words were written, however, before mangroves were cleared for an international airport, coconut palms were bulldozed for a road, a bay was dredged for yachts and some 40 police officers came with weapons and three all-terrain vehicles to quell protests.

Islanders, estimated at between 14,000 and 20,000, are angry at their exclusion from the government decision-making process that has opened the island for investment in an international airport, hotels, villas, a golf course, and an underwater museum — investments that place residents’ futures in limbo.

“The project came to the island by surprise,” Alexis Kenold, a 40-year-old father of five, told IPS. “The government hadn’t talked to us about it. They want to kick us out in favour of those who would profit from tourist development.”

On May 10, 2013, President Michel Martelly decreed that the island was a “public utility,” zoned for tourism.

“The decree says that no inhabitant of the island owns his land and that the state can do whatever it wants with it,” said Kenold, a



Homes like these in the village of Madam Bernard, Ile à Vache, Haiti, might be removed to make way for tourist development or islanders removed from other areas might be relocated here.

IPS / Judith Scherr

member of Konbit Peyizan Ilavach, Farmers Organization of Ile à Vache, formed to oppose the project.

Minister of Tourism Stephanie Villedrouin Balmir, who declined an interview for this story, has said that no more than five percent of the islanders will be displaced, that they will be relocated, not removed from the island, and that they will be compensated for their losses.

But involuntary relocation is unacceptable to the islanders, who have held several large demonstrations since December demanding retraction of the decree.

The government reacted to the protests by beefing up police force

and throwing KOPI Vice President Jean Matulnes Lamy into the National Penitentiary, Kenold said. Officials say Lamy is detained on charges unrelated to the protests, but activists say his imprisonment is political.

“After three successive demonstrations, they sent police to terrorise the people of Ile à Vache,”

Kenold said, charging that when he was away from home police ransacked his house and took money he’d saved for his children’s school fees.

He said they’ve harassed and beat others, and now islanders live in fear of the police. Before the

demonstrations, there were just three or four police on the peaceful island, he said.

Islanders say they don’t oppose tourism — they might benefit by getting electricity, potable water and government services. But they don’t want to be moved from their five-room homes with spacious yards for trees, gardens and animals, to crowd into two rooms up against neighbours.

And they worry about the island’s fragile ecology.

“The forest is the lungs of the island,” Kenold said. “It’s like they want to sacrifice the heart and the lungs of the island to put in an

international airport.”

There’s concern as well for the waters surrounding the island. They “began dredging a pristine bay known as Madam Bernard without an assessment of the environmental impact on marine ecosystems,” Jessica Hsu of the NGO Other Worlds and radio host Jean Claudy Aristil said in a joint presentation at a July Innovators in Coastal Tourism symposium in Grenada.

The project has already impacted some islanders economically. School director Dracén Jean Louienel told IPS that people had used the mangroves that were cut down for the airport to produce charcoal.

“That was how people made their living,” he said, “This destroyed their livelihood.” And building the road removed coconut trees on which other families depended, he said.

Louienel said, moreover, promises of work have not been fulfilled. “People signed up to work on the road, but few were hired,” Louienel said.

Some islanders, however, have profited from the project and support it. Standing in the clearing where the airport is to be built, Gilbert Joseph called the project “a wonderful thing.” Joseph works as a security guard there at night and sells beverages to the construction workers during the day.

Clausel Ilmo, whose son is working as a translator for the Dominican road-building company, also likes the project. He pointed out that where it once took hours to walk to distant parts of the island, one now can go quickly on the road by motorbike.

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Vincentian MP calls for general elections

By Nelson A. King

A senior opposition senator in St. Vincent and the Grenadines has reiterated calls for Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves to "ring the election bell," stating that the incumbent Unity Labor Party (ULP) administration is a "spent force" and that it's "sitting on a powder keg."

"It's like a dynamite [that is] ready to explode," Dr. Linton Lewis, who is also chairman of the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) and candidate for the East St. George constituency, told a town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn.

In reeling off a litany of charges against the government, Lewis said that unless the NDP adopts office in the next general elections, constitutionally due in December next year, "the decadence will not cease, the moral decay will be prolonged and the lovely people of our beautiful homeland will continue in total bemusement as to their existence and life's trajectory.

"So we ask of Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves to ring the bell and relieve our people of their misery, ring the bell to rid our people of frustration, poverty, depression, victimization, discrimination and political polarization," he said at the meeting, organized by NDP New York affiliate, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Progressive Organization of New York, otherwise known as SPOONY. "Ring the bell, comrade, ring the bell!"

Claiming that the ULP government is "the worst in living memory" to rule St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Lewis said the NDP, headed by its president and Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace, a former prime minister, is "ready" and "willing" to lead the "ship of state."

"The NDP is able, and the NDP is equipped to arrest this tumultuous, gruesome



Dr. Linton Lewis addressing a town hall meeting in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

and frustrating experience," said Lewis, who is also an attorney.

"We are ready to bring back peace and tranquility," he added. "We are ready to bring back unity, to heal our land from the division that is crippling our people, and causing war and strife against brothers and sisters, parents and children, relatives and friends.

"Never before did we have 2,000 reports of burglary, never before did we have more than 21 murders until the ULP took office in our homeland," he continued.

Lewis said the NDP has assembled a "rescue team" that he further labels as "Rescue St. Vincent and the Grenadines", with Eustace "at the helm, holding the reigns of East Kingstown and battling the storm winds as he stares the ship of state safely home."

He said Eustace, an economist in training, is "ably supported by a team of men, who are "tried and tested" in, among other disciplines, business, law, agriculture, health, education, engineering, management, finance, economics and sports.

Lewis said an NDP administration would "arrest" the spiraling crime situation by "implementing the policies and programs of our redemption charter.

"We will arrest the crime situation by providing hope

to our young people," he said. "We will assure them that they have a lot to offer; and that, without their involvement in the development process, St. Vincent and the Grenadines will not move forward as a prosperous entity."

In this nexus, Lewis said the NDP "will endeavor" to include at least one young person on every statutory board of the government and "bring them into the mainstream of governance by giving them a very worthy experience of parliamentary affairs."

Therefore, he said the NDP will establish a Youth Parliament that not only gives young people a voice but also enable them to "hone their skills in preparation for a life in politics and the governance of our homeland."

The NDP chairman said it would require at least a week's seminar to cover most of the serious issues plaguing the land, casting a very bleak picture of the socio-economic and political status quo in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

He said while the ULP administration has made "tremendous efforts" to improve education in the nation, there is, at the same time, "some cause for concern about the manner in which those opportunities have been divided up among our people.

"There have been rampant complaints about political victimization, discrimination, favoritism, cronyism and nepotism," charged Lewis, adding that "those complaints have reduced the gains that were made and cast a cloud of doubt over the fair and equitable distribution of those opportunities.

"Such an unfortunate approach to governance has caused social, political and psychological trauma for many of those who were unable to have access to the opportunities that are available," he continued.

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UN agency praises Suriname

By Azad Ali

The United Nations refugee agency has hailed a decision by Suriname's National Assembly that enables mothers to pass on nationality to their children.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the important amendment to the 1975 Law on Nationality and

The law also made it easier to acquire nationality and more difficult to lose it.

Residence ensures gender equality in nationality laws, bringing "these laws into compliance with international standards." UNHCR said the changes, includ-

ing the right of women's to confer their nationality to their spouses, "will provide important safeguards to eliminate gender discrimination and prevent statelessness due to loss of nationality."

The new legislation, which was passed unanimously last month by the National Assembly made changes several matters regarding Surinamese nationality.

The law also made it easier to acquire nationality and more difficult to lose it.

In addition, the new law gives women the same right as men to confer their nationality on their spouses and introduce important safeguards to prevent statelessness due to loss of nationality.

Haitians protest

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after hearing media reports about the hearing and brought a letter explaining why the summons should not be considered properly served.

The judge himself did not show up at the hearing and he could not be reached for comment. Under Haitian law, the judge could issue an order requiring police to take Aristide into custody for questioning, but it was not known whether he did so.

Joseph said he had been unable to reach the judge to clarify the situation. The lawyer said the summons was not properly served on

the former president and thus he could not be legally taken into custody as a result.

Aristide remains a polarizing figure in Haiti. He is popular among a large segment of the population and his supporters allege that the criminal investigation is part of a campaign to keep the party that he founded, Fanmi Lavalas, from trying to build support ahead of legislative elections expected by the end of the year.

"The judge is a political judge," Joseph said. "He is an opponent of Fanmi Lavalas. All this is an act to block Fanmi Lavalas from taking part in the election."

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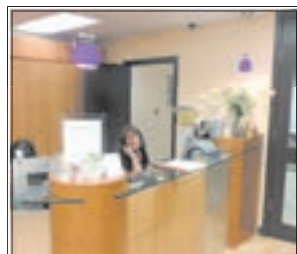
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Regular exercise may stem aging effects on elderly

(StatePoint) One out of every three adults over 65 years old falls each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And for older adults with dementia, the risk of falling is three times higher than those with no cognitive impairment, according to the AARP Bulletin.

However, research supports the notion that many of the physiological changes related to aging -- such as loss of balance -- can be prevented or postponed with regular exercise. With this in mind, it's no surprise that many senior living communities are making comprehensive health and wellness programs available to their residents.

"We're seeing residents increase their mobility, endurance and balance, and improve their range of motion and fitness levels," says Katie Westberg, national director of Life Enrichment at The Goodman Group, a company that has developed a new fitness program

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for its senior living and health care communities.

Additionally, Westberg cites that participants feel better and are having fun, showing quick results to their overall well-being, "Many of the residents involved in our FIT Functional Fitness program start seeing long-lasting and significant strength training benefits within an eight to 16 week period."

The experts behind the FIT Functional Fitness program, a new, national, personalized functional fitness program developed by The Goodman Group in partnership with a physical therapist and board certified geriatric specialist, are offering some tips for older adults looking to improve their well-being and restore their vigor.

- Engage in exercises that can

improve your core strength, balance and cardiovascular health. If you live in a senior living community, inquire about on-site programs. Additionally, many community centers and health clubs conduct exercise classes designed specifically for senior health.

- Invest in a stationary bike. It's easy to incorporate this activity into your day while watching TV, listening to music or talking to your family, and pedaling lowers blood pressure, according to AARP.

- Consult your physician before getting started. Your exercise routine should take into account your current health level and functionality as well as your physical needs.

- Food and health are directly correlated, so pair your exercise with healthy eating. The FIT Functional Fitness program at The Goodman Group, for example, incorporates local, organic,



Participating in regular exercise may help you feel better for a longer period of time. Photo courtesy of StatePoint

seasonal produce as well as lean protein alternatives and plant strong ingredients in their menu options.

- Stick to it. Results may come quickly, but a long-term health benefit requires commitment.

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Standing in the shadow of the D train near the 20th Ave. stop, Wendell Greene holds pictures of his mother and aunt both who have passed away and struggled with Alzheimer's.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Family and friends learn about Alzheimer's disease

By Tequila Minsky

Trinidadian-descent Wendell Greene transformed Aug. 8 into both a commemoration of his mother's birthday and an opportunity to share information about Alzheimer's disease.

Bensonhurst's New Ruan's Restaurant on 86th St. has been in business for 25 years and Jimmy Ruan met Wendell as a regular customer. He learned that in 2008, Wendell's mom had died at the age of 81—having had Alzheimer's for nine

years, as well as his aunt who had also has passed away with the disease.

Wendell recounted that his mother was placed in a nursing home in Florida. "She was always trying to run away," he recounted. "We visited her everyday." Sadness, loss and pain are emotions he felt during those years.

Wendell has two more aunts struggling with Alzheimer's and he told Ruan that he wanted to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

"I'm on board," piped-up restaurateur Ruan, who partnered the family-run Chinese restaurant with Wendell. Wendell invited family members, friends and workmates to share a Chinese meal and learn more about the affliction that struck his mother and three aunts.

An information packet was set along with each plate setting. Its cover page offering the simple definition of Alzheimer's: a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

"Symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks," it read. "Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, not a normal part of aging, worsens over time, and has no current cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues."

The Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter can be a great support to caregivers and family members. For example, in Brooklyn, a free educational meeting, "Understanding Dementia" covers what you need to know and where to go. The next free meetings will be held Aug. 27 in East Flatbush and on Sept. 17, 57 Willoughby St., 4th Floor (registration required, 800-272-3900).

The Association offers a spectrum of meetings — also in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx—that provide much needed information

on understanding the disease, services available, and practical concerns of nursing home care and legal concerns, such as guardianship. Its full calendar: http://www.alz.org/nyc/in_my_community_education.asp.

Pre-dinner, presenter Evans Kessler, a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter, serving the five New York boroughs, explained that he had been, in part, a caregiver for his grandmother. "It is of epidemic proportions," he said, citing that 5.4 million Americans have it and there are 16 million caregivers.

"What is dementia?" he asked. "Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Memory loss is an example. He pointed out that forgetting names and some forgetfulness is part of aging.

Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia, but not all with dementia have Alzheimer's. Although some afflicted have it for years, the average length from diagnosis is eight to 10 years. He underscored that Alzheimer's is a type of dementia with symptoms usually progressively getting worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks.

Warning signs he mentioned included memory loss that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning or solving problems, confusion with time or place. New problems with words in speaking or writing, decreased or poor judgment or lack of impulse control, social withdrawal, and mood or personality changes are also signs.

Following his presentation, attendees started off their meal with Chinese soup and later, broke out their checkbooks to support the Alzheimer Association. Jimmy Ruan wrote a check to the Alzheimer's Association, presenting it to Wendell for check for \$300.

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Back to school means elevated risk of lice

Millions of children will soon be heading back to the classroom. The return of school may elicit smiles from parents who have spent the entire summer trying to keep kids busy and out of trouble, but when kids start bringing home notices of head lice outbreaks, those wide grins may fade.

Head lice can strike just about anyone anywhere, but it seems to proliferate in close quarters, like those of a typical classroom. Children who keep backpacks and belongings beside other students' items may unwittingly pick up lice and bring them home, where they can infect the child and other members of the

family.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says lice are parasitic insects that can be found on people's heads and bodies. Lice feed on human blood. There are three types of lice that live on humans: head louse, body louse, and pubic "crab" louse. Only the body louse is known to spread disease.

Lice are wingless parasites that can only crawl to their host for feeding. They cannot jump or fly like fleas. By and large, lice are relatively harmless creatures, though they can be a nuisance. Lice bites are known to cause irritation and inflammation on the scalp. Persistent scratching may lead to infection.

Lice do not signal that a person has bad hygiene, and a child who contracts lice should not be embarrassed. Lice are a common problem among students.

Lice are small and grayish-white in appearance, and they are usually no larger than a sesame seed. They can move fast, so usually lice infestation is identified by spotting the lice eggs, which are called nits. These look like tiny, yellow or tan dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on the hair shaft close to the scalp. This is the ideal temperature for keeping the eggs warm until they hatch. Many lice nymphs will feed on blood every day to grow into adult lice. However, a louse can

survive up to two days off of the scalp. That means a person can "catch" lice from a hat or a piece of clothing if a louse climbed into the material.

Treating head lice means ridding the head of all nits and adult lice. A special comb is used to capture the tiny eggs. This can be a painstaking process, particularly for children with long hair. Topical insecticides in lotion and shampoo are used to kill the lice. However, these products may not penetrate the nits, so the topical solution may need to be applied several days later to kill any emerging lice.

The best way to combat lice is to emphasize pre-



vention. Children should not share combs, brushes, scarves, hats, or other clothing. They also should avoid close physical contact with someone who has lice.

Should a child get lice, he or she should stay home from school and the nurse should be notified. Wash all objects that the child has used and launder all clothes, towels, linens, and

other items in hot water to kill any lice. Vacuum the home frequently to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from upholstered furniture and rugs.

Back to school season reintroduces kids and their parents to lice. Parents and their kids can take certain preventive measures to greatly reduce youngsters' risks of coming down with lice.

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Recognizing cyberbullying

Before social media became so prevalent, instances of bullying were somewhat easy to recognize. However, with a good majority of children now engaged in digital networking and social media, bullying may not end with the ringing of the school bell, and evidence of bullying may not be so readily apparent.

According to Cyberbullying statistics from the i-SAFE foundation, more than half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyberbullying. More than 80 percent of teens use a mobile phone regularly, making it the most popular form of technology and a common medium for repeated cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying takes place through electronic technology and differs from traditional forms of bullying. Cyberbullying can occur via text messaging, blogging, updates to social media sites, or phone conversations. What makes cyberbullying more difficult to detect and remedy than traditional bullying is that sometimes this type of bullying is veiled in secrecy.

Those who engage in cyberbullying can create aliases and accounts under false names, allowing them to covertly engage in bullying behavior. As a result, tracking down bullies can be challenging.

Although cyberbullying is on the rise, there are some things that parents and children can do to help put a stop to such unfortunate instances:

Prevent the problem

Parents who feel their child is not emotionally ready for the responsibility of a digital device can hold back on purchasing a smartphone or choose one with very limited features. Some schools set strict limits on phone usage at school, and children who go only from school to home and vice versa may not have the need for an “emergency phone” that can open up a window for trouble.

Don't be quick to scold

Adolescents and teens should feel comfortable talking with

their parents without the fear of reprimand. Otherwise, they may hide instances of cyberbullying or not know how to broach sensitive topics like bullying. Parents can engage in conversation with their children often and stress that the doors of communication are always open.

Help kids understand consequences

Teens should be made aware that cyberbullying is a very real occurrence and is not just other kids “having fun” or “joking.” If behavior is repetitive and hurtful, it should be made public and addressed.

Monitor activity

Parents can monitor and limit their children's personal accounts. Some smartphone and tablet applications can be mirrored on the main account, enabling parents to see incoming text or video messages. A laptop or desktop computer should be placed in a shared space so that usage can be monitored. Parents can restrict tablet or smartphone usage to public areas.

Teach online safety

When online, children should be advised not to share personal information. Social media sites may be used by bullies to gather sensitive information about a person that can be used against them at a later time. Children should be urged to keep passwords secret and to never give information such as birthdays, phone numbers and addresses to people who aren't close friends. Friend lists should be restricted to only those people students interact with frequently to minimize the chance for bullying or other inappropriate behavior.

Talk about it

Teens who have been bullied can keep evidence of the bullying and may benefit from talking with a counselor.

Cyberbullying is a growing concern for educators and parents and has far-reaching implications. Getting smart about this phenomenon can help staunch new cases of online bullying.

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How to help distracted students

Today's students have more gadgets at their disposal than ever before. As technology like tablets and smartphones have become more prevalent in the lives of adults, such devices also have become more commonplace in the classroom. Some kids thrive when teachers utilize technology to enhance lesson plans, while others may be distracted by access to technology.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is one of the most common childhood disorders. It can make it difficult for kids to maintain focus in the classroom, and that focus may be enhanced or further compromised by technology that's capable of serving many different functions. Kids who use the technology to their advantage may find it improves their ability to grasp lessons, but some kids may be distracted by devices or even other

items in the classroom that make it difficult for them to absorb lessons. Parents concerned about their kids' ability to cope with distractions in the classroom and at home can take the following steps in an effort to help youngsters improve their academic performance:

Speak to your child's teacher about seating assignments

Students who find it difficult to focus in the classroom may benefit from new seating assignments. Windows or high-traffic areas of the classroom, such as doorways, can compromise a student's ability to focus. In addition, the back of the classroom is not the ideal spot for youngsters who find it difficult to focus on the teacher, as teachers may not notice kids in the back of the class as readily as they might with students sitting in the front of the room.

Encourage participation

Many teachers recognize the value of active participation in the classroom, but kids who are struggling to focus may shy away from participating because they are worried about embarrassing themselves in front of their classmates. Parents and teachers can work with students to encourage them to participate, reassuring them that they don't need to be experts on a given subject to contribute to lessons. Even if students' participation is limited to asking questions rather than answering them, encouraging kids to raise their hands and participate in class may help them focus more on the lessons being discussed.

Minimize distractions at home

Kids who have no trouble focusing in the classroom may find it's



a whole different ballgame when they arrive home to study or do their homework. Mom and Dad no doubt have their own gadgets around the house, and such devices as well as television may be too difficult for youngsters to ignore. At home, parents can create a safe haven from distraction

by designating a room or area of the house for schoolwork. Such areas should be clear of distractions like television, telephones, video game consoles, and other gadgets that can compromise a student's focus. Make such areas off limits to cellular phones and block social media

websites from computers in such rooms so kids aren't tempted to spend study time chatting with friends online. If a child's study area is not in a separate room of the house, parents should avoid turning on the television until kids have finished their studies for the night.



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Helping kids find the right extracurricular activity

Today's kids are busier than ever before. Be it the increasingly competitive nature of scholastic life or the increase of two-income households, where kids need something to do other than come directly home after school, children today are much busier than their school-aged counterparts of yesteryear.

While it can be fun and beneficial for kids to participate in extracurricular activities, finding the right fit isn't as easy as it sounds. When helping kids find an extracurricular activity, it's best to consider a host of factors. Keep in mind that all kids do not have the same interests — what was enjoyed by their parents won't necessarily be enjoyed by them.

Getting started

The best place to start is to speak to kids about their interests. Just because Dad loved playing football doesn't mean his son is destined to be a grid-iron great. Kids have their own interests, and those interests can be cultivated with the right extracurricular activity. For example, a creative child might enjoy an after-school art class a couple of times a week. Parents should also consider extracurriculars that can help kids grow as people. For instance, a child who's shy in public but loves hamming it up at home might embrace an after-school theater program.

Once options have been discussed with kids, take in a session or two before committing to anything. The shy youngster might visit the local theater program and enjoy it thoroughly, or she might decide against it. Either way, a visit will give kids and parents a sense of what the program is like and whether or not it's the right fit. When visiting, observe the nature of the



Team sports, including baseball, can be great extracurricular activities once kids are old enough to understand rules and cope with losing.

program. Is it an encouraging, vibrant environment? Do the adults and kids involved appear to be having fun?

Get the 411

Parents want their kids to be as safe after school as they are during it. When looking for an extracurricular activity, inquire about the staff-to-child ratio and about the staff's professional background. Any staff-to-child ratio that is greater than 12 to one likely indicates that the program is understaffed, which could mean kids won't get the attention they need. Also, ask for the staff's references and work history in the field of child care. If certification is necessary or recommended, make sure the staff meets

all requirements.

Parents should also inquire about program costs. Though many programs are up front about fees, some have hidden fees that can add up. Such fees can be for uniforms, equipment, class trips, etc. Extra fees don't have to exclude a program from consideration, but it's better to know about them in advance than to have them come as a surprise.

Consider a child's grade level

A child's age and grade level should also be considered when choosing an extracurricular activity. Consult teachers about finding an age-appropriate extracurricular activity. For example, less competitive activities that

emphasize fun might be more appropriate for kids in kindergarten and the first grade. For second graders, activities not offered at school, like learning to play an instrument, can help cultivate a child's interest in a noncompetitive environment. As kids reach third grade and beyond, consider more rules-based activities, including team sports, as kids at that age are more capable of understanding rules and handling losing than younger kids. As children get older and move on to middle school, look for activities that reinforce learning and help develop a young person's character, including his ability to interact with others.

How to make school lunch healthier

Children attending school will eat at least one meal away from home each day. A healthy lunch provides sound nutrition to give students energy to do well in school and for the rest of the day. Children who do not eat well at lunch may have difficulty concentrating, while others may feel sluggish or tired.

Whether students purchase lunch from school or bring it from home, there are ways to guarantee a more diverse offering and better nutrition. Here are some guidelines to follow:

Offer nutrient-dense foods. Foods should contribute to the daily recommended amounts of protein, iron, calcium, vitamin A, and vitamin C. Provide a selection of foods, such as lean protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, that will give children the nutrients they need. Nutrient-dense foods also help kids feel fuller, longer.

Limit fat intake. Avoid foods that do not get their fat from polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats. Saturated fats can lead to obesity and clogged arteries. The American Heart Association recommends kids get no more than 25 to 35 percent of their calories from fat. Fish, nuts and olives are healthy fat sources.

Let kids choose some of their food. Allow kids to pick some of the healthy foods they will be eating. Giving kids a say in their diets will make them more likely to enjoy their lunches and cut back on snack foods. Eating meals regularly will keep energy levels up during school and make kids less likely to reach for unhealthy snacks to fill hunger gaps.

Make small changes that add up. Switching from white bread to whole-grain breads, and opting for low-fat dairy products instead of full-fat dairy products can make a world of difference. Kids may not notice a change in texture or flavor, and many of kids' favorite foods, such as chicken nuggets, pizza, and macaroni and cheese, can be made with healthier ingredients.

Beverages count, too. Giving children a healthy lunch and then packing a sugar-filled, high-calorie drink negates your efforts. Calories from beverages can quickly add up. Water is always the best option for a healthy drink. Low-fat milk and real fruit juice consumed in moderation also make healthy alternatives to sugary beverages.

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How to buy school clothes without busting your budget



Parents often note that kids seem to grow like weeds. Pants that once reached to the tops of a youngster's feet quickly become too short, while once-loose shirts may soon become too snug. Many parents find themselves regularly in children's clothing departments stocking up on the basics, which can put quite a dent in already stretched-thin budgets.

Children's wardrobes are added to at various times of the year, but the bulk of shopping occurs just before the school year begins. Though clothing can be expensive, families need not bust their budgets when shopping for kids' clothing. By shopping smart and concentrating on fashion staples, it's easier to stretch money further.

•**Spread out purchases.** Shopping early allows parents to make the most of sales. Warm weather clothing generally goes on sale in July to make room for new fall lines. Considering the first few months of school still may be warm, short-sleeved shirts will still have utility and are generally less expensive than sweaters and sweatshirts.

Staggering purchases also enables parents to develop a clothing allowance each and every month instead of having one large bill at a certain point in the year. Parents can even add to their children's wardrobes during the holiday season, when clothes tend to get reduced again for holiday sales.

Don't discount hand-me-downs

It's trendy to recycle clothing and also to be environmentally conscious by putting items to good use again and again. Aside from you and your wallet, no one will know if your child is wearing a secondhand pair of pants or a brand-new pair.

Many school moms are anxious to swap clothing with others to lessen their own financial burdens with children's clothing. Start a clothing swap with a group of friends, and you may find you have more than you need in the way of clothes for the kids.

Take stock of what you already have

How many times have you run out to the grocery store for a missing ingredient only to find that very item buried at the back of the pantry? The same thing happens with kids' clothes.

Before taking kids clothes shopping, take inventory of their closets. Have little ones try on clothes to see which items still fit and which can be discarded or donated. Make a list of the items you need to cut down on impulse spending at the store.

Invest in the right high-quality pieces

Spending a fortune for a trendy pair of pants that may end up getting ruined on the playground is not the best way to shop for kids' clothing.

However, investing in a quality pair of shoes that will last much of the year is a good investment. Know when to splurge and when it's okay to shop at the discount store.

Stock up on staples

A straight-leg cut of jeans, some solid-colored polo



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shirts and an A-line dress or skirt are some classic foundation pieces for children's wardrobes. Such items tend to last longer than trendy items that may only last a few months before the next trend arrives.

Learn to layer

Layering items can make pieces look like new by putting them together in different combinations. Layering a summer T-shirt under a fall hoodie gets use out of two different seasons' worth of clothes. It also enables kids to be comfortable during unpredictable weather.

Leave it to the kids

Parents often worry about what other parents will think of their own children's clothing. Children do not typically worry about such things until their preteen or teenage years. You may spend less money on clothing simply because your child has a few favorite shirts and pants he or she wears over and over. That's less laundry for you and less money you have to spend on new clothes.



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National Night Out Against Crime in Cambria Heights

By Laura Andrews

“National Night Out Against Crime” in Cambria Heights, N.Y. had all the trappings of a play land mirroring tranquility. The bitterness of Ukraine or discussions of a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip were replaced by escalated calm and waves of felicity with the benefit of local New York Police Department precincts serving the community in every capacity, as grand host.

The annual national event showcases collective peace, empowerment and community building among individuals, groups and community precincts. On this evening of harmony supplanted, New York’s finest interacted with a wall of local exhibitors each year such as: Queens Library, the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights, the Club Scouts and The Federated Blocks of Laurelton.

Without an entourage or security force, local leaders such as State Senate candidate Leroy Comrie, Assemblywoman Barbara Clark, State Committee candidate Dorita Clarke, Assemblyman William Scarborough and former Comptroller John Liu – also a candidate for State Senate in Bay-side, Queens - welcomed the opportunity to interact with the contingent of familiar faces.

This moving evening of gratitude was displayed in each corner of the Cambria Heights park magically converted into a festival of utopia with many sweets and foods along stretches of gratuitous activities for children and adults to exercise their athletic skills and to explore new game territory, as they remained in their home turf.

With a diverse array of music and activities avail-

able, community observers defined the free and open-to-the-public interaction, as carousing fun. Visually sumptuousness and drawing immediate recognition were barbers delivering first-come first-served free-and-easy barber accommodation. The desire to give back to a community drew professional barber and businessman Donovan Goodridge of New York All City Hair Cutter and his coworker, Ty, to the decade-old outdoors community celebration.

“When you get, you give back,” replied Goodridge, indicating he was quoting the late renowned poet Maya Angelou when asked why he decided to provide community service. “What I am seeing is a lot of people coming together,” said the Jamaican and Guyanese life-time resident of Queens with a barbershop



From left, Ms. Carla Lerebours’ mother, Hon. Dorita Clarke, New York State Committee Woman 29th Assembly District (second from left), Hon. Leroy Comrie, Candidate for New York State Senate, Detective Cooper and Assemblywoman Barbara Clark.

Photo by Laura Andrews

in Queens Village at 216-05 Jamaica Ave. “There is unity in people coming together; unity is the best way,” added the Queens-raised entrepreneur, after performing a much satisfying hair cut.

Dorita Clarke, executive

director of the 19-year-old college-leadership based organization, “You Can Go to College” housed in the Cambria Heights First Faith Church saluted “National Night Out Against Crime” as an important collaboration between organiza-

tions and the community. “It gives children a scope of who, where and the people exist in their community and not everyone is bad in their community. This is a clear cut example that not all officers have a bad disposition,” said Clarke.



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Buju Banton granted third plea

The third attempt could be a charm for convicted reggae, deejay Buju Banton. Jailed in Florida since he was twice tried for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, the Jamaican deejay whose real name is Mark Myrie was granted another opportunity to present oral arguments regarding his efforts to obtain a new trial.

Attorneys representing Banton said the U.S. Appeals Court granted their request to argue for a retrial. Lead attorney, Charles Ogletree, said the court's decision to allow oral arguments is a positive step towards justice and freedom for the Grammy Award winning entertainer.

Currently serving a 10-year sentence on drug-related charges after he was arrested at his South Florida home in December 2009 Banton has always maintained his innocence. Throughout the trial he insisted he was framed. He claimed he was targeted and ultimately tagged because



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

of his controversial music and anti-gay comments.

Early in his career he had recorded a song titled "Boom, Bye Bye." The lyrics interpreted to advocate the killing of homosexuals outraged U.S.-based advocates for homosexuals.

With urging from his record company and others, Banton apologized for penning the controversial lyrics and for a time promised to cease to revisit the topic. Despite his efforts, his music was banned from commercial radio stations, he was barred from performing at major music festivals and even considered persona non grata in many countries.

However, his fans hailed him as a true Rastafarian and warrior.

Banton claims because of

his beliefs, he was entrapped by the United States government.

His arrest followed a sting operation at a Drug Enforcement Agency-controlled warehouse in Tampa, which also resulted in the arrest of James Mack and Ian Thomas, who were attempting to purchase cocaine from undercover agents.

After two trials he was sentenced in a Tampa, Florida court.

His lawyers will argue that their client was entrapped by a paid informant. In court they will also try to prove that there is evidence of juror misconduct.

The principal argument will focus on jury foreperson Terri Wright who admitted to telling a report-

er she had a passion for being a juror. She said she would make a profession from it if she could. Wright previously served as a juror on seven civil and criminal cases before being chosen for the Banton case.

Allegedly that information was withheld from the court during jury selection. Because the Black juror lied, Banton's previous attorney, David Oscar Markus had no knowledge of her affinity with court procedures.

Markus provided an affidavit stating that if he had known Wright had served as a juror in seven other trials he would have exercised a peremptory challenge to remove her.

Another plea to the Appeals Court could focus on the argument that jurors violated instructions issued to them by the judge who instructed them not to conduct outside research about the case and not to discuss the case with anyone.

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Buju Banton.

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Haitians mark revolution birth

By Tequila Minsky

Last Sunday, amidst an array of picnickers squeezing out the last weeks of summer family fun, Haitians, Haitian-Americans, folklorists, and other Haitian culture enthusiasts gathered close to the banks of the Prospect Park's six-acre lake near the Parkside park entrance. As they have for years at this spot, beginning in the afternoon, the community commemorated the ceremony among slaves that sparked the Haitian revolution.

Aug. 14 marked the 223rd anniversary of the Congress of Bwa Kayiman, where enslaved people in the French colony Saint-Domingue, now known as Haiti, planned a general insurrection in 1791.

Against apparent odds, they succeeded and went on to establish Haiti, the world's first enduring Black



Ougan Asogwe (High Priest) Deenps "Gran Bwa" Bazile led the five-hour event marking the ceremony that launched the Haitian Revolution.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

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Ougan Asogwe (High Priest) Deenps "Gran Bwa" Bazile led the five-hour ceremony in the park, along with Neg Gran Bwa Drummers, featuring traditional Vodou drumming and singing. Other local drummers

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MV Kiddie Town Art Exhibit in Brooklyn

By Kevin Bollers

MV Kiddie Town Daycare and Summer Camp hosted an art exhibit for parents, friends and public at its location on 982 East 43rd St., Brooklyn on Wednesday Aug. 13, 2014.

Marthine Vicier, director of the daycare along with the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) said she wanted to highlight the achievements of the children who were taught arts and crafts for the entire summer.

Haitian-born Vicier,



Marthine Vicier, director of MV Kiddie Town Daycare and Summer Camp, with kids pointing to their display entitled, "It's Carnival." Photo by Kevin Bollers

mother of three, has been living in Brooklyn for over

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Mas Ka Kle a Guadeloupean carnival band, will be making its first appearance at the Labor Day celebrations. Photo by William Farrington

Guadeloupean tradition comes to Labor Day

By William Farrington

One of Guadeloupe's large carnival bands, "Mas Ka Kle," is making its first Labor Day appearance. Joining them will be a sensational new group "Zouk and the Gang." "Mas Ka Kle" draws on Guadeloupean tradition and its African roots. "Zouk and the Gang" is a collaboration of established musicians who revisit the golden age of Zouk.

Prior to Labor Day festivities, the groups will be performing in nightclubs in Harlem and downtown Manhattan.

Zouk and the Gang has built a following around its weekly gigs at the Jarry, Baie Mahaut club Dreams Cafe. The gritty industrial neighborhood by day, is a fitting backdrop for the band and its creative vision, to provide a contemporary,

transformative medium to release the energy of zouk.

At a July performance the tension built during a fast moving set. The vocals of David Berald Catelot, backed by the arrangements by drummer Jean Marie Theophile, wrapped around the sultry zouk rhythms. Its configuration including Willfried Fluxis on

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A life hangs in the balance in flashback flick

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Brothers

By Kam Williams

Mia Hall (Chloe Grace Moretz) is a bright 17-year-old full of the bloom of youth. Between playing the cello purely for pleasure and dating the doting boy of her dreams (Jamie Blackley), the happy high school senior considers herself truly blessed.

She is even lucky enough to have the perfect parents (Mireille Enos and Joshua Leonard) who support the idea of her majoring in classical music, whether she gets into Juilliard or simply sticks around Portland to attend Lewis

& Clark College. Mia is also very close to her only sibling, Teddy (Jakob Davies), a cute kid who absolutely adores his big sister.

However, fate intervenes, or so it seems, one snowy day during a family outing when a car coming in the opposite direction veers across the highway's double lines. Right then, in the blink of an eye, their fortunes are irreversibly altered by an unavoidable head-on crash.

By the time the ambulances and paramedics come to the rescue, all four are in grave condition, and there is a chance that none might survive the tragic accident. Mia, who has suffered a collapsed lung, a broken leg and internal bleeding, slips into a coma.

At that instant, her spirit miraculously separates from her body, and she is suddenly able to observe situations and eavesdrop on conversations like an invisible ghost. While a team of doctors struggle to stabilize her vital signs in



Chloe Grace Moretz as Mia Hall in "If I Stay."

the hospital, she watches a nurse (Aisha Hinds) lean over and whisper that "Living or dying is all up to you" into her ear.

This suggests that Mia, ultimately, must choose between ascending to Heaven and returning to Earth to face a host of challenges on the road to recovery. And suspended in this state of

limbo, she is afforded the unusual opportunity to reflect and reminisce during the critical next 24 hours before making a decision.

That is the surreal setup of "If I Stay," a bittersweet flashback flick based on Gayle Norman's young adult novel of the same name. Although this unapologetically sentimental tearjerker will

undoubtedly resonate with teens in the target demographic, the film's surprisingly-sophisticated, thought-provoking exploration of such themes as family, friendship, love and spirituality ought to readily endear it to audiences in general.

Directed by R.J. Forman, the movie basically revolves around introspective Mia's contemplation of her future while factoring in her family's grim prospects, nostalgia, and the bedside manner of visitors like her grandfather (Stacy Keach), boyfriend and BFF (Liana Liberato). Although reminiscent of *The Lovely Bones* (disembodied teen narrator), *The Notebook* (love story with a syrupy finale) and *Twilight* (star-crossed romance set in the Pacific Northwest), *If I Stay* is nevertheless a unique adventure with a tale to share all its own.

A poignant portrait of a life precipitously hanging in the balance which pushes all the right buttons to open the emotional floodgates.

Independent & Foreign Films

14 Blades (R for graphic violence) Martial arts drama, set during the Ming Dynasty, about a member of the imperial guard (Donnie Yen) on the run from an army of assassins after being betrayed by colleagues. With Wei Zhao, Chun Wu and Kate Tsui. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

I Am Happiness on Earth (Unrated) Homoerotic drama, set in Mexico, about an aspiring filmmaker (Hugo Catalan) who cavalierly seduces and abandons a vulnerable dancer (Alan Ramirez) who already entered the relationship damaged goods. Co-starring Gabino Rodriguez, Andrea Portal and Ivan Alvarez. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Jersey Shore Massacre (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, drug use and graphic violence) High attrition-rate horror flick about a weekend gone bad for a group of young revelers who end up on the run from a serial killer in the Pine Barrens after losing possession of their ocean-front rental. Ensemble cast includes Danielle Dallocchio, Angelica Boccella, Giovanni Roselli and Chris



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Lazzaro. K2: Siren of the Himalayas (Unrated) "We Try Harder" documentary about a mountain climbing team's perilous trek to the top of the earth's second highest peak.

Kink (Unrated) Sexual fetish documentary exploring bondage and sadomasochism as practiced by performers on the website Kink.com.

Love Is Strange (R for profanity) Dream deferred drama about a gay couple (John Lithgow and Alfred Molina) that finally gets to tie the knot after four decades together only to have to separate when they lose their home. With Marisa Tomei, Cheyenne Jackson and Charlie Tahan.

The One I Love (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Romantic comedy revolving around a couple (Mark Duplass and Elisabeth Moss) whose weekend getaway intended to revitalize their flagging

marriage instead has them confronting an unexpected dilemma. With Ted Danson, and Oscar-winners Marlee Matlin (*Children of a Lesser God*) and Mary Steenburgen (*Melvin and Howard*).

The Prince (R for violence, profanity and drug use) Crime thriller, set in Las Vegas, about a retired hit man (Jason Patric) who enlists the assistance of his BFF (John Cusack) to rescue his daughter (Jessica Lowndes) from the clutches of a former rival (Bruce Willis). With 50 Cent, Rain and Gia Mantegna (Joe's daughter).

Salvo (Unrated) Mob drama about a Mafia hit man (Saleh Bakri) who rethinks his line of work after being befriended by his latest victim's blind sister (Sara Serraiocco). Support cast includes Luigi Lo Cascio, Mario Pupella and Jacopo Menicaghi. (In Italian and Sicilian with subtitles)

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Uncle Percie (left) and Marlon Smart working on a costume design for West Indian American Day Carnival.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

Ramajay designers create 'Zulu' warriors

By Kevin Bollers

Trinidadian Marlon Smart, one of eight talented designers of top mas band, "Ramajay" got into mas at eight years old. Smart would help his great uncle, Leroy Smart make traditional Sailor mas costumes when his uncle returned to Trinidad from the United States of America.

At the age of 15, he began working with Peter Minshall's Callaloo Company in Trinidad.

Smart returns to design year after year because it is in his blood. "It's the culture, not just Trinidadian culture, but West Indian culture."

Smart came to New York City to study Interior Design at FIT, but he also wanted to get involved with Trinidadian culture in the city. He worked for Poison mas band with Galvanize

Entertainment which became Island People Mas. Later, he approached and worked with Sesame Flyers for four years before transitioning to "Ramajay" where he has remained for the last four years. He considers "Ramajay" his extended family. This year Smart's costume line is called "Zulu" and the theme is "I Am Warrior" mainly because of the strength and power the tribe represents. After doing his research, he inspired by the tribe as a whole and what they stood for, especially with their stance against European imperialism. The line is tribal with strong, rich, gold and earthy colors and uses various animal prints.

According to Smart he returns to design year after year because it is in his blood. "It's the culture, not just Trinidadian culture, but West Indian culture. It's a part of me," said Smart. "Mas is who I



Monifah Alexander portrays 'Unity'. Photo by Nelson A. King

'ONE DESTINY' BAND LAUNCH

By Nelson A. King

In becoming the first Guyanese mas band to hit the Parkway, "One Destiny" says it's portraying the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member-state's Coat of Arms in making a difference.

"This year, One Destiny is portraying the national motto, along with the meaning of the Guyana flag," said band leader Zeelema Verwayne in a Caribbean Life interview.

"This year's portrayal is based on the fact that this year is going to be the first year after so long for the Guyanese community to have a truck on the Parkway," added the Georgetown, Guyana-born native, who is also producing mas for the very first time.

"We decided to execute this idea because it has been talked about by many to have a representation of our county on

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am. None of us are getting rich off of this. We can't say that at the end of this, we'll be driving big cars, but it's the love of culture."

While, many mas bands cater to the younger generation, "Ramajay" makes it a point to ensure everyone feels comfortable in their costumes. Uncle Percie, veteran costume designer of "Ramajay" believes making costumes that are only suitable to be worn by the younger generation causes alienation of the older generation from mas.

"No matter how the costumes transition and the fabric decreases, it will still go on," says Uncle Percie. "This year I'm coming to win!" Uncle Percie usually plays the bigger pieces such as the king of the band. He said, "I won a few years ago and I pulled back, but now I'm back in the arena this year and I know I'm going to take it. Mark my words, I'm going to take it this year!"



Amaya Redhead all smiles in a Zulu costume.

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Zouk love

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keys, and Silvio Pineau on bass, give the band a flexibility to take the music in any direction at a moments notice. In their repertoire are classics such as Patrick St. Eloi's zouk love "Darling" and Les Vikings de Guadeloupe's "Sweet Florence" which plunged deep into an extended blues/psychedelia tinged guitar interplay between Patrice Lanneau and Jean Marc Ajavon.

Zouk and the Gang perform Wednesday, Aug. 27 at SOB's in Manhattan, Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Brooklyn Museum, Caribbean Woodstock, and Friday, Aug. 29, 10:00 p.m. to midnight at Silvana, 300 W 116th St., Harlem.

Mas Ka Kle will honor their African roots on Eastern Parkway playing Mas Kongo also known as Neg Gwo Siwo in Guadeloupe. "Mas Ka Kle," established in 1999, has been committed from its inception to committed to preserving Guadeloupean heritage.

The boom of the ka, the rat a tat tat of the bwake, and the snap of whips announce the arrival, and a mass of bodies covered in molasses and soot dressed in bur-lap or simply loincloths, the Mas Congo unleashes fear and chaos along their path.



Mas Ka Kle, a Guadeloupean Carnival band.

Photo by William Farrington

Jean Michel Samba tells Caribbean Life 80 of its 800 members will be making the trip.

Their drummers will propel Pagwah Mas' j'ouvert morning

presentation "De Weddin" then the whole ensemble will march in the Labor Day parade.

A political delegation from the capital Les Abymes, includ-

ing Deputy mayor Max Celigny, Commissioner Nadiege Theophile, Cabinet Members Corinne FERIAUX and George Boucard will also be marching in the parade.



Artist Ambroise Anderson painted his interpretation of the historical ceremony Bwa Kayiman with "all kinds of people" and the blood that would be spilled during the course of the revolution.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Haiti

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resenting the Vodou god Damballa entwined the pote mitan, the pole planted in the center of the space, around which most of the rites took place. There were also two altars that faced the center.

During the course of the after-

noon, numerous rituals were observed, songs sung, and Vodou gods evoked, all in the observance of the gall and guts it took for the slaves, gathered in the northern part of the country, to launch the revolt.

Artist Ambroise Anderson participated in his own way, entering the park early on with a blank canvas, and later created his interpretation of the ceremony.

Kiddie exhibition

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20 years. She recalls her childhood in Haiti growing up in an environment where people did not have much food and where children, including herself, not having places to go and things to do for summer. She believes that children need this, especially in the summer when their parents leave them all day in the hands of caregivers. When she got the opportunity to come to America, she pursued her dream to attend college. She attended Kingsborough Community College, where she obtained her AAA and AA degree in Early Childhood Education followed by her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education at Brooklyn College.

After graduating, she decided to open a daycare center as her way of giving back to the community. Viciere established MV Kiddie Town Daycare and Summer Camp in July 2005. "We work hard with the kids. Our kids when they leave here always go straight to kindergarten and the parents are always happy with us," said Viciere.

Her daycare provides many activities for the children including exciting trips. She has taken the children to places such as the Bronx and the Brooklyn Zoo, various museums, libraries, fire departments and even colleges. The daycare also has computers and a piano on-site. The children have ample time to read and write. She opened up the daycare to give these children what she did not get as a child. According to Marthine, she ensures that the children have all of the opportunities that she did not have.

She also noted that the community has also been instrumental to the success of the daycare, particularly in the case of the art exhibit. One neighbor donated arts and crafts supplies. She believed that an art exhibit was the best way to show the parents what the children have been doing throughout the summer and raise awareness of what MV Kiddie Town Daycare was doing for the children in the community. She feels a great sense of pride and accomplishment with the art exhibit.

Destiny

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the road, but never taken seriously; and we've made it a 'living reality,'" Verwayne continued.

"I hope that, after this year on the Parkway, we open an eye for the rest of our community – that shows that we, as Guyanese, can come together in unity and make things happen, where it is all about fun and laughter," she said.

Verwayne said most of the masqueraders, who are Guyanese, will play in five sections: Essence, Raw Purity, Endurance, Passion and Unity. Each section comprises 30-40 masqueraders.

"I just want us to have clean fun and represent for Guyana what we haven't seen on the Parkway in years," Verwayne stressed.

"I love the idea of having a truck on the Parkway and seeing nothing but Guyanese following behind it," she added. "It'll be a fun and joy-



ous experience, and I think that it will bring our community closer together."

Verwayne also disclosed that Guyanese artists Adrian Dutchin and Jomo Primo will be among others on the float.

Masqueraders will also sway to several Guyanese DJ's – Kado, from Unity Family; First Class Sound; Uprising Star; Samuel Top Ranking; Kash; and GT Hi Five.

"I just want to say thank you to all in advance, who is taking the time to join and make our first year a successful one," Verwayne said.

"One Destiny" mas camp is located 4807 Church Ave., between 48th and 49th streets in Brooklyn.

Verwayne can be reached on Facebook at "wearefamilyandfriendsofguyana;" email at familyandfriendsofguyana@gmail.com; or call (347) 384-0497 or (347) 383-8718.

Melissa Ferrell portrays 'Raw Purity.'

Photo by Nelson A. King

Banton's third chance

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In fact jurors are often sequestered during deliberations of a case. The judicial system is founded on all jurors hearing the same evidence and assures jurors are not contaminated by outside information that might be incorrect or irrelevant.

Despite knowing this rule, juror Wright of Tampa told reporter Chris Sweeney during an interview after the trial, "I would get in the car, just write my notes down so I could remember, and I would come home and do the research."

Wright, further stated, "They give you the instructions not to go online and, you know, make an opinion. I tried to follow that as close as possible. I don't think what I found out would have changed how I thought."

"This was clearly misconduct," attorney Chokwe Lumumba told the court. He added that a new trial should be granted in order to "protect the sanctity of the jury system."

Lumumba took Banton's case soon after Markhus stopped being the lead attorney. Last year, the activist attorney – who also defended rapper Tupac Shakur -- died of a heart attack at the age of 66. Lumumba had been elected by a landslide majority to become Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi. Within eight months he was pronounced dead. The state refused an autopsy.

No date has yet been set for Banton's defenders to appear before the Appeal Court.

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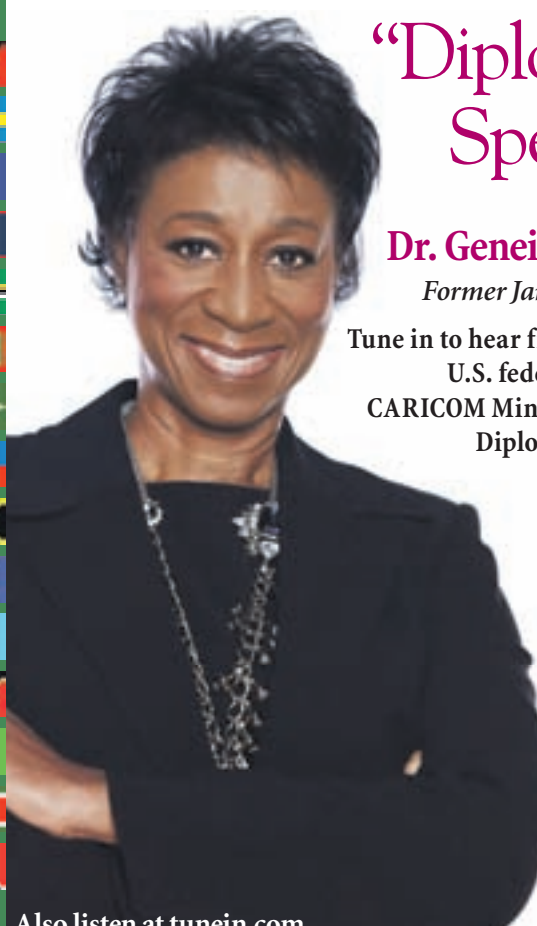


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SAT., AUG. 23

WRITERS COALITION: The 10th Anniversary Fort Greene Park Summer Literary Festival will present a free outdoor reading at 2:00 p.m., featuring young writers (6-18 years) reading alongside an electrifying line up of Brooklyn-based writers, headlined by Sapphire (author of PUSH). The master of ceremonies will be Gaylord Fields, music journalist and community radio deejay at WFMU-FM. This unique event brings several generations of writers together to build on the literary traditions of the neighborhoods surrounding Fort Greene Park. Afterwards, the public is invited to Greenlight Bookstore (located at 686 Fulton St.) for an after-party where they can mingle with the day's readers.

SAT., AUG. 23 - SUN., AUG. 24

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MON., AUG. 25

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WED., AUG. 27

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Vincetians converge on L.I. for Unity Picnic

By Nelson A. King

Thousands of Vincetian nationals in North America last Saturday converged on Heckscher State Park on Long Is. for the third Annual Vincy Unity Picnic.

The gathering – which attracted more than 5,000 nationals from all walks of life from major cities and towns in the U.S. and Canada, and even from St. Vincent and the Grenadines – was said to be even larger than the preceding years.

Nationals came by bus and cars from, among other places, Toronto; Washington, D.C.; Boston, Philadelphia; and Brooklyn for the spectacular get together.

“All you Vincetians, if you did not come, this will not be possible,” New York Consul General Selmon Walters, chair of the organizing committee, told the party crowd during a break in entertainment, from the assembled



Left: A section of the party crowd at the 3rd Annual Vincy Unity Picnic on Long Island. Right: Former Deputy New York Consul General Cyril Scorcher Thomas, with plaque, flanked by members of Friends of Sion Hill.



Photos by Nelson A. King

stage at the north eastern corner of the park's camp grounds.

“Vincy U.S.A. is here to stay,” he exclaimed. “All who bring food, don't carry them home. Share with everyone. Long live St. Vincent and the Grenadines, long live our people!”

Walters' Toronto counterpart, Fitzgerald Huggins,

said unity was paramount in nation-building.

“If we can put our ideas together, we can achieve more,” he said. “We've got to put our ideas together.”

“I've got to ask you please to keep this unity together,” he added. “Let us build together.”

Laverne McDowald Thompson, president of the

Brooklyn-based Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), the umbrella Vincetian group in the US, said she was grateful that nationals took time off to participate in the event.

“We're grateful that you've made the sacrifice,” said McDowald-Thompson, who is also a member of the organ-

izing committee. “Continue to enjoy this event. Continue to reach us.”

Ricardo “Puzzle” Grant, a tent manager and costume builder with SVG Players International, one of the leading mas bands in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, said he was attending the picnic for the very first time.

“I'm enjoying it,” said

Grant, who is assisting the Brooklyn-based Mas Productions Unlimited, a Vincetian mas band owned by veteran mas producer, Wesley Millington, with its production for the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade, on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway, on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1, in a Caribbean Life interview.

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Three-pointer gives team win

By Robert Elkin

Some exciting games marked closing day's competition in the ElmCor Summer Basketball League at the ElmCor Youth and Adult Center in Corona. One such game marked a thrilling one and went down to the buzzer. The entire league was conducted indoors and met with tremendous success.

With about five seconds left, Javon Lyles threw a shot from three-point range; the ball ended right into the hoop to provide Long Island Lightning with a 32-29 squeaker over Bellos for the playoff victory and the championship in the 12 and under age bracket of the ElmCor Summer Classic.

The game marked one of six contests on the all day program beginning at 9:00 a.m. last Saturday.

When the ball came out from Lyles' hand, the youngster just wanted it to go through the hoop and it did.

"I told him no matter what, take the shot for the win or we go into overtime," Coach Wayne Huyghue said after the game. "I try to teach my team 'defense.' I'm with this team for three years and I try to teach the young men to get better in all phases of the sport," the coach said.

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Windies focus on youth cricket

By Azad Ali

Newly-appointed West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chairman of selectors, Clive Lloyd has indicated that youth development will be his primary focus in helping revive West Indies cricket.

The former West Indies captain has been given a two-year contract.

Lloyd said that in order to ensure West Indies' ascension in the ICC Test rankings, emphasis must be placed on honing the potential of youngsters at the regional Under-19 level, something he felt was undervalued in the past.

"We have always had a lot of talent at the Under-19 level but we lost a lot of these young cricketers," he said.

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CARIB CUP SEMIS

Grenada's Michael Richardson (right) tries to intercept a pass during the match against Haiti.

Photo by Keith Dawson

Caribbean Cup tournament heats up

By Patrick Horne

The local Caribbean Cup tournament is entering its penultimate round of competition this Sunday, Aug. 24 with the final-four field now complete. Team Grenada and Team Guyana entered the fray to battle Team St. Vincent and the Gren-

adines and Team Jamaica, respectively, after posting quarterfinal wins last Sunday at the Jefferson High School Sport Complex in Flatlands, Brooklyn.

Team Grenada, like Team St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was one of the dominant teams in the tournament in

the 1990s, and as two teams from the Windward Islands, with players who have battled each other on the soccer from the Windward Islands schoolboy tournaments through the recently rejuvenated senior Windward Islands tournament,

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Barbados Tridents are CPL champions 2014

After some exciting cricket in the Limacool Caribbean Premier League 2014, the Barbados Tridents captained by Kieron Pollard won the tournament by defeating the Guyana Amazon Warriors by 8 runs via Duckworth Lewis method.

The Guyana Amazon warriors captained by Denesh Ramdin won the toss and the Barbados Tridents were a sked to take first strike. Dwayne Smith swash buckled 59 runs from 52 balls with 6 fours and 3 sixes and Shoaib Malik batting at number four scored a valuable 55 not out from 42 balls.

For the Guyana Amazon Warriors, Krishmar Santokie took 3 wickets for 19 runs from 4 overs. Tridents scored 152 runs for 6 wickets in 20 overs.

Ramdin, Barnwell cruise to 31 from 21 balls before rain

Before rain stopped play at 101 runs for 4 wickets Lendl Simmons scored 20 from 26 balls, Mohammed Feez 28 for 27 balls and Jimmy Neesham 17 from 17. Rain came when Christopher Barnwell 17 runs from 10 balls and captain Denesh Ramdin 14 from 10. After 15.5 overs at 107 for 4 the Guyana Amazon Warriors needed 56 runs from 25 balls but lost the game by Duckworth Lewis method by 8 runs. Jason Holder picked up 2 for 18 from 4 overs. Most valuable player of the match was Shoaib Malik and the player of the series was Simmons from the Guyana Amazon Warriors, who scored 446 runs



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



Lendl Simmons from the Guyana Amazon Warriors who also plays for the West Indies was selected as the player of the series. Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi, File

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CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

Cyclones start a streak, drown Lake Monsters

Brooklyn boys split double-header with Spinners, then go for romp in Vermont

Lowell 3 Cyclones 2
Aug. 13 at MCU Park
(Game one, seven innings)

Cyclones 3 Lowell 2
Aug. 13 at MCU Park
(Game two, eight innings)

Jhoan Urena's single in the eight salvaged the night as the Cyclones split two seven-inning games with the Spinners.

The Cyclones lost the first 3-2, but prevailed in extra innings in the second thanks to a lead-off single by Amed Rosario, who was pushed to second when Michael Conforto reached on an error. That set the stage for Urena's single to right that easily scored Rosario for the walk-off win.

Kelly Secrest (3-0) got the win in relief of Martires Arias, who gave up two runs over five-and-a-third innings of work, striking out seven.

The first game didn't end as well, as the Spinners got to starter Scarlyn Reyes early, scoring a run in the first and two more in the second.

Reyes settled down after that, but the Clones could only answer

with two runs in the sixth.

Cyclones 5 Lowell 1
Aug. 14 at MCU Park

A strong pitching performance from Corey Oswalt and a home run by Jhoan Urena left the Spinners spinning as Cyclones took two of a three-game set.

The Cyclones offense got right work in the first, scoring two runs on a Tomas Nido single with the bases loaded that plated John Mora and Amed Rosario.

That was all Oswalt (6-1) would need as the hurler tossed six innings of four-hit ball, giving up just one unearned run with four strikeouts.

The Cyclones struck again in the bottom of the fifth with the help of some small ball and balk that allowed Adrien Abreu to come home after reaching on a walk and advancing to third failed pick off. The Clones extended the lead in sixth when Urena hit a bomb over the left field wall to also bring home Michael Conforto, who reached on a single.

The win gives the Cyclones sole possession of the wild card spot,

one game ahead of Connecticut, and a game-and-a-half above the surging — and hated — Staten Island Yankees, which have won four in a row.

Cyclones 7 Vermont 0
Aug. 15 in Vermont

The Cyclones offense exploded for seven runs and starter Marcos Molina dominated as the Brooks shut out the Lake Monsters.

The All-Star hurler Molina pitched seven innings, and fanned a season-high 12 batters, while allowing just one hit.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fourth when a Michael Bernal single gave the Cyclones the 1-0 lead. It stayed that way into the sixth when Michael Conforto lead off with a single and later scored on Pedro Perez's bases-loaded base knock. Anthony Chavez's double later cleared the bases, giving the Clones a 5-0 lead. The Clones tacked on one run apiece in the seventh inning and the ninth innings to put the game away.

Luis Rengel pitched a perfect eighth, and Edioglis Villasmil



SHUT OUT: All-Star hurler Marcos Molina pitched seven innings, in the Aug. 15 shut out in Vermont, fanning a season-high 12 batters and allowing just one hit. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

closed out the game.

The win keeps the Cyclones one game up on the Connecticut Tigers for the league's lone wild card spot.

Cyclones 2 Vermont 1
Aug. 16 in Vermont

Two-out runs batted in and

strong pitching from starter Albert Baldonado and the Cyclones bullpen earned Brooklyn its fourth-straight win.

The Clones scored first in the third when Amed Rosario's two-out double brought home John Mora, who singled moments before.

In the fourth, Michael Conforto was hit by a pitch and, two outs later, stole second. Tyler Moore then doubled him home, giving the Clones a two-run cushion.

Baldonado cruised through five innings, allowing just one hit and striking out seven.

Cyclones 7 Vermont 3
Aug. 17 in Vermont

Casey Meisner earned his third win of the season — an explosive sixth-inning lead to a three-game sweep of the Lake Monsters.

Meisner threw six and two-thirds innings, giving up three runs on six hits and struck out a season-high 10.

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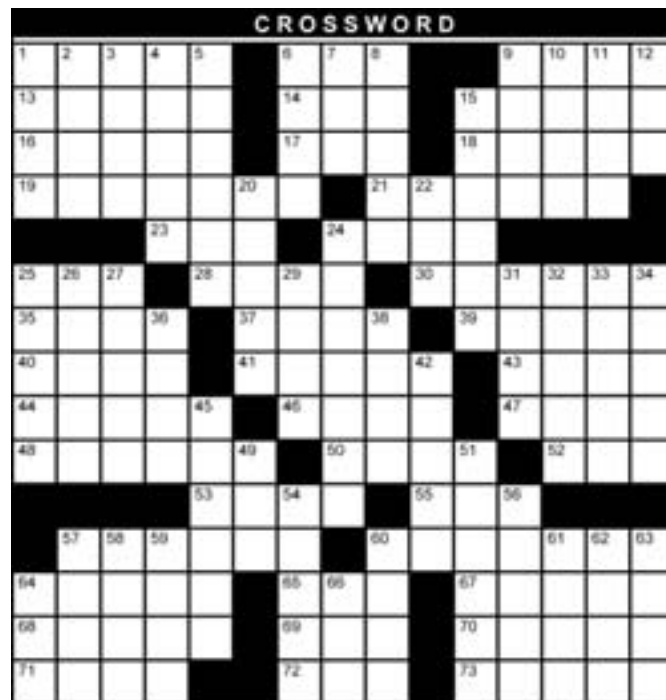
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9. Daughter of Zeus
13. Broadcasting sign
14. *Watson's and Crick's model
15. Alternative to truths
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17. Denouement
18. Beginning of a sickness
19. *1950s car feature
21. Aroused
23. + or - atom
24. Montana tribe
25. Pecking mother
28. Do over
30. Genuflect in submission
35. Spill the beans
37. *McCarthy's foes
39. Wither from heat
40. Fairytale beast
41. Anklebone
43. Crunchable info
44. New World parrot
46. Acute
47. Grand _____
48. In need of fixing
50. Brooklyn team
52. Big fuss
53. Minor damage
55. Beehive State native

57. *Type of skirt popular in 1950s
60. *First man-made satellite to orbit earth
64. Schoolmarm's whip
65. Rainy
67. *It supported the North in Korean War
68. Brandish
69. Sodium hydroxide
70. Piece of cake
71. Approximately
72. Coniferous tree
73. Indian _____

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1. *Nixon's respectable Republican cloth _____
2. _____ Karenina
3. Hindu princess
4. Garlicky mayonnaise
5. Make an attempt
6. Yemeni port
7. *Holiday ___ motel chain
8. Highway patrolman's gun
9. *Slugger _____ Aaron debuted in 1954
10. Gaelic
11. "____ there, done that"
12. "C'____ la vie!"
15. *The Platters' sound
20. Dead to the world
22. Moo goo gai pan pan
24. Young codfish

25. *Thermonuclear weapon
26. "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" composer
27. Narcotics lawman
29. Wanted state in old west?
31. Bankrolls
32. ___ - ___-la
33. "Eight Is Enough" group, e.g.
34. *Frisbee and Hula Hoop maker
36. Yellow on bald eagle
38. "Absolutely!"
42. Get something ready
45. Tied the knot
49. Not a thing
51. Exterior plaster
54. Very recently
56. Set of principles
57. Lucy and Ricky, e.g.
58. Has a mortgage
59. *1952 Olympic site
60. Like soup, but thicker
61. Supreme Court count
62. Ancient Peruvian
63. *Newsweek sports editor, "Boys of Summer" author
64. Pencil type
66. *CBS unveiled this logo in 1951





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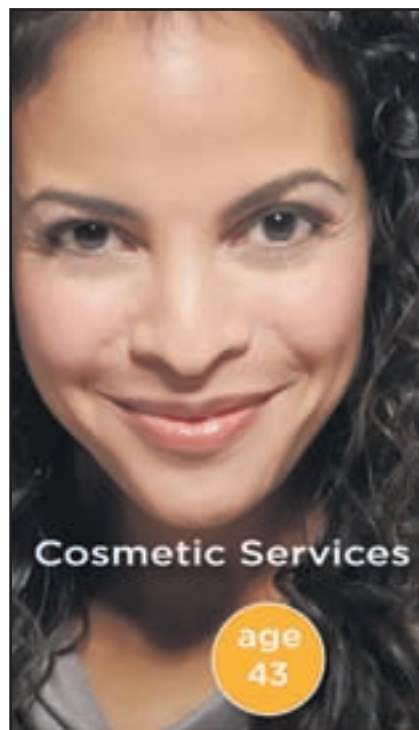
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Elmcor basketball

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Lyles wanted to take home the trophy symbolizing the most valuable player of his game.

Coach Wayne Huyghue is the son of Wilson Huyghue, who was not into basketball but a former baseball player in the Virgin Islands. Wilson also saw action for St. Thomas, while he was on its travel team and also as a member of its championship squad while competing in semi-pro ball in the Virgin Islands.

Returning to basketball, the summer league team was paced by point guard Kyle Huyghue, who controlled the games from the point guard position, and the overall play on offense and defense of Eric Jackson and Sal Saputo.

The players were certainly 'up' for all of the games during the summer and tried to improve on their weaknesses for the next level.

"This tournament was really good," said Jon Mouzon of the Ball Hogs, who was named MVP of his encounter "We had fans who came out and

supported us."

This league kept the kids from being in trouble, according to one of the league coaches.

"Playing indoors impressed me the most," said Gregory Coles, who along with Coach Wil Mayers co-directed the entire basketball program for the summer. "Playing indoors instead of outdoors saved the players' knees and hips. That's why we are making ElmCor a unique tournament and it'll stand out," said Coles.

Overall, 52 teams competed in the league, which began in the mid to late 50s outdoors at PS 127 in East Elmhurst and conducted by the late Cecil Watkins and his staff. Cecil's nephew Leroy Watkins, Jr. attended the game and was very impressed with the play and moves, both on offense and defense of the competitors.

This ElmCor Summer League is one of many leagues in New York City and the surrounding areas and helps prepares the competitors to improve on their weaknesses for the next level.



Guyana's league-leading scorer Anthony Abrahams (#10) puts in one for his team.

Photo by Keith Dawson

Caribbean Cup teams square off

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it means that longstanding, intense rivalry will be recaptured when the teams square off in Sunday's semi-final at 3:30 p.m.

Grenada reached the final four when it defeated Team Haiti, 1-0, on veteran Shane Rennie's goal in the 10th minute. After taking the lead against a very determined Haitian team, Grenada was reduced to 10 players when Michael Richardson received a second caution and was ejected from the game. Grenada turned out to be the more determined squad and battled Team Haiti to the last minute to preserve the narrow margin of victory and a place in semi-finals, with a chance to reach the final.

Team Guyana has been good all season, led by league-leading scorer Anthony Abrahams, who has racked up over 14 goals so far. The Guyanese won the West Zone and came into the playoffs with the

same winning momentum that won it the division title; if their good play continues and Abrahams continues to find the back of the net, then Team Guyana has a very good chance of overcoming an experienced Team Jamaica squad and getting to the championship game. In its quarterfinal game, Team Guyana brushed aside Team Barbados, 3-0, on goals by Bevon Moseley, Abrahams and Marlon Benjamin.

Meanwhile, The Caribbean cup Community Outreach Program, in an effort to give back to the community, has supplied local school children with backpacks filled with school supplies for the upcoming school year. Moore backpacks will be handed out before Sunday's second game, at 5:00 p.m.

MLS

In Major League Soccer games last weekend, host DC United hammered the Colorado Rapids, 4-1, at

RFK Stadium. Luis Silva scored to give United a 1-0 half time lead; Dillon Serna came up with the equalizer for the Rapids, but more goals from Silva, Chris Rolfe and Fabian Espindola gave the host a wide margin of victory. Sporting Kansas City knocked off Toronto FC, 4-1, as well in another slug fest. Dom Dwyer, in the hunt for the MLS scoring title, scored twice, and Soony Saad and C J Sapong tallied for the host team's win; Gilberto scored for the visitors.

Real Salt Lake, playing at home filed Rio Tinto Stadium took the Western Conference top spot when it defeated the Seattle Sounders, 2-1. The shortest player in the league at 5-2, Joao Plata, scored a header off Luke Mulholland's cross, then Mulholland tallied to put RSL ahead, 2-0; Chad Barrett pulled a goal back for Seattle. Host Columbus Crew smashed the Los Angeles galaxy, 4-1, in yet another

slug fest. Goals from Justin Meram, Ethan Finlay, Ben Speas and Giancarlo Gonzalez gave the Crew the win in what was considered its best performance of the season so far. Gyasi Zardes tallied for the Galaxy.

The New England Revolution and the Portland Timbers played to a 1-1 draw; Charlie Davies scored for the Revs and Liam Ridgewell equalized for the Timbers. Home field advantage did not work for the San Jose earthquakes as the visiting FC Dallas romped to a 5-0 victory. Tesho Akindele scored a hat trick and Fabian Castillo had a double to give Dallas a comfortable win. Chivas USA and the Vancouver Whitecaps played to a goalless draw. Montreal edged the Chicago Fire, 1-0, on Marco Di Vaio. The Houston Dynamo beat the Philadelphia Union, 2-0; Will Bruin and Omar Cummings.

Youth cricket

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Lloyd pointed to the High Performance Center in Barbados as ideal for inculcating the skills youth cricketers needed to progress.

According to Lloyd, the facility would be crucial in instilling a mindset adapted to the rigors of Test cricket in the younger players.

He also stressed that West Indies needed to be more formidable and mentally stronger to regain respectability in Tests. West Indies are currently ranked eighth in the ICC Test rankings and have not won a series against a top-eight side since August 2011.

The side suffered a 2-0 series defeats on their tours to India and New Zealand and recently lost a three-Test series at home to New Zealand.

Speaking about the recent changes made by



Clive Lloyd.

AP/ Matt Dunham, File

the WICB, Lloyd thinks that is what regional cricket needed to take the game to a higher level.

The changes to the selection committee, includes former fast bowlers Eldine Baptiste and Courtney Walsh.

The WICB said that former wicketkeeper Courtney Browne has been retained on the panel, while current head coach Ottis Gibson joins as a non-voting member.



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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, exercise caution when expressing your needs. It can be difficult to stop when you are drumming up so much excitement. Now is not the time to take a risk.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have overextended yourself this week. You didn't realize you had taken on so much until it was too late, but there is still time to backtrack.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, committing to a daily routine can have a strong impact on your overall health. Consider tailoring a new routine for yourself, and you'll reap the healthy rewards.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Take things slow with a budding relationship this week, Cancer. You don't want to go too fast and find yourself in over your head. Let things develop gradually.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, carefully consider any offer that seems too good to be true this week. While the person making the offer is not ill-intentioned, you still must exercise caution.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Big ideas sweep in this week and leave you with a lot of inspiration, Virgo. Don't get too lost in fantastical ideas, though. Wait a little bit before finalizing plans.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Err on the side of caution with regard to spending this week, Libra. You have to save up for a bigger purchase that's on the horizon, so try to save as much as you can now.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, only now do you realize how much you have on your plate. Think about postponing a getaway until your schedule is less packed and you can enjoy the trip even more.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, turn work into play and things will move along that much more quickly. Split up the tasks at hand with a friend or colleague, and the week will fly by.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, even though you don't have much time for yourself, you feel compelled to spend more time with others. Make some time for yourself as well.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you secretly enjoy when others come to you for advice. Think carefully before making any suggestions, and your friends will be more appreciative because of it.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Now is the time to further your studies, Pisces. Figure out how to finance a return to school and make the most of the opportunity.

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