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Playing mas on the Parkway

Vincentian Phyllis Wyllie (fourth from left) with masqueraders from her band, "Devine Mas." See more Carnival coverage on page 2.

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MAKING CASE FOR AMENDS

Carib reparations meeting planned

By Bert Wilkinson

At least four Caribbean heads of governments, legal representatives from Europe, academics from around the world and civil society activists are to attend a key preparatory meeting in Antigua next month to prepare the region's case to make European nations pay compensation for the Trans Atlantic slave trade officials said

this week.

Caribbean governments in July, through Barbadian Prime Minister Freundel Stuart, formally wrote to countries like Britain, Spain, France and The Netherlands demanding a high level summit to set the stage for compensation payments with Europe before the end of this year or early

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SVG laments antipathy against SIDS

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has lamented what it regards as the "initial indifference, paternalism and outright antipathy" towards Small Island

Developing States (SIDS), saying that they "continue to lurk beneath the thin veneer of diplomatic formalities."

In addressing the United Nations Third International

Conference on Small Island Developing States in Apia, Samoa on Tuesday, Foreign Affairs Minister Camillo Gonzales said the "erroneous view

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WEST INDIAN DAY CARNIVAL '14



1. Carol Gomez from Sesame Flyers International in a "Bollywood: Passport to Paradise" costume. **2.** Jason from Carnival Players Mas as king wearing the bands portrayal of "All That Glitters." **3.** Dingolay Mas performing in front of the judges station in "Epic D White" costumes. **4.** Myarra Joseph from Jes Mas band portrays "Trinity: The Beauty of Carnival." **5.** Elyse Babooram from Jes Mas band portrays "Trinity: Beauty of the Antilles."

Photos by Kevin Bollers

WEST INDIAN DAY CARNIVAL '14 - J'OUVERT



1. Mervyn Taylor and fellow Bull lead the charge as presented in Roy Pierre & Associates, "Running Of The Bulls." 2. A Spanish couple in Roy Pierre & Associates Band, "Running Of The Bulls," at J'ouvert 2014. 3. Flag woman Janet in "Running Of The Bulls," at J'ouvert 2014. 4. Masquerader with the Pagwah Jouvert Band presentation "De Wedding" early Labor Day morning. 5. Reveler with Pagwah Mas presentation "De Wedding" caught the light of a NYPD vehicle as J'ouvert celebrations got underway in Brooklyn, Labor Day morning. 6. Roy Pierre presenting "Running of the Bulls" J'ouvert 2014.

Photos 1,2,3,6 by Keith Getter. Photos 4,5 by William Farrington

WEST INDIAN DAY CARNIVAL '14 - DIMANCHE GRAS

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1. Regal Kay Mason, Borokeete queen, competing in the Queen of Carnival competition. 2. Vanessa Black of Ramajay Mas competing for Queen of Carnival at Dimanche Gras festivities. 3. Jinelle Babaroon, of the band "Backyard Mas" portraying "Queen of the Airie Kingdom." 4. The Something Positive Dance Company performing "Birth, Death and Rebirth" opening Dimanche Gras festivities at the Brooklyn Museum. 5. Calypso master Lord Nelson performing at the 2014 Dimanche Gras celebration at the Brooklyn Museum..

Photos by William Farrington



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1. Roland Guy, "Tanti gone.." 2014 Old Mas winner of male character on stage at Caribbean Woodstock, Brooklyn Museum. 2. BG Productions, 2014 Old Mas Band of the Year for "Teach Ya Children From France to T&T Slave Ships with People" on stage at Caribbean Woodstock, Brooklyn Museum. 3. Rhea Smith, from the band Sesame Flyers, competing in the female character competition at Caribbean Woodstock. 4. Moreen Hartman, 2014 Old Mas female character winner on stage with BG productions at Caribbean Woodstock, Brooklyn Museum. 5. From left, Freaks Mas masqueraders Charisma Ennis, of Jamaica, Michelle Ward, of Belize, and Joeneolle Isaac, of Trinidad and Tobago. Photos 1-4 by William Farrington. Photo 5 by Nelson A. King

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda is hoping that China will provide US\$18 million towards the expansion of the Five Islands Secondary School to the University College Antigua.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who was on an official visit to Beijing, has officially informed the principals of China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) of the intention of his government regarding the facility, according to a government statement.

It said prior to leaving Antigua, Prime Minister Browne toured the facilities at Five Islands with Chinese Ambassador Ren Gongping and noted that the new proposal will include student dorms, an expanded library, expanded ICT facility, Olympic size swimming pool and tennis courts.



Prime Minister Browne said he has already started talks with the University of the West Indies (UWI) on establishing the local university and that the government will be appointing a National Committee with a corresponding committee from the UWI to produce a proposal for collaboration and timeframe for implementation.

The statement said that Prime Minister Bowne is expected to finalize the agreement for US\$18 million towards the expansion of the facility of Five Islands.

Bahamas

The Bahamas government has paid tribute to Latore Mackey, the former Deputy Director of the Bahamas Information Service (BIS), who was shot dead on Market Street recently.

Foreign Affairs Minister Fred Mitchell said he was "saddened" by the murder, adding that Mackey, on joining the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) worked "like a fish in water."

"He carried out excellent work at the Bahamas Information Services and in the Office of the Prime Minister. He was the future of our party. Now we have lost him too soon," Mitchell said in a statement.



Police are working on a theory that an argument inside a nearby club may have led to his killing. Mackey was the owner of Blue Sports Bar and Lounge in the capi-



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tal, Nassau.

Grenada

The Grenada senate has given the green light to legislation governing casino gambling that the government said would further enhance the vital tourism industry.

The Senate recently followed the Lower House that last month unanimously approved the legislation that would provide certain guidelines for casino gambling in Grenada.

"Now that we have approval from both Houses for the bill, the process is not yet complete as it has to receive the assent of the governor general and be published in the Government Gazette," Economic and Planning Minister Oliver Joseph told the media during the weekly post-cabinet meeting.

The legislation makes it an offense for Grenadians to participate in gambling activities.

The legislation notes that only hotels with more than 300 rooms can apply for a license to offer casino gaming as part of its entertainment package. The casino facility must be on the same compound with the hotel.



Guyana

The main opposition grouping A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) has called on President Donald Ramoutar to do more than talk in dealing with the illegal drug trade in Guyana.

"He must become personally involved in directing the war on illegal narcotics which, apparently, are now being exported on an industrial scale. The president's response to the recent discovery of a self-propelled semi-submarine marine vessel in the Barima-Waini Region is deeply disturbing," the APNU said in a statement.

Ramoutar was quoted in the Government Information Agency (GINA) as saying that the government will spend "whatever necessary" to deal with the illegal drug trade.

"We have limited resources and we have competing areas that we want to put our money into," Ramoutar said.

But APNU describe the statement as "weak" adding "it ignores the facts, that for two decades the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PP/C)



has failed to curb trafficking in illegal narcotics.

The APNU said it was calling on President Ramoutar to "immediately execute a credible national drug strategy master plan; establish an effective national enforcement structure; enforce current legislation vigorously; and equip the security forces with the assets to curb the trade."

Jamaica

Jamaica says it expects to receive US\$71 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as the government continues to meet key economic objectives outlined in a four-year deal.

Finance Minister Peter Phillip says the IMF recently finished a fifth review of the country's economic performance.

He said officials will continue to reduce debt and reform the tax and labor market sectors, among other things.

Jamaica's government said in a statement that it has so far secured US\$44 million in funding in the first year of a US\$930 million loan package with



the Washington-based financial institution.

Jamaica

The London-based Privy Council has granted leave to convicted hijacker Stephen Fray, to appeal his 83-year jail term for the attempted hijacking of a Canadian aircraft in the western city of Montego Bay in 2009.

Fray's legal team is contending that medical evidence of his mental disorder was rejected and the standard used to judge his mental condition had bene outdated.

They argued that a narrow approach was taken in assessing his true mental state, and this error resulted in the conviction.

Fray was convicted in October 2009, one eight counts for illegal possession of firearm, shooting with intent, assault at common law and breaches of the Airport Act, arising from the attempted hijacking.

Although sentenced to 83 years, Fray is to serve 20 years because the sentences are to run concurrent.

Fray lost his appeal in Jamaica in 2011, to have the sentence and conviction overturned.



However, Fray and his attorney have maintained that he was mentally ill in April 2009, when he attempted to hijack the Canjet flight with 159 passengers and crew at the Sangster International Airport with a loaded gun.

St. Lucia

The European Union (EU) has provided St. Lucia with EC\$ 14.3 million worth of diagnostic equipment for the new National Hospital.

The donation is the first phase of the EU's total contribution to the hospital, valued at EC\$32 million.

The pieces of equipment installed and tested so far are CT scanners, a mammography system and the general x-ray unit.

Part of the equipping agreement is for the suppliers to provide training to the technicians who will be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment as well as the end-users.

The training is ongoing for the teams from the Victoria Hospital in the capital.



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Caribbean countries discuss reparations

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next year to discuss its collective push for reparations. Stuart is the lead regional prime minister on reparations.

Regional reparations activist Eric Phillips said that details about such the Caribbean-Europe conference are to be announced at the Antigua three day meeting starting on Oct. 12.

The meeting is being billed as an experts conference and already representatives from Britain, Denmark, France and other countries have indicated plans to attend, signalling some interest in hearing what the Caribbean has to say about its claim.

In July, British legislators invited, Sir Hilary Beckles, the principal of the University of the West Indies' Barbados Campus and head of the regional reparations commission to make the case before the British House of Commons on the repara-

tions issue. His presentation was reportedly well received and ended with a standing ovation among MP's.

Phillips dubbed the invitation from Britain "as an indication" that the case is being taken seriously and that a resolution could be found starting with the high level summit whenever it is held.

He said the leaders who have already hired the British law firm of Leigh Day law firm to push their case. The firm has become famous ever since winning a court ruling that forced Britain to compensate Kenyan tribesmen for genocide against them in the colonial era.

Its representatives have attended several high level meetings with CARICOM and other leaders and thinks there is a case to win here.

The mini mid October summit will refine a 10-point to challenge to Europe including argu-



Barbadian Prime Minister Freundel Stuart.

Associated Press/Mary Altaffer

ments that European planters were compensated for losing slaves after emancipation in the 1830s but not a cent was paid to those enslaved and have also refused to acknowledge that slavery was a crime among other complaints.

He also said that the meeting will refine plans to grow the reparations effort into a global movement that would include Americans Blacks and others living outside the region, saying that there would be no turning back to win compensation for the slave trade.

Small Island Developing States

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that Small Island States should be observers, and not participants, in important matters of international relations is self-evident in our underrepresentation or outright exclusion from the inner sancta of decision-making bodies on international security, economic cooperation, development finance or sustainable development.

"It is evident here today, in the deeply disappointing absence of high-level representation from many large and developed nations," he said, adding that the absence of "high-level representation" has "largely left us to talk among ourselves, to preach to the choir, at what is a vitally important international conference."

Gonsalves said these "slights beg the question of whether some powerful states would prefer that we subsist as full members of the U.N. in name only, enjoying the legal fiction of sovereign equality, while remaining observers to a

geopolitical drama in which we can neither meaningfully act nor contribute to scripting the outcomes."

He, however, urged participating countries to "reject those jaundiced perspectives and state with clarity and confidence that our time is now."

"Not for an episodic, once-per-decade engagement, but for a sustained and sincere restructuring of an outmoded one-size-fits-all approach that serves to diminish our nobility and retard our developmental aspirations," he said.

The Vincentian foreign minister also called for an immediate end to what he described as "the practice of using per capita GDP (Gross Domestic Product) as an obstacle to any form of developmental assistance or relief to Small Island Developing States."

"Stripped of context, per capita GDP fails to capture the obvious vulnerabilities and developmental hurdles that confront us on a daily basis," he said, adding that

"any serious analysis of our economic and developmental health must include structured evaluations of our vulnerability and resilience."

"It is only then that a truer picture of our needs and possibilities can emerge," Gonsalves continued. "The time for such a reform is now."

Similarly, he said the related realities of existing debt burdens require "urgent corrective attention."

Gonsalves said SIDS' developmental aspirations and manoeuvres are "straight-jacketed by an acute absence of fiscal space."

"How can we address myriad climate challenges, the transition to modern modes of production, the adoption of renewable energy, the strengthening of our social safety nets, or the equipping of our citizens to meet tomorrow's challenges, while managing a debt burden that is among the highest in the world?" he asked.

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Whopping \$700 media fee creates controversy

By Vinette K. Pryce

After 46 years of coverage of the annual West Indian American Day Associations annual festivities in Brooklyn, in an unprecedented action, the organizers required media individuals to pay a whopping \$700 in order to report on the activities.

The fee demanded reporters to pay \$700 for a five-day media accreditation to report on all the activities and also allowed a Labor Day pass for \$300. Any reporter or photographer wanting to report on Saturday's junior carnival would have had to dole out a \$200 fee and for all concerts held at the Brooklyn Museum, a \$100 money order would have to be made out to the organizers by August 20 in order to be approved.

Imposition of a fee caused dissent and may have hampered support from minority media unable to honor the steep cost imposed by the organizers.

Allegedly, the fee was imposed in order to "control" negative press reports which "tarnish the intent and reputation" of the carnival.

Although some of the board members refuse to talk on the record about the 2014 demand, many claim they were "totally against" the idea of charging press to cover the event. Blame has been fully positioned on the

new leader William Howard who is allegedly not rooted in Caribbean culture but has a record of aligning himself with politicians and maintains that the new ruling will enhance the profile of the 47th annual celebration of Caribbean heritage.

Historically, predominantly covered by independent and minority media, the four days of concerts and activities preceding the holiday are virtually ignored by traditional media. They include – Junior Carnival, Brass Fest, Steel Band Panorama and Dimanche Gras. In latter years commercial television, radio and print have spotlighted the Labor Day spectacle, which allegedly attracts upwards of two million spectators to the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. However, coverage has either been limited to the one Labor Day parade and historically alleged to highlight negative behavior, crime and at times unrelated felonious activity throughout the area and at times in remote areas from the Eastern Parkway area. Hakim Mutlaq, a freelance photographer wrote: "I would be remiss if I did not speak to what I see as a grave mistake" He said when he was sent the accreditation form he thought it was an "an internet hoax. It made no sense and it seemed like

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Boosting resilience in the Caribbean countries

By Jessica Faieta

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 26, 2014 (IPS) - Having lived and worked for more than a decade in four Caribbean countries, I have witnessed first hand how Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are extremely vulnerable to challenges ranging from debt and unemployment to climate change and sea level rise.

Such aspects make their paths towards sustainable development probably more complex than non-SIDS countries. That was my experience, working closely with governments, civil society organisations and the people of Belize, Cuba, Guyana and Haiti – where I led the U.N. Development Programme's (UNDP) reconstruction efforts after the devastating January 2010 earthquake.

That's why the upcoming UN Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), taking place in Samoa, Sep. 1-4 is so important. It will provide an opportunity to increase international cooperation and knowledge sharing between and within regions. And it takes place at a key moment, ahead of the Climate Change Summit at the UN General Assembly, to be held on Sep. 23.

Climate change—and all natural hazards, in fact—hit Small Island Developing States hard, even though these countries haven't historically contributed to the problem. Extreme exposure to disasters such as flooding, hurricanes, droughts, landslides and earthquakes place these countries at a particularly vulnerable position.

In the Caribbean, two key sectors, agriculture and tourism, which are crucial for these countries' economies, are especially exposed. Agriculture provides 20 percent of total employ-

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ment in the Caribbean. In some countries, like Haiti and Grenada, half of the total jobs depends on agriculture. Moreover, travel and tourism accounted for 14 percent of Caribbean countries' Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2013 – the highest for any region in the world.

According to Jamaica's Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change, during the period 2000-2010 the country was impacted by 10 extreme weather events which have led the country to lose around two percent of its GDP per year. Moreover, sea levels have risen 0.9 mm per year, according to official figures. This causes Jamaicans, who live largely on the coast, not only to lose their beaches, but it also increases salinity in fresh waters and farming soil.

Also, when I visited Jamaica in July, the country was facing one of the worst droughts in its history. This had already led to a significant fall in agricultural production, higher food imports, increased food prices and a larger number of bush fires – which in turn destroy farms and forested areas.

Clearly, if countries do not reduce their vulnerabilities and strengthen their resilience – not only to natural disasters but also to financial crises – we won't be able to guarantee, let alone expand, progress in the

social, economic and environmental realms.

Preparedness is essential—and international cooperation plays a key role. UNDP is working closely with governments and societies in the Caribbean to integrate climate change considerations in planning and policy. This means investing in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and preparedness, particularly in the most vulnerable communities and sectors.

In Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago, where I also met recently with key authorities, UNDP is working with the government to enhance climate change preparedness on three fronts: agriculture, natural disasters and promoting the use of renewable energy resources, which is critical to reduce the dependency on imported fossil fuels.

Knowledge-sharing between and within regions is also vital. UNDP has been working with governments in the Caribbean to share a successful practice that began in Cuba in 2005. The initiative, the Risk Reduction Management Centres, supports local governments' pivotal role in the civil defence system.

In addition, experts from different agencies collaborate to map disaster-prone areas, analyse risk and help decision-making at the municipal level. Importantly, each Centre is also linked up with vulnerable communities through early warning teams, which serve as the Centre's "tentacles", to increase awareness and safeguard people and economic resources.

This model has been adapted and is being rolled out in the British Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

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Unpardonable 'dis' of the steel band culture

The lineup of activities for the 2014 Labor Day weekend West Indian Carnival is history. And, like a couple of years ago when we were constrained to make scathing reference to the appearance in the Eastern Parkway parade of a few female exhibitionists who brought the skimpy-costume fad to levels of gross indecency, so was there this year reason for taking exception, this time to a patently poor-taste move on the part of the organizers. The Steel Band Panorama contest providing backdrop for the off-color display this time around.

Just a day or two before last Saturday's Panorama, it was revealed that the high command of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), organizers of Labor Day weekend activity, had denied credentials to cover the event to When Steel Talks, the most important and comprehensive forum the steel band community, world-wide, has ever had. Given the reputation When Steel Talks has established, the international acclaim it has garnered, one would have to set a really high bar, as far as any justification trumpeted by WIADCA for such dastardly action passing muster. Immediately upon

learning of WIADCA's disrespect toward When Steel Talks -- and by extension every member of the pan music fraternity -- I reached out to the owner-operator of the web site to convey how abhorrent I thought the WIADCA action to be. And I said that barring some transgression by When Steel Talks of "an unbelievably egregious nature," I failed to see what WIADCA could possibly offer by way of validating what smacked of petty, truculent behavior.

WIADCA's beef with When Steel Talks, reportedly, was comment critical of WIADCA that had previously appeared on the site. Whether or not that's an "accusation" that can withstand scrutiny, what the hell difference does it make? Firstly, When Steel Talks is as legit a media entity as any of the countless Internet sites geared to inform, educate, etc. Victimization of the site because of published material that WIADCA viewed as negative equates with an American president banning the Washington Post from White House news conferences because of something written in the Post that the president didn't like. If there's some hint here that WIADCA doesn't much care for media criticism,

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

then it's in the wrong place doing the wrong thing. But more importantly, WIADCA's kick in the butt to When Steel Talks totally disregarded the immense value the forum has been to the steel band world. And in consciously ignoring this, WIADCA's conduct betrayed a dumfounding insensitivity, to the point even of forgetting that steel bands were the reason the largest Labor Day weekend crowds annually gathered in back of the Brooklyn Museum on a Labor Day Saturday night.

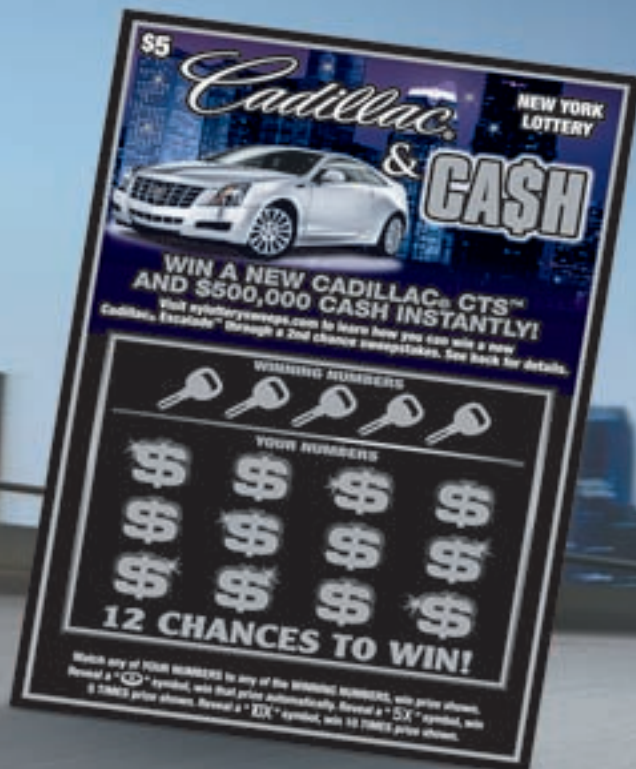
If the organizing body chose not to acknowledge the critical importance of steel bands in the Labor Day weekend mix, it's unfortunate that the bands themselves, via the organization that represents a bunch of them, were involuntary contributors to the insult. Martin Douglas, president of the United States Steelband Association, told When Steel Talks, after his efforts to secure credentials for them had

failed, that he was "powerless" to bring about a reversal of WIADCA's edict. Douglas is a guy whose head seems to be screwed on altogether right, with his heart also in the right place. But sorry, Martin. You and the steel bands are hardly "powerless." Grousing about Panorama prize money, practice-yard problems and all the rest are all perfectly fine. Equally important, perhaps even more so, is the obligation to stand up for principle when comes the time. The king-size "diss" of the pan culture that was the insufferable treatment meted out to When Steel Talks was just such an opportunity to take a principled stand and dramatize it in any number of ways. Let's hope that the 2014 experience for steel bands in these parts can be made to include an acute awareness of all else that matters beyond practice and performance.

In fairness, it would be in poor taste if we neglected to honor in this space the thankless service rendered by the people of WIADCA. There is undoubtedly tremendous dedication within the ranks, folks driven by an unbreakable bond with their cultural roots and wedded to the vision of the

late Carlos Lezama, and Rufus Gorin before him, of an annual outpouring of unbridled Caribbean pride. Clearly, the undertaking has today assumed proportions that would astound those early dreamers. Clearly, too, with growth has come a litany of bedeviling problems. Given how we tend to roll, those of us not saddled with the responsibility of delivering this yearly bonanza, empathy for head-scratching planners isn't likely to be out among us in copious supply. Having said that, though, there should be no condoning either of ill-advised (and seriously consequential) knee-jerk responses, or actions seemingly spawned by vindictiveness, or being punitive when going there is an outrage, or whatever else motivated WIADCA's reach into the bowels of ugly to short-circuit When Steel Talks. It ought be condemned.

The Labor Day weekend celebration is suggestive of communal sharing. We're veering onto toxic ground if there begins to be troubling indicators of the event being used to sow seeds of disharmony, rather than the unison that is central to its *raison d'être*.



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Playing mas in sweltering heat!

By Nelson A. King

Amid the sweltering heat and humidity, tens of thousands of masqueraders and revelers and millions more from around the world converged on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway on Labor Day for the largest carnival parade in North America.

Masqueraders and revelers — in all forms and shapes, from the skinny to the obese, old and young, and scantily clad — gyrated to Caribbean vibes along the 2.5 mile-long route, which began at Buffalo Avenue and ended at Grand Army Plaza and Flatbush Avenue.

"I feel exhilarating," exclaimed Brooklyn native Rovern Anthony, who hails from St. Patrick, Grenada, portraying "Lotus" with perennial Band of the Year champions Sesame Flyers.

"I'm happy to showcase the colors of the Caribbean," added Antony who, in previous years, played with the Grenadian band, 500-Strong, headed by Grenada New York Independence Calypso Monarch, Val Adams.

A few yards away, Erica Wilson, of Laventille, Trinidad and Tobago, said she looked forward to playing mas annually.

"I do this every year," said Wilson, playing with Kaios International. "I play in Trinidad as well. That's my fun time."

Portraying "Persian Warrior" with Ramajay, Ariana Matthews, 21, of Grenville, St. Andrews, Grenada, said she has been playing mas since she was four years old.

"This is my fourth year

with Ramajay," she said. "I love Ramajay. I look forward to this every year."

Patricia London of Arima, Trinidad and Tobago, said she was playing the "Day Mas" for the first time.

"I normally play J'ouvert," said London, portraying "Boatswain" with Boro-keete. "I don't feel to wake up early anymore."

"I love my culture to death!" she shouted in a deep "Trini twang." "I must play mas, I must represent. I'm a die-hard (masquerader)."

Further down the road, Barbadian Keisha Francis came from Boston to play with Ramajay.

"I'm feeling great," said Francis, who competed in the carnival for the fifth time as "Female Individual."

"I love what I do. I always



Above: Barbadian Saimana Hilaire of Boston portrays a costume from D'Midas.

Right: Shawn Antenor of St. Thomas, USVI, portrays Shaka Zulu with Mango Tree.

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enjoy my mas."

Nearby, Grace McNeil, of Boston Soca and Associates, said she plays every year, adding: "I'm a soca junkie."

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Boosting preparedness saves lives

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In Jamaica, for example, in hazard-prone St Catherine's Parish on the outskirts of Kingston, a team has been implementing the country's first such Centre, mapping vulnerable areas and training community leaders to play a central role in the disaster preparation and risk reduction system.

In Old Harbor Bay, a fishing community of 7,000 inhabitants, UNDP, together with the government of Jamaica, has provided emergency equipment and train-

ing for better preparation and evacuation when hurricanes or other disasters strike.

Boosting preparedness and increasing resilience is an investment. In addition to saving lives, for every dollar spent in disaster preparedness and mitigation, seven dollars will be saved when a disaster strikes.

However, it is also crucial to address vulnerability matters beyond climate change or natural disasters. Small Island Developing States— in the Caribbean and other

regions— are often isolated from world trade and global finance. The international community needs to recognise and support this vulnerable group of countries, as they pave the way to more sustainable development.

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Media fee creates controversy

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somebody was playing bad jokes." After learning that the fee demand was in place, he was still in disbelief that "in the media capital of the world, in the year 2014, that we would find an organization attempting to charge press people for doing their jobs/covering an event."

"Now, the workings of the Fourth Estate may be mysterious to some but one does not have to go googling to acknowledge the importance of it in many ways," Mutlaq wrote. He said "freedom of the press in a democratic society" was being violated.

Herman Hall, a former WIADCA board member, and publisher of Everybody's Magazine, A Caribbean monthly called the decision antiquated. In an article he titled "Dinosaur Leadership" Hall wrote:

"The West Indian-American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), organizer of Brooklyn's Carnival on Labor Day Weekend in New York City, has a new chief. He is William Howard who was an aide to Carlos Lezama in the early 1970s when Lezama brought carnival-parade to Eastern Parkway.

Carnival was brought to Brooklyn from Harlem in

the late 1960s by the late Rufus Gorin.

"We are almost in 2015 when the yuppie and millennial generations are energized to govern and administer. So why is the carnival association going back to the age of the dinosaur to get a leader," one carnival bandleader quipped.

Howard is the first African-American with allegedly no Caribbean roots to head the carnival organization. He replaced Thomas Bailey who abruptly resigned."

Inquiries to the WIADCA president were not addressed at press time.

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Mayor entertains Caribbean nationals

By Tangerine Clarke

Mayor Bill de Blasio who became the 109th mayor of New York City, winning a huge bloc of the West Indian American vote, was greeted with loud applause as he and his wife Chirlane McCray welcomed colorfully dressed Caribbean nationals at a recent Gracie Mansion reception.

During the hosting of his first

barbeque style event in collaboration with the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), the politician praised the nationals for their commitment to the city, adding that the immigrants came and established themselves, and have contributed to the growth of the city.

De Blasio noted that the Labor Day carnival started small, and

has grown like the community, as he recalled the year 1968 when the celebration started, adding that it has become the largest event in terms of the half a million New Yorkers of Caribbean descent who come out to celebrate, and who leave a strong imprint on the city.

“This is what the community
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Integrating climate, water policies

By Desmond Brown

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Aug 27 2014 (IPS) - Concerned that climate change could lead to an intensification of the global hydrological cycle, Caribbean stakeholders are working to ensure it is included in the region's plans for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).

The basis of IWRM is that the many different uses of finite water resources are interdependent. High irrigation demands and polluted drainage flows from agriculture mean less freshwater for drinking or industrial use.

Contaminated municipal and industrial wastewater pollutes rivers and threatens ecosystems. If water has to be left in a river to protect fisheries and ecosystems, less can be diverted to grow crops.

Meanwhile, around the world, variability in climate conditions, coupled with new socioeconomic and environmental developments, have already started having major impacts.

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C), which recently brought international and regional stakeholders together for a conference in Trinidad, is aimed at better understanding the climate system and the hydrological cycle and how they are changing; boosting awareness of the impacts of climate change on society, as well as the risk and uncertainty in the context of water and climate change and especially variability; and examining adaptation options in relation to water and climate change.

“Basically we're looking to integrate aspects of climate change and climate variability and adaptation into the Caribbean water sector,” Natalie Boodram, programme manager of the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP), told IPS.

“And this is a very big deal for us because under predicted climate change scenarios we're looking at things like drier dry seasons, more intense hurricanes,
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Laparkan scholarships for Carib American youth

By Kevin Bollers

Two lucky Caribbean American youth will have the chance to win scholarships being offered by Laparkan Shipping, one of the biggest Caribbean shipping and money transfer companies in the world.

Laparkan officials made the announcement during a news conference at their office at 416-428 Stanley Ave. Brooklyn, on Aug. 28, 2014. This is the tenth year of the Caribbean American scholarship program. During the past nine years the company awarded 30 scholarships. Wesley Kirton, corporate manager of marketing and external relations, Sherry Mohammed, manager of the North West Region, Marcia Conyers, manager of the Stanley Avenue location, Dawn Plummer, marketing and business development manager and Shamin Ali, business development manager for the Queens location represented the company at the event.

Since April 24, 2004 Laparkan Trading Ltd./ Money Transfer has been committed to awarding the Laparkan Caribbean American Scholarship, created to assist America's promising young students of Caribbean descent with their educational needs. The



From left, Sherry Mohammed, manager of Laparkan Shipping North West Region, Wesley Kirton, corporate manager of marketing and external relations and Dawn Plummer, marketing and business development manager for Laparkan Shipping.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

goal of this program is to reward Caribbean/Caribbean American students who are actively involved in or participated in projects related to the improvement of Caribbean communities

in the United States.

An advisory committee has been established to evaluate the selection process and to give guidance to the program. Two scholarships will be awarded to

high school seniors/college freshmen who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in accredited colleges/universities within the United States for the Fall of 2014 semester.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be a graduating Caribbean/Caribbean American high school senior with a cumulative high school GPA of 85 and above or a college

freshman currently enrolled for the next semester with a college GPA of 3.0 and above. The candidate must have volunteered with a Caribbean/Caribbean-American organization, committee or project that serves the Caribbean community.

When asked whether being involved in a mas camp or steel band orchestra qualified, Kirton responded, "Yes, absolutely. That is the heart of Caribbean culture." He continued, "The scholarship is a demonstration of Laparkan's commitment to the education process among our Caribbean Diaspora youth."

Speaking about the impact of the scholarship in the Caribbean community, Kirton said, "Over the 10 years we have seen the benefit and impact by witnessing over a dozen students graduate from college and go on to be successful in the working world. It is a pleasure to be able to offer these scholarships and help our young people who need the assistance." Applications forms are available at all Laparkan locations and completed applications must be submitted no later than Dec. 15, 2014 for qualification. For information, call Barbara Sawh at (718) 441-0696.

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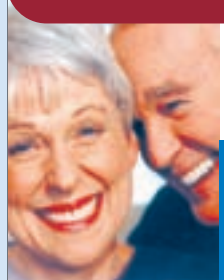


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Haitian American confident of winning 42nd AD



Rodneyse Bichotte.

Photo courtesy Rodneyse Bichotte

By Nelson A. King

Haitian American District Leader for the 42nd State Assembly District in Brooklyn, Rodneyse Bichotte, is confident that she will win the seat vacated by the retired Rhoda Jacobs.

“I have the best chance winning because I have

been a district leader for the past four years,” Bichotte told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview over the weekend.

“As district leader, I’ve built wide-ranging partnerships with business leaders and elected officials to increase opportunity for

the people of AD42,” added Bichotte, referring to the 42nd Assembly District that comprises the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Flatbush Gardens, Midwood, Prospect Park South and Terrace Gardens.

She said she has partnered with Flatbush Tenants Coalition to make affordable housing “a reality for the people of this district,” stating that she wants to be “their voice in Albany.”

“I know what it’s like not to have an advocate,” said Bichotte, the first Haitian American woman to hold elective office in New York City. “This ordeal has transformed me into the fighter that I am today.”

“No candidate has been more focused on economic development, job opportunity for the Assembly district than me,” she added, stating that the coalition of support and endorsement she has received includes that of Mayor Bill deBlasio.

Bichotte said the mayor’s endorsement is “a testament to my proven leadership in the district.”

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Bichotte said her “steadfast devotion to providing resources” in the district is demonstrated through her “ongoing involvement in the community,” including delivering on the rehabilitation of Haiti by volunteering to help build 100 homes through Habitat for Humanity with President Jimmy Carter.

She said she is proud of her Haitian-American roots. Her father was the lead saxophonist of legendary Haitian jazz band, “Jazz Des Jeunes”; while her mother is considered to be a “matriarch” in the Haitian Caribbean community.

Both of Bichotte’s parents were union members. Her mother is currently a retired member of the Hotel Trade Council Local 6 union. She worked as a housekeeper for 30 years.

Bichotte said she has been a dedicated public servant for over 20 years, and have

continuously worked on a number of initiatives on education.

She said she has lobbied against cuts in special education programs and funding for public schools.

Bichotte said she has also lobbied against tuition increase and universal Pre-K, busing residence in the Flatbush community – parents, seniors and students – to lobby Republican senators to vote for funding for full-day universal Pre-K.

She said her lobbying efforts in Albany and Washington also included issues on affordable housing and healthcare, minimum wage, the Dream Act, jobs and against hydro-fracking.

As a district leader, Bichotte said she has facilitated and sponsored a number of community events in Flatbush, such as the first Voter’s Forum, promoting fair elections and voters’ rights; held the largest mayoral and other candidate forum/debate in Brooklyn; conducted an annual senior luncheon; launched safety street initiatives; and held the largest funding forum in Brooklyn to help clergy and non-profit organizations get government funding.

Bichotte’s work experience includes public school mathematics teacher, and an engineer and finance manager.

She is the co-founder of the Shirley Chisholm Democratic Club in Brooklyn and is an alumnus of the White House Project from Brooklyn College.

While living in Chicago, Bichotte served on President Obama’s then U.S. senatorial campaign with the Will County Democratic Club.

She was then selected to be an Obama Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2012 by Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

Bichotte said she continuously partners with the elected officials in her district, such as Councilman Jumaane Williams on social and economic initiatives.

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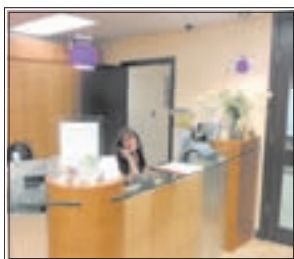
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A team from St. Jude hospital in the south is also participating to ensure all relevant personnel across public tertiary-care institutions are trained.

St. Vincent

Former St. Vincent Registrar of the High Court Tamara Gibson-Marks is to re-appear in court on Oct. 7, 2014 after she was granted EC\$30,000 bail on charges of theft, abuse of office and false certification.

The St. Lucian-born Gibson-Marks pleaded not guilty when she appeared before Magistrate Rechanne Browne-Martin four months after she was asked to resign during a 30-minute meeting with Attorney General Judith Jones-Morgan.

Gibson-Mark was charged with the theft of EC\$21,925 between April 30 and May 21, 2014 and providing a certificate “which was to your knowledge false in material.”

In addition, she was charged with “being employed in the Public Service did in direct abuse of the authority of your office as Registrar of the High Court.”

Gibson-Marks is also due to appear in court in September to answer disciplinary proceedings instituted by the Attorney General.

She is being asked to show cause why she should not be disbarred from practicing law in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said she would not pull back the controversial Constitution (Amendment) Bill and was prepared to commit political suicide for if it came to that.

She threw out a challenge to the electorate to vote out the People's Partnership in the 2015 general election if they did not want the bill.

Hundreds protested outside the Parliament building in Port of Spain when the Senate began to debate the contentious bill. The House of Representatives has already passed the legislation.

As tensions arouse outside, Persad-Bissessar in piloting the bill in the Senate said: “For those of the view that I am committing political suicide, I am prepared to take that risk. I am not daunted. As a politician and a prime minister, my interest is not for my political survival but for the people.”

There is a public outcry and criticisms over a proposal to change the British Westminster-style voting of first pass the post to a runoff system, which opposition politicians see is a move to eliminate third parties.

The bill seeks to change the electoral process by introducing a runoff provision, the right to recall MPs and establishing fixed term limits for prime ministers.

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Jamaican competes for Rhoda Jacobs' seat

By Nelson A. King

Jamaican-born Rickie Tulloch says he is the best candidate to replace the retiring Rhoda Jacobs in the 42nd State Assembly District in Brooklyn.

"I am proud Assembly-woman Jacobs believes I am best suited to carry on her tireless leadership," said Tulloch, who migrated from Jamaica when he was only 14 years old, in a Caribbean Life interview. He will compete in the Democratic Primary on Sept. 9.

He said Jacobs, for decades, fought to protect the environment, and supported proposals to combat climate change, and enhance clean and renewable energy.

"As your next Assembly member, I will continue to support the Assembly's leadership for a three-year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" in New York State," Tulloch said.

He noted that the Assembly continues to take the lead on making sure New York State does not permit "fracking" until and unless all of the environmental and health studies are completed.

Hydraulic fracturing is a controversial process of drilling deeply into the earth, fracturing shale formations in releasing natural gas deposits.

"That is why I support the Assembly's proposal to impose a three-year moratorium on fracking," Tulloch said.

"New York City's drinking water must not be threatened by oil and gas industries more interested in extracting profits than ensuring the environment is protected," he added, stating that other states have witnessed water pollution and destruction of lands as a result of "fracking."

In addition, Tulloch said there are links to "fracking" and increased seismic activities, including earthquakes.

He said his story is that of the American dream –

"a story of a man who has been lifted up through hard work, public education" and the support of his "great" Brooklyn community.

Tulloch's story is also that of a community advocate, stating that he has dedicated his life to giving back to the diverse Brooklyn neighborhoods that welcomed him and his family with open arms in 1976, when they arrived in Flatbush from Jamaica in search of a better life.

Tulloch said he lived on Snyder Avenue, and attended and graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in the 42nd District.

He also attended and graduated from Brooklyn College, also in the district, with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's in economics.

Along the way, Tulloch said he grew passionate about public service and assumed leadership roles in a range of community organizations.

He served for 18 years on Community Board 17, where he was the Land Use chair for seven years and treasurer for three years.

He also served, for 15 years, on the Board of Directors of Flatbush Action Daycare Center, and on the Board of Erasmus Neighborhood Federation that provides, among other services, immigration and housing.

In addition, Tulloch formed and served as president of the Ginger Ridge Past Student Association, the rural school that he attended in Jamaica.

He also formed and chairs the Visionary Political Action Committee (V-PAC); and, most recently, he became chair of Jacobs' Community Advisory Council.

In these roles, Tulloch said he continues to nurture a "deep understanding of the issues that matter to community residents," and is a "strong advocate for the concerns of our working and middle class fami-

lies, senior citizens, youth, immigrants and local community groups."

Tulloch, who is "the proud father" of four children, has been "an involved resident" of the 42nd Assembly District for the past 38 years.

He said he will fight for,

among other things, job creation, affordable housing, healthcare access, education, immigration and quality of life.

Besides Jacobs, Tulloch has been endorsed by unions DC 37, United Federation of Teacher and the AFL-CIO.



Rickie Tulloch.

Photo courtesy Friends of Rickie Tulloch

IMMIGRATION GUIDE

REMOVING IMMIGRATION NIGHTMARES

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1. GETTING MARRIED TO A US CITIZEN OR GREEN CARD HOLDER AND BEING ABUSED OR ABANDONED BY THE SPOUSE:

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2. PARENTS OF US CITIZEN WANTING TO WORK AND MAINTAIN THEIR CHILDREN:

Are you a parent of a US Citizen Child or Green card holder? You may be administratively approved for a work permit to enable you to maintain your family. This is an administrative relief subject to discretion of the government officials.

3. ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE US:

This is a major problem but there is relief for special immigrants married to a US Citizen or green card holder or those who have US citizen children. You may still get a work permit and green card.

4. ILLEGAL REENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION:

Did you enter the US after being deported? This is a crime. There is relief for special immigrants married to a US Citizen or green card holder. Hurry to talk to us before you are arrested. You may be entitled to relief?

5. WORK PERMIT AND GREEN CARD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS:

- Are you less than 21 years old?
- Are you living in the US dependent on someone other than your parent?
- Is your natural parent dead or lack viable

means to take care of you?

- Do you think it is not in your best interest to return to country of birth or citizenship now? You may be entitled to work permit and or green card whether you entered with visa or not. You may still be approved even if you entered without inspection, entered with fraudulent document or overstayed your visa or have certain criminal record.

6. CRIMINAL RECORDS: WAIVERS AND PARDONS:

If you are convicted or pled guilty to a crime in the past it can generate complexities and be a nightmare but waivers and various special actions and legal procedures are available to relieve immigrants with past criminal records.

7. REMOVING 2-YEAR CONDITIONAL GREENCARD:

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Link between grandparents and grandkids benefits both

What used to be the “golden years” of life for seniors is now turning into any opportunity to spend even more time with their youngest family members. Nowadays, a growing number of grandparents are called on to provide child care for their grandkids, many of whom are growing up in two-income households. Others are helping to raise grandkids while providing financial assistance for adult children who may not be able to live on their own.

This trend has been corroborated in a few recent studies. Information from the Pew Research Center showed 7.7 million children in the United States were living in the same household as one of their grandparents in 2011. A University of Chicago analysis of a decade of data based

on interviews with 13,614 grandparents, ages 50 and older, found that 61 percent of grandparents provided at least 50 hours of care for their grandchildren during any given year between 1998 and 2008. And an April 2012 study for the MetLife Mature Market Institute and the nonprofit Generations United, an intergenerational policy group, found that 74 percent of respondents provided weekly child care or babysitting service for grandkids.

Grandparents often cite helping their own children financially as well as staying in touch with grandchildren as motivating factors behind providing care. According to Generations United, staying in touch with grandkids can give seniors a feeling of self-worth and improve their overall

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FIVE FOODS FOR THE OVER-50 CROWD



Men and women must alter their diets as they age. Portion sizes that young adults might have been able to get away with shrink when those same men and women enter their 30s. And as 30-somethings head into their 40s, what's on the plate requires more careful consideration than it might have a decade ago. The same goes for men and women over 50, who must take steps to reduce their risk for heart disease, stroke and diabetes. One of the easiest ways to do just that is to eat healthy

foods. The following are five flavorful and healthy foods tailor-made for the over 50 crowd.

Apples: Apples definitely qualify as a superfood, helping reduce cholesterol by preventing plaque buildup in the blood vessels and, as a result cutting an individual's risk of diabetes considerably. In fact, a recent study published in the British Medical Journal found that eating at least two servings of apples per week can reduce a person's risk of type 2 diabetes by as much as 23 percent. Apples also make for a great

source of fiber, potassium and vitamin C.

Blueberries: Blueberries help men and women maintain healthy blood sugar levels because they are high in soluble fiber, which lowers cholesterol while slowing the body's uptake of glucose. And despite their relatively small size, blueberries contain more fiber, vitamins and minerals per ounce than any other fruit.

Broccoli: Broccoli is loaded with vitamin C. A single 3.5 ounce serving of broccoli contains more than 150 percent of the recommended daily in-

take of vitamin C, which can shorten the duration of the common cold. In addition, a 2013 British study published in Medical News Today found that broccoli may help prevent osteoarthritis, a degeneration of joint cartilage and the underlying bone that is most common from middle age onward. A similar study from researchers at New York's Roswell Park Cancer Institute published in the same publication six years earlier found that just three servings of broccoli per month can decrease bladder cancer risk by as much as 40 percent.

Memory loss not an automatic side effect of aging

No one, regardless of age, is immune to random bouts of memory loss. While misplaced car keys or forgetting items on your grocery list are nothing to get worked up over, many men and women over 50 do start to worry about memory lapses, especially when they start to occur with more frequency than they might have just a few years ago. But while memory loss might be quickly associated with aging, increased forgetfulness is not an inevitable side effect of getting older, a fact that those at or approaching retirement age should find comforting.

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relationship between memory and aging, it's important that men and women recognize the distinction between memory lapses and dementia, as the two are not one and the same. As a person ages, his or her hippocampus, the region of the brain involved in the formation and retrieval of memories, often deteriorates. This can affect how long it takes to learn and recall information. But just because this process is slower does not mean it's a warning sign of dementia, which is the loss of certain mental functions, including memory. Though taking longer to recall information

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health.

When spending so much time together, grandparents may develop special relationships with their grandchildren, who may benefit from the knowledge and wisdom offered by their elders. The following are some lessons grandparents can share with youngsters:

Empathy: By sharing stories of how things were when they were younger, when opportunities may have been more scarce, grandparents can help teach grandchildren empathy. Grandchildren may learn to be grateful for the things they have and the people around them, rather than taking what they have for granted.

Family history: Grandparents can tell grandchildren about family members, including youngsters' own parents, and shed light on the generations that came before them. Looking



through photos or watching old movies can provide the avenue by which to start conversations about family history and give children opportunities to ask questions.

Interests: Children may be excited about learning new skills or hobbies taught to them by their grandparents. Anything from gardening to woodworking can be shared.

Respect: Children who

grow up respecting their grandparents may have an increased tendency to respect authority figures outside their homes, which may help kids grow up to be more courteous and kind.

Grandchildren also offer benefits to their grandparents. Companionship, new experiences, and conversation can help keep grandparents' minds sharp and bodies active well into their golden years.

Foods

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can be frustrating, many people still retain their ability to recall information. In addition, while dementia brought on by conditions such as Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease is untreatable, there are things men and women can do to strengthen their memories and reduce their momentary lapses in memory.

Start playing games. Games that test the mind have long been believed to benefit the brain, though some remain skeptical about the true impact of brain games. However, a University of Iowa study funded by the National Institute on Aging found that brain games may in fact pay numerous and long-term dividends. In the study, 681 healthy volunteers over the age of 40 were divided into four groups. One group played computerized crossword puzzles, and three other groups played a brain

training video game from Posit Science designed specifically to enhance the speed and accuracy of visual processing. The volunteers showed less decline in visual processing as well as in other tests that measured concentration, memory, and the ability to shift quickly between tasks, and the benefits from the training games lasted as long as seven years after training. Brain games are now more accessible than ever before, as players can access such games on their smartphones, tablets, ereaders, and computers. And in addition to being effective, the games also provide entertainment value.

Alter your routine. Many working professionals recognize that each day tends to have its mundane moments. The brain can grow accustomed to these moments, which tend to be a routine part of the day. But altering your daily routine can jar the brain awake, forcing it to focus during those times that had become mundane but now

present new challenges. Something as simple as alternating driving routes to work from day to day or preparing some new, yet healthy, breakfast each morning can help the brain stay alert and sharp.

Become a social butterfly. Maintaining a social life as you age is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family. But there's another reason to continue to be socially engaged. A 2008 study spearheaded by the clinical trials administrative director at Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group and published in the American Journal of Public Health found that older women who maintained large social networks were 26 percent less likely to develop dementia than women with smaller social networks. In addition, those who had daily contact with friends and family cut their risk of dementia by nearly half. The study also noted that regular social interaction can delay or possibly even prevent cognitive impairment.

New York Methodist Hospital provides rehabilitation options for seniors

New York Methodist Hospital's Acute Rehabilitation Unit recently opened a new physical therapy gymnasium. With a west-facing wall of windows overlooking Park Slope, the bright and modern gym is large enough to accommodate several new pieces of advanced therapeutic equipment, including two robotic orthosis devices that automate locomotion of the arms and legs. These two machines provide robotic-assisted rehabilitation, which allows patients to repeat specific movements at a high level of accuracy.

New York Methodist Hospital is the first hospital in Brooklyn and one of the first in the country to acquire these devices.

These machines are especially useful in the rehabilitation of patients with gait and upper extremity disorders, often caused by orthopedic injuries or neurological disorders. The computerized robots, which are manned by the trained physical therapists at NYM, not only control the speed and level of difficulty, but monitors how much effort the patient is making, providing constant feedback and personalized assessment.

The therapy exercises include computerized games and activities to improve coordination and functional ability, and are designed to provide patients with the specific skills needed to reach the highest level of independence in daily activities.

"These technological advances help our physical therapists refine the way that they work with patients coping with neurologic or

"At our hospital, we always say that the patient is the most important member of the rehabilitation team."

orthopedic conditions, allowing individuals to overcome physical obstacles that would otherwise hinder their quality of life," said Dr. Mona Elkomos-Botros, chief of rehabilitation medicine at NYM.

While people may assume the phrase "physical therapy" applies only to recovery from physical injury

— a torn rotator cuff, knee replacement surgery, a broken bone, it is employed just as often in helping senior patients living with, or re-

cover from both orthopedic and neurologic conditions. The team of specially trained professionals includes physiatrists, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and rehabilitation nurses

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Older couples must consider a host of factors before deciding to downsize their homes.

Things to consider before downsizing your home

The decision to downsize a home is often bittersweet. Many couples who downsize their homes do so after raising a family. A home might be filled with memories, but downsizing a home helps couples save more money, and that financial flexibility often allows men and women to more fully enjoy their retirement.

But in spite of the financial impact of downsizing a home, there's more than just money at stake for homeowners thinking of downsizing their homes. The following are a handful of factors homeowners should consider before downsizing to a smaller home.

Real estate market

The real estate market can be a seller's friend or foe. Many sellers have a sale price in mind when they decide to sell their home, but the real estate market can be fickle, so homeowners should do their research be-

fore putting their home up for sale.

Will the current market make it easier for you to get the most for your home, or will you have to settle for less than you prefer? How fast are similar homes in your area selling? When studying the real estate market, it's also a good idea to study the market for smaller homes. If you plan on moving into a condominium but the market is not flush with properties, you might end up paying more than you want to for your new home, which might negate the savings you can expect from downsizing.

Furniture

When downsizing to a smaller home, many couples realize their current furniture is unlikely to fit into a smaller home. That means couples will have to sell or donate their current furniture and then buy all new items for their new home. If it's been a while since you purchased new furniture, you might be in for

some sticker shock on your first visit to the furniture store.

Another thing to consider regarding your furniture is which items you simply can't live without. An antique dinner table might have been the centerpiece for your family holidays over the last several decades, but there's no guarantee it will fit into your smaller home. You may want to pass this down to your son or daughter, but that's only possible if he or she has the room for it. Before deciding to downsize, consider your attachment to certain items that you may or may not be able to take with you to your new home and the emotional toll that selling such items might take if you're left with no other options.

Proximity to family

When downsizing to a smaller home, many couples move out of the suburbs and into cities or towns

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EXERCISE AND AGING

Addressing common concerns about fitness after 50

Exercise is an essential element of a healthy lifestyle. Including exercise in your daily routine can lower your risk for diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and exercise can even sharpen mental acuity, reduce anxiety and improve mood. But as beneficial as exercise can be, many men and women — particularly men and women over the age of 50, who have not laced up their sneakers in years — are hesitant to begin an exercise regimen for a variety of reasons, potentially putting their long-term health at risk.

Regardless of a person's age, beginning a new exercise regimen can be intimidating. But it's especially so for men and women over the age of 50, who might not know where to begin or how to approach adopting a healthier lifestyle. According to the National Institute on Aging, the following are a few points men and women should know as they attempt to improve their physical fitness with a more active lifestyle.

Exercise is safe even if you have not been physically active in a long time. Many older men and women worry that suddenly embracing physical fitness after years of inactivity may be detrimental to their health. But that's only true if they don't exercise caution at the outset of their routines. When beginning the routine, take things very slowly at first, choosing to walk or bike every day rather than hitting the treadmill and adjusting it to maximum resistance. When strength training, start off with very little weight so your muscles can grow acclimated to the motions and you can get the exercises down pat. As you grow more comfortable and your body starts to feel more up to the challenges of daily exercise, you can begin to gradually alter your cardiovascular and strength



Exercising after 50 is a great way for men and women to improve their energy levels and manage many existing medical conditions.

training workouts to make them more challenging.

Exercise can make existing medical conditions more manageable. Men and women over the age of 50 who have preexisting medical conditions are likely to find that exercise alleviates rather than exacerbates their physical problems. The NIA notes that studies have shown that regular exercise and physical activity can benefit people with arthritis, high blood pressure, and heart disease. But it's still recommended that men and women with preexisting medical conditions consult with their physicians before making any lifestyle changes. Some conditions may affect a person's ability to be active, and it's best to get the go-ahead from a physician before beginning an exercise regimen. Doctors may even suggest certain activities that have been known to alleviate particu-

lar conditions.

Exercise reduces fatigue, so sitting around to preserve strength is not effective. Exercise improves strength and energy levels, so sitting on the sideline to preserve your strength is counterproductive and could lead to serious medical problems. The "Report on Physical Activity and Health" from the U.S. Surgeon General's office noted that men and women who are inactive are almost twice as likely to develop heart disease as those who are more active. While getting adequate rest and giving your body ample time to recover from physical activity is essential, your body won't benefit by avoiding exercise to preserve your strength. However, even moderate physical activity performed on a regular basis can reduce fatigue.

No one is too old to ex-

ercise. It's not uncommon for men and women in their golden years to think they are too old to exercise. Some may feel that their toned-down workouts cannot possibly be making much of an impact thanks to the physical limitations old age has put on their bodies, while others may think it's unwise for someone in their 70s or 80s to be physically active. But no one is too old to exercise, as exercise helps the body stay strong and fit even when you can no longer max out on the bench press or squat hundreds of pounds. Scaling back your exercise routine will be necessary as you get older, but that does not mean you cannot still enjoy and benefit from physical activity.

Continuing to exercise as you age is a great way to improve your quality of life and stay as active as possible well into your golden years.

Memory

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such games on their smartphones, tablets, ereaders, and computers. And in addition to being effective, the games also provide entertainment value.

Alter your routine. Many working professionals recognize that each day tends to have its mundane moments. The brain can grow accustomed to these moments, which tend to be a routine part of the day. But altering your daily routine can jar the brain awake, forcing it to focus during those times that had become mundane but now present new challenges. Something as simple as alternating driving routes to work from day to day or preparing some new, yet healthy, breakfast each morning can help the brain stay alert and sharp.

Become a social butterfly. Maintaining a social life as you age is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family. But there's another reason to continue to be socially engaged. A 2008 study spearheaded by the clinical trials administrative director at Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group and published in the American

Journal of Public Health found that older women who maintained large social networks were 26 percent less likely to develop dementia than women with smaller social networks. In addition, those who had daily contact with friends and family cut their risk of dementia by nearly half. The study also noted that regular social interaction can delay or possibly even prevent cognitive impairment.

Continue your career. While the idea of retiring poolside and watching the world go by might seem nice, such a scenario is not necessarily good for your brain. Numerous studies have shown the benefits that staying engaged in professional activities can have on brain health. The brain does not thrive if it's sitting on the sideline. Staying active in your career will continue to provide the challenges your brain needs to stay sharp and avoid memory loss and struggles with concentration. Men and women who want to leave office life behind can branch out on their own and work as consultants or put their years of experience to use by teaching at a nearby university or secondary school. But heading off for the hammock once you have hung up your briefcase can prove troublesome for your brain.

Downsize

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with more ready access to culture and restaurants. While that accessibility is great, grandparents may find that it comes at the cost of less time with their grandchildren. That's a steep price to pay for doting grandparents, and it may also impact your children if they frequently rely on grandma and grandpa for babysitting.

Before downsizing, consider if you're willing to move further away from your family. If not, you likely can still find a smaller home in close proximity to your current home and any nearby family members.

Medical care

Many older men and women must also consider the effect that moving may

have on their medical care. Downsizing to a home in the country may make it harder to maintain contact with your current physician, and rural areas typically have less medical practitioners than more densely populated towns and cities.

In addition, if you have been visiting the same physician for years, you may not want to move and have to start all over again with a physician who is unfamiliar with your medical history. Consider how much maintaining your existing relationship with your physician means to you, and if your next home will provide the kind of access to medical care you're likely to need.

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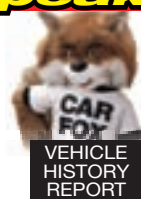
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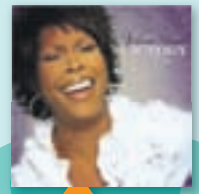
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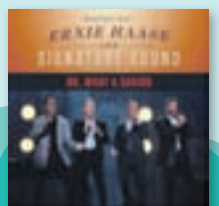
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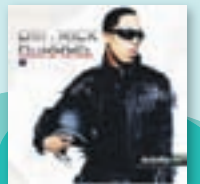
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Climate change

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when we do get rain we are going to get more intense rain events, flooding.

"All of that presents a substantial challenge for managing our water resources. So under the GWP-C WACDEP, we're doing a number of things to help the region adapt to this," she added.

Current variability and long-term climate change impacts are most severe in a large part of the developing world, and particularly affect the poorest.

Through its workshops, GWP-C provides an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to assess the stage of the IWRM process that various countries have reached and work together to operationalise IWRM in their respective countries.

Integrated Water Resources Management is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare in an

equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems.

IWRM helps to protect the world's environment, foster economic growth and sustainable agricultural development, promote democratic participation in governance, and improve human health.

GWP-C regional co-ordinator, Wayne Joseph, said the regional body is committed to institutionalising and operationalising IWRM in the region.

"Our major programme is the WACDEP Programme, Water and Climate Development Programme, and presently we are doing work in four Caribbean Countries – Jamaica, Antigua, Guyana and St. Lucia," he told IPS.

"We're gender-sensitive. We ensure that the youth are incorporated in what we do and so we provide a platform, a neutral platform, so that issues can be discussed that pertain to water and good water resources management."

The Caribbean Youth

Environment Network (CYEN) is a non-profit, civil society body that focuses its resources on empowering Caribbean young people and their communities to develop programmes and actions to address socioeconomic and environmental issues.

Rianna Gonzales, the national coordinator of the Trinidad and Tobago Chapter, has welcomed the initiative of the GWP-C as being very timely and helpful, adding that the region's youth have a very important role to play in the process.

"I think it's definitely beneficial for young people

to be part of such a strategic group of people in terms of getting access to resources and experts...so that we will be better able to communicate on water related issues," she told IPS.

The CYEN programme aims at addressing issues such as poverty alleviation and youth employment, health and HIV/AIDS, climatic change and global warming, impact of natural disasters/hazards, improvement in potable water, conservation and waste management and other natural resource management issues.

The GWP-C said the Caribbean region has been exposed to IWRM and it is its goal to work together with its partners and stakeholders at all levels to implement IWRM in the Caribbean.

"A very significant activity for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States has been to prepare a Water Sector Model Policy and Model Water Act which proposes to remedy the key water resources management issues through new institutional arrangements and mechanisms that include water and waste

water master planning, private sector and community partnership and investment mechanisms," GWP-C chair Judy Daniel told IPS.

IWRM has not been fully integrated in the policy, legal and planning frameworks in the Caribbean although several territories have developed/drafted IWRM Policies, Roadmaps and Action plans. Some of these countries include: Antigua and Barbuda; Barbados; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana, Jamaica; The Bahamas; Trinidad and Tobago; and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Mayor fetes Caribbeans

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should be proud of, said de Blasio adding, "I am proud to be the Mayor of your city.

De Blasio called his wife the most wonderful First Lady in New York, and someone who has reached out to serve the people of the City, after she introduced him to kick-start the evening's event.

"We appreciate this city and all its immigrants, he said.

McCray, who charmed the crowd with talk about her Barbadian roots, and possibly St. Lucian heritage too, added "which ever way you look at it, "I am a daughter of the Caribbean."

She recalled her travels with her family to many Caribbean islands, and her magical trip to Barbados where she said she connect-

ed with distant relatives.

McCray who was decked out in a floral orange gown, garnered loud laughter when she said that her favorite event was the Carnival parade on Eastern Parkway, where she could not wait to "whine-down" to the music that she enjoys, in addition to the costumes, and most of all the food.

President of WIADCA William Howard, Assemblyman Denny Farrell, Assemblywoman Helen Weinstein, Community Activist Una Clarke, Assemblyman Nick Perry, Councilmember Mathieu Eugene, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney were among those attending the event which steelpan music and fine Caribbean fare provided by Grace Foods.

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'Yardies' revel on The Parkway as united Jamaica

Jamaicans joined legions from the English, Dutch, Spanish and French Caribbean who annually parade pride and culture on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway on Labor Day to distinguish themselves by waving the black, green and gold flag of their nation. They turned out in large numbers to represent the English-speaking island located in the Greater Antilles and the one nation outside of the Eastern Caribbean whose history and tradition apprehensively embraced carnival.

Representing on floats, trucks, as spectators, a great majority comprised a generation born in the United States to at least one parent rooted from the island/nation.

Jamaican filmmaker Selena Blake whose documentary "Taboo Yardies" expose the plight of homosexuals in a feature film walked the path for the first time to "publicly let everyone know" that human rights issues affect a certain



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

segment of Jamaicans.

Walking along the thoroughfare she handed out tee shirts decorated by the island's colors, a map of the island and bearing the motto "Out Of Many One People." Brandishing a contact connection www.unitedjamaica.com, the shirt seemed to explain the purpose of her participation in the public display of heritage and culture.

Charley Simpson who introduced a Jamaican presence on the Parkway in 1991 with a section in Borokeetes Band walked this year with Sharon Clarke who wants to be a judge on the Civil Court. Running from district 6, Clarke was surrounded by a diverse Caribbean following. Simpson reportedly introduced a Jamaica Carnival to Jamaica in 1986 when

he promoted Soca Madness at Albion Farms. According to the JAmerican, he presented his idea to Byron Lee who disproved the concept but offered a similar fete he wanted to name Jamaica Tangerine. Simpson said he took his carnival revelry downtown Kingston in 1990 and later with endorsement from the Jamaica government Lee launched what is now the popular annual known as Jamaica Carnival.

Richard Hoyen, a Chinese Jamaican brandished Jamaica's colors and joined members of the Jamaica Progressive League to tout membership with New York State Nurses' Association.

And Tessanne Chin, winner of NBC-TV's "The Voice," found celebrity status with spectators who cheered her presence.



Tessanne Chin walks Eastern Parkway on Labor Day.

Photo courtesy Tessanne Chin's web portal

Perhaps most vocal were revelers who waved banners to signal the arrival of VP records. With the music of deejays Shabba Ranks, Beenie Man and prominent Jamaican reggae artists signed to the U.S.-based record distribution label, Jamaicans were not only seen but heard.

Jamaicans were promi-

nent with a float representing "The Diggers of Panama," "Caribbeans for Cuomo," the Tivoli Gardens Marching Band and in virtually every band displaying heritage and culture.

Although forms of the revelry existed on the island with jonkanno, parades featuring effigies, -- ceremonial jourvert, steel pan, mas-

queraders, road march and other aspects of the eastern Caribbean phenomenon eluded the island.

In the 20th century Jamaica became a prominent tourist destination for its original ska and reggae music. Devoting marathon concerts series to celebrate the music form borne to the island, calypso and soca never really rooted as a national treasure.

Late converts to the annual festivities here Jamaicans were apprehensive about joining the parade of masqueraders that walked west along Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway each Labor Day. Steel Pulse, Aswad, Lieutenant Stitchie, and a young talent named Little Vicious were booked to entice nationals. They performed at the Brooklyn Museum pre-Labor Day festivities but crowds were sparse and the WIADCA organizers disbanded a night devoted to the Jamaica-honed music.

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Dame CuchiFrita.

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Broadway Brassy is a bring down the house singer, emcee and creator of Mo Betta Burlesque, Tem-

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D'Radoes, celebrating a winning 2014 Panorama performance, after results were announced at the Brooklyn Museum.

Photo by William Farrington

Pan Champs D' Radoes

By Kevin Bollers

Sweet, sweet, music floated from the 11 steel bands participating in the 2014 Panorama Championship

at the Brooklyn Museum on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, with D' Radoes winning the Champion trophy.

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African reggae artist Blakk Rasta, a Ghanaian, performs at Brassfest.

Photo by William Farrington

Caribbean cast among talented stars

By Kevin Bollers

Hundreds of party goers jamed and rocked to the Brassfest line up at the Brooklyn Museum on Eastern Parkway on Friday, Aug 29.

The event organized by the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) featured the finest American, Caribbean and African musicians and acts.

The talented superstars and up

and comers included the Red Fyah Band, The Big Show, Young Devinn, Skinny Fabulous, Lyrikal, Patrice Roberts, Farmer Nappy, Rayzor, Mr. Killa, Ghanaian artist Blakk Rasta, Teddyson John and the TJ Project along with headliner Soca star, Machel Montano HD. DJ's Sounds 4 Life, Stephen, After Dark and Spice provided the Caribbean vibes and high energy.

The cast reflected WIADCA's push for Caribbean inclusiveness in the festival and recognition that putting together a Caribbean cast is a sensible, sound policy.

Both young people and grown folks partied alike. Three-time soca monarch of Trinidad and Tobago, Machel Montano did not disappoint. By his own admission, New York is

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Husband searches for missing wife in erotic thriller

"The Strange Color of Your Body's Tears"
Good (2 stars)
Unrated
In French, Danish and Flemish with subtitles
Running time: 102 minutes
Distributor: Strand Releasing

By Kam Williams

Dan Kristensen (Klaus Tange) could find no sign of his wife Edwige (Ursula Bedena) when he returned home from a business trip. Moreover, the communications executive's suspicions were aroused by the fact that the chain

was across the door when he unlocked their apartment, suggesting that someone ought to be inside.

Inquiring of neighbors only served to compound the mystery, between his landlord who suggested that his wife had a reason to disappear, and the provocatively-dressed elderly senior who tries to seduce him after saying that her husband had disappeared, too. As he makes his way around the building, Dan gradually discovers that the place is a den of iniquity where people participate in all sorts of bizarre sexuality.

With each flat he enters, the sadomasochistic displays revealed are increasingly kinky, eventually even rising to the level of a blood-

bath replete with decapitation after the word "decapitation." Co-directed by Helene Cattet and Bruno Forzani, "The Strange Color of Your Body's Tears" is not so much a mystery with a linear plotline as a surreal thriller designed for cinephiles with a taste for abstraction and eroticized violence.

Undeniably artistic, yet gruesome and harrowing, this atmospheric adventure has a dark, ominous air about it which keeps you braced for something bad for the duration of the entire endurance test. A difficult to decipher whodunit guaranteed to have you still scratching your head even after its confounding resolution.



A scene from "The Strange Color of Your Body's Tears."

Independent & Foreign Films

But Always (Unrated) Romance drama about childhood sweethearts (Nicholas Tse and Yuanyuan Gao), raised in Beijing, who go their separate ways only to fall in love all over again a decade later when their paths cross in New York City. With Lam Suet, Qin Hao, Du Haitao and Luo Shi. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

Falcon Rising (R for sexuality and pervasive profanity) Michael Jai White stars as the title character of this revenge thriller, set in Brazil, as an ex-Marine suffering from PTSD who travels to the slums of Sao Paulo to find the attackers who left his sister (Laila Ali) for dead. Support cast features Neal McDonough, Lateef Crowder and Hazuki Cato.

Frontera (PG-13 for rape, violence and brief profanity) Neo-Western about a pregnant undocumented alien (Eva Longoria) held for ransom by the corrupt coyotes she hired to sneak her into New Mexico where she hopes to come to the assistance of her murder suspect husband (Michael Pena). With Ed Harris, Amy Madigan and Kristen Rakes.

God Help the Girl (Unrated) Musical drama, unfold-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ing in Scotland over the course of the summer, revolving around an anorexic aspiring songwriter (Emily Browning) who escapes from a rural mental hospital to find fame and fortune in the city of Glasgow. Co-starring Olly Alexander, Hannah Murray and Pierre Boulanger.

Gringo Trails (Unrated) Eco-expose' examining the negative impact of tourism around the planet in places as far afield as Bolivia, Thailand, Mali and Bhutan.

The Identical (PG for smoking and mature themes) Coming-of-age drama about the diverging fates of twins (Blake Rayne), separated at birth, one, who becomes a pop star after being raised by their parents (Brian Geraghty and Amanda Crew), while the other fails to fulfill his potential after being adopted by a domineering minister (Ray Liotta) and his deferential wife (Ashley Judd). With Seth Green, Danny Woodburn and Joe

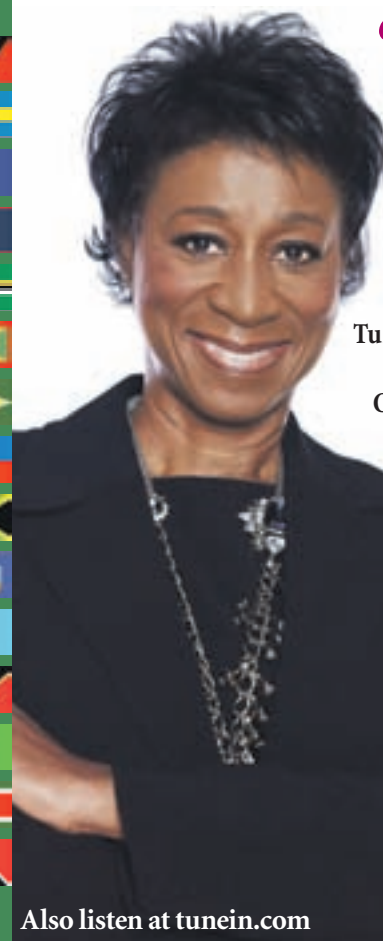
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Innocence (Unrated) Romantic fantasy revolving around a 16 year-old enrollee (Sophie Curtis) at an exclusive, Manhattan prep school run by a coven of witches who preserve their youth by drinking the blood of virgin students. Co-starring Kelly Reilly, Graham Phillips and Linus Roache.

Keep on Keepin' On (Unrated) Reverential biopic about 93 year-old jazz legend Clark Terry, trumpeter and flugelhorn pioneer who played with everyone from Duke Ellington to Count Basie to Dizzy Gillespie to Quincy Jones.

Kelly & Cal (Unrated) Tale of forbidden love about a middle-aged housewife (Juliette Lewis) suffering from post-partum depression who gets a new lease on life from a secret romance with the paraplegic teen (Jonny Weston) living next door. Cast includes Josh Hopkins, Cybill Shepherd, Lucy Owen and Lusia Strus.

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Sam Smith
- 2 **Rude**
MAGIC!
- 3 **Am I Wrong**
Nico & Vinz
- 4 **Boom Clap**
Charli XCX
- 5 **Maps**
Maroon 5
- 6 **Latch**
Disclosure Featuring Sam Smith
- 7 **Don't Tell 'Em**
Jeremih Featuring YG
- 8 **Bailando**
Enrique Iglesias...
- 9 **Shake It Off**
Taylor Swift
- 10 **Break Free**
Ariana Grande...

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Blacc Hollywood**
Wiz Khalifa
- 2 **Guardians Of The Galaxy:**
Soundtrack
- 3 **Ignite The Night**
Chase Rice
- 4 **Nashville Outlaws:**
Various Artists
- 5 **In The Lonely Hour**
Sam Smith
- 6 **5 Seconds Of Summer**
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- 7 **TRXYE (EP)**
Troye Sivan
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Soundtrack
- 9 **x**
Ed Sheeran
- 10 **Crash My Party**
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Brass Fest

a place that he calls home and it showed by the way he put his all in rocking the crowd on Friday night.

As expected when he hit the stage it was standing room only event, his performance went from zero to 100 in seconds. One of the highlights of the performance was when Montano allowed a young adoring fan to come up on stage and do a dance performance as he sang. It was definitely an experience that the young lady would not soon forget. He was supported by a cast of dancers along with fellow talented performers, Farmer Nappy and Patrice Roberts.

Machel Montano shares the spotlight with an adoring fan at Brass Fest. Photo by Kevin Bollers



Burlesque

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ple of the Virgins, Burlesque at Bedford Hall, as well as her new show every Sunday at The Flatiron Room with her jazz band, The Brass Knuckles. Time Out NY calls her "Inimitable" and Broadway World calls her voice "Red Hot Sass." Brassy has performed for Brooke Shields and the cast of the Addams Family, Fred Schneider of the B-52's, Alan Cumming star of stage and screen, and has won several coveted Golden Pastie awards over the last nine years at the New York Burlesque Festival where Burlesque Beat claims her "badassness brought them to their knees."

International burlesque star Minnie Tonka is known as "The One Woman Riot" and her theatrical, inventive, and flirtatious striptease has been dazzling audiences across the globe since 2004. Minnie is a multiple-time New York Burlesque Festival Golden Pastie Award Winner and was voted #14 in the Top International Burlesque Industry Figures of 2013. Her lusty hilarity has graced the stages of the Burlesque Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, the Toronto, Vancouver, Dallas and Minneapolis Burlesque Festivals, to name a few. Minnie is a sought after burlesque performer and teacher and

has toured the world, performing to packed houses in Australia, Italy, England, Finland, Sweden, Germany, and across North America.

Dame Cuchifrita stepped onto the burlesque stage in 2005 where she's been performing all over the stages of NYC as well as Miss Exotic World in Las Vegas with the Group Brown Girls Burlesque. Dame is a half member of the Cuchi-Crawler Production, a burlesque and cabaret productions which combines various multidisciplinary dance and performing art forms with neo burlesque; whether for theatrical production, corporate, or private events.

Since her debut in 2012, Genie Adagio has become a rising star on the New York City burlesque scene. Originally trained in classical ballet, Genie's fluid choreography and sharp musicality have become her trademarks. Genie has performed at such recurring productions as Kitty Nights, Nurse Bettie, and Victrola Burlesque, and became a regularly featured dancer with Juke Joint Revue featuring Empire Beats. Her sultry performances have caused others to bill her as "Classic Burlesque's Quiet Storm."

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Adlib Steel Orchestra placed 2nd in the 2014 Panorama.

Photo by William Farrington

Panorama

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There was a tie for the second position with Casym Steel Orchestra and Adlib Steel Orchestra taking that spot.

Brooklyn residents and visitors from around the world were treated to the sweet rhythms of steel pan music as the finest steel orchestras in New York and Toronto played their hearts out to impress the judges.

Brooklyn's Panorama like Trinidad's is a major steel pan competition, where orchestras comprising 75 to 100 musicians play steel drums and a variety of

other instruments. Each orchestra played a 10-minute rendition of a popular calypso and the prize went to the band with the best arrangement.

The panists played complex orchestrations from memory as a result of year-round practice to reach that level of excellence. They have to practice over and over again until the bandleaders decide that the notes are exactly right for presentation in the competition. Many pan tuners, arrangers, and judges come from Trinidad just to perform at this high level competition.



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Mirtha Colon, a Garifuna from Honduras, who operates Hondurans Against Aids out of Casa Yurumein in the Bronx. Casa Yurumein is located at 874 Prospect Ave. in the South Bronx, corner of Westchester Avenue. Checks and money orders are welcomed and should be made out to "SVG Community Inc." Anyone in the Long Island area who wishes to make a donation but cannot drive to Brooklyn, please call (347) 488-4395 to arrange a drop off or to arrange for Colon to pick up the donation. Items needed include medical supplies, non-perishable food, clothes, shoes, candles. Monetary donations can be made in the form

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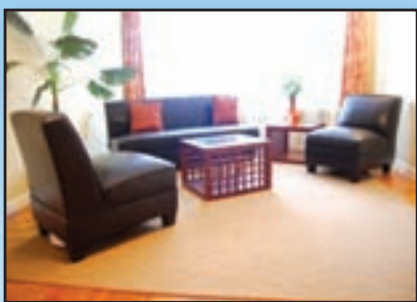
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Jaiquawn Jarrett. New York Jets

Jet safety set for season

By Robert Elkin

Jaiquawn Jarrett who made a name for himself in both high school and college is starting his fourth season in the National Football League. Listed as a safety on the New York Jets depth chart, Jarrett behind first string safety Dan Landry along with his teammates hope to enter and go deep in the playoffs.

Originally Jaiquawn's father came from Kingston, Jamaica where he played soccer, then moved north and now resides in Brooklyn, New York. Jaiquawn can't remember when his father came to New

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Search for new Windies coach

By Azad Ali

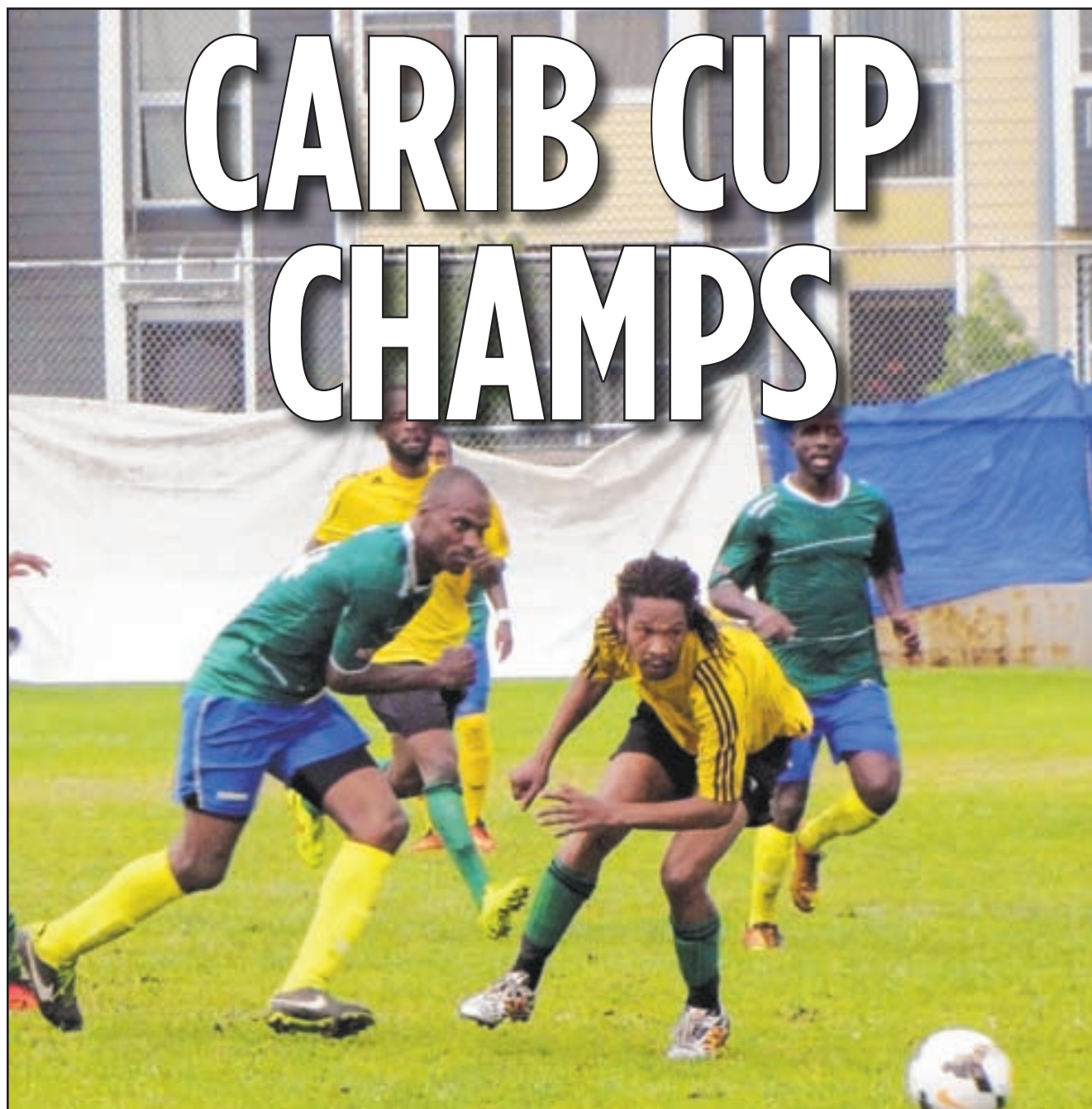
The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has begun a global search to find a replacement for Ottis Gibson who recently ended his tenure as head coach of the regional side before his contract expired in 2016.

WICB Chief Executive Officer Michael Murihead is urging West Indians to apply for the vacant post of head coach of the West Indies team.

"We would talk to everybody. We are going on a worldwide hunt. We would like to put it out there," said Murihead in an interview with the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC).

"We always would encourage West Indians but we have to evaluate them and put

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines captain Anselmo Cox (left) and Team Jamaica's Denzil Watson set their eyes on the ball.

Photo by Keith Dawson

Jamaica wins for the 10th time

By Patrick Horne

Team Jamaica won its 10th local Caribbean Cup title in the last 13 years when it defeated Team St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 2-0, on Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Jefferson High School Sports Complex in Flatlands, Brooklyn.

Asrick Samuels, voted the MVP of the title game, started the scoring for Jamaica when his header in the 15th minute off a Denzil Watson corner kick settled in the back of the net; that was all the scoring for most of the rest of the game. St. Vincent battled hard for the equalizer which

never came despite several opportunities. Jamaica sealed the victory and wrested the 2014 Caribbean Cup trophy when Watson registered Jamaica's second goal in the 87th minute from another header off a cross from Daniel Shaw.

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Team Jamaica is the 2014 Caribbean Cup champions.

Photo by Kéth Dawson

Exciting finish to Carib Cup

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Once again, Jamaica proved that it really is a tournament team and knows how to win the big games. This 2014 Jamaica squad was not one of its most talented; in fact, most of its games this year, unlike in the past, were very close contests as the team managed to finished second in its Zone. Despite the drop in talent, the Jamaicans consistently played together as a team, moved the ball well around the pitch and played to their midfield strength as former national midfielder Jermaine Hue directed the attacks.

Jamaica also has several players who do not need many opportunities to score, while at the other end, it lines up with tough-tackling ball-winners on defense and behind them stands the best goalkeeper in the tournament for at least the past five years in Devon Haughton, who deservedly was named the outstanding goalkeeper of the 2014 tournament.

In other awards on the day, Guyana's Anthony Abrahams won the trophy for most goals as he led the tournament with 13 strikes, and Team Grenada won the third-place trophy by forfeit because Team Guyana failed to show up for the contest.

RED BULLS FALL TO D.C.

Host DC United (14-8-4, 46pts.) is now firmly in first place in the Eastern Conference with a 2-0 win over the New York Red Bulls (7-8-10, 31 pts.) at RFK Stadium last Saturday afternoon. New York looked energy-sapped from the hot temperature in DC, but the host overcame the hot temperature and got goals from Luis Silva (57th) and second half substitute Eddie Johnson in stoppage time.

United's goalkeeper, Bill Hamid, got his seventh shut-out of the season and his first assist in his five-year MLS career. He sent a long kick down field for Fabian Espindola to head on for Silva, who chased and got to the ball before the on-rushing Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles to score. Johnson scored a classic; he went in one-on-one against Robles and chipped the ball over the on-rushing Robles and into an empty net. D.C. United is now four points ahead of second-place Sporting Kansas City.

MLS

In other MLS results last weekend, host Los Angeles Galaxy (13-5-7), as usual, getting into play-off gear at this time of the year, came out on top in defeat of neigh-

bor Chivas USA, 3-0, behind a double strike from Gyasi Zardes and a tally from Robbie Keane at Home Depot Center in Carson, CA.

Zardes scored in the 41st minute when he ran down the left wing and one-timed a shot off a Landon Donovan pass, and Keane made it 2-0 in the 68th; Zardes registered his second goal in the 71st minute after a combination play between Donovan and Keane. The Galaxy is now in second place in the West Conference, just two points behind leader Seattle Sounders. Chivas USA (6-13-6) has played its last six games without scoring.

USA international midfielder Jermaine Jones made his MLS debut with the New England Revolution on Saturday but was not a factor in the Revolution's 3-0 win over host Toronto FC, which fired its coach Ryan Nielsen after the game. Jones entered the contest as a second half substitute, but by that time, Lee Nguyen had put the Revs up, 1-0, early in the first half, Kenlyn Rowe had made it, 2-0, in the 21st minute and Teal Bunbury got the third goal around the 60th minute.

The Seattle Sounders held on to first place in the West with a 1-0 win over the Colorado Rapids.

Clint Dempsey provided

the winner from a corner kick in the 52nd minute for the host Sounders at CenturyLink Field. Meanwhile, the Portland Timbers travelled to the Vancouver Whitecaps' B.C. Place and ran away with a 3-0 victory. Alvas Powell headed home Diego Valeri's cross for the first goal in the 51st minute, Maximiliano Urruti made it 2-0 in the 75th and Rodney Wallace completed the scoring.

The Chicago Fire came up with a 1-0 victory against FC Dallas on a Robert Earnshaw goal at Toyota Park. Earnshaw headed home a cross from Jeff Larentowicz late in the contest for the win. The San Jose Earthquakes and Real Salt Lake played to a 1-1 draw at Buck Shaw Stadium, home to the Earthquakes. Sam Cronin tallied for the host and Javier Morales evened the score for RSL from the penalty spot.

The Montreal Impact suffered a loss at home when it was beaten by the Columbus Crew, 2-0, at Saputo Stadium. Ignacio Piatti (40th, 90+) scored both goals for the visitors. The Houston Dynamo knocked off Sporting Kansas City, 3-1, for only its second road win this season. Will Bruin and Ricardo Clark were among the scorers for Houston and Dom Dwyer scored for Sporting.

Jaiquawn Jarrett

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America. However, his mother ran track at James Madison High School in Brooklyn,

Jaiquawn has one complete fall of playing with the Jets and said that his playing days have been going well from time to time at this stage of his brief career.

"I'm glad for the opportunity this coaching staff (headed by Rex Ryan), and the organization has given me (to be a member of the Jets)," he said, after an exhibition game during pre-season at Met Life Stadium.

He became a Jet after he was released by the Philadelphia Eagles after the 2012 campaign, and started two games for the local franchise of the NFL. He recorded 22 tackles in his first year with the Jets and the same number in his year with Philadelphia.

Jacquawn started to play the gridiron sport at the age of 10 in a league in a league called the Linvetts. He competed for them for three years. He advanced to the Pop Warner League and finally to Fort Hamilton High School, helping to lead the latter twice to the Public Schools Athletic League city-wide championship. He earned a berth on the all-state team while he donned a Fort Hamilton uniform honors



Jaiquawn Jarrett.

New York Jets

where he played both ways — on offense and defense. He accumulated various number of statistics while in high school.

After graduation from high school, he went on to star for four years at Temple University, where he earned all-conference honors, and picked up 299 tackles.

He was drafted in April of 2011 by the Eagles and then was put on waivers and was picked up by the Jets. He saw action in 16 games with New York last season.

Football was not his only sport.

"I played a little basketball while growing up in Brooklyn," he recalled.

"Every team's goal is to be in the playoffs," he went on. "We have to take one game at a time, continue to get better, learn from our mistakes and correct them."

Windies coach

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out our criteria. We would encourage West Indians. I can't put a timetable until we see what the pool of coaches is," he said. A WICB statement recently said Gibson and WICB "mutually agreed" to terminate their association with immediate effect.

Team manager, Sir Richie Richardson, has been asked to take charge of the team on an interim basis for the series against Bangladesh, which started in Grenada with victory for the West Indies.

West Indies have shown improvements under Gibson by winning the World



Former West Indies coach Ottis Gibson.

AP / Eranga Jayawardena

Twenty20 in Sri Lanka but the poor performances that have followed, including losing the recent series in the Caribbean to New Zealand, triggered calls for Gibson to be sacked.

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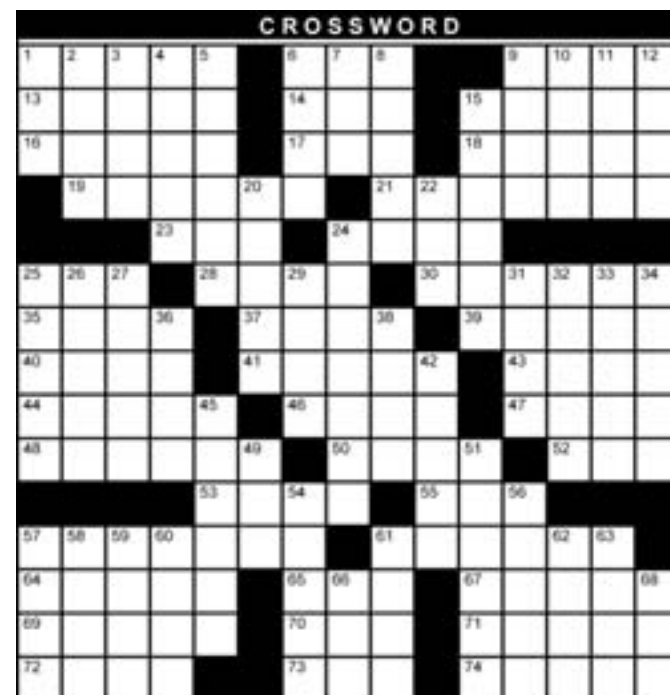
1. Newton or Stern
6. "Here's looking at ___"
9. Face-to-face exam
13. Bake, as in eggs
14. Even, to a poet
15. "Madama Butterfly," e.g.
16. "Show me the ___!"
17. Sculptor Hans/Jean ___
18. "Nobody ___!"
19. Penalize
21. For peeping
23. It can be red or black
24. Lab culture
25. In the past
28. Emeralds and rubies
30. "Elementary, my dear ___"
35. Ringo Starr's instrument
37. ___ Verde National Park
39. "Dancing with the Stars" number
40. Supposed giant Himalayan
41. Subculture language
43. "You sit on a throne of ___"
44. Peer-conscious group
46. Apartheid opponent Desmond ___
47. Formerly
48. "Yo, ___!"
50. To represent in drawing or

- painting
52. "Are you the ___ master? ...I am the gatekeeper"
 53. "About ___ Night"
 55. "Sheep be true! ___-ram-ewe!"
 57. "___ handle the truth!"
 61. Toy weapon
 64. Unwelcome computer message
 65. Reef dweller
 67. Match play?
 69. Spent
 70. E in BCE
 71. Plural of lepton
 72. Cobbler's concern
 73. Wine quality
 74. Piglike

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1. Any doctrine
2. "___ till you drop"
3. Hokkaido native
4. Gladiators' battlefield
5. "There's no ___ in baseball"
6. Uh-huh
7. "___ the land of the free ..."
8. Remove pegs
9. Moonfish
10. First female Attorney General
11. Seed coat

12. Add booze
15. #15 Across, pl.
20. Flower holders
22. Swerve
24. Battery's partner?
25. Temples' innermost sanctuaries
26. "___, for lack of a better word, is good"
27. Kind of space
29. Patty ___
31. Tall one is a lie
32. To be wiped off a face?
33. Corpulent
34. Foul
36. Small British car
38. Opposed to
42. Louisiana dish
45. As opposed to hourly pay
49. Grandmother in Great Britain
51. "I love the smell of ___ in the morning"
54. Knight's mount
56. Acquiesce
57. Evergreens
58. Three-ply snack
59. Eurasian mountain range
60. Apple leftover
61. "___ it, Sam"
62. Mail agency
63. Haves and have-___
66. Make #64 Across
68. Aye's opposite



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Clones crush Yanks but miss playoffs

Cyclones 3 Staten Island 1

Sept. 1 on Staten Island

They'rrrrrrreeeee out!

The Cyclones got the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat all at once on Monday night when they beat the hated Staten Island Yankees but nevertheless saw their playoff hopes dashed thanks to an obscure bit of New York-Penn League rules. The Mini-Mets ended the season 42-34, the exact same record as the wildcard-standings-leading Connecticut Tigers, only when the Tigers and the Clones met earlier in the season, the Tigers had the better record — hence they will proceed to the postseason while Brooklyn's Boys of Summer sulk in the locker room.

Still, it was a good game. Pedro Perez loaded the bases in the second inning after a Yankee error and J.C. Rodriguez knocked in the first run of the game for the Clones. The lead went to 2-0 in the fifth as Perez

got on base with a single and stole second. John Mora hit a single up the middle to score Perez.

Rodriguez scored a runner once again in the seventh with a ground out to stretch the lead to 3-0.

The only Yankee run came off of Kelly Secrest in the eighth. He came in to relieve Brad Wieck after two shutout innings. Wieck replaced Casey Meisner, who started and pitched five scoreless innings.

Shane Bay came out to close the game in the ninth.

The season may be over for the team but three stand-out Cyclones are headed to the playoffs with the Savannah Sand Gnats of the single-A South Atlantic League. The Brooklyn exports are Jhoan Urena, Amed Rosario, and Michael Conforto.

Cyclones 11 Staten Island 3

Aug. 31 at MCU Park

The Cyclones' playoff dreams are still alive thanks



SACRIFICE GUY: Amed Rosario got hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the 11th securing a victory against the hated Yankees on Aug. 27.

to Sunday night's blowout win against the hated Staten Island Yankees.

John Mora once again led off the night by reaching on an error. That was followed by another error that got Amed Rosario on base. The two made it home with some good old-fashioned small ball.

Two more Cyclones runs came in during the second inning after newcomer JC Rodriguez hit a triple, his

first hit for the Mini-Mets, which plated Michael Bernal. Rodriguez crossed the plate on sacrifice fly.

The hits and runs didn't stop there. The third was an explosive inning with a three-run shot from Adrien Abreu, who went 3-4 and just a triple shy of hitting for the cycle.

Cyclones pitcher Alberto Baldonado gave up his only run of the night in the fourth inning. Baldonado pitched five innings, giving up four hits, and striking out seven. He was replaced by Carlos Valdez in the sixth. Valdez gave up a two-run home run in his first inning on the mound.

Three more Cyclones runs crossed the plate in the seventh, giving the team the 11-3 lead that would remain till the end.

Tri-City 3 Cyclones 2

Aug. 30 in Troy, NY

John Mora started the game off by reaching on a fielding error and was able to score the first run of the

game for Brooklyn when Michael Conforto hit into a double play.

Marcos Molina kept the Cats scoreless until the fifth inning, when he gave up a two-run homer, his first of the year.

The next inning proved tough for Molina as he hit two batters and gave up another homer. Molina took to the mound one last time in the seventh and ended the night giving up three runs on five hits and striking out 10.

It looked like the Cyclones were headed for a comeback in the ninth as Michael Conforto hit a lead-off home run, his third homer of the year and first on the road.

Jhoan Urena followed that up with a double, but would not make it past third as Tucker Tharp hit a ground out to end the game.

Turned out, the loss of the game really hurt.

Tri-City 3 Cyclones 2

Aug. 29 in Troy, NY

A double by Jhoan Urena

that tied the game wasn't enough as the Clones gave up a second-straight game to the Valleycats.

Corey Oswalt took the mound for the Clones and kept the game scoreless until the fourth inning, when he gave up a home run, his first of the year.

Jhoan Urena stepped up to the plate in the sixth inning with the game still 1-0, with one man on and one man out, and hit his 18th double of the year to tie the game.

The Valleycats answered in the bottom of the inning and scored two more runs in Oswalt's final inning on the mound. Oswalt pitched six innings, gave up three runs on six hits, and struck out three. The loss was his second of the season.

The Mini-Mets nearly made a comeback in the ninth when Michael Bernal got hit by a pitch, a throwing error moved him over, and he crossed the plate on a ground ball to center by Anthony Chavez. But it wasn't enough.

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West Indies batting must improve!

The West Indies cricket team under its new coach will have to take positive steps towards improving its batting performance. At the moment the team lacks international commitment and the high batting standards that go parallel with the game. The West Indies lost to New Zealand, which merely ranked number eight in Test cricket, is a disgrace. Too many players have not shown that commitment in Tests and One-day International and that has been the downfall of West Indies cricket. This has been compounded by at one stage and incompetent captain, unqualified selectors and too much interest in the Twenty20 format of the game.

Combination of problems lead to failures

The West Indies cricket team now has a new captain for Test cricket, a new chief of selectors, a new One-Day International captain and apparently another new plan by the West Indies Cricket Board. At this stage, the players must step up and perform credibly with all the resources having been put into the development of the team.

West Indies batsmen must develop strategies to combat constant mistakes. Kirk Edwards was caught in the slips three times against New Zealand because of his lack of foot movement — a front line batsman at that. I would expect that when players have travelled all over the world, played under different conditions and faced the best of bowlers' pace and spin that they have learnt sufficient to build their game and be successful. Much more should be expected particularly from the West Indies batsmen. The head coach must work harder to remedy the batting flaws.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



West Indies opening batsman Chris Gayle raises his bat after scoring a half century during the second innings on the last day of their second cricket Test match in against New Zealand's in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

India and South Africa tours will be tough

The West Indies team faces some uphill tasks going to India and South Africa. Both teams play very well on home turf. India will be looking to rebound after a rough tour of England. The West Indies team has not been winning tours and captain Denesh Ramdin will want to change that. Young Ashley Nurse from Barbados should be a

good choice to tour India.

It appears that Marlon Samuels has been ignored by the selectors and this seems continuous so it would be correct to bring in an allrounder to fit in. Samuels was an experienced player and if he will be replaced, a player with great potential must be chosen. West Indies players must approach their game much more seriously and work harder.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
 You are torn between two choices, Taurus. Family matters are on one side, and work responsibilities are on the other. It may take a few days to work out a decision.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
 Gemini, it's difficult to contain all of your enthusiasm, so share your excitement and happiness with others. Try tackling some other people's projects.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, you will be front and center in the days to come. Don't be nervous, as you're fully capable of handling the extra attention. Enjoy the spotlight while it lasts.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you will be full of energy this week. Use this energy and enthusiasm to your advantage, tackling projects you have left unfinished but want to get done.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, immerse yourself in activities that put you first over the next few days. Whether it's a date or simply alone time, enjoy it and start tending to your needs.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, getting back into the swing of things after a long vacation can be challenging. But you will have no problem getting back into a groove and getting all of your work done.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
 Try turning something you enjoy doing for fun into a career, Scorpio. Loving what you get paid to do is a key to a happy life, so figure out a way to make that happen.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, you may be adept at finding an easy way around a difficult thing, but sometimes taking the hard road offers good life lessons along the way.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
 Family needs take precedence over your obligations at work, Capricorn. Higher-ups will just have to be patient if they want to keep you on as an employee.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, everyone expects you to provide advice, but this week you may be in need of guidance. It could be because you have been tackling so many projects lately.

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In re: Phyllis Germaine Dabney Debtor. Case No.: 10-32176 Chapter: 13 NOTICE OF 11 U.S.C. § 363 AUCTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant the Order Granting Motion for Sale of Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363 (b) (1), duly made and entered in the above captioned case on May 28, 2014, in the above referenced bankruptcy by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. Laura T. Bayer. The property known as 311 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York Block 4055, Lot 9 will be sold, in one parcel at public auction on Oc-

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tober, 2, 2014, at 2:30 P.M., at the Kings County Supreme Courtroom, 360 Adams Street, Courtroom 224, Brooklyn, New York, the premises described in said Order and in Exhibit A annexed hereto. The premises shall be sold "As Is" subject to any state of facts an accurate survey would show, and to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, of record affecting said premises and any violations thereof, and to the zoning regulations and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said mortgaged premises lies and any violations thereof The premises shall be sold free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims, or other interests encumbering the Real Property with said liens, encumbrances, claims, or interests being transferred to the proceeds of sale in respective priority of the liens as they existed as of the Petition date. The sale would be subject to final confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of North Carolina and subject to a \$2,500.00 payment to be paid to the Trustee for

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