



This June 22, 2015 file photo shows New York state Sen. John Sampson, left, as he leaves federal court after jury selection in his obstruction of justice trial, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Sampson was convicted Friday, July 24, 2015, on charges he lied to the FBI in an attempt to obstruct a corruption investigation targeting him for embezzlement. Associated Press / Seth Wenig, File

# GUYANA OFFICIAL CHARGED

## Ex-minister faces larceny charges

By Bert Wilkinson

In mid August, the first hundred days of the new administration of President David Granger in Guyana would have expired and officials are rushing to ensure that a raft of promises made for this period are honored in compliance rather than in the breach.

One such has to do with official acts of corruption, nepotism, graft and general malfeasance committed during the 23-year reign of the Indo-dominated

People's Progressive Party (PPP) which Granger's multiracial coalition narrowly defeated in general elections on May 11.

In one of the first major signs that a concerted effort is being made to meet such promises and assuage the population monitoring governmental actions through traditional as well as the all powerful social media outlets like Facebook, authorities on Wednesday hauled former public service minister

Jenny Westford before the courts on larceny charges.

Medical doctor Westford was once an influential member of the cabinet, especially in that of ex-president Bharrat Jagdeo who ran the country from mid 1999 to late 2011 amid a torrent of relentless criticism about how he tolerated corruption, private death squads, a flourishing drug trade and many other bad acts.

Many have said they

## Candidates jostle for Sampson's seat

By Nelson A. King

Even before John Sampson, a Caribbean American legislator in Brooklyn, was convicted on Friday for trying to thwart a U.S. federal investigation, a number of candidates had already begun bidding for his Brooklyn seat.

Democratic Sen. Sampson, 50, a lawyer, who represented the 19th New York State Senatorial District in Brooklyn, became the latest New York lawmaker to face a jail sentence.

The son of a Guyanese-born father,

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# St. Vincent, Martha's Vineyard deepen relations



Dr. Roy Hastick, Sr., president and founder of CACCI.

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## Hastick appointed Brooklyn Ambassador

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams has appointed the founder, president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), Roy Hastick, as a Brooklyn Ambassador.

"It is my pleasure and honor to officially inform you that you have been selected to be a Brooklyn Ambassador," said Sandra Chapman, the Guyanese-born chief program officer in the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President, in a letter to Hastick, made available to Caribbean Life.

"You are admired for your community spirit, vision and dedication to the growth of Brooklyn," she added. "You have established and sustained relationships with your community, which is vital for its continued growth and support. In short, you have proven yourself to be an audacious leader and a worthy role model for One Brooklyn.

"As an ambassador, you will work within your designated community to help promote the neighborhood and uphold the welfare of its residents," Chapman continued.

She said Brooklyn Ambassadors will notify the Brooklyn Borough president of the issues and concerns of the residents, and meetings and events held within the community.

As Brooklyn Ambassador, Hastick is expected to attend community meetings, workshops, conferences and events on behalf of the Borough president, according to Chapman.

She said Brooklyn Ambassadors will "relay the policies, programs, initiatives, messages and promotional materials" to their communities at large.

Born in Grenada, Dr. Hastick

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By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Martha's Vineyard are said to be deepening their relationship with the recent visit to the island off Cape Cod in Massachusetts by a five-member delegation from the New York Vincentian Diaspora.

According to a statement dispatched by Camille English-Darling, a member of the delegation, the group, which was led by New York Counsel General Selmon Walters, represented the "Diaspora arm of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines — Martha's Vineyard Sister Island partnership."

The delegation, which also included New York residents Stefferny Boyce-Herbert, Sherrill-Ann Mason-Haywood and Steve Henry, visited Martha's Vineyard from July 10-12, said the statement, which was not issued on an official letterhead.

In response to an inquiry by Caribbean Life, English-Darling said in an email that the statement was furnished by the "SVG-MV Sister Island Council and Counsel General Selmon Walters."

The purpose of the delegation was to "deepen the dialogue on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in September 2014 by SVG Ambassador to the U.S.A., LaCelia Prince, on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Martina Thornton, Dukes County Manager, on behalf of the Government of Dukes County, Massachusetts," the statement said.

The MOU seeks "the desired goal of deepening a relationship and friendship by agreeing to explore, promote, and support exchanges and cooperative activities between the citizens of both islands",



From left, Stefferny Boyce-Herbert, Martha Thornston, Steve Henry, Anita Botti, NY Counsel General Selmon Walters, Sherrill-Ann Mason-Haywood; and Camille English-Darling.

SVG-MV Sister Island Council

according to the statement.

"This will be achieved through the following areas: Promoting and facilitating consultation and technical exchanges on fire prevention, security, citizen safety, readiness, emergency response, management and training; encouraging and facilitating cooperative efforts on issues of mutual concern, such as education, library operation and management, economic development and tourism, agriculture and fisheries, and arts, crafts and culture; and sharing best practices and knowledge," the statement added.

Members of the delegation, who visited several historic sites, were hosted to a dinner in their honor, and presented their ideas for deepening the partnership at a community meeting, the statement said.

It said the meeting was attended by several Martha's Vineyard residents representing major government, business, education and cultural organizations.

Vincentian tourism material and local St. Vincent and the Grenadines' products were on display at the library, according

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## Looming battle for Sampson's seat

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Sampson was found guilty of three of nine charges, the most serious of which, obstructing justice, carries a maximum term of 10 years.

Sampson is the second New York State senator convicted on U.S. federal corruption charges last week.

Former Republican deputy majority leader Thomas Libous had to vacate his seat after also being found guilty on Wednesday of lying to the FBI when it was investigating his dealings with a law firm that hired his son, according to the New York Observer.

Among potential candidates to replace Sampson are Samuel Pierre, a Haitian-born former official in the previous New York City administration of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and the labor union 1199 SEIU political director, Dell Smith-

erman, who unsuccessfully sought to unseat Sampson last year, the Observer said.

A special election is likely to be held in early November on the date of the general elections.

"Yes, I'm interested, but I haven't made a formal announcement," Pierre, a founder of the Haitian American Caucus and the former Brooklyn borough director in the Bloomberg administration's community affairs unit, told reporters.

"I'm considering a run against John because I actually worked for him," added Pierre, who last year married a Jamaican-born physician. "I worked in the district. I know what the needs are."

Smitherman, a political director with 1199, the powerful healthcare workers' union, did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but the Observer

reported that he hopes to use his labor connections to become a "significant factor" in the race.

Two former New York City Council candidates, Sean Henry and Leon Miles, are already also gearing up for a race, according to the Observer.

But Pierre, a former Sampson staffer and member of the Thomas Jefferson Club—the borough's most influential local Democratic organization—could bring establishment credentials to the race if he makes his bid official, according to political observers in Brooklyn.

"I have a relationship with the guy [Mr. Sampson]. I'm not gonna be one of the candidates that (who) brings up his legal issues," Pierre said. "As much as I want to be the number one candidate, I'm more about the party than myself. We need to be united."

## Antigua

Former murder convict Ashworth Bunche who is facing a life sentence, had his sentence overturned by the Court of Appeal due to “trial judge errors” among other things.

Bunche, 41, had been sentenced in January 2011 for the 2007 killing of his good friend Jerry Manderville.

This was not the first time Bunche has been to prison. In 2004 he was released after serving ten years in jail on a manslaughter conviction in a different case.



## Bahamas

Prime Minister Perry Christie says talks with China aimed at ensuring the completing of the US\$3.5 billion Baha mar project ended without an agreement being reached among the stakeholders.

Christie said that his administration has, on the advice of its lawyers including those in the United States and the United Kingdom, filed a winding up petition in the Bahamas Supreme Court against the 14 Bahamian entities that filed for Chapter 11 protection in the United States at the end of June.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Allyson Maynard Gibson QC led a ten-member government delegation to the talks that were attended by officials from Bahar Mar Ltd, China Construction Engineering Corporation and the Export-Import Bank of China.



But Prime Minister Christie in a radio and television address to the nation recently, said that despite “working diligently around the clock to arrive at a solution acceptable to all parties and having made considerable progress, the talks nonetheless ended without agreement whereupon the delegation returned to Nassau”.

Prime Minister Christie said during the talks it was indicated that “Baha Mar’s additional funding requirements had increased considerably, and now included not only funding for completion off the construction, but funding to meet start-up and operating expenses; funding to cover other liabilities and deferral of principal and the initial balloon payments under the loan facility with Eximbank.

## Dominica

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit is defending the country’s Economic Citizenship Program, describing it as a vital part of growth and job creation in Dominica that should be embraced.

He says while criticism has been



## Bahamas, China stalemate

Bahamas Prime Minister Perry Gladstone Christie addresses the opening of the Economic and Social Council 2015 Integration Segment: “Achieving Sustainable Development through Employment Creation and Decent Work for All,” in the ECOSOC chamber of the United Nations General Assembly.

Associated Press / Richard Drew, File

heaped on the initiative in Dominica, many countries across the world have done well through such programs.

“You hear people talking about the Economic Citizenship Program and all sorts of aspersions are cast but you hear nothing (about) Cyprus which has had the program for many years; the United States has a program which grants Green Cards and tens of thousands of Chinese nationals have invested hundreds of billions of dollars in the United States of America under the EB-5 Program,” Skerrit said.

“Malta has an Economic Citizenship Program, Portugal as well, Canada was a pioneer of the Economic Citizenship Program; they just stopped it about three years and at that time they had about 60,000 applicants in their system” he added.

The Dominican leader dismissed those who have suggested that the program “is this devil which we have to get rid of”.

He stressed that it a very important tool for economic activity, growth and job creation in the country and suggested that abandoning it would be blow to the economy.

## Grenada

The Canadian government has agreed to take another look at its requirement for Grenadian citizens to have visa to enter Canada.

The assurance was given after talks

between Grenada’s Prime Minister Dr Keith Mitchell and his Canadian counterpart Stephen Harper on the margins of the Toronto Global Forum held recently.

During the discussions, Mitchell expressed his concern about the high costs and the inconvenience associated with Grenadians to travel to Trinidad for Canada visas, a statement from the government said.

“Prime Minister Harper, in expressing his understanding of the issue at hand, promised to look into it, with a view to reconsidering the visa requirements for Grenadian nationals”. The government statements said.

It added that Harper had indicated that if the government could not remove the visa restriction, then it would consider appointing a representative to travel to Grenada once or twice a month to provide visa and other consular services for nationals.

## Guyana

The High Court has quashed the two term limit presidential limit in Guyana paving the way for a person who has already served two terms as head of state to seek election to become president unless the ruling is appealed or a referendum takes place.

The ruling by Chief Justice, Ian Chang, followed the December 2014 filing of a writ by private resident Cedric Richardson challenging the two term

limit and the manner in which the Guyana Constitution was amended.

Richardson argued that the limit was unconstitutional and the amendment, which was done without a referendum but rather by a two-thirds majority in the National Assembly, was also illegal.

The Chief Justice said Guyana is a democratic sovereign state and the term limits “in substance and effect, undoubtedly diminishes the democratic right of the electorate in electing a person of their own choice as president by excluding from presidential candidature”.

Former president Bharath Jagdeo is the only former head of state alive who has served two terms and when the writ was filed Jagdeo denied any involvement and said he was not interested in being elected to a third term in office.

He had also said he was not pursuing any further appointment to an elected constitutional office or post in Guyana, but he is now expected to be the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly after the People’s Progressive Party (PPP) agreed it lost the May 11 general election.

## Jamaica

Jamaica’s justice minister has signed an order to expunge some marijuana-related convictions now that the island has partially decriminalized small

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# Guyana prez fights corruption

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would not be surprised if he is taken out of the country one day soon by the U.S. feds and asked to answer a slew of charges related to his time in office. No other such beliefs or aspirations are bandied around the country against any other former heads of state or government.

Cuban-trained Westford is being indicted for allegedly attempting to steal eight state vehicles and transferring them to her and other family members names mere days after the government would have changed hands and after Granger would have been sworn in.

She has since cooperated with authorities in returning all to government but the state prosecutor's office this week ordered local police to slap an attempted larceny charge against her and one of forgery against her assistant for her alleged role in the scam.

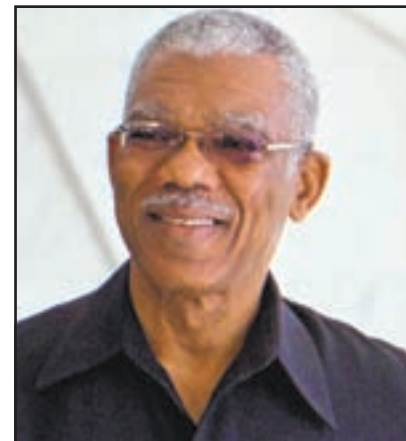
The charges are being instituted against her just as contributors to social media and political critics were beginning to question the resolve of authorities to go after those who allegedly had robbed the treasury of assets during the two plus decades of PPP rule.

But officials say their critics had needed only to pay attention to the establishment of a state assets recovery unit headed by world renowned economist Professor Clive Thomas to be reinforced of official determination to go after corrupt acts to agree that authorities are making an effort to catch alleged wrongdoers.

Dressed in a crisp business suit and appearing before the court, Westford pleaded not guilty and was ordered to return next week when the state will decide whether it is ready for her trial to start. Like common criminals or suspects, she was placed in the dock.

Her chief personnel officer, Ms. Margaret Cummings, faces four counts of intent to defraud the state and will return on the same day. Bail is set for the former minister at \$4,000 and \$6,000 for her assistant.

Westford is being charged just a day



Guyana's President David Granger.  
Associated Press / Joedson Alves

before she and 31 other reps from the PPP take up their seats in the new parliament but if convicted and ordered to serve any portion of the three-year sentence on local law books, she would have to vacate her seat in disgrace and be replaced by another party candidate.

The announcement also comes as Housing Minister Keith Scott said an official investigation would be launched to determine whether Jagdeo and other officials had breached tax and other rules when they arrogated onto themselves expensive seaside land to establish an exclusive community just outside the city.

The ministry has published figures showing that big wigs such as Jagdeo had paid far less than the \$15,000 the housing ministry charges an ordinary civil servant for a 5,000 square-foot piece of housing land in abandoned sugar cane fields. Jagdeo et all paid about half of that. The unit also wants to know if Jagdeo who had sold a home for \$600,000 had paid any capital gains and other taxes on it.

The recovery unit is currently going after dozens of state vehicles whose registrations have been changed, trying to trace cash in accounts held locally and overseas and to determine how some PPP officials had become so wealthy and at whose expense.

## Brooklyn Ambassador

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migrated to the United States in 1972 and worked for several years as an administrator, community advocate, entrepreneur and newspaper publisher.

In 1985, he founded CACCI with 10 members. Under his leadership, CACCI has become a well-recognized and well-respected organization with more than 1,700 members in the Tri-State area and in the Caribbean.

For the past 30 years, Hastick said CACCI has sustained and developed its mission to advocate on behalf of Caribbean American, African American, and other small businesses.

He has been credited for his tireless efforts to put in place a structure that serves the small business community,

promotes economic development, and continues to foster a climate of unity and harmony among diverse cultures.

In collaboration with the CACCI membership and the wider community, CACCI organizes emergency responses to hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters in the Caribbean region, including St. Kitts-Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Puerto Rico and Haiti. Hastick said CACCI has hosted numerous Caribbean heads of state on their visits to New York. He participates annually in planning of the Annual National Caribbean Heritage Month Conferences and instituted the annual economic development brunch, which is held in Washington, D.C.





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# Observer team for T&T elections



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

Associated Press / Moises Castillo, File

By Azad Ali

A three-member observer team from the Commonwealth Secretariat has arrived in Trinidad ahead of the Sept. 7, 2015 General Election, the Office of the Prime Minister said last week.

In a media release, the Office of the Prime Minister said the Commonwealth has confirmed that a three-member team "will be dispatched for the period of July 22 to 26, 2015, in advance of the upcoming elections."

The team comprises: Martin Kasiry, adviser and head, Electoral Support Section; Sarah Linton, political officer, Caribbean and Pacific Section; and Madonna Lynch, program assistant.

"Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has reiterated her commitment to the preservation and development of Trin-

dad and Tobago's democracy, and is determined to maintain the government's history of integrity and transparency," the release said.

It noted Persad-Bissessar had indicated her desire for the presence of a technical team from the Commonwealth Observer Group when she met with Commonwealth Secretary General, Kamalesh Sharma during the recent Meeting of the heads of government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Bridgetown, Barbados earlier this month.

The responsibility for requesting international

observers is that of the Cabinet. In all elections since 2000 there have been observers. Observers from CARICOM were present for the elections in 2000, 2001, 2007 and 2010.

There have also been observers throughout the years from the Commonwealth Secretariat. In the past, these observer missions have repeatedly reported some problems in the system of voting. However, all elections have been deemed free and fair.

Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Rowley had called for international and CARICOM observers for the election.

# Daring jailbreak in Trinidad

By Azad Ali

A daring jailbreak in the city of Port of Spain, Trinidad on Friday, July 24 left a policeman shot and killed, an inmate dead, while two others made their escape.

Shortly after midday, three prisoners, who are awaiting trial on murder and other violent offences burst through the prison's door on Fredrick Street with blazing guns trying to shoot their way out to freedom, but one of them effort was short-lived as he was killed by police officers during a gun battle when he ran and hid in the guard booth at the nearby Port of Spain General Hospital.

Dead were police constable Sherman Maynard, 27, and murder accused Allan "Scanny" Martin, 42, one of the gang of men in the high profile murder case of businesswoman Vindra Naipaul Coolman. The trial is currently underway at the Port of Spain High Court.

The two other prisoners, Christopher "Monster" Selby 30, and Hassan Atwell, 41, who escaped through the hospital compound, were able to elude police. However, Atwell was found dead with multiple bullet wounds about his body the following day in a building in Laventille, a few miles from Port of Spain. He was waiting to be extradited to the United States for the 2005 alleged kidnapping of U.S. citizen Videsh Mohan.

Acting Police Commissioner Stephen Williams has denied that the police were involved in the killing. He said his death is being treated as a murder.

The last escapee, Selby surrendered to police on Sunday evening with his attorney.

Reports are that around 12.30 pm the three escapees, two armed with guns started shooting as they ran to the front door of the prison demanding prison officers let

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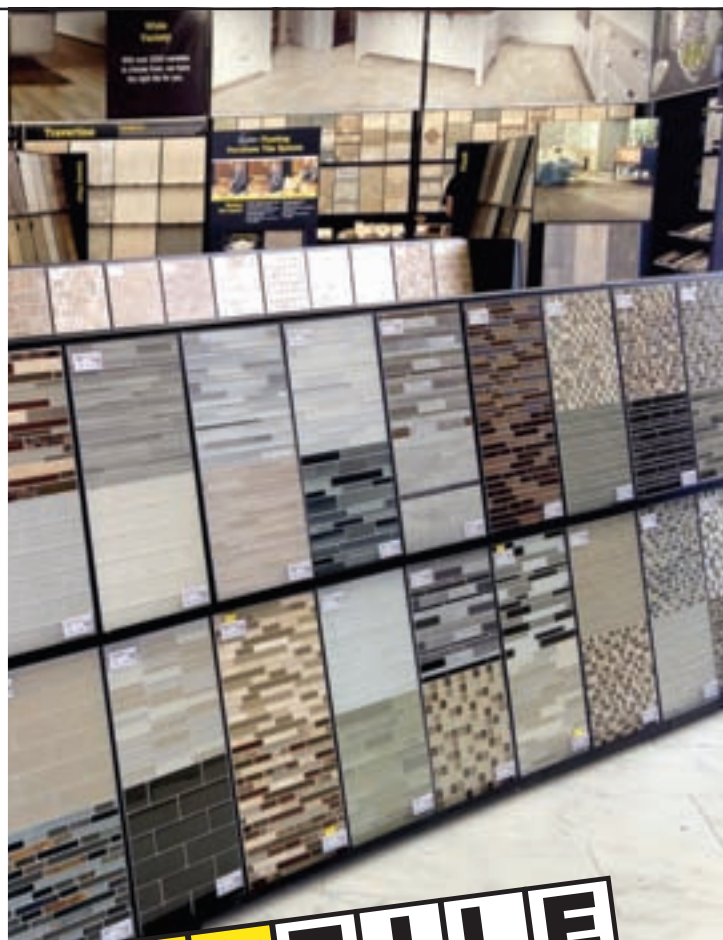
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# Walmart's use of tax havens hurts small businesses

By Kelly Conklin

Recent revelations that Walmart, the world's biggest corporation, is maintaining secret subsidiaries in well-known offshore tax havens are outrageous but far from surprising to small business owners. That's because we're used to seeing large corporations abuse the tax system in ways that hurt our businesses, communities and families. Walmart's hidden web of 78 subsidiaries in 15 tax havens, unveiled in a report by Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF), is just the latest example. Let's hope it spurs reform.

ATF says Walmart may have skirted U.S. securities law by not properly reporting its tax-haven subsidiaries. But even if hiding them runs afoul of the law, using tax havens to avoid U.S. taxes is perfectly legal. Yet, every time a big corporation uses accounting schemes to avoid paying its full measure of taxes—the typical use of tax havens—small businesses and working families pay the price, either in higher taxes or deteriorating public services.

A good example lies, ironically, right next to my local Walmart: a traffic-choked, 90-year-old highway desperately needing repair. My cabinet-making company recently had to pay \$2,300 to install a new suspension system in a delivery van ravaged by potholes. Now there's talk in Washington of taxing the offshore profits

of companies like Walmart to help fix highways. It may be a worthwhile solution—if it isn't hijacked by those in Congress who want to give corporations even more tax cuts.

Walmart is not alone among big, profitable American corporations using well-known tax-avoidance strategies. In one recent five-year period, famous corporate names such as General Electric, Verizon, Boeing and Priceline.com paid zero federal income taxes, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. It's outrageous that my small business paid more federal income taxes in one year than all of these huge companies combined paid in five years!

Small businesses can't afford an army of accountants and tax lawyers like Walmart can to create offshore tax-avoidance strategies. None of us have shell corporations in Luxembourg (a country smaller than Rhode Island and with just half the population). Walmart has 22 paper subsidiaries there, holding \$64 billion in assets. And none of us would get away with paying just 1 percent in taxes—but that's what Walmart paid Luxembourg between 2010 and 2013, on over a billion dollars in profits.

Even if we could pull off such financial shenanigans, I honestly believe most of us wouldn't want to. We'd rather contribute what we should to

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# Developing nations set to challenge rich ahead of SDG Summit

By Soren Ambrose

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NEW YORK, Jul 27 2015 (IPS) - The final round of negotiations on the Sustainable Development Goals – the successor to the Millennium Development Goals, due to be inaugurated in September at the U.N. General Assembly – is now underway in New York.

Courtesy of Soren Ambrose/ActionAid

The United Nations and many member governments want to conclude the debates by the end of July, so that there will not be open debate during the SDG Summit. But reports indicate that the atmosphere in the room is one of seething distrust.

That's because of what happened during the Financing for Development (FfD) conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia last month.

The developing countries – those grouped together in the "G77," which 50 years after its founding actually has 134 members – were pushing a proposal for a universal intergovernmental organisation, within the U.N., which would have as its mandate reform and maintenance of the international tax system.

While this proposal would not have immediately remedied any of the myriad ways that corporations dodge taxes in developing countries, it would be a decisive change to the system that has allowed such activities

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to flourish.

To the extent that there are international rules, or standards and guidelines, on taxation now, they are proposed and elaborated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), a club of 34 of the world's richest countries. Every once in a while they make a show of consulting those other 134 countries, but those others never actually get a vote.

Ultimately it's the pressure of the people which will force their governments to be responsible. The movement to stand up to those who have hijacked our power is building.

In the new proposed way of making decisions on international tax rules, every country would have an equal voice and equal vote. This fight matters is because developing countries are confronting the need to change how the rules are made, and who makes the rules.

Until they manage that, they will always, at best, be running to stay in place. Changing who makes the rules is a necessary,

although not sufficient condition, for creating permanent change.

Taxation is vital because wealthy companies and individuals get and stay rich by using a portion of their considerable resources to hire lawyers and accountants to guide them in dodging the taxes they should be paying in the countries where they excavate, grow, or purchase their raw materials, assemble their products, and make an increasing proportion of their sales.

If they don't have such staff in-house, they can hire the services of big accounting firms for whom this is the most lucrative activity.

Most big companies manipulate "tax treaties" between countries and tax havens like Switzerland, Mauritius, and the Cayman Islands to create legal fictions that exempt them from paying most of the taxes they owe.

What they do is usually not technically illegal, because of the impossibility of keeping up with the tactics of the armies of experts dedicated to avoiding taxes. But neither is it quite ethical.

This deprives countries of the revenue – to the tune of at least 100 billion dollars every year – that they need to fund development, and ensures the perpetuation of the concentration of wealth in the hands of a very few. That wealth translates to power – a veritable global plutocracy.

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# The sobering message from GOP follies

For the record, be it known that we remain committed, in this space, to refrain from mentioning by name, unless somehow unavoidable, the king-size bozo who has thrown Republicans' search for a 2016 presidential nominee into absolute shambles. The man Trump is no phenomenon; his entertaining presidential ambitions is still the sick joke it always has been. The alarm bells now unnerving GOP chieftains have to do with what looks to be the expanse of the wacko universe within designated GOP territory. Again and again party frontliners have pontificated, after some particularly noxious sampling of the bozo's running off at the mouth, that he had crossed the line, tipped over into damage irreparable. Again and again they've been proven wrong, if the polls are to be believed.

It wasn't the "Aha" moment they expected, when the bozo dared to trivialize the combat and prisoner-of-war heroism of John McCain during the Vietnam War. Not to mention his initial smear of Mexican immigrants, to which hardly any of his rivals would take even mild

exception. And it's clear that even if Pope Francis himself had weighed in critically, after the bozo thought to make light of the Holy Sacrament with an insipid "wine and cracker" remark, this would have engendered no lessening of enthusiasm in the yahoo sector for a piper steeped in bile. It's been starkly laid out for them on that side, that there's perhaps more tail than they care to acknowledge wagging the GOP dog.

But beyond the confines of 2016 presidential politics, what the implosion in that truck-full of GOP aspirants has given us is more context for the unbridled hate that has enveloped our social space, in a resounding backlash to what was first perceived altogether differently. The bozo's riding atop those polls in GOP land fits snugly into the pushback narrative begun in the summer of 2009, when Capitol Hill Republicans retreated to their respective spheres of resistance, hell-bent on stoking anger already bubbling up there, aimed at rolling back as much as they could of history made the preceding

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

November.

They wasted no time getting to the business of delegitimizing a presidency. And in their vociferous and unrelenting opposition to "Obamacare" they had what seemed the perfect smokescreen for general belittling of the White House occupant. The "dis" was on, manifested every which way. The president's State of the Union address interrupted by an insult hurled by a member of Congress. The president threatened with government shutdowns more frequently, seemingly, than Congress agreed on legislation. Attempts made ad nauseam to de-fund the president's signature legislative achievement. Ignoring protocol, Congressional Republicans bypass the president and invite Israel's prime minister to deliver a Capitol Hill address. ..So it has gone, with lots more tawdry stuff telegraphing the

agitators' vision of a presidency of diminished stature.

The guy dominating the primary season polls, although elected to not one damned thing, wasn't shy about assuming a place up front among the rabble rousers setting the table for the circus that now exists. He questioned whether a man named Barack Obama qualified, by birth, to hold the office of president. He doubted whether this person of color could be an outstanding student at elite American schools, demanding that transcripts be produced. When Obama had the audacity to be re-elected in 2012, the flame thrower's immediate reaction was that he and (presumably) fellow bozos march on Washington. It is that profile of sheer racist buffoon behavior to which a sizeable chunk of GOP heartland support is now apparently drawn. We ought not be surprised. Everything we've ever heard from the guy has reaffirmed that the lowest-common-denominator type of appeal is his stock in trade.

But whither the Republican establishment, in the face of this "friendly" mongrel attack,

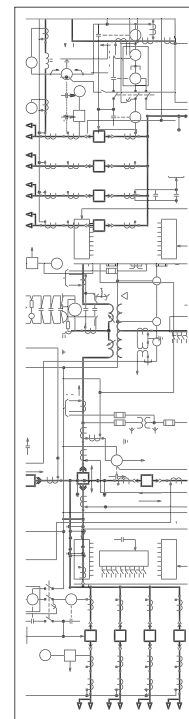
gnawing away at process as they envisioned it? Buoyed by the support polls suggest he continues to enjoy from that right-flank core, the bozo has spring enough in his step to now create some nervous tension among the party hierarchy, as talk swirls about a third-party run, if the GOP rubs him wrong. Such an eventuality, if it develops, would of course be the GOP's own worst nightmare.

In spite of all the posturing and preening, all the bluster that comes with the territory, one feels reasonably secure in the assumption that this country isn't about to elect as president the character who has reconfigured the Republicans' nominee selection process. Even so, the takeaway from all the hubbub in the ongoing GOP drama shouldn't be about what dynamics play into the party's ultimate selection of a nominee, but about how well removed we are, thanks to Trump and kindred spirits, from a state of refined co-existence we thought to have arrived with the election of 2008.

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# Corporate tax dodging flourishes

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the public good and see our communities thrive right alongside our businesses.

Meanwhile, corporate tax dodging flourishes. For instance, American corporations owe U.S. tax on all their profits earned overseas (less any foreign taxes paid). But a loophole called “deferral” lets them delay paying their U.S. bill until the company brings those profits home. That’s why American corporations have \$2 trillion in profits stashed offshore.

It makes sense that federal officials are looking to that big cash hoard as a source of highway funding: the federal highway trust fund is going broke and Congress refuses to raise the gas tax to replenish it. But don’t be fooled by two similar sounding proposals for tapping that offshore money that are actually very different—and keep in mind a third option that makes the most sense of all.

The worst idea—a repatriation tax holiday—would let companies voluntarily bring their profits home at a tax rate of about six percent – way below the normal 35 percent corporate rate. A similar holiday was tried in 2004,

and all it did was enrich shareholders and executives, creating few if any jobs, according to a Congressional report.

President Obama would require corporations to pay tax on their offshore profits whether they brought them home or not. But the proposed rate of 14 percent is so low that 10 companies alone would enjoy an \$82-billion tax-cut bonanza over the next decade, according to Citizens for Tax Justice.

The simplest and fairest solution would be to end the deferral loophole and tax corporations at the 35 percent rate on all their income wherever it is earned. This will eliminate corporations’ incentives to hide profits in tax havens and ship jobs offshore.

Like a lot of other corporations, Walmart is apparently banking on some form of tax holiday winning out. That’s why it’s shifting more and more of its profits into tax havens. But it’s small businesses that need the holiday: a permanent holiday from big corporations damaging our businesses and communities by gaming the tax system.

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# No mandate for reforms

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The OECD, to be fair, has made some moves to clamp down on the most egregious forms of tax avoidance, including their “base erosion and profit shifting” (BEPS) process begun in 2013.

The corporate lawyers and accountants were a little nervous about BEPS, but with the process winding up, it appears that any reforms it demands will not be manageable. The promises at the outset of the process to include developing countries never amounted to much.

The FfD process in the U.N. was, of course, universal. The U.N. and national governments usually like to have the “outcome document” finalised before a summit meeting. The prospect of a messy negotiation with thousands of advocates just outside the door makes them nervous.

But after months of negotiations in New York and a series of missed deadlines, the big debate over the tax body was not resolved. The ministers would go to Addis facing open negotiations.

Bolstered by the support of hundreds of civil society groups, the G77 governments – a group that has to accommodate the interests of very disparate countries – held together. Three BRICS countries – South Africa as the chair of the G77, along with India and Brazil – were vocal actors on the side of the developing countries, something they can’t always be relied on to do as they ascend the global

power ladder.

With negotiators starting to meet before the formal start of the meetings on July 13, there were several days filled with ever-shifting rumours. But on the evening of July 15, the eve of the scheduled end of the conference, the announcement came: there would be an outcome document little changed from the unsatisfactory draft they brought from New York.

Promises were made to expand the resources and prestige of the existing U.N. Committee of Tax Experts, but nothing more. No universal membership, and no mandate for reform.

The G77 held out to the end. But the rich countries, led by the United States with the steady support of the European Union, Canada, Japan, and Australia, refused to give up the regime of loopholes and havens and double-dealing that adds up to billions in lost revenue every year.

Make no mistake, ordinary people in rich countries also lose out as corporations dodge taxes. But with their territories serving as the leading facilitators of tax avoidance in the world, their governments showed they want the present system to endure.

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# Caribbean seeks funding for renewable energy mix



St. Kitts and Nevis has launched a 1-megawatt solar farm at the country's Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport. A second solar project is also nearing completion.

Inter Press Service / Desmond Brown

By Desmond Brown

FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique, July 21, 2015 (IPS) - A leading geothermal expert warns that the small island states in the Caribbean face "a ticking time bomb" due to the effects of global warming and suggests a shift away from fossil fuels to renewable energy is the only way to defuse it.

President of the Ocean Geothermal Energy Foundation Jim Shnell says to solve the problems of global warming and climate change, the world needs a new energy source to replace coal, oil and other carbon-based fuels. OGEF's mission is to fund the R&D needed to tap into the earth's vast geothermal energy resources.

"With global warming comes the melting of the icecaps in Greenland and Antarctica and the projection is that at the rate we are going, they will both melt by the end of this century," Shnell told IPS, adding "if that happens the water levels in the ocean will rise by approximately

200 feet and there are some islands that will disappear altogether.

"So you've got a ticking bomb there and we've got to defuse that bomb and if I were to rate the issues for the Caribbean countries, I would put a heavy-weight on that one."

It has taken just eight inches of water for Jamaica to be affected by rising sea levels, with one of a set of cays called Pedro Cays disappearing in recent years.

Scientists have warned that as the seas continue to swell, they will swallow entire island nations from the Maldives to the Marshall Islands, inundate vast areas of countries from Bangladesh to Egypt, and submerge parts of scores of coastal cities.

In the Caribbean, scientists have also pointed to the likelihood of Barbuda disappearing in 40 years.

Shnell said countries could "essentially eliminate" the threat by turning to renewable energy, thereby decreasing the amount of fossil fuels or carbon-based

fuels they burn.

"The primary driver of climate change is greenhouse gases and one of the principal ones in terms of volume is carbon dioxide," he said.

"For a long time a lot of electricity, 40 per cent of the electricity produced in many countries, would come from coal because it was a very inexpensive, plentiful form of carbon to burn.

"But now countries have seen that they need to move away from that and in fact the G7 just earlier this month got together and in their meeting, the leaders declared that they were going to be 100 percent renewable, that is completely stop burning carbon, coals and other forms of fossil fuels by the end of this century. The only problem is that for global warming purposes that's probably too late," Shnell added.

Shnell was among some of the world's leading renewable energy experts who met here late last month to consider options for renewable energy development in the Caribbean.

The Martinique Conference on Island Energy Transitions was organized by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the French government, which will host the United Nations International Climate Change Conference, COP 21, at the Le Bourget site in Paris from Nov. 30 Dec. 11 2015.

Senior Energy Specialist at the World Bank Migara Jaywardena said the conference was useful and timely in bringing all the practitioners from different technical people, financial people and government together.

"There's a lot of climate funds that are being deployed to sup-

port and promote clean energy...and we talked about the challenges that small islands, highly indebted countries have with mobilising some of this capital and making that connection to clean energy," Jaywardena told IPS.

"They want to do it but there isn't enough funds and remember there's a lot of other competing development interests, not just energy but non-energy interests as well. Since this conference leads to the COP in Paris, I think being a part of that climate dialogue is important because it creates an opportunity to begin to access some of those funds."

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amount of "pot."

Justice Minister Mark Golding said that he had signed an order to provide a path for people to get criminal records purged if they have minor convictions for smoking or possession marijuana.

In April, drug law amendments went into effect that partially decriminalized small amounts of "pot" and paved the way for a lawful medical marijuana sector in Jamaica.

The act made possession of up to two ounces of "weed" a petty offence that would not result in a criminal record.

Before that, officials estimated 300 young men each week got criminal records and sometimes life-long stigma for possessing small amounts of marijuana.

### St. Lucia

The organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) for HIV/AIDS has been awarded a US\$5.3 million grant from the Global Fund to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS, St. Lucia's Health Minister Alvina Reynolds has disclosed.

"It's been hard work by the OECS team and off-course ministers who visited us to be part of that process. And finally today we got the good news that we have been awarded the amount of US\$5.3 million to deal with the issues of HIV/AIDS in the region," said Reynolds, who is also Chair of the OECS RCM.

"We must continue to be strategic in using the funds where it is most needed to save lives and reduce HIV and AIDS infections in the region and especially in St.Lucia," she added.

Director of the OECS, RCM Joan Didier noted that the OECS Commission, through the OECS HIV/AIDS Unit, has been working throughout the sub-region since 2005. But she said funding from the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) comes to an end this year.

### Suriname

Suriname's Parliament recently gave

former military dictator Desi Bouterse a second term as the democratically-elected president of the South American country.

The action came without even a formal vote. There is no opposition in the 51-member legislature.

Bouterse, 69, led his National Democratic Party to victory in late May's parliamentary elections, but fell short of the required 34-seat majority needed to immediately re-elect him as the country's leader for the next five years.

In recent weeks, Bouterse has been negotiation with smaller parties to get those votes in Parliament.

In the end, the splintered opposition did not even bother with putting forth its own candidate.

Main opposition leader Chandrikapersad Santokhi said he decided not to stand in the way of his rival's re-election since the country needs a new government in place "as soon as possible."

Bouterse has loomed over Suriname politics for decades.

### Trinidad

The Office of the Attorney General has received the United States' formal extradition request for former FIFA vice-President and current Independent Liberal Party (ILP) leader Jack Warner.

Attorney General Garvin Nicholas told a press conference last Wednesday; "the process is now for me to examine the documents and consider the evidence and decide whether to issue the authority to proceed."

Warner, 72, who is currently on \$2.5 million bail, is accused of 12 charges related to fraud, racketeering and money laundering offences dating back to some two decades ago when he was vice-president of FIFA.

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# Doctor apps bring Uber approach to medicine

By Matthew Perrone

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was 8 o'clock on a weeknight and Brooklyn resident Sarah Sheehan was reeling from a painful earache.

She wouldn't be able to see her doctor until the next morning, and that would require a 45-minute subway ride uptown. That's when Sheehan, co-founder of an education technology business, remembered receiving a promotional code for a new company called Pager, an Uber-like service that sends doctors to patients' homes.

Pager and similar companies like Heal and Medicast aim to streamline medical care — cutting out waiting rooms, receptionists and trips to the doctor's office.

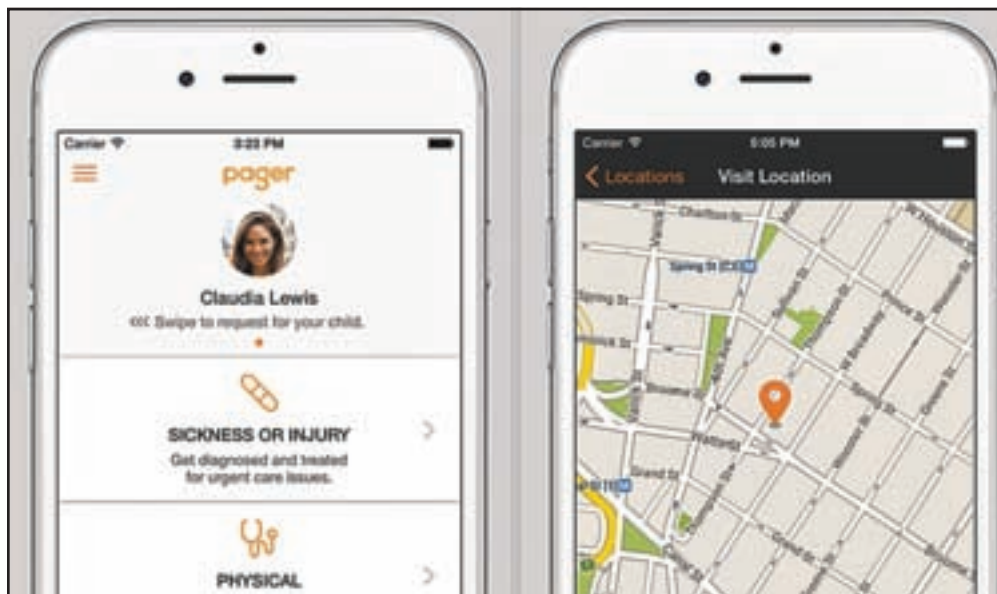
"It's a completely different experience when you're sick and able to stay in your pajamas," says Sheehan. "Someone comes to your home, they're kind to you, they answer all your questions and give you all the time you need."

But some doctors warn there could be drawbacks to convenience-driven medical care, especially if it disrupts an already complex, fragmented health care system. As the app makers search for a sustainable business model, however, it appears they are more likely to end up working with traditional medical providers, than against them.

## HOUSE CALL COMEBACK?

House calls were once commonplace in the U.S. Today, 9 out of 10 general practitioners say they do not typically make house calls, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians.

But new phone apps may signal a comeback for house



This combination made from sample images provided by Pager shows the Pager app for iPhone. Pager is an Uber-like service that sends doctors to patients' homes.

Pager via Associated Press

calls.

Pager is currently only available in New York City but it will expand to San Francisco in coming weeks. A rival company on the West Coast, Heal, already operates in San Francisco, Orange County and L.A.

Gaspard de Dreuzy, one of Pager's three co-founders, says the services' typical customers are working mothers ages 30 to 45.

"It's really an urban population that is busy and values its time," he adds.

So much so that they are willing to pay a premium. Like other services, Pager is not currently covered by insurance. Customers pay a \$50 fee for their first visit and \$200 for subsequent visits from one of the company's 40 health practitioners, including doctors, nurses and physician assistants.

That fee is about 10 times more than the typical \$15 to \$25 doctor co-pay for patients

with insurance. But there are situations where a Pager visit might be cheaper than conventional care. For instance, \$200 is significantly cheaper than the median cost of an emergency room visit: \$505, according to federal figures. The ER is often the only medical option for people without insurance.

"We're trying to move forward to a model where the Pager service will be as affordable as any other care option for people who are insured or not," de Dreuzy says.

## POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS

But some doctors are skeptical.

Dr. Robert Wergin of Milford, Nebraska says on-call services could be useful for one-time medical needs. But treating chronic conditions like diabetes, arthritis or Alzheimer's requires careful, consistent attention over many years. A

doctor responding to a phone app may not be familiar with a patient's family history, medications, allergies and other critical details.

"If these apps develop and they further fragment care it's not going to help the health care delivery system. We'll get more of what we already have: higher costs and lower quality," says Wergin, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Other experts worry about doctors making appropriate prescribing decisions when patients are paying \$100 or more for their services.

"The visit becomes much more transactional," says Dr. Jonah Feldman, a specialist in health care delivery at Winthrop University Hospital. "And it will be much harder for that doctor to come out of that visit without giving some kind of treatment, and that exposes patients to the risks of overtreatment."

## ROAD TO COVERAGE

But these concerns may be premature. The on-demand doctor business is still in its infancy, and there are signs it is converging with traditional medicine, not breaking away from it.

The sector's oldest company, Medicast, founded in 2013, recently abandoned its direct-to-consumer model in favor of collaborating with large hospital networks. The company recently helped Providence Health & Services — a medical system in the Pacific Northwest — launch its own house call app for the Seattle area.

Medicast CEO and co-Founder, Sam Zebarjadi says the company is working with a dozen other hospital systems on similar offerings. Previously the company operated its own doctor networks in Miami, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego. But Zebarjadi says he found that consumers have "a really big issue around trust, which is one of the reasons we decided to start partnering with hospitals and health systems."

These collaborations may also further another key goal: getting insurance coverage. Like Pager, Medicast is currently a cash service. The company offers to file the bill for a house call with a patient's insurance provider, to see if they are willing to cover it. But in coming months Zebarjadi expects some insurance providers to begin covering Medicast visits.

"Why should patients face challenges — especially when they're sick — having to deal with all the inconveniences that come with getting health care traditionally, versus getting that care in the comfort of their own homes?" Zebarjadi says.

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# Dr. Clarke's centenary culls celebration in Harlem



ASCAC members: Former president, LaTrella Thornton (who poured libation), Sister Lori, elder and devoted secretary to Dr. Clarke, and Vena W. Baker, founder of the JHC scholarship fund pay tribute to the late Dr. John Henrik Clarke at Countee Cullen Library in Harlem on his 100th birthday anniversary celebration.

Photo by Vinette K. Pryce

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The 100th birthday anniversary of Dr. John Henrik Clarke was marked by ceremonial tributes from his students and a plethora of nostalgic recollections of the Pan-African, educator, historian and cultural icon.

"He was my spiritual father," New Jersey native and guest speaker Ted Boler said before launching into a detailed recount of his first and long-lasting relationship with the former Harlem resident and revered Hunter College professor.

Toler was an engineering student aspiring to accreditation when he first encountered the man he described to be the single most influence to impact his entire life.

"I had never heard anyone talk the way he did" — about Paul Robeson, James Baldwin and other African-Americans.

"I wanted to follow him around, just to learn," Toler said.

Instead of returning home

after what he described as a lecture series at his school, the young student conned his way to a ride back to Harlem where he had a one-on-one dialogue with the prominent historian.

Since that time, Toler said he has remained a fixture and disciple of Dr. Clarke's philosophy.

He explained how he travelled far and wide gathering books for the educator and at least one occasion to a remote area in the mid-west where not a single African-American resided. There he was able to acquire reprints of rare manuscripts and books documenting African-American history makers.

There are 60 boxes of Dr. Clarke's books waiting to be catalogued at the Schomburg Library. And those represent a fraction of the vast collection the intellectual accrued during his lifetime.

Toler spoke during the 18th annual tribute to Dr. John H. Clarke at Countee Cullen Library, in Harlem.

Hosted by the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations, elders of its eastern region division ensured the pouring of libations, African drumming and promotion of a scholarship dedicated to students in pursuit of a career similar to that of the legendary historian.

LaTrella Thornton, Vena W. Baker, Derrick Hewitt, Hyacinth Miller, Harold Wright, Rose Crayton, George Turner, Genevieve Morales, Dr. Mario Beatty and the region's presiding officer Debra M. Johnson gave assurances that annual tributes will be foremost to ASCAC's mission of informing the community about African ancestors and their role in enhancing the advancement of the African community.

Shepherds of Dr. Clarke's philosophy amplified a commitment by regaling his contribution to enlightening the Black community.

Modell Gault, Jr. travelled six hours from Buffalo, to attend

the anniversary tribute. He said it was the least of his efforts to keep Dr. Clarke's legacy in the minds of a generation that may not have ever met the iconic intellectual. Gault said his attention to Ghana, Africa and the rest of the continent is mostly attributed to the teachings of Dr. Clarke.

A personal dedication from Alton Maddox, Civil Rights advocate aka attorney-at-war and founder of United African Move-

ment stated: "Dr. Clarke made a lifetime commitment to my struggle for Black advancement. It has continued incessantly since his transition in 1998. He should also be known as a philanthropist and a humanitarian. If other Blacks had made a similar commitment in 1998 to our struggle for liberation, I would have had the resources, years ago, to defeat white supremacy, ab initio over my unconstitutional disbarment."

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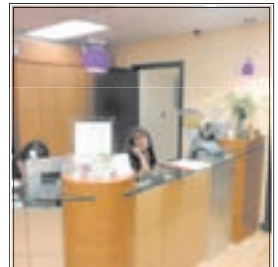
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## Sunscreen key tool for healthy skin

**T**he best way to care for skin is to be smart about sun exposure. Too much unprotected exposure to the sun can cause a host of problems, from premature wrinkling to skin cancer.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, millions of cases of skin cancer are reported each year, and many more may go undetected. The best way to protect skin from the sun is to stay out of the sun. When that is not feasible, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen can guard against damage from ultraviolet radiation.

Although sunscreen is an enormous help, it is not foolproof. Sunburns and skin damage can occur even when using sunscreen, and user error accounts for much of that damage. To get the best results from any sunscreen product, consumers can educate themselves about proper application and avoid certain information inaccuracies.

**Myth:** The best sunscreen is the one with the highest sun protection factor, or SPF. Actually, the best sunscreen is the one you will use regularly. Make sure you like the scent and the feel of the sunscreen. Decide if you prefer a sunscreen that is grouped together with a moisturizer or a makeup foundation. Try sunscreens that are lotions or sticks to figure out which application works best for you. Once you've found a product you like, stick with it. But

make sure the sunscreen has an adequate SPF.

**Myth:** I only need sunscreen on sunny days. The sun can prove harmful even on cloudy days. You may not be safe indoors, either, particularly if you spend a good deal of time next to an open window. Window glass will only block certain types of UV light, making sunburn possible even if you are indoors or riding in a car. It's a good habit to apply sunscreen daily regardless of if you will be out in the sun.

**Myth:** Spray sunscreens are as effective as the rest. Spray products may not deliver enough sunscreen to the skin because droplets are dispersed unevenly. Furthermore, the propellents used in spray sunscreens could be harmful if inhaled. Opt for sunscreens that are applied by hand and can be adequately coated over all areas of the skin.

**Myth:** Sunscreen does not need to be reapplied, especially if it's water-resistant. There is no such thing as a waterproof sunscreen. The Food and Drug Administration recently prohibited the use of the term "waterproof" because consumers falsely believed their sunscreen products would not wash off. Water-resistant sunscreens will be effective for a certain number of minutes before they need to be reapplied, usually between 40 to 90 minutes. If you have been sweating profusely or have been in the pool or ocean for awhile, play it safe and reapply often.

# Protecting aging skin

Signs of a healthy complexion change over time

**J**ust as the body changes with age, so do the needs of the skin. While acne and breakouts may have been the bane of existence as an adolescent, wrinkles and dark spots are concerns as we age.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says that skin changes are one of the most noticeable signs of aging. Sagging skin and wrinkles are two of the more common problems both men and women encounter as they age.

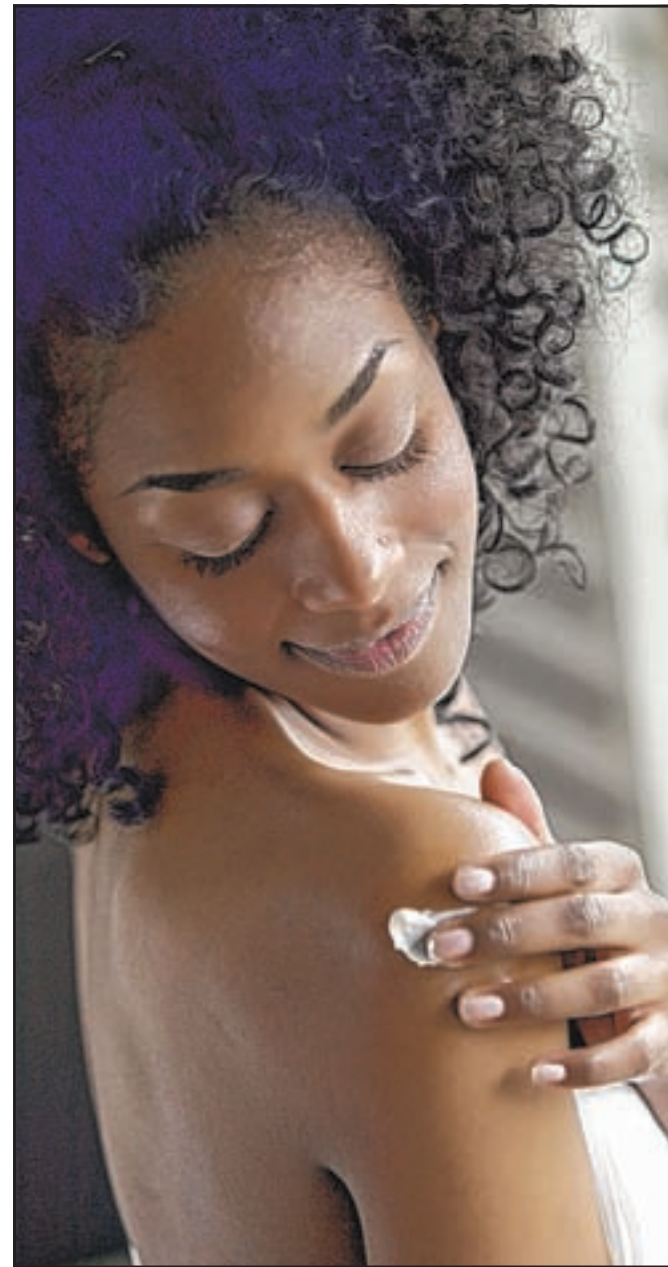
As people get older, connective tissues in the skin that promote strength and elasticity have a tendency of breaking down. Furthermore, the blood vessels of the dermis become more fragile, which can lead to bruising. Also, sebaceous glands may produce less oil, making the skin less able to moisturize itself. As a result, the skin thins out.

It is important to note these changes so that people can be proactive in their approach to skin care as they age. There are certain strategies to put in place that can make the difference in the appearance and health of the skin. While none of these are the magic "fountain of youth," they go a long way to promoting a more youthful appearance:

**Address dryness.** If the skin is itchy or uncomfortable, or if you find that there is extra flaking, lack of moisture could be a problem. Moisturizer should be the staple of a skin care regimen. Experiment with moisturizers until you find the one that is the best match for your skin.

**Use sun protection.** The sun is one of the single biggest contributors to unhealthy skin and premature signs of aging. Always wear sun protection products when going out in the sun, even on overcast days.

**Don't tug or be rough on the skin.** The skin becomes more delicate and prone to injury as a person ages. Therefore, unnecessary roughness while washing and drying can break capillaries or mar the skin in other ways. Be delicate, using cotton to wipe away makeup and avoid cleansers that have rough exfoliators or other substances that can be rough on



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**Revise makeup shades and products as needed.** As skin-care needs change, it pays to go with the flow in terms of the products you use and buy. What may have been flattering a few years ago may not be flattering now. Think about neutral or rosy shades in the types of foundations and blushers you select. Avoid anything that is too dramatic or drastic.

**Drink plenty of water.** Dehydration can increase the risk of injury with regards to the skin, making it more susceptible to

dryness and other issues. Be sure to always stay hydrated by consuming enough water to ward off feelings of thirst throughout the day.

**Experiment with a facial.** Facials can help promote blood flow to the skin and improve the appearance of youth and vitality. In addition, a facial massage can feel invigorating.

Check with a spa near you to see if they offer facial services. Talk with the staff about your skincare needs and ask for recommendations on the products that may work for you.

# Protect hair, skin from chlorine

A pool can provide a welcome respite from the heat and humidity. Taking a daily dip in a pool is great cardiovascular exercise and can help relieve stress. However, the chemicals used to keep pool water fresh and clean may wreak havoc on hair and skin.

Chlorine is one of the most widely used substances for water purification. It is often added to public water supplies to kill off pathogens that have the potential to cause illness. Variations of chlorine are used in pool filtration to ensure the water is clean and safe for swimming because it reduces bacteria and other contaminants, and may also help keep algae growth under control.

Although chlorine is very good at purifying the water people drink and bathe in, too much of a good thing can prove troublesome. Oftentimes, chlorine — especially in high amounts — can affect the hair and skin of people who regularly use pools.

## Hair

Chlorinated water that is also high in copper may form a chemical reaction that turns hair green. The chlorine reacts with the copper to form a compound that is green in hue. This can attach to the porous hair shaft and give hair a green tinge. The green is especially obvious in light-colored hair.

Chlorine is harsh and caustic, while hair is porous. Dry hair that becomes saturated with chlorine-treated water can eventually have salt crystals locked inside, which leads to breakage. Washing hair directly after swimming may help rinse off external chlorine, but it will not adequately remove chlorine locked inside follicles. Hair may need to be soaked for several minutes in fresh water. Hair that is prone to dryness may become more dry from chlorine.

Swimmers can wear a waterproof swimming cap to prevent against chlorine damage. If this option isn't available, soaking hair in fresh water to

saturate hair shafts and then applying a barrier, such as conditioner combed through the hair, can help repel some of the chlorinated water and protect against damage.

Hair that has turned green from pool water may need to be treated with special shampoos or strippers to remove the chlorine-copper compounds. Cutting off the green areas may be an easier solution.

## Skin

Chlorine is caustic, and high concentrations can burn the skin. Individuals with sensitive skin may be even more susceptible to rashes and burns from chlorinated pools.

To prevent skin irritation, keep chlorine levels in pool water as low as possible. Applying a waterproof sunscreen or lotion to the skin prior to swimming may also serve as an additional line of defense. There are commercially made products that are designed specifically for application prior to getting in the pool. Because



Though popular summer hangouts, pools may contain chemicals that can be harmful to hair and skin.

they are waterproof, they will not wash off in the pool or foul up water.

Public pools with a high volume of swimmers tend to have more chlorine in them than backyard pools at private residences. This is evidenced by the strong and often overwhelming aroma of chlorine in the vicinity of the public pool.

The effects of chlorine can be seen by the bleaching and wearing away of rope barriers and floats that are constantly in the pool. If this is what is occurring to plastic and vinyl, imagine what is being done to skin and hair. Covering up as much as possible can help protect the skin from the harmful effects of chlorine.

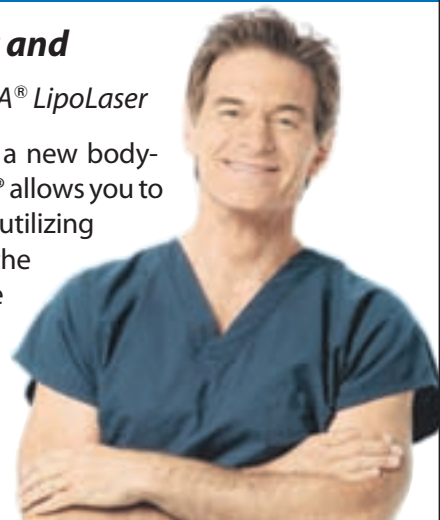
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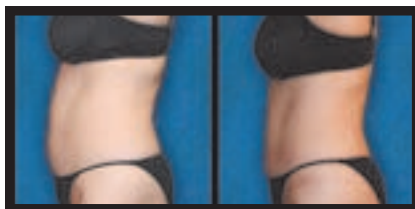
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Robin Hayes, CEO president and director, JetBlue Airways Corporation, speaks at the 14th Annual Aviation Summit in Washington, Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

# New grant program for sustainable tourism

By Nelson A. King

JetBlue Airways has launched a grant program focused on sustainable tourism in the Caribbean.

Stating that education and the environment are key pillars of the airline's corporate social responsibility platform, JetBlue said the grants will focus on using science to improve the travel experience for customers and communities now and into the future.

"These scholarships will bring college students into the conversation about climate change and highlight how important the responsible use of natural resources is to the economies and growth of the Caribbean region," said the airline in a statement.

For the first year of the grant, JetBlue said it has partnered with the Washington-based nonprofit Center for Responsible Travel (CREST) to provide an opportunity for two students to attend the first-ever "Innovators Think Tank: Climate Change and Coastal & Marine Tourism" on July 22-24, 2015 at the Punta Cana Resort & Club in the Dominican Republic.

The panel will highlight how the Caribbean can prepare its tourism sector to better deal with climate change, JetBlue said.

It said the Think Tank is bringing together a select group of invited participants, including leading practitioners in responsible tourism and climate change experts. The geographic focus of this invitation-only Think Tank is the Caribbean and North America, JetBlue said.

"Too often conferences and think tanks are out of reach for students. These grants will open the door to the community of students who have cutting edge ideas about sustainable tour-

ism," said Sophia Mendelsohn, head of sustainability, JetBlue.

"If tourism in the Caribbean is going to flourish through a changing climate and increased ecosystem pressures, the tourism industry and its brands are going to need support and ideas from universities and students", she added.

Mendelsohn said the 2015 Think Tank is designed as an intimate, working session organized around a single critical theme, "How coastal and marine tourism must be planned, built and operated in an era of climate change."

With this targeted focus, she said practitioners and experts will focus on tangible, hands-on climate change solutions for coastal and marine tourism.

"The choice is easy. The tourism industry can either be part of the problem or part of the solution in dealing with the realities of climate change," said Martha Honey, CREST executive director.

"It is imperative that we engage the next generation in the solutions," she added. "It's time to take the blinders off much of our industry and get passionate young people involved in preserving not only tourism-related livelihoods and the environment, but our very existence."

JetBlue said the outcomes of the Think Tank will be collected in a publication and showcased in a video documentary - "Caribbean 'Green' Travel" - both scheduled for release in late 2015.

The Think Tank publication will serve as a guide within the tourism industry, said JetBlue, adding that the educational documentary will illustrate the Caribbean, known for its large cruise and coastal resort tourism, and opportunities for socially and environmentally responsible travel.



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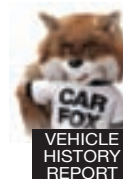
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# Prison break in T&T

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them out and upon their escape threw a hand grenade, which failed to explode.

As the inmates came outside, they engaged the police who were on duty outside the prison. Two of them jumped into a car and tried to make their escape but the vehicle crashed near the hospital.

When the smoke was cleared Constable Maynard, who had joined the police service two years ago was shot while sitting in a police vehicle outside the jail and Martin, was found dead in the security booth at the hospital.

The high-noon drama in the capital caused panic among people forcing a number of business places to close and send home their workers.

It occurred three days before the anniversary of the 1990 attempted coup led by Jamaat al Muslimeen leader Yasin

Abu Bakr. The two of the three escapees who were killed were members of the Black Muslim organization.

Prison and police officials have launched an investigation into how the guns entered the prison and got into

**The high-noon drama in the capital caused panic among people forcing a number of business places to close**

the hands of the inmates.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has assured that all securities agencies are in "full control" and that criminals will face the full brunt of the law. She told a press conference on Friday evening that there was no need to call a state of emergency.

## Martha's vineyard

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to the statement.

"Samples of Vincentian sorrel, mauby and goodies were sampled by persons in attendance at the meeting," the statement said.

It said the delegation also collected 100 boxes of books, a gift to the SVG Public Library Services, and firefighting gear for the SVG Fire Services.

Walters read a message from Prime Minister Ralph E. Gonsalves at the meeting that was held at the West Tisbury Public Library, according to the statement. Details of the address were not provided to Caribbean Life.

The statement said presentations followed from the "Diaspora delegation" on proposals for school-based initiatives, including an E-Pen pal project for secondary school students; shared social studies school curriculum for primary school students; disaster preparedness for children; "sourcing nurses" from SVG, and seasonal domestic workers from the Diaspora, among others.

"The visit was highly successful and has lots of potential for mutual benefits for both islands," the statement quoted Walters as saying.

It said the New York Counsel General also announced that a collection of books on Vincentian culture and books, written by Vincentian authors, will be donated to the West Tisbury Public Library.

The statement said other persons involved with the "Vincentian side of the partnership" are Vaughan Toney, president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn-based Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center; Celia Ross-Latham, director of sales of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority in New York; and Ruby Wood, owner of the Brooklyn-based Square Deal Shippers and Movers.

Representatives in St. Vincent and the Grenadines include Earl Paynter, Joseph "Burns" Bonadie, a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the chief librarian, the statement said.

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# Global Potential creates leaders for social change

By Alley Olivier

Stepping out of the box and away from your comfort zone is often the push one needs to accomplish something great.

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Tapping into young adults to view life outside the box, non-profit organization Global Potential provides life-changing opportunities to the world's daring future leaders.

According to Global Potential's website, "Global Potential transforms youth from underserved communities through education, service learning and cultural exchange into globally competitive leaders of positive change in their lives and communities."

Frank Cohn, founder, director and chief executive emeritus of Global Potential, has watched teens from low-income communities across New York City complete the program with a need to create change. "We provide young people with life-changing, transformative, leadership experiences – connecting with each other, connecting with



he first Haitian student cohort posing in front of Columbus Circle, Washington DC.

Photo courtesy of Global Potential

how to make their communities better places and then taking what they learned and applying it to their own communities," Cohn said.

Training young adults ranging in the ages of 15-23, Global Potential operates on the backs of volunteers — very

few receiving stipends as the budget solely services programming.

Sending cohorts of students to participate in underserved communities in countries such as the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, Global Potential has for the first time

brought a cohort of students to the United States from Haiti.

Courtesy of funding from U.S. Department of State, Global Potential has immersed 15 young people from various villages into a Northeast experience – traveling to Washington, D.C., Boston and complet-

ing their three-week trip in New York.

"Here, for the first time, we are also partnering with the U.S. Department of State who are funding this program to bring 15 youth ambassadors from Haiti. It's a three-week program in the Northeast of the U.S. visiting D.C., Boston and New York," Cohn said.

Wendy Reynoso, executive director at Global Potential, views the opportunities presented allows for students to expand their frame of thinking beyond their familiar quarters. "What they now have experienced is an opportunity to travel and they will most likely travel again and continue to see the world and to understand the impact of their time in other places. Not just what they can receive but what they can give to other communities," Reynoso said.

Leading the insightful trip — days are filled with trips to prominent landmarks such as Columbus Circle, Washington DC, educational visits to Deloitte and general fun — is Global Potential alum, 20-year-old Haitian native, Mackendy Blanc.

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# First Black president is making history

By far Egypt tops the list of African countries visited by any commander-in-chief of the United States.

Senegal and South Africa lags distantly behind to take second and third-most visited African nations by any president. According to the state department, American presidents have visited only 16 of Africa's 54 countries.

With President Barack Obama's recent trip to Kenya and Ethiopia that figure inches to 18.

Headlines reporting the president's visit have primarily focused on the fact the first Black leader of the United States made history as the first sitting leader to visit the two east African nations.

With detailed emphasis, it should be noted that by stepping onto the soil of his father's ancestral home in Kenya President Obama again made history being a native son and the very first to return with such prominence.

That he was introduced to speak by his sister, Auma Obama and sat to eat with family members who still live there uniquely distinguishes this



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

president from any other.

"He gets us," Auma Obama said.

"He's one of us."

"I'm the first Kenyan-American to be president of the United States. That goes without saying," President Obama said.

It is already historical that no other president has ever considered Kenya a destination to discuss trade or any other topic proves worthy that Kenya is named among the seven fastest growing economies in the world.

Reportedly, he received a standing ovation there.

"Kenya is on the move, Africa is on the move," he told the crowd at the sports hall.

After talking on a myriad of topics he warned Kenya not to ignore the plight of women.

Kenya will "not succeed if it treats women and girls as second-class citizens," he said.

"Just because something is

a tradition doesn't mean it's right," the U.S. president said.

"Treating women as a second-class citizen is a bad tradition. It's holding you back," he added, condemning domestic violence, sexual assault and genital mutilation.

Obama tackled the sensitive matter on his first full day in Kenya, using human rights as a narrative to convey nostalgia of his own heritage while noting that slavery and segregation in America made him "painfully aware of the history when people are treated differently under the law."

Although he was warned not to advocate for gay rights, President Obama also challenged another unpopular topic by pleading for all African nations to treat gays and lesbians equally under the law.

"That's the path whereby freedoms begin to erode and bad things happen," the presi-



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, left, shakes hands with President Barack Obama as he departs Kenyatta International Airport, on Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Nairobi. On the final day of his visit in Kenya, Obama laid out his vision for Kenya's future and broad themes of U.S.-Kenya relations.

Associated Press / Evan Vucci

dent added during a joint news conference with Kenyatta.

"When a government gets in the habit of treating people differently, those habits can spread."

His Kenyan counterpart, President Uhuru Kenyatta responded by describing the topic a "non-issue" in his country.

Gay rights "is not really an issue on the foremost mind of Kenyans," Kenyatta said. "And

that is a fact."

The Kenyan gay community consistently complains of violent harassment. Throughout Kenya and particularly in Nairobi, gay sex is punishable by up to 14 years in prison.

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Students of Impressions Dance Theater flounce during masquerade routine. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## Folk Feet celebrates 10 years

By Tangerine Clarke

The Brooklyn Arts Council Folk Feet dancing community collaborated with the Guyana Cultural Association — organizers of the Annual Folk Festival in the Borough — to mark its 10th anniversary with a stirring presentation on the streets of Brooklyn.

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## Haitian art at Queens Museum

By Tequila Minsky

On Sunday, July 25, Haitians from all over the metro area congregated at the Queens Museum to participate in a rich, diverse three-part cultural event that began on the expanded mezzanine, which looks at the Unisphere. The museum reopened last November after major renovations.

Marking their 10th year, Queens-based artist Patricia Brittle collaborates every July with architect and urban planner Etienne Telemaque to present a symposium at the museum called L'Education du Regard, Education by Sight.

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Chuck Cooper as Pakuteh in a scene from the musical "Amazing Grace," currently performing on Broadway at the Nederlander Theatre in New York. Joan Marcus / Boneau / Bryan-Brown via Associated Press

# 'AMAZING GRACE'

## A faith-filled musical on Broadway

By Vinette K. Pryce

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see."

The chorus to one of the saddest songs in any Christian hymnal — "Amazing Grace" — always seemed a puzzling lyric.

That in the same joyful breath of thanksgiving one would describe oneself as a "wretch" seemed troubling.

Written by John Newton 300 years ago, the sentiment manifested as a humbling confessional but still quizzically disturbing.

Now the topic of a musical based on the true story about its origins, "Amazing Grace" is playing at the Nederlander Theatre on Broadway.

The title, song and a production detailing the life of a wretched 18th-century slave trader from England, has finally arrived with historical unfolding to explain the genesis of the beloved classic and almost gospel

composition.

At first impression, there is an aura throughout the theater that almost sets the stage for a riveting production. A huge replica of the Union Jack decorates the entire curtain to place audiences in the midst of the colonial Empire.

The first human to appear onstage is that of a slave named Pakuteh (Chuck Cooper).

Well-dressed, articulate and offering narration and forward to the

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Sherzel wants hat trick with

# 'JEWELS OF AN EMPIRE'

By Nelson A. King

Having won the large band category in the Junior Carnival for the past two years, the Brooklyn-based Sherzel Productions is aiming for the hat trick this year with "Jewels of an Empire."

"We would like to take first place for the hat trick; but, then again, as our moto says, 'it's all about seeing the kids enjoy themselves,'" band leader Trinidadian Sherzel Snell told Caribbean Life.

Snell, who grew up in Picton Road, Laventille, then "Never Dirty Morvant" in Trinidad and Tobago, said, "Jewels of an Empire" comprises nine sections, with 34 children in each section.

She estimated a total of about 300 boys and girls of Caribbean and American backgrounds.

The sections are: "Silver Pavés," "Fire Opal," "Peruvian Opal," "Mys-

tic Topaz," "Labradorite," "Azotic," "Rainbow Pyrite," "Crystal Amethyst" and "Peridots of the Night."

"Masqueraders can expect to have an unforgettable experience in an ultra exclusive band," said Snell, who has been participating in costume production for the past seven years.

"Preparations so far are great," she added. "We are 50 percent ready, thanks to family and friends who are the driving-help towards it all."

In 2010, Sherzel Productions placed first for medium band in the Junior Carnival; third in the medium band category in 2011; second for large band in 2012; and first for large band in 2013 and 2014.

Snell, however, said: "I do this for fun and the love I have for kids; and, once my kids are happy, it does not matter what we place."

She said she had produced a section for former perennial Band of the



Adajah Bethea portrays "Paradise of the Night."

Photo by Nelson A. King

Year champs Hawks International in 2008 before starting her own band a year later.

Snell said she was first inspired

when her daughter played mas one year and felt "improvements to this culture were needed."

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Spectacular costumes from 1199 'Court of Grandeur' Mas band.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## COURT OF GRANDEUR – A 1199 MAS BAND PRESENTATION

By Tangerine Clarke

Award-winning 1199 Mas band is gearing up to wow spectators when they take to the streets on Labor Day Monday under the theme "Court of Grandeur."

Veteran costume designer and producer Clyde Bascom of the Social Cultural Committee of 1199 will dazzle judges with magnificent costumes depicting the opulent lifestyle of African and Indian royalty and their courts of beauty.

The sections include "Court of Bac-

chus," "Royal Wine," "The Court of Montezuma," "The Court of Maya" and "The Court of Nubia." The theme will also exhibit kings and queens to bring together the lavish presentation. The band will vie in the medium category.

Bascom who specializes in drawings, praised the team effort by members of the cultural committee, and Grenadian Keith Scott, a designer who said he designed the costumes from an abundance of fabric, leather-

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# Next group of Griswolds heads for Walley World

“Vacation”  
Fair (1 star)  
Rated R for brief male frontal nudity, sexuality, crude humor, mature themes and pervasive profanity  
Running time: 99 minutes  
Distributor: Warner Brothers Pictures



A scene from the movie “Vacation.”

By Kam Williams

National Lampoon’s Vacation is an enduring film franchise launched back in 1978 by the late John Hughes, the brains behind such Chicago-centric screen classics as “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” “Trains, Planes & Automobiles;” “Home Alone;” “Uncle Buck;” and “Baby’s Day Out,” to name a few. The original “Vacation” adventure featured the Griswold family’s very eventful road trip from the Windy City

to L.A.

This nostalgic seventh installment not only resurrects Walley World amusement park as its destination point, but has Chevy Chase and Beverly

D’Angelo reprising their iconic roles as Clark and Ellen Griswold, respectively. However, they have been reduced to a cameo appearance in favor of a plot revolving around their

son Rusty’s (Ed Helms) nuclear family.

At the point of departure, we find Rusty sorely in need of a break from the rat race as an overworked pilot for a budget

airline carrier. He plans to both spice up his stale marriage and spend some quality time with his sons during the drive across the country. Of course, the highway gods have other ideas in mind, as the perils laying in wait range from robbery to raw sewage.

My biggest problem with this relatively-salacious episode rests in its obsession with sexuality, and often in offensive fashion. For example, when younger son Kevin (Steele Stebbins) asks, “Dad, what’s a pedophile?” he is inappropriately informed that “It’s when a man and a boy love each other very much.” It doesn’t help that the kid subsequently encounters a “glory hole” in a rest stop bathroom ostensibly cruised by gay men.

From full-frontal male nudity to an F-word laced theme song, “Vacation” is a cringe-inducing disappointment that bears little resemblance to the original it so desperately endeavors to pay homage to.

## Independent & Foreign Films

Best of Enemies (R for sexuality, nudity and profanity) File footage documentary featuring the series of nine, nationally-televised, live-TV debates between liberal Gore Vidal and arch-conservative William F. Buckley covering such hot-button topics as politics, religion and sexuality, which degenerated into name-calling affairs where the pair referred to each other as a “crypto-Nazi” and a “queer.” Includes commentary by Dick Cavett, Kelsey Grammer, Noam Chomsky, John Lithgow and the late Christopher Hitchens.

The End of the Tour (R for profanity and some sexual references) Road flick revolving around the five-day interview conducted by Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky (Jesse Eisenberg) with the late David Foster Wallace (Jason Segel) while the troubled scribe was on a book tour for his inscrutable, 1,000-page best-seller, “Infinite Jest.” With Ron Livingston, Anna Chumsky and Joan Cusack.

I Am Chris Farley (Unrated) Reverential retrospective about the life of the late comedian from his meteoric rise to an early demise. Featuring reminiscences by colleagues like Adam Sandler, Mike Myers, Dan Aykroyd, David Spade, Bob Saget, Molly Shannon and Jon Lovitz.

Jenny’s Wedding (PG-13 for mature themes and a crude sexual reference) Katherine Heigl plays the title character in this out-of-the-closet comedy about a lesbian who only informs her



### Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

homophobic parents (Linda Emond and Tom Wilkinson) that she’s gay the day she and her longtime “roommate” announce their engagement. Ensemble cast includes Grace Gummer, Alexis Bledel and Matthew Metzger.

The Kindergarten Teacher (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama, set in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, revolving around a kindergarten teacher (Sarit Larry) who takes a special interest in a precocious, five year-old poet (Avi Shnaidman). With Lior Raz, Jil Ben David and Ester Rada. (In Hebrew with subtitles)

A LEGO Brickumentary (G) More than a toy documentary, narrated by Jason Bateman, examining LEGO as a cultural phenomenon.

Listen to Me Marlon (Unrated) Vanity biopic chronicling the life and times of Marlon Brando from the late screen icon’s own perspective as preserved in his personal archive of home videos and audio recordings.

The Pilgrim: Paulo Coelho’s Best Story (Unrated) Against-the-odds biopic tracing the Brazilian writer’s (Julio Andrade) rise from humble roots and mental illness to best-selling author of “The Alchemist” and dozens of other novels. (In Portuguese and Spanish with subtitles)

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Costume designer and band leader, Kenneth Antoine with his costume beauties from three sections of Antoine International. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

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‘REFLECTION OF OUR CULTURE’

By Tangerine Clarke

Known as one of the most versatile band leader and costume designer whose creations have won numerous trophies for other bands, and as an individual leader since 1991, Kenneth Antoine is going back to his culture in this year’s portrayal of “Reflection of Our Culture.”

The theme will chronicle Mas itself, with nine sections to tell the story of carnival around the world, said Antoine who noted that the festival is now being celebrated in places its never been before. This he will capture, in addition to showcasing the re-birth of carnival.

The medium band of approximately 350 revelers will depict “Reflections,” “Savage Beauties,” “Saucy Simanetta,” “Precious Love,” and “Realistic Love,” among others.

The reigning champion junior band, which won three consecutive times,

with first, second and third prizes will feature “The Beauty of Flight,” “Flight in the Garden,” “Fire Storm,” “Kites,” “Gliders” and “Hot Air Balloons.”

As a master wire-bender, Antoine continues his passion for creating mega headpieces five feet high to match his stunning body wear.

Masqueraders could choose from full bath suits, mono-kini, two-piece and whole suits many designed with wire bras, in a variety of stunning colors to represent the sections.

Using feathers from a speciality store in Florida, and trimmings from Trinidad, Antoine lavishly decorated the headpieces with feathers, mixing yellow and orange, blue and pink, purple and brown and peach and teal for a stunning finish. The bedazzling body hugging pieces are etched with braiding, sequins and stones. He said he wants his costumes to stand out on the parkway.

As leader of the band, Antoine will surely challenge judges when he puts on a 20-foot-tall headpiece as the “Beast Master.” The piece will feature a snake and dragon in one, he pointed out, to portray a pet protective of the beautiful ladies in the band.

With all of the exquisite work that went into crafting the collection of costumes, the designer said the pieces are modestly priced to give revelers an opportunity to play mas with band. The front line costumes cost \$400, the most expensive in the adult male and female band, while all kids costumes cost \$100.

Antoine International is located at 258 Empire Blvd. in Brooklyn, at the corner of Bedford Avenue.

The camp could be reached by calling 347-303-7857 or Email: antoineinternational1@gmail.com.

Carican plays ‘Musical Instruments’

By Nelson A. King

As the Brooklyn-based Carican Costumes plays “Musical Instruments” this Labor Day, band leader Trinidadian Pat Nurse says she’s looking forward to making a “stunning impression” on the children, spectators and especially the judges.

“I always pick a theme that the children can identify with,” said Nurse, who has been participating in mas-making, for the past 28 years, in New York, in a Caribbean Life interview. “They can easily tell anyone, including their teachers, full details about their summer presentation.”

Nurse, who is also Carican Costumes’s designer and producer, said the band comprises five sections: “Dancers,” “Singers,” “Tambourine,” “Guitars” and “Music Sheet.”

She said while the girls will play in any section, comprising 20 masqueraders in each, the boys will play in Guitars, Singers and Music Sheet.

There are also eight “huge individuals”, including the King and Queen, said Nurse, adding that the bank comprises “every nationality.”

“Everyone is welcomed,” she said, disclosing that, every year, since 2008, Carican Costumes’s Children’s band has won a prize at the West Indian American Day Carnival Association’s (WIADCA) Junior Carnival at the Brooklyn Museum.

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Afeya McGregor portrays “Tambourine” from the band Carican.

Photo by Nelson A. King



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# 'Amazing Grace'

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production, he provides an early spotlight into the faith-filled musical.

Patukeh is the servile and dutiful African that responds to the beck and call of everyone living at the home of Captain Newton (Tom Hewitt).

Newton is the aristocrat and well-respected slave trader whose son John (Josh Hewitt) is returning from a rebellious sojourn to find himself after years of rejecting his father's dictates.

John will have nothing to do with religion.

He is against organized religion.

And while that storyline forms the mainstay of the production, their face-to-face conflict is the most revealing aspect of the engaging musical.

Add to the mix a three-way, love story involving John, Major Gray (Chris Hoch) and Mary Catlett (Erin Mackey) conflict resolution finds a place before intermission.

Mary is no ordinary lady, although lowly in stature in comparison to the lords and ladies of her time, she has lived with a kind and dedicated

slave named Nanna (Laiona Michelle) and although she must emulate her peers, the influence on her overwhelms with a passion to work with freedom fighters.

Michelle's performance is extraordinary.

As a housemaid and attendant to her mistress she scores in commanding the role akin to a female version of an Uncle Tom.

Nanna has her own reasons for warding away trouble from her mistress, she like many were captured into enslavement.

Tribal exploitation of Africans by Africans, power and control and even a subtle version of the Biblical tale of the Prodigal Son are visited before redemption comes.

The Newtons and those of their ilk are almost eye-sores in this era.

However, even back then there were individuals and groups committed to the idea of freedom.

For all their acts of sacrifice and rebellion they are depicted with grace and a hoped-for victory that on Broadway is always predictable.

How the abolitionists risked



John Newton (Josh Young) pleads forgiveness on his knees in Barbados from the slave Pakuteh who raised him in Britain. Chuck Cooper who portrays the character looks pitying at his former master who denounced him in Africa. Photo by John Manus, Broadway.com

oppression in order to save the lives of humans captured in Africa is meticulously portrayed by talented thespians directed by Gabriel Barre.

Even more alluring are the intervals when slaves are depicted in uncomfortably disturbing yet historically-correct scenarios.

With music to soothe the

pain and harsh depictions, this musical sobers the season's theatrical line-up adding inspiration to the frothy preponderance of musicals without message along the Great White Way.

And at least, after seeing "Amazing Grace," singing the hymn might not seem as wretched.

## Folk Feet

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Newkirk Avenue at the corner of 28th Street came alive on Saturday, July 25, with Afro-Caribbean Masquerade dancers from Impressions Dance Theater who showcased the traditional art form during an hour-long celebration of Caribbean artists.

Dressed in red, yellow and green decorative costumes and matching traditional headwear, the youths kicked up their heels and flounce to the musical band that included a flute, African drums and percussion.

A 'mad cow' effigy carried by a dancer, was also part of the ensemble, during highlights of the BAC's commemoration.

It is said the origin of the masquerade band that brings merriment on the streets of Guyana during the Christmas season came from African slaves during the European religious Christmas season when the country was a colony of Britain.

According to history, slaves, who were forbidden to practice their traditions, were slightly



Masquerade band players, Akoya Rudder, Winston "Jeggae" Hoppie, Horace Carter, Sufance, and Oral Welshman.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

less restricted during the season. As such, they visited other plantations and revel with other slaves where drumming and dancing in the streets at that time were allowed.

The summer audience on the street outside of St. Stephens Church, one of the sponsors, also enjoyed performances by Guyana's Chronicle Atlantic Steel Orchestra. Traditional Haitian dance by "La Troupe Zetwal" and workshops were also a part of the program.



Artist Patricia Brittle spoke about the displayed art works by Jacmel artists (right) Castera Bazile and (left) Wilmido Domond and (not shown) Prefette Dufaut.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Haitian art on display

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Washington DC-based economist Leslie Pean (his most recent book concerns relations between Dominican Republic and Haiti), poet Robert Large, and food book —"Haiti Uncovered"—author Nadege Fleurimond were on the program. Jocelyne Dorisme sang accompanied by Reynald Felix on flute and Victor Supris on piano.

From the vast Haitian art collection of Harry Dor-

ville, on display were works from three Jacmel artists — Prefette Dufaut and Castera Bazile (both whose work was part of the interior of Trinity Church, heavily damaged in the earthquake) and Wilmido Domond. Artist Brittle gave an overview of the works, chosen because the day's lineup also included a film from Jacmel's film school.

After a break for refreshments, the audience migrated to the auditorium.



## Carican intends to wow judges

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"The children will be satisfied, as they are every year, because we treat them to refreshments, eats, water, juices, whistles, balloons and toys to keep them occupied along the route," said Nurse, who is also an adjunct professor in English at Medgar Evers and La Guardia Community Colleges, of the City University of New York (CUNY).

She said a team of parents, volunteers, supporters, members and mask-makers are working to produce Carican Costumes's "biggest presentation" this year.

Nurse said some costumes are created by children "to start them as young designers," with some early masqueraders returning to assist, such as Safiya Black, T.J., and Venecia Little, and mas-designers, such as Michael Warner.

This year, Carican Costumes is supported by Bennita Clarke and the four-year-old United Super Soccer League (USSL).

Founded by Leben Mc Gregor, USSL hosted the first ever Trinidad and Tobago

Family Day on July 12, 2015, said Nurse, who, for the past five years, has also assisted WIADCA in its Children Costume Design Workshop in which children are encouraged to become young costume designers.

Nurse said she donated costumes to Chinapoo Government School in Trinidad and Tobago in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Costumes were also donated to children in Guyana in 2012. In 2014, costumes were given to children in that Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country, with assistance from Lana Payne and Michael Thorne, Nurse said.

She said Carican Costumes has "the best DJ," DJ Tolo, who has been the band's DJ for the past four years and WIADCA's "resident DJ" for the children's parade for years, Nurse said.

Carican Costumes is located at 547 Lincoln Place, between Franklin and Classon avenues in Brooklyn.

Nurse can be reached at (718) 399-0076.

## 1199 Mas Band

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ette and spandex. The pieces, he added, were embellished with rhinestones, braid, and sequins to bring together an elegant and sturdy finish.

"We do not use glue on our outfits, we sew the pieces together for comfortable fit, to bring out the design and beauty of the costume," added Joseph.

The junior band outfits are just as exciting and beautiful as the adult male and female ensembles that are accessorized with arm bans, leg straps and towering high headpieces designed from eye-popping feathers.

Trinidad-born Bascom who has more than 20 years experience designing, as well as participating in the carnival as leader, said the costumes are inexpensive, and he welcomes revelers to the camp's location at 2414 Snyder Ave. (between Rogers and Bedford avenues) to view the creations, and to register during the hours of 10 am and 9 pm weekday. The weekend will have extended hours.

The master of the art says he is taking a backseat and sharing his skills



1199 Juniors decked out in colorful costumes. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

with a new breed of costume designers, who he gave free reign to create and celebrate the presentation that is expected to light up the parkway.

The camp could be reached at 646-377-6836 or [www.1199carnival.org](http://www.1199carnival.org)

## Sherzel aims for hat trick

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With her "spunk and jazz and colorful creative mind," Snell said she felt she "could make this happen."

She said a full staff of volunteers is assisting with costume preparation, working long hours, seven days a week.

Four of Brooklyn's "top DJ's" — Natural Freaks, DJ Haze, Elegance Sounds and Pantrín Vybez — will supply soca music for masqueraders, Snell said.

She can be reached at (718) 607-7712, (347) 365-3478, or email at [sherzelproductions@gmail.com](mailto:sherzelproductions@gmail.com).

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# SPORTS

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## Stars shine in Manhattan

By Robert Elkin

A good way to stay in shape for a basketball player to enter his next level, no matter what it is, is to practice hard individually and / or compete on a team and try to make the best it.

And to star in a league no matter what the sport is and to perform in an all-star attraction could conceivably be one of the best ways. Put the two together and you have a player such as Raykwon Fenton who graduated from Rucker High School of the Bronx, a member of the Public Schools High School Athletic League. He led the PSAL with 27 points last winter.

Now he is trying to make it in college. He has not decided which college he wants to attend and time is drawing near. He is keeping in shape and in June joined a team in the West 4th Street League in Manhattan. He is competing in the high

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## WI Cricket Legends in NY

By Azad Ali

A team of West Indies Cricket Legends, spearheaded by the legendary Sir Garfield Sobers, will be heading to New York to attend a star-studded reception and play two Twenty20 matches.

Some of the high-profile names, who are part of the event, include Deryck Murray, Gus Logie, Daren Ganga, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Gordon Greenidge, Carl Hooper, Courtney Walsh, Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson.

A banquet with the legends will be held at the Antun's Banquet Hall, Springfield BLV in Queens. The event will take place on July 31, 2015.

The legends will take on a New York All-Star XI in two Twenty20s on Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2. Former West Indies great, Gordon Greenidge is spearheading the effort to bring the legends to New York.

Promoter Pooran Ramnanan is asking the various cricket leagues in the

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Mexico's Andres Guardado and Jamaica's Adrian Mariappa battle for the ball during the first half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup championship soccer match, Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press / Michael Perez

## Earns respect in CONCACAF Gold Cup

By Patrick Horne

The Jamaican Men's National Team — the first Caribbean squad to play in a CONCACAF Gold Cup final, in the 13th year of the tournament in the Gold Cup format — lost to Mexico, 3-1, in the 2015 Gold Cup on Sunday, July 26, at Lincoln Financial Field

in Philadelphia in front of a capacity crowd of 68,930. The Reggae Boyz may have lost the game, but they won respect for their country and the entire Caribbean.

The tournament, which has been played for 13 years under this 12-team Gold Cup format, has been dominated

by the North American teams, with Mexico now winning seven titles, the USA, five and Canada one. Back in 1973, Haiti won a CONCACAF title under a format that saw eight teams in a final tournament and a far cry from the much more advanced and

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school division, one of two leagues in this circuit.

"The league is well run and has a lot of competitive players in it," he said. "I'm out here so scouts could see me (in action). One never knows what I'll be up to. I have to work on my outside shooting and to be more consistent. I'm working very hard and playing good defense."

Fenton is competing on a summer league team called Bedford Boys YMCA which is coached by Tom 'Tippy' McTiernan, well known in New York City.

"Playing in an all-star game (at the Cage) is quite an honor," he said. "Not a lot of players (people) get a chance to play in such a game. When I play I have to work my hardest."

Fenton helped to lead his West team to a 85-77 victory over the East in the high school division.

There are a lot of first time players competing in the high school division of the West 4th Street League and they all enjoyed their time, especially for the all-star members.

This circuit is under the direction of Kenny Graham and a staff including referees and former players. Hundreds of fans jammed the outside fence to catch the all-star games, one of the highlights of the season, which ends toward mid August. Most of the games are held on weekends because there are no lights at the facility.

The crowd all at the same facility enjoyed the Unlimited division all-star clash and the one staged by the legends who were former league players.

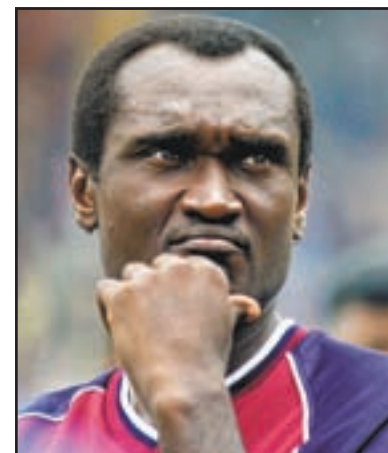
## Cricket

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Tri-State to suspend their schedules for the weekend, so that the members and fans can come out and enjoy a fabulous week-end of cricket.

He also noted that the legends will participate in a coaching exercise with young players from New York Public Schools Athletic League.

It is also expected that the legends' games will create opportunities for the schools to mix with the stars.



Former West Indies Captain Carl Hooper. Associated Press / Aman Sharma



Mexico's Andres Guardado, left, scores past Jamaica's Adrian Mariappa, center, and Ryan Thompson during the first half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup championship soccer match, Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press / Matt Rourke

# HEARTBREAKING LOSS FOR JAMAICA

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organized biennial CONCACAF competition that has evolved over the years. In 1973, Haiti went on to play in the World Cup in Germany.

In recent years, Caribbean teams have made giant strides to close the gap between them and their more experienced North American rivals. In this summer's Gold Cup tournament, all four Caribbean qualifiers — Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago — advanced to the quarterfinal stage, with Jamaica reaching the final. Those four nations are the only Caribbean teams to play in a World Cup tournament. Cuba was the first, in 1938, the Reggae Boyz played in 1998 and Trinidad and Tobago was there in 2006.

More evidence of a Caribbean surge was Jamaica's performance throughout this year's competition. After winning its group, the 2014 Caribbean champion beat another emerging Caribbean giant, Haiti, 1-0, in a tough quarterfinal battle that, again, mirrored the Caribbean's improved game. In the semifinals, the underdog Jamaicans — who were winless against North American teams in 11 previous Gold Cup games — defeated the favored, defending Gold Cup champion USA, 2-1, on its home soil at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Last Sunday's final revealed the aspects of the game still to be mastered before Caribbean teams find a permanent place as elite in CONCACAF. El Tri showed superior finishing and composure in the big game — the final hurdles for Jamaica and the rest. Mexico capitalized on crucial Jamaican mistakes.

After a good start by the Reggae Boyz, who missed opportunities to score in the early going, Jamaica's first crucial defensive error, in the 31st minute, saw Mexico's captain Andres Guardado, left unmarked in the penalty area, side-footed a volley shot from a free kick into the upper left corner of the goal for a 1-0 half time lead. Mexico converted one of only three first-half scoring chances! Guardado, who became the first player to score in three Gold Cup finals, won the 2015 CONCACAF Golden Ball award as the best player in the tournament.

What sealed the game for Mexico was the early second half goal; the winner came from another crucial Jamaican error when central defender Michael Hector, dribbling out of traffic, lost the ball in front of his goal, and Jesus Corona, who won the CONCACAF Bright Future award as the youngest player in the tournament, had an easy shot in the 47th minute for the 2-0 lead. Hector again misplayed a crossed ball inside the six-yard box and Oribe Peralta made it 3-0 in the 61st minute — game over. Darren Mattocks scored on a very good individual effort to cut the deficit to 3-1 in the 79th minute, but it was too late for the Reggae Boyz. It seems the occasion was overwhelming for Hector!

The tournament, though, was an invaluable experience for Jamaica and good, timely encouragement for Caribbean teams as the 2018 World Cup qualifying games are in November. Jamaica, which won the 2015 CONCACAF Fair Play award, should defeat Nicaragua in a one-off, home-and-away series in late August and move into Group B with

Costa Rica, Panama and either Grenada or Haiti for the semifinal round in November.

In other awards, USA's Brad Guzan and Clint Dempsey won the 2015 CONCACAF Golden Glove and Golden Boot awards as the best goalkeeper and goal scorer, respectively. My Good Officiating award goes to the team of Referee Joel Aguilar of El Salvador and his assistants Juan Zumba of El Salvador and Charles Morgante of the USA.

Mexico will play the USA for the berth in the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup, the tournament to determine the best national team among FIFA's, world soccer's governing body, six confederations. This tournament takes place in the country that hosts the upcoming World Cup, which is Russia. The Mexico-USA play-off is scheduled for Oct. 9, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. The USA is the 2013 CONCACAF champion and must play the 2015 winner for the berth.

### Phillips, Drogba in MLS

Two former English Premier League stars, Shaun Wright-Phillips and Didier Drogba, on Monday, joined MLS teams. The brother of New York Red Bulls leading scorer Bradley Wright-Phillips, Shaun Wright-Phillips, 33, signed recently to play for the Red Bulls. A top class player and former English Premier League standout with Queens Park Rangers (2011-15), Manchester City (1999-05, 2008-11) and Chelsea (2005-08), Shaun Wright-Phillips played for England 36 times and scored six goals. He last played World Cup soccer his country in the 2010 tournament.





Youth playing netball in Brooklyn, New York.

# Keeping it Caribbean with netball in Brooklyn

By Alley Olivier

Across Brooklyn, you might notice that in various parks there is a hoop missing a backboard.

For many basketball players relying on the backboard to land a lay-up or even a free throw, the court may appear unfinished or vandalized.

Fret not, the hoop is without a backboard for a reason as it is the set up for the female sport – Netball.

A popular sport across the Caribbean and Europe, Netball is typically played in physical education classes much like soccer or baseball here in the United States. Brought to Brooklyn by way of pick up games amongst friends, the Caribbean-American Netball Association, INC. (CANA) formalized the games with the creation of their organization in 1995.

According to CANA, “The Caribbean-American Netball Association INC. was formed in 1995 by a dedicated group of experienced netball players and administrators. It is a non-profit organization situated in Central Brooklyn, focused on promoting the sport of netball. A primary goal of CANA is to provide an outlet and safe socialization for young women during the summer and winter seasons.”

The league hosts two seasons, one in the winter months and another during the summer. CANA has hosted games in primarily in Brooklyn parks including Wingate and Buffalo Park but have had to make adjustments due to varying construction and the concert series.

Typically compared to basketball due to the inclusion of the hoop, netball presents a host of challenges many basketball players might struggle with. For instance, a player cannot hold the ball for more than three seconds, there is no dribbling, after any shot the game always restarts in the center and only two players on either team are designated as shooters.

“The most obvious one is that there

is no backboard, there is no moving with the ball, everyone does not shoot the ball – only two persons are allowed to shoot the ball – and everyone can’t go all over the court like basketball you’re restricted. I think it’s more of a team sport than basketball because everyone has to do their job in order for it to work. In basketball you can have one person go in, shoot but not in netball,” Nicole Johnson, a CANA member, said.

“Compared to basketball, it is a passing game,” Edwin Lewis, a founding CANA member, described. “You don’t have to carry the ball, you pass the ball down. Even in the shooting area, you have to be three feet away from the person so that they can have room to shoot.”

Each club team invites their own players, often training newcomers on the various positions and rules. With or without knowledge of the sport, all are invited to come out, learn and get on the court.

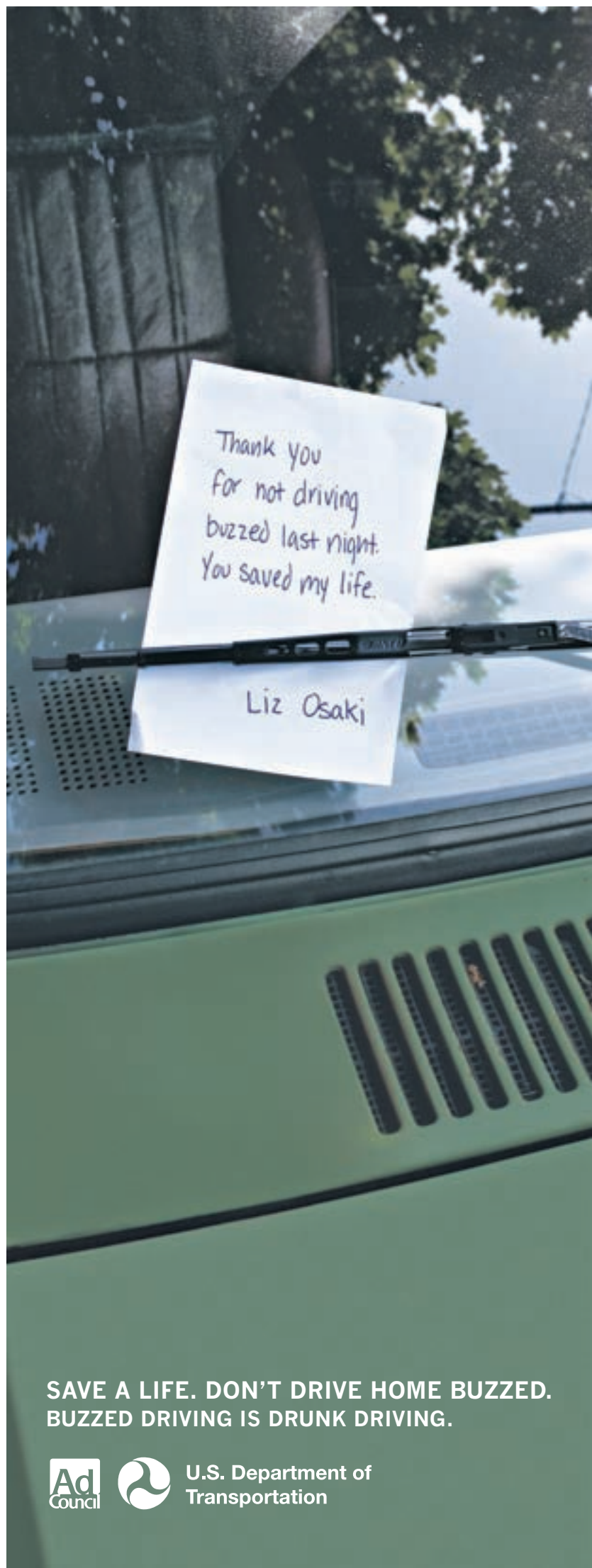
“You have different clubs that outreach, find players that don’t know the sport and teach them. You have people coming out of the Caribbean who know netball already that join clubs and become members of the association,” Denise Tomlinson, president of CANA, said.

Each game features four 15-minute quarters, where the two designated shooters hope to score – only earning one point per basket.

Hosting games on the weekends, both kids and women’s teams hope to travel up the ranks to ultimately be crowned the champion for the season and play during the Caribbean Cup at the conclusion of the season.

“The Caribbean Cup is like an All Star game because you can extract players from other teams to play for your specific country,” Lewis said.

To watch a game or start your own club, visit CANA’s Facebook page for more information on how to get started.



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It almost seems as if something is working against you this week, Aries. It could just be your overactive imagination. Channel your energy into a creative project.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
You may get swept away in some lifelike dreams this week, Taurus. It may be difficult to discern when you're awake or asleep. Don't get carried away.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, a professional predicament may have you feeling as if you have been run ragged. Regroup, even if it means taking a few days off. This time away is just the remedy you need.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
It's nearly impossible to stick to your schedule this week, Cancer. Too many things will pop up, and you'll be spending your time juggling multiple responsibilities.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, your imagination may push you in the wrong direction this week. Daydreaming instead of getting things done is risky. Focus on the tasks at hand.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, your coworkers will come through in a big way this week. Make the most of this opportunity to work together as a team, and it will pay dividends going forward.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, a little daydreaming can be good for the soul. Give daydreams their due time, but remember to refocus on real life as well. You're up to a challenge you face this week.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, your schedule is about to clear up so now is a great time to take some time off. You deserve a break after buckling down for so long. Relax and enjoy yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
You know what needs to be done, Sagittarius. You may not have enough manpower to get everything accomplished, so put out a few feelers to see who is up to helping.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, continue with your consistent approach to handling your many responsibilities. You're juggling a lot these days, and you're benefitting from your work ethic.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, adhere to your original plan this week, avoiding distraction until the tasks at hand are a distant memory. Your plan is reliable and sure to work.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
It's nearly impossible to hide your emotions right now, Pisces. So why not share them and get some support from friends and family?

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Docket #: V-01751-15 SUMMONS

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Part: Special Referee 4

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