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Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, left, speaks during a news conference, Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, in Brooklyn. Associated Press / Vanessa A. Alvarez

HOLDER'S FINAL FUNERAL RITES

By Bert Wilkinson

Caught off guard by the announcement that slain NYPD officer Randolph Holder would be buried in his native Guyana this Saturday, government and officials at Guyana's City Hall are scrambling to spruce up Georgetown's main cemetery in time for Saturday's interment of the five-year veteran.

For most of the time in the past 20 years, the Le Repentir Cemetery in southern Georgetown had resembled an Amazon jungle with large forest-like trees, vagrants sleeping in vandalized tombs and stray dogs roaming the sprawling

multi-block area.

In recent months, a spirited effort was made to rehabilitate the area but once the announcement was made that Holder would be interred at the facility, Georgetown City Hall quickly released financial resources and diverted workers and heavy duty machinery attending to other city districts to ensure the area is in top shape for Holder's final rites.

"The City is on top of the situation," said Mark Archer, spokesman for President David Granger who won general elections in May.

"We are working to clear the

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New York City 'Fair Chance' hiring law takes effect

By Nelson A. King

New Yorkers with conviction histories and their advocates rallied in Brooklyn Tuesday morning to celebrate the Fair Chance Act, a new law that went into effect that day.

The law will help ensure that people with criminal records have a fair chance at employment and are not unlawfully shut out of the job market.

The new law requires employers in New York City to look at job applicants' qualifications first, and to hold off on background checks and criminal history questions until they've found the person they want to hire.

Under the Fair Chance Act, it is illegal to ask about criminal history on job applications and during initial job interviews.

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Restoration raises funds during its gala

By Tequila Minsky

Last week, the tony Four Seasons Restaurant was the hub where 400 leaders from New York's financial, art, theatrical, philanthropic, political, and non-profit worlds came out to support — at \$1,000 a ticket — the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Monies raised from the annual benefit gala help enable the many community-centered programs of the nation's first community development corporation.

Bi-partisan Senators Jacob Javitz and Robert F. Kennedy started Restoration in 1967 and which now celebrates 48 years

The senator's son, board member Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. presented Harry Belafonte with the Robert F. Kennedy Leadership Award. Belafonte, of Jamaican and Martiniquan descent, is not only a singer-songwriter and actor, but is also recognized as a social activist. Due to a very last minute illness, Belafonte could not attend.

After Kennedy's intro, by telephone Belafonte accepted the award and spoke at great length of his friendships with both Robert and President John Kennedy and his commitment with the African-American civil rights and social justice movements.

"Harry Belafonte still has the power to inspire and hold people's rapt attention," said Restoration's President / CEO Colvin Grannum. "I was so moved when (at age 88) he said he's interested in returning and getting involved. His aspirations and generosity are limitless." Belafonte visited Bed-Stuy Restoration more than 40 years ago.

Also honored at the gala were David and Janet Offensend, two New Yorkers who, from careers in finance, over decades, have devoted their endeavors to improve lives in the areas of educa-

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President and CEO of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Colvin Grannum with Councilmember Laurie Cumbo prior to the ceremonies at the benefit gala.

Photo by Tequila Minsky



Earl Horne receives plaque flanked by, from left: COSAGO President Laverne McDowald-Thompson, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, NY Counsel General Selmon Walters, Horne's wife Cecelia, and UN Ambassador I. Rhonda King.

Photo by Nelson King

SVG advocates receive independence honors

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based umbrella Vincentian group in the United States, Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO) on Sunday honored two stalwart community advocates for their exemplary service to the Vincentian community in the Diaspora and at home.

Earl Horne — a sports and culture enthusiast, who served as secretary of the local and Windward Islands football (soccer) associations and currently serves as COSAGO's public relations officer — and Pastor Robert McBarnett, founder and president of the Bronx-based philanthropic organization St. Matthias Charities, Inc., which furnishes medical supplies to healthcare facilities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and school and other supplies to communities at home, received the special honors at a gala Independence Luncheon at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn.

The sell-out event, held at that venue for the very first time and in conjunction with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Consulate General, climaxed celebrations in New York for the nation's 36th anniversary of political independence.

"On behalf of COSAGO, I salute the honorees," said COSAGO President Laverne McDowald-Thompson in her introductory remarks. "Mr. Earl Horne, you have done an outstanding job in sports and culture — both in New York and at

home — and I know you will continue to gain a lot of respect in this regard.

"Mr. Robert McBarnett, your humanitarian drive for St. Vincent and the Grenadines is outstanding," she added. "Thank you and congratulations!"

Horne and McBarnett also received a New York City citation from Brooklyn Councilman Dr. Mathieu Eugene, the Haitian-born representative for the predominantly Caribbean 40th Council District in Brooklyn. Eugene is the first Haitian to be elected to the City Council.

Horne, nephew of former St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Culture Minister John Horne, said he was grateful to COSAGO for bestowing the extraordinary honor on him.

"It is with great honor I stand here before my family, my friends and strangers to accept this much-appreciated award from COSAGO," said Horne in his acceptance speech, preceded by a standing ovation, primarily from his family, friends and community supporters, including members of the local soccer fraternity.

"Madam President and your executive, thank you for bringing out the best in me," he added. "It is with humility I give back to the great nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and all the Caribbean islands."

McBarnett said: "It is with great honor that I stand before you today.

"I accept this award on behalf of the St.

Matthias Charities, Inc. and the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he said. "In 2011, when I handed over that wheelchair to the Georgetown Hospital, I had no idea we would be here in 2015."

Horne said he developed a love for the game of football at a very young age.

He said, while he played football for a short time and enjoyed it very much, he felt it was his "calling" to become an administrator, manager and organizer "all rolled into one."

Horne also had "an appetite for carnival," adding that, in his "mind," he was a very good wire-bender for former mas producer Lennox "Scully" Hunte.

Horne was one of the founders of local club Avenues United and later served as secretary for Honved Football Team.

As the secretary of the Windward Islands Football Association (WIFA), Horne said he was the "mastermind behind the home and away games" in the early 1970s.

Two years after migrating to New York in 1976, Horne said he "masterminded" the formation of the Brooklyn-based Hairoun Sports Club, erstwhile perennial champions in the Central Brooklyn Soccer League (CBSL) and dubbed the "Kings of Brooklyn Soccer."

He said the Hairoun Netball Team also won its "fair share of trophies." Additionally, Horne was manager of Team SVG USA in the Brooklyn-based Carib-

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Antigua

Venezuela's state-owned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA will buy a 25 percent stake in Antigua and Barbuda West Indies Oil Company as the first of many "joint investments" between both countries.

Venezuela President Nicholas Maduro says Caracas will also establish a regional bank with the twin-island nation to fund several projects, including a Simon Bolivar Resort Hotel.

Funds for those ventures will come from the PetroCaribe program. Maduro recently announced those plans in Antigua during a stop on one of his Caribbean tour that also included Suriname, St. Lucia and Grenada.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said that he and Maduro "agreed to work in various areas of cooperation".



Bahamas

Murders in the Bahamas increased 31.5 percent between January and Oct. 17, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014.

There were 92 murders recorded during this period last year compared to the 212 murders recorded this year. The murder count does not include several matters that are yet to be classified.



Dominica

Dominica is now open for business and is ready to welcome visitors to its shore.

This is according to Tourism Minister and Urban Renewal Robert Tonge when he provided an update on the tourism sector, following the devastation caused by Tropical Storm Erika in August.

Air access to the island has resumed with LIAT, Seaborne and WINAIR offering daily flights between Dominica, from Antigua, Barbados, San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, and St. Thomas. Flights are operating from the main airport, Douglas Charles Airport, and the smaller Canefield Airport.

The minister said road access has been greatly improved with the installation of three Bailey bridges along the west coast. Most roads are passable and access to the main sites and attractions is fairly simple.

More than 80 percent of the island's accommodation, including boutique hotels, intimate guest houses and quaint inns, are open to guests.



Grenada

The Venezuelan government has



Corruption in St. Kitts

Timothy Harris, prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, addresses the 2015 Sustainable Development Summit, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at United Nations headquarters. Associated Press / Seth Wenig

pledged US\$250,000 for the establishment of a new eye clinic at the general hospital.

This was announced by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell following a recent visit by Venezuelan President Nicholas Maduro. Dr. Mitchell said that Venezuela is to contribute millions to at least three social projects on the island. He said the two countries have once again reaffirmed their commitment to helping, "us fulfill our promise of providing laptops and tablets to our students across the length and breadth of our tri-island state."

"This will go a long way in enhancing the competitiveness of our students on the global scale," Mitchell said.

Maduro in his speech called for the integration of the Caribbean and Latin America to create an economic bloc.

In his response, Dr. Mitchell thanked the South American nation for its consistent support in many areas saying that the government and people of Grenada are dedicated to helping Venezuela in whatever way the island can contribute in the fulfilment of its own developmental and political needs.

Guyana

The Guyana government is moving to ban Styrofoam, popularly used in the food service industry, from next year.

In its thrust to promote a green

economy and environment, government plans to ban the importation and use of closed-cell extruded polystyrene foam from Jan. 1, 2016.

The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment has begun implementing a series of measures to address waste management and to promote the utilization of biodegradable materials.

The proposed Expanded Polystyrene Ban regulation is being finalized before the effective date to ensure the ban is legally reinforced. Guyana will become one of the few countries in the world to ban the product.

In Guyana, polystyrene foam contributes two to five percent of the waste stream.

Jamaica

Jamaica recently opened a state-of-the-art J\$2.3 billion hospital in Rosehall, St. James, which is largely driven by tourism interests.

Minister of Tourism and Entertainment, Dr. Wykeham McNeil said the new hospital is tangible proof that Jamaica is moving ahead in health tourism. Speaking at the opening ceremony Dr. McNeil said; "The more the investment in Jamaica and the more hotel rooms there are, it's good for the (owners of the hospital).

Right now in Jamaica, we are going through possibly, the most active period of investment in the tourism sector that we ever had."

The new hospital was established by the Hospiten Group, which is based in Spain.

"I want to welcome this investment by the Hospiten Group in Jamaica. I am really proud of their work as seen in this first of its kind in the English speaking Caribbean," the minister said.

The first-world facility, which is the only private Jamaican hospital with an intensive care unit (ICU) outside of Kingston, employs 300 people.

The hospital has 22 in-patient beds, two operating rooms, one delivery room and eight out-patients rooms.

St. Kitts

St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris is alleging corruption of EC\$11 million loan scheme implemented by the former government to assist entrepreneurs.

Harris, who is also finance minister, said the monies for the Sugar Diversification Foundation-funded program Small Enterprise Assistance Fund (SEAF), had been "squandered" by the Denzil Douglas-led administration.

He told a press conference that the program administered by former

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Slain NYPD officer to be buried in Guyana

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area, to ensure it is in tip top shape,” declared Debra Lewis, public relations officer at City Hall.

While officials rushed to ensure the city is not embarrassed by the state of the cemetery, upstart Jamaica-based carrier Fly Jamaica announced that it is flying Holder’s remains, family members, well wishers and dozens of NYPD officers to Guyana from New York on a flight transiting Jamaica and arriving about 9 pm on Thursday night.

Fly Jamaica’s Roxanne Reece said the airline which operates between Guyana, Jamaica, the U.S. and Canada, has been swamped by requests for seats on its Boeing 767 aircraft “but we can take only so much.”

Holder, 30, was killed on Oct. 20 after being shot in Manhattan’s East Harlem district as he and his partner had been chasing a man while responding to a call of shots fired in the neighborhood.

The suspect, 30-year-old Tyrone Howard, has been charged with murder and robbery. A grand jury has already indicted him, but the charges would not be formally announced until just before Thanksgiving with a state Supreme Court arraignment on Nov. 24. His attorney has said there are missing details in the case.

The slain cop had joined the NYPD in 2010 to continue a tradition of male members of his family as both his father and grandfather had served in the Guyanese Police Force during the



A memorial honoring slain NYPD Officer Randolph Holder is attached to a fence of the Wagner housing project in New York, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. Associated Press / Verena Dobnik

60s and 70s.

Reece said many who knew Holder both as an officer as well as those in the Diaspora community want to make the trip and participate in services and ceremonies alongside close about 35 department officers and representative of the mayor’s office scheduled to make the trip.

On Tuesday, hundreds of fellow officers participated in a wake for Holder, some waiting in line for hours in the chilly weather to pay respects to him and family members.

Fair Chance

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Only after a job offer is made may employers ask about criminal convictions and—with the applicant’s permission—run a background check. After reviewing the applicant’s conviction history, employers may withdraw the job offer only if the candidate’s criminal record is directly related to the job or if hiring the individual would pose an unreasonable risk.

“I am proud New York City has joined the ranks of more than 100 cities across the country to give all job applicants a fair chance at employment,” said Council Member Jumaane D. Williams (D-Brooklyn), deputy leader and co-lead sponsor of the Fair Chance Act.

“Not only does employment strengthen communities and lower recidivism, but employers will have access to a broader range of qualified candidates to consider,” added the representative for the 45th Council District in Brooklyn.

“This is the strongest ban the box law in the nation, and will ensure that all New Yorkers, including those with convictions for previous mistakes, will have an equal opportunity to compete for jobs they qualify for,” Williams continued.

Leaders of the Fair Chance NYC coalition gathered with elected officials in front of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Tuesday to celebrate the new law.

The coalition of more than 25 community, labor, and faith organizations includes VOCAL-NY, the National Employment Law Project, the Community Service Society, 32BJ SEIU, and Faith in New York, among others.

The Fair Chance Act was introduced by Williams, Corey Johnson, and Ritchie Torres, at the request of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. It was passed by the City Council in June.

“We call this law the Fair Chance Act because that’s what it will give everyone,” said Brewer, co-lead sponsor of the Fair Chance Act. “We will no longer let the mere fact that a person was arrested become a black mark that closes every door.

“We’re all better off when every New Yorker is free to build a better future,” Brewer added. “I’m proud to have sponsored this bill in partnership with Council Member Williams, and am thrilled to see it finally enacted.”

Johnson said the Fair Chance Act will give all qualified applicants a fair chance to compete for jobs by deferring questions about criminal history until after a conditional job offer.

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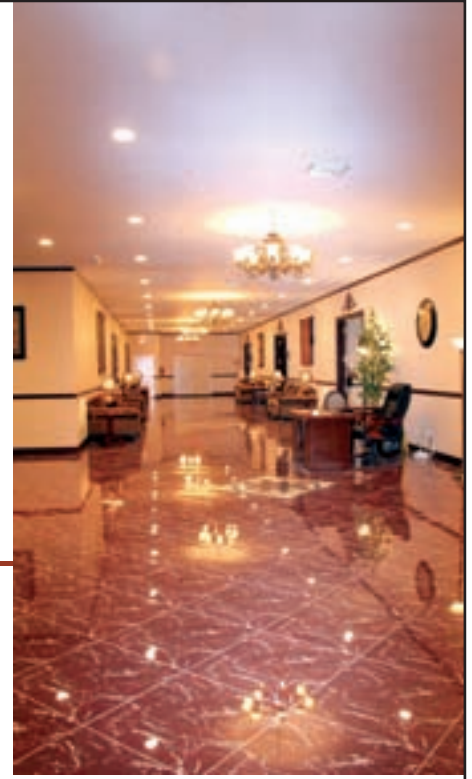
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Williams chairs hearing on bicycles in NYC buildings

By Nelson A. King

New York City Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings, chaired by Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane D. Williams last held a hearing to consider three pieces of legislation on bicycles in office buildings and elevator violations.

The Committee received testimony from representatives of the Department of Buildings (DOB), the Department of Transportation (DOT), property owners, bicycling advocates and other interested members of the public.

The three bills heard were Int. No. 405, 695 and 795. Intro. 405 would require office buildings provide foldable bicycle access in passenger elevators. Currently, certain office buildings are required to provide bicycle access only in freight elevators.

Int. No. 695 would require owners of residential buildings to allow tenants or subtenants to use building elevators to transport their bicycles to and from their apartments.

Int. No. 795 would require office buildings to allow bicycles to be brought into the buildings and use freight elevators the same as ordinary freight.

Where freight is provided unescorted access to freight elevators, bicycles would be transported in the same way, said Williams, who is also Deputy Leader of the City Council.

The 2009 "Bicycle Access to Buildings Law," required owners, managers or other persons in control of a commercial



Councilman Jumaane D. Williams.
Associated Press / Robert Mecea

office building with at least one freight elevator to, upon a tenant's request for bicycle access, file a Bicycle Access Plan or Exception Request with DOT.

The plan must be completed and implemented within 30 days of the tenant's request.

An Exception Request can be made if: the building's freight elevator is not available for use because unique circumstances exist involving substantial safety risks directly related to the use of such elevator; or there is sufficient, secure, alternate, no-cost bicycle parking available indoors or in a covered off-street location and such parking is either on the premises or within three blocks or 750 feet of such premises, whichever is less.

Caribbean Airlines win travel award

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago state-owned Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) has won the "Caribbean's Leading Airline" for the fifth time at the recent annual World Travel Awards held at Sandals Emerald Bay Golf, Tennis & Spa Resort Great Exuma, Bahamas.

In accepting the award on behalf of the airline, Chief Executive Officer Michael DiLollo stated: "Our customers are at the heart of everything we do at Caribbean Airlines, and we are very proud to be recognized by them. This award comes at a time when Caribbean Airlines has had a successful summer peak performance".

"Our teams have worked hard and

our frontline employees have persevered to make a positive difference. We are also in the final weeks before cutting over to our new Amadeus Passenger Service System, which will further enhance our customers' travel experience," he said.

Commenting on the title, World Travel Awards founder, Graham Cooks said: "I am delighted Caribbean Airlines has been recognized by our voters as the "Caribbean's Leading Airline" for the fifth time.

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People-powered data set to transform dull statistics

By Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 26, 2015 (IPS) - You probably didn't notice it was World Statistics Day last week because, let's be honest, statistics don't have the most exciting reputation. Thankfully, I have a feeling this is about to change, big time.

We are witnessing a radical democratisation with regard to how information is being produced. New technologies are revolutionising the way that data is produced, used and understood, and this will have profound impacts on how citizens approach statistics.

For those of us who work in civil society, particularly in international development, things are going to change dramatically – and not a moment too soon. The companies that sell us shampoo, the pollsters who advise our politicians and the national security agencies who monitor our movements have already learned to use data in fascinating and sometimes scary ways. Yet the

global development community has lagged behind.

For example, in analysing the Millennium Development Goals, we rely on patchy, often outdated data that was as much as five years old, often collected using retrospective household surveys. This need no longer be the case.

Everywhere we look, we see armies of people equipped with tools they can use to monitor and report on every aspect of human development, from corruption to health services and education: a new ecosystem of many and varied players producing and curating data. This sort of people-powered accountability will become a crucial driver of progress towards the new Sustainable Development Goals.

We need no longer set our course and fly blind, landing only once every few years to check our co-ordinates and refuel. It is possible to have the data at our fingertips that will enable us to continually reassess priorities and re-allocate

targeted resources.

In order to translate such possibility into reality, CIVICUS has joined forces with more than 20 other international organisations, including governments, the United Nations and private sector bodies, in a Global Partnership on Sustainable Data. For our own part, we are pioneering thedatashift.org, an initiative designed to build the capacity and confidence of civil society organisations in creating and using citizen-generated data to monitor development progress, demand accountability and campaign for transformative change.

Global and multi-sectoral partnerships like this one will be crucial in driving investment in official government produced statistics, in funding innovation and in improving data literacy and use. One of our biggest challenges will be to plug traditional sources of data in much more innovative and effective ways into the wealth of data already being produced by the private sector, by citizens, by universities and by NGOs. We live in a data-rich world. Yet too often banks of data exist in silos, isolated by their disparate formats. Difficult to access and still more difficult to interpret, these become data graveyards.

Of course, our efforts to resurrect this data and to bring

into play the many new sources of information available in pursuit of global development goals, are not without dangers. Issues of privacy and public trust are foremost. Safeguarding against potential abuses of data will be fundamental to the success of this revolution.

We must also be prepared for statistics to become a politically sensitive battleground. For example, the recent Tanzanian Statistics Act could make it illegal to describe any data that has not been approved by the government as “official.” The official intention – if I can describe it as such – is to support a more robust statistics body at government level, rather than to prohibit free speech. But the move points towards a more profound struggle to control who narrates the story of progress.

As civil society groups drive an increased demand for and use of data, they are achieving changes in government policy, a fundamental power-shift in the relationship between the state and its citizens. Statistics might seem dull, but there is little doubt that they wield enormous power.

Fifteen years ago, as an intern at UNDP's Human Development Report Office, I remember feeling proud that we were talking about measuring progress in ways that went beyond the

gross domestic product (GDP). Since then of course, we've seen the development of numerous wellbeing, happiness and social progress indices. But I've also come to realise the true limitation of all these metrics: almost all of them rely on experts, most often sitting in London or New York, to define the parameters of social progress; to decide who and what matters enough to be counted; to decide which story to tell.

In the next few years, I hope that we will move towards a more democratic (crowd sourced?) model of defining human development and, in so doing, paint a far richer, more nuanced picture of social progress.

Five years ago, the theme for the first official World Statistics Day was “celebrating the many achievements of official statistics.” This year it was about “better data; better lives.” It is an indication of how far we have already come. By the time World Statistics Day comes around in 20 October 2020 – get it in your diaries now – we will have seen far-reaching changes in the way we curate statistics to both shape and reveal the story of sustainable development.

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Another likely exit from GOP circus

In this long-running circus that is the Republicans' search for a 2016 presidential nominee, many things in the process haven't been breaking right for the party. Not least is the continued presence of a guy whose position at the top in the polling of Republican voters should rightly be an insult to the intelligence of the overall American electorate. More understandably, the sampling of Republican voters has revealed numbers for some in the oddball bunch seeking the nomination that are a proper reflection of what their favorability in the public square deserves to be. One such is the aspirant who today has less company than he used to in his belief that he's doing a marvelous job as New Jersey's governor.

Chris Christie's languishing among the single-digit rankings in polls seems just about correct, for someone bringing as much baggage as he does to the presidential wannabe table. Christie was one of the faces that popped up on last Sunday's TV talkfest, making

with the typical bluster that he and his handlers evidently figured to be his ticket to bigger and better things...like the presidency. Only, it doesn't much look like such a plum is in the cards for the governor. Polls seem to be indicating that voters, Republican voters at that, have gotten hip rather early to the blowhard that Christie essentially is.

Most striking, perhaps, about the Christie poll findings is how the governor now fares on his home turf. He is shown to be trailing five Republican contenders for New Jersey's nominee preference. Sixty percent of the Garden State's GOP voters think he should call it quits with his campaign that is clearly not headed in the right direction. Very tellingly, a solid majority of those voters thought "presidential" wasn't an apt description for the governor. And those anemic poll results regarding the Christie presidential delusions only mirror the now constantly negative trend that shows up in surveys of New Jersey residents about

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

Christie's job approval.

What we've got, obviously, is a dramatic turnaround from the salad days of yore when Christie and the minions charged with marketing the product that is the boss man had no qualms about their sky-is-the-limit expectations. Prospects looked good too, the governor once upon a time polling as the GOP's best head-to-head gladiator against presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. The Washington Bridge scandal and Christie's being blamed for the state's sagging economic well being only amplified the guy's arrogance and perceived bullying tendencies, that are the core of his off-putting qualities. Given all of which, it's only natural, perhaps, that Jerseyites would today critically revisit stuff they let slide earlier, resulting in a poll finding

like the 51 percent who now question Christie's canceling of the massive Trans-Hudson tunnel project that had been approved, with federal funds secured, prior to Christie's becoming governor.

Collectively, the Christie demerits make for a picture that does not a whole lot to enhance the governor's appeal in his quest for the nomination. But in truth, never mind other issues like his state's tanking economy or the Washington Bridge fiasco being thrown into the mix, what would have been a deal breaker for Christie anyway, as we've always maintained here, is his apparent inability to appreciate the distinction between showering insults and putdowns on other political players and doing the same to average citizens. Anyone with the reputation Christie has for being brusque and ill-tempered in public ought to shelve Oval Office fantasies. Indeed, he should thank his lucky stars that he got elected governor, or to any public office prior to that.

On his latest Sunday morn-

ing TV splash, Christie was asked about the House Benghazi Committee's recent questioning of Hillary Clinton. And to no one's surprise, he took a contrarian view to the generally favorable opinion, across the board, that followed Clinton's Capitol Hill appearance. With characteristic bravado, Christie insisted he would have accomplished in questioning Clinton what the Republicans on the panel could not. That's the kind of chest-beating about which Christie is never shy.

But something that followed his TV appearance probably speaks to the state of Christie's presidential quest narrative much more accurately than his predictable brashness on the tube. On his way back to New Jersey from D.C., a reportedly too loud Christie was ejected from the train's "quiet car." A perfect metaphor, it seems, for Christie's political fortunes these days. And it very well could have been hinting at another of the 2016 GOP wannabes reduced to leaving the herd as the only option.

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(Back row center) Nazareth Regional High School Board Member Sharon Gordon, Principal Providence Quiles, Chairman of the Board Sharon Patrick, along with the girls basketball team, boy's football team and Nazareth Peace Officers.

Good Samaritan saves Nazareth

By Kevin Bollers

This is the story of Nazareth Regional High School in Brooklyn, New York. Nazareth has been a part of the East Flatbush community for over fifty years in which they have been actively educating immigrants in the area who started out as Irish and Italians and as time progressed mostly Caribbean and of the Caribbean diaspora.

Nazareth came to the brink of closing in Fall 2012 by decree of the Brooklyn Diocese. Principal Providence Quiles, who had only been in her position for six months explained the reason for Nazareth's near demise. "When I first took the job, I said that I was going to need three to five years to turn the school around. It had declining enrollment, financial issues; the building was really in need of tender loving care and so there were a lot of issues that needed to be dealt with. Midway through the year, the board decided that all of these challenges were more than could be bared."

When the news broke, it caused much distress on the students, the parents, the faculty, staff and all associated with Nazareth. Quiles described the stress felt by the community. "There was a lot of resistance from all levels from the faculty to the parents to the students and there was strong concern that the one school that was graduating kids at 98 percent in this community was going to be shut down and in only a matter of three months."

To make matters even worse, one month prior to this announcement, beloved coach for Nazareth's girls basketball team, Apache Paschall, unexpectedly passed away from an aggressive form of cancer. Nazareth was being hit with wave after wave of pain and grief.

A notice was sent out for a town



From left, Nazareth Regional High School Principal Providence Quiles, Board Chairman Sharon Patrick, Nazareth Girls Basketball Coach Ron Kelly and Board Member Sharon Gordon.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

hall meeting where parents, faculty, students and members of the community at large were able to voice their concern and opposition to closing the school. "The hardest part for us was that it seemed that we had not been given a fair chance at saving the school and we just wanted to know why," said Quiles.

After a meeting at the school with parents and teachers and board members, Nazareth was blessed with a "fairy godmother" in the person of Sharon Patrick. She gave the school a \$500,000.00 loan as a result of being convinced that Principal Quiles' four-year plan to save the school could actually work. She came on board with the principal, got a seat on the board and helped execute the plan.

Williams hosts co-naming of Brooklyn streets

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane D. Williams on Saturday, Oct. 17 was joined by State Assemblyman N. Nick Perry, Catherine McAuley High School alumni and more than 100 community members during a ceremony to co-name East 37th Street and Foster Avenue in Brooklyn “Catherine McAuley High School Way.”

The school, which closed in 2013, was an all-girls’ private Catholic high school in East Flatbush that was founded by the Brooklyn Sisters of Mercy in 1942.

It remains the only all-girls Catholic high school in Brooklyn or Queens to have earned the Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

“Catherine McAuley High School was a beacon in the East Flatbush community for decades, known for its aca-

demix excellence and positive community impact,” said Williams, deputy leader and chair of the City Council’s Housing and Buildings Committee.

“Named after Mother Catherine Elizabeth McAuley who exemplified public service, the all-girls’ Catholic high school was designated a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence - the first and only in my district,” he added.

“Though it closed in 2013, I am proud that it will forever live on by co-naming East 37th Street and Foster Avenue ‘Catherine McAuley High School Way,’” Williams continued.

On Aug. 10, 2015, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed into law Intro. 849, a piece of legislation that Williams co-sponsored, co-naming East 37th Street and Foster Avenue “Catherine McAuley High School Way.”

During Saturday’s ceremony,



Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, center, joined more than 100 community members during Saturday’s street co-naming ceremony for “Catherine McAuley High School Way.”

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Williams thanked the following community members and alumni for pushing this initiative, many of whom were present during the street-co-naming ceremony: Lee Burnett, transportation chair of Community Board 17; Coral Barnett, Community Board 17 staff member; Josephine Valente; Jewel Brown; Melba P. Brown; Sister Margaret Dempsey; June George; Peggy

Lake; Sister Rosemary Maguire; Carol McIntosh M.D.; Chantal Antoine; Renee Hastick Motes; Camille Hastick Ortiz; Xamayla Rose-Persadi; Sharon Rose; Mary Helen Taylor; Sister Mary Ann Noonan; and Imani Hastick.

“I am grateful to Council Member Williams for this tribute to CMCA; it makes me feel proud to be an alumna,” said Xamayla Rose-Persadi, Class

of 1998.

“CMCA prepared all girls for the rigors of college and allowed us to realize our God given potential early in life—that is laudable,” she added. “Even though the school closed, I’m relieved that the Alumnae Association will continue this tradition of helping Brooklyn girls afford a quality education. That’s the McAuleyan way.”

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Ambassador Roslyn Hazel, was allegedly used to “gift” large sums to the Labor Party candidates, their families and friends and to buy votes ahead of the general election.

PM Harris said that no serious efforts were made to hold beneficiaries accountable for repayments, however the new government intended to recover monies from delinquent borrowers of the program.

“Only 75 of the 300 loan recipients had made any form of repayment, totaling \$171,000 out of \$11 million disbursed,” Dr. Harris said.

He also expressed concerns that persons administering the program who were already on the government’s payroll were being paid hefty sums for this role. He pointed to one ambassador being paid \$50,000 and another \$76,000.

The prime minister was adamant that the monies would be recouped so that genuine would-be entrepreneurs can benefit.

Suriname

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) has called on all Caribbean countries to follow in Suriname’s footsteps and take the death penalty off the statute books.

The call came in an IACHR statement to mark 2015 World Day Against the Death Penalty recently.

After voting last December in favor of a resolution in the United Nations General Assembly on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, Suriname’s Parliament approved the abolition under a new Criminal Code in March this year.

“Suriname’s decision marks a very important step forward — one the IACHR applauds and hopes will become an example for the countries in the region that will have capital punishment,” said the Organization of American States’ human rights body.

“The commission notes that the

elimination of the death penalty in Suriname’s Criminal Code represents an opportunity for the Caribbean countries to make significant progress in guaranteeing human rights in the region,” it said.

The IACHR also stressed the need for countries that still allow for capital punishment in their legislation to move forward toward the goal of abolishing the death penalty throughout the region or at least imposing a moratorium on its application.

It further invited states that have not yet done so, to ratify the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Trinidad

The double-murder of a 72-year-old British-born attorney Richard Wheeler and his Trinidad-born wife Grace who were hacked to death has sent shocked waves in the sister isle, Tobago on Tuesday night.

Wheeler has been living on the island for the past 16 years and his wife, 63, a real estate agent, were discover with her throat slit, while her husband was chopped to death at their home in Riseland Gardens by a yard attendant around 11 am.

Police officers who were at the scene described the act as “gruesome and very bloody.”

Investigators believe the motive was robbery as the house was ransacked.

Since 2008 there have been seven other cases of expatriates being murdered in Tobago.

The United Kingdom has issued an update in its travel advisory saying that “most visits to Tobago are trouble free but tourists (including British nationals) have been robbed. The inability of the authorities to catch and prosecute offenders remains a concern.”

He said law enforcement support from the UK had not yet been sent to assist local police but emphasized the UK was willing to lend support.

— compiled by Azad Ali



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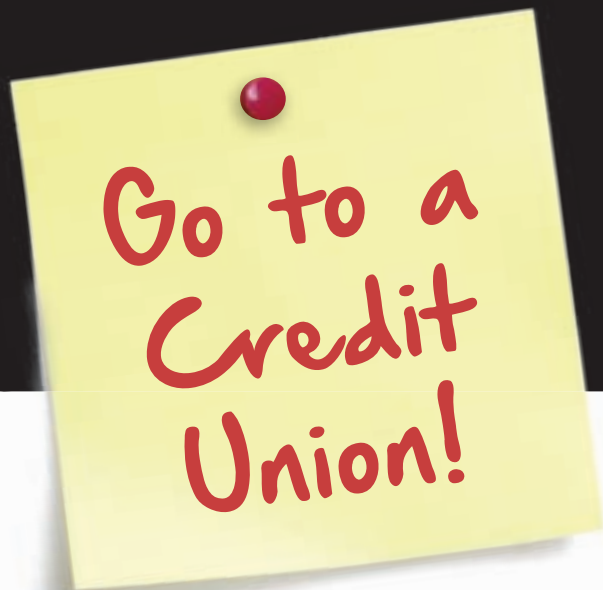
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Healthy plant based food for the community

By Alley Olivier

How many plants find their way onto your dinner plate? We all love a balanced dish of rice and peas, macaroni pie, and some sort of chicken but what about that daily dose of vegetable packed with the nutrients to keep our bodies healthy?

Providing a few appetizers and main dishes to fold into your diet – without proposing you to ditch meat – is husband-and-wife duo Jason and Monica John.

Their new business, Plant Based For You, provides plant based recipes for entrepreneurs on the go looking to add a splash of green to their diet.

“We are a company that specializes in teaching busy entrepreneurs and professionals how to incorporate more plant based meals into their diet. That doesn’t mean anti-meat or anti-fish, it just means more healthy, nutritious, non-vending machine, non-fast-food, prepared by yourself or someone else,” Jason John explained.

The vegan couple’s company operates as more than just a collection of accessible recipes for all who are interested in leading a healthier lifestyle. The John’s view Plant Based For You as a platform to educate and advocate for minority companies who are under-represented in the plant based movement.

“What we do is provide a platform and a support sys-



Husband-and-wife duo Jason and Monica John are holding their “Live Lo-Mein” - instead of using regular starch or flour based noodles, the couple uses zucchini and squash to make noodles using a device called a Spiralizer. No cooking required. Jason John

tem for those people looking to have a healthier lifestyle but don’t know where to start,” Monica John said.

Personally facing opposition from families and friends during their own lifestyle change, the entrepreneurial couple want to engage the African American community with the right education so that no matter what their socio-economic level is they are armed with the knowledge of choice.

Launched in August, the couple has crafted a menu featuring six dishes including their kale salad, a raw plantain salad, a savory chick pea pancake with cashew cream,

a pineapple fried quinoa, spicy mango zucchini noodles, and sunshine burgers — foundationally based in brown rice and sunflower seeds. Thanks to curiosity, their food is not necessarily a hard sale; this is, in part, due to their use of familiar ingredients such as plantain and curry.

“Your tongue has memory and what you do is access that memory of the tongue and the body so that it feels like home and that’s where you can pull people in,” she explained. “Bringing something to somebody that they’re already familiar with so that there isn’t that opposition because they already

know what it is.”

Their healthy recipes did not happen over night. John, who has been a vegetarian for 20 years prior to starting the company, relishes on the fact that just because you are on a particular diet does not necessarily mean you are healthy.

“Just because you’re a vegetarian or vegan, that doesn’t necessarily mean you’re healthy. I found out that I had late-adopted eczema and my wife had issues with her colon. We felt that for the benefit for ourselves so that we can be here for our daughter and our community that we would start eating better and teach others

to eat better,” he said.

Their commitment to their community drives their motivation to take Plant Based For You to the next level. A photographer by trade, John implements group business economics in each of his photography lessons at various schools he teaches and his approach to expanding his business.

In the coming months, he and his wife intend to expand their business to include an assortment of products — deodorants, shampoos, body butters, tooth paste etc. — a restaurant that they will co-own with a friend who owns a juicing company, and a delivery service that will provide plant based milks.

“I stress this on my students that they become producers and not consumers because the black community needs people who are making things as opposed to just buying things and not having that money circle within the community,” he said.

“Our passion is to help and educate people so that’s what Plant Based For You represents; it represents accessibility, education, advocacy, and support,” Monica John added.

With this operating as the purpose behind the brand, the couple’s entrepreneurial pursuits are more than just being their own bosses — it is their way of being the change they hope to see in their own communities.

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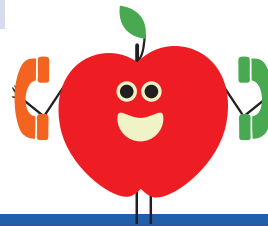


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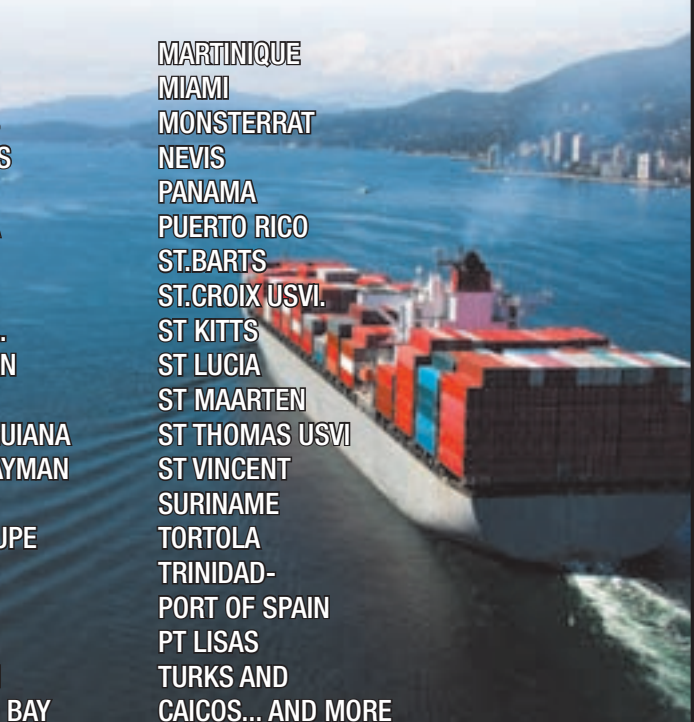
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Haitians vote in tense presidential election

By David McFadden and Danica Coto

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian voters faced a ballot featuring more than 50 presidential candidates on Sunday as they selected a leader they hope might be able to lift the nation out of poverty and turbulence.

The field is so crowded and confusing that there's little clarity about who might be leading; polls have been unreliable and contradictory.

The voting process was generally orderly across Haiti, although there were some early signs of confusion.

At a voting center in Port-au-Prince's Martissant slum, an elections supervisor repeatedly yelled at dozens of people trying to force their way in. "No voting two times!"

People shouted back that they were being prevented from voting once.

Varnel Polycard, a vendor of phone chargers, walked away fuming.

"I'm here to vote, and they are trying to stop me," he said.

People shoved to stay in line at a polling center in the Petionville district of Port-au-Prince, where police gave the unruliest people in line short zaps with a Taser when brief scuffles broke out.

In the Delmas 3 area, Associated Press journalists found onlookers gathered around the battered corpse of a man wearing wristbands of the political party of President Michel Martelly. Those in the crowd denied political motive: They said he was a pig thief killed by a mob.

The continuing appeal of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was on display as thousands of people greeted him in the capital when he voted, many chanting "Aristide is our blood."

The former leader has largely kept out of the public since returning to Haiti in 2011 after seven years in exile following his 2004 ouster.

He arrived to vote with pres-

idential candidate Maryse Narcisse, but some in the crowd said they were backing rival Moise Jean Charles, a sign of splinters in the Lavalas party that Aristide founded.

Whoever wins the Dec. 27 runoff faces numerous challenges, including spurring the country's chronically sputtering economy and weaning it off dependence of foreign aid donors, who are largely funding this year's roughly \$70 million three-round electoral process.

Among the best-known names on the ballot is Jude Celestin, a former head of the state-run construction company who was the government-backed candidate in the 2010 race. That time, he was eliminated from a runoff after his reported victory was challenged by foreign observers who complained of irregularities.

Others include President Michel Martelly's pick, Jovenel Moise, a political newcomer who has called for restoration



A man votes during elections in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday Oct. 25, 2015. The country is holding the first-round presidential vote Sunday along with balloting for numerous legislative races and local offices.

Associated Press / Dieu Nalio Chery

of Haiti's army, and ex-Sen. Charles, a sharp critic of Martelly who brands himself as a voice for Haiti's poor and disenfranchised.

Final results are not expected until late November, according to the country's Provisional Electoral Council.

The day before the polls opened, Moise supporters handed out free bags of rice, spaghetti and cooking oil to a crowd in Port-au-Prince. Mamoune Pierre-Louis, 32, said the handout would not sway her because she did not plan to vote anyway.

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Chef Thomas' unconventional approach to food

By Alley Olivier

Through food, we have the ability to travel to various countries and sample their cultures without ever boarding a plane.

Chef Cindy Thomas welcomes cultures to clash through inventive recipes such as Asian inspired spring rolls filled ackee and saltfish.

The Trinidadian native employs blending her own Caribbean culture with other countries as a way to keep her inspired and shock those who sample her delicious creations.

"I'm a person who gets kind of bored doing the same thing all the time. I never was satisfied to just stay in Brooklyn, Crown Heights, or around the same people," Thomas explained.

The self-taught chef approaches each dish with an openness to follow wherever her mind takes her. With no formal training in culinary arts, Thomas follows the ingredients lead to concoct her



Chef Cindy Thomas' delightful zucchini bruschetta.

dishes.

"It's a lab, it's a temple — it's everything. I swear to you, and I'm going to sound crazy, sometimes when the idea hits me it's almost like when people get the Holy Ghost in church," she said.

Starting her catering company Fiesty Flavors Catering in 2011, Thomas has completely immersed herself in cooking.

She tested her abilities and chef skill set while appearing on Food Network's competitive cooking show, "Cutthroat Kitchen" in November 2014.

It was there that Thomas received national recognition for her culinary pursuits.

"The fact that I had no training and I didn't even apply to the show, they found me on Instagram. I didn't even care if I won, I just didn't want to get kicked out in the first round," she said.

The whirlwind experience hasn't evaporated like most 15 minutes of fame. Her push to continue diversifying her demographic and challenging her culinary expertise remain her primary goals.

Once again putting herself to the test and in the spotlight, Thomas secured two spots in the New York City Wine and Food Festival — attending the prestigious festival as a vendor for the first time.

"They have thousands of people that come through



Chef Cindy Thomas' delightful zucchini bruschetta.

there, they walk through, taste your food — basically putting your food on display," Thomas explained. "You're giving out samples and you never know

who can pick up a sample. They could be an investor, somebody famous, it's just a good way to put yourself out there and introduce yourself to people."



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Hakka Chinese Hail Lee — Jamaica's Dragon

By Vinette K. Pryce

Reportedly, there are 800 million Hakka-Chinese descendants from China residing all over the world.

But until last Friday, there has not been a single Hakka Caribbean national to receive the coveted Walking Buddha Achievement Award.

Byron Aloysius St. Elmo Lee, a Jamaican musician popularly known as Byron Lee changed that by claiming the first ever for his pioneering effort in promoting his island's ska, rock steady and reggae music and for introducing carnival revelry to Jamaica in 1990.

Accepted by his daughter Julianne, the carved, jade-colored, miniature Buddha represents the spirit of the migratory Hakkas and symbolically reward the pioneering and enterprising tradition many have maintained since their ancestors left the mainland.

"My father was a great man," Julianne said as her voice broke as if fraught with sadness and



Byron Lee performing at WCMF 2006.

mother and Hakka Chinese father.

At age eight or nine, his family moved to Kingston where he honed his skill becoming a musician and soon after dubbed The Dragon.

A short biographical documentary hinted Lee's earlier arrival to the 1964 World's Fair in Flushing, Queens and in the process provided video accounts of his emergence in 1957 from Kingston's Glass Bucket Club bandleader of the Dragonaires to appearing in 1992 in the Ian Fleming Sean Connery blockbuster, "Dr. No," the very first James Bond film.

"The high point of my life was to be in the first James Bond film," Lee reportedly said in an interview. "I am proud of that because all the young people who watch the James Bond series can remember seeing us; it goes on forever, and the parents will tell their son or daughter, 'I danced to that band.'"

The short feature also



Pat Chin and her son Chris of VP Records.

ascribed Lee's beginning years when he taught himself to play the bass on a homemade instrument.

Lee's friend and associ-

ate Carl Brady explained that around 1950, Lee formed the Dragonaires — named after St. George's College football team

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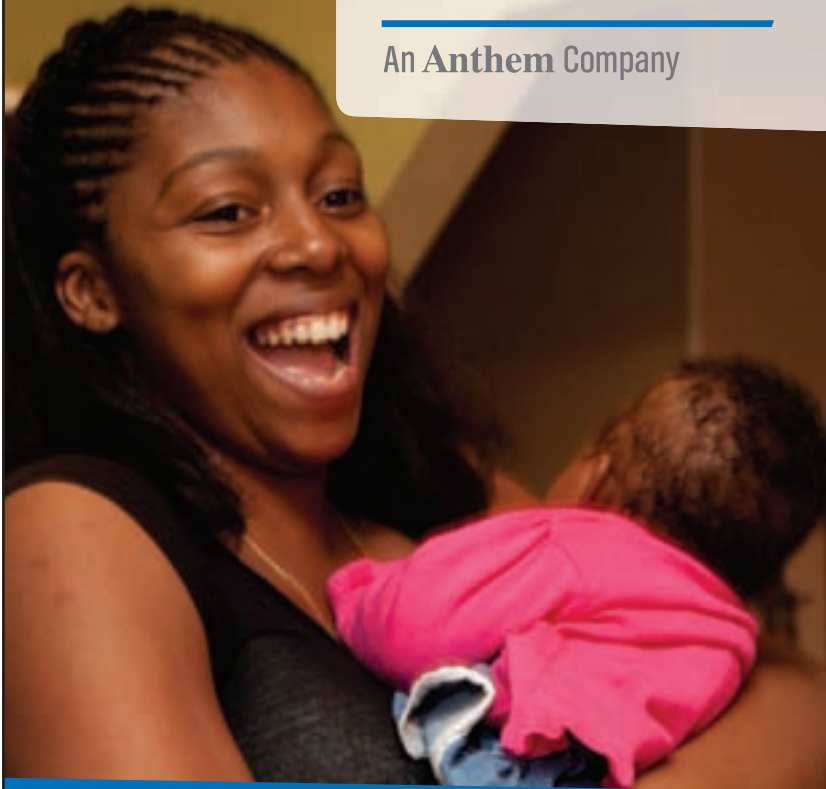
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Attorney-at-Law Vrinda S. Jagan at her Richmond Hill, Queens office.

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Vrinda Jagan finds her niche

By Tangerine Clarke

The name 'Jagan' is synonymous with a long legacy of politics in Guyana and even though the epithet opened doors for Vrinda S. Jagan, Esq., a general practitioner, she is confident that clients now seek her services because of the trust she has built up in the Guyanese and Caribbean community.

"I am lucky and very honored to be named Jagan, while trying to fill those big shoes, my way. In the beginning clients came into my office because of the name. But I have proven myself and I know clients are satisfied when they leave my practice," said the granddaughter of former President of the Guyana, the late Dr. Cheddi Jagan, and daughter of politician Dr. Cheddi "Joey" Jagan Jr.

"The name certainly open doors for me because not everyone could run a private practice alone, and at the same time be accepted by a very kind and trusting community," said 30-year old Jagan, whose late grandmother, American-born Janet Jagan was also, Guyana's former president.

Named after the Hindu Goddess, Vrinda, the former Brooklyn resident who was "priced" out of the borough, but never regretted opening her law firm in Queens, said when her sign went up in September 2013, she did not know what to expect.

"Even though I practice general law, I found myself representing clients on mostly immigration matters, more so than criminal, matrimony, family law, or divorce cases," said Jagan.

"I have heard of horrible stories of people living in basements, struggling to send remittances back home, and who were left at the mercy of unscrupulous immigration lawyers. This is why I am a strong advocate for people who have found themselves in such situations," said the attorney who is inspired by her late grandfather and practice what he would have wanted — fairness and truth.

Images of the former politician hang proudly of Vrinda's office wall as a great reminder.

"My weakness is making people's problems my own, and becoming friends with my clients. When they face hardship, I feel like I have to face it with them," said the barrister who has become an adviser and mentor to youth in the community.

Pro-bono work has been very satisfying for the articulate lawyer, who recalled, saving a youth from an abusive relationship. She helped the student to return to school, and stays in touch with her.

Jagan wishes she could offer a free service to the community that she said is in great need of the service.

"Many citizens travel all the way from the Bronx for legal guidance. I am happy that I get to help my own Guyanese people, especially. My father who is a dentist encouraged me to either become a lawyer, or a dentist," she added.

"Today I love helping people, and since every case is different from the other, I am very particular with the cases I take on. Such as personal injury, which I referred to another law firm that is more experienced in this area of law," said Jagan, a wife and mother of a two-year old son.

The Brooklyn College graduate, and Thomas Jefferson School of Law, alum, who is also licensed to practice in New Jersey, would love to hang a 'shingle' in her parents' birthplace of Guyana where she lived during her younger years.

However, she must attend Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad for five-month tutorial, a requirement called disappointing time-wasting by Jagan, who passed the bar in the United States, and has been practicing for more than two years.

This is a dream deferred for the attorney, who is committed to giving back. As such, she plans to continue her passion to serve, and take on the challenges she sometimes face. One such is convincing the community that Caribbean-born lawyers and lawyers in general are trustworthy.



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Caribbean Airlines adjust to compete in market

By Tangerine Clarke

Leisure travel with Caribbean Airlines has become much more attractive to seasoned travel professionals who were promised superior reservations service, state-of-the-art aircraft and an updated frequent flyer miles program — as CAL repositions itself to compete with larger carriers plying the Caribbean route.

Caribbean Airlines will end its London route as of January 2016, to cut cost and to focus on its lucrative Jamaica, Grenada, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana direct destinations from John F. Kennedy International airport.

Sales Executive Carl Stuart unveiled a new jingle at New York's Wyndham Hotel, during the airline's first JFK Sales Presentation on Oct. 21. The catchy slogan will air on 1010 Winds, WBLS and CBS to capture the travel market.

Stuart also took travelers on a virtual journey to the warm and friendly Caribbean during

a power point presentation, and noted that the airline wanted to accommodate the market needs, and as such, looked at its history and came up with changes to revolutionize the carrier.

The carrier will offer free in-flight entertainment from individual monitors as part of the extreme makeover set to start in the second quarter of 2016. Stuart said this will give passengers a more relaxing travel experience.

In addition to placing emphasis on safety, CAL would allow passengers one complimentary baggage plus a second on at US\$25.00, and one carry on. A pre-24-four-meal choice in both business and economy class, and complimentary meals on flights more than four hours, are offered.

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According to Stuart, Bonus Miles will be earned for full-fare business class passengers who will also have access to enhanced Business Flying Lounge in 12 locations. This service, he noted, is in high demand and is available through inquires at the airports.

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"Caribbean Airlines is dedicated to helping build the economy of the Caribbean region by movement of goods, both coming in and going out," said Stuart.

Reiterating major proposed developments in the company, Valerie Rahaman Murphy, senior manager of Reservation and



Valerie Rahaman Murphy, senior manager of Reservation and Sales and Executive Carl Stuart after a presentation at the Wyndham Hotel, NYC.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Sales, said CAL would modernize the seating in its 767 aircraft.

"An aviation study showed London flights were filling planes, but the maintenance

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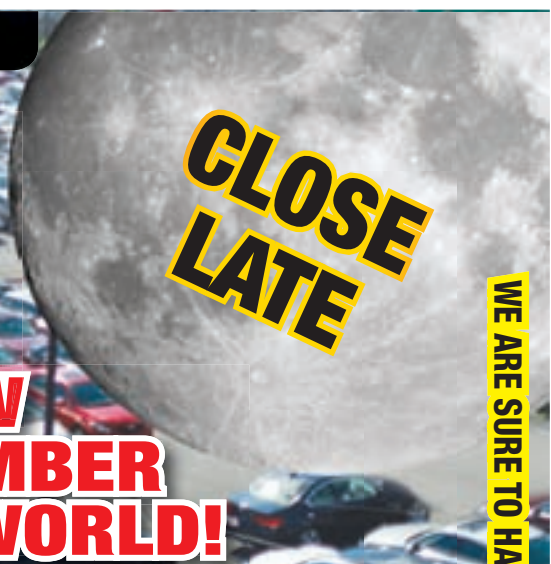
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New author pens book on karma

By Alley Olivier

There is a popular saying, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and many children are taught the value of practicing kindness, especially to those who are weaker than they are.

Ronald Haynie explores the darkness of elderly abuse, facing karma, and a spiritual realm including duppy in his first published fiction novel, "DUPPY: Ya Reap What'cha Sow."

"It is a story about a young man that is being haunted by his grandfather because he used to beat him at the height of the crack era in Harlem," Haynie explained.

Turning to writing following a tragic family experience, Haynie has generated two other versions of his story; a stage play and a screenplay performed as a radio drama.

His spinoffs kept him busy as he ventured through the complex world of publishing. Manifesting his motivation to

achieve his goal of publishing, Haynie pushed himself to continue contacting literary agents despite the mounting "no" letters.

"It took me 21 years to publish. Everything — the screenplay and stage play — was loosely based on the novel which sat, and sat, and sat," he said.

Haynie found a renewed sense of faith and gumption following his successful rendition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's speech recited from memory in Spanish.

"At the time, self-publishing became really hot and I decided I wanted to bring the book out and have each product compliment each other," he explained.

After 21 long years, Haynie is excited to celebrate his triumph by unveiling a story he hopes will shed light on an uncommon topic: abuse of the elderly.

"You hear stories about what goes on in the nursing homes



Ronald Haynie explores karma, abuse of the elderly, and tensions between American blacks and Caribbean Americans in "DUPPY: Ya Reap What'cha Sow."

Ronald Haynie

sometimes but what happens behind close doors with the elderly in their homes is another form of domestic abuse that no one ever speaks about," he said.

"DUPPY: Ya Reap What'cha Sow" is available on Amazon.

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Byron Lee

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Brady joked that Lee's instrument only had one string but many will attest that mento, the music of the genre could be well executed on such an instrument.

His band turned professional in 1956 and went on to become one of Jamaica's leading ska bands.

Toots Hibbert leader of the Maytals lauded Lee's production skills recounting how the musical genius advised him to repeat a progression many more times on a song he recorded after his release from prison.

The song he said was "5446" and after singing "give it to me to me one time, he told me to say two times, three times ..."

Needless to say, the song became a hit for the group.

Similarly Trinidad's Mighty Sparrow talked at length about his collaboration on an album — "Sparrow Meets The Dragon" which yielded soca and calypso hits.

According to Wikipedia: "Lee also became the head of distribution in Jamaica for Atlantic Records Lee... purchased the West Indies Records Limited (WIRL) recording studios from

Edward Seaga after fire had destroyed the pressing plant on the same site, and renamed it Dynamic Sounds."

"It soon became one of the best-equipped studios in the Caribbean, attracting both local and international recording artists, including Paul Simon and The Rolling Stones.

Lee died Nov. 4, 2008 of cancer at age 73.

Prior to his passing, the government of Jamaica awarded him the nation's gratitude with two of the highest honors, the Order of Distinction in 1892 — as well as the Order of Jamaica in 2008.

However, recently his lifelong contribution to Jamaica's music industry and 50-year career as the Dragon, the bandleader, producer, studio owner, and Jamaican musical icon was also rewarded posthumously, here at the Museum of Chinese in America.

The prestigious honor also marked the launch of the first Hakka Conference in New York City.

"Hakkas are descendants of Central and Northern China and are sometimes called the Jews of Asia for their mass migration and pioneering spirit. Today the majority of Hakka live in Guangdong."

PUBLIC MEETING #3

On the CSO Long Term Control Plan for the Alley Creek & Little Neck Bay

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Queensborough Community College
Science Building – Room 5-112

222-05 56th Avenue Bayside, New York City, NY 11364
6:00pm to 8:00pm

DEP will provide a brief presentation at 6:30pm.

When there are heavy rains and the sewer system has reached its capacity, a diluted mixture of rain water and sewage, also known as combined sewage, may overflow into local waterways as a combined sewer overflow (CSO). The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is developing a CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) that will identify and evaluate alternatives to reduce the impact of CSOs in NYC's waterbodies and waterway. In 2013, DEP submitted an LTCP for Alley Creek and Little Neck Bay to the New York State Department of Environmental Protection (DEC) for its review. At this meeting, you will learn about the LTCP and proposed alternatives/projects.

Join us as we seek your input in developing this plan.

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To RSVP, please email ltcp@dep.nyc.gov or call (718) 595-4148.

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Caribbean nationals grieve again

Here we go again.

Pained, disheartened and grieving, the Caribbean community is once again mourning the loss of a devoted and favorite son.

That Randolph Holder migrated from Guyana to live, work and raise a child in New York City is a footnote to his 33 years and the fact he joined the NYPD to serve adds another supplement to the tragic loss of a citizen of worth.

The higher addendum is that the entire Caribbean is grieving his senseless death.

Reportedly, PO Holder and partner Omar Wallace were in plainclothes, searching for an armed man on a stolen bicycle following a shootout near the East River Houses, when they encountered Tyrone "Peanut" Howard on a bike on the waterfront promenade.

Without warning, Howard allegedly shot the officer in the head.

Breaking news revealed that PO Holder, 33, was shot in the forehead by the coldhearted gunman, who had stolen a bike and was being pursued by cops along the promenade near the



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

East River.

PO Wallace returned fire, hitting his target in the rear.

The cop said at that point Howard ditched the bike and fled on foot.

Ultimately he was apprehended.

Later reports from the NYPD claim that gangs got into a dispute in front of a parking garage at 445 East 102nd Street and that is where shots were fired.

Police recovered a .40-caliber Glock handgun from the Harlem River that they believe Howard discarded while making his getaway after shooting PO Holder.

Certainly his death impacts on the entire community but it cannot be understated that just last month, as millions prepared to bring in the dawn of Sept. 7, a deranged gunman claimed the life of Carey Gabay, a Jamaican-American aide to Governor Andrew Cuomo.

At that time, shots were fired in the pre-dawn J'Ouvert revelry that annually ushers in the biggest Caribbean party on the eve of Labor Day.

According to the NYPD, the bullet intended for someone else, struck the 43-year-old first deputy counsel to the NYS governor in the back of his head as he tried to take cover in front of 1680 Bedford Ave. in East New York, Brooklyn.

Twenty-seven shell casings from five handguns, including 9-mms, were recovered at the scene.

The tragedy practically immobilized revelers.

Blame for the deaths were readily cast on a number of issues. Gangs, revenge against police brutality, a faulty criminal justice system and bad calls from the judiciary justified the politics associated with accountability for belated action.

An outraged Mayor Bill deBlasio



Above: A police officer says a silent prayer at the makeshift memorial to honor New York City Police Department Officer Randolph Holder outside the police station in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015. **Inset:** Officer Randolph Holder.

Associated Press / Mary Altaffer

sio and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton blasted the court program that freed the drug addicted — PCP-abuser — and a 16-year criminal perpetrator — for the murder of PO Holder.

Together they agreed it was the fact Howard eluded a six-term prison sentence when a Manhattan judge decided he could go free and the fact he had repeatedly eluded arrests as the cause of the heinous crime.

"The perpetrator involved here was obviously a hardened and violent criminal," Mayor de Blasio said.

"He should not have been on the streets."

"We know from the evidence recovered at the scene that there were at least three firearms that were fired," a police spokesman said.

But the elephant in the room

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bean Soccer Cup and was one of the "driving forces" behind the team's successes in the early years, starting in the 1990s.

Horne currently works as a senior activity specialist at Research Foundation at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College.

McBarnett said he grew up following the footsteps of his late grandfather, Archbishop Percival Dick, and his mother Margaret Quashie Dick, both Spiritual Baptist leaders. Mc Barnett is now an ordained Spiritual Baptist Minister.

McBarnett said he always wanted to help and give back to the community but did not know what to do or how to get started.

He, however, found a way to give back in 2011. While he was a member of St. Jude Baptist Church on Bristol Street in Brooklyn, McBarnett said church members travelled on a crusade to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Part of the church's mission was to distribute food, clothes and toiletries to the less fortunate, he said.

During the course of dis-



Pastor Robert McBarnett (L), his wife Sharon, and the Rev. Glyger Beach and his wife Candace.

Photo by Nelson King

tributions, McBarnett said he donated a wheelchair, which was given to him by his brother-in-law, to the Georgetown Hospital.

On returning to New York, McBarnett said he was "filled with joy and the idea" of continuing what he and his fellow church members had started.

Consequently, he said he urged the church to "do this more often and in a bigger and better way," but he lamented that "no one was interested" in his ideas.

So he said he "dropped the subject with them [church members] and went directly" to his wife, Sharon, with his

"big idea."

With Sharon's full support, McBarnett said they travelled in 2012 to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with "two oversized refrigerated boxes containing over

US\$10,000 worth of food, clothes, sheets, toiletries, crutches, wheelchairs, canes, books, pencils, bibles and other miscellaneous items for the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

After they returned to New York, McBarnett said they founded the St. Matthias Charities, Inc., named in honor of his late grandfather.

Gala

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tion, culture and community revitalization. David has served on the Restoration board for 19 years and Janet, as well as David, serves on the boards of many education and other non-profit organizations.

The Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration plaza — Fulton St. near Marcy — is home to the organization's headquarters and scores of local businesses, non-profits and government agencies, a supermarket, a satellite campus of the College of New Rochelle and Assemblywoman Annette Robinson's office.

Its Center for Arts and Culture includes the Skylight Gallery that hosts art exhibitions, special events, workshops, and book signings. Restoration's Youth Arts Academy offers 300 students instruction in dance, drama, and music; its a comprehensive arts education institution in the neighborhood. The Billie Holliday Theatre in its 43rd year produced four evening-length plays.

"Human development" has been a growing focus during Colvin Grannum's 14-year tenure as president / CEO. He explains,

"We asked people and they told us. People are most concerned about jobs. Restoration has built an infrastructure around jobs, quality jobs and qualifying people for those jobs."

Grannum added, "In the last seven years, we also provide financial coaching, helping people reduce debt, increase savings and clear up financial issues in order to help people get jobs." Additionally, there is a job readiness training program and also internships for youth.

In the area of housing (and Bed-Stuy has really experienced gentrification and increased real estate values) Grannum emphasized how Restoration is committed to mixed income housing and has worked to co-develop low-income and moderate housing. "A renovated low-income senior housing development with 150 units insured that some low-income long-term residents wouldn't be priced out of the neighborhood."

Grannum reflects on achievements, "We've seen thousands who have been impacted by Restoration." But it is complicated. "There are a lot of challenges," he says. "We see a growing need in job training and housing. We need to be stronger and collaborative to see shifts and changes in the community."

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Shuga, a rising star from Jamaica, is doing quite well for her self.
Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music, Inc.

Reggae Culture Salute

The Board of Directors of the Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music, Inc., (CPR) has announced the full lineup of artists to perform at the 11th annual Reggae Culture Salute on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Nazareth Regional High School Performance Center, 475 East 57th St., Brooklyn, New York from 8 pm to 1 am.

The family friendly, multimedia presentation commemorates the anniversary of the coronation of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Mennen of Ethiopia and is the hallmark event of the Coali-

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Guerilla ‘Nanny’ developed art of war

By Vinette K. Pryce

“Queen Nanny – Legendary Maroon Chieftainess,” the 59-minute document which premiered at the United Nations on Jamaica’s National Heroes Day on Oct. 19, furthered the quest for definitive history about Nanny, a fighter, leader and soldier who led an all-male army through inhospitable terrain in Jamaica and in the end beat the British at their best to emerge the only female among seven heroes of Jamaica.

Records reveal that only four books have explained the fierceness of the African woman.

Maroon, filmmaker Roy T. Anderson said in doing research for the film he only encountered four books in the his-

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Dennis Bowman performs at the New York Vincy Independence Calypso Competition at Café Omar, Brooklyn.
Photo by Nelson A. King

In Vincy NY Calypso Competition

By Nelson A. King

With clearly less controversy that had bedeviled the inaugural New York Vincy Independence Calypso Competition last year, Dennis Bowman, perennial finalist in the national calypso competition in Vincy Mas, Friday night re-captured the New York Vincy Independence Calypso crown.

The veteran calypsonian won the crown in a field of five other contenders at Café Omar on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn-based Dynamite Calypso Tent, the lone Vincentian

calypso tent in North America, organized the event.

Singing “Take Care of SVG,” Bowman garnered 270 points — eight points ahead of his closest challenger, John “D Truth” Dougan (“For a Brighter Future”). Delano “Detector” Crawford (“Welcome”) placed third, with 244 points.

Other contenders were: Kenroy “Jakie” Jack (“One Day”); Vincent “Groovy D” Kennedy (“We Different”); and Francis “Stryker” Brown (“How Independent Are We?”).

Earl “Exposer” Isles and Gregory “Brother Don” Oliver were listed to compete but did not appear. Meryn “Bob MC” Bobb gave the opening prayer but also did not compete.

“It’s always a great feeling to come out on top in any competition,” Bowman, who tied for the third spot with Shenell McKenzie in the National Calypso Monarch Competition in Vincy Mas 2015, told Caribbean Life afterwards.

“I knew I had a powerful song,” he

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Pat Candy (Billy Bob Thornton) and Jane Bodine (Sandra Bullock) in “Our Brand Is Crisis.”
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By Kam Williams

In 2002, Gonzalo “Goni” Sanchez de Lozada, a candidate for the presidency of Bolivia, found himself floundering in the polls with just a few months to go to election day. Since the desperate multimillionaire had been raised in the United States, he was well aware of how a political consulting firm was capable of influencing the outcome of an election.

So, he retained the services of James Carville, who had suc-

cessfully orchestrated Bill Clinton’s presidential bid in 1992. And soon, the flamboyant spin doctor descended upon Bolivia with a team of seasoned,

media-savvy strategists.

Still, repositioning Goni would be no mean feat, given the fact that he was an unpopular ex-president who’d already

been exposed as a pro-American, pro-globalization puppet controlled by powerful corporate interests. Carville and company’s only hope rested

in employing smear tactics against the two favorites in the race, one, a socialist, the other, a centrist.

Ultimately, the carpet-baggers did prevail, and that incredible feat was chronicled by “Our Brand Is Crisis” (2005), a dispiriting documentary illustrating just how easy it is for money to corrupt the democratic process with the help of operatives parachuted in from Madison Avenue. The picture also questioned the wisdom of fixing foreign elections in this fashion, since very bloody, civil unrest subsequently arose anyway in Bolivia, which forced Goni to flee the country for asylum in the U.S. a year into his administration.

Directed by David Gordon Green (Pineapple Express), “Our Brand Is Crisis 2.0” serves up a relatively-sanitized version of the aforementioned events. Names have been changed and characters have been conflated and added to make the Yankee intervention appear almost benign.

Independent & Foreign Films

The Armor of Light (PG-13 for mature themes and brief profanity) Pro-life documentary about an anti-abortion Evangelical minister who comes to question the wisdom of his pro-gun stance in the face of the proliferation of Stand Your Ground laws. Featuring commentary by Lucy McBath, the mother of an unarmed black teen shot to death at a gas station for refusing to turn down the volume on his car radio.

Bare (Unrated) Out-of-the-closet drama, set in Nevada, about a young woman (Dianna Agron) who leaves her boyfriend (Chris Zylka) for a drifter (Paz de la Huerta), drugs and a new line of work as a stripper. With Louisa Krause, Mary Price Moore and Travis Hammer.

Burnt (Unrated) Culinary dramedy about a disgraced Parisian chef’s (Bradley Cooper) attempt to restore his reputation in London with the help of an attractive assistant-turned-love interest (Sienna Miller). With Omar Sy, Uma Thurman, Emma Thompson and Alicia Vikander.

Carter High (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive material and mature themes) Fact-based sports saga, set in Dallas in 1988, recounting the rise and fall of a high school football team which won the Texas state championship only to have nine play-



Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ers subsequently commit a string of armed robberies. Co-starring Vivica A. Fox, Charles S. Dutton, Reginald C. Hayes and Marcus M. Mauldin.

Love (Unrated) Romance drama revolving around an American film student (Karl Glusman), living in Paris with an unstable girlfriend (Aomi Muyock), who comes to regret inviting their attractive neighbor (Klara Kristin) to share a menage a trois. With Ugo Fox, Juan Saavedra and Aaron Pages. (In English and French with subtitles)

Making Rounds (Unrated) Healthcare documentary chronicling the old-school bedside manner of a couple of hands-on doctors making life and death decisions for cardiac patients in the critical care unit of NYC’s Mount Sinai Hospital.

Marshland (Unrated) Crime thriller, set in Spain in 1980, revolving around a couple of big city detectives (Javier Gutierrez and Raul Arevalo) sent from Madrid to a tiny town in the country to catch the serial killer responsible for a string of grisly murders of young women. Cast includes Maria Varod, Perico Cervantes and Jesus Ortiz. (In Spanish with subtitles)

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- 6 **Locked Away**
R. City Feat. Adam Levine
- 7 **Renegades**
X Ambassadors
- 8 **Ex's & oh's**
Elle King
- 9 **Can't Feel My Face**
The Weeknd
- 10 **Photograph**
Ed Sheeran

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- 1 **Pentatonix**
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- 2 **Confident**
Demi Lovato
- 3 **General Admission**
Machine Gun Kelly
- 4 **The Documentary 2.5**
The Game
- 5 **Open Heaven/River Wild**
Hillsong
- 6 **Beauty Behind Madness**
The Weeknd
- 7 **The Color Before The Sun**
Coheed And Cambria
- 8 **What A Time To Be Alive**
Drake & Future
- 9 **Dopamine**
BORNS
- 10 **1989**
Taylor Swift

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BOWMAN

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added. "It was just a matter of going up and making a great presentation on stage, and that I did."

In "Take Care of SVG," Bowman urges that "every man, every woman, every child must work together as one to make a better St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

He also appealed to local politicians to "come together and stop the fussing and fighting."

Bowman's feat this year was a far cry from the inaugural competition in which he was declared the winner, with "Not Giving Up," in a field of 11 contenders, amid much controversy.

Last year, some elements of the audience, at the same venue, did not hesitate in withholding their displeasure by booing when the top three spots were announced, by co-Master of Ceremony Hailes Castello.

Castello was again this year's co-Master of Ceremony, along with Bennett Straker, but did not announce the results. Radio Personality Lady M, an associate of the Dynamite Calypso Tent, did so.

In the augural competition, Franklyn "Supadex" Richards, who rendered "All Ah We Ah

Vincy, and Brother Don, who sang "Bring Back Vincy to We," had placed second and third, respectively.

But Ainsley Primus, president of the Dynamite Calypso Tent, had told Caribbean Life afterwards that the auditor apparently erred in tabulating the results.

Primus said then that, while Bowman was the clear winner, based on the judges' score, Richards and Brother Don should have placed lower down the order. The judges were Monty Constant, Samuel "Kala" Gordon and Cauldric Forbes.

This year's judges were veteran calypsonian, cultural ambassador and ex-St. Vincent and the Grenadines diplomat Cyril N. "Scorcher" Thomas; Vincent "Vince" Harry, a member of the leading defunct Vincentian band Asterisk; and Phil Nichols, the Guyanese-born keyboardist with the popular Grenadian-owned band in New York, Lambert and the Matadors.

Without disclosing the respective position of John Dougan ("Our Independence") and Exposer ("Fight Back"), Primus said last year that they should have placed higher in the competition, based on the judges'



John "D Truth" Dougan placed second in the calypso competition.
Photo by Nelson A. King

tabulation.

But, this year, apart from dissent from a handful of fans – as could be expected in any competition – most patrons appeared very satisfied with the results.

Bowman, the now two-time Vincy New York Independence Calypso Monarch, also warmed the hearts of patrons on Sunday, performing before a sell-out audience during St. Vincent and the Grenadines 36th Anniver-

sary Independence Gala Luncheon at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn.

Primus said Bowman's appearance, as winner of the Independence Calypso Competition, was "negotiated" with the Brooklyn-based umbrella Vincentian group, Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), which organized the event in collaboration with the New York Consulate General.

REGGAE

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tion to Preserve Reggae Music. The evening will highlight the organic relationship between Reggae, Rasta, Emperor Selassie and Jamaica in a substantive way through a multimedia presentation that will engage the audience and raise awareness of the importance of this cultural phenomenon to a people's identity.

This year, Reggae Culture Salute (RCS) will present The Meditations, a group which emerged in the mid 1970s to carve out a prominent place in the annals of reggae music history. Founder and lead singer for the group, Ansel Cridland today carries on the tradition that made the harmony trio a household name with hits such as, the 1976 anthem, "Running From Jamaica" and the classic, "Woman is Like Shadow." Ansel tours extensively now with harmonious support from singers Daddy Lion Chandel and Laury Webb who travel with him and his band of musicians as The Meditations.

Returning to the stage at Reg-



Ansel Meditation, founding member of The Meditations.

Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music, Inc.

gae Culture Salute is Warrior King, who in 2009 left an indelible impression on the audience who were electrified by his high energy delivery. Warrior King's penchant for music that celebrates women and advocates upliftment has garnered him worldwide acclaim as a rising star in "reggaedom."

The CPR showcase which features CPR members each year is a highly anticipated part of the evening. This year, Easy Star's front man, Ruff Scott will showcase his special brand of "singjaying" to lively up the evening.

Guerilla 'Nanny'

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torical archives that detail the challenges Nanny faced in the 18th century.

Imagine that.

Compare that to the more than 100 books already penned about Bob Marley since he died in 1981 with Nanny's magnanimous contribution more than three centuries ago.

Apparently, much of the tales about Nanny have been passed down through oral history.

And Anderson's document offers an explanation – "Why would the British want to write a book about how an army of backward people led by a woman whipped the greatest army in the world?"

According to Maroons living in Jamaica, that kind of information would best be buried, erased and totally defied. More than a few contend that suppression of Nanny's feats was not beyond the capacity of the colonial enslavers.

That the warrior queen

defied gender restrictions to now be regaled as the sole female among seven Jamaican heroes only skims the surface of her fierceness and particularly at a time when heavily-armed British soldiers practically 'hunted' Africans for capture.

Probably most significant is the fact Nanny might have employed tactics related to guerilla warfare in order to defeat the British army.

Stories about British soldiers reporting sightings of 10 feet tall trees that came alive and swallowed soldiers were prevalent.

Maroons now laugh off the phenomena to explain how Nanny tricked her trackers by layering her army with camouflage. In a re-enactment, the film shows men covered in branches and shrubbery to disguise from the enemy. Scenes depict troops maneuvering the treacherous course, unaware of traps Nanny set for them to fall into, and how her army surprised the redcoats wearing tree branches.

Holder

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Politics prevent the powers from condemning the free and easy access of guns to the mentally ill, gang-members and any individual willing to bear arms.

That almost one year ago, two NYPD officers were ambushed in Brooklyn should still resonate with gun-loving Americans who will not concede to gun control.

It is a right.

The second amendment to the U.S. Constitution allows American citizens to "keep and bear arms."

And while that philosophy justified the cause for a militia against the British centuries ago, in the 21st century it is probably the reason the USA leads the rest of the world in gun-related deaths.

It is senseless to condone a practice that throughout the years have found children, students, psychiatric patients, felons, and haters gunning for revenge, attention and at times for no good reason.

Gabay was the son of Jamaican immigrants.

He grew up in the Bronx and attended and graduated with an undergraduate and a law degree from Harvard University.

He later went on to a distinguished career as a lawyer in private practice and well-respected public servant.

Gabay served as assistant counsel to the governor until 2011 and prior to that time worked as a banking and finance associate at Jones Day law firm from 2007 to 2009.

He was married to Trinidadian Trenelle Gabay.

The slain officer's father, Randolph Neil Holder Sr. visited Harlem Hospital where his son struggled to stay alive.

According to Bratton, despite his grief, the former Guyana policeman consoled his son's fellow officers.

A third generation police officer, PO Holder's father explained that his son "always wanted to be a cop."

"He should have been closing on a house next month in Valley Stream, but all of the dreams went down the drain, he always wanted to be a policeman."

"That he did.

"He delivered his duties diligently. With pride," Bratton added.

A cousin, 18-year-old Damani Adams, reflected on how thrilled the family was when Holder Jr. graduated with the Police Academy's Class of 2010.

Another relative, Ruth Lawrence, said the five-year NYPD veteran, was poised to move up in the department ranks.

"He said he was going to be a detective," Lawrence, 54 said.

"He was just waiting for the call."

"We're all in mourning tonight. This whole city is in mourning," Mayor de Blasio said. "We're mourning a man that gave his life as a guardian for all of us.

"We are humbled by Officer Randolph Holder's example of service and courage and sacrifice. Our hearts are heavy. We offer our thoughts and our prayers to his family who are experiencing unimaginable pain as we saw earlier when we gath-

ered with them," the mayor said.

Human rights activist Al Sharpton paid tribute to PO Holder during his weekly rally at the National Action Network and was asked by Holder's family to eulogize the slain immigrant.

"When we find a police officer that's trying to protect us and serve our community and actually puts their lives on the line to do that, we stand up for those police officers," he said.

After first agreeing to perform the rites, at the 11th hour on Tuesday he notified the family and their pastor Rev. Les Mullings, pastor of the Far Rockaway Community Church of the Nazarene who had invited him to speak that he would decline the offer.

Reportedly, some union leaders were critical of Sharpton's invitation. Citing Sharpton's "divisiveness" that often foment alienation between the NYPD and the Black community in particular, controversy brewed since announcement of his role at the funeral service in Queens.

"It is clear though after reading several articles that some union leaders and some others want to turn you and your pastor's noble efforts into some kind of confrontation or sideshow and not keep focused on the brutal, senseless murder of your son," he wrote to the family.

"I refuse, despite my strong feelings on police issues, to be part of anything that would marginalize and take away from the focus of this city and nation mourning your son tomorrow."

Further explanation of his decision read: "I thought my coming might give a sense of unity in the city; that we can disagree on cases and on policies but that we are united that the senseless and ruthless killing of officers like your son must be denounced and we must as a city come together and mourn that loss. I thought you and your pastor's idea that both of you expressed to me on Saturday showed the height of moral leadership because you cannot heal if you are selective on those that you allow to be in the discussion."

Allegedly the activist/preacher/TV talk-show host will donate \$5,000 to defer funeral costs.

To those confused that the activist and outspoken critic against police brutality was asked by Holder's family-members to eulogize the police officer, Sharpton said: "We are not anti-police. We are anti-police-brutality."

"May God bless you and your family and may the city remember a good cop on tomorrow, who put his life on the line for us, and we owe him our gratitude, not some sideshow," Sharpton wrote.

"We will not stop in the relentless pursuit of the violent few," Mayor deBlasio added.

That may be a sincere desire.

However, not until the sale of guns become as tedious a task as becoming a police officer, grief, pain and sadness will forever plague the most undeserving of citizens.

Guyana will be the final resting place of the dedicated NYPD officer.

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BOOK REVIEW

which he admitted to, but he also claimed Richmond, Virginia, as his first home. Nobody knew, though, because Hamilton, an African American man, spent most of his adult life hiding facts and creating fiction.

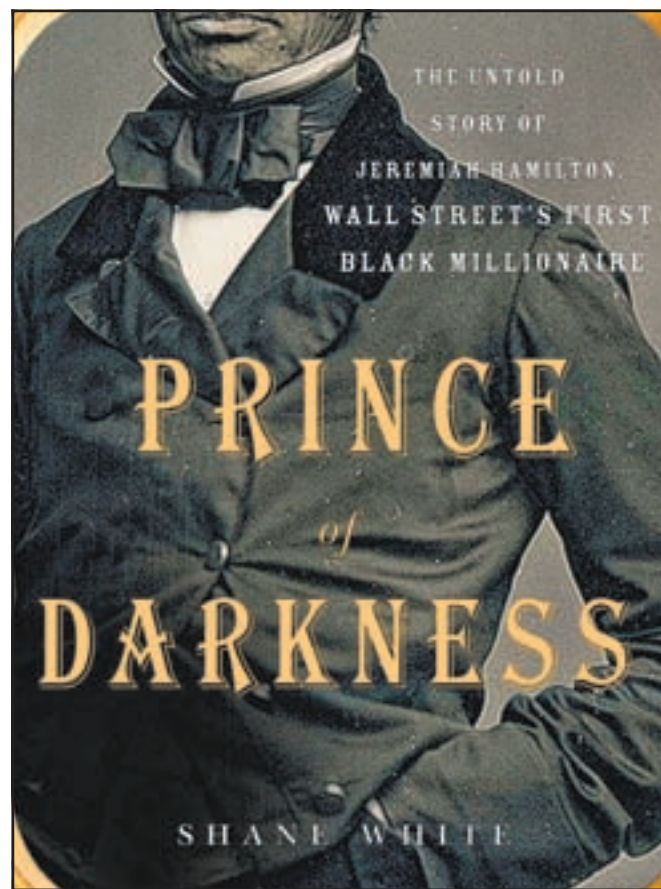
Wherever he got his start, Hamilton launched himself early: in 1828, and "barely into his twenties," he was involved in a counterfeit scam in Haiti that would've meant death, had he been caught. With the help of locals, however, he escaped and arrived in "Gotham," but not without notice: newspapers of the day splashed the story, but Hamilton managed to keep mum on who'd helped him.

Almost immediately, he started borrowing money in a "frenetic, almost desperate" way, money he had no intention of paying back, which ultimately landed Hamilton in court: there were at least 10 lawsuits against

him between 1830 and 1835, and there may've been more. Then came The Great Fire of 1835 in which "dozens of acres" of Manhattan were burned to the ground, along with the records of several businessmen who'd been convinced to invest with him. Hamilton denied the transactions, kept their \$25,000, and gained the moniker of "Prince of Darkness."

For the rest of his life — even after being forced to declare bankruptcy — Hamilton always landed on his feet, "shunned" other African Americans, and even invested in companies that overtly practiced racism. He died in 1875 in a "comfortable and elegant" residence he shared with his white wife and family.

So why are history books silent on Hamilton's story? That's a question author Shane White had, after he discovered Hamilton's name and began dig-



"Prince of Darkness."

ging. Could it have been due to the color of Hamilton's skin? It's possible, White says, but in "Prince of Darkness," he also indicates that the lack

of documentation may've been because Hamilton rankled white financiers and investors, and didn't appear to care that he'd done so.

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Seton Hall's Khadeen Carrington (0) is guarded by Creighton's James Milliken (23) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. Associated Press / Nati Harnik

Brooklyn cagers lead the way

By Robert Elkin

Two basketball players at Seton Hall University of South Orange, New Jersey have known each other for a long time and have similar back grounds. No, they are not from New Jersey, nor did they play at the same schools.

Both cagers reside in Brooklyn and tossed 'em up at Brooklyn high schools, Continued on Page 42

Samuels' bowling still suspect

By Azad Ali

West Indies off-spinner Marlon Samuels has been reported for the third time in seven years for a suspected bowling action.

He will have to undergo testing on his action within two weeks, but he will be allowed to continue bowling until the results of the tests are disclosed.

An International Cricket Council (ICC) said in a press release last week that the match officials report following the recent first Test in Galle, against Sri Lanka "cited concerns about the legality of the 34-year-old's bowling action."

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CRICKET ICONS AT PLAY

Australian bowler Shane Warne prepares to bowl in his last over in test cricket during his team's win over of England in the fifth and final Ashes cricket test in Sydney, in this Jan. 5, 2007 photo.

Associated Press / Mark Baker, file

All-Stars face off in a three-game series

NEW YORK CITY (Oct. 6, 2015) – Global cricket icons Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne will headline a star-studded lineup of renowned cricket players from around the world in the inaugural "Cricket All-Stars," a three-game series in New York City, Houston and Los Angeles. The

historic tour marks the first time these legends have played in the U.S., and also renews the famous rivalry between "Master Blaster" Tendulkar and "King of Spin" Warne.

The "Cricket All-Stars" kicks off on Nov. 7 at Citi Field in New York City with a special opening cere-

mony prior to the match as well as other functions and galas. The second match will be on Nov. 11 at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The final match in the series will be on Nov. 14 at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, followed by a special trophy

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ALL-STARS CHALLENGE



Seton Hall guard Isaiah Whitehead reacts after hitting a 3-point shot during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Rutgers Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press / Bill Kostroun

B'klyn cagers

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came from championship programs, and were standout players on the court thrilling the fans, and at the same time, trying to move on to another and higher level. Besides concentrating on their game, they also put emphasis on the academics.

More of a scorer, Khadeen Carrington became the all-time leading point maker at Bishop Loughlin High School, a member of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association, by tallying 2196 points in four years. Every time, the team gave him the ball to put in the hoop, he seemed to find a way to successfully make the shot. And most of the time, he made it so easy. He became the 'go to' player on offense. In the process, Carrington led the CHSAA Class AA scoring leaders for two straight winters.

A 6'3", guard who was born in Trinidad, Carrington, is the son of Reynold Carrington, who coaches professional soccer in Trinidad and Tobago after playing the latter sport on professional and international levels.

When the first regular season game opens up against Dartmouth on Nov. 13, he should be one of the starters, but at press time in the pre-season and exhibition games, and coaches do not like to say who the starters will be.

Also from Brooklyn, but a product from the Public Schools Athletic League, Lincoln also produced championship teams and many professional players in the National Basketball Association, including Stephan Marbury. One is now showing signs of greatness; he is also a guard - Isaiah Whitehead. He was so good as a freshman last year.

Whitehead holds one claim to fame, helping to lead Lincoln to the 2013 PSAL city-wide Class AA championship. After the season he turned last year as a starter and should be one of the starters once again. He, too, was an all-city player while in high school.

India's Sachin Tendulkar plays a shot during their Asia Cup cricket match against Pakistan in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, March 18, 2012.

Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi

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presentation to the winning team.

The format will be Twenty20, a much shorter and boisterous form of cricket with the games taking around three hours instead of multiple days. Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar and Australian spinner Shane Warne will each captain a hand-picked team. "Sachin's Blasters" and "Warne's Warriors" will feature some of the best players to ever play cricket hailing from eight different countries including Ricky Ponting (Australia), Brian Lara (West Indies), Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka), Wasim Akram (Pakistan), Jonty Rhodes (South Africa) and Michael Vaughan (England), among others.

"Americans are so passionate about sports, and I think there's a huge potential for cricket to take off," said Sachin Tendulkar. "This is also the first time

that international cricket will be played in these beautiful baseball stadiums in New York City, Houston and Los Angeles, which will be a lot of fun.

We're also planning some other events and festivities in each city so we can reach as many fans as possible. It would be great someday to see cricket bats right alongside the baseball bats, basketballs and soccer balls in America."

"We've signed all the top players you'd ever want to see," said Shane Warne. "I'm excited for cricket fans in the United States to be able to see these amazing players for the first time, and I also think that the Twenty20 format will appeal to new audiences who have never seen or played cricket before. I'm really looking forward to the matches in November, and helping to grow the sport of cricket in America."

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Dodger Stadium (Los Angeles): Dodgers.com/cricket

"Cricket All-Stars" is being produced by NYC-based Leverage Agency, a full-service sports and entertainment marketing company. Leverage will also handle the marketing and promotion for the event. Sponsors for "Cricket All-Stars" include MasterCard, State Farm and Uber.

Samuels

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Under ICC regulations, Samuels will now be required to have his action tested within 14 days, but will be allowed to continue his bowling until the results are released.

Samuels bowled 27 overs in the Galle Test, which West Indies lost by an innings and six runs inside four days last week.

He took just one wicket, that of opener Dimuth Karunaratne who top-scored with 186.

The latest incident is the third time

Samuels has been reported for having a suspected bowling action.

He was banned from bowling after being cleared in 2011, was called again in 2013 and banned for bowling his faster delivery exceeded the 15 degree level permitted by the ICC.

Sri Lankan cricketer Dimuth Karunaratne, right, successfully appeals for the dismissal of West Indies' batsman Marlon Samuels during the fourth day of the first test cricket match against Sri Lanka in Galle, Sri Lanka, Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015. ing the fourth day of the first test cricket match against Sri Lanka in Galle, Sri Lanka, Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015.

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Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



Sri Lanka's captain Angelo Mathews, right, receives the series trophy from West Indies great Garfield Sobers, left and Michael Tissera, a national captain in Sri Lanka's pre-test era after Sri Lanka defeated West Indies in the second test cricket match in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. Spinners Rangana Herath and Milinda Siriwardana shared seven wickets Monday to lead Sri Lanka to a 72-run win over the West Indies in the second test to sweep the series played for the Sobers-Tissera trophy 2-0. (AP Photo/Eranga Jayawardena)

Eranga Jayawardena

Sri Lanka defeats West Indies 2-0

Some outstanding bowling performances by Sri Lanka's left arm spinners Milinda Siriwardana and Rangana Herath, created havoc for the West Indies batsmen throughout the two-Test series. Siriwardana exhibited his all round abilities by scoring 68 and 42 in the second Test match at Colombo. He picked up 2 wickets for 26 runs and 3 for 25 runs in the second match. He was named man of the match after the end of the second Test match. Herath grabbed 15 wickets in the two-Test matches and was named player of the series.

SRI LANKA WON BY 72 RUNS

Sri Lanka defeated the West Indies by 72 runs in the second Test match in Colombo. Sri Lanka scored 200 and 206 respectively. Kraigg Brathwaite picked up 6 for 29 in Sri Lanka's second innings and Jomel Warrican, the left arm spinner from Barbados, grabbed 4 wickets for 67 runs. West Indies scored 163 and 171 respectively. Brathwaite scored 47 runs in the first innings and Darren Bravo 61 in the second.

WEST INDIES SLUMPED FROM 80 FOR 1 TO 171 ALLOUT

A partnership of 60 runs between Bravo and Shai Hope pushed the West

Indies to a reasonable score in reaching their victory target of 243. At 80 for 2, the West Indies needed 163 runs with 8 wickets in hand. The West Indies team was bowled out for 171 runs.

SAMUEL BADREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR TEST CRICKET

The labeling of cricketers as Twenty20 and One-Day Cricketers should be carefully scrutinized. West Indies should be concentrating on building a Test team and emphasis should be on a very strong balanced bowling component. Two spinners are needed for the Test squad and Samuel Badree is not only a Twenty20 player but should be in all three categories of the game.

WEST INDIES BATTING CRUMBLES

West Indies batsmen fell very short during the two-Test series with Sri Lanka. Two half centuries from Darren Bravo and one blistering knock of 92 from Jermaine Blackwood took some shame out of the West Indies' dressing room. Denesh Ramdin and Marlon Samuels failed miserably while opener Kraigg Brathwaite and Shai Hope struggled against the Sri Lanka spinners.

NB: Former Captain Denesh Ramdin never should have been on this tour.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Romance is on your mind this week and you have to find a way to fit it prominently in your agenda. Taurus. If you have been busy lately, slow down to spend time with a loved one.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Home may feel like a personal retreat after the last few weeks you have been experiencing, Gemini. If you need rest, take it. It's not a sign of slacking off.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
This week you are bogged down by menial tasks and hope that something more exciting will come your way, Gemini. If you play your cards right, the weekend could be a blast.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, a financial boost may compel you to go on a spending spree. Just be sure you keep track of those purchases so you do not go overboard.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your confidence peaks this week and you take a leap of faith in a new arena. It may be a new job or a thrilling hobby. Travel is another option that may require bravery.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, mingling can bring out the best in you, so get out there this week as much as you can. Show off your people skills and converse with people from various walks of life.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this may be the best your social life has been in a long time. If you have opportunities, try moving in different social circles by joining clubs or becoming part of a volunteer group.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your desire for adventure could soon see you booking a cruise or taking a trip around the world. For now, there's plenty to keep you occupied at home and work.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, explore new avenues in your life, even if it makes you feel a little nervous to branch out. You might be surprised with what you find if you give things a try.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, research all of your options before making a big decision. Figure out the details before you make any changes that could have long-term effects.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
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