



Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley.

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Medgar Evers College to host T&T PM

By Nelson A. King

The Office of International Education at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College says the college will on Thursday, May 5 host Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley.

The Office said on Tuesday that Rowley will keynote its Inaugural International Education Awards Ceremony at 6:30 pm in the college's Founders Auditorium, 1650 Bedford Ave. (at Crown Street).

"The Awards Ceremony is

free, open to the general public, and will recognize pillars of the community who have been supportive of international studies at Medgar Evers College," said the Office of International Education in a

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Aviation officials want drone laws before it is too late

By Bert Wilkinson

An umbrella aviation body this week asked Caribbean trade group governments to agree to unified laws to regulate drones, calling them the "bird strikes" for airborne aircraft of the future and pointing to the steady growth of them in the community.

The Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS) Wednesday said it has prepared a special briefing paper for a trade ministers meeting at bloc headquarters in Guyana next week as the time has come for the region to act.

Experts at the regional oversight system argue that while domestic and international air

crews currently worry about birds bringing down aircraft by flying into engines, a new threat is on the horizon has emerged with the preponderance of drones, often times operated by people with limited aviation experiences and exposure.

"We recommend that regulations should be harmonized in all CARICOM states. Harmonization will ensure a system of coordination where a Small Unmanned Air Vehicle transits from one state to another such as in the areas of airworthiness, registration, approvals to operate and personnel licensing. Different classes or categories of UAVs should also be con-

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Director of Tourism Paul Pennicook (l) stands next to Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett, during a tourism presentation.

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Jamaica to boost tourism

By Tangerine Clarke

Jamaica's newly appointed Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett announced that his country is expected to earn \$3 billion from tourism in 2017, up from \$2.5B he said the country now earns.

Bartlett told nationals at a Finn Partners welcome reception in New York City last Wednesday, that the extra ½ percent will come from more than 5000 hotel rooms across the tourist sector, in places such as Negril and Falmouth, where there is a high demand.

In addition to increasing U.S. flow from where 75 percent visit Jamaica, the five-part tourism plan will welcome visitors from other markets such as Europe and South America, and expand to include the Caribbean, Asia and Africa.

"Our immediate thrust will exploit the U.S. market by inviting our friends in North America to work with us on a pre-clearance facility arrangement, the same enjoy by Aruba, Cancun Cana, and Bermuda, Puerto Rico. If we get that clearance then connectivity to the secondary and primary airports in the U.S. will be seamless," added Bartlett, positing that this arrangement would allow more rotations of airline in a day, with a short turn around time, because Jamaica would become domestic space.

"Jamaica is the most exciting destination on earth, and it is so, because 40 percent of all tourist that come to Jamaica has been to Jamaica at least once. One of two visitors you see on the beach has had the Jamaica experience at least once, some 50 times, such as a married couple who returned to celebrate their 50th year honeymoon."

Bartlett said despite the problems Jamaica has faced, the iconic attraction is its people, and enduring relations that lead to Jamaicans being in

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Antigua, St. Kitts students win Leeward Islands debate

By Nelson A. King

Students from community colleges in Antigua and Barbuda and St. Kitts were adjudged winners last Friday in the much-spirited Evening Program debate in the Leeward Islands Debating Competition (LIDC) at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College.

The opposition team of Kelsey Harris and Kamilah Parker (Antigua and Barbuda), and Philmon Roberts (St. Kitts) eclipsed the proposition team of Dwayne Griffith and D'shney Matthew York (St. Maarten) and Zipporah Bannister (Anguilla) in the two-hour debate at the college's Edison O. Jackson Auditorium. The debate moot was: "The marginalization of men has led to the breakdown of Caribbean society."

The debate, which also had a morning segment, was organized by Medgar Evers College's Caribbean Research Center (CRC), headed by Dean Dr. George Irish, a native of the Leeward Island of Montserrat, and the LIDC Foundation.

Dr. Irish had started the annual LIDC in 1972, at 29, when he was the head of the Montserrat Open Campus Branch of the University of the West Indies (UWI), as "a medium for cultivating the intellectual and civic awareness of students, and preparing them for future leadership."

The first debate took place in Montserrat with four debaters from Antigua and Montserrat: Franklyn Michael and Kennedy Edwards (Antigua and Barbuda), and Jennifer Greenaway and Pearl Ryner (Montserrat).

In Friday evening's debate, the opposition team decried the proponent's claim that the marginalization of men has led to the breakdown of Caribbean society, saying that it was "completely false."

"For men to be marginalized, they have to be not active in society," the opposition contended, stating instead that women are the ones who are at "a disadvantage in the labor market."

"How are men more marginalized when they hold higher positions?" the team asked. "Every prime minister [in the Caribbean], at this point, is a male. Men have excelled and continue to excel."

The opposition team pointed to arguments that show that women are the ones who have been marginalized, stating that this has taken place since the 15th century.

"Saying that men are marginalized is absurd," the team declared. "We stand resolute in our claim that the marginalization of men has not led to the breakdown on Caribbean society."

The opposition noted that the



Ken Irish-Bramble (second left) presents the trophy to Opposition debating team Kelsey Harris, Kamilah Parker and Philmon Roberts.

Photo by Nelson A. King

breakdown in Caribbean values "stems from the breakdown of family values," adding that the Caribbean has "long suffered from the illegal drug trade."

But the proposition team maintained that the marginalization of men is "most conspicuous in Caribbean society," blaming slavery for leaving "a disgusting image."

"Men were indoctrinated, forced to be marginalized," the team posited. "Control and condition are just the belief of women. Do not blame men for any marginalization."

"We cannot only look at the men," the proposition added. "We expect men to act in a macho way. If not, they will feel oppressed."

"You are part of the future," Dean Irish told the debaters. "I want to publish a book on the history of the debate. Send me what you have, and I'll transfer it into a gold mine."

The first LIDC debate was held at Medgar Evers College in 1998, with participants from Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda and Anguilla.

Chief judge Dr. Ken Irish-Bramble, a professor at Medgar Evers College and Dean Irish's eldest son, said the judges were "particular-

ly impressed with the creativity in putting together coherent arguments.

"You come with something fresh, different," said Irish-Bramble, who, as a youth, had also participated in the annual LIDC in Montserrat. "We also saw the issue of humor and good, friendly jabs."

Dr. Sheilah M. Paul, associate dean, School of Liberal Arts and Education at Medgar Evers College, said the debaters reminded her of "the power of developing and honing important skills in young people, as they prepare to take their places in our 21st century global work force."

"Your being here, in this experience, provides another window to a deeper understanding of culturally responsive education, particularly in a widely diverse learning community, such as Central Brooklyn," said the Tobago native.

CRC said the LIDC involves extensive team research, critical thinking and public speaking skills.

CRC also said that it is "moving to revive the debating tradition here at Medgar Evers College to engage our students in similar intellectual exercises across disciplines."

Antigua

Former Dominica attorney general, Barnard Wiltshire is calling for the creation of a political watchdog body for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

He said it is time for people to unite on the issue of eradicating corruption in the region.

His comments came after the Antigua and Barbuda government announced that two matters relating to corruption in the United Progressive Party (UPP) have been handed over to the police.

Wiltshire said these issues were not common to Antigua and Barbuda alone, since other allegations of corruption exist within the OECS.

He said the “people’s vigilance” organization would also examine how the opposition is being treated or mistreated as the case may be. “In Dominica, we have our own problems with the government’s attitude to the opposition. It is almost as if when you put the label “opposition” on any group of people, you immediately attract the ire and dislike of people and that should not be,” he said.



The former Dominica AG said such behaviors are not a part of a properly functioning democracy.

Wiltshire said regional governments have become more “liberal” and more willing to “circumscribe” the rights of the people.

Barbados

Barbados is moving to finalize an air services agreement with China to boost tourism to the Caribbean island from the Far East.

A government statement quoted Prime Minister Freundel Stuart as describing the relationship between the two countries as “a long and fruitful” one, with both sides working together at the political, economic, cultural and military levels.



However, it said that Stuart wants to see more Chinese tourists coming to the island and pointed out that an air



Barbados eyes Chinese tourists

Barbados’ Prime Minister Freundel Stuart seen here at U.N. headquarters, Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 wants to see more Chinese tourists coming to the island.
Associated Press / Jason DeCrow, file

services agreement and visa requirements needed to be finalized.

“We are paying special attention to getting those visa requirements worked out because we want to make travel between the two countries as easy as possible,” he said during a meeting with a six-member delegation from the People’s Republic of China.

Dominica

Dominica has launched a new initiative that will allow people to submit reports online of businesses engaged in suspicious transactions.

Information, Science and Telecommunications Minister Kelvar Darroux said “all communication between the user and the website is encrypted and protected by a SSL certificate.”



The Suspicion Transaction Report (STRS) application or “Dominica-FSU e-Filing System” (DEFS) was launched at the police headquarters recently by the Information and Communication Technology Unit (ICTU) in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, Immigration and National Security.

The online application eliminates the need for paper filing and provides a greater level of security and privacy for an individual filing a suspicious transaction report.

Guyana

Guyana President David Granger has announced that former President Donald Ramoutar is joining the coalition government.



It is the first time in the history of

the South American country that the top three political leaders have joined forces in Guyana.

Just prior to last year’s general elections, APNU and AFC formed a coalition to narrowly win the elections.

Now in a historic move, President Granger has announced that Ramoutar will join the coalition.

Reports are that Ramoutar has accepted the office of the Prime Minister in a Cabinet to be reshuffled.

There are a number of former PPP / Civic ministers, who are expected to join the Granger administration, including Moses Nagamotoo, who will serve in the Ministry of Finance and as a presidential advisor. Others are Clement Rohee and Carolyn Rodrigues.

Rohee is being considered an appointment to oversee the Police Department.

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Operating guidelines for drones



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sidered in the development and application of regulations," the body said.

Several civil aviation authorities in a number of CARICOM states have in the past year issued guidelines on operating drones including advisories to keep them away from domestic and international airports basically for safety reasons but there are no binding laws.

So concerned are officials about the absence of laws to govern unmanned aircraft that directors at bloc headquarters have already placed the issue formally placed on the agenda of the meeting starting on Monday.

The issue will be discussed against a backdrop of increasing levels of availability of drones as prices are falling and companies are aggressively marketing them for pleasures and industrial usages.

As if fears about drones flying into aircraft engines are not of enough concern, the regional body also called for privacy laws enactment to govern the use of drones as these can be "equipped with high resolution video cameras and can result in an invasion of privacy when flown over private property. Further, the UAV can be weaponized and

used for criminal and terrorist activities," the paper noted.

The body said it will urged ministers to empower CASSOS to develop a set of regulations that will be used by all 15-member states noting that the time has come for "a a robust legal regulatory framework and a physical defense system that will provide surveillance with detection, deterrent, capture and destruction capability."

And clearly trying to add balance to its briefing paper, the aviators pointed to positive uses of drones noting their ability to carry payloads of varying weights, their use as an aerial photographic tool, structural, security and environmental surveys and other purposes, noting the fact that "there has been a significant increase in the use of small UAVs (SUAV) in most CARICOM states."

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statement. The Office said it "organizes and manages study abroad as a critical component of its offerings."

"Knowledge gained through study abroad, cultural immersion, experiential learning and other forms of international education prepares students for success in today's global marketplace," said former Grenada United Nations' Ambassador, Eugene Pursoo, Director of International Education at Medgar Evers College, a predominantly Black college in Central Brooklyn.

"It also fosters a global environment of greater understanding and tolerance," he added, stating that the college has sent students to study abroad programs in, among other places, Australia, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, France, Grenada, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Panama, Spain, and Trinidad & Tobago.

In conjunction with Dr. Rowley's visit, Eugene said the Office of International Education will host a ticketed VIP Reception as a fundraiser to support study abroad scholarships for Medgar Evers College students.

Caribbean Life, Angostura Distillers, Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill, the Trinidad & Tobago Alliance, and the Trinidad and Tobago United Community Association (T.A.T.U.C.A.) have already signed on as sponsors.

Rowley's visit to Medgar Evers College is part of a wider U.S. visit in which he is expected to meet with US Vice President Joe Biden, according to reports.

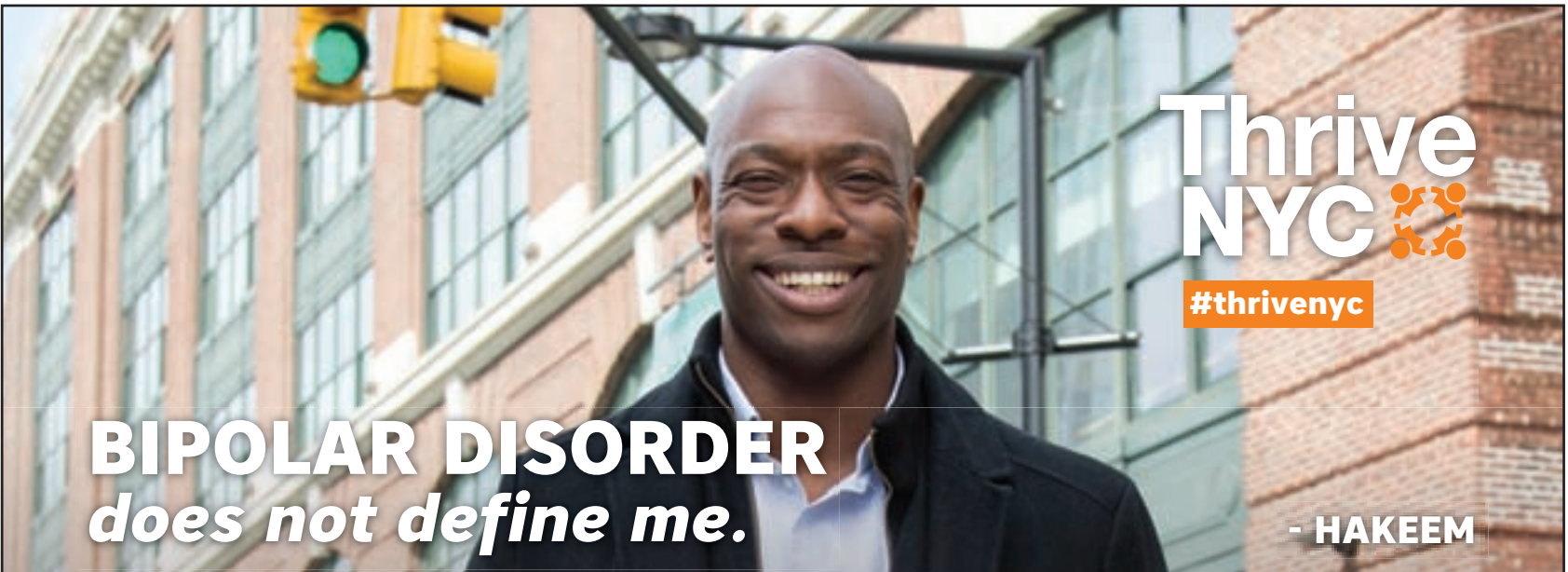
On Jan. 1, popular Brooklyn-based Caribbean magazine, Everybody's, named Rowley as its "Person of the Year" for 2015.

The magazine, which is published and owned by Grenadian-born Herman Hall, said Rowley, who led the People's National Movement (PNM) to victory, on Sept. 7, by winning 23 of 41 parliamentary seats, "was the year's most influential news maker in the Caribbean.

"All eyes were on him and the Trinidad and Tobago electorate," Everybody's said then. "The people of Trinidad and Tobago, regardless of political affiliation, deserve high praise for dignifying themselves in the keenly-contested election.

"We, Americans, as we prepare for the 2016 presidential primaries and national election, need to copy a page from Trinidadians," it added. "We thank our readers and social media friends for helping us to declare Prime Minister Rowley as Everybody's Person of the Year."

Since 1978, the second year of Everybody's publication, it has been naming an individual of Caribbean heritage as its "Person of the Year."



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Assemblywoman Annette Robinson with Medgar Evers College President Dr. Rudolph F. Crew. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Remembering Shirley Chisholm

By Tequila Minsky

Colleagues, fans, sorority alumnae and a bevy of those she has inspired commemorated trailblazing daughter of Brooklyn, Shirley Chisholm on April

7. The full auditorium at Medgar Evers College crossed generations.

The evening's program also paid tribute to Annette Robinson, who is retiring from the New York Assembly, a District 56 — parts of Crown Heights and Bed-Stuy — seat she has held since 2002. Prior to the Assembly, Robinson was councilwoman for District 36 beginning in 1991.

Chisholm is the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress. She ran for president in 1972 during her second congressional term, being the first woman to run for president. In 1969, she became one of the founding members of what would become the Congressional Black Caucus and she retired from Congress in 1982 having served for 14 years.

Members of the service sorority Delta Sigma Theta, from which both Chisholm and Robinson are alumnae, wearing their signature red attire, were scattered throughout the audience.

Delta alumnae Shawna N. Myles, an assistant principal in Brownsville, grew up in Brooklyn in the aura of the Chisholm legacy; Chisholm influenced her family. "My mother was civically, socially and educationally-minded," she said. "Shirley Chisholm had the cour-

age to act. It was historic that she was the first African-American woman to run for president. She was a catalyst for change. I want to be a catalyst for change."



Shawna N. Myles, an assistant principal in Brownsville, grew up in Brooklyn in the aura of the Chisholm legacy.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Myles emphasized how Chisholm offers an example of not being afraid to be the first to do anything. She added, "I've built upon the foundation of courageous women of color to push me forward."

Reiterated during the evening was one of Chisholm's most famous quotes: "I am and always will be a catalyst for change." This was this legacy that she wanted.

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm, daughter of immigrant Caribbean parents, was sent at the age of five to live for four and a half years with her maternal grandmother in Barbados. There she received a strict British education, which she later recognized as very important to her vigorous and disciplined approach to education.

All though her career she continued to promote the value of education carrying forward her early professional background, which was in early childhood education.

One of the speakers during the evening's tribute, Denisha McPherson gave an impassioned presentation on the value of women becoming engineers. Advocating for women to pursue this career path, she spoke of great

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By Jomo Kwame Sundaram
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New Post-War Consensus

World War Two was a case in point. The Bretton Woods Conference in July 1944 committed to create the conditions for enduring peace through post-war reconstruction and post-colonial development through sustained growth, full employment and reducing inequality.

Thus, Bretton Woods created the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Development and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IBRD, better known as the World Bank, was created to support long-term investment and development. The IMF would help countries, not only to overcome balance of payments difficulties, but

also "to direct economic and financial policies toward the objective of fostering orderly economic growth with reasonable price stability". Similar concerns were behind the International Labour Congress two months earlier. On 10th May 1944, the Congress had adopted the historic Philadelphia Declaration which emphasized that "lasting peace can be established only if it is based on social justice".

For decades after the war, labour's share of output and gross income increased as other inequalities declined. This Golden Age also saw greater investment in health, education and public services, including social protection. The underlying post-WW2 consensus endured for over a quarter century before breaking down in the 1970s.

Marshall Plan

As the Cold War began, U.S. Secretary of State General George Marshall announced a re-industrialization plan for war-torn Europe. Politically, the Marshall Plan was intended to create a cordon sanitaire to contain the spread of communism. Generous infusion of US aid and support for national developmental policies ensured the rebirth of modern Europe. For many Europeans, this is still seen as America's finest hour.

In the decades that followed, the Marshall Plan developed into what is probably the most successful economic develop-

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The Panama Papers: A global report card

By Maddie Felts

ROME, April 11, 2016 (IPS) - On Sunday, 3 April, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists released an unprecedented leak of documents exposing the secretive financial dealings of some of the world's richest and most powerful. Few countries are safe from the findings; twelve current or former heads of state are implicated among 143 politicians, their relatives and associates for using offshore tax havens.

The Panama Papers have revealed the real victims in our global financial system, and they aren't the prime minister's buddies. Economic inequality continues to undermine progress and social cohesion. Oxfam calculated that in 2015, a mere 62 individuals held as much wealth as the world's poorest 3.6 billion people. To combat income inequality, the World Economic Forum has identified solutions including improved education, reformed tax policies, redistribution, social welfare policies, and workforce development. These solutions are very much attainable and increasingly crucial to billions worldwide.

To bridge the dichotomy between the haves and have-nots, the global elite must settle some long-overdue debts to society. The Tax Justice Network estimates that the world's richest hold between 21 and 32 trillion dollars of untaxed assets. The startling extent of world leaders involved in the Panama Papers leak reflects the scope of corruption in national and local

When the state cannot or will not provide basic needs to its most vulnerable populations, crime can flourish.

governments.

These trillions of dollars stolen by politicians or shielded from taxation (or sometimes both) mean less funding for roads, schools, and public healthcare. Not only are the rich becoming richer; the poor also remain systematically oppressed.

When the state cannot or will not provide basic needs to its most vulnerable populations, crime can flourish. Criminal groups serve as the primary provider of social services and therefore become so deeply entrenched in communities that they earn the trust of the people and infiltrate local government. Underpaid government officials are more easily lured into corruption since their underfunded state cannot provide what bribery can. The World Bank estimates over \$1 trillion are paid in bribes each year. We can no longer afford to ignore corruption that makes up an estimated 5% of annual GDP – roughly \$2.6 trillion, almost twenty times greater than the \$134.8 billion spent on official development assistance.

The audience reading this article may not consist of the 62 richest of the rich, but access to an education, the Internet, and free press is more than billions of people will ever receive.

We must acknowledge and defend journalism that can expose gross injustice and inequality. We cannot take for granted the freedoms and opportunities available to us. And we must fight for what we all do not yet have but deserve, beginning with "honesty, transparency and integrity from our leaders," which compelled Birgitta Jónsdóttir, a protester in Iceland, to call for change.

Jónsdóttir is not alone in her discontent. Protests continue in Iceland, even after the Prime Minister stepped down two days after the Papers revealed his involvement in offshore investment with claims on Iceland's failed banks. South Africans continue to protest the dealings of their political leaders and their families – and now that the leak revealed Jacob Zuma's nephew's involvement in oil contracts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the protests will likely continue. Those who hold the freedom to peaceful protest must fight for transparency for the billions whose voices are not heard.

A political event characterized by discontent, the upcoming United States presidential election should be viewed from a new perspective informed by the Panama Papers. Candidates have sought to distance themselves from Washington and its institutional entanglements. Voters must begin to demand that candidates distance themselves from dubious campaign financing. The United States campaign finance system provides loopholes

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A revolutionary path within the system

Because the 2016 campaign, thanks to the circus that has been the Republicans' search for a presidential candidate, has so extensively concentrated on the outrageous, there's been not nearly enough attention paid to other aspects of the upcoming vote that figure to be quite consequential. One such is how composition of the Senate and House could become reconfigured after the election, in light of all the dissension in the GOP ranks, much of it arising from negative and downright acid reaction to the front-runner for the nomination.

Even prior to all of the chaos within the GOP that the Trump candidacy has ignited, it was felt by many observers, as well as Democratic Party chieftains, that there was a good chance the balance of power in the Senate would shift back to Democrats after voting takes place in November. Barring something unforeseen, the high unfavorable numbers for both Trump and Ted Cruz in the electorate, beyond their guaranteed support from the rabid right, portend a Republi-

can top of the ticket that could have some kiss-of-death impact on other Republicans running for office.

If it is to happen in the Senate, Democrats will have to make those pick-ups from among the 34 seats due to be contested this year. Senate majority rule being determined by a small and sometimes even razor-thin margin, that has more or less become the norm, will no doubt continue. At a time that the current Republican majority is holding hostage the president's Supreme Court nominee, the question of what does or doesn't get acted upon lends an added poignancy that bubbles up every so often to how the Senate does business. Catching up in the House is a much heavier lift, Republicans having made their cushion there even more comfortable in the 2014 mid-term elections. The Obama-era gerrymandering done by Republican-controlled state legislatures to shape GOP-friendly congressional districts will require action on several fronts to overcome.

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

Democratic voter apathy, especially in off-year elections, doesn't help.

Actually, how the Capitol Hill numbers stack up is a core concern that one would think to be very much a part of the stump riff of one Democrat battling for the nomination, but is instead strangely absent. In his now familiar packaged rap about "revolution," Bernie Sanders wants us to believe, it seems, that some of his heavy-duty agenda items will come to fruition simply because of his being in the Oval Office. You would think the guy is angling to become leader of some far-away state whose rubber-stamp assembly must toe the line or else! How much Capitol Hill support does Sanders really believe there would be for the outlier "revolution" ideas he sees as a fix?

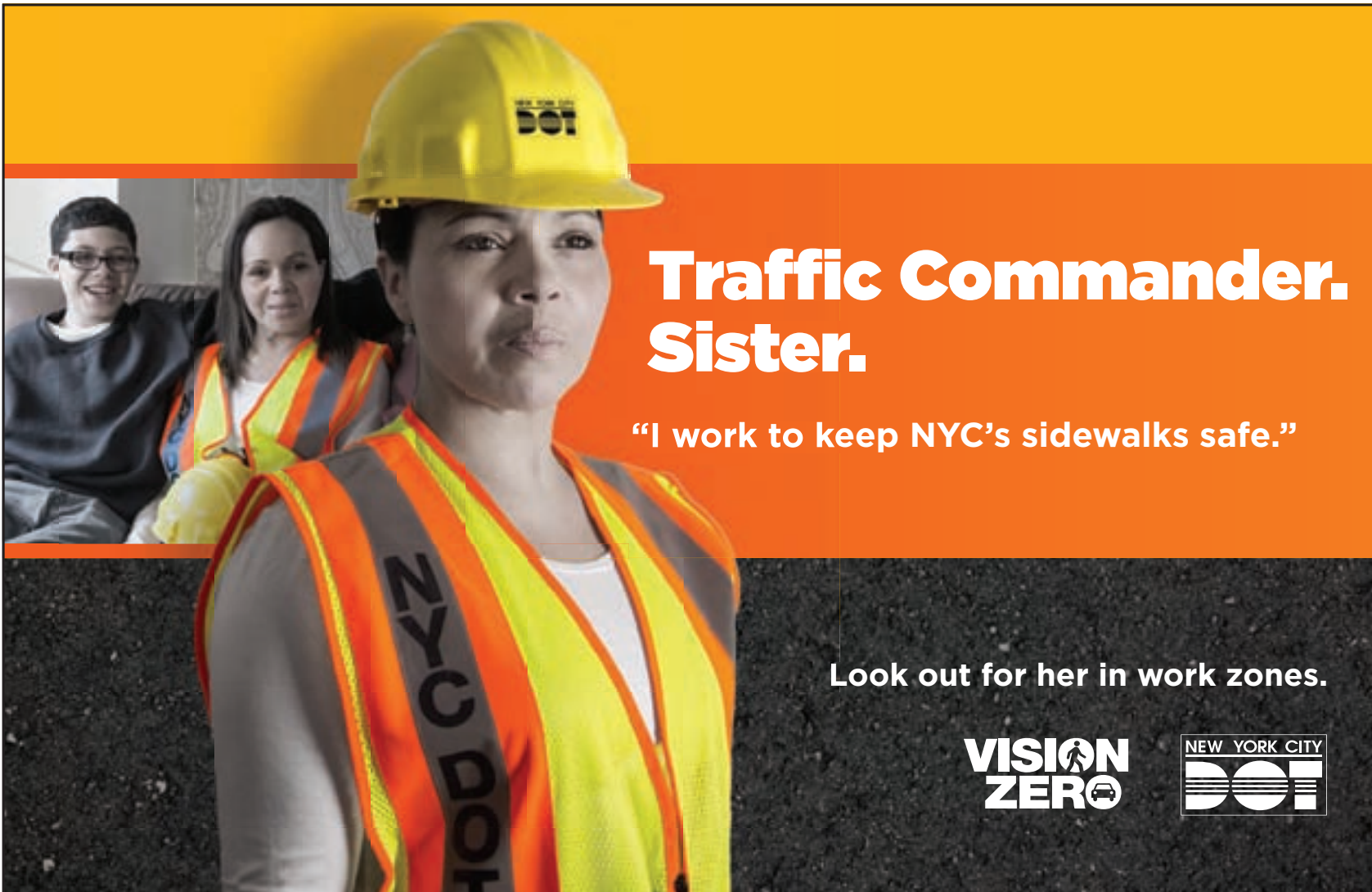
Somehow, the fundamen-

tal verity that this is a country of process and of divided government, and that there's no provision here for whimsically changing this, seem to have gotten lost in the hysteria. Sanders and his minions ought be reminded that even the great FDR got check-mated when his social revolution was thought to be getting a bit ahead of itself. In a campaign ad about breaking up big banks, Sanders intones that the banks don't like him, but would have to respect him as president. And so, voila; there go the big banks. This is fantasia. We want to think the authors of this stuff have been out in the sun too long.

What's really required of reform-minded folk, to start a practically actionable revolution, is serious strategizing to rid the Congress of those brazen obstructionists of whatever stripe (we know they're predominantly Republicans), who have no compunction about being across-the-board pro-business. They never favor minimum wage

increases. Paid family leave is not a concept they embrace. Ditto, equal pay for equal work. They're opposed to any proposed new taxes on business. They're not particularly thrilled about workers' right to organize. They very much favor big business continuing to enjoy government subsidies, even when there's no demonstrated need for this. And they stubbornly oppose any tax increase on individuals whose incomes can afford it. All of that and quite a bit more.

Against such perpetrators is where revolutionary zeal first needs to be directed. We have within our grasp one of the tools of revolution — a new level of engagement — that could be utilized to our greater advantage. Revolution need not involve bumping up against and being stymied by the Articles of the Constitution. A pragmatically grounded revolution of spirit, albeit less dramatic or romantic than campaign razzle-dazzle, can be a lot more sweeping in what it achieves.



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New global priorities

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ment assistance programme in history. Similar economic development policies and assistance were introduced in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, especially following the establishment of the People's Republic of China and the outbreak of the Korean War.

This experience offers valuable lessons today. Europe and Northeast Asia rebuilt quickly, industrialized and achieved sustained and rapid growth through policies including economic interventions such as high duties, quotas and other non-tariff barriers. Free trade was only pursued as international competitiveness was achieved.

George Marshall knew that shared economic development is the only way to lasting peace, as John Maynard Keynes had warned in his criticisms of the impact of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany after the First World War. Marshall also emphasized that aid should be truly developmental, not piecemeal or palliative. National economic capacities and capabilities had to be nurtured to ensure sustainable development.

Counter-Revolution

Each era, no matter how successful, sows the seeds of its own end. The celebration of markets and private property were the major new economic norms invoked from the 1980s to undermine the post-war consensus. Nobel laureate Simon Kuznets' hypothesis – suggesting the inevitability of inequality rising with growth before its eventual decline – was invoked to justify related inequality.

The higher propensity to save of renters and profiteers, compared to wage earners, became the pretext for the tolerance, if not deliberate promotion of inequality in favour of the former, ostensibly to accelerate investment and growth. Conversely, progressive redistributive measures were deemed bad for growth, as they allegedly not only lowered savings and investment rates,

but also deterred investors.

From the early 1980s, the so-called "Washington Consensus" – the policy consensus on developing countries uniting the American government and the Bretton Woods institutions located in the U.S. capital city – emerged to rationalize the counter-revolutions against development economics, Keynesian economics and progressive state interventions.

Macroeconomic policies became narrowly focused on balancing the annual budget and attaining low inflation – instead of the previous emphasis on sustained growth and full employment with reasonable price stability. A relentless push for deregulation, privatization and economic globalization followed. Such measures were supposed to boost growth, which would trickle down, thus reducing poverty – hence, we were not to worry about inequality.

But the 'neo-liberal' measures largely failed to deliver sustained growth. Instead, financial and banking crises have become more frequent, with more devastating consequences, exacerbated by greater tolerance for inequality and destitution, which have undermined effective demand, in turn forming a vicious cycle, impeding sustained economic recovery and growth.

Global New Deal

The new global priorities from the end of the Second World War remain very relevant today. Empirical evidence has disproved the previous conventional wisdom that progressive redistribution retards growth. Instead, inequality and social exclusion have been shown to be detrimental to development.

After the last three and a half decades of regression, we have to recommit ourselves to the more inclusive and egalitarian ethos of the Philadelphia Declaration, Bretton Woods and the Marshall Plan with a global New Deal for our times.

Advocate for transparency

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in which corporations and foundations can hide millions of dollars, not completely unlike the offshore tax systems that hide billions of dollars for political and business leaders worldwide.

Even in a nation as wealthy as the United States, 15% of the population lives below the poverty line. The cost of social services that are often called unfeasible seem small in the face of the trillions of dollars tucked away through tax evasion. Though no American politician has yet been implicated in the Panama Papers, at the least, the leak

provides a much-needed lens to voters as they reevaluate the American economic and political system.

For those of us without a billion dollars in our pocket, we hold a priceless tool: our voices. We must speak out, through the press and through the electoral process, to ensure transparency in our governments. The Panama Papers serve as a global report card, and far too many of our political leaders and institutions are failing. Let this information inspire us all to relentlessly advocate for just and transparent political processes everywhere.

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Jamaican on human rights board



Margarette May Macaulay.
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By Azad Ali
A Jamaican lawyer has been elected to serve on the board of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Margarette May Macaulay will serve as second vice-chair.

Macaulay is a mediator in the Supreme Court of Jamaica and an associate arbitrator.

She also served as a judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights from 2007 to 2012, contributing to the formulation of the Court's Rules of Procedure.

The IACHR board is led by James Cavallaro, an American lawyer, who was elected chair.

In a media release the IACHR says the election was held at the beginning of the Commission's 157th regular

Period of Sessions.

The commissioner, an autonomous body of the Organization of American States (OAS), has a mandate to promote respect for human rights in the region and acts as a consultative body to the

OAS in this area.

It comprises seven independent members who are elected in an individual capacity by the OAS General Assembly and who do not represent their countries of origin or residence.

Miss Plus Size Universe Women's Forum

On Sunday April 24, 2016 Miss Plus Size Universe will showcase its first Women Conference, which will be held in New York at the JFK Hilton from 9 am to 5 pm.

Social entrepreneur Pearl Williams said her organization is dedicated to work towards the upliftment of women, especially those who are underprivileged in our society. "In my capacity as founder and president of Miss Plus Size Universe, I would like to invite all women to be a part of this great venture," said Williams

"Our first Women Conference is more than a conference; it's a global initiative of love and leadership of women. We are creating multiple channels across the globe to enable great leadership by women so they can express their energy in society to bring more balance and harmony, while utilizing their own capacity to create and influence others," she explained.

The theme for Miss Plus

Size Universe is "Women Are Core." "We believe in addressing issues that affect women from all angles. Our movement of women engages with men as well, all is a shared vision led by women to bring inclusion, diversity, inspiration and innovation to all," said Williams.

There will be five speakers who will explore all facets of issues that affect women. These speakers are: Alene Mathurin Gervaism (Business consultant-writer and life coach), Ripandeep Kaur (Philanthropist - chairperson of We for WE-Global campaign for women), Judy Boyce (Philanthropist - owner Kenju's CEO director of the Miss Plus Size Diva Barbados), Chinor Emeka (Author, advocate, owner of CAIRES Grooming Agency) and Justina Mutale (Advocate, speaker, philanthropist and one of the most influential and inspirational African women in the world).

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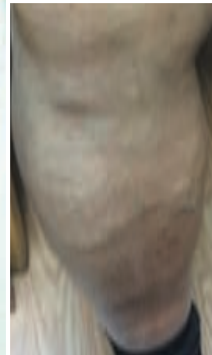
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Rodrigues would be working along with Foreign Minister Carl Greenidge.

Jamaica

Jamaica is equipped to conduct Zika virus testing on behalf of other countries if so assigned by the World Health Organization (WHO).

This was revealed by the director of the National Reference Laboratory at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), Professor Monica Smikle, who said that the facility is a valid WHO testing agency.



Members of staff have also benefitted from training from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The certification to test for Zika, Smikle noted, comes from the WHO through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP).

Following subsequent reports that all tests were completely successful, the lab was given the go-ahead to proceed with testing in Jamaica, she explained.

The Trinidad and Tobago-based Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) was designated as the Zika testing lab in the Caribbean when the virus entered the region,

The government of Jamaica spent Ja\$10 million to upgrade the UHVI Virology lab to equip it to test for the virus locally and to also provide increased capacity for diagnosis of dengue and chikungunya.

Haiti

Several human rights organizations and groups representing disabled people in Haiti are condemning the recent murder of three disabled women.

The groups, including the Haitian Society for Aid to the Blind, the National Association Network for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities and the Federation for the Deaf of Haiti said the three women, who were deaf and dumb, had been lynched after being taken for “witches.”



They said the women were only seeking a place to sleep in the zone and have since launched an appeal to the authorities to ensure respect for the rights of the disabled people in the impoverished country.

The organizations have also called for justice and compensation for the families of the three dead women.

St. Lucia

A Venezuelan national who was caught with thousands of dollars in U.S., Chinese, Bolivarian and Euro currency — some which he had swallowed — was jailed for one year in St. Lucia. Regilo Jesus Patino Reyes became the first person to be convicted for money laundering in St. Lucia’s court.



He was in prison for almost four

months after he was arrested.

Reyes was held on Dec. 4, 2015 when police carried out a raid at a hotel in the north of the island.

When officers searched Reyes’ room they found US\$7,610, £17,950, 4,020 Bolivars, six dollars in Chinese currency and EC\$5.

He was taken to the Victoria Hospital where he was given a laxative, and he passed out 31 rolls of cash equivalent to £14,000.

St. Kitts

The European Union (EU) has disbursed EC\$21.5 million (US\$4.6 million) as part of St. Kitts and Nevis sugar adjustment scheme.

This was revealed by the EU’s Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean, Mikael Barford, during a recent meeting with Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris.

Barford also said the country is set to receive an additional disbursement of EC\$12.5 million by the end of the year and this will mark the completion of the sugar compensation program.



He added there will be “more assistance from our side to our partner St Kitts and Nevis over the next four or five years.”

The EU ambassador said further assistance to St. Kitts and Nevis would probably come via the EU’s regional program and added that the most recent tenders that are outstanding concern the provision of video surveillance and monitoring because this is the highest priority of the St. Kitts and Nevis government.

Trinidad

More than 5,000 workers have been put on the breadline since the new PNM government came into office in September last year.

This was revealed by Labor Minister Jennifer Baptiste-Primus who said cabinet has approved a 10-point mitigation plan to help the retrenched workers that includes assisting the jobless citizens.



She said the state will be providing immediate, short-term and medium-term support, she said, as government appreciates that the situation is a multi-dimensional one where the negative effects are not only financial but psychological as well.

The minister described as “unfortunate” the fact that the case of former workers of steel giant ArcelorMittal’ facility, over 600 workers were sent home without benefits.

Bapiste-Primus sought to offer hope for those facing unemployment that coordination between the parties — the state, private sector and the individual themselves — could result in more persons being put back to work based on their skills.

She said government continues to work on resolving the ArcelorMittal situation. — compiled by Azad Ali

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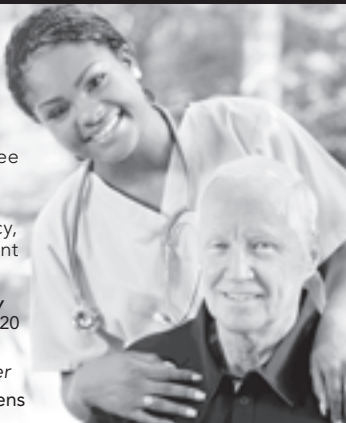
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Treefold increase in diabetic patients

By Nelson A. King

A new World Health Organization (WHO) report says the number of Caribbean nationals living with diabetes has tripled since 1980, adding that one in 12 inhabitants — some 62 million people — live with diabetes in the Americas, including the Caribbean.

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) said here on Wednesday that diabetes is currently the fourth-leading cause of death in the hemisphere, following heart attacks, strokes and dementias.

If current trends continue, experts estimate that nearly 110 million people in the region will have diabetes by 2040, PAHO said.

The first Global Report on Diabetes from WHO is being launched this week in Geneva and Mexico City as part of the 2016 World Health Day campaign, which is dedicated to diabetes.

The WHO report highlights the urgency of stepping up efforts to prevent and control diabetes, particularly through public policies that support healthy lifestyles and by ensuring that health systems are able to promptly diagnose, treat and care for people with diabetes.

“The best way to prevent diabetes is for people to follow a healthy diet, avoiding ultra-processed foods and sugary beverages that are high in calories and low in nutrients, and to engage in regular physical activity to help maintain a healthy body weight,” said PAHO’s Dominican-born director Dr. Carissa F. Etienne.

Preventing diabetes, however, “is not just an individual responsibility,” Etienne noted.

Rather, she said, governments need to adopt effective public policies and measures that help “make the healthy choice the easiest choice to make.”

Etienne said diabetes is a progressive chronic disease characterized by high levels of blood glucose.

She said it is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, lower limb amputation and other long-term health problems that have a significant impact on quality of life and increase the risk of premature death.

In addition, the PAHO director said medical care for diabetes and its complications take a high financial

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Professionals give individual assistance as the girls build their games.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Black girls building game apps

By Tequila Minsky

It was over a decade ago when Trinidadian-descent Alisha Finley graduated St. Josephs College majoring in computer science. She was among all the guys. “There were only two women with that major,” she explained. Finley is a core volunteer for Black Girls CODE (BGC). In a male dominated field, here she is now among female peers. When she discovered BGC, it was as if she found a family.

Seventy-one girls ages 7-17 sat in front of laptops focusing their concentration last Saturday during the “Build a Game in a Day with ‘Scratch,’” the BGC full day workshop, held on the second floor of the Chelsea Market, across from the Google building.

The young students—experienced and first-timers—traveled from all five boroughs and surrounding suburbs, and attend public, charter schools and private schools.

Sharing laptops provided by Google, the “gamers” worked in pairs led by three technical instructors. Using the coding programming language “Scratch” and guided by a team of assisting professionals, they built four games. By days end the girls presented their work to their parents as well as the group.

With laptops provided and “no prior coding experience needed,” NYC Chapter staff member Raven Ali, emphasized, “They experienced the achievement of building a game.”

Engineer Kimberly Bryant started Black Girls CODE in the Bay area in 2011 with a goal to have programs that expose girls to professional women who are engineers, data scientists, user interface designers and product designers—science



Alisha Finley, event and volunteer lead for Black Girls CODE.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

and technology (STEM) professionals. There are 15 chapters nationwide.

“Many youth (and people in general) don’t even know what engineers do, and this is an opportunity for them to be exposed to the profession,” said Raven, offering the economic projection statistic, “By 2018, there will be 2.4 million unfilled STEM jobs.”

“There are financial freedom opportunities in STEM careers choices. In a spirit of fun, camaraderie and sense of community, Black Girls CODE plants the seeds of technology career options.”

The cost for the workshops are \$35 with lunch, snacks and goodie bag provided and scholarships are available.

With a team of others, Alisha Finley is Event and Volunteer Lead; 47 volunteers assisted with the event. Fourteen-year-old Olivia Ross (her mom is from Barbados, her dad from Grenada) was one of them.

Ross began coding at age 10 and says, “I never had Black girlfriends who were

interested (in computer stuff). When Ross started coming to BGC events at age 12, “I felt so much more comfortable,” and in attending programs she learned to be part of a team and community.

Ross was part of a four-girl team at the BGC’s Hackathon where they made apps to combat domestic violence, apps that helped link to more information, support lines, and access to safe places. Their team won first place and each winner received \$1500 to further their education.

Admitting there are many gender biases on the Internet, Ross disabuses any notion, “Yes, girls play computer games!” It’s no surprise that she wants to be a game designer.

Even the volunteers get surprised at these events. Finley spoke of one girl of six or seven years, “She was so bright, she could explain code in ways I couldn’t. She was on my level!”

Google is the major sponsor of the New York Chapter. Google’s head of external affairs William Floyd agreed that diversity in the technology field is abysmal. In partnerships like this they are “building a community of technologists.” He also is particularly impressed on how involved and supportive the parents are.

BGC sponsors a three-day Hackathon in late June for girls between the ages of 12 – 17 where students participate in creating solutions to social issues within their communities, building “skills, confidence, experience and have lots of fun” while building apps. Its two-week computer camp takes place in mid-August in the city. For information: www.blackgirlsgcode.com.

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Ex-SVG national soccer captain, coach honored

By Nelson A. King

Elliott "Morey" Millington, who skippered and coached the St. Vincent and the Grenadines national football (soccer) team and led the nation to second place in the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) championship in 1979, was Saturday night honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Brooklyn-Friends of Sion Hill.

Millington, 61, who was in the vanguard of placing the village of Sion Hill "on the map in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Soccer World," received a standing ovation before and after he was conferred with the award at the group's gala, black-tie, inaugural award ceremony and dance at the Friends of Crown Heights Education Center in Brooklyn.

Late Sion Hill track star Rhonda Williams, who died in March 2014, and philanthropist Francelia De Riggs, also of Sion Hill, renowned as the "epitome of generosity," were also honored Saturday night.

"This award is not just for sports [but as] a brother, father-figure," said Millington's younger brother Osborne "Sheen" Millington, in presenting his elder brother with the award before standing-room-only patrons.

"I love you, and I will always be anywhere you want me to be," added Sheen, who also represented St. Vincent and the Grenadines in soccer, in the mid-field and striking positions, from 1976-83, under Millington's captaincy.

In accepting the honor, Millington said that, when he joined Sion Hill's Somerset B team in 1972, then the powerhouse A team a year later, under the captaincy of the late William Muckett, he vowed to change the long-held belief, in many quarters, that the "Village on the Hill", overlooking capital city Kingstown, was only renowned for its track stars.

He complimented the Almighty "and everybody who surrounded me" for ensuring

that the Sion Hill Football Club reached the pinnacle of the nation's football and for captaining and coaching the national team.

"I said I was destined for it [coach]," said Millington, who was also instrumental in the formation of the Sion Hill Football League. "Yes, I was. I simply did the best I could."

"Sion Hill has set the pace," he added. "I'm very happy for this award."

The Friends of Sion Hill, which was formed three years ago, said in its award journal that Millington's "exemplary managerial skills, unwavering dedication to the sport (football) and undeniable talent all contributed to his success as a leader, which resulted in SVG (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) being recognized as a force to be reckoned with in the Caribbean."

"His leadership skills transformed not only the Sion Hill Club, but it also elicited a feeling of pride and nationalism



Elliott "Morey" Millington (R) receives Lifetime Achievement Award from younger brother and former soccer colleague Osborne "Sheen" Millington.

Photo by Nelson A. King

throughout SVG," the group said.

Venold Coombs, president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Football (Soccer) Federation, who sent a monetary gift – the amount undisclosed — to

Millington, through executive member Earl "Caba" Bennett, described Millington as "the epitome of grace, class, industry, dignity, discipline and commitment, who bestrode the


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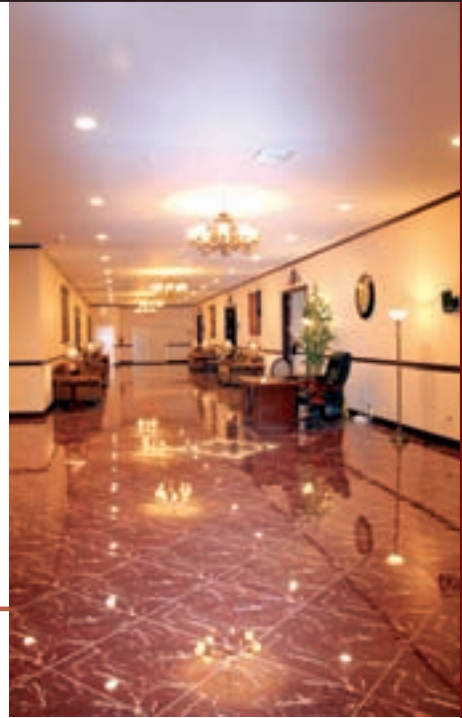
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Chef Andre Fowles at a recent Jamaican Tourism reception in New York City.

Jamaican chef to compete in food competition

By Tangerine Clarke

Twenty-seven-year-old Jamaican-born Chef Andre Fowles who served up a mouth-watering dish of Goat Curry with Chick Pea, Buss Up Shut, and Jasmin rice, to clinch the title of Champion on the Food Network TV reality show, *Chopped*, will compete in the April 19, championship tournament — *Chopped Champions Battle 4 Kitchen Storm* — that will be aired on Food Network TV at 10 pm E/T.

Fowles, the first Jamaican, and the youngest to win the competition in the history of the reality show, told *Caribbean Life* recently at a Jamaican tourism reception in New York City, that he would be competing to take home the \$50,000 prize when he returns to the kitchen to create the best cuisine among other champions.

Fowles said he finished his dish in just 20 minutes in the "Cooking Caribbean" episode that aired Feb. 23, 2016, highlighting Caribbean-inspired ingredients - after excelling throughout the season's competition to win \$10,000. He will be one of 16 chiefs cooking for the prestigious title, and the \$50,000 pay day.

The sous-chef who is now cooking up spicy fare at Miss Lily's a Jamaican restaurant on West Houston Street in New York City, crushed the competition, shining over famed chefs, Rocco Nankervis, executive chef of The Oceanaire Seafood Room in Houston, Brandon Soverall, chef de cuisine at Trinita Restaurant of Houston, and Keisha Bocage, executive chef, and owner of Bocage Catering, among others.

"My grandmother Victoria David inspired me from a very young age to

become a career chef, after I watched her cook some of the best peas and rice, curried goat, and jerk chicken," said the winner, who has become a household name since winning the title on the hugely popular cooking series.

He said he became a big fan of the show and after his wife encouraged him to apply to become a contestant on the show, he was called by the network after just two weeks of signing up on the website.

The Kingston-born young man, who attended Quarrie High School, and later studied at Runway Bay Heart Academy before arrived in the United States in 2014 to further his studies in the culinary arts, spoke proudly of "Mama Cherry," an affectionate name for his grandma.

He said his cooking showcases different flavors of the Caribbean islands, especially Jamaica, from where he adds ingredients to produce a modern Caribbean taste of bold flavors.

"The Jamaican culture is all about cooking," said Fowles, adding that there is a custom in his homeland called "runabout" where Jamaicans cook and invite friends and family over to partake of their appetizing foods. "That inspired me," he said.

Now a master chef, Fowles spent two years as chef de partie under the tutelage of Martin Maginley, multi-award-winning chef at the cashmere-chic Round Hill Hotel & Villas. He also experienced great cooking at Kingston's celebrated Mac's Chop House alongside famed chef Mario Machado.

His motto is "find your passion,

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Tackling race issues head on

“We Love You, Charlie Freeman” by Kaitlyn Greenidge
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Author Kaitlyn Greenidge.

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Anything's worth a try.

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The shiny new car just didn't seem right.

Nothing did, really. Leaving their home, moving to another state, having to make new friends, Charlotte Freeman hated it all. And this experiment her parents had gotten them into, well, no.

Her mother, Laurel, sure was excited about it, though. Ever since she was young, Laurel had been fascinated with sign language, and she taught both her daughters to sign as soon as they were old enough to understand the motions. But a chimpanzee? A chimp the Freemans would raise as a child, while they taught it sign language?

Charlotte couldn't ever imagine spending the rest of her teenage years pretending that a chimpanzee was her brother. She was leery of the “doctor” who ran the

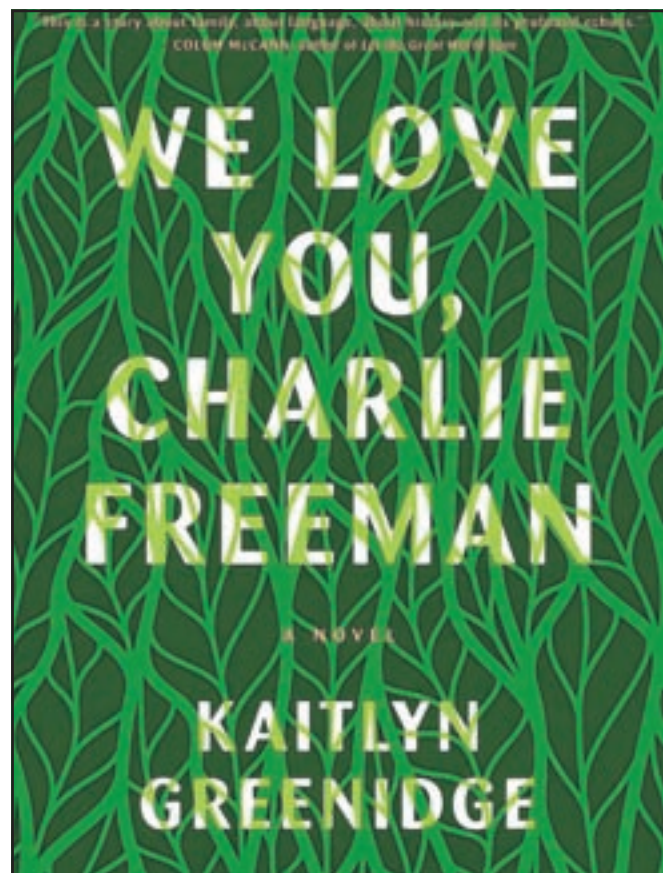
program, and of the ancient woman who'd founded the whole thing. They were white; the Freemans were black and Charlotte suspected that race had something to do with why The Toneybee Institute had hired her mother, but it didn't matter.

What mattered was that Charlotte and her little sister seemed to be losing their mother's love to a chimpanzee.

Nobody called Ellen Jericho by her real name in years. They all called her by her Star of the Morning name, Nymphadora, which was a name that made her proud, and which was the name she'd given Dr. Gardner when they first met.

They made their acquaintance because he'd been bothering the town's children with his obsessive sketching. Her Star sisters asked her to ask him to stop, which Nymphadora did — brokering a deal with him to sketch her instead, in poses that he chose.

She didn't expect to fall in



Book cover of “We Love You Charlie Freeman” by Kaitlyn Greenidge.

love with him, nor was she prepared to stumble upon the horrible reason why Gardner

Charlotte was equally surprised at what she discovered... For sure, “We Love You, Charlie Freeman” is sharp as an axe.



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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The center takes into account the dietary and nutrition needs of each person. Charts are maintained, and meals are planned by a dietician. A number of participants are from the Caribbean, so they are accustomed to



(From top) Seniors can remain active and social through Royal Palace's care. The adult day care center offers convenient door-to-door transportation. **Photos by Steve Schibbe**

eating certain foods, says Ms. Felix.

"As people age, they want foods they are familiar to them." As a result, Royal Palace Adult Day Care accommodates their needs by preparing dishes that may include some of their favorites — fish, cornmeal, and okra.

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"Our staff is kind, considerate, and caring; we make everyone feel comfortable," says Ms. Felix. "Caregivers are happy

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Commemoration at Medgar

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opportunities in this field.

McPherson, a product of New York City public schools—Brooklyn Technical H.S., recognized during her presentation the importance of her mentors in a field not known for women. From high school on, “Mentors bolstered me in times of strife,” she gratefully acknowledged. “They encouraged me to continue and gave me advice that has taken me far.”

McPherson attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, which has enabled her to get a job as a Sourcing Manager/Engineer at NBC Sports & Olympics. Serving as the program chair for the National Society of Black Engineers, NYC Professionals Chapter, McPherson clearly wants to bring more Blacks in general, and women in particular into the profession.

The evening was anchored by the NBC 1969 short news special “the Irrepressible Shirley Chisholm.”

A panel then followed the film.

Educator Dr. Marcella Maxwell, West Indian Day Parade Co-Chair William Howard and CB 3 Chair Tremaine Wright offered more about the ripples of influence of Shirley Chisholm. Wright is running for Robinson’s Assembly seat.

Chisholm excelled in debate at Brooklyn College, which led to her career in politics. Representing youth in the audience were members of the Solomon Debate Team, students from Bedford Academy, Boys and Girls High School, Medgar Evers Prep and Christ the King H.S.

The evening commemoration was held in conjunction with Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, NYS Assembly Women of Color, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority - Delta Alpha Zeta Chapter, National Association of University Women - Brooklyn Chapter, Church Women United, Eleanor Roosevelt Conference Committee and NYS Coalition of Labor Union Women.

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work hard and you can be successful.”

The mystery basket from which Fowles chose ingredients for his 30-minute challenge, in the Entree round, contained: Goat chops, chickpeas, callaloo and whole coconuts. Chef Fowles made traditional Jamaican Curry Goat using beef stock, chicken stock and jasmine rice.

Sugarcane, mangoes, sweet potatoes and rum were in the appetizer round from which Chef Fowles created a Sweet Potato Mousse with Candied Mangoes using egg whites, maple syrup and Pistachio nuts.

According to Food Network.com, “Chopped” is a cooking competition show, which is all about skill, speed

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TOURISM

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every part of the world.

"Everywhere we go there is a Jamaican of eminence or notoriety," said the minister who called Usain Bolt a champion of champions and mentioned cricketers, footballers, academics who make Jamaica, in part, a well respected country.

Appointed to the post of tourism minister for the second time around, Bartlett said this repeat calls for a new approach to driving tourism and creating an advanced experience not that people have come to expect, but an experience which is beyond their expectation. "In order to drive tourism arrival you have to build passions around people," said the minister.

In addition to new products, fashion, and shopping in Jamaica, he wants to build the tourism brand around gastronomy, noting that Jamaica has the finest cuisine that was born from the cultures and ethnicity, qualities that have given "us this beautiful mosaic."

"Out of many people, one Jamaica, and our food reflects this," said Minister Bartlett who called on great chefs in the Diaspora, the region, and local entrepreneurs to invest in gastronomy to bring excitement and enticing flavors to pallets of tourists.

Entrepreneurship, casino investment, shopping, as well as tapping into special needs travelers will help to grow

tourism.

"We want to show the several hundred thousand special needs travelers to Jamaica that we care about you," said Bartlett, adding that keeping dollars in the country, is a main goal.

He plans to forge partnerships with airlines, tour operators, the media and digital technology to connect the world with Jamaica. As such, the country will train workers in the tourism industry, and review the labor market, he said, adding that a pension plan will roll out within another month.

The tourism industry will also invest in building communities for tourism workers. "We will grow tourism to reach the level where the growth is enough to give and supply the economy so that the average Jamaican can feel the impact of tourism," he said.

Guests at the reception enjoyed rich Jamaican fare and music by Lion Melta.

Those in attendance included; Assemblyman Nick Perry, Director of Tourism, Paul Pennicook, Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador E. Courtenay Rattray, and Harry Bhoo-rasingh, Regional Manager of JN Money Services USA.

Also present were, Food Network TV winner of "Chopped" Andre Fowles, Devon Harris of Jamaica Bob Sledding fame, Alicia Ashley, WBC Super Bantam Weight World Champ, and Samantha Black, winner of Bravo's Project Runway – Season 4.

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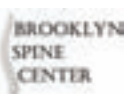
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DIABETES

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toll on families and health systems. In 2014, diabetes-related health spending in the countries of the Americas amounted to some \$382 billion.

Etienne said the vast majority of people with diabetes suffer from type 2, which is closely linked to overweight and obesity, as well as sedentary lifestyles.

In the Americas, PAHO said more than 60 percent of the population is overweight or obese, largely as a result of lifestyle changes related to development and globalization.

The new WHO report says the rise of diabetes can be slowed through a combination of fiscal policies and legislation aimed at changing the environment in which people make lifestyle decisions, along with greater public awareness of the need to address the top risk factors for the disease.

The report urges measures to reduce consumption of unhealthy foods, including increased taxes on sugary drinks and front-of-package labelling that alerts consumers to excessive fat, sugar and salt in processed foods.

"Unless urgent action is taken, the world will not reverse this epidemic," said Alberto Barceló, PAHO regional advisor on diabetes.

He noted that WHO member countries have pledged to curb the increase in both diabetes and obesity by 2025.

The new report emphasizes that people with diabetes can live long and healthy lives if their condition is diagnosed early and is well managed.

In some countries of the Americas, however, as many as 40 percent of people who have diabetes do not know it, and 50-70 percent do not have their condition controlled, PAHO said.

It said good management of diabetes is essential to prevent complications and premature death.

"We must ensure that people with diabetes have access to the health care and medicines they need as well as to education about self-management and interventions that facilitate healthy living," Barceló said.

An international forum on diabetes organized by PAHO and Mexico's Ministry of Health will be held in Mexico City on April 7-8 as part of the 2016 World Health Day campaign.

The event will include the regional launch of WHO's first Global Report on Diabetes, PAHO said.

AWARD

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football arena like a colossus."

Coombs said Millington was considered by pundits as "one of the most complete players to grace the football field [in St. Vincent and the Grenadines]."

"His incomparable work ethics was always on display – whether it was for his beloved club, Sion Hill (later Pepsi Sion Hill) or the Men's National Team," Coombs said.

Bennett, who trekked from home, told Caribbean Life, as he jostled with photographers and "photo take-outs" to record the history-making affair, that he "couldn't miss this for anything."

He also described Millington in the journal as "a living legend," adding that Millington has "proven that good and great can reside in the same person and that one can also be famous and great at the same time.

"Such is the greatness of the man who is known endearingly as 'Morey,' 'boss,' 'general' and 'coach,' among other sobriquets," said Bennett, who gave the Vote-of-Thanks.

In introductory remarks, Colin

Bramble told the sell-out patrons that, "without Morey's influence, I would not have been a great soccer player, or the man I am today.

"Morey, you're a great role model to me and others alike," said Bramble before pausing and breaking down in tears. "After all, you're a great hero.

"Morey has had an indelible gift; success is never final," added Bramble, choking up.

In his tribute, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Sports Minister Cecil "Ces" McKie said Millington "distinguished himself as a midfield maestro, technically gifted and blessed with skills, with chest and head, and was referred to as one of the best headers of the ball in SVG."

Several former stars in the Vincen-tian soccer fraternity, including Raymond "Ballie" Ballantyne and Derek Dupont, were present at the award ceremony.

The Friends of Sion Hill, whose president is Oxley Lowman, said that, after several decades of "steadfast service, numerous championships, many accomplishments and accolades," Millington retired from the National Football League in 1993 and eventually from football entirely in 2002, when he migrated to New York.

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JA eyes radical growth in tourism using '5 pillars'

Jamaica has positioned itself to grow its economy using a "five-pillar" formula guaranteed to boost returns from tourism.

Eager to follow the lead of the Dominican Republic — the fastest growing economy — Jamaica's Minister of Tourism, Edmund Bartlett predicted a surge next year in the island's most profitable industry.

On his first official visit to New York City since tasked last month with the responsibility of shoring up the sector, the highest tourism ambassador expressed optimism that his nation could yield twice the current two and a half percent figures already impressive and favorable to the island's economy.

"Jamaica is the most exciting destination on earth," Bartlett said "despite the fact we have issues — like everybody else — 42 percent of all visitors return."

Here on a three-day mission to convince key stakeholders of his vision of rapidly growing his economy, the returning champion of the island's tourism industry addressed media, gov-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ernment officials and nationals saying he was pleased to reunite with everyone including tour operators, friends and stake holders.

Without referencing the reemergence of his Jamaica Labour Party to governance in February, the minister described his visit as his "reincarnation" in New York.

He first served in the same position under the Bruce Golding administration from 2007 to 2011 when the prime minister resigned but continued in the same capacity for another year with successor Andrew Holness leading his party and government.

"It is great to be at home again!" Bartlett exclaimed.

Bartlett explained the 7.3 percent hike in tourism its Spanish neighbor experienced last year was strategic and can be replicated if Jamaica implements five pillars he proposed.

He said the nation is poised to record a whopping five percent by next year.

Prior to the select gathering, he met with executives at the headquarters of Jet Blue Airlines to endear their cooperation to his vision. A first step to executing "five pillars for growth" the meeting complied with a mission to renew a commitment with the carrier to continue servicing commuters to the island and most importantly to embrace a partner while sustaining a valued friendship.

A leading transporter of tourists to Kingston and Montego Bay since the national Air Jamaica disbanded, Jet Blue accounts for the most tourist arrivals and departures to the island.

Ranked first in terms of airline quality, JetBlue reportedly was among six airlines that improved standings in per-



Edmund Bartlett, Jamaica's minister of tourism with Chef Andre Fowles and Paul Pennycook, director of tourism.

Jamaica Tourist Board

formance last year. The winner after research evaluated the top 13 airlines in numerous categories of passenger service Jet Blue soared past a dozen competitors to emerge the best in on-time performance and also registered the least denials to passengers boarding their aircrafts.

Although United, Southwest, Delta, ExpressJet and SkyWest made improvements last year, when it comes to bag-

gage handling and customer complaints, the sky-colored brand again took first prize for resolving issues.

Bartlett capitalized on the good news recently released by the aviation industry's raters and in addressing a diverse group announced the five pillars he will employ to grow tourism in Jamaica and also "enable the average Jamaican on the island to feel the impact of tourism."

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Jamaican actress and singer Dianne Dixon.

Caribbean Playreading Series in NY

Award winning Jamaican actress and singer Dianne Dixon has joined a stellar lineup of actors from across the Caribbean for the Braata Productions Caribbean Playreading Series to be held at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center (JPAC) in Queens, New York, from April 22 – 24.

The Caribbean Playreading series is designed to create, develop, showcase and expose the best of Caribbean theatrical offerings and to introduce American audiences to the work of new and

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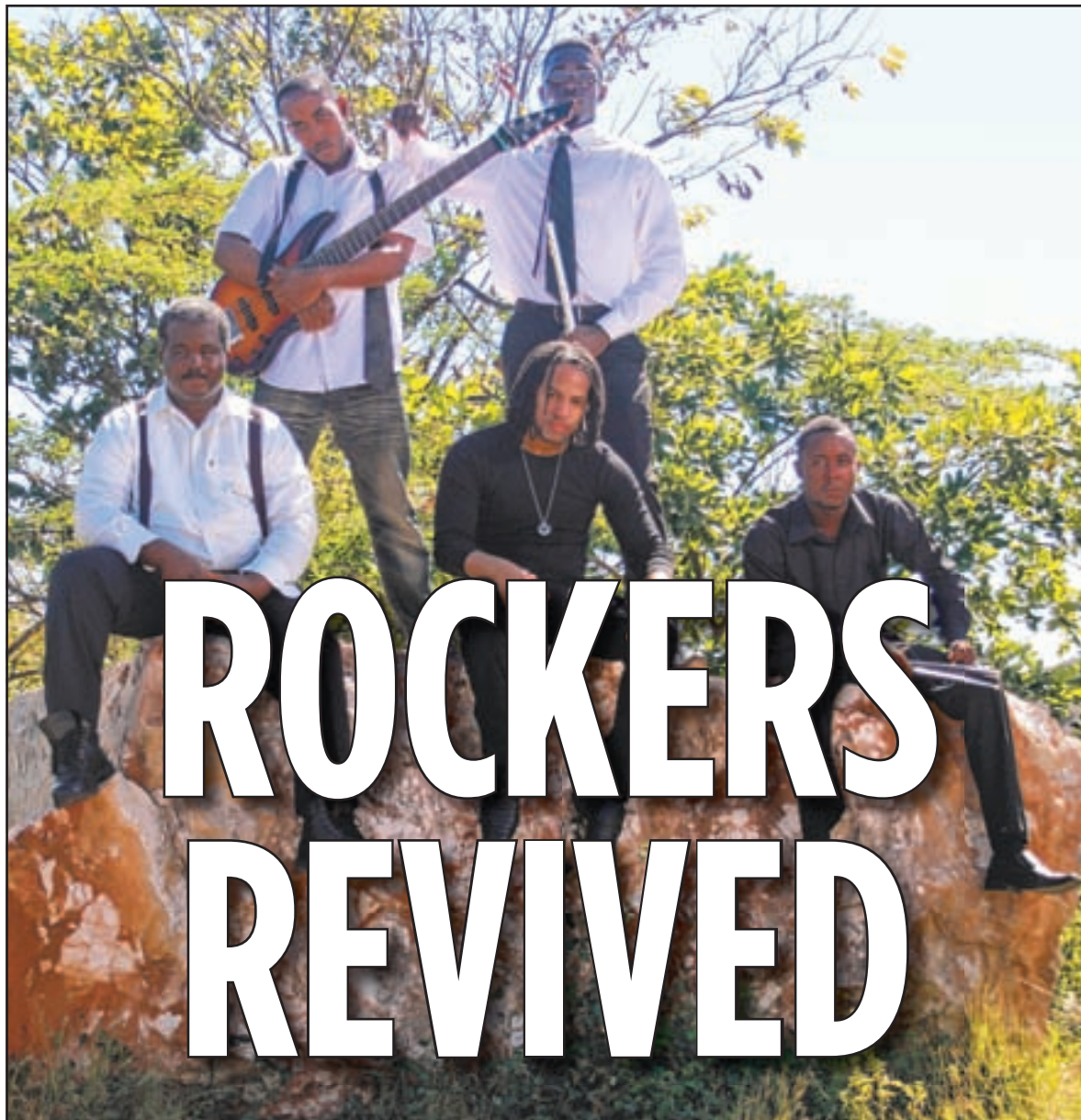
Haitian artists make art from junk

By David McFadden

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) _ Amid a maze of car repair shops in Haiti's gritty capital, Andre Eugene pitches a shredded tire he found atop a towering sculpture he built out of rusty engine parts, bed springs and other cast-off junk.

"This is what I do: I work with the garbage of the world," says Eugene, assessing the largest sculpture displayed at the entrance of his studio and open-air museum off a crumbling street cutting through some of Port-au-Prince's

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Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic Band's mission is to preserve Jamaica's rock steady / lover's rock.

Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic Band elevate Jamaica's music

Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic Band, fast rising rock steady / lovers' rock collective has been hitting the stage ferociously with several outstanding performances.

The Rebelistic Band has been on a local campaign titled "Rockers Revived," promoting their latest releases "Pillow is Soaked," "True Love" and "Come Home." Performing at several live music venues across the island, they are re-introducing

fans of all ages to the soulful vibe of rock steady and lovers' rock.

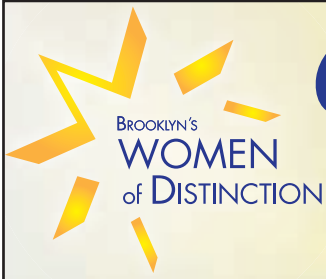
The band live televised debut on Television Jamaica (TVJ) Morning Time program - Smile Jamaica, was proclaimed as being a profound and nostalgic performance. Host Empress Golding was quoted as saying "Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic Band was the best band she has heard on stage for 2016 thus far."

"Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic tal-

ent are reminiscent of the golden era of Jamaican music," says Billy Mystic of Mystic Revealers, following their set at Jamnesia Surf Club. "It has been a joy watching them. Jordan echoes the likes of legendary artists such as Dennis Brown, Beres Hammond and Alton Ellis to name a few."

The Rebelistic Band plays like they were meant for their individu-

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Jensen Atwood (Caleb Abrams) stars in "Before 'I Do.'" Rottentomatoes.com

By Kam Williams

Caleb Abrams (Jensen Atwood) is single today only because his former fiancée, Asia (Michelle D. Ivy), broke off their engagement the night before the wedding. During the year since, the buff Baltimore fireman has rededicated himself to his career while pursuing a love of painting in his spare time.

However, everything changes the fateful day he finds the body of a homeless man (Edgar Gregory) after extinguishing a fire in an abandoned farmhouse. Shaken to the core,

Caleb cries on the shoulder of his pal Shelby (Omar Gooding), a veteran colleague who warns that "you're going to see a lot of things you wish you could forget."

Still, the tragedy continues to exact an emotional toll, as witnessed by his roommate,

Imani (Danielle Ward), who asks, "Are you ever going to paint again?" "I lost my passion," he confesses, before conveniently turning the tables by challenging her to finish the book she's been writing for the last decade.

In addition, Caleb's frustrat-

ed father, Pastor Spoon Abrams (Michael Pittman), notices that he hasn't seen his son in church for a month of Sundays. "Are you too busy for the Lord?" he asks, adding, "It's time for you to grow up."

Consequently, at almost 40, Caleb suddenly finds him-

self contemplating his mortality and facing a fear of growing old alone. And even though he's been dating a new woman, Breanna (Andrea Kelly), their relationship can neither fill the void left by the loss of Asia nor erase the traumatizing image of the hobo's corpse from his head.

By contrast, most of his friends seem to be adjusting to adulthood just fine. Shelby and his wife, Jasmyn (Kathleen Purcell-Turner), are eagerly expecting their first child. Marlon (Lamar Barnes) and Imani have just announced their engagement and she's asked him to serve as best man when they tie the knot.

Nevertheless, still waters run deep, and there are a number of skeletons waiting to burst out of the closet in "Before I Do," the latest offering from the very talented Kimberly Conner. Besides writing and directing, Kimberly also co-produced the picture and appears in the film in a support role as the coroner.

Independent & Foreign Films

13 Cameras (Unrated)

Psychological thriller about a couple of newlyweds (PJ McCabe and Brienne Moncrief) whose Peeping Tom landlord (Neville Archambault) invades their privacy by secretly installing surveillance cameras all around their new home. With Sarah Baldwin, Sean Carrigan and Jim Cummings.

The Adderall Diaries (R for sexual-ity, drug use, disturbing content and pervasive profanity) James Franco stars in this adaptation of reporter Stephen Elliott's memoir of the same name recounting his struggle with substance abuse and writer's block while covering a bizarre murder trial. Cast includes Amber Heard, Cynthia Nixon, Ed Harris, Christian Slater and Wilmer Valderrama.

Hostile Border (R for violence, profanity, nudity and graphic sexual-ity) American Dream drama about an undocumented immigrant's (Veronica Sixtos) attempt to return to the U.S. after being deported to Mexico by the FBI for credit card fraud. With Jesse Garcia, Jorge Jimenez and Julio Cedillo. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

The Measure of a Man (Unrated) Midlife crisis drama, set in France, about the humiliations suffered by a blue-collar worker (Vincent Lindon) while trying to find employment after being laid off from his factory job. Support cast includes Yves Ory, Matthieu



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Schaller and Karine de Mirbeck. (In French with subtitles)

Our Last Tango (Unrated) Reverential biopic chronicling the 50-year career and enduring relationship of the most famous dance partners in the history of the Tango, Argentina's Maria Nieves Rego and Juan Carlos Copes. (In Spanish with subtitles)

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ROCK

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al instrument, together they bring the best that reggae has to offer and continue to amaze and entertain. Their lovers' rock / rock steady sound is a fusion of music that touches the soul of all music lovers," stated Clancy Eccles Jr.

After a recent live performance on Kool 97 FM, producer and veteran radio personality Michael Thompson lauded praises on the band's sound and overall delivery of being simply fantastic.

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Jordan Mais & the Rebelistic Band performs on Smile Jamaica, Television Jamaica.

Playreading

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established playwrights from the Caribbean diaspora.

Over the course of the three-day event, a different Caribbean play will be presented as a staged reading on each evening. The three plays announced for this year's series are "Bright Lights, Tent City" by France-Luce Benson (Haiti) on Friday April 22 at 8 pm, "Mom's Eulogy" by Jermaine Rowe (Jamaica) on Saturday April 23 at 8 pm and "Shepherd" by Rawle Gibbons (Trinidad) on Sunday April 24 at 3 pm.

The event is free to the public, and Dixon will appear in two readings: "Mom's Eulogy" and "Shepherd."

She will be joined by an acclaimed cast of established and emerging Caribbean-American actors including Andrew Clarke, Lincoln Brown, Ilana Warner, Nyanda Cammock, Mitzie Pratt, Monique John, Eric Berryman and Tyane Robinson.

In a stage and screen career spanning nearly two decades, the multitalented Dixon has established herself as one of the most dynamic and popular Caribbean actors working in New York today.

Renowned for her versatility, her resume includes many appearances in critically acclaimed productions spanning several genres.

Her dramatic appearanc-

es include productions such as "Haiti's Children of God," "One of Our Sons is Missing," "An Old Woman Remembers," "Massinisa - Lord of Thunder" and Jamaican Karl O Brian Williams' "Not About Eve," which played to sold out audiences at The National Black Theater Festival in Winston Salem, North Carolina — the largest event of its kind in the world.

Her singing and dancing talents have also earned her excellent reviews in such musical productions as "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Flambeaux," which swept the 2015 Audelco Awards for Excellence in Black Theater, winning six awards including Best Musical.

Dixon herself has been nominated for the Audelco Award — New York's highest honor for Off Broadway black theater — on two occasions, as Best Supporting Actress for the musical Jamaica and again for the drama Dinner at The Manse.

Her television and film appearances include "Law and Order" and "Jamaican Mafia."

A folklorist who is dedicated to the preservation of Jamaican and Caribbean folk traditions, Dixon is also a member of the popular Braata Folk Singers and frequently includes tributes to her idol and mentor, The Honorable Louise Bennett Coverley (Miss Lou) in her singing and live hosting appearances.

Haitians make junk art



In this April 2, 2016 photo, sculptor Jean Robert Palanquet carves on a piece of wood in an open-air museum and art workshop off a trash-strewn street cutting through some of the poorest neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Associated Press / David McFadden

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poorest neighborhoods.

The Haitian sculptor is a founding member of Atis Rezistans, a shifting collective of artists who recycle whatever useful scraps they can find to give a raw, physical shape to the spiritual world of Voodoo, or Vodou as the religion is known by Haitians, and weigh in on the country's chronic political and economic troubles.

While Haiti's established galleries were slow to warm to the scrap sculptors of the capital's impoverished Grand Rue neighborhood, bustling with furniture-makers and other craftsmen, the artisans working with recycled materi-

als have been embraced by a number of international art connoisseurs and academics.

Over the last decade, the work of Atis Rezistans has been exhibited in cities such as Paris, London, and Los Angeles. There are sculptures included in the permanent collections of museums, including the Frost Art Museum in Miami.

Haitian art has long had a reputation for imaginative richness, and wealthy international collectors including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and filmmaker Jonath-an Demme sought out self-taught painters colorfully evoking the everyday lives of Haitians or depicting dream-like scenes.

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the world and brings them together under the big top,” said Founder and CEO Cedric Walker. “At this time in our history we need to come together, to embrace and learn from each other. I believe the circus naturally brings people together. In 23 years of searching for talent, I have journeyed to every continent to find a multicultural, multinational mix of talent to showcase.”

Leading the charge this year as ringmaster for UniverSoul Circus is the multi-talented Lucky Malatsi of Johannesburg, South Africa. Lucky, 27, has been performing in front of an audience for 23 years. In 1999, while performing in South Africa, Lucky caught the attention of Cedric Walker. By 2000, at the age of 10, he was performing a popular duo contortionist act for UniverSoul. Married with two young kids growing up in the back lot, Lucky brings new meaning to the term, multi-talented. He has been an acrobatic hip hop dancer, acrobat, contortionist, trapeze artist, teeterboard flyer, trampoline artist and an acrobatic-dunking whiz kid with basketballs.

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West Indies' Stafanie Taylor plays a shot during their ICC Women's Twenty20 Cricket World Cup semifinal match against Australia in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi

Windies cricketers selected

By Azad Ali

Four West Indies cricketers have been included on the ICC teams of the tournament following the Twenty20 World Cup, which recently ended in India.

Spinner Samuel Badree and all-rounder Andre Russell are the two West Indians in the male line-up led by India's Virat Kohli.

In the Women's Twenty20 team, Stafanie Taylor has been appointed captain of the women's team which also

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Vincies walk for Penn Relays

By Nelson A. King

It rained heavily for most of Saturday morning, but that did not prevent die-hard supporters from participating in the second Annual Walk-a-ton aimed at raising funds to aid Vincentian athletes at the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa.

The event, which took place at the sprawling Marine Park, at the southern tip of Brooklyn, and organized by the Brooklyn-based group Club St. Vincent, Inc., drew support not only from club members but also from a cross-section of the Vincentian community.

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CRUSHING DEFEAT

United States' Carli Lloyd (10) heads the ball away as Julie Johnston (8) tries to keep Colombia's Isabella Echeverri (5) away from the ball during the second half of an international friendly soccer match, Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Chester, Pa. The United States won 3-0. Associated Press / Chris Szagola

US women's soccer blanks Colombia 3-0

By Dave Zeitlin

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — Julie Johnston scored two goals, Tobin Heath had a pair of assists and the U.S. women's soccer team defeated Colombia 3-0 on Sunday.

Christen Press also scored for the Americans, who wrapped up a two-

game exhibition series with Colombia after a 7-0 win on Wednesday in Connecticut.

U.S. captain Carli Lloyd, the 2015 FIFA Women's Player of the Year, was held scoreless despite several chances in her homecoming, coming out to a thunderous ovation in the

73rd minute.

The Delran, N.J., native grew up 30 minutes from Talen Energy Stadium, the home stadium of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. It was her first game in the area since leading the United States to the 2015

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Windies share cricket prize

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includes her teammate, all-rounder Deandra Dottin.

An ICC statement says the teams were chosen by a select group of former cricket stars and commentators who were given the task of picking a balanced side for all conditions on the basis of performances in the tournament.

The statement said the statistics were used but were not the sole basis for selection.

"The experts had an extremely difficult task to select the men's and women's squads from around 400 cricketers who represented the 26 teams," said ICC General Manager Cricket, Geoff Allardice.

"In the end, I believe the selectors have chosen two very well balanced sides which are capable of beating any opposition under any conditions," he added.

West Indies defeated England men by four wickets in the final at Eden Garden in Kolkata to regain the T20 World Cup, while the West Indies women won the title for the first time at the same venue by pulling off an eight-wicket victory over four-time champions Australia.

Meanwhile, the West Indies players who won the 2016 ICC World Cup T20 recently in Kolkata, India will share a total of US\$3 million.

In a statement from the vice-president of the WICB, Emmanuel Nathan gave a breakdown, saying 100 percent of the US\$1.6 million prize money would go to the players. In addition, the match and group stage fees, approximately US\$1.2M will be disbursed to the men's team, as well as approximately US\$125,000 representing part of the sponsorship fees relating to the World Cup.

He said in contrast, the successful women's team would take home "just under US\$200,000." This is according to the current structure obtained by the West Indies Cricket Board.



United States' Christen Press (12) kicks the ball on its way to a goal during the first half of an international friendly soccer match against Colombia, Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Chester, Pa. Associated Press / Chris Szagola

TOUGH CHOICES FOR TOURNAMENT

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World Cup, getting a hat trick in the final.

"Although I would have liked to score in front of my home crowd, it's not really the end of the world," said Lloyd, who had more than 100 family and friends in attendance. "We won the game and that's the most important thing."

The Americans are 11-0 in 2016, outscoring their opponents 42-1. They are preparing for the Rio Olympics, where they're seeking their fourth straight gold medal.

Coach Jill Ellis has several tough choices for the tournament and experimented with Sunday's lineup, giving playmaker Heath her first start at full-back and sitting out starting goalkeeper

Hope Solo in favor of Alyssa Naeher, who's competing with Ashlyn Harris for the backup role in Rio.

"Way back when, Tobin played at the under-20 level as a left back," Ellis said.

"But Tobin has a good mind, good feet, versatility, athleticism and she's playing with so much confidence. That's huge, especially when you go into a tournament with six games and a small roster — to have that flexibility is great."

Heath admitted that she "prefers to be attacking," but certainly put in a strong shift at both right back and left back, especially with her set pieces.

In the 42nd minute, Johnston one-timed Heath's free kick past Colombia goalkeeper Catalina Perez to put the United States up 2-0. Heath and John-

ston connected again on another free kick to close the scoring in the 79th minute.

"At the end of the day, it's all Tobin," Johnston said. "Tobin played the set piece perfectly where I needed to be. I was lucky enough to be in the right spots."

It was the first multiple-goal game for Johnston, whose seven career goals have all come off set pieces. Like Lloyd, she also played in front of several family members, including her fiancée, Philadelphia Eagles tight end Zach Ertz.

"It was awesome," Johnston said. "To have Zach here, my family here, it's always fun."

Naeher improved to 4-0, earning her fourth career shutout. But she didn't need to make any saves.

Vincies fundraise for Penn

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Walkers, obviously, donned rain gear and warm clothing, and protected themselves further by using large umbrellas in the blustery, cold weather, as they navigated around the scenic park.

"It think it went well," Ancilla Friday, Club St. Vincent, Inc.'s public relations officer and main co-ordinator of the event, told Caribbean Life, in an exclusive interview, afterwards. "Some people did not come because of the rain, but we walked to raise funds for these athletes and to get some exercise

as well.

"We had a good crowd, nice crowd," added Friday, who first broached the idea to club members when she was president two years ago. "We've established a good relationship with the people [administrators] at Marine Park, and this event will grow.

"The T-shirts [promoting the event] were added incentives, and I'm very excited about the event," she continued.

Auton "Frankie" George, Club St. Vincent, Inc.'s treasurer, brought along, for the second year, his only child and



Walkers pose before participating in Walk-a-thon. Photo by Nelson A. King

daughter, Zulema, the popular fashion designer in Brooklyn.

"I always believe it's important to support these young folks in whatever endeavor they seek to undertake," said the economist and accountant. "Athletics fosters not only integrity in kids,

but competition is good for personal development.

"And these kids [athletes from the Thomas Saunders Secondary School] coming from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and participating in something like this [Penn Relays] is very good," he added. "I will always support something like this."

About Zulema's participation, George said: "She's a trooper; she always gets involved in these things. I try to tell her that it's not always about her but about service to the community.

"I'm very happy that she really has matured, and tries to be involved [in community activities] and tries to do her best," he said.

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Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



Australia's batsman David Warner plays a shot during the second T20 cricket match between South Africa and Australia at the Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, March 6, 2016.

Associated Press / Themba Hadebe

West Indies Cricket Board must be re-named

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) which governs West Indies cricket must be re-named, "Peoples' Regional Cricket Board, (PRCB). This board which officiates over cricket has failed the region and changes must be made to create a normal relationship with players based on common understanding and mutual respect.

WIPA MUST BE CHANGED

No one individual with a title of president or chief executive officer must be put to face the task of negotiating on behalf of players. The players should be represented by three members when negotiating with the WICB. WICB must seriously implement most, if not all, the recommendations of CARICOM. CARICOM's Cricket Committee came up with several sound, common sense resolutions to solve the disastrous state of the ruling body of West Indies cricket.

NB: The WICB has too many directors sitting idle with nothing for them to do. Put them to work.

UNPOPULAR CHOICE

Australia failed to come close to capturing the International Cricket Council's Twenty20 2016 Tournament not because of bad selection of players but because of a lack of professionalism and unity. Coach Darren Lehman and selector Mark Waugh were fully aware of the causes for Australia not capturing the title in the Australia vs India game. Steve Smith was adjudged caught behind and that was a huge error by the umpire.

DAVID WARNER MUST START THE INNINGS

David Warner maybe flexible batting down the order in the IPL but not for Australia. Usman Khawaja is a swashbuckling left-handed opener who simply could have slipped down to number three. Warner and Shane Watson should have started the innings and when Aaron Finch arrived, Watson should have made way for him gathering the Warner / Finch combination. The Warner / Finch combination is the best combination because of the right and left batting. Warner wanted to start the innings for Australia and he should have been given that opportunity.

CALLOUS APPROACH

An experienced player as Glenn Maxwell did not look as if he wanted to maintain not time at the wicket, his approach was not aggressive but just loose and irresponsible. David Warner's approach was similar to Maxwell's. Two senior players that the team highly dependent upon and they displayed some poor cricket.

STEVE SMITH SHOULD RESIGN FROM THE T20 CAPTAINCY

Captaining three dimensions of cricket can become a bit fatiguing especially the hurried pace in which the Twenty20 games are played. Steve Smith should focus on Test Cricket and One-Day International.

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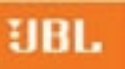
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