

World Bank aids Guyana

By Nelson A. King

The World Bank says it will be deepening engagement with Guyana in the next two years by strengthening climate resilience, improving education quality and laying the ground for private sector development.

The Washington-based financial institution said that its board of executive directors on Tuesday discussed a new country engagement note for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) nation.

"To boost competitiveness in the country, it is essential to tackle climate risks, generate the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow, and create the right business ecosystem," said World Bank's Country Director for the Caribbean, Sophie Sirtaine. "This marks an important step in our engagement with Guyana to help build an inclusive and green economy."

With the fall of commodity prices, severe drought affecting the region, and the end of the oil for rice program, the World Bank said Guyana's economic growth has slowed down from 5 percent growth in 2013 to 3 percent in 2015.

The bank said Guyana's economy is forecast to expand by 4 percent annually over the next two years, assuming that global commodity prices will not drop any further.

"We must ensure that we make the very best choices possible to take advantage of our natural endowments to create a more cohesive and prosperous society on behalf of the people of Guyana," said Winston Jordan, Guyana's minister of Finance. "This

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MONEY MAKER FOR ANTIGUA



Vincentians support athletes

Vincentian supporters show national colors in cheering on TSSS athletes on Saturday, April 30 during the Penn Relays at the Franklin Field Stadium, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. See story on page 41.

Photo by Nelson King

Country expands Citizenship by Investment Program

By Bert Wilkinson

Successive governments in St. Kitts might have been one of the first countries in the Caribbean Community to allow foreigners to buy local citizenship and use its national passport to travel the world as if the person was actually born there but authorities in Antigua have in recent days been showing off various innovations of its version of the program.

Using the Citizenship by Investment Program to raise millions, several governments, most of them in the Eastern Caribbean which have lost revenues to free trade within the region, the collapse of the banana industry, the American crackdown on online gaming and an unstable offshore financial sector have turned to the sale of citizenship and passports to make up for significant shortfalls.

Just this week, the chief executive of the program in

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Appeal for investment

By Nelson A. King

As the Argyle International Airport nears completion, new Vincentian Economic Planning Minister Camillo Gonsalves is appealing to nationals in the Diaspora to invest in the country before it's too late, saying that St. Vincent and the Grenadines is poised to "take off."

In addressing a town hall meeting Sunday night, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, Gonsalves a former foreign affairs minister and erstwhile ambassador to the United States, said "there are investment opportunities, because St. Vincent and the Grenadines is taking off."

"We've come to you first and say, 'what you can do for your country,'" said the eldest son of Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, who also holds the portfolios of minister of Sustainable Development, Industry, Information and Labor, flanked by Tourism, Sports and Culture Minister Cecil "Ces" McKie, as he listed several projects that he said the government has on stream on completion of the Argyle International Airport by June this year.

"Land in St. Vincent and the Grenadines is going to get more expensive; rental apartments are going to go up; those will soon be gone," added Gonsalves, speaking at his first town hall meeting in Brooklyn since becoming an elected minister of government in the general elections on Dec. 9. "And we can't let the New York Diaspora lose out on things in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. And it's time to reap some of the benefits in St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"You can build something in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. I'm getting something from the Canadians and the British every day, but I'm not getting enough from [Vincentians in] Brooklyn," Gonsalves continued. "You can keep your 9-5 [job] and have a little thing on the side in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Where are you? This is a serious opportunity to get to the ground floor before the elevator takes off."

"The Black community buys a lot of things from other people. You have the opportunity [to have] for Vincentian-owned businesses in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he said.

The economic planning minister noted that the Vincentian community in New York, particularly in Brooklyn, has a "very rich tradition of supporting St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"You donate to VincyMas [the national carnival], you make donations," he said. "When you add up all the money you send to your family, to your church..., even though you think you don't have it, you have it [to invest]."



A cross-section of the congregation at the funeral for Bishop Vincent Darius.

Gerry Hopkin

Hundreds pay farewell to Grenada's first native bishop

By Gerry Hopkin

Hundreds of Grenadians turned out to pay their last respect to Grenada's first native Bishop of the Catholic Church, The Most Reverend Vincent Matthew Darius, O.P., D.D. during a funeral on Monday, May 1 in Brooklyn.

This Mass, which was preceded by a period of viewing of the body, which began at 4 pm, was held at St. Matthew's R.C. Church on Eastern Parkway, in Brooklyn, New York.

Bishop Guy Sansaricq of Brooklyn was the chief celebrant and Fr. Kevin McBrien of the Diocese of Brooklyn did the homily.

According to McBrien, Bishop Darius was humble, cordial and much-loved by all; he "served with humility and a sense of duty...always encouraging everyone he encountered, to live the Gospel."

Fr. Clifton Harris, the former vicar general of the Catholic Church in Grenada, who was on Tuesday, April 26 made administrator of the Diocese of St. George's, Grenada by the College of Consultors, was one of the several co-celebrants. Harris travelled to New York to oversee funeral arrangements for Bishop Darius, in keeping with his new function as administrator of the Diocese, until a new bishop is appointed for Grenada, by Rome. (A new vicar general would be appointed by the next bishop.)

Bishop Darius who succumbed to prolonged illness on Tuesday, April 26, was born in Crochu, St. Andrew, Grenada on Sept. 6, 1955.



The Darius family, as they surround the body of Grenada's Bishop Vincent Darius at St. Matthew's R.C. Church on Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

Gerry Hopkin

He was later ordained a priest on June 28, 1987, and a few years later, appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Saint George's, Grenada on July 10, 2002. Ordination to the office of Bishop, followed on Oct. 2, 2002.

"He will be remembered as a remarkable teacher; a friend of many, regardless of age, class or denomination; and a caring shepherd of God's children back home and in the Diaspora," reflects Cheryl Vincent, a Grenadian registered nurse and recording artiste, who is a founding member the liturgical-folk group, Quake USA.

Choral and musical ministry at the

mass, was provided by the St. Matthew Parish choir, along with Quake USA.

Grenadians and friends of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique in the Diaspora, have been extending their condolences to the bereaved relatives, fellow pastors and spiritual family of Bishop Darius, especially via Facebook and other social media platforms.

In the words of Fr. Leroy Hopkin, O.P., a Grenadian priest serving in the Parish of St. David, Grenada, "May the soul of Bishop Vincent Darius, O.P., rest in peace; and may his legacy of sharing truth and quietly doing good for the benefit of all, live on forever!"

Antigua

For the first time in Antigua and Barbuda 23 men and one woman were released from the Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) under provisions laid out by the Convicts License Act and on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy.

The youngest is 22 years-old and the oldest 59 years.

In December 2015, the government announced its intention to release 98 prisoners, to relieve the overcrowding at the facility.

But the plan was pushed back from February to mid-April this year, causing a significant number of those selected to be released on time served. The inmates had less than six months remaining on their sentences, as well as those who were eligible under the Act.



Twelve of those released were freed under the Convict License Act, while the other 11 were released unconditionally under Section 84.1 of the Constitution.

The Convicts License Act speaks about a convict who has been sentenced for two years to be granted permission by the Governor General to be at large in Antigua & Barbuda under set conditions. One of the conditions of the release under the Act is that they must not be idle.

One there is a breach, inmates will be allowed to serve their times outside of her Majesty's Prison, under supervision of extramural officers (parole officers).

Barbados

Barbados has recorded an increase in visitor arrivals for this tourist season so far compared with the same period last year.

This was revealed by Minister of Tourism and International Transport Richard Sealy explained that, while last season saw a record number of tourists coming to the island, the numbers for this year have increased.



He was at the time speaking with



St. Kitts boost security

St. Kitts and Nevis PM Timothy Harris addresses Parliament on April 27, 2016.

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ambassador of Qatar to Barbados, Batal Al-. He told him he would like to see Barbados or stopover for airlines out of Qatar.

Listing the advantages of such a proposal the minister said that Barbados has "hub status" and that the runway at the Grantley Adams International Airport was currently able to land almost any plane and after the scheduling upgrading of the tarmac, would be able to accommodate any aircraft.

Sealy said there were currently just fewer than 6,000 beds in the hotel sector in Barbados and the influx of tourists meant that there was a need to

have additional "quality" hotel rooms.

According to the minister, a Hyatt and a Wyndham were being added to the hotel stock, but there was also an opportunity for Qataris to invest in such properties.

The minister also told the ambassador that, among plans to develop the industry and increase visitor spending, was the expansion of duty-free shopping facilities at the sea port, which would be open to all visitors to the island.

Guyana

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Guyana Government

have launched a US\$30.9 million sea and river defense project.

The project is expected to provide for the reconstruction and improvement of 5.4 kilometer of sea and river defenses in eight critical areas, and will benefit over 45,000 Guyanese residents — about 9,000 households in Regions Town Three, Four and Six.

In Guyana, over 90 percent of the country's population lives along the coastal area, much of which lies below sea level. As such the country faces significant risk of flooding and construction and rehabilitation of drainage, irrigation and sea defense systems is a priority for the government.



Speaking at the launch, Williams Ashby, manager at the CDB said that the project will improve resilience to coastal and riverine hazards, as well as the effects of climate change through strengthened sea and river defense systems.

CDB will lend Guyana US\$25 million of the US\$30.9 million, with the government providing the remaining US\$5.9 million. The project will be implemented by World Services Group (WSG).

Jamaica

Prime Minister Andrew Holness will ask Cabinet to review the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and its implications for the Jamaican Rastafarian community.

He gave the undertaking at Jamaica House when he met with a delegation from the Rastafarian Millennium Council (RMC), who visited him recently on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the historic visit to Jamaica by the late Ethiopian Emperor Hail Selassie in 1966.

The 10-member team of Rastafarians, including reggae star Bunny Wailer Livingstone, former Colombia Records executive Maxine Stone and attorney Hannah Harris



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PM Browne: Piece of the pie for all Antiguans

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Antigua held a meeting with both beneficiaries of the program and people working in the support industry to update them on developments in a sector that officials say is increasingly important to Antigua.

Thomas Anthony says government will soon enact measures to pay people who go out and recruit foreigners who are eligible to apply for citizenship and the right to travel with a local passport.

Those eligible to be paid will be regarded as licensed agents who will interact with applicants and then liaise with authorities.

"Every applicant who comes to the program or applies must do it through a locally licensed agent. They do not come directly to us," Anthony told the gathering.

A recruiter or agent will be eligible for payment after recruiting 30 foreigners and compensation will be made after the "31st file in a calendar year."

The moves now set the stage for an increase in efforts to recruit foreigners to the CIP program as Antigua's economy is reeling for the shortfall

in revenues from the U.S. crackdown on the gaming industry which at its height had been employing thousands of locals.

Antigua took the U.S. to the Geneva-based World Trade Organization and won the case but the U.S. has used its might and has bullied the small Eastern Caribbean nation into submission to the extent where nothing has change and it has received no compensation from Washington.

Still, CEO Anthony says his department will liaise with the state treasury to monitor applicants who recruit non nationals and arrange for payments.

As an indication of how serious authorities are with the international citizenship recruiting exercise, Prime Minister Gaston Browne says that government wants to ensure as many people have a chance to make a dollar from the program as possible.

"We have a couple of agents who work for us presently. What we've decided is to just totally liberalize it to give it to everybody. What is decided now, is to give permission to all agents in order to be competitive," Browne told the local Observer Newspaper.

Grenada, St. Lucia and Dominica are other countries actively participat-



Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Associate Press / Diego Azubel, Pool

ing in the program. Nationals from several countries, including those in the Middle East who find it hard to get visas, usually apply as Antiguan nationals travel visa free to several countries around the world so anyone holding a local passport can also take advantage of this privilege.

People buying into the program are asked to pay up to \$5 million to be eligible and can do so through property, contributing to the national investment fund or set up a business on the island employing locals.

Prime Minister Brown says regional neighbors also pay agents.

Nationals from Iran, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Yemen are restricted from applying.

Promoting private sector growth in Guyana

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renewed partnership with the World Bank is a sign of the government's commitment to fighting poverty and climate change."

The bank said Guyana is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, stating that nearly 90 percent of country's population lives in the narrow coastal plain, largely below sea level.

"Specifically, the projects will continue improving flood preparedness through improved hydro-meteorological monitoring and the rehabilitation of critical infrastructure to reduce the risk of flooding in the East Demerara coast," the World Bank said.

It also said that while Guyana has made progress in achieving universal primary education, learning remains an issue across grade levels. The World Bank said student learning achievement in secondary education show that only 50 percent pass mathematics and 70 percent pass English in 11th grade.

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Tech experts gather in Cuba for LACNIC 25

By George Best

May 02, 2016. HAVANA, Cuba—This week, Cuba is the tech capital of the region.

From May 2 to 6, some 700 technology experts and professionals from across the region gather in western Havana for the annual meeting of the Internet Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACNIC).

LACNIC is one of five organisations worldwide responsible for managing the world's Internet numbering resources.

This week's meeting, called LACNIC 25, is one of the most important gatherings of the regional Internet community. Sessions will cover a broad range of topics, including cybersecurity, IPv6 deployment, regional interconnection, and several technical training workshops.

If the meeting is significant, its venue is all the more strategic. And it is not the first time that LACNIC chose to fly to Havana for its meetings. In 2003, the city hosted LACNIC 5. The decision to return to the Cuban capital coincides with a season of unprecedented change that goes beyond the country's nascent telecommunications sector. The Geneva-based International Telecommunications Union (ITU) ranks Cuba lowest in the Americas in telecommunications development. But Cuban officials have cited factors outside of the telecommunications sector, such



A female tourist is video conferencing on a tablet computer while seated in a small Internet lounge at the Hotel Palco in Havana on May 2, 2016.
 Gerard Best

as the U.S. economic embargo and political aggression, as reasons for its stunted development.

Until 2012, most Internet users on the Caribbean's largest island had only had limited Internet connectivity via satellite. In early 2013, the Cuban government opened several cybercafes, which have become the primary point of access to the Internet for local users. The Cuban public mostly has state-controlled Internet access in schools and workplaces.

LACNIC 25 is being hosted jointly with the Cuban telecommunications company, ETECSA.

US issues safety warning for its citizens in Trinidad

By Azad Ali

The United States Department of State has warned its citizens in Trinidad and Tobago to avoid "hot spots" and taking taxis in several areas because of increasing crime.

The department said "due to serious safety and security concerns" they are restricted from traveling to Laventille, Sea Lots, Cocorite, Beetham — all within a short distance away from the City of Port of Spain — and the interior of the Queen's Park Savannah, downtown Port of Spain after dark. Fort George (a tourist attraction) after dark and "all beaches after dark."

The advisory is contained in the 2016 Crime and Safety Report dated April 18, 2016 prepared by the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Overseas Security Advisory (OSAC), in conjunction with the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Port of Spain.

The OSAC's report states, "there is no evidence to indicate that foreigners are targeted in particular but crimes, including robberies, break-ins / bur-

glaries, vehicular assaults "do occur in areas frequented by tourists and in which the expatriate community lives."

"The government of Trinidad and Tobago faces numerous challenges in its efforts to reduce crime, including an overburdened legal system, bureaucratic legal system, bureaucratic resistance to change, unemployment in marginal areas, disenfranchised youth, the negative influence of gangs, drugs, weapons and an economic recession," it noted.

The OSAC is also advising U.S. citizens to avoid using route taxis because "crimes have taken place inside taxis."

The report says crime in Trinidad and Tobago continues to be a serious concern although the Police Service 2015 crime statistics show a 6.7 percent decrease in overall serious criminal activity as compared to 2014 and "despite the seizure of 691 firearms in 2015, almost 81 percent of murders were committed by firearm, continuing to highlight the problem of imported and often illegal weapons and firearms."

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In protecting our environment, Downstate lives matter

By Norris McDonald

Now that the weather's warming and tornado and hurricane seasons are approaching, expect to start hearing more talk about climate change. Here in New York, Governor Cuomo has made it clear that he wants our state to be a leader in fighting against climate change.

Most experts say that climate change is related to human activity, especially burning fossil fuels like coal and natural gas. The exhaust from fossil fuels causes pollution consisting of several different substances, including carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide, or "carbon," is considered by experts to be the biggest problem. Many laws have been passed recently to cut down on carbon going into our air.

African-Americans in urban areas know pollution. We suffer more from lung disease due to pollution than do other groups. Asthma is frequent, made worse by dirty air. I founded the African American Environmentalist Association (AAEA) because I am an asthma sufferer, and I hope to bring our community relief from diseases that take away our breath and our health. As president of the AAEA, I'm pursuing environmental justice to make our air cleaner and our quality of life better.

That's why I'm very concerned about how our state's carrying out its new Clean Energy Standard (CES). The CES sets a goal of reducing carbon emis-

sions from power generation by 40 percent versus 1990 levels by 2030. That sounds great, and we should all support reducing pollution for the future. The problem is that the state government is also pushing, at the same time, to close the power plant that does the most to keep our air clean right now, Indian Point in Westchester.

Indian Point uses nuclear power to make steam used to generate electricity. The plant doesn't burn fossil fuel and doesn't pollute our air. Similar plants further upstate are having some financial trouble, and the state government is trying to help them stay open because they're a big help in meeting CES goals. But there's political pressure to close Indian Point, and so far the state is favoring its opponents — even though the federal regulators that monitor the plant's safety have recommended that it stay open for another 20 years.

If Indian Point is closed, it won't be replaced any time soon by other sources, like wind or solar power, that don't pollute our air. Instead, it will be replaced by fossil fuels, and that's very bad news for our urban and African-American neighborhoods. If our air becomes dirtier, there will be more sickness like asthma. Anyone who has asthma or has a loved one with asthma knows that it's a serious, even fatal, disease.

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World economy in serious difficulty: Call for bold measures

By Yilmaz Akyuz

Yilmaz Akyuz is the chief economist of the South Centre, based in Geneva. A longer version of this article was originally published in the Real News network (<http://therealnews.com/t2/>)

GENEVA, April 26, 2016 (IPS) - The U.S. was the cause of the crisis but has come out better than anyone else in the advanced world and better than many developing countries. During the crisis there was a widespread perception that this was the end of U.S. hegemony. It was end of the dollar as the major reserve currency.

When we look back now, we see that the U.S. is strengthened a lot more as a result of this crisis. Not only vis-à-vis other developed countries — Europe, European Union or Japan — but developing countries including China, in economic terms. The status of the dollar as a reserve currency today is unchallenged because of the crisis in Europe.

The U.S. economy is also fragile. Usually economic expansions are often followed by contractions. This is part of the capitalist system working in boom bust cycles. The U.S. has had 24 quarters of expansion since the beginning of the crisis. And a lot of people think simply on this observation that after such expansion U.S. recovery or growth is supposed to come to an end on historical evidence.

But apart from that? It

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is very difficult to get out of the policies that U.S. introduced in response to the crisis. It does not know how to get out of the policy of easy money. It is very hesitant in raising interest rates. But on the other hand if there is a slowdown in the U.S. and a contraction and renewed instability they do not have any ammunition to respond to it, because they used all their ammunition to respond to the last crisis and they are still using the same except in bond purchases.

We have not had a serious debt crisis in an emerging economy in the past 10 - 12 years. However, the risks are very serious now. The world is caught in a debt trap today. Why? Because the resolution of the European and American crisis — which was a debt crisis — required cutting debt. But what we have seen is that the policies implemented to resolve that crisis have given rise to the accumulation of additional debt.

In the U.S., the ratio of public plus private debt to gross domestic product (GDP) increased from 200 percent to 280 percent. In Japan it increased to 500

percent; in the Eurozone and China it doubled. And in developing countries today it is close to 200 percent of GDP.

The current situation has an uncanny similarity to the 1970s and 1980s. Developing countries had a boom in commodity markets in the 70s which was accompanied by massive international lending by banks recycling petrodollars [oil surpluses]. And this twin-boom in commodities and capital flows to developing countries in the 70s ended up with a bust when the US raised interest rates in 1979 and 1980. And what we had was a debt crisis in Latin America. And the situation now is somewhat similar. We had a twin boom in commodity prices and capital flows and now we have come to the end of this boom even without the US changing its monetary policy in a big way. And the question is will the outcome be the same as in the 1970s?

We are highly vulnerable to the reversal of commodity prices and capital flows. The vulnerability to commodity prices nevertheless varies among developing countries because different types of commodities fell at different rates. Some developing countries benefit from commodity price declines but no developing country would benefit from tightening of the external financial situation. Now we cannot count on reserves. Traditionally we look at the reserve adequacy in terms

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No campaign can ignore the gun issue

The election of 2016, like others in the past, will pit those in the electorate who would have the soul of America represented as steeped in values suggestive of an enlightened 21st century sensitivity and those who would just as soon revert to the norms of a checkered American past. Prior to the Republican party becoming as mired in right-wing ideology as it now is, the two parties' presidential choices at times didn't present that stark a distinction. Even after Barry Goldwater was portrayed by Democrats as a reckless right-flank extremist in 1964, there were the likes of Gerald Ford or George H.W. Bush who weren't perceived as ideologues of the right. Today, given who the GOP nominee figures to be, there's little doubt about where among the public comes support for the current GOP brand.

So-called wedge issues will assuredly be major determinants of which chunks of the electorate wind up where. Although it's an issue that's been seemingly raised only in conversation on the Demo-

cratic side, primarily by Hillary Clinton, this country's sick love affair with firearms will unfailingly be part of the to-and-fro before it's all over in November. Clinton made a point of broaching the issue in debate with Bernie Sanders because of what, based on Sanders' record, has been his less than muscular advocacy of gun control. It hasn't been that much a conversation piece on the GOP side probably because of the two main combatants who duelled the longest, one is committed only to appealing to people's worst fears and the other evidently believes a message of conservative extremism is one that works. Which makes common-sense regulation of the proliferation of guns in America a non-starter Republican issue.

It's difficult to consider the gun-violence question without instant recall of the surreal episode that invaded the nation's consciousness back in December, 2012 — the one that President Obama probably continues to think of as shaping the worst day of his presidency. The senseless slaughter

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

of young innocents, as well as adults, at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School, by rights, should have provoked a revolutionary re-positioning of the country's response to the gun menace. Instead, we were treated to the NRA at its most hideous, still content to present a case for more, not less guns overrunning the landscape and still obstinately opposed to even minimal reforms. Worse was the reported spectacle of one of the Sandy Hook parents who lost his six-year-old son in the massacre, having somehow summoned the strength to testify at a legislative hearing on gun control barely a month after the unspeakable horror, being jeered by gun culture lunatics. And worse still, feckless representatives of the people allowing basic reform steps to die on the vine in Congress when the president and other

D.C. do-gooders tried to make a nominal legislative move against the madness.

With that fateful linkage to this country's unenviable gun-violence record, post-Sandy Hook Connecticut may have come to represent for some of us a haven from those maniacal blasts spewed by the NRA and its surrogates across the nation. Staid Connecticut, we figured, could not but be resolved to a "Never again!" way forward. It thus registers alarmingly when Connecticut looks to be half-stepping on any gun violence-related matter. We realized it might not be as well-ordered a flow as we thought to assume when we were taken aback by such unbelievably brutish behavior toward the father of that six-year-old victim. And we've had more of those disappointing jolts of reality, including a few weeks ago when Republican state lawmakers came out swinging against proposed legislation to have firearms surrendered in domestic disturbance situations where a temporary restraining order (TRO) has been issued. The argu-

ment that a goodly number of TROs don't become permanent hardly could justify Connecticut, given the indelible stain of Sandy Hook, not opting to err on the side of caution, as far as moves to avert gun violence.

Years ago, after they spent whopping sums of money on campaigns to get folks in Congress to back off any gun-control talk, the NRA's intimidation strategy looked pretty effective. Long Island's Carolyn McCarthy was just about a one-person crusade in Congress in her steady calling out of the NRA and its Gestapo tactics. The major gun-control action by Congress in recent years, the Assault Weapons Ban passed in 1994, was allowed to expire at its 10-year sunset with no really serious move made toward its extension. A similar ban seems now to be a taboo topic around Capitol Hill.

In this battle for America's soul that is Campaign 2016, let's hope the anti-gun violence stirrings on the Democratic side portend meaningful legislative action.

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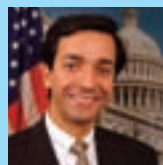
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World faces sluggish growth

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of their volume relative to short-term external debt, but now there is a strong presence of foreigners in domestic bond, equity and deposit markets and their exit can cause significant turmoil.

Monetary policy now faces a major dilemma. In order to stimulate demand and growth we have to cut interest rates. A cut in interest rates can trigger capital outflows. So there is a dilemma between growth and stability. If we face a liquidity crisis we no longer have enough reserves to meet our imports and stay current on our debt payments and keep the capital account open — what do we do? Business as usual? Borrow from the IMF? Keep the capital account open? Continue allowing capital to run out, using reserves and the borrowing from the IMF and practicing austerity?

Now I think there is a strong misgiving vis-à-vis the IMF among the developing countries. And I am sure they will do their best to avoid going to the IMF in the event of a serious liquidity crisis. I am not referring to a solvency crisis, default — I am talking about simple liquidity crisis when you do not have enough foreign exchange to meet your current account needs and debt payments. Then what do you do?

Of course, the unorthodox response is to use reserves to support one's economy, imports, not to support capital outflows. Are we prepared to impose controls over capital outflows? Are we prepared to impose temporary debt standstills? Or, are we prepared to impose austerity on creditors and investors rather than austerity on the people? These are the critical issues.

In conclusion, even if we avoid a fully-fledged financial crisis, the prospects are for sluggish, erratic growth and heightened instability in the global economy. Why? Because of financial excesses we have had in the past eight-nine years. And one cannot easily restructure balance sheets; that is the problem. We need to have a better policy mix than we have been using.

A few suggestions. First, stop relying on easy money which is not good except for speculation in advanced econo-

mies, abandon fiscal orthodoxy, invest in infrastructure and create jobs and create demand. Secondly, we need better control over international capital flows not only by recipient countries but also by source countries. Because they are most destabilizing. They are at the heart of the current difficulties that we face. Third, we need a mechanism for adequate provision of international liquidity and finally we need effective and equitable debt resolution mechanisms.

Now these issues should be studied and debated extensively, particularly at the current juncture. But unfortunately Bretton Woods institutions are not the best place to do that; neither to consider the fragilities, nor to resolve the problems. The IMF has missed one of the most serious crises in the world since the second world war, the subprime crisis. The IMF at the Secretariat level is not very efficient in providing early warnings to countries about the global economic situation. And this is not just a technical expertise issue; it is also a political issue. Because such an early warning — an effective projection of the difficulties in the world requires a critical examination of the policies of countries which exert significant impact on the world economy. It would require criticizing U.S. and European economic policy. The IMF Secretariat cannot do that. In 20018 and 2009 when we were writing that the rise of the South was a myth, the IMF was promoting that the South was becoming a locomotive for the world economy. And they changed their mind only in 2013.

Secondly the IMF is not very bold in innovation. They are not bold in the reform of the international financial architecture. Why? Because the IMF is part of that architecture and that requires to reform that very same institution...So I believe that these matters should be discussed and debated among developing countries and in other fora such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which has a much better record in anticipating these difficulties and providing proposals, which eventually became part of the mainstream.

Downstate lives matter too

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pushes to close Indian Point, African-Americans will suffer more harm than other communities, and that is unfair and wrong. Environmental justice demands that our needs be heeded: downstate lives are just as important as upstate lives! We must call on Governor Cuomo to lead in protecting not only our planet but our own people here, and supporting Indian Point open.

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Show you care for those who care for you

By **Shavana Abruzzo**

Nurses have been among the first lines of defense for ailing people ever since the “lady with the lamp” spent every waking minute caring for soldiers in military hospitals during the Crimean War, more than 160 years ago.

No-nonsense British nurse Florence Nightingale — social reformer and foundress of modern nursing — arrived in the Black Sea to a base hospital atop a large cesspool, with patients languishing in their own excrement on stretchers scattered throughout the hallways, as rats scurried by. Undaunted, she cleaned the facility from floor to ceiling, and personally ministered to the patients in the evening by lamp light.

National Nurses Week from May 6 to 12 commemorates Nightingale’s birthday (she turns 196 this year!), and celebrates the generations of men and women who have followed in her footsteps: there were 2.8 million registered nurses,

including advanced practice registered nurses, and 690,000 licensed practical nurses in America, between 2008 and 2010, reports the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Nurses are the lifeblood of the medical community, serving multiple — often life-saving — roles. They assist doctors and keep in-patient stays comfortable. Specialized nurses, including nurse practitioners, even serve as the primary healthcare provider, offering diagnoses and writing prescriptions. A designated week to show these unsung champions our deep appreciation is a must, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t honor them throughout the year as well for their hard work and dedication.

Here are some ways you can show you care for a nurse who has cared for you or a loved one:

- Present a gift card for a massage and soothing spa treatment.
- Offer to cater a meal at the hospital or medical office



so that all nurses on staff can benefit. If there is one nurse in particular you want to treat, give a gift card to a nearby restaurant.

- Nurses spend hours on their feet, and that can cause pain or stiffness throughout the body. Present a gift card to a store that specializes in comfort shoes or custom orthotics. A certificate for a pedicure or foot massage would no doubt be appreciated as well.

- Charm bracelets are all the

rage, and nurses may appreciate a bracelet that highlights their career path with specific charms. For something they can wear on the job, treat nurses to a Steth-o-Charm, a charm that slides securely onto stethoscopes.

- Nurses must wear identification or have swipe cards on them to gain access to areas of hospitals. A colorful or decorative badge reel can be a nice way to brighten up a nurse’s day.

• One of the easiest and most heartfelt ways to show your appreciation to nurses is to simply tell them how you feel. Offer a handwritten note or speak with a nurse in person. Such a simple gesture does not take much effort, but it is bound to make an impact.

National Nurses Week offers us an opportunity to show appreciation to these custodians of our health, and thank them for coming to our rescue in our hour of need.

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Barrington, met with Prime Minister Holness and Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport Olivia Grange inside the courtesy room at Jamaica House.

Barrington, who was born in England of Jamaican parentage, pleaded for the prime minister's support of the RMC's efforts to get parliamentary acknowledgment of the UN 2007 declaration and its implication for the Rastafarian community in Jamaica.

The prime minister told the group he will take a close look at what was presented in seeking ratification of the UN declaration and will have the government move as quickly as possible on it, providing there were no unseen obstacles.

St. Lucia

The 2015 U.S. Department of State Human Rights Report has highlighted several human rights violations in St. Lucia, the most serious being the long delay in investigating reports of unlawful police killings.

The report highlighted the delay in prosecutions of the officers implicated in the CARICOM IMPACS (Implementation Agency for Crime and Security) report.

It also said the investigators complete the report, but it has not been made public. The report, which was recently released, also states that St. Lucia has issues when it comes to abuse of suspects and prisoners by the police and continued postponements of trials and sentencing.

It said although the government took limited steps to prosecute officials and employees who committed abuses, the procedure for investigating police officers was lengthy, cumbersome and often inconclusive.

During 2015, citizens filed several complaints against the police, most of which were for abuse of authority,

The report noted that while the director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is responsible for filing charges, most of which were for abuse of authority.

Other human rights problems included violence against women, child abuse and discrimination against persons based on their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

St. Kitts

The St. Kitts-Nevis government has announced new measures to enhance citizen security in the twin-island federation as incidents of gun crimes continue to cause public concern.

Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Timothy Harris told a press conference that some of the measures, including the acquisition of six detector dogs to enhance the K-9 Unit and the digital radio system for the security forces.

He said the dogs include two which are for general purposes and four that are experts in guns, explosives and drug detection.

"They are trained to complete their searches in a variety of environments including buildings, vehicles, cargo and freight, and other areas and routes," the prime minister said.

Dr. Harris said the digital radio system with the latest technology will soon be deployed to improve the management of police resources.

The radios are equipped with GPS and automated vehicular locator, which will enable supervisors or dispatchers to see where the police officers and / or their vehicles are at any time.

Turks and Caicos Islands

Officials from the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) Revenue and Treasury Departments recently visited St. Kitts and Nevis to review the working of the Inland Revenue Department in a bid to strengthen their own collection structures.

Hilda Caley, assistant commissioner of compliance in the Revenue Unit, led the team as they recently wrapped up their five-day visit to the twin island.

She said the revenue and collection made in St. Kitts and Nevis was intriguing.

Caley said that St. Kitts has implemented many reforms over the years and they have been successful and "we are here to actually learn their successes and experiences."

She added that this personal touch was important in helping to get the "monies in the government coffers" and as such she will implement this upon her return to the TCI.

Trinidad

Head of the Roman Catholic Church in Trinidad and Tobago Archbishop Joseph Harris is calling on the government for a presidential pardon to be given to prisoners charged with minor offences held on remand for years.

He said the idea of the pardon is linked to the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" and has called on parishioners and parish administrators to sign forms endorsing the petition and return them as soon as possible.

There are more than 2,235 prisoners in the nation's jails on remand waiting for their cases to be heard and close to 300 could benefit from such a proposal to ease the severe overcrowding.

The Law Association is also in support of the petition to pardon hundreds of prisoners who have been in jail for periods exceeding the maximum sentence they would get if convicted for minor offences.

The association noted that the conditions of the Remand Yard are deplorable and it needs radical fixing.

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50th Independence logo on Dynamic aircraft

By Tangerine Clarke

Karen Kraus, chief operations officer of North Carolina based Dynamic International Airways, said Dynamic International Airways remains committed to a long-term partnership with the people of Guyana to provide affordable flights from JFK to Georgetown, and is honored to celebrate the 50th Independence Golden Jubilee.

Kraus told an audience at John F Kennedy airport, that the airline was proud to fly Guyana's golden jubilee logo during an April 27 unveiling in Terminal 1, alongside Dynamic Director of Stations, Neil Lott.

"We are proud to be a part of the celebration, and honored to provide affordable service from New York to Guyana for the 50th Independence Anniversary — as you can see from the beautiful logo we have placed on our aircraft," said Kraus.

"Dynamic will continue to provide jobs for Guyanese, it is not just a partnership, it has truly become a friendship," she told expatriates, elected officials, and media, during the morning ceremony.

Captain Jerry Gouveia, CEO

of Guyana's Roraima Airways who partnered with Dynamic two years ago, arrived on the carrier from Georgetown for the ceremony, and thanked Dynamic for providing jobs for Guyanese.

"Thirty-five Guyanese have realized their dream of becoming flight attendants made possible by Dynamic," said the pilot, who lauded Kraus for affixing both the Guyana Independence Golden Jubilee, and the Guyana 50th Independence Anniversary Celebration Committee NY, logos on the body of the aircraft.

"Dynamic contributed in a tangible way to Guyana, not only with jobs, but also to the Independence committee in New York," said Gouveia.

With 'dynamic' support on tap for the June 4 to 12 celebration in Brooklyn, Chairman Rickford Burke thanked the airline for its continued support for the Guyanese people.

"I want to thank Dynamic for demonstrating confidence in our celebration, and for your contributions to Guyana. I would also like to recognize Captain Gerry Gouveia for the good work he is



Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Captain Jerry Gouveia, Ambassador, George Talbot, Chairman, Rickford Burke, Chief Operating Officer Karen Kraus and Rovin Rozario, at the unveiling of the Jubilee Logo ceremony. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

doing in Guyana as the representative of Dynamic," he said.

Recalling the growth of aviation over the past 50 years in Guyana, outgoing Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador George Talbot, acknowledged the important role Dynamic is playing towards mobility in the Diaspora where 140,000 Guyanese live.

He said despite Dynamic's challenging beginning, the air-

line has stayed the course to support Guyanese.

"You have persisted and demonstrated a characteristic of Guyanese - 'tenacity.' I hope the airline continues as a partner and work to grow and become a permanent part of Guyana's engagement in the world," said Talbot.

He praised Captain Gouveia for being the representative of Dynamic, and for nurturing

the partnership which produces regular flights to the Guyana.

Senator Roxanne Persaud and Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman, of Guyanese lineage, congratulated Dynamic during the ceremony which was celebrated with the cutting of a cake designed with the logos of Dynamic International Airways, and the NY Committee.

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By Tangerine Clarke

The sign on the façade of Modern MD Urgent Care at 436 Utica Avenue in Brooklyn, says “no appointment necessary,” an invitation to any consumer with a medical emergency that is non-life threatening.

Modern MD opened its doors to the public on Saturday, April 30, joining the growing number of medical care facilities that are attracting consumers seeking less wait times in emergency rooms at hospitals across America.

Regional Medical Director of Brooklyn Dr. Daryl McClendon said the support was overwhelming from the community which he described as medically underserved and fragile.

According to Dr. McClendon, there is a shortage of urgent care facilities to accommodate the growing medical needs in Brooklyn communities that take all types of medical insurance, unlike Medical MD, that accept all medical insurance for services at its well-equipped office with six exam rooms, one procedure room and a staff of medical professionals.

“We give referrals, and because of the many general practitioners that do various functions at Medical MD, we can fill in the gap for many doctors in the community who schedule appointments six weeks, and sometimes longer, to see a patient.

“We will not only engage the patient, we reach out to the community to establish relationships



Pictured outside Modern MD at 436 Utica Ave., are Thomas J. Byers, Dr. Daryl McClendon, Dr. Stephen Dahmer and Hernan Hernandez. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

with patients who are not aware of the functions of urgent care,” said Dr. McClendon.

With an estimated three million patient-visits to urgent care facilities according to the Urgent Care Association of America, Dr. McClendon said Modern MD would accommodate a patient without an appointment.

Dr. Stephen Dahmer is the attending physician but the service will expand to include more physicians as needed.

“This gives us the ability to offer quick care at a lower cost and in a more approachable, professional and modern way, that many local hospital don’t provide,” said Dr. McClendon.

According to a study, con-

sumers are seeking to avoid long waits in emergency rooms and are grateful for more convenient evening and weekend hours, driving a steady growth in urgent care centers.

This is true, according to CEO Thomas J. Byers who brings a wealth of experience from the midwest where he operated 30 centers in diverse regions. As such, Modern MD he said has emulated a model that is similar, and makes him excited about bringing the service to the Crown Heights neighborhood where urgent care is needed.

Byers, who has been in New York for 21 months now, headed one of the largest urgent

care networks in America, and worked in Michigan, Kentucky and Ohio.

He said he was recruited by partner Brooklyn Hospital which provides medical oversight to ensure the urgent care facility is providing professional care to patients.

During this process, Byers said the clinic would work with local healthcare entities and hospitals in the area to realize the primary goal of raising the level of healthcare in the community, while ensuring everybody gets the best healthcare options.

“We will partner with local healthcare providers to make sure patients receive their rou-

tine mammogram and colonoscopy, and recommend specialists to complete this service,” said Byers.

Byers said urgent care facilities are set up where there is a shortage of primary care physicians. The group also wanted to bring a beautiful center similar to those found on the upper eastside in Manhattan.

In addition to an X-ray machine, the facility is staffed with a medical technician, medical assistant, and rooms outfitted with modern equipment, for efficient service said Marketing Director Hernan Hernandez.

Modern MD, the fourth such facility in Brooklyn, will welcome consumers from 9 am to 9 pm weekdays, and 9 am to 7 pm, weekends, seven days a week, for both adults and children, without any appointment.

Hernandez reiterated that the facility would cut waiting time in half, depending on the medical condition of a patient, and how busy the facility is.

From a common cold and flu, aches and pains, cuts and bruises, X-rays and tests, Modern MD, as its name suggests, houses a modernized space with amenities such as a special pediatrics room for comfort and quick service, and a contemporary waiting area adorned with a flat screen TV on the wall.

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BY PETER MOSES

NEW YORK - Guyana may be a small country north of Brazil in South America, but with the help of Dynamic International Airways and its expanding New York hub at JFK, the country’s footprint on the world stage is destined to grow.

Many Americans have heard of Guyana but don’t know much about where it is, what tourists can do there or how easy it is to fly from New York to this English-speaking Garden of Eden. In May of 2016, Dynamic International Airways and the nation of Guyana are taking steps to change that.

The airline and Guyana are teaming up to celebrate

50 years of independence by this former British territory and a new logo has been affixed to one of Dynamic’s fleet of six Boeing 767 jets. It incorporates the jaguar (national animal of Guyana), the country’s flag and coat of arms and, temporarily, a banner that announces the Jubilee Celebration taking place in New York from June 4-12.

“The country is looking up and raising its connection to the world,” said New York State Senator Roxanne Persaud (D-Canarsie), who was born in Guyana and moved to the United States with her family in 1983. “This partnership with Dynamic will encourage tourists to come and experience

Guyanese life which includes eco-tourism, waterfalls, beaches, great food and first-class accommodations.”

But for the 140,000 Guyanese diaspora who live in the New York City area, Dynamic provides an affordable option to travel back and forth from home with regular service out of JFK. Guyana is home to nearly 750,000 residents, but more than 300,000 citizens live overseas.

The largest single group of Guyanese who live outside the country reside in the five boroughs of New York, and Dynamic is the leading air carrier between the two nations.

“The partnership between Guyana and Dy-

amic matters to us,” said H.E. George Talbot, United Nations ambassador to the United States. “The airline has given dozens of Guyanese people jobs, and Dynamic’s fares are consistent and low enough to allow the Diaspora to come home. We are so grateful to Dynamic for this opportunity.”

For tourists, the charming people and beautiful landscape are Guyana’s chief natural resources. However, the country produces and exports sugar, diamonds, bauxite and shrimp. Guyana’s service industry is growing to meet the needs of tourism and industry.

Captain Gerry Gou-

via, Dynamic’s agent in Guyana, said the airline runs on a 95 percent on-time departure rate and flights average 90 percent capacity. New flights are being added to the JFK-Guyana schedule as well as two new aircraft joining the fleet in the coming months.

“We started Dynamic with the intent to serve in an underdeveloped niche market,” said Karen Kraus, interim chief operating officer for Dynamic. “With this growth we are experiencing, we want people to know there is a reliable, inexpensive alternative for getting to Guyana and our non-stop flights make it easy on travelers seeking a high level of service.”

Tubman tops \$20: Hamilton stays on the money



Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist slave, will be on the face of the \$20 bill.

By Vinette K. Pryce

United States Treasury Secretary Jack Lew recently announced that the \$20 bill, the most widely circulated currency in America will bear the images of two prominent Americans — one male, the other female, one Black, the other white, one a slave the other a slave owner.

Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist slave who used her freedom to help enslaved Blacks flee captivity using an “Underground Railroad” will top the paper money while Andrew Jackson, a slave owner will have to be content after being placed on the back of the US currency.

Andrew Jackson, critics said, ordered the Trail of Tears, which led to the deaths of thousands of Native Americans.

He also kept many Blacks in servitude to him as slaves.

Although fiercely rejected by the general public, Lew justified Jackson’s retention saying: “Andrew Jackson was the presi-

dent who opened the White House to the American people.”

He said to emphasize the former president’s place on the money, the back of the \$20 bill will also include an image of the White House.

A campaign waged by Black advocates, historians and feminists to put a woman on the Federal Reserve note successfully ended with a decision to place abolitionist Harriet Tubman on the front of the \$20 bill.

Reportedly votes for Tubman beat the competition by 100,000.

Lew said of all the submissions and proposals Tubman “was the most compelling story.” Harriet Tubman grew up in slavery, was prevented from learning to read or write and “changed the course of history in this country.”

A victory for many who believe a female Black should take prominence with a presence on the currency, all was

not lost on a counter-campaign to keep Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the Treasury on the money, his image will be prominently displayed on the \$10 bill.

Originally, the Treasury planned to replace Hamilton because the \$10 bill was due for a redesign to upgrade security features, however, the overwhelming public relations response to the Broadway musical “Hamilton” which became a hit and continues to attract SRO audiences seemed to have made an impact on the decision makers.

Perhaps the fact the announcement was made in this presidential election year, two Republican candidates quickly registered protest against the decision to have two-sided heroes on the \$20.

While both agree to the contribution of the two distinguished Americans, Donald Trump and Dr. Ben Carson reject the decision to put Tubman on the front face and they

virtually share the exact opinion about Jackson’s placement on the back.

“I think it’s pure political correctness. Harriett Tubman is fantastic...” but “if we can maybe come up with another denomination...Maybe we do the \$2 bill, or we do another bill. I don’t like seeing it,” Trump said.

His former rival and current supporter Dr. Carson endorsed Trump’s idea saying: “I love Harriett Tubman. I love what she did. But we can find another way to honor her...maybe, a two-dollar bill.”

To most Americans the \$2 bill is almost non-existent. Reportedly \$2 bills make up one percent of all US bills in circulation.

The US Treasury withdrew production of the note in 1966. It returned to the market place

during the bicentennial celebrations a decade later in 1976.

First introduced in 1862, Hamilton’s portrait originally graced the front of the bill. However seven years later, Thomas Jefferson was featured and continues to be the face of the unpopular \$2 bill.

Although Hamilton was fiercely opposed to slavery, historians have provided research that the St. Kitts-born founding father like his peers owned slaves and contributed to the persecution of Blacks.

“Of the Six Big Founders, only Hamilton was consistently opposed to slavery. Having grown up in the Caribbean, he’d seen its darkest side — sugar plantations that were about one step removed from death camps — and also had dealings with freed Blacks and

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Finding love again is possible for seniors who get back into the dating scene.

TIPS FOR SENIORS LOOKING TO DATE

The first baby boomers are already turning 70, and this generation remains one of the most influential in the country and around the world. Scores of products and services are now marketed to seniors, many of whom remain as active and socially aware as they were in their youth.

One aspect of senior marketing that is booming is dating and relationship products. Singles age 50 and older are increasingly relying on online dating sites and other methods to find love and companionship. Dating is no longer kids' play, and those who have been away from dating for some time may have to get reacquainted with the process in the modern age.

Consider online dating

Data from Pew Research found one in two divorced or widowed seniors had remarried in 2013, and that trend figures to continue. Many seniors are using online dating sites to find their new matches. While websites geared to dating make it easier to get in touch with fellow singles, the relative anonymity of the process can make it challenging to separate the truth from some self-promoting hype on dating profiles.

Begin by relying on dating sites that have been tested and recommended. One to try is the AARP dating site partnered with How About We. In addition to its simplicity and small financial commitment, the site caters to the over-

50 crowd and is backed by the AARP name. It's good for those looking for an activity partner as well as casual dating. Popular sites Match.com and eHarmony.com also boast high percentages of users age 50 and up.

Even after thorough consideration and conversation, online daters should exercise caution when meeting someone online and then in person. Profiles aren't always what they seem, and it's easier to fudge the facts when initiating contact over the internet.

Keep an open mind

It's easy to be preoccupied with the rigors of being an older adult and the responsibilities that still may rest on

your shoulders. Part of the fun of dating when you were young likely had to do with throwing caution to the wind.

But some of those same carefree aspects remain true whether you're dating at 17 or at 57. Laughter, fun, spontaneity, and the chance for some adventure are still the keys to making memorable dates.

It's who you know

The old adage of it's "who you know" and not "what you know" is applicable to dating. If you are ready to jump into the dating world again, ask your close friends or family members if they know anyone who might be in a similar situation.

Heart conditions can be 'silent'



The image many people get when they think of heart conditions is a grown man clutching his chest. But not all heart conditions are as obvious or pronounced as a heart attack.

Ischemia is a term used to describe the restriction of oxygen-rich blood to an area of the body. Cardiac ischemia occurs when the blood cannot reach the heart.

Generally, cardiac ischemia causes pain in the chest, known as angina. However, in some cases, there is no warning pain and the condition is called silent ischemia.

Facts and figures on silent ischemia

Silent ischemia affects roughly three to four million Americans every year. Individuals who have had a previous heart attack are at higher risk for silent ischemia than others. But there are many other risk factors:

- Diabetes
- Coronary artery disease
- Hypertension
- Coronary artery anomalies
- Smoking

Silent ischemia is a potentially dangerous heart condition that's difficult to detect and can result in cardiac arrest.

- Obesity
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Cardiomyopathy

If ischemia lasts too long or is especially severe, it may cause a heart attack. It can also affect the natural rhythm of the heart and its pumping ability, which can cause fainting, and even sudden cardiac arrest.

The main way to treat silent ischemia is to reduce certain behaviors that increase risk. This includes quitting smoking, avoiding alcohol.

Symptoms and diagnosis

Silent ischemia has no symptoms. However, if a person has had previous episodes of chest pain, there's a likelihood that he or she could also be experiencing silent ischemia and not know it. Doctors may use an exercise stress test to determine silent ischemia. Also,

a special monitor called a Holter monitor will record the heart rate and rhythm over the course of a day and determine if ischemia occurred.

Treatment

The main way to treat silent ischemia is to reduce certain behaviors that increase risk. This includes quitting smoking, avoiding alcohol, and maintaining a healthy weight and diet.

For those who are diagnosed with silent ischemia, there are some treatment options available. Most of these involve improving blood flow to the heart, which often requires prescription medications. Oxygen also may be given to increase the oxygen content of the blood that is reaching the heart. Other people may take medicines that relax blood vessels, enabling more blood to flow. In most cases, this is all that is needed to fix the situation. For those not responding to treatment, they may need a percutaneous coronary intervention, such as balloon angioplasty, coronary artery bypass surgery, or a similar procedure.

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There are a lot of people suffering with joint pain and arthritis, says **Dr. Alan P. Goldman**, a specialist in rheumatology (130 Brighton Beach Avenue, 718-946-7557), and they often believe that there is little that can be done to alleviate their pain.

They are wrong. There are many options available, Dr. Goldman says; the key is finding a physician who is knowledgeable in those treatment modalities.

As a rheumatologist, Dr. Goldman specializes in the treatment of arthritis; one of only a handful practicing in Brooklyn.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory illness that causes joints to swell. Symptoms include morning stiffness and swelling, often in the hands, elbows, or wrists, he says. Perhaps because there are so few rheumatologists in the borough, when people experience these symptoms, they often "see a surgeon first," says Dr. Goldman. But this often doesn't make much sense, he explains.

"When you have stomach pains, you don't go to a surgeon before seeing a gastroenterologist," he explains. "When you have chest pains, you don't see a surgeon before seeing a cardiologist."

A surgeon is the expert to see when surgery is needed, he notes, and of course Dr. Goldman refers patients to surgeons when necessary. Still, Dr. Goldman believes that the majority of people who suffer with arthritis can be treated without surgery. Even those who suffer

enormously may find relief with Remicade IV infusion treatments, he says. "It has worked wonders."

Patients receive these treatments once every few months, and people who previously couldn't move well find that the "benefits are tremendous," he says. Those whose symptoms are less severe may find relief with pills or injections. This method has been used successfully for many years, says Dr. Goldman. And, "It still works."

When patients see Dr. Goldman they are assured of receiving expert evaluations. Dr. Goldman's office offers x-rays, and a number of in-office treatment procedures. Should patients need physical therapy, arrangements can be made for this, as well.

Dr. Goldman also recommends that people age 60 or older come in to be checked for osteoporosis. People who are thin or who smoke are especially at risk, he notes.

Dr. Goldman is a Harvard graduate who has studied at Bellevue Hospital-New York University Medical Center and Gouverneur Hospital in Manhattan. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, as well as a member of the American College of Physicians, Nassau County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

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Materials that can be used to pave a driveway

When renovating a home, many homeowners look to increase the home's curb appeal. "Curb appeal" is a term used to describe how the home's exterior appears to buyers the moment they pull up to the curb. A home that impresses prospective buyers before they even go inside is said to have a strong curb appeal, and that curb appeal can add significant value to a home.

Homeowners looking to improve the curb appeal of their home can do so in a variety of ways. One often overlooked yet effective way to make a home's exterior more appealing is to revamp the driveway. Driveways may not be high on a homeowner's renovation totem pole, but a cracked or unsightly driveway can give prospective buyers the impression that a home has not been properly taken care of. When addressing a driveway, homeowners have a host of paving materials at their disposal:

Asphalt

Asphalt is an affordable paving material, which likely plays a role in its popularity among homeowners. Asphalt is also easy to install and requires little maintenance, two additional benefits to homeowners who don't have much time to install or look after their driveway.

Asphalt is made from a combination of concrete, gravel, and tar, and though it's easy and affordable to install, asphalt, as any kid can tell you, can get awfully hot under the summer sun. Asphalt can also crack rather easily, so homeowners must weigh its immediate affordability against the likelihood that perhaps it will need to be replaced sooner than other materials.

Brick

Brick is among the more expensive paving materials, as brick is a labor-intensive material to install. But brick allows homeowners to create distinctive patterns that can add quite a bit to a home's curb appeal.

Curb appeal can set your home apart from others, and improving curb appeal doesn't have to be expensive.

BUDGET-FRIENDLY WAYS TO ADD *curb appeal*

Curb appeal can help a home get noticed in a bustling real estate market. Curb appeal also can contribute to the aesthetics of a neighborhood for residents who plan to stay put, and many homeowners feel an attractive exterior is just as important as a comfortable interior.

Homeowners do not have to spend a fortune to improve the curb appeal of their homes. With these strategies, anyone's home can take on a more appealing look:

Clean up

A messy, untamed front yard can detract from a perfectly acceptable home. Cleaning up your yard and home's exterior is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to give the place a makeover.

Cut back overgrown shrubs, plants and trees. Make sure the front door is clearly visible and that any walkways are edged and accessible. Store garbage pails behind a barrier and keep trash

out of sight. Store children's toys in the backyard rather than strewn across the front lawn. These simple steps can improve curb appeal instantly.

Spruce up the lawn

A well-manicured lawn can go a long way to making a home more appealing. If your thumb is anything but green, hire a professional lawn and garden service to help you establish a lush, green lawn.

Dress to impress

The entryway to a home is the first thing visitors will see. Be sure the front door and entryway are in good repair. A pop of color can't hurt, either. If you do not like the idea of painting the door a vivid hue, dress it up with a colorful wreath or another decorative accent.

Carry your interior design style to the outdoors as well. Welcoming accents, such as cushioned chairs or potted plants, also add curb appeal.

Consider painting house numbers on a terra-cotta pot and filling it with plants. The pot will be decorative and functional.

Rely on symmetry

Symmetry is pleasing to the eye and easy to arrange. Use it to frame your entryway and throughout your property. Symmetrical use of lighting fixtures, plants, trees, and decorative items really can have an impact.

Don't forget lighting

Outdoor lighting adds appeal and safety to a property. Use lighting to accent a special landscaping feature or to illuminate a walkway. Few people enjoy approaching a dark home, and outdoor lighting can ensure your property always is well-lit. Remember, curb appeal is applicable both day and night.

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\$1,000 scholarships for deserving students

By Nelson A. King

The National Association of University Women (NAUW), Long Island Branch on Sunday awarded US\$1,000 scholarships to seven deserving high school graduating students to help them pursue tertiary education.

The presentation took place on Sunday, April 24 during NAUW's 33rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon gala at The Long Island Marriot Hotel, Uniondale.

The scholarship recipients were: Nia Cayenne (Bard High School Early College); Alesia Allen (St. Mary's H.S. Manhasset); Jairus Wynder (Uniondale High School); Michailah Marshall (The Mary Louis Academy); Johnson Jean Baptiste (Uniondale High School); Kyla McNeil (Valley Stream Central High School); and Sandra Kitt (Cambria Heights Academy).

NAUW, Long Island Branch also presented awards to: Nicole Neely (Jamaican heritage), Women of the Year;



NAUW, Long Island Branch member Guyanese Shaundell Agrippa (R) with Melva C. Lewis, corresponding secretary.

Brian M. Lewis, M. Ed (Cuban heritage), Community Service Award; Donnie McCoy Whitehead (American heritage), Community Service Award; and Elizabeth Morgan, M. Ed (Dominican Republic herit-

age), Hilda A. Davis Distinguished Award.

"The event showcased our youths, along with their talents," Melinda Cashwell Edwards, NAUW, Long Island Branch president, told Caribbean Life.

"Our recipients played the violin, the saxophone, and one them did a spoken word poem, which relates to the everyday issues most young people face," she added.

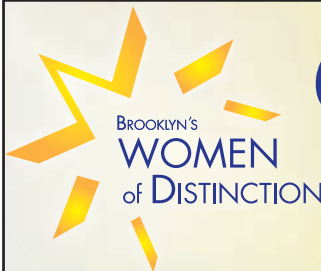
Cashwell Edwards also said her organization recognizes "women who have excelled academically and who have a strong passion and commitment to helping others in all communities."

On the national level, she said NAUW presents awards to candidates pursuing master's and doctorate degrees.

Guyanese-born Shaundell Agrippa, a NAUW, Long Island Branch member, who resides in Laurelton, Queens, also told Caribbean Life that the event was "superb."



NAUW, Long Island Branch member Guyanese Shaundell Agrippa (R) with Melva C. Lewis, corresponding secretary.



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Tubman graces twenty dollar bill

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mulattoes. The experience appeared to have never left him. Throughout his career, he made various public compromises regarding slavery, but then redoubled his private efforts against the institution."

Numerous documents have corroborated Hamilton's slave purchases. And there are those who contend that in Hamilton's own papers revealed that "he acted as a financial agent for the sale, lease, or acquisition of slaves for his immediate family."

One claim: "The details of these transactions were often sparsely recorded, yet several troubling entries appear. A 1784 cash book annotation for a client reads "To a negro wench Peggy sold him."

Another of his account books records "Cash to N. Low 2 Negro servants purchased by him for me, \$250" dated 1796, and possibly corresponding to another slave transaction on behalf of his in-laws in the Church family."

There are those who argue against placing Tubman on the legal tender. While she is viewed worthy some proposed the names of modern day trailblazers such as President Barack Obama, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Martin Luther King and even basketball champion Michael Jordan.

Soon after the announcement was made political lines were drawn with some on social media offering that Hamilton was a Democrat and Tubman, "a Black, gun-toting, evangelical Christian."

Tubman was born into slavery either in 1815, 1822 or 1825 -- there is no definitive date because even she said she was not sure.

In 1849, she escaped slavery in Maryland and fled to Philadelphia, risking her own freedom by returning many times over to help others make the journey through the Underground Railroad up to northern states and Canada.

"In 1858, after becoming a prominent abolitionist and leader of the

movement, she helped John Brown plan his raid on the Harpers Ferry arsenal, where he hoped to incite a slave rebellion. She was not a part of the failed raid that resulted in Brown's execution for treason."

During the Civil War, Tubman worked with the Union Army in South Carolina and became the first woman to lead a combat assault, the Combahee River raid in 1863.

After the war, Tubman worked for suffrage, dying seven years before the Tennessee General Assembly's vote ratified the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in all elections. Tubman's life reflects the fight for liberty that Americans should celebrate, and the narrative that life is far more amenable to modern America than the complexities presented by other founding fathers.

Harriet Tubman played an integral role in Black history. Many slaves that became educated and were trailblazers later on in history would not be free if it weren't for her.

Although Abraham Lincoln is credited for "freeing the slaves" his image was first placed on the brown copper penny — the lowest value in American currency.

In addition because he wanted to end slavery, the image burnt into the coin featured him facing the opposite direction as the other presidents.

The Tubman bill will be issued in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment with American women winning the right to vote.

Adjustments will be made to the \$5. Reportedly, the new \$5 bill will be revamped. While Lincoln will remain on the front of the bill, he will share the back of the bill with prominent individuals of the Civil Rights movement including Marian Anderson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., each of whom had a historic moment at the Lincoln Memorial.



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'Browning' demographics

"Brown is the New White"
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your vote matters.

At least that's what they tell you, but you have your doubts. You're ONE of millions of people who'll go to the polls in November. You're a raindrop in the sea, a needle in a voting haystack. But as you'll see in "Brown is the New White" by Steve Phillips, you are more powerful than you think.

In 1968, the year Martin Luther King was assassinated, about 12 percent of the U.S. population comprised "people of color." Forty years later, on the night that Barack Obama was elected president, 36 percent of Americans were African American, Latino, Asian American, Arab American, or Native American.

While that still doesn't sound like a very high number, Phillips says that, for a politician looking to win in 2016, those demographics belie an "equation that's been hiding in plain sight": add progressive White voters, and "America has a progressive, multiracial majority right now..."

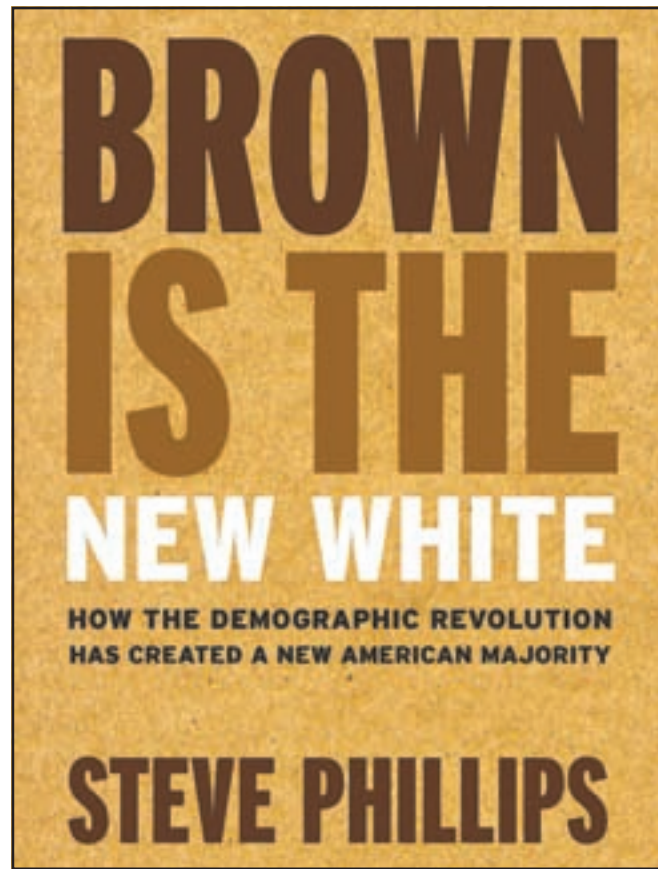
That's good news for Democrats — the party most often favored by progressives and people of color — but it's not the final word. Drawing a line from Selma to Obama's election, Phillips says that understanding the interests and histories of each individual group (including progressive Whites) is essential for forward movement, politically. It's also important to know how those groups vote and the issues they care about, because if the "truth of the lives of the New American Majority" is ignored, "they will ignore you..." Phillips says. Stirring things up, as he points out, are conservatives who actively

court "communities of color" and Republicans who've shown that they're trying to embrace new thinking.

Smart politicians, Phillips says, will "invest wisely" by speaking directly through media outlets that are important and relevant to voters in order to keep the New American Majority's attention and retain their support. Both parties must examine ways to bring "justice" and, therefore, equality to constituents. They need to cultivate "great cultural competence and expertise." And they'll have to "educate themselves about the realities of the lives of people of color."

Jam-packed with statistics, numbers, and thoughts that whirl around the pages, 'Brown is the New White' is interesting, but it's not a book to finish in a weekend. There's so much inside here to comprehend, that you may not even finish it this month.

Author Steve Phillips pulls together plenty of intriguing



Book cover of "Brown is the New White" by Steve Phillips.

ideas, history, and cause-and-effect tales but too many stats, which often muddy his points. He seems to go off-topic, sometimes slightly, but enough to cause me to stop and wonder

where this was going. And yet, what he says is compelling and impossible to ignore; to wit, we are on the verge of something that could be exciting, if we only coalesce.



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Africans, Caribbeans color The Great White Way

It was no surprise that “Hamilton,” — a hip-hop musical about a Caribbean-born, founding father and the first treasury secretary — would sweep top nods for Broadway’s best honors. Tuesday, the enlightening production about Charlestown, Nevis-born Alexander Hamilton won 16 Tony nominations, a feat no other musical has ever accomplished.

Seven thespians won nominations.

That the diverse cast of rappers, dancers, poets and savvy hip-hop proponents also represent the most colorful cast on a challenging and demanding forum known as the Great White Way is what’s most surprising.

President Barack Obama took first lady Michele on a date-night outing to see the critically-acclaimed presentation.

Fans and critics regard Broadway as the esteemed platform where some of the best stories have been staged.

While still great, as cultural norms change, Broadway is no



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

longer as White as it used to be.

This season, actors James Earl Jones and actress Cicely Tyson colored the pathway starring in “The Gin Game.”

Forest Whitaker made his debuted starring in “Hughie.”

Currently Kenyan Lupita Nyung’o “Eclipsed” is winning audiences while telling a story about the Liberian Civil War and female empowerment.

Nominated for six Tony awards, Nyung’o is up for the best leading actress Tony.

Undeniably, Disney has contributed heavily to the coloring of the prestigious showground by presenting “Aladdin” in a unique and humorous musical where a kingdom, a magic lamp, Princess Jasmine, and a homeless youth provide entertaining songs and lyrics to fuel an incomparable genie who uses pop culture to tell the

age-old tale.

Anyone who has seen “Aladdin” will not soon forget the role portrayed James Monroe Iglehart. Just last week, he added Beyonce’s “Lemonade” controversy to his comedic monologue.

Throughout the production he cartwheels, and pops in and out of a lamp that at each performance demands more wishes than the fabled tale permits.

The child-friendly producers are also savoring the success of the “Lion King” which continues to attract full houses at each performance.

Featuring actors from South Africa, the USA, Canada and the Caribbean, the Tony-winning production has consistently starred and featured minorities of all age.

Most alluring too has been six-time Tony award winning



The Founding Fathers rap and dance in “Hamilton.”

“Kinky Boots,” which debuted three years ago. Regaled for its musical treasures, the storyline based on a true story addresses discrimination and boldly provides a solution that profitably revolutionizes the perceptions of a community of workers.

Billy Porter first illuminated the role of an oppressed character who suffered prejudice from everyone beginning with his own father. The actor won

a Tony for his compelling characterization.

Also heavily color-casted, “The Color Purple” returned to Broadway and on its second coming has earned itself another Tony nomination in 2016. Premiering in 2005, the revival returned last year and again competes among the best in the best performance by an actress in a lead role category.

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Catherine Green and son.
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ARTs East celebrates its new space

By Tequila Minsky

On Thursday, April 21, ARTs East New York (AENY) celebrated a sparkling and expanded new home. Community activists, electeds including Council Member Laurie Cumbo, and developer Martin Dunn cut the ribbon for the new headquarters, community space and art gallery at Livonia Commons.

Located at the corner of Livonia and

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Reggae Sumfest sold and slashed

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's longest running summer music festival has been acquired by a new owner who wants to slash Reggae Sumfest from its heyday high of seven days to a mere two-night showcase of entertainment talents.

The new streamlined aspect to the 25-year-old Montego Bay event was announced soon after DownSound Records (DSR) chief executive officer Josef Bogdanovich acquired the rights to the annual summer attraction which replaced the internationally acclaimed

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Lioness Nala in "The Lion King" is portrayed by Jamaican Chantel Riley.

Disney

Chantel Riley stars in Broadway's "Lion King"

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans have always found a place in the cast of the "Lion King," Broadway's most profitable musical. From 1994 when the animated film classic starred James Earl Jones, Whoopi Goldberg, Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, Robert Guillaume, Cheech Marin and others, Jamaican Madge Sinclair voiced the character Sarabi.

Kingston-born choreographer Garth Fagan won theater's highest honor in 1998 by winning a Tony in

the best choreographer category of the coveted annual awards presentation.

Now Chantel Riley is winning applause nightly as the lovable feline who manages to lure Simba the lion back to his beloved homeland. Riley has been performing the principal role on Broadway since 2013 and prior to that spent a year in Hamburg, Germany roaring to "Shadowland."

She won the role after auditioning during an open call and still cannot

believe that with is now a Broadway star. Few actresses make their debut on Broadway. Riley attributes much of her fast-rise to the top to her Jamaican parents, Joan and Errol Riley.

The couple migrated to Toronto, Canada and introduced their daughter to the Kingdom Covenant Centre in Toronto where she joined the choir and honed her skills as a performer. From her early years, she combined a dedication to her Christian faith with

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Keegan-Michael Key (left) and Jordan Peele in the movie “Keanu.” rottentomatoes.com

By Kam Williams

Rell (Jordan Peele) was so inconsolable after being dumped by his girlfriend that getting high didn't help ease the pain. But then, while crying on the shoulder of his cousin Clarence (Keegan-Michael Key), a cute, little kitten appeared on his doorstep.

Seeing this as a sign of divine intervention, Rell adopted the adorable stray, which he proceeded to feed, bathe and name Keanu, Hawaiian for “cool breeze.” But after bonding for

the next couple of weeks, his newfound state of bliss ended abruptly with the kidnapping of Keanu during a break in by members of the 17th Street Blips.

The Blips are a ruthless drug gang from the wrong side of the proverbial tracks. So, Rell realizes that to rescue his pet he's going to have to venture into the heart of the ghetto.

This is a tall order for a nerd from the burbs totally unfamiliar with the ways of the 'hood. For some reason, he enlists the assistance of his equally-geeky cousin, whose wife (Nia Long)

and daughter (Jordyn A. Davis) very conveniently just happen to be going away for the weekend.

Rell and Clarence adopt gangsta' alias, Tectonic and Shark Tank, respectively, before confronting Cheddar (Method Man), the Blips' bloodthirsty kingpin. They also deliberately abandoned their bourgeois black accents for grammar-butcher-ing Ebonics laced with profanity, the N-word and lots of double negatives.

Of course, retrieving Keanu proves to be quite complicated, as not only Cheddar but a Latino crime boss (Luis Guzman) has staked a claim to the cat (which he refers to as Iglesias). And it is very important that the cousins never admit their middle-class roots lest they risk being exposed as lacking street cred.

Thus unfolds Keanu, a one-trick pony or, should I say, a one-trick kitty directed by Peter Atencio, director of 54 episodes of the Key and Peel TV show.

Independent & Foreign Films

Beautiful Something (Unrated) Homoerotic ensemble drama following the fates of four gay males (Colman Domingo, Zack Ryan, John Lescault and Brian Sheppard) dealing with relationships over the course of one very eventful evening. With David Melissaratos, Grant Lancaster and Matthew Rios.

Dark Horse (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) Inspirational, rags-to-riches documentary recounting how a group of working-class Welshmen successfully pooled their resources to raise a great racehorse.

Elsertree 1976 (Unrated) Nostalgic documentary featuring fond reminiscences by extras and actors who played supporting roles in the original Star Wars movie. Cast includes Paul Blake, Jeremy Bulloch and John Chapman.

A Monster with a Thousand Heads (Unrated) Revenge thriller about a desperate woman (Jana Raluy) who takes the law into her own hands after her insurance company denies medical care for cancer-stricken husband. Featuring Sebastian Aguirre, Hugo Algorres and Emilio Echevarria. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Mothers and Daughters (PG-13 for mature themes and brief drug use) Ensemble drama serendipitously interweaving numerous characters' meditations on motherhood. Cast includes Susan Sarandon, Selma Blair, Sharon Stone, Courteney Cox, Christina Ricci



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

and Mira Sorvino.

Pele: Birth of a Legend (PG for smoking, mature themes and mild epithets) Soccer biopic chronicling the legendary Pele's (Kevin de Paula) rise from the slums of Sao Paulo to lead Brazil to its first World Cup victory when he was just 17 years old. With Colm Meaney, Vincent D'Onofrio and Rodrigo Santoro.

Phantom of the Theatre (Unrated) Haunted house horror flick, set in Shanghai, revolving around the reopening of a cursed theater, 13 years after a performance troupe was murdered there. Co-starring Ruby Lin, Simon Yam and Tony Yo-ning Yang. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

Rabin in His Own words (Unrated) Reverential biopic about Yitzhak Rabin (1922-1995), narrated by the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister himself via a combination of home movies and archival news footage. (In Hebrew with subtitles)

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GRENADIAN STARS

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a love of performing and voila! She is now and has been the lioness from Yard and the pride of Broadway.

GRENADA'S JOHNSON FAMILY BOAST THREE BROADWAY STARS

St. Georges, Grenada gets bragging rights for nurturing a triumvirate of young thespians that have all starred on Broadway. Native Spice Islander Ben Johnson, the father of 14-year-old Derek, 12-year-old Andrew and 8-year-old Nicholas takes the prize for honing the skills

of his sons who have all been featured on the Great White Way in "The Lion King," and "Kinky Boots."

Together with his wife Fredricka from Haiti, the parents to five boys are unique with three among the cast of Tony Award winning musicals.

Derek portrayed Simba, the young lion in the king of all Broadway musicals; Andrew toured in the Cyndi Lauper musical that humorously spotlights the manufacturing, sale and promotion of shoes and boots in "Kinky Boots."



Grenadian Derek Johnson looks dapper at "The Lion King" anniversary event.

His younger brother also followed his steps in the Tony-award winning production on Broadway.

Art



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Williams avenues in East New York, AENY is just blocks from the L train stop. ARTs East New York is no longer a fledgling cultural organization.

AENY was previously based on Hegeman Ave. In the works for two and a half years, the expanded arts center was part of the affordable housing development plan.

Founding Director Catherine Green speaks of the organization's growth, "In our newest venue, ARTs East New York, in its seventh year will be able to serve thousands more artists and residents alike as a hub of culture and change for the community of East New York, Brooklyn."

Growing up, Green learned how arts in the face of adversity gave voice to actions. These seeds were planted in her soul. Never did she imagine these lessons would birth an institution.

AENY has diverse programs targeting youth and adults. The ARTs East New York program Baboba Tree Convenings provides free, year-round offerings in theatre, dance, spoken word, film / video screenings and live sound / music.

Panel discussions, artist and entrepreneur networking parties (Wine, Cheese, and Chats), art creation parties (Paint & Sips), rotating solo and group exhibitions (Installationz) and a community resource center rounds out AENY's programming.

"We have more public art and beautification programs along with our children and youth classes — Saturday and after-school," says Green, of the growth of AENY program-

Mixing fashion and art, ARTs East New York's gallery inaugural exhibition, "Metamorphosis."

Photo by Tequila Minsky

ming.

One of the recent new initiatives, reNewLots, recycled two shipping containers into four studio spaces and storefronts for local entrepreneurs (home décor and clothing).

Eva Gordon, coordinator for Community Coalition of East New York, refers several families to AENY's after-school and summer programs. "ARTs East New York provides an outlet for the community to express themselves through the arts, spoken word, poetry, painting and murals and African dance," she says, emphasizing how the programs allow children and families to "revitalize the community in their own way." For more program info: www.arts-eastny.org.

On the inaugural day, music, poetry and dance kept things lively in the community room, which doubles as a dance studio. Activities included a drumming class with Nubian Messengers, spoken word performances with Green Earth Poets Café, and a salsa class with Pure Elements.

The art gallery's first exhibit, the multi-media "Metamorphosis" was organized in conjunction with Brooklyn Fashion Weekend. A photo and video documentation exploring identity of students' work from East New York Family Academy and PS 158 is also on display.

Reggae Sunfest

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Reggae Sunsplash.

"In order to make this industry thrive, it's critical that the home of reggae music gets its house in order."

"Many people do not have the disposable income to spend on three nights. You have to remember that the economy in Jamaica is tough, but tourists come because of the culture and the warmth of the people and the beauty of the island. We are scaling down to two nights with top acts and three nights of parties on the week of the show," Bogdanovich said.

Bogdanovich — an American investor in Jamaican enterprises — bought the brand from Summerfest productions, a second city conglomerate chaired by Robert Russell and comprised of principals Johnny Gourzong and Tina Davis.

"Let me make something absolutely clear. This is not a me thing," he explained. "I am working with the founders of the festival, Johnny Gourzong, Robert Russell and the entire MoBay team, along with my team at DownSound Records, in hosting the greatest reggae show on earth to the public like never before."

Acclaimed on the island for attracting diverse crowds yearning to see and hear pop and rhythm & blues artists from America as well as vintage Jamaican names and the hottest new reggae and hip-hop talents, the scaled down presentation will be geared to a young audience.

"There will be a restructuring of show nights as well that

will compact the live entertainment to two nights and with current international act(s) that is on the cutting edge and what youth want to see."

According to Russell, the sale was based on upgrading the brand and Bogdanovich expressed tangible ideas of renewing and revitalizing the annual music event.

"Over the years his commitment to the music and to make things happen for the industry, financially is like no other in today's market," Russell added.

A stakeholder in Sting, the island's Boxing Day, marathon one-night reggae concert, Bogdanovich is also the second biggest shareholder in a Kingston sports bar known as Usain Bolt's Tracks & Records Club.

Soon after making the purchase, Bogdanovich announced other major changes he said would take effect this July and during the next two years.

"The business model in the next two years will reflect more what is currently working in the international festival market," Bogdanovich said.

"The aim of Reggae Sunfest is to expand its horizons to the international market. To have foreign acts that at times can be hype is one thing, but to have international sponsors is a much different thing. The difference is to have a chance at being profitable. When you bring a festival the size of Reggae Sunfest to Jamaica, you need to have the respect of the international power brokers and sponsors to finance such a mission."

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Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s newly elected president Shashank Manohar addresses a press conference in Mumbai, India, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015.

Associated Press / Rafiq Maqbool, File

India, Windies settle dispute

By Azad Ali

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has dropped the US\$41.97 million claim imposed on the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) by the former BCCI administration for abandoning the 2014 tour of India mid-way.

BCCI President Shashank Manohar said the issue was "sorted out" when the WICB agreed to tour India to play the pending games. The decision, he said, was taken when the BCCI's top

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WICB rejects Pakistan's offer

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has turned down an offer by the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) to contest two Twenty20 Internationals in Pakistan.

West Indies will play all their games against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates as scheduled.

PCB Chairman Shaharyar Khan said they had requested the WICB play two games in Lahore, but the Caribbean body had declined on the basis of security concerns.

International cricket has not been played in Pakistan since 2009 when terrorists attacked the Sri Lanka team bus enroute to a game, killing seven police-

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WHAT A 'CHANCE!'

Vincenian Zenron Chance takes home the baton in the 4x400m at the Penn Relays on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Photo by Nelson A. King

Vincenian athletes make nation proud

By Nelson A. King

The screams and rallies of Vincenian nationals in the United States, who trekked by bus and car to Franklin Field Stadium, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, did not go in vain, as athletes from the Thomas Saunders Secondary School

(TSSS) continue to make the nation very proud in the century-plus-old Penn Relays.

Competing in the prestigious Relays Carnival for the sixth successive year, the TSSS male athletes won their 4x400m heat last Saturday in a field of 13 other schools.

With cacophonous cheering from Vincenians, including a busload from Brooklyn, 15-year-old Zenron Chance, participating in the relays for the very first time and debuting in an international meet, maintained the lead in the anchor leg, to put

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officials spoke with the WICB late last year, before clearing India's tour to the West Indies scheduled for this summer. This is the first time the BCCI has clarified its position on the matter.

Manohar told ESPNcricinfo, "they have to complete those (unfinished) games. That was a claim raised by the board. (We) would be satisfied by them coming and playing here," he said. The BCCI president said the schedule will be finalized by the end of May. He said no other conditions were laid out by the BCCI during the talks with the West Indies Cricket Board President Dave Cameron."

In October 2014, when West Indies captain Dwayne Bravo led the players' boycott, the team returned home after the fourth ODI against Indian in Dharamsala. The tour was meant to comprise five One-Day Internationals, one Twenty20 and three Tests.

Calling the abandon tour a "monumental disaster," the then BCCI administration slapped punitive damages on the WICB and also suspended all bilateral tours between the two parties until the issue was resolved.



Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Shaharyar Khan gives a press conference in Lahore, Pakistan, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

AP Photo/K.M. Chaudary

Twenty20

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men and injuring several players.

"We wanted the Twenty20s to be played in Pakistan and made an effort but the West Indies Cricket Board has refused saying they have security fears, so the full series will be played in the United Arab Emirates," Khan was quoted as saying.

The West Indies team is scheduled to play two Tests, five One-Day Internationals and the two Twenty20s later this year in September and October.

Pakistan has been increasingly volatile in recent years forcing the national team to play all their games away or at neutral venues.

The ICC pulled the 2009 Champions Trophy, while Australia and India canceled their tours to Pakistan.

Only last month a suicide bomber killed 72 people when he blew himself up outside a park on Easter Sunday.



James Cordice (R) with Thomas Saunders Secondary School athletes at the Penn Relays.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Vincy athletes receive accolade

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TSSS, the only Vincentian team in the games, and their effervescent supporters on high.

Chance capitalized on a strong third leg finish by Neilo Thomas, who was third to receive the baton in the expansive field but was first to hand over at the anchor leg.

Thomas, 18, competing in his fourth successive and last Penn Relays for TSSS — he graduates this year — ostensibly used his experience to great advantage.

Despite a spike to his right thigh, just above the knee — caused when a competitor fell in the crowded field — Thomas maintained his composure and focus on the ultimate prize.

In the end, the TSSS 4x400 relay team — comprising Edwin Weston, Azare Samuel, Thomas and Chance, running in that order — clocked 3 min. 29.76 sec.

It was the third time that the male team won the 4x400m heat, and received a plaque, since TSSS began competing in the Penn Relays in 2011. The TSSS male team had triumphed in the 4x400m in the inaugural year of competition and the year after.

"Excellent!" said Chance, expectedly breathing very hard, in an exclusive Caribbean Life interview, at track's end, as he and his team mates received "high fives" from competitors and fans. "More athletes [from TSSS and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as a whole] can follow in our footsteps.

"Some of them [critics] think it's a waste of time coming over here [participating in the Penn Relays], but it ain't

[is not]," he added, "because you have to go out there and run your best, with thousands of people watching you."

Thomas also told Caribbean Life that he was "very excited" with his team's victory.

For Head Coach Godfrey "Fuzzy" Harry, the team's success defied what he regarded as negative utterances from critics, primarily those at home.

"People are making negative comments, but they're not making positive financial contributions [in enabling TSSS athletes to compete in the prestigious event]," he said amid the euphoria.

"That's why the Diaspora continues to assist, because they [nationals] see the reason for the team to come [participate in the Penn Relays, the oldest and largest collegiate athletic event in the U.S.]," he added. "We have a younger set of inexperienced guys, except for Neilo [Thomas]. The people who invested their money in coming here [enabling the athletes to compete in the 122 running of the Penn Relays] will be satisfied with the performance of the team."

Thomas also said the 4x400 male team's win was a result of "continuous development and exposure, because athletes come and go. Every year, we have to build teams."

The TSSS male 4x100m team — Nigel Thomas, Chance, Derold Samuel, and Neilo Thomas, in that order — was, however, not so successful on the day before, which was more blustery and cold, placing sixth and clocking 45.26 sec.

On Thursday, the female 4x100m team of Ariel Jackson, Makelia Slat-ter, Shanise John and Kavesia George

placed fourth in running in 51.72 sec.; while the female 4x400m team of Oleisha Ryan, Cheslyn Simper, Zamesha Myle and John placed 8th in clocking 4 min., 19.23 sec.

Nonetheless, Chantel Legair, the female coach, debuting in the Penn Relays, said that, despite the cold weather, the female athletes performed creditably.

"They went out and did their best," she told Caribbean Life. "Most of them were not accustomed to the climate. The competition was higher, but they did great."

James Cordice — who had dreamed of having a Vincentian team participate in the Penn Relays, after working closely, for years, with Team Jamaica Bickle, the organization that provides three warm meals to Jamaican and Caribbean athletes at the games on event days — could not withhold his excitement about TSSS's performance.

"I feel really wonderful," said Cordice, the Philadelphia-based mastermind behind the nation's vie in the relays and former president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organization of Pennsylvania (SVGOP). "I feel it's a recurring dream. Just when you have lots of people talking that Penn Relays has to stop, our students come here and shut them up.

"Jamaica started [participating in the Penn Relays] in 1964, St. Vincent and the Grenadines started in 2011," added Cordice, who has poured his heart, soul and money into the nation's participation. "We'll see what happens in 50 years for us. Jamaica [athletes] is on top of the world."

Seattle Sounders beat Columbus Crew 1-0

By Steve Hunter

SEATTLE (AP) — Rookie Jordan Morris scored off a rebound in the 88th minute to give the Seattle Sounders a 1-0 victory over the Columbus Crew on Saturday.

After Oalex Anderson's shot was stopped by goalkeeper Steve Clark, Morris kicked in the loose ball for this third goal in three games.

"Oalex had a nice shot and they had a good save and the ball just kind of bounced there for me and I ran up and hit it," Morris said. "I think the ball went off their defender and went in. It was exciting, I think I was just lucky to be in the right place at the right time."

In front of a crowd of 39,473 at CenturyLink Field, Seattle (3-4-1) came on strong in the second half with several near-goals. Columbus (2-4-2) dropped to 0-3-2 on the road.

Sounders coach Sigi Schmid certainly likes what he has in the 21-year-old Morris from nearby Mercer Island.

"He's getting his confidence for sure," Schmid said. "We said once he got that first goal, he'll feel better about himself



Columbus Crew's Kei Kamara, right, is fouled by Seattle Sounders' Osvaldo Alonso, left, in the first half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, April 30, 2016, in Seattle.

Associated Press / Ted S. Warren

and that weight's off his shoulders now and he feels more confident — even deflecting it off the opponent still counts."

The Crew dominated much of the first half.

"I think it was a game of two halves," Columbus coach

Gregg Berhalter said. "We controlled the first half and they controlled the second half. I'm disappointed with our reac-

tion out of the locker room in the second half. We lost our aggression and our pressing wasn't good enough and it allowed them to take control of the game."

Seattle outshot the Crew 16-13. Clark had seven saves and Seattle's Stefan Frei finished with four.

Herculez Gomez had a chance to score for the Sounders with a hard shot from the right side in the 76th minute, but Clark blocked the ball for a save.

Seattle threatened twice to score early in the second half, but Clark saved a shot from the left by Joevin Jones, and Clint Dempsey had a header from close range go high over the crossbar.

Columbus midfielder Ethan Finlay had a good chance to score on a through ball in the 42nd minute, but missed wide right from the center of the box.

Federico Higuain had an opportunity to put the Crew up in the 32nd minute when Frei mistakenly kicked a ball off the side of his foot right to Higuain in the center of the box.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, thanks to your hectic schedule, achieving lofty goals this week may be a stretch, so aim for something a little more manageable and celebrate the achievement.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, though you may be content to remain out of the spotlight most of the time, when you engage with others, you really can show just how compelling you are.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
You may be expected to step up and care for people all of the time, but this week you're the one who needs some special attention, Cancer. All you have to do is reach out for assistance.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you have many good reasons to throw caution to the wind this week, but you may have to reign in your adventurous spirit just a little bit. You're an example to others.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Listen carefully to your intuition this week, Virgo. Most of the time you can trust that little voice more than outside influences. Focus on your dreams for a bit.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, when things become complicated, you're the person people often seek to iron out the situation. You have a way of quickly getting to the root of a problem.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, even though you normally think coolly and collectedly, this week you may be at the end of your rope. Book some time for a little R&R to recharge your batteries.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, positive encounters, including an unexpected meeting with an old friend, could make for an interesting week. Your social life is booming.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you have a measured and methodical approach to your goals. This week, though, your sense of fun may take over and steer you off course.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Consider your words before sharing your perspective, Aquarius. You do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, even if what you have to say is the truth. Word things carefully.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Your self-esteem soars this week when you go out of your way to put others' needs before your own. Act from your heart, Pisces.

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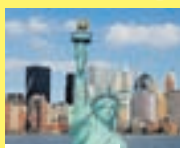
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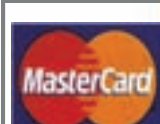


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