



## A home for Black Girls Code

For the girls: Founder of Black Girls Code, Kimberly Bryant talking about the organization's mission at an inauguration event for the new office, in Google's headquarters in Manhattan. **See story on page 16.**

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## A cleaner community!

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Council Member Mathieu Eugene last week joined the Department of Sanitation, students from MS 246 Walt Whitman, and community members to unveil new additional trash cans in the

40th City Council District.

The new trash cans, which were funded by Eugene, representative for the 40th Council District, "will help promote cleanliness in the neighborhood by making sure that trash cans are readily avail-

able throughout the district," Eugene said.

In an effort to stop littering in the neighborhood, he said the trash cans also come with the message that he is working with his constituents to

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# NEW COMERS RIGHTS

## No discrimination against foreigners with local passports

By Bert Wilkinson

Foreigners who obtain local citizenship and travel documents through the controversial passport for dollar investment scheme will have full rights to travel and live anywhere in the 15-nation group of countries a regional leader said Wednesday.

Antigua Prime Minister Gaston Browne said countries like his and other Eastern Caribbean states with Citizenship Investment Programs (CIP) stoutly defended the rights of outsiders who pay for their citizenship and local passports

by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in investment schemes to have similar rights as people born in the region.

"Our founding treaty has made it clear that you cannot discriminate against anyone. A citizen is a citizen no matter how you look at it," said after a spirited discussion on the issue earlier on Wednesday.

Some of the other states which do not have or have no interest in the dollars for passport scheme had suggested that the newer citizens should not have full rights to rules

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Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks with CACCI president and chief executive officer Dr. Roy Hastick as his wife, Dr. Eda Hastick, looks on.

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Mayor meets local leaders

By Nelson A. King

With his eyes set on his re-election next year, Mayor Bill de Blasio has wasted no time in starting a “productive conversation” with Caribbean community leaders, small business owners and others in Brooklyn.

On Tuesday night, the Mayor attended a fundraising cocktail reception at Suede Restaurant on Clarendon Road in East Flatbush, owned by a Trinidadian family.

The event was organized by former New York City Council Member Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, the mayor’s former colleague in the City Council, with the trail-blazing Clarke’s daughter, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, representative for the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, as the honorary chair.

“We know victory comes through hard work, victory comes through preparation,” de Blasio told the enthusiastic reception, which included Cory Provost, district leader for the 58th Assembly District in Brooklyn; Dr. Roy Hastick, president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and William Howard, president of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA).

“No one every says change is easy or complete,” the mayor added. “But never listen to the doubting Thomases.”

He said reporters and others had expressed skepticism about the implementation of many of his policies and programs, such as universal Pre-K and an end to the New York Police Department’s (NYPD) Stop and Frisk policies.

# WIADCA, CTO partner to expand outreach



Reception at Giando’s Restaurant sponsored by WIADCA for visiting Caribbean tourism officials in NY for the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)’s Caribbean Week. **Front row:** Hugh Riley, Secretary General, CTO; Anita Taylor, Brooklyn Rep, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, US Congresswoman; Kelly Craighead, executive director National Travel and Tourism Office U.S. Department of Commerce; Markly Wilson, director, Int’l Marketing, NYS Division of Tourism. **Back row:** Brooklyn Sen. Jesse Hamilton; Richard Sealy, CTO Chairman & Minister of Tourism-Barbados; William R. Howard, president, WIADCA; Angela Sealy, chair, WIADCA; Hon. Sylvia G Ash, Supreme Court Judge.

By Alexandra Simon

The West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) and the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) are partnering for a union that will encourage multi-organizational efforts between the two organizations that would benefit the Caribbean region, as well as its people in New York.

For the first time since WIADCA was established more than 49 years ago, French Guiana is expected to participate in the organization’s events. The French-speaking South American country that borders Brazil, will participate in the West Indian American Day Carnival held on Eastern Parkway on Monday, Sept. 5. The success of adding another country to the association was via connections with CTO, says William Howard, president of WIADCA.

“We’re trying to be inclusive of all islands,” said Howard. “This partner-

ship will save money.”

The partnering also added new musical acts from Barbados, including the introduction of artists from French Guiana, that will have floats in the parade this year. Both organizations will benefit from the partnership because of similar, yet different missions for the Caribbean. WIADCA wants to open doors for CTO, which they hope gains them more artists that have relationships with CTO, according to Howard.

The Caribbean Tourism Organization, founded in 1989, primarily focuses on making tourism to the Caribbean the top destination, as well as promoting tourism education via scholarships for students. The organization also builds a relationship in countries that have large Caribbean diaspora’s, such as the United States and United Kingdom.

While WIADCA’s mission is “to promote, develop and celebrate Caribbean culture, arts, history and traditions through year-round programs which culminate with a week-long display of festivities and a grand finale Carnival parade expanding our cultural reach throughout the world” its focus is more varied, to include education, tourism, fundraising, and healthcare.

Howard also sees more growth for WIADCA by appealing to the younger generation through the use of technology and social media, hoping to model the organization’s outreach after other popular events.

“We’re looking at South by Southwest,” said Howard. “They’re getting \$5 million for one week.”

The CTO will also participate in the West Indian Day Carnival in September.



## THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

### Caribbean

CARICOM leaders were expected to sign an agreement to officially launch the Caribbean Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) during the Heads of Government Meeting in Guyana.

The CCREEE was first inaugurated in October 2015.

This was revealed by Devon Gardner, program manager at the CARICOM Secretariat. He said the issue of renewable energy is being taken seriously by CARICOM leaders.

In May, Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley attended the U.S.-Caribbean Central American Energy Security Summit in Washington D.C and told leaders that given the “enormous scale” of resources in the region, renewable energy should be contributing more to the energy needs and increasing prospects of energy security.



Gardner said funding of renewable energy products continues to be a challenge to achieve CARICOM's renewable energy targets successfully, US\$30 billion in required.

He said CARICOM countries are “financially stressed” and funding does not exist in the public sector, so it should be taken from international funding agencies.

### Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government has indicated that the construction of a new Beaches Hotel by Sandals Resorts International (SRI), on the site of Halcyon Cove by Rex Resort will be on the table when the two parties meet for negotiations.

According to the Minister of Information Melford Nicholas the government is actively seeking to increase the number of available hotel rooms in the twin-island state, in order to advance the tourism state.



He said it is still the intention of the government to support the economic expansion of Sandals — the acquisition



## CARICOM Heads Meet

St. Lucian Prime Minister Allen Chastanet arrives for the opening of the CARICOM Summit in Guyana. Photo by Bert Wilkinson

of the Halcyon Hotel (for) the Beaches Resort is something the government is very much interested in.

Nicholas added that during the upcoming negotiations, the government would seek to resume those negotiations with the principals of the Sandals group.

### Barbados

The United Nations Food and Agri-

culture Organization (FAO) said climate change is expected to increase the intensity and frequency of droughts in the Caribbean, so countries in the region must enhance their capabilities to deal with this and other extreme weather-related challenges to ensure food security and hunger extradi-



The FAO said in a new report, “Drought Characteristics and Management in the Caribbean” that the Caribbean region faces significant challenges in terms of drought.

Deep Ford, FAO regional coordinator in the Caribbean said drought ranks as the single most common cause of severe food shortage in developing countries, so this is a key issue for Caribbean food security.

The FAO noted that the Caribbean region already experiences drought-like events every year, with low water availability often impacting on agriculture and water resources, and a significant number of bush fires.

According to the FAO the Caribbean region accounts for seven of the world's top 36 water-stressed countries, with one of them — Barbados — in the top 10.

### Grenada

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has approved a loan of US\$15 million and a grant of US\$533,000 to complement the government of Grenada's efforts to address the substantial need for improved education infrastructure.

J.W. Fletcher is one of the six schools across the country that will be expanded or rehabilitated as part of the Grenada Education Enhancement Project (GEEP). Teachers and students are looking forward



to the construction of two new blocks which will provide three classrooms, administrative space, and laboratories for Building Technology and Electronics, rooms for Music, Art, Technical Drawing and Counseling.

Grenada's Minister of Education Anthony Boatman said the implementation of the project will allow “our ministry to be better positioned to serve all its stakeholders at all levels and to take a professional approach towards the conduct of business and education.”

Grenada was badly affected by Hurricane Ivan and Emily in 2004 and 2005 respectively that some damaged schools

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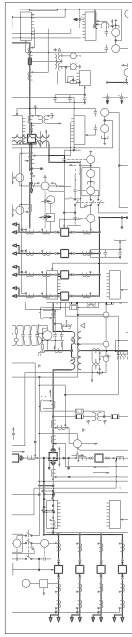
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EVERYTHING MATTERS



Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene with community leaders and students.  
Office of Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene

## Green campaign

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help raise awareness about the importance of the proper trash disposal process.

Eugene said this ongoing effort, which began last year, is dubbed, "Keep Our Community Clean."

"Littering isn't just aesthetically upsetting; it can also have a dangerous impact in the community," he said.

Eugene said students from MS 246, who have been working diligently on a campaign to end litter, made a video to

illustrate how litter can wash into the waterways and harm marine life.

"The litter in our streets is unsanitary, and it can hurt our community members, as well as local wildlife," he said. "It's important to properly dispose of our garbage, and I'm proud to allocate funding for more trash cans to ensure that our streets and sidewalks are clean and safe."

Eugene said New York City relies on the Department of Sanitation to keep the city clean and safe, adding, "and I commend our sanitation workers because they are truly instrumental in keeping our city clean and functional."

## Citizenship

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allowing them to establish businesses in the duty free, single market area but Browne said agreement was reached that countries cannot discriminate against the new comers.

Countries with CIP schemes include Grenada, Dominica, St. Lucia, Antigua and St. Kitts. St. Vincent which has said it has no plans to go that route under the current administration, was one of the countries which had objections. Jamaica has said that it is considering a similar scheme.

He said objecting countries were pointed to a recent ruling by the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice in the case of a Jamaican woman who was body band cavity searched by Barbadian immigration officials several years ago.

She sued and won. The court had ordered officers to ensure citizens of the bloc who enter any member state be given the six-month stay period without a work permit as per rules in the free market.

Caribbean governments are to organize a global conference on actions taken by American commercial banks to cease doing business with counterparts in the region and Latin America and have also asked for a temporary cessation of severed ties.

The issue was a key agenda item of the three-day leaders summit due to end here late Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Antiguan Prime Minister Gaston Browne said exasperated leaders are going to appeal to U.S. lawmakers and bank heads to stop cutting ties with agencies in the 15-nation group

"to give us some breathing space" while they bring together legislators, NGO's, bank owners and others at a massive conference on the issue later this year. The conference is to be held in the Caribbean.

"We have decided as well as to hire a well established American lobbying firm to lobby on our behalf, to make representation for us on this question of derisking by American banks. At this point we want to ask them to stay their hand," Browne said Wednesday.

Banks across the region, locally owned ones in particular, have been cut off by American mega banks in recent years, forcing the region to look for alternatives to process credit card payments, wire transfers and check chashing transactions among others.

Browne said leaders did toy with the idea of the region setting up its own bank or clearing house on U.S. soil but no decision was taken as the move now is to take the lobbying campaign globally.

In the meantime, British Crown Agents Bank is moving through the region exploring the possibility of taking up the slack left by those such as Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase.

Meantime, Belizean Foreign Minister Wilfred Erlington said that the country's Central Bank has been able to establish relations with smaller banks but they too soon quit because of increased pressure from U.S. regulators to scrutinize transactions from the region.

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# Former T&T PM to be buried Saturday

# Jamaica takes action against yellow fever virus

By Azad Ali

Former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Patrick Mervyn Augustus Manning, who died on Sunday morning, will be given a state funeral.

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley, in making the announcement said the former political leader of the People's National Movement (PNM) said his body will lie in State at the Southern Academy Performing Arts (SAPA) in San Fernando on Thursday and at the North Performing Academy Center in Port of Spain on Friday for public viewing before a funeral service at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Port of Spain on Saturday, July 9.

He will then be laid to rest in a private ceremony.

Manning, 69, died about two days after he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (a rare form of cancer) at the High Dependency Unit (HDU) at the San Fernando Hospital.

Manning, who like his predecessors Dr. Eric Williams and George Chambers died at the age of 69.

Condolences continue to pour in for Manning's family from across the Caribbean and North America. He served Trinidad and Tobago for 23 years. Manning was prime minister on four occasions. He represented San Fernando East as Member of Parliament for 44 years. He entered politics at the age of 24.



In this Thursday Nov 26, 2009 file photo, Trinidad and Tobago former Prime Minister Patrick Manning attends a news conference ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, CHOGM, in Port-of-Spain Trinidad.

Associated Press / Martin Cleaver, File

Here are some highlights of Manning's political career.

- Opposition Member, May 26, 2010 - June 17, 2015.
- Prime Minister. Nov. 7, 2007 - May 25, 2010.
- Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Dec. 24, 2001 - Oct. 9, 2002.
- Leader of the Opposition, Jan. 12, 2001 - Dec. 23, 2001.
- Leader of the Opposition, Nov. 9, 1995 - Dec. 11, 2000.
- Prime Minister, Jan. 13, 1992 - Oct. 6, 1995.
- Opposition Member, Sept. 9, 1990 - Nov. 1991.
- Leader of the Opposition, Dec. 29, 1986 - Sept. 8, 1990.
- Minister in the Ministry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Minister in the Ministry of the Prime Minister, March 30, 1981 - May 12, 1981.
- Permanent Secretary, Sept. 22, 1976 - March 29, 1981.
- Portfolio to oversee Tobago East and Minister in the Ministry of Office of the Prime Minister, Information and Finance 1979 - 1981.
- Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of the Prime Minister, Feb. 11, 1973 - June 19, 1976.
- Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines, May 27, 1971 - Feb. 10, 1973.

By Azad Ali

Jamaica is taking steps to prevent the importation of the yellow fever virus into the country where the disease does not occur but where the mosquito vector and human hosts are present.

Yellow fever is an acute viral disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes.

Last month, the Jamaica government issued a statement indicating that all travelers over the age of one year who arrived in Jamaica from countries where there is a risk of yellow fever transmission — including those passengers transiting those countries — would be required to produce a valid certificate to show they have been vaccinated.

Last week nine passengers who arrived in Jamaica by air were refused entry, while another eight were quarantined because of yellow fever concerns.

The 17 were among passengers from Trinidad and Tobago and Panama, who were unable to produce evidence that they were vaccinated against the virus. The Trinidadians had arrived on a Caribbean Airlines flight from Trinidad.

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# Time to declare our independence from corporate tax dodging

By Frank Clemente

Marchers in this year's 4th of July parades in small towns across America will pass a variety of Main Street businesses: barber shops, restaurants, computer repair services. What all these small businesses have in common is that none of them use unpatriotic offshore tax dodges to avoid paying their fair share of U.S. taxes. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for America's multinational corporations.

Huge U.S. firms are avoiding almost \$700 billion in U.S. taxes on \$2.4 trillion in profits they hold overseas, according to a study by Citizens for Tax Justice. This massive, ongoing tax dodge hurts American families, small businesses

and hometown communities in several ways at once.

First, it's just not fair. Why should working Americans pay all their taxes every year, while big corporations don't? The only winners from this tax avoidance scheme are corporate CEOs and wealthy shareholders, whose payouts are inflated with the taxes not paid. (Oh, and the lobbyists who swarm Capitol Hill convincing Congress to open the tax-dodging loopholes in the first place.) Those tax-dodge bonanzas further widen our nation's already yawning income and wealth gaps.

Second, it deprives us of resources we desperately need to fix what's broken in our society: potholed roads, crumbling

bridges, overcrowded schools, underfunded retirements.

Here's just one breakdown of how we could put \$700 billion to use: double federal highway and mass transit spending for seven years (\$470 billion); provide high-quality preschool for all low- and moderate-income four-year-olds for 10 years (\$75 billion); provide two years of free tuition at community college over 10 years benefitting 9 million students (\$61 billion); and increase the National Cancer Institute's budget by 50% for 10 years (\$27 billion).

Third, overseas tax dodging gives multinational companies one more advantage over small businesses and domestic corporations that actually pay their taxes. With their economies of scale, national advertising budgets and cushions of cash, big companies don't need yet another leg up on their smaller competitors.

How do multinationals get away with it? It's mostly due to a loophole in the tax code called "deferral." Even though American corporations are taxed on all their worldwide earnings every year, they can indefinitely

avoid paying the taxes due on overseas earnings till they bring that money home.

And here's a key point: a lot of those profits sheltered offshore weren't actually made there. Corporations use accounting tricks to shift domestic profits to overseas tax havens, thereby cutting their U.S. taxes while facing little or no tax abroad.

Some corporations aren't satisfied to send their profits offshore—they send the whole company, at least on paper. In so-called "inversions," an American corporation changes its legal address to a tax haven by merging with a smaller foreign company. The company is still operated from the U.S.—enjoying all the benefits of our country—but it stops paying its full share of taxes for those benefits.

What can be done about all this unpatriotic corporate tax dodging this 4th of July? Plenty.

First, Congress needs to make corporations pay the \$700 billion they owe now on their \$2.4 trillion in untaxed offshore profits. House Speaker Paul Ryan has just proposed a tax plan that would let corpo-

rations pay a fraction of what they owe — about \$170 billion. That's a huge tax giveaway for a small collection of the nation's largest and most profitable corporations.

Second, Congress needs to reject Speaker Ryan's plan to slash the corporate tax rate nearly in half. Cutting the corporate tax rate from the current 35% to 20% will lose \$1.7 trillion in public revenue over 10 years. Because of all the loopholes in the tax code, big corporations are already paying an effective tax rate of just 14% now, according to the Government Accountability Office. They don't need to pay less in taxes; they need to pay their fair share.

At the heart of the American colonies' drive for independence back in 1776 was a demand for tax fairness. That demand is still alive today as we celebrate our 240th 4th of July. Through much needed reforms, working America can declare its independence from corporate America's tax dodging.

*Clemente is executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness*

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Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (third from left) with Attorney Colin Moore and his wife, Ela (left) and Clarke's Chief of Staff Anita Taylor.

# Congresswoman opens new office with fanfare

**By Nelson A. King**

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, Democratic representative for the 9th Congressional District, on Friday opened her new office to better serve constituents.

A steady stream of constituents, community leaders and officials trekked to the new office at 222 Lenox Rd., between Nostrand and Rogers avenues, in the epicenter of the Caribbean community, from 2 pm to 8 pm, to be warmly greeted by Clarke and staffers.

"We've been planning all along to do a grand opening so the community can spread the word," Clarke told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview amid the fanfare.

"I'm very proud to represent this district," she added. "We want that to be reflected in all that we do. We also want to collaborate with community organizations for the services we provide.

"Our goal is to build a strong community, to partner with those involved in growth," continued Clarke, who is serving her 10th year in the US House of Representatives.

Clarke said she moved to the new office in February after the owners of the old office, at 123 Linden Blvd., sold the building.

She said her new office is a former medical facility that was "retrofitted to meet the needs of our office."

The congresswoman said her district, formerly the 11th Congressional District that was redistricted in 2010, is very diverse, with constituents from the Middle East, South Asia and Turkey. She said they comprise the "bulk of the Muslim community."

The 9th Congressional District also comprise the Jewish community – from ultraorthodox to liberal – and the Christian community, including the Caribbean community.

Clarke said the Caribbean community is the largest cultural, ethnic and religious group, comprising nationals from the English, French, Spanish and Dutch-speaking Caribbean.

The 9th Congressional District, Clarke said, is also the only congressional district that comprises constituents in one borough in New York City.

The highly residential and commercial district runs through the middle of Brooklyn – from the Barclays Center, downtown Brooklyn, to Sheepshead Bay, and includes Parkslope and Brownsville.

In her new office, Clarke said she plans to conduct a series of small community meetings, "where people can come to get professional services."

Clarke has a conservative opponent in the November Presidential Elections, as she seeks her sixth consecutive, two-year term in Congress.

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According to the Federal Highway Administration, wet roadways, and rain in particular, are the main cause of weather-related vehicle crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that, between 2004 and 2013, rain caused 573,784 crashes.

To drive safely in the rain and avoid accidents, drivers should follow certain precau-

tions.

- Maintain windshield wipers. Inspect and, if necessary change windshield wipers regularly to ensure they are working optimally. Always test wipers before driving in rainy weather.

- Turn on lights with wipers. Reduced visibility is a major contributor to wet-weather accidents. Drivers' views may be hampered by falling precipitation and glare from wet roadways. Cloudy conditions and fog also compromise visibility. When using windshield wipers, turn on your headlights as well. This makes your vehicle more

visible to other motorists and improves your own ability to see the road and pedestrians.

- Recognize changing road conditions. Roadways accumulate oil and engine fluids that can float in rainwater, creating slippery road surfaces. This is usually a problem during the first few hours of a rainstorm or in areas that receive little precipitation and then are subjected to downpours. These fluids make rain-soaked roads even more slippery. Slow down, leave more room between vehicles and try driving in the tracks left by vehicles ahead.

- Reduce speed. The au-

tomotive group AAA says hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water, can occur with as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road. The group goes on to say that tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speeds to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. New tires can still lose some contact with the roadway, even at a speed as low as 35 mph. Therefore, reducing speed and avoiding hard braking and turning sharply can help keep the rubber of the tire meeting the road.

- Rely on the defogger. Use the car's windshield defroster/defogger to improve visibility.

Turn it on early and keep it on until the rain has stopped and visibility has improved.

- Recover from a skid. Skids can be frightening, but when skidding, resist any temptation to slam on the breaks. Instead, continue to look and drive in the direction you want to go and slowly ease up on the accelerator.

- Skip the cruise control. It's important to maintain control over the vehicle in rainy conditions, so avoid using cruise control.

- Maintain tires. Proper inflation and tire tread levels can improve traction. AAA recommends checking tread depth by inserting a quarter upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above

Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check tire pressure on all tires at least once a month. Get an accurate reading when tires are cold and adjust air pressure accordingly.

- Avoid other distractions. Distracted driving can be hazardous during good road conditions and even more dangerous when visibility and other factors are compromised. Switch phones and other devices off so you can fully focus on the road and other drivers.

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# Councilman continues combatting gun violence

By Laura Andrews

Neither the U.S. Supreme Court decision to forego hearing a challenge to New York's SAFE Act nor Omar Mateen's killing of 49 people (and injuring of 53) at The Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, has altered the position of the Senate on tightening gun control.

Nearly a week after the Orlando shooting, the Senate did not vote in the interest of fair gun control proposals.

The failure of the four varied gun control measures to pass the Senate, within a close time period of the mass shooting in Orlando, is predicted to be a heated issue during the presidential campaign.

Both Democrats and Republicans offered gun laws limiting the purchasing of firearms. In what could have been perceived as a possible moment of reckoning for the two political parties, was quickly dissolved.

Not surprising, the Senate denied a Republican-gun measure, which permits at least a three-day sale delay to terrorists suspects, if there is a showing of probable cause.

According to one major

publication, "gun clubs for the LGBT community nationally are showing a significant increase in membership" — nearly doubling — following the Orlando shooting.

After the Orlando massacre, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) declared that the Senate "ought to do something" to eliminate shooting fatalities.

"At least, they (Senate) are feeling the heat," Schumer, added, at a news conference with Democrats and relatives of victims of gun violence.

The nonpartisan Organizing For Action and gun-control advocates are hopeful bipartisan gun-control legislation is inevitable.

"The Senate had the chance to pass two amendments, one that would've expanded background checks on gun sales and one that would've helped prevent known terrorists from buying guns," stated OFA Director of Community Programs, Traci Wile. In a prepared statement Wile added, "Both had a real chance go help gun violence and make our neighborhood safer." According to Wile, the activist Rep. John



New York City Councilmember Donovan J. Richards (third from left) with other local officials and police officers promoting "Cash For Guns" program.

Lewis with Queens' Rep. Gregory Meeks staged a sit-in on the House floor insisting upon common sense gun policy.


Despite the fact that the Senate is not moving forward on gun-control action, New York City Councilmember Donovan J. Richards led

a Gun Buy-Back program at Macedonia Baptist Church in Arverne, Rockaway, New York.

Guns were submitted without any inquiry in exchange for a pre-paid debt card. A payment of \$200 was offered for operable hand guns and

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Richards' gun buy-back program is a commendable effort to halt gun violence in the Rockaways and nationally.




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# St. Lucia's gov't to review its diplomatic appointments

By Azad Ali

St. Lucia's new Prime Minister Allan Chastanet says his government intends to review the appointments of diplomats by the former Dr. Kenny Anthony administration.

High on the list is the controversial appointment of Saudi billionaire Dr. Walid Juffali as St. Lucia's Permanent Representative to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Chastanet and his United Workers Party (UWP) had raised concerns about Dr. Juffali's appointment, particularly after he attempted to claim diplomatic immunity in a public divorce battle between the businessman and his ex-wife Christina Estrada.

Earlier this year, a High Court in the United Kingdom contended that Dr. Juffali obtained a diplomatic appointment in April 2014 with the sole intention of defeating Estrada's claims, following the breakdown of their marriage. They were formerly divorced in December 2014.

Questions had been raised about Dr. Juffali's appointment since he does not have any known qualifications in maritime law and there were no public record of him ever attending any meetings of the IMO.



Prime Minister Allan Chastanet.  
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Prime Minister Chastanet said his government will have to scrutinize other diplomatic postings of people who had been appointed under the previous administration.

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# Black Girls Code opens first office in New York

By Alexandra Simon

Black girls can code in New York City — in the same building as one of the leading technology companies in the world.

The Oakland-based technology organization, Black Girls Code, celebrated the opening of their New York City office at Google's headquarters on June 29 in Manhattan.

It is the second office location in the country for the organization, which has been operating since 2011. Teenage girls from all over New York City came to see the new office. Some were even more than excited about the building it was located in.

"I'm really excited because Black Girls Code is moving into Google," said Olivia Ross of Queens. "And the offices are really pretty."

Local political leaders from all over New York City attended to celebrate the event, including the first ever Chief Technology Officer for New York, a former tech company owner who talked about her experience as a woman of color in technology, and how the city plans to change that.



Left: Minerva Tantoco, the first ever chief of technology officer for New York City, talks history and the changing demographics in the technological field. Right: Assemblyman Michael Blake, takes a group photo with a table of girls, at Google's headquarters in Manhattan on June 26. Harrison Steg

"In those 30 years — I noticed there were fewer women — fewer women of color running companies," said Minerva Tantoco, chief technology officer of New York. "We're focused on closing that tech divide. We believe that New York City's future lies in being the most diverse and inclusive tech community in the world."

The mission of Black Girls Code is to introduce programming and technology to young teenage girls of color, an under-represented group in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The organization's founder, Kimberly Bryant, aims for more growth at chapter events, for more location openings. She also says

having a physical space and the opportunity to build outside of the San Francisco Bay Area is a different feeling.

"We're really excited because we've been doing workshops in New York since 2012," said Bryant. "We actually have a space, an actual space — it's a big blessing."

Bryant praises Google for

showing their support for diversity in technology, rather than just talking about it.

"To see our program end up at Google — it is truly a blessing," said Bryant. "This is the first office based in New York City and we have a huge opportunity to build a team outside of the San Francisco Bay Area."

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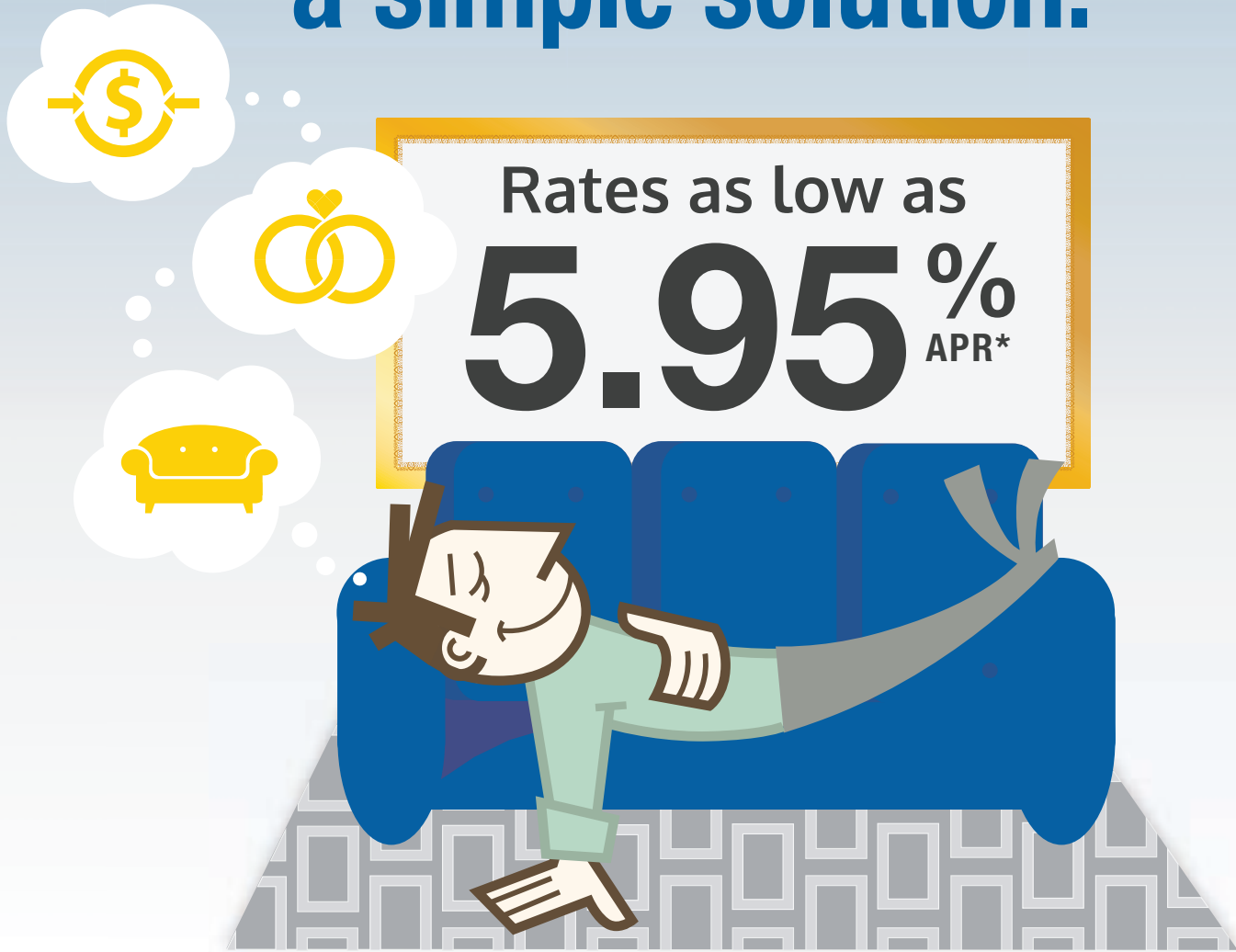


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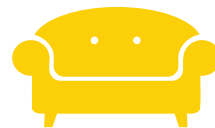
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# Travel app hopes to encourage tourism to Grenada

By Alexandra Simon

Next stop — Grenada!

That is what one innovator wants your next travel list to sound like, with the release of a new mobile app for locals and travelers heading to Grenada.

“The idea came from my experiences,” said Nigel S. Jones creator of the app PromoGrenada. “To keep up with current affairs, you had to wait until you were at a PC or visit multiple websites to find information. PromoGrenada is appealingly organized and conveniently available in the palm of your hand.”

Jones says the mission of PromoGrenada is to help Grenadians and travelers, especially the diaspora community, with finding local businesses and landmarks in the country. The comprehensive app will provide people with the hottest locations to go to, and will also service users on where to eat, party, and where they can buy from local vendors. Jones wants the app to be something Grenadians rely on, especially in regards to smaller islands Carriacou and Petite Martinique which are part of the country.

“They should get more attention. Lately, they’ve have been including them much more since I left,” said Jones. “But I would love to lobby — I think a lot of non-Grenadian people are not aware of these two small islands.”



Available everywhere: Users can download the app at the App Store and Google Play.

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Jones says he is no tech maven or tourist guru but upon discovering that Grenada was lacking with an app geared towards them, and how the island is generally underrepresented, he created PromoGrenada.

“I developed an app for myself and saw the response to it – I saw the need for such an app for Grenada,” said Jones.

The app launched two months ago, and is a travel app as much as it is an informative one. Users can search for news, radio stations, photo galleries, promote their businesses, and even search obituaries.

With the intention of bringing together the Grenadian community in Grenada and Grenadians abroad, it already has many fans.

“The response has been phenomenal, especially from Caribbean people — the downloads are tremendous,” said Jones.

The Canada-based creator lived in New York City for 20 years, basing his travel experiences as the foundation for the app. Jones holds the app is dear to his heart, and foresees an ambitious future with PromoGrenada.

“The creation and design of this app has helped me to learn

so many new things about Grenada,” said Jones. “In the next three years, I would like to see PromoGrenada being able to support nonprofit organizations in fundraising ventures from the diaspora.”

The app is available for download at the App Store, and the Google Play Store.

The creator: The brainchild behind PromoGrenada, Nigel Jones. Jones says he created the app as an informative travel app for Grenadian’s and tourists.

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When Purchia Spencer noticed the left side of her body becoming paralyzed she knew something was seriously wrong. As a licensed practical nurse, Purchia was familiar with the signs of stroke and knew she had a limited window of time to get care. She was rushed to NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County where she was treated by a dedicated stroke team led by Dr. Susan W. Law, Director of the hospital's Stroke Center. Purchia continues to receive outpatient care at the hospital's stroke clinic. She credits the hospital for her "remarkable progress" and for regaining use of the left side of her body.



Stroke patient Purchia Spencer with Dr. Susan Law, Director of Stroke Center, NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County

Kings County was recently one of nine hospitals in the public health system to receive national recognition for improving quality of care and outcomes for stroke patients. The award was presented to the hospital by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Stroke Association (ASA) for consistently applying best-practice, research-based standards of care that reduce recovery time, dis-

ability and mortality rates for stroke patients, and reduce hospital readmissions for stroke patients.

"This is the fifth year in a row that Kings County has received the Stroke Gold Plus Award," said Ernest J. Baptiste, CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County. "I am very proud of the life-saving and life-altering care provided by our stroke team. Their quick response and follow-up care have made it possible for

many patients to resume their daily lives."

"I'm glad I came to Kings County when I was having a stroke because the care has been excellent, my progress has been remarkable, and I now have use of the left side of my body," said Purchia. "Dr. Susan Law is outstanding and very compassionate. She has been with me from the beginning. I check in with her for everything, including my travel plans. She is always respon-

sive to my needs."

"I am passionate about my work at Kings County because there is a real need for high quality stroke care and patient education for the community we serve," said Dr. Law, who oversees care coordination at the hospital's Stroke Center. "We have an excellent stroke team and I'm proud to be part of it. We work very hard to deliver the best possible outcomes for patients, and the recent award by AHA/ASA is a true testament to that work."

Stroke is a leading cause of death in New York. According to the AHA/ASA, stroke is one of the leading cause of death and adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, someone dies of a stroke every four minutes, and nearly 800,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

"We are pleased to recognize NYC Health + Hospitals for their commitment to stroke care," said Paul Heidenreich, M.D., M.S., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines Steering Committee and

Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. "Research has shown there are benefits to patients who are treated at hospitals that have adopted the Get With The Guidelines program."

The awards were presented to the NYC Health + Hospitals facilities for meeting and exceeding standards established by the "Get With The Guidelines" program, a national, hospital-based quality improvement initiative created by AHA and ASA to improve the care of patients with stroke. To earn this recognition, hospitals must achieve high rates of adherence to quality care standards for stroke care set by the Guidelines program, which includes aggressive use of medications such as clot-busting and anti-clotting drugs, blood thinners and cholesterol-reducing drugs, preventive action for deep vein thrombosis and smoking cessation counseling.

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# Selebrasyon! with Haitian flavors



**By Tequila Minsky**

It's a wrap! Two months of Haitian culture — a book signing at the Queens Museum, dance performances in Harlem, poetry readings in the East Village, a film screening at BAM, music at BRIC, and a Haitian Flag Day observance — entertained and informed those who attended 2016 Selebrasyon! organized

by the seven-year-old Haiti Cultural Exchange (HCX).

HCX director Regine Roumain welcomed celebrants to the final Selebrasyon! event — Haitian Flavor Bk X Flow — held at Crown Heights' Berg'n's outdoor courtyard on a beautiful evening, last week. Flavors and food was the theme.

Attendees crowded

the tables of the tasty samples of typical Haitian eats from the Bed-Stuy restaurant Grand-champs and innovative Saveur et Couleur Catering Natacha Clerger who traveled from Boston to offer tastes of her Haitian cuisine infused with other influences.

Local caterer Nadege Fleurimond served a yummy fusion-dish, a pasta paella flavored with Haitian djon djon, black mushrooms.

This wasn't a food fair explained Director Roumain wanting to expose Haitian-item purveyors without an event being completely commercially oriented. A few scattered tables around the courtyard seemed like a perfect number of local Haitian artisanal purveyors with samples.

Kreyol Kwizin gave out mini-jars of its spices, Pierre's Spicy provided a taste of home with its four flavors of spicy nut butter, mild and hot, peanut and almond butter. From Royal Cremas, attendees tried the popular Haitian drink cremas — sometimes referred

to as a Haitian eggnog, a coconut-based drink from spiced evaporated milk and rum.

Music emanated from the semi-indoor area while clusters of friends in the summery atmosphere of the outdoor courtyard — it almost felt like Haiti — caught up with current happenings.

After meal time, Les Chocolateries Askanya — Haiti's only bean-to-bar chocolate, its cacao from Ouamaminth, Haiti — laid out its scrumptious dark and milk chocolates.

"Taste my dous makos," (a type of vanilla fudge from Petit Goave), said Atibon sharing another dessert.

Concluding Selebrasyon!'s rich varied schedule, this was such a fun way to usher in the summer.

Haiti Cultural Exchange's programs and services supports emerging and established artists, promotes cross-cultural exchanges, and preserves Haitian Cultural Heritage, and encourages dialogue around contemporary social issues.

Haiti Culture Exchange Director Regine Roumain thanks all for making the two-month cultural extravaganza Selebrasyon! a success.

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# Prostate Cancer: Stop It Before It's Too Late

Reading newspaper articles can be fun, interesting, and entertaining, but can it save your life or the life of your loved ones?

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2014, about 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and about 29,480 men will die of prostate cancer. About 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime. Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men.

Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it. In fact, more than 2.5 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today.\*

In this article, we seek advice from award winning doctors at Prostate Center of Accord Physicians, general urologist Dr. Llewellyn Hyacinthe and two urological surgeons, Dr. Vitaly Raykhman and Dr. Yuly Chalik. These two are recipients of the prestigious Patient's Choice Award were also named America's Top Urologists since 2009.

They will tell us how to detect prostate cancer in its earliest stage and successfully fight it.

**Doctors, what are the symptoms of prostate cancer? Can a man diagnose himself for this disease?**

Unfortunately, prostate cancer will usually not exhibit outward symptoms in its early stages, so the patient is often

not aware of the presence of a tumor. Because it is important to diagnose this disease before any symptoms occur, men over age 45 are strongly encouraged to undergo an elective urological examination at least once a year.

**How do you diagnose prostate cancer?**

The first step in diagnosing prostate cancer is analyzing PSA (prostate-specific antigen) in blood. If cancer is suspected, a biopsy will be advisable, since it is the only test that can fully confirm the diagnosis of prostate cancer. At Prostate Center of Accord Physicians, doctors can perform a biopsy under anesthesia directly on premises.

The Prostate Center of Accord Physicians's in-house specialized laboratory enables our certified, astute pathologist to quickly and accurately study prostate cells, shortening your diagnosis and treatment time.

Given the complexity of the diagnosis and of prostate cancer in general, we urge readers to be tested only using modern equipment at the most up-to-date clinics, such as Prostate Center of Accord Physicians.

**What is the most effective method of treatment offered at the Prostate Center?**

When choosing a method of treatment, we take into account the stage of the cancer, the patient's age, risk of complications, as well as the wishes of the patient. There are a number of

proven treatment options available, including radiation therapy, hormone therapy, and surgical treatment.

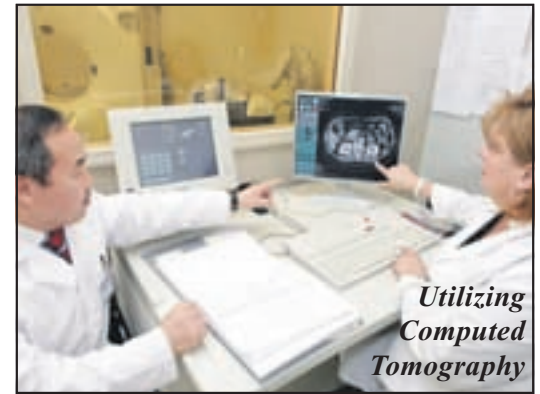
To date, the most effective method of combating prostate cancer is radiation therapy. Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) is a unique type of radiation therapy offered at Prostate Center which involves the use of computed tomography (CT) to carefully pinpoint and map the exact 3-Dimensional shape of the tumor. The software carefully calculates the dose intensity pattern that will best conform to the tumor shape. IMRT allows for more effective radiation to the prostate, while minimizing exposure to adjacent normal tissues. With a radiation oncologist with over 30 years of experience and the most modern treatment and diagnostic tools, Prostate Center of Accord Physicians is a leader in the fight against prostate cancer.

**What would you say to men suffering from prostate cancer?**

Being diagnosed with prostate cancer doesn't mean you should give up and stop fighting. Prostate Center of Accord Physicians can successfully treat this type of cancer if it is diagnosed in its early stages. Our treatment can prolong the lives of prostate cancer patients for many years.

We recommend that all men be more attentive to their health and to seek professional medical help when symptoms first develop.

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## Trends in nursing shift health education

When patients are treated as individuals, they become engaged, active partners in their care plan and their health outcomes improve. This shift in providing customized care to patients is also being adopted by nurse educators, who are applying a similar approach that sets up nursing students for success in both the education and clinical setting.

The customization of care is also a driving force behind four growing trends across education: individualized instruction, experiential learning, educating for cultural humility and increased access to education for military students.

### Focusing on success

Individualized instruction is an emerging trend that is designed to help students achieve greater confidence and overcome barriers to their education. Each student has their own preferred methods of learning, their own challenges and their own goals. When nurse educators care about the student's individual success, everyone benefits.

"We believe that if we take extraordinary care of our students, they will in turn take extraordinary care of the patients and families they serve," Richard Cowling, vice president of academic affairs at Chamberlain College of Nurs-

ing, said. "We call this value system, 'Chamberlain Care.'"

Through the Chamberlain Care Student Success Model, a team of Chamberlain faculty, advisors and mentors identify any barriers to the student's success and deliver individualized academic coaching and a customized support plan to encourage and support students in reaching their goals.

### Fostering active learning

To help students reach those goals, nurse educators turn to another emerging trend: active learning. A stark contrast with passive learning, watching a teacher in a classroom or learning from a textbook, nurse educators are cultivating active student participation and curiosity through direct patient care and simulated and virtual learning experiences.

Active learning promotes clinical reasoning and affords students the opportunity to see the outcome of their care decisions in real time. Simulation labs, a form of active learning, engage students to explore various clinical processes but instead of live patients, high-tech mannequins are used. In addition to these on-campus labs, Chamberlain also offers virtual learning environments for students pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Both simulation and virtual learning are types of experiential learning opportunities. When direct patient care isn't an option, experiential learning opportunities can be created by nurse educators so students can learn how to respond to disasters, treat infectious diseases or participate in other scenarios they may not have exposure to otherwise.

"Active learning experiences allow students to practice the skills they need in a safe environment," Cowling said. "Students feel in control of their own learning because they receive real-time feedback from instructors immediately following the experience, which helps in building confidence while they actively build their clinical knowledge and skill set."

### Promoting diversity

In addition to transforming how students learn, current trends in health care influence what students learn. Today's health care environment is becoming more complex — with a rise in chronic illness, an aging population, ever-changing technology and increasingly diverse communities. The role of the nurse is also rapidly evolving as the focus has shifted to person-centered and culturally congruent care.

## Newest students are now oldest on campus

When most people hear college student, they likely envision an 18-year-old who is fresh out of high school.

But the student body on America's campuses has evolved. In fact, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 75 percent of undergraduate students today could be considered non-traditional.

These non-traditional students are often career-changers, entrepreneurs and parents who are balancing the demands of school, work and family life. They want the skills and knowledge required to demonstrate capability and value to employers immediately, not after a few years of learning on the job.

These non-traditional students are the new majority, and as they pursue the right resources to succeed academically and navigate the responsibilities they carry outside of school, they are reshaping the future of education.

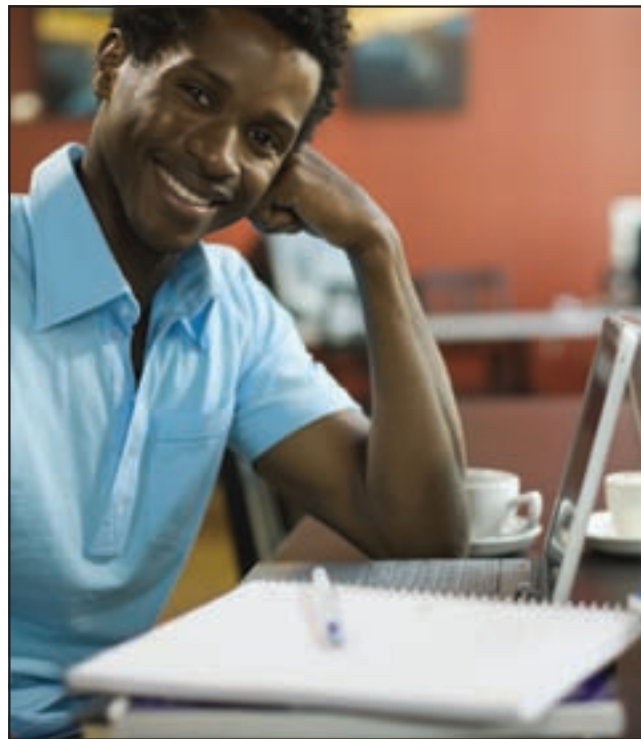
Who embodies the new majority? Students like Thomas Wolfe, Andres Hernandez, Felipe Dugrot and Lisa Smith — all recent DeVry University graduates who set out

to pursue their career goals with a very specific set of criteria in mind.

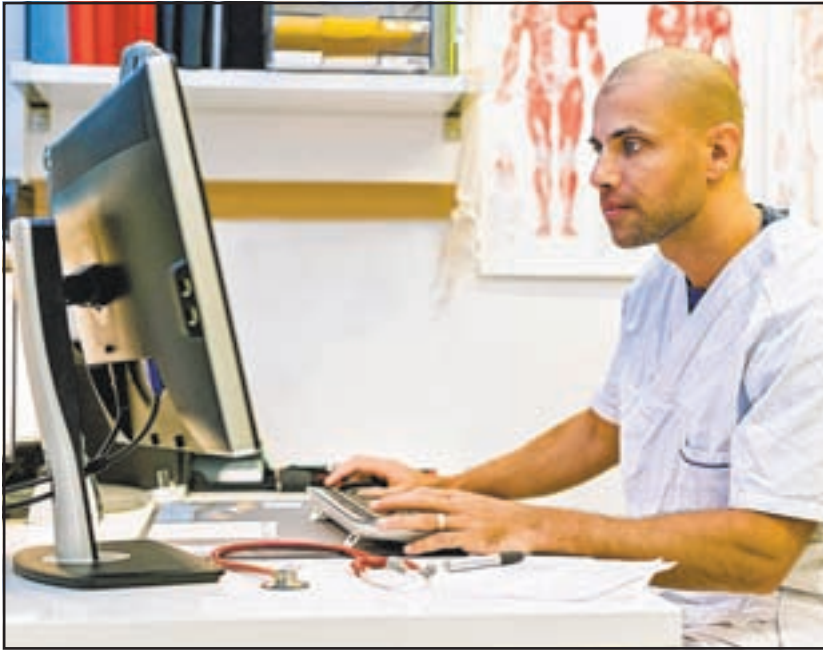
"I knew I needed a school that would be customizable to my schedule," Wolfe said. "DeVry University not only offered many ways to learn, but they were committed to helping me complete my degree on time, on my terms."

A father of four, Wolfe worked full time at Sapa Extrusions while taking classes at DeVry University's Atlanta campus. He earned his bachelor's degree in technical management with a specialization in business intelligence and analytics management, and is a plant controller at Sapa.

Hernandez also juggled academic and professional responsibilities. He held three on- and off-campus jobs - including an internship and position as a data model technical specialist at American Express while attending DeVry University in Phoenix as a full-time student. The computer information systems skills he developed in his courses were directly transferable to his current role as a data engineer at American Express.







## Health providers can benefit from legal studies

Career opportunities in the health care industry are expected to continue growing more quickly than in virtually any other industry, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Not only is the health care industry expected to add more than 2 million new jobs by 2024, many existing roles will continue to evolve, creating additional opportunities for professionals currently working in what is a broad field.

Health care law is one area seeing significant growth, thanks in part to the impact of the Affordable Care Act.

It is one of the fastest-growing disciplines for graduate and post-graduate degrees, according to Lawyer & Statesman.

The changes spurred by the ACA are also inspiring many professionals to learn more about the law to enhance their career opportunities and boost their skill sets.

"Health care professionals routinely find their day-to-day tasks affected by legal issues like regulatory compliance, risk management, malpractice, ethics, and patient privacy," Scott Johnson, professor of law at Concord Law School, said. "Recent laws and regulations governing these issues and the delivery of health services generally make knowledge of health care law a real career asset these days. A background in law can help a wide range of professionals, from administrators to clinicians to technology entrepreneurs be more effective in their current roles and better positioned to seize emerging opportunities."

Legal expertise can benefit health care professionals and their patients across many aspects of the industry, but it is particularly helpful in three key areas, Johnson notes:

- **Regulatory compliance** — Compliance professionals help providers prevent, detect, and correct any actions, policies, or procedures that are counter to the many regulations governing the health care industry. They also help promote ethical conduct. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 propelled growth in this area and regulatory compliance has been one of the fastest-growing professions over the past 15 years. Health care professionals in a wide range of positions including those who work with electronic health records, Medicare or Medicaid requirements, or the various requirements from the Affordable Care Act could benefit from knowledge of legal issues related to regulatory compliance.

- **Ethics** — A subspecialty of regulatory compliance, knowing legal issues related to ethics is particularly important for professionals working in facilities where research also takes place. Bioethical principles and standards cover areas such as human subject research, genetic privacy, patient rights, rehabilitation ethics and more.

- **Risk management** — This discipline focuses on reducing errors to protect patients as well as health care employers. This includes provider and institutional liability, notification and apology programs, risk assessments, patient safety, and adverse event reporting.

The growth of health care law has encouraged schools to create specialized degree programs for professionals seeking added legal expertise, but not planning to become practicing attorneys. For example, Concord Law School offers a health care law track within its Executive Juris Doctorate program.

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This gives parents access to options that meet their children's unique learning needs.

For example, in Arizona, parents can withdraw their children from public or charter schools and 90 percent of the funds the state would have spent on them is deposited into an ESA (known in Arizona as an Empowerment Scholarship Account).

Parents can then use these funds for such education-related expenses as:

- private school tuition and fees;
- education therapy services;
- textbooks and tutoring;
- online learning courses;
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams, achievement tests and college admission exams;
- contributions to a 529 college savings plan;
- college tuition and textbooks;

• individual public school classes and programs.

The funding can go to several education providers at once, an option that could become increasingly important as online learning proliferates.

This level of customization helps bring American education into the 21st century and can ensure that no child is relegated to the limited effectiveness of a monopolistic system.

Parents can also “roll over” unused funds from year to year.

ESAs are the only educational choice policy to date that affords consideration of “opportunity costs,” which encourage families to pursue the best education for the best value to maximize their ESA dollars.

A recent study by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice—a non-profit and nonpartisan organization—discovered that when parents are able to choose where their children go to school, they're happier with the entire experience. School choice also leads to increased academic achievement, graduation rates and student safety.

In addition, the foundation says, educational choice options put competitive pressure on public school systems to improve and to meet the needs of students or risk losing pupils—and money.

Learn More

Only five states currently have ESA programs. For a list of resources and more information about educational choice, visit [www.edchoice.org/parents-and-educators](http://www.edchoice.org/parents-and-educators).

# All-round Guyanese student makes big difference

By Nelson A. King

In a society often permeated with negative influences and behavior, one elementary school student in Queens is already making a huge difference, as he makes his Guyanese-born parents and others very proud of his spectacular curricular and extra-curricular achievements.

Jeremiah Agrippa, 11, who resides in Laurelton, Queens with his parents, Maurice and Shaundell Agrippa, graduated, on June 24, from P.S. 38Q, known as the Rosedale School, in Rosedale, Queens, with extraordinary academic and non-academic accomplishments.

Jeremiah, who was born in East Flatbush, Brooklyn before his family moved to Queens, received a remarkable total of 12 certificates and awards, and excelled on the basketball court, the football field and in Ballroom Dancing, among other things.

Consequently, he left many

— including his parents, teachers and peers — speechless with his indentation of all-round performance and versatility.

“I feel good to have accomplished 12 certificates in various subject areas,” the young student told Caribbean Life, in an exclusive interview, soon after graduation. “Math is my favorite subject. I enjoy solving fractions and helping my classmates when they needed my help.

“I also enjoyed reading books to the students in the lower grades,” he added. “I am happy that I graduated from the best school I have ever been to.”

Besides the Rosedale School diploma for successful completion of the prescribed curriculum, Jeremiah received the Art Award for “outstanding achievement in, sustained commitment to and community service through the Visual Arts” from the New York City Art Teachers Association / United Federation of Teachers

(NYCATA/UFT).

He also received the New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit from Assembly Member Alicia H. Hyndman (29th Assembly District); the Citizenship Award from the Rosedale School in recognition for “outstanding citizenship of the 2015-2016 school year;” and Certificates of Achievements in Science, Social Studies and Reading.

In addition, Jeremiah was the recipient of Certificates of Improvement in Math and Writing.

He also received an Award Certificate from UFT for academic excellence and school service; Certificates of Recognition for outstanding effort and participation in the Arts from the Rosedale School; and the Triple E Award from the Rosedale School for “eager, efficient and effective citizenship for the 2015-2016 school year.”

Jeremiah, the captain of his team’s basketball team, singled



Jeremiah Agrippa at his home in Laurelton, Queens, before his elementary school graduation. Shaundell Agrippa

out his basketball coach, Chad Jones, “for all he has done for me.

“Mr. Jones would often say to me, ‘leave everything on the basketball court and don’t worry about what the sideline says,’” he said.

“When it came to doing my

school work, Mr. Jones would also say to me, ‘get your work done and you can accomplish anything in life,’” Jeremiah added. “Those words I will always remember throughout my career of becoming a basketball player, as I move on to pursue my educational goals.”

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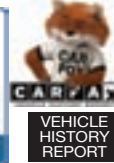
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# A presidential treat for all

## BOOK REVIEW

"Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare" by Gene Barretta  
c.2016, Henry Holt and Company  
\$17.99 / \$24.99 Canada  
40 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You're not the only kid in the world who likes ice cream.

Lots of kids do; everybody loves a good treat. Other people like biking, puppies, candy, and video games, too. You're unique, but you have a lot in common with a lot of people and in the new book "Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare" by Gene Barretta, you'll see how two great men were alike, a century apart.

When you first take a look at Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy, they're just two ordinary presidents. Lincoln was a Republican, Kennedy was a Democrat. Lincoln was born in 1809, Kennedy was born in 1917. Lincoln's family was poor; Kennedy's was definitely not.

So far, so different, right?

Not so fast.

Both men were military leaders: Lincoln in the Black Hawk War, and Kennedy in World War II. Both were elected to the House of Representatives, Lincoln in 1846 and Kennedy in 1946. They were nominated for the vice presidency 100 years apart, but neither won their election.

Lincoln and his wife, Mary, lost a child before moving into the White House, and then again after their move. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, lost a child before moving into the White House, and then again after their move.

Wow, huh? Just wait....

Lincoln absolutely hated slavery, and did everything he could to stop it; that's why he was a Republican, since that party wanted to end slavery. After the Civil War, Lincoln met with Frederick Douglass, who knew Lincoln was "committed to the cause."

Kennedy hated Jim Crow laws, and wanted to give Afri-

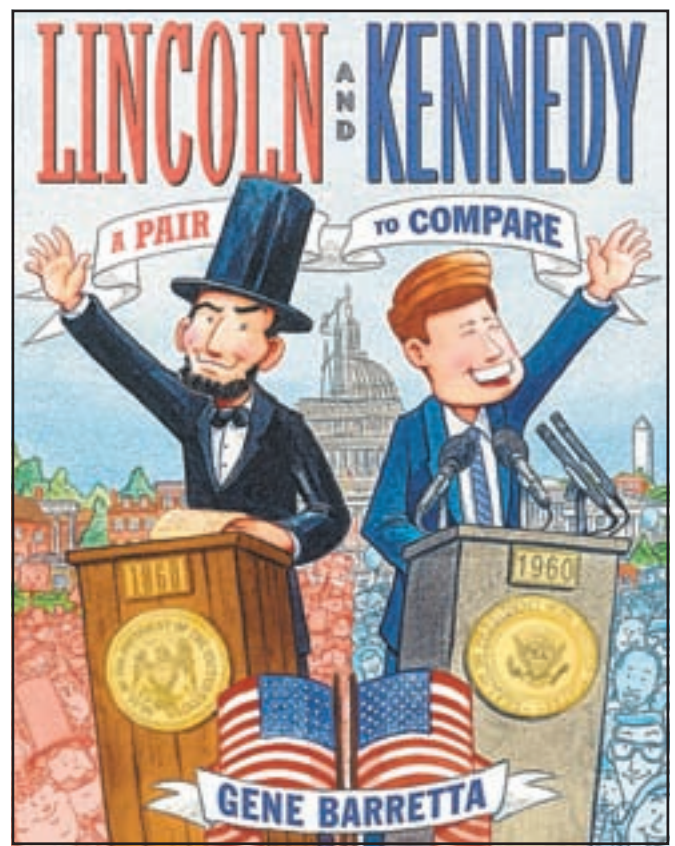
can Americans equal rights. He met with Martin Luther King, Jr., who knew Kennedy was committed to the cause. In 1963, Kennedy presented a Civil Rights bill to Congress.

Lincoln was shot on a Friday in Ford's Theatre; Kennedy was shot on a Friday while riding in a Ford Lincoln. Andrew Johnson took over the presidency when Lincoln died; Lyndon Johnson took over the presidency when Kennedy died.

Today, if you stand at Kennedy's grave, you can see the Lincoln Memorial...

For about as long as there's been an internet, most of what's inside this book has been on it. That doesn't mean, of course, that your child's seen these eerie coincidences before, so "Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare" just might dazzle him.

Starting with, and mixing in, balancing differences amidst the similarities, author Gene Barretta shows kids how history can be a weird and won-



Book cover of "Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare" by Gene Barretta.

derful thing, especially when it comes to these two influential presidents. Barretta doesn't try to make things light; he states facts in straightforward, simple language, allowing his illus-

trations to bring the smiles here. Though I thought the comparison ends with a whimper, it quickly snaps back with audience-pleasing tidbits that kids will love.



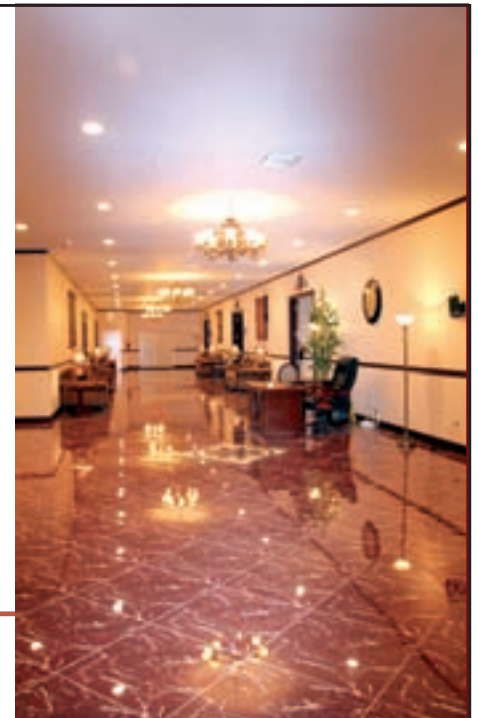
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# Hundreds pay tribute to Barbadian entertainer



The Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon (R) gives last rites to Alvin Headley, as the Rev. Andrea Moore-Smith looks on.

Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

Hundreds of Barbadian and other Caribbean nationals on Friday paid their last respect to Alvin Headley, described as the “consummate entertainer, the life of the event,” at a funeral at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Headley, of Mt. Standfast, St. James, Barbados and a staunch member of Fenimore Street United Methodist Church, died on June 16. He was 57.

While the cause of death was not made public, Headley, in recent months, was active in his church and in the community until his hospitalization.

“I thank God for the time I spent with my uncle,” said Wendell Osbourne, the second oldest of Headley’s nephews, at the 2 ½ hour-long service, attended by a wide cross-section of the Caribbean community, including Barbadians, Vincentians, Jamaicans, Trinidadians and Guyanese.

“He was easily one of the greatest uncles to ever walk on



Alvin Headley.

this planet,” Osbourne added. “My uncle, he changed lives and helped people. His life was changed; he did a good job.”

One of Headley’s friends, who only gave his name as Dwayne, said Headley was “the kind of person to help everyone.

“He helped everyone and everybody,” Dwayne said. “He would go out of his way [to help others]. He had a heart of gold.”

“His family treated me like family,” he added. “The world got a little sad. He’ll be truly missed.”

Another friend, Gladwyn, said he met Alvin in 1993, and “we became more brothers than friends.

“Any problems and he’s there,” he added, accompanied by his girlfriend, with whom they gave their “hearts to God” a few weeks ago. “He had a kind heart. The world is a little sadder because of Alvin [death].”

Merle Bartley, the Jamaican-born chair of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church, said Headley was a “stalwart member” of the church.

Guyanese Ivor Griffith, a member of the church’s Chancel and United Methodist Men choirs, the latter of which Headley was secretary and “the driving force”, said Headley was “a people’s person.

“He thought of everybody,” said Griffith, stating, at the same time, that Headley was very outspoken. “He will be greatly missed. He’s in the arms of the Lord. Alvin, your

time was short.”

Brenda Hutto, the Trinidadian-born chair of the Education Committee at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church, said Headley was “a brother to me.

“Anytime I felt depressed, I will call Alvin,” she said. “When he was going down [getting more sick], it became hard for me.

“Inside, my heart is heavy, very heavy,” she added. “We’ll be able [were able] to laugh and talk of the old times. I thank his mother for raising such a wonderful young man.”

Pastor Andrea Moore-Smith, whose parents hail from Barbados and who offered the “Prayer of Comfort,” said Headley was “a giving person.

“Alvin never denied his love

of Jesus Christ,” she said. “Alvin was always feeding somebody. We thank God for Alvin.”

In reading the obituary, Julie Osbourne, one of Headley’s aunts, flanked by cousin Dr. Jennifer Hurley, said: “This is a job of high honor to speak on [about] the only gem of this family.”

Osbourne said Headley, who was called “Magoo” by his closest friends, was born on Aug. 14, 1958 to the late Lionel Headley and Eloise Headley.

Headley attended the St. Alban’s Infant School in Lower Carlton, St. Alban’s Junior School in the Garden and St. James Mixed School in Hometown — all in St. James, Barbados.

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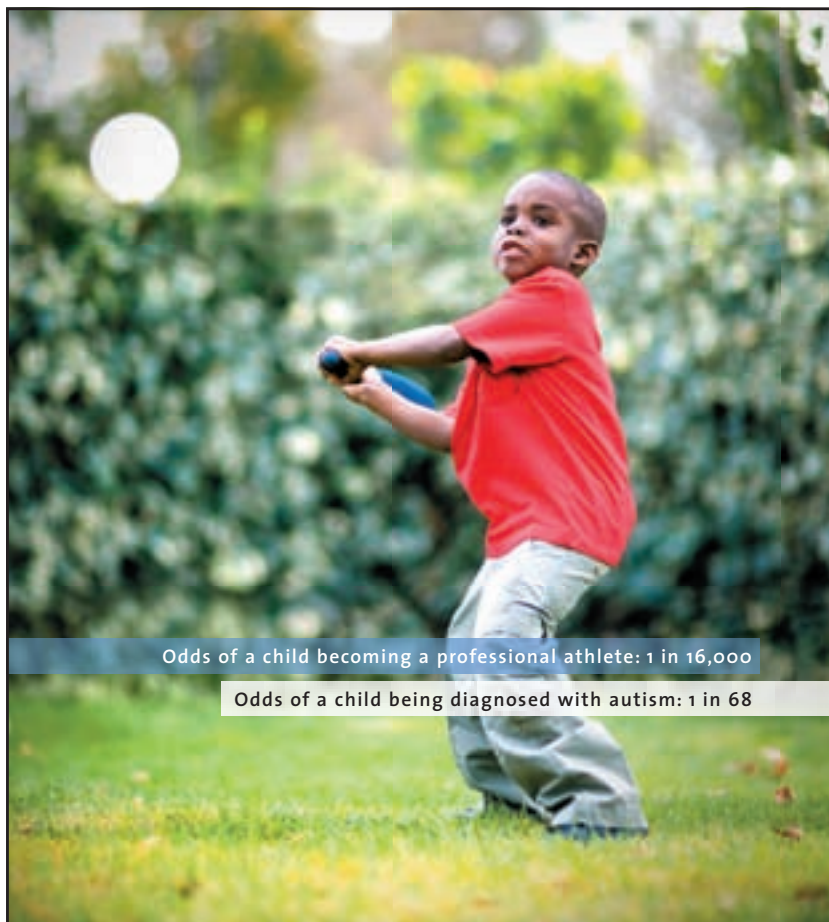
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have not yet been restored and some continuing to be housed in temporary structures.

### Guyana

The Guyana Energy Agency (GEA) says it is considering importing oil from markets in non-CARICOM countries, but will continue with importation of the product from the Trinidad-based state owned oil company, Petrotrin.

The GEA recently approved a paper on approaches to mitigate supply disruptions and will go before Cabinet for review.

GEA's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mahender Sharma, said the new approaches by GEA entail the identification of other markets that can be pursued, as well as mechanisms for improving local storage capacity.

He said receipt of Cabinet's approval of the paper, the recommendations would be pursued in a bid to satisfy the country's demand for oil.

A government statement said that the inconsistency in product availability over the past three years has been the cause for considering alternative markets within and outside of the region.

### Haiti

Authorities in Haiti say there is a rise in violence in the island's capital following the murder of Swedish tourist who was gunned down while walking with his girlfriend in a major commercial district.

The man was identified as Johan Noren, who was on vacation when he was shot in the chest during an apparent robbery on a busy street in Petionville.

Noren's Swedish girlfriend who was beaten by the gun-wielding bandits is recovering at hospital, police said.

Reports are that the Swedish couple had missed a bus and was walking back to the hotel they had just checked out when they were attacked.

Haiti's Chamber of Commerce has expressed concern over the "alarming" rise in violent acts creating a "climate of fear and panic."

Recently, gunmen shot at several prominent businesses in Port-au-Prince but there were no reports of injuries.

Two days after Noren's killing, a medical student from Tulane University who was in Haiti as part of a school program was shot in the chest during an armed robbery in Petionville.

### Jamaica

Prime Minister Andre Holness said his government is working with the police and army to deal with the issue of gun violence in Jamaica.

Police recently announced that they would be mounting more police / military operations in the western section of the island.

The prime minister, who came into office in February this year, said his administration is giving the law enforce-

ment agencies the resources needed to deal effectively with crime and murders in particular.

He said crime impacts families and by extension the economy. "We must end gun violence," Holness stated.

In January, law enforcement officials said that violent crimes among rival gangs involved in the so-called lottery scam had helped to drive the island's homicide rate to the highest level in five years.

The Jamaica Constabulary said the country had at least 1,192 slayings in 2015, about a 20 percent increase from the previous year.

So far for this year more than 300 people have been murdered.



### St. Kitts

American hip-hop star 50 Cent, whose real names is Curtis Jackson was slapped with a EC\$3,000 fine (US\$1,111) for using indecent language on stage at the recent St. Kitts Music Festival.

The 40-year-old rapper, along with a member of his entourage, Bajar Walter was also made to pay a fine when they made a rare Sunday sitting of the court and pleaded guilty.

50 Cent was arrested last Saturday night after an hour-long performance at the Warner Park Stadium that included with profanity-laced hit, P.I.M.P.

The court which usually closed on week-ends was opened on Sunday so 50 cent could make an afternoon flight back to the U.S. in time for the BET Awards. Back in 2003 another American rapper, DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was also fined for using indecent language during a concert.

### Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago is sending goods supplies valued US\$ \$29 million to economically depressed Venezuela, which is facing a food shortage.

Two cargo planes from Venezuela's military arrived at Piarco International Airport recently and began airlifting items such as rice, flour, frozen chicken, ketchup, pasta, toilet paper, tuna and powdered milk.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry said a total of 68 tons of food left Trinidad for the eastern side of Venezuela, where it was received by Venezuelan officials including President Nicolas Maduro.

The products came from local manufacturers who had demanded payment for the foodstuff before it left T&T.

The arrangement came within one month of an agreement T&T signed with Venezuela during an official visit by President Maduro to supply the South American country with basic food items through the establishment of a US\$50 million revolving fund.



--Compiled by Azad Ali





# Britain's divorce a sign of sovereign insecurity

It's interesting to see how one of Europe's architects of colonization recently trod a similar path some of their colonized possessions maneuvered when in the last century they voted to be independent.

In a recent referendum, a majority of Britons voted independence from the European Union.

Last week, by a 52-48 margin Brits voted to leave the EU.

Regarded as a rise in right-wing populism, the votes are perceived to be in response to patriotism, disenfranchisement with foreigners, convergence of migrants and unfair trade practices.

Race and class have also been cited as contributors to the votes of dissociation.

Formerly a powerful empire attributed to rich acquisitions forged in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean — the once Great Britain voted to secede from the EU coining a new addition to the English language lexicon and a catchy contraction which is and will be referred to as Brexit.

Revered as the jewel in the EU crown, England and its vot-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ers decided to opt out of unification with their allies in the region.

And while that majority is now jumping for joy with optimism of a new-found opportunity of independence and a mantra of pride akin to Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan, the deafening dissent against defection is what seems to be getting all the media attention.

The divergent opinions are not dissimilar to the prevailing politics that echoed throughout the Caribbean in the early 1960s when citizens were faced with deciding for or against a federation of neighboring countries.

It took a referendum from each of the bordered nations and Jamaicans were first to say they wanted out — to stand alone from the group, free of British and royal dictates.

The fear of uncertainty, self

rule, trade arrangements, tourism, and economic and military, vulnerability and a myriad of other concerns prevailed then but the tiny, fragile yet determined gem in the Caribbean had taken note from a distance underlining how India in 1947 and a decade later Ghana, Africa had led the charge to deciding their fate and agreed it to be a worthy challenge to risk.

Ghana, formerly known as the gold coast was a major loss to the British cache of wealth and power. And that Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia followed the lead of their black star neighbor a trend to independence proved a huge deficit for the once-powerful empire.

India was certainly a jewel in the crown, perhaps the biggest providing more than a Hope diamond after South Africa's split from Britain on May 1910 and Egypt in 1922.



"Remain" supporters gather on Park Lane in London, before marching to Parliament Square to show their support for the European Union in the wake of the referendum decision for Britain to leave the EU, known as "Brexit", Saturday July 2, 2016. Daniel Leal-Olivas / PA via Associated Press

However, the persevering and relentless desire to true democracy, self-governance and independence now dictates policy and responsibility to flags — other than the Union Jack — that identify people and places willing to decide their own destiny.

Since the recent vote, Prime Minister David Cameron announced his decision to step away from leadership from the

Conservative Party and the British parliament in October.

Apparently that decision caused a ripple that reverberated here briefly on the NY Stock Exchange.

It also registered with national elections pending in November and the dominant neo-Nazi, hate rhetoric passing from patriotism.

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## Celebrating seven years of Classic Flavors

By Roz Nixon

The Saturday, July 9, "Classic Flavors," all white celebration is expected to be the "Party of The Year." The date boasts a star-studded list of artists such as Jeff Redd doing his new release "Dance, Dance Dance," Will Traxx performing his smash hit "Footwork," and Taana Gardner singing her unforgettable tune "Heartbeat" and special spins from DJ Chuck Chillout.

It will be an affair to remember

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## Montano stars in 'Bazodee' musical

By Vinette K. Pryce

When it comes to captivating an audience, Trinidad & Tobago soca singer Machel Montano is no slouch. He sings, dances and totally delivers an energizing, fully-loaded infusion of revelry every time he takes the stage.

But how does all that talent translate to celluloid when the entertainer tests his mettle at acting?

Movie-goers here will know in August when his film "Bazodee" opens.

Initially, the film was to be titled

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Guyanese-American fashion designer, Roger Gary, with one of his statuesque models at a recent runway show.

Roger Gary

## Roger Gary unveils eclectic swimwear

By Tangerine Clarke

The eclectic swimwear collection by Brooklyn-based Roger Gary has garnered standing ovation over 30 years, since the couturier began his career in Guyana, cutting from colorful fabrics to complete stunning male and female ensembles.

His Aqua Couture Collection, now one of the most sought after lines in the Caribbean and around the world, will once again be on the runway when the 8th Annual Summer Sizzle

Fashion and Lifestyle, begins on July 13 and ends July 18.

The Global Glamor Runway show will be held at the Multi Purpose Complex, on Road Town in Tortola, surrounded by exotic flora, white sandy beaches, and blue waters of the British Virgin Islands.

Gary, a fashion designer, extraordinaire, who has taken on the skillful job of backstage production along with founder of Summer Sizzle, and President of Signature by Terry

Donovan Events, Tortola native, Terry Donovan will present his new collection.

The fashion innovator said the main colors of the new collection would showcase silver and white, and black and white with a pop of color.

"The silhouette is signature Aqua Couture sexy, and includes bikinis, maillot and silk chiffon cover ups," said Gary whose collections have graced the stage of past New York's of 7th on Sixth Fashion events in

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# Alexander Skarsgard stars as King of the Jungle

"The Legend of Tarzan"  
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Distributor: Warner Brothers Pictures



Alexander Skarsgard stars in the title role with Samuel L. Jackson as his sophisticated sidekick, Dr. George Washington Williams. [rottentomatoes.com](http://rottentomatoes.com)

## By Kam Williams

Tarzan became a sensation soon after his initial introduction to the world via pulp magazines published in 1912. Created by Edgar Rice Burroughs, the character proved to be such an enduring cultural icon that he would become the subject of a series of best-selling novels, 200+ movies and a long line of consumer products.

According to the lore spun by Burroughs, Tarzan, aka John Clayton, was the son of a couple of British aristocrats who perished in Africa while the boy

was still an infant. The baby was subsequently raised by apes in the wild where he became so in tune with nature that he learned to speak the language of all the beasts residing there.

Moreover, as the legendary "Lord of the Jungle," he not only exercised dominion over the animal kingdom but over cannibalistic tribes eager to rape white women and to boil

missionaries in a big pot. Such insensitive portrayals of Africans as evil and uncivilized eventually became controversial in more enlightened times. And after decades of uncritical

appeal, Tarzan finally witnessed a sharp decline in popularity.

Now, for the first time this millennium, he's been brought back to the big screen. Directed by David Yates (Harry Potter 5, 6, 7 and 8), *The Legend of Tarzan* features a more politically-correct version of the controversial character.

Set in 1884, the film stars Alexander Skarsgard in the title role as well as Samuel L. Jackson as his sophisticated sidekick, Dr. George Washington Williams. The American doctor was ostensibly shoehorned into the story to offset the relatively-primitive image of the indigent black folks.

At the point of departure, we find Tarzan and wife Jane (Margot Robbie) living in the lap of luxury in London as Lord and Lady Greystoke. It's apparently been ages since Tarzan has even set foot on the dark continent.

He leaps at the chance to return to the Congo, when invited by Parliament to serve as a trade emissary.

## Independent & Foreign Films

*At the Fork* (Unrated) Agri-business documentary examining the mechanization of the processes involved in the raising and harvesting of farm animals for human consumption.

*Captain Fantastic* (R for profanity and brief graphic nudity) Viggo Mortensen stars in the title role of this survivalist saga as a widower raising a half-dozen kids off the grid in the forest of the Pacific Northwest until they are forced by circumstances to rejoin mainstream civilization. With George MacKay, Samantha Isler and Annalise Basso.

*Fathers and Daughters* (R for sexuality) Character-driven drama about a Pulitzer Prize-winning widower's (Russell Crowe) struggle with parenting issues following a mental breakdown. Ensemble cast includes Amanda Seyfried, Quvenzhané Wallis, Jane Fonda, Octavia Spencer, Diane Kruger and Bruce Greenwood.

*Indian Point* (Unrated) Investigative expose' exploring whether New York's aging nuclear power plant at Indian Point is still safe.

*Norman Lear: Just Another Version of You* (Unrated) Reverential retrospective revisiting the career of one of the most successful television producers of all time, including such groundbreaking shows as *All in the Family* and *The Jeffersons*. Featuring commentary by George Clooney, Bill Moyers, John



## Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Amos and Jay Leno.

*Our Little Sister* (PG for mature themes and brief mild epithets) Dysfunctional family dramedy about three sisters (Haruka Ayase, Masami Nagasawa and Kaho) living in their late grandmother's home who invite a half-sibling (Suzu Hirose) they meet at their father's funeral to move in with them. Cast includes Ryo Kase, Ryohei Suzuki and Takafumi Ikeda. (In Japanese with subtitles)

*Under the Sun* (Unrated) Bamboo curtain documentary chronicling a year in the life of an ordinary North Korean family from Pyongyang. (In Korean with subtitles)

*Zero Days* (PG-13 for profanity) Malware documentary detailing the blowback visited on the internet after the deployment of the Stuxnet virus against Iran by the U.S. and Israel in order to cripple the country's nuclear enrichment program.

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The Chainsmokers Feat. Daya
- 4 **Cheap Thrills**  
Sia Feat. Sean Paul
- 5 **This is What You Came For**  
Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna
- 6 **Just Like Fire**  
P!nk
- 7 **Dangerous Woman**  
Ariana Grande
- 8 **Ride**  
twenty one pilots
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Kent Jones
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- 1 **True Sadness**  
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Beyonce
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- 6 **Blurryface**  
twenty one pilots
- 7 **The Getaway**  
Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 8 **International Superhits!**  
Green Day
- 9 **1984**  
Van Halen
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# Caribbean musical

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“Triniwood,” a geographical reference to Bollywood films focuses on Indian characters and topics popularized with association to Hollywood, the film capital of the world.

It debuted last fall at the T&T Film Festival in his homeland and fans and patriots here are anxious to see Montano in action as well as capitalize on the truckloads of imagery depicting the beauty of the twin islands.

Guaranteed the 90-minute love story will feature the entertainer at his best. After all, set during carnival, music and pageantry are integrated into the storyline. In case, the name rings with unfamiliarity “Bazodee” could be interpreted to mean hypnotic infatuation. For those who have been there and done that, it is the kind of trance lovers often experience when they are in love.

And although entrancing at times, unfortunately when that shared emotion conflicts with cultural norms and expectations ethnicity and social standing in the community often diminish the bliss. This

is the dilemma Montano must portray as lead Lee de Leon with British-born/Sri-Lankan actress Natalie Perera.

Academy award winner Denzel Washington broached a similar character starring in “Mississippi Masala” in 1991.

Directed by six-time Emmy nominee, American Todd Kessler, the love story unfolds when a rich Indian named Anita Panchouri becomes enamored with a dreadlocked singer who aspires to becoming a sensation playing the ukulele.

That Anita is already engaged to (Staz Nair) a rich, culturally-compatible man from England adds intrigue to the love story.

Although there are more than a few family resistance to the union, Ram Panchouri (Kabir Bedi) provides the most onscreen dissension. Already a household name from television roles he portrays in TT, the father-figure gets a chunk of time and dialogue to make familiar audiences reeling with identity.

Race and class are not at the heart of the script, however, the dual nationality and stark differences gnaw at sensibilities



Machel Montano stars in “Bazodee.”

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often replayed in Indo-Caribbean, Chinese-Caribbean, African-Caribbean and Caucasian-Caribbean households.

They talk with differing accents, flaunt variance in hair textures and seemingly rooted from two different worlds in the forbidden love story but like the real world find commonalities that defy all impediments.

Like Drupatee’s “Roll Up The Tassa” hit recording of 1989, this chutney spotlight is bound to break new ground for TT culture.

And with carnival season forming a backdrop, the colorful, vibrant, exciting and musical tale will provide a nice summer transition to the annual Labor Day revelry in Brooklyn.

## Classic Flavors

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as DJ Bent Roc celebrates the seventh season of his 107.5 fm radio show called “Classic Flavors.” The much talked about event will be held at “SWEET 36” and will be hosted by New York’s top party promoter Wayne Maxwell. “SWEET 36” is an upscale, two-level party place in the heart of Manhattan where you will find great food, numerous giant screens, a state of the art sound system, strategically placed see-through glass ceiling and of course top shelf bottle service for the entire evening!

This salute for a successful seven-year radio run will also simulcast live on 107.5 WBLS FM, where the “Classic Flavors” show can be heard every Saturday from 6 pm to 9 pm and where the show has been rockin’ its listeners since 2009 with super fly retro Soul, R&B and Hip Hop music.

At the show’s helm is DJ Bent Roc, executive producer, radio personality and one of New York’s most sort after music mixologist. From time to time the radio show’s weekly agenda also features Shic Styles as co-host as well as entertain-

ers such as Bobby Brown, Salt N’ Pepa and Lisa Lisa with athletes like legendary John Starks and veteran actors like Malik Yoba and Terry Crews. Well known celebrities stop by and share their secrets of success as well as the highs and lows of their careers as Bent Roc accentuates on the ones and twos.

Wayne Maxwell is the standing on air co-host for the “Classic Flavors” radio show as well as a prominent New York City party promoter and event producer. Maxwell can be found every Friday welcoming guests to his “After Work” parties at Taj — a mid-town dance club and restaurant where DJ Bent Roc spins on occasion.

The dynamic duo join forces for yet another venture on July 9, 2016 at “SWEET 36” as they bring together New York’s finest party crowd, great music and a phenomenal special celebrity guests in a stellar list that also includes “Khalil” and Stevie D of the legendary Force MD’S (who will perform our Force MD’s favorites) MC Eniquety (“Old Skool Party”), MC Sha Rock from the Funky Four.

## Fashion design

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Manhattan.

In addition to lighting up the catwalk of Fashion Week presentations throughout the Caribbean, Curaçao, and Guyana’s 50th Independence Jubilee, Gary has dressed high society and contestants of Miss World Guyana, Miss University Guyana and Miss Guyana New York.

The show, to be hosted by

**Gary will join a bevy of other designers, to present pieces from urban to evening and bridal.**

Nigel Barker, world-renowned photographer, author, TV personality and former judge from “America’s Next Top Model” and “The Face,” will also welcome mega star Taraji P. Henson of the hit show

“Empire.”

Gary will join a bevy of other designers, to present pieces from urban to evening and bridal. They include Roland Mouret, Yami Katsura, Duro Olowu, Maria Cornejo, Prism, Capara, Tome, and Cesar Galindo.

Donovan said he has planned a fun and exciting weekend for visitors to the BVI. Travellers will enjoy a Launch Party at Myetts, a Welcome Culture & Style Party at Tortola Pier, a Style Week BVI Shopping event, the Gold & White Fashion Gala, and a Sailing Excursion & Beach BBQ party.

He added that the event is causing quite a buzz, and noted that only a limited number of VIP tickets are available, and could be purchased with regular tickets online - <http://www.summersizzlebvi.com>.

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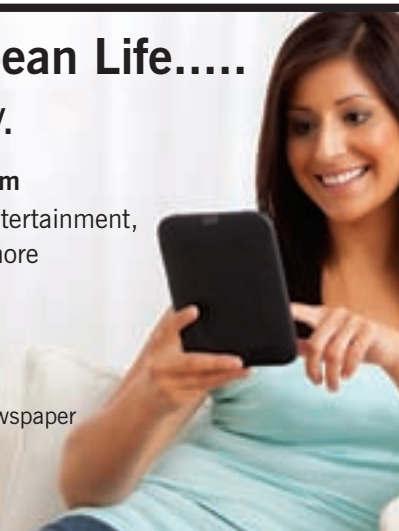
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## Inside Life

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citizens anxious and nervous about the impact the vote will have on their economies seem to be embracing the topic with caution.

That an Africa Union and a Caribbean union known as CARICOM unites geographical groupings of African and Caribbean nations, Brexit seem a latent response to European union and one counter to the prevailing opinions prior to 2016.

Allegedly, remorse from voters clueless as to what their decision meant when they voted secession and that their vote could prove a financial calamity for their sovereign nation is now a proposition for a recall of the referendum and fodder for more discussion.

In a published report from Brussels, Belgium, Dr. Patrick I. Gomes, secretary general of the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group, said the implications of Britain's decision to leave the 43-year-old EU could be far-reaching on the ACP and may give rise to many consequences for trade, services, investments and development finance assistance.

The Guyana-born Gomes in a statement said in each of the areas, the ACP-UK relations have been longstanding and mutually beneficial, not only for Caribbean countries, but for the ACP Group as a whole.

He noted for instance that as a contributor of at least 17 per cent to the European Development Fund (EDF), the UK has been consistent in its support and has argued in favor of making the European Development Fund (EDF) less cumbersome in its regulations.

"With the UK outside of the EDF Committee the ACP will lose an ally of great value," Gomes said, adding "beyond development financial assistance, the area of greatest concern for Caribbean countries will be in trade in goods and services, investment and technology development and transfer with the preferential arrangements provided under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA), signed in 2000, revised in 2005 and 2010 but coming to an end in 2020."

He said also the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) signed in 2008 has indefinite provisions for duty free, quota free trade and the provision of services under preferential conditions.

Gomes said despite the relatively slow pace of implementation of the EPA, a basic question that will be posed by the ACP Group to the UK is the extent to which they will continue to honor the provisions and obligations of the EPA.

"This is an area that will call for tough negotiations by the ACP Group and will be clearly linked to what concessions come out of the "divorce settlement" between the UK and the EU," he added.

The negotiations are expected to last up to two years after the UK has formally notified the EU of its intention to withdraw from the Union.

"While all this means there is some time before the ACP will know what are the substantive areas in the "divorce agreement" of the UK and EU, the ACP Group is setting about pre-emptive actions and will adopt a multi-pronged strategy with a view to securing interests of the ACP member states, as best as possible under the favorable provisions in Cotonou and the EPAs, as well as in the case of Haiti and other LDCs, the provisions of the Everything-But-Arms (EBA) Agreement.

"This allows duty free / quota free trade with Europe in all goods except military arms and equipment," the ACP secretary general said.

Pre-emptive measures include detailed analytical work on the volume and value of exports to the UK market by ACP countries and for what commodities; along with regulatory requirements of health and safety standards for specific commodities.

"Any such data analysis on which to base our negotiating positions must draw on support of the private sector who are mainly the exporters, in collaboration with commercial representations in the UK," Gomes said.

He said such a strategy will require coordination of efforts at national levels and in the regional organizations, in this case CARICOM and CARIFORUM along with parliamentary representatives.

"The latter will be encouraged to invite their counterparts to raise questions in the UK Parliament pointing to the importance and value of trade in goods and services between the ACP countries and UK," he added.

Gomes said while the waiting period of formal notification to the EU by the UK and subsequent negotiations proceed, the ACP Group will pursue a positive approach that will seek to strengthen mutually beneficial relations with both the EU and the UK.

The implication of Brexit on the Caribbean — more than 50 years after independence — is already being diagnosed with varying predictions of negatives and positives to the region's economies.

A few things are certain — sovereignty is never permanent, humans are unpredictable and change is constant.

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West Indies' bowler Jason Holder reacts after Australia's Steven Smith, not in photo, played a shot off his bowl during the opening day of their first cricket Test match in Roseau, Dominica, Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco, File

## WI captain hails team's progress

By Azad Ali

West Indies Captain Jason Holder has hailed the progress of the regional team in the just concluded Tri-Nation Series, saying the lowly ranked side had defied the expectations of many.

The West Indies team which is ranked eighth in One-Day Internationals, entered the series against world champions Australia and the number three-ranked South Africa as the underdogs.

Holder told a press conference after

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## St. Kitts to hosts CPL finals

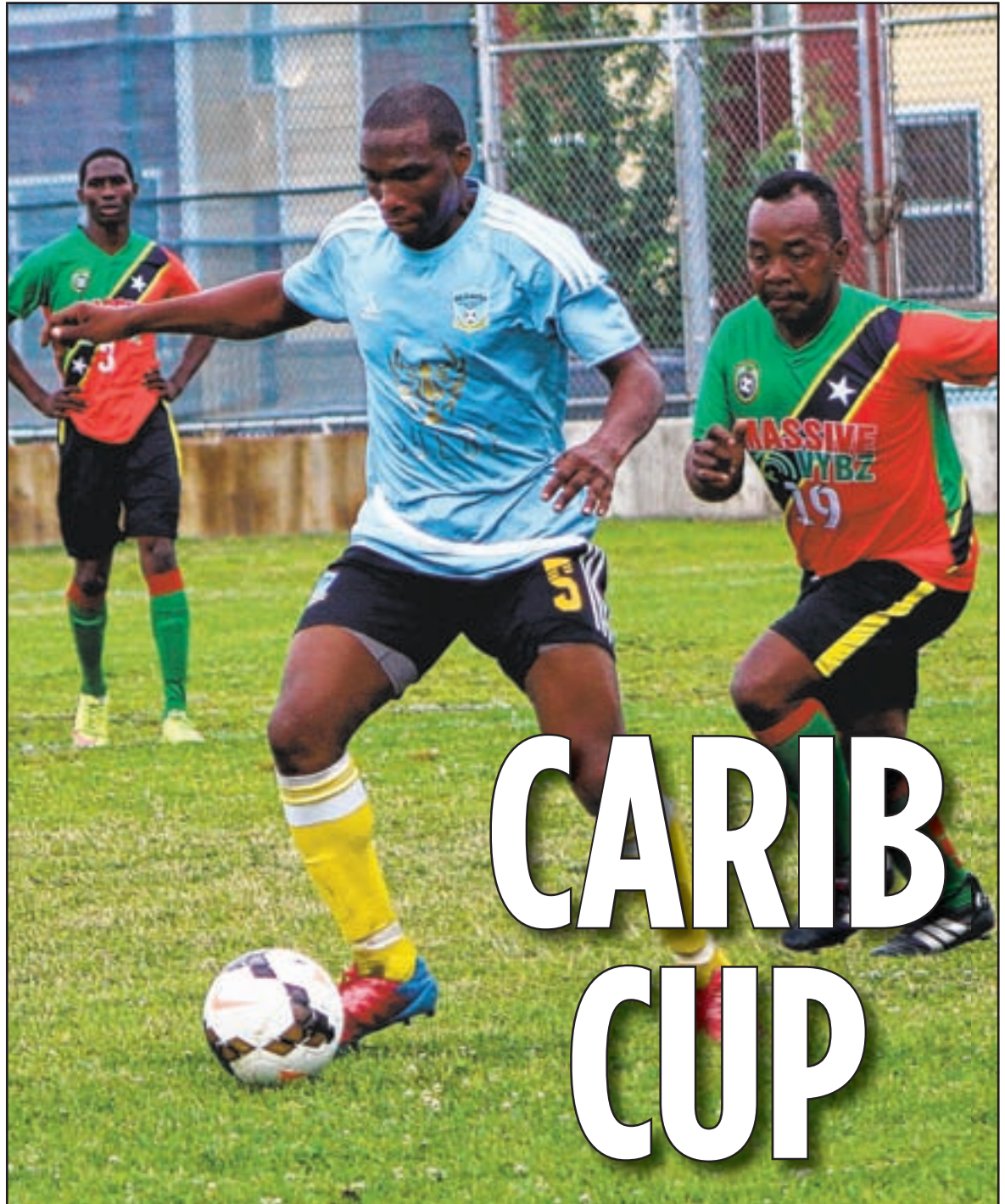
By Azad Ali

St. Kitts will host the finals of this year's Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

CEO of CPLT20 Damien O'Donohoe announced that it was unlikely that the finals would be played in Trinidad after negotiations failed with the Trinidad and Tobago government.

Sources say Trinidad and Tobago could not afford the US\$1 million at a time when there is a shortage of foreign

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# CARIB CUP

St. Kitts and Nevis' Roy Charles (# 19) prepares to tackle St. Lucia's Germal Valcin (# 5) for the ball.

Keith Dawson

## Wins for Golden Jaguars and Sugar Boys

Under hazy skies, Team Guyana and Team St. Kitts and Nevis celebrated the Independence weekend with New York Caribbean Cup wins at the Thomas Jefferson High School Field, 12508 Flatlands Ave., Brooklyn.

With the sun trying to break

through all afternoon, Team Haiti opened the three-game schedule with a lazy 1-1 exhibition draw with the U-23 Brooklyn Soca Lions. It was really a good show by the young lions who got their goal by way of Victor Ogunwale.

Ogunwale attends Thomas Jeffer-

son High School and was recently selected to travel to Spain with a select PSAL team. While in Spain the group is expected to visit super clubs Barcelona and Real Madrid.

Game two between Team Guyana and Team Trinidad and Tobago

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his side lost to Australia by 58 runs in the final match at the Kensington Oval, Barbados he believes it had much to be proud of.

He said at the start of the tour, many people did not expect the team to reach this final.

“People expected South Africa and Australia to just roll over us,” he said adding, “that credit must go to the way we fought throughout the entire series and to put ourselves in a position to play the final was just tremendous.”

Holder said their best performance came against South Africa, on Friday June 24, piled up 285 runs and bundled out their opponents for 185.

Australian Captain Steve Smith said the West Indies will be able to take away a lot from the series because they scrapped well against the number one and number three teams.

“Playing against them was not easy and I must say they played good cricket. They fought well,” he said.

Australia won the tournament after dismissing the West Indies for 212 in reply to their 270 for 9.

Meanwhile, Holder has moved into the top 20 of the One-Day International rankings for the first time in his career, following strong performances during the just concluded Tri-Nation Series.

The 24 year-old fast bowler picked up seven wickets in as many games in the tournament, as West Indies reach the finals before losing to Australia.

He jumped four places to 20th and is just one of two West Indies bowlers inside the top 20, with mystery off-spinner Sunil Narine the other.

Narine grabbed 11 wickets during the tournament in what was his first ODI series since he was banned from bowling last November because of an illegal action.

## CPL finals

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exchange.

It is understood that the government wanted to pay in T&T currency, which the organizers rejected.

Deputy Prime Minister of St. Kitts, Shawn Richards has confirmed that his government is close to signing the agreement for the finals to take place in his country.

St. Kitts hosted the finals in 2014. The other two finals were held in Trinidad in 2013 and 2015.

The 2016 edition got underway in Trinidad last week with defending champions Trinbago Knight Riders against the St. Lucia Zouks at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain. The Zouks defeated the Trinbago Knight Riders in the first match.



Guyana's Captain Roger Cambridge challenges Trinidadian Makesi Lewis #3 for the ball.

Keith Dawson

## SOCA BALLERS LEARN HARSH LESSON

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was extremely entertaining and just when the teams looked like sharing the points the Golden Jaguars came up with the winner.

The Soca Ballers opened the game with only eight players and in the fifth minute Team Guyana took advantage of their man advantage when goalkeeper Marcus Maurice was found in no-man's land and watched helplessly as Roger Cambridge's shot rolled into the back of the net.

Shortly after Quame Holder arrived to strengthen the Soca Ballers. Despite playing at a disadvantage, Team Trinidad & Tobago was a lot more organized in their attacks and soon equalized when Conrad Smith curved a shot pass the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Alvin Ashby.

The Soca Ballers were playing at a high level now and with the clock racing toward half time Roger Cambridge was called for a reckless tackle on Najja Forbes inside the six-yard box. Up stepped Jelani Felix to bury the penalty to the right of Ashby and send the Ballers into a 2-1 lead. There was no further scoring as the Soca Ballers went to the break leading 2-1.

Soon after resumption, the Golden Jaguars equalized on a goal that was initially waived off by the referee. A scorcher from Kwesi Quintin was

blocked by a defender standing inside the goal line. Naturally, the Golden Jaguars protested the referees call as the assistant referee had his flag raised. On consultation with the assistant, the referee changed his call and pointed to the center circle.

It was team Trinidad & Tobago's turn to protest the call but the game was now tied at 2-apiece.

Team Guyana was desperate for a win and certainly could not go home from this game without maximum points having played most of the game with a two-man advantage. They got the all-important winner when a ball from a melee in front of the goal found the feet of Kwesi Quintin whose tame shot evaded a defender and slid inside the right upright.

It was all over for the Soca Ballers who learned a harsh lesson this afternoon. And that is, although playing well, you cannot play a top Caribbean Cup team with less than your full complement of players. Final score — Team Guyana 3, Team Trinidad & Tobago 2.

Much was expected from the final game of the afternoon between former champions Team St. Lucia and Team St. Kitts and Nevis.

For much of the first half, the teams remained locked at zero as both strived to gain the all-important go-ahead goal. However, in the 25th minute, Nathan-

iel Brown picked up a ball down the right side, cut to his left drawing the defense with him and then unleashed a shot beating goalkeeper Chad Amari Phillip to his left.

Following the break and with Team St. Lucia kicking toward the Flatlands goal, Rashid Duncan equalized for the Lucians when his shot beat Malik Liburd.

The game became a bit chippy during the second half as the teams battled for the winner and with about 10 minutes remaining, the Lucians lost Kerwin Edwin for a reckless tackle.

With the score locked at one apiece, the attacks and counter attacks became more furious as the teams hunted full points. Unfortunately, in a furious defensive stand John Perry Joseph was shown a second yellow inside the six-yard box that gave referee Christian Colmenares no alternative but to point to the spot. Up stepped Viceroy Nelson to bury the shot and send the Sugar Boys home with a 2-1 win.

### Games Sunday, July 10, 2016

1:30 pm – Team St. Vincent & the Grenadines vs Team Panama

3:30 pm – Team Grenada vs Team Dominica

5:30 pm – Team Jamaica vs Team Trinidad & Tobago

# Chris Gayle blasts 108 not out off 54 balls

The Jamaica Tallawahs started off their Caribbean Premier League in fine style defeating the Trinbago Knightriders by 7 wickets at The Queens Park Oval in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Trinbago Knightriders batted first and scored 191 runs for 4 wickets with South African Hamishamla top scoring with 74 runs from 52 balls and Collin Munro from New Zealand 55 from 39 balls.

## CHRIS GAYLES SWASHBUCKLING APPETITE

The Jamaica Tallawahs were cruising at 71 for 2 after 10[overs], for the next 8.2 overs it was some heavy hitting and brutal batting force from Chris Gayle. Gayle scored 108 runs not out from 54 balls with 11 sixes and 6 fours. He shared a partnership of 108 runs with Andre Russell with Gayle contributing 74 runs. Sunil Narine was the most economical with 1 wicket for 9 runs after 4 overs, Sulieman Benn, the left arm spinner from Barbados, bowled one over for 3 runs and never returned into the attack. Chris Gayle was named the Man of



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

the Match and the Jamaica Tallawahs picked up 2 points.

### GUYANA AMAZON WARRIORS DEFEAT ST. KITTS NEVIS PATRIOTS

St. Kitts Nevis Patriots scored 164 runs for 9 wickets from 20 overs with Australian Brad Hodge scoring 38 runs from 32 balls. Wicket keeper batsman Devon Thomas scored 38 from 17 balls and Captain Fafdu Plessis from South Africa scored 30 from 28 balls. Sohail Janvir from Pakistan picked up 4 wickets from 20 runs for the Amazon Warriors and Adam Zamfa, the Australian off spinner picked up 3 wickets for 34 runs.

Captain Martin Guptill of the Guyana Amazon Warriors and Dwayne Smith gave their team an opening stand of 62 runs for the first wicket before Guptill fell. Smith fell for 62 off

36 and Jason Mohammed, the wicket keeper batsman scored 42 not out from 29 balls. Guyana Amazon Warriors won by 4 wickets.

### POINTS TABLE UP TO 7-5-16

1. St. Kitts Nevis Patriots — 2 points from 4 games
2. Guyana Amazon Warriors — 4 points from 2 games
3. Trinbago Knightriders — 2 points from 3 games
4. St. Lucia Zouks — 2 points from 2 games
5. Jamaica Tallawahs — 2 points from 1 games
6. Barbados Tridents — 2 points from 2 games

### RULES OF THE CPL 2016

Each team will play 10 matches. For each win, 2 points will be given to the winning team. The losing team gets 0, for a tie each team gets



West Indies' Chris Gayle bats against England during their ICC World Twenty20 2016 cricket match at the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai, India, Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

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1 point. The net runs rate is essential if two or more teams are equal. The bigger the win the higher the net run rate.

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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, there is much you want others to know about you this week, but you're not ready to share all of the details just yet. Continue to bide your time, sharing only when it feels right.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
There's not much you can do to change a current situation, Taurus. Step away for a bit and let the pieces fall where they may. Then you can develop a strategy.

**GEMINI: May 22/June 21**  
You have a new goal this week, Gemini, but others are not as receptive to your ideas as you hoped they would be. You may need to fine tune things. Be persistent.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, resolve to make the most of this week even if it seems difficult to do so. Seek support from friends or family members willing to lend an ear or a helping hand.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, take a few moments to recharge this week. You have been going at a breakneck pace for too long, and now it's time to slow things down. Use some vacation time if you can.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, others are routinely drawn to your unique personality. Make the most of others' warm reception and do your best to return the favor whenever you can.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, if you want to get things accomplished this week, you may have to do them yourself. Going it alone may require a lot of work, but you are up to the challenge.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, your magnetism can draw others to you like a moth to a flame, and that has helped you establish lasting friendships and build strong relationships. Cherish your good fortune.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, your super sense of humor is on full display this week, when you have an opportunity to be the life of a party. Spend as much time in the limelight as you can.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, so much is going on that the week seems like it may stretch on forever. Just take things one day at a time and enjoy your full schedule while it lasts.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Take some time for yourself this week, Aquarius. You have earned a little R&R, and now is the perfect time to prioritize some fun and excitement.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, channel your creative energy into a special project. Invite others to join in the project and let things go where your creativity takes you.

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