



Dance with me

Belly dancer makes her moves with honoree Richard Buery at the Tropical Paradise Ballroom. **See story on page 3.** Photo by Nelson A. King

GUYANA BANKS WORRY

Bank of America serves cut off notices to local banks

By Bert Wilkinson

The Bank of America has formally told three locally-owned commercial banks in Guyana that it will formally stop doing business with them at the beginning of November as part of moves by American financial institutions to eliminate the risk of financial dealings with them and the wider Caribbean officials said this week.

And had it not been for intense lobbying from government and private sector, Citizens and Demerara banks as well as the Guyana Bank For Trade and Industry would have been cut off at the end of this

month. They have been given a reprieve until the end of November Central Bank Governor Gobind Ganga said.

For all three, BOA was one of their main correspondent or counterpart banks, the one they relied on to process wire transfers, credit and debit card payments and to cash checks among other transactions but as is now widely reported, American banks are pulling out of the region like never before.

They blame increasing pressure from new laws passed by Congress in recent months to increase scrutiny of transac-

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Politicians condemn upsurge in violence

By Nelson A. King

It was billed as an evening to celebrate exclusively the men who have contributed significantly to the development of the community, but most politicians also used the gala awards ceremony Sunday,

at Tropical Paradise Ballroom in Brooklyn, to express outrage over an upsurge in racist attacks and gun violence across the nation.

"This has been a difficult week in Congress. It has also been a difficult week in the

U.S.," said Brooklyn Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, representative for the 10th Congressional District, referring to the fatal shootings of Alton Sterling, in Louisiana, and Philandro Castile, in Minnesota

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Black group defends Black Lives Matter

By Nelson A. King

The New York-based Black group, Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW) is defending the Black Lives Matter Movement against what it says are false criticisms from right-wing political pundits that the Movement was responsible for the tragic deaths of five Dallas police officers.

While condemning the murders, by “callous policemen and by a disturbed former Afghanistan veteran,” IBW is also calling on President Obama to be “fair and balanced” in his posture towards the “horrific and terrorist-like murders” in recent days by visiting Baton Rouge and St. Paul after he visited Dallas on Tuesday and “to demonstrate, in both words and deeds, his equal concern for the families and communities of those who died in all three cities.”

In citing the official statement put out by Black Lives Matter (BLM) leaders on Friday, IBW said “the unvarnished truth is that the Black Lives Matter Movement has never called for the murder of police officers and has said over and over again that it is time in this country for policing to be accountable, transparent and responsible.”

“We agree with the BLM that this is what communities in the United States want to see from the people who protect and serve them,” said IBW’s president Dr. Ron Daniels. “There needs to be accountable, responsive, transparent policing that has oversight from those communities and that is accountable to the communities they are supposed to protect and serve.

We also call on civil rights and human rights organizations to stand with the Black Lives Matter Movement to ensure that they are not scapegoated, repressed and marginalized,” he added.

Daniels called for an urgent national conversation on race and structural racism, saying such a conversation must involve all strata of society and should be more than “just talk and pious rhetoric” and, instead, must produce a public policy agenda of action items that include thorough-going criminal justice reform, comprehensive community-based economic development, and a reparations program.

He said these should seek social justice and a starts a process of repairing and healing the “ongoing devastating social and psychological consequences from the historical crimes of chattel slavery and legal Jim Crow segregation.



Nelson King with his awards, from left, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, Donnette (daughter), Dofflyn (wife) and Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke. Photo by Nelson A. King

Brooklyn political club honors male community leaders

By Nelson A. King

A major political club in Brooklyn on Sunday honored seven male community leaders at a gala ceremony at Tropical Paradise Ballroom on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn as part of its Caribbean American Heritage Month celebrations.

The Progressive Democrats Political Association (PDPA), headed and founded by former New York City Council Member Jamaican-born Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, bestowed the honor on: Richard Buery, a prominent leader in the Panamanian American community; Rickford Burke, a Guyanese-born legal and political consultant who has been involved in several successful political campaigns; George Hulse, of Health-First, an insurer regarded as a leader in service to the Brooklyn community; State Sen. Kevin Parker, of the 21st Senatorial District; Trevor Smith, of Tower Isle Frozen Foods, Ltd., the maker of Jamaican-style patties and sponsors of the Jamaican Bobsled team; Chasen Hollancid, director, Suede Hospitality Group; and Nelson King, Caribbean Life’s senior writer.

“This is our annual celebration recognizing the men who never turn their heads from social equality,” said Veronica Phillips, PDPA’s Vincentian-born vice chair in her introductory remarks, at the ceremony that was attended by a number of New York City legislators and officials, including Congressional Representatives Yvette D. Clarke and Hakeem Jeffries; City Comptroller Scott Springer; Public Advocate Letitia James; Deputy Mayor Richard Buery, Jr.; Assembly



Sen. Kevin Parker receives award from PDPA president Dr. Una S.T. Clarke (L) and Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke. Photo by Nelson A. King

Members Nick Perry, Diana Richardson and Latrice Walker; City Council Member Jumaane Williams; and District Leader Cory Provost (58th Assembly District).

Phillips said the event focused on “the attention on the men of the area who have made notable contributions over the years to the strength and vibrant life of Brooklyn.”

Rep. Clarke (D-9th C.D.), the daughter

of Una Clarke and a PDPA executive member, noted the “significant contributions” of the honorees “to the development and furtherance of our community.

“On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of New York, which I am proud to represent in Congress, I would like to recognize Sen. Kevin Parker, Richard Buery, Rickford Burke, Chasen Hollancid, George Hulse, Nelson King and Trevor Smith,” she said.

“I would like to pay special tribute to Sen. Parker, who has served our community with diligence and great enthusiasm, and who has served us since 2002 with diligence and competence — always focusing on the concerns of his constituents,” the younger Clarke added. “We express our gratitude to him for his service.”

“I’m really honored to be included with this group of men,” said Parker, representative for the 21st Senatorial District in Brooklyn, in his acceptance speech.

“Being honored among Caribbean leaders is a great honor for me,” added the African American, stating that Una Clarke, for whom he had worked before seeking political office, “has been more than a mentor to me. I can’t tell how much she has motivated me.

“I want to thank PDPA [for the honor],” he continued. “It has meant the world to me.”

Burke said he was “honored by this gesture, recognizing the work that I do,” and Hulse said: “What an honor to receive an award with such a distinguished group of men!”

Antigua

Antigua businessmen have been warned against scammers who are re-directing payments from customers to other bank accounts.

The Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP) said it has received reports from Antiguan businesses that their customers' invoices have been intercepted and emailed to their clients with substituted bank account information, allowing funds to be directed to accounts set up by the fraudsters.



The ONDCP said it appears that businesses affected have had their computers or email accounts hacked, enabling the interception to occur and the fake invoices to be sent in place of the real ones.

Officers say that the fraud is not usually detected until the customer is alerted by complaints from suppliers that payments were not received.

They explained that scammers were hacking into vendors' / suppliers' email accounts and obtaining information such as customer lists, bank details and previous invoices.

The ONDCP has urged businesses to be vigilant and to establish anti-fraud measures that independently double check if a regular supplier provides different bank account details for the payment of invoices.

Barbados

The Barbados government is seeking to deal with a problem of providing internships for medical students from the University of the West Indies (UWI).

Health Minister John Boyce is suggesting the use of off-shore medical schools as one way of dealing with the situation.

The government is expected to hold talks with various stakeholders, including the Barbados Medical Council to address the situation.



Boyce said one of the challenges recently confronting the Ministry of Health



Suriname prez stops his trial

In this Aug. 12, 2015, file photo, Suriname President Desire Delano Bouterse salutes during a military parade, after being sworn in for his second term, in Paramaribo, Suriname. A two-time coup leader and former dictator accused of executing 15 political opponents in 1982, Bouterse has again moved on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, to prevent authorities in the South American nation from putting him on trial for those 15 deaths.

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is an increasing demand that outstrips the placements of new interns.

The minister was at the time addressing a function hosted by the Barbados Association of Medical Practitioners (BAMP) and the UWI to welcome the 2016 batch of graduating doctors.

He told the ceremony that the government is aiming at talks to try and correct this situation, indicating that some of the 2014 graduates had threatened to take legal action last year to secure internships at the island's main health institution, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

He is hoping that a solution would be found and that Barbados had been approached by at least five off-shore medical schools seeking to locate and

develop training for undergraduates in the field of medicine over the last five years.

Guyana

International oil and gas giant Exxon Mobil Corporation said that drilling results off Guyana confirm a world-class discovery with a recoverable resource of between 800 million and 1.4 billion oil-equivalent barrels.



This follows last year's success with Liza-1, which was declared to be the world's biggest discovery in 2015.

The recent find was made during a second exploration and the well is one of two Liza wells located in the 6.6 mil-

lion-acre Stabroek block, approximately 120 miles off-shore Guyana.

Data from the successful Liza-2 well test is being assessed. The production test of the Liza-2 well confirms the presence of high-quality oil from the high-porosity sandstone reservoirs.

Exxon said it is continuing to further evaluate the commercial potential for this exciting prospect.

Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Ltd. holds 45 percent interest in the Stabroek block. Hess Guyana Exploration Ltd. holds 30 percent interest and CNOC Nexen Petroleum Guyana Limited holds 25 percent interest.

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American banks withdraw from the Caribbean

Ganga says that so far it looks like the British Crown Agents Bank, which has a relationship with many former British colonies dating back to the colonial era is about to grab the opportunity to fill the void.

All the banks have to do is to open accounts with Crown Agents and their transactions will be processed. We have to find other correspondent banks.

Teams have swept through the region, tying up deals with governments and central banks to become the new place of termination for transactions.

"Only the paper work is left to be completed and this will be done by month end. The representatives have already been here. All the banks have to do is to open accounts with Crown Agents and their transactions will be processed. We have to find other correspondent banks," the governor said.

The issue with the banks was one of the key agenda items of last week's Caribbean leaders summit in Guyana as local start up banks in every country are affected by the moves.

And while the preparatory work is in place to replace the BOA, Barbados is leading a regional study to examine whether regional banks are fully compliant with international financial guidelines. Findings are to be handed to governments.

Black Lives Matter

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ta, which sparked outrage and protests in communities across the country, including Dallas, TX.

"One of the reasons behind the Black Lives Matter movement is that we want young Black men to grow up and to be like any of us," added Jeffries, a member of Congressional Black Caucus leadership and the U.S. House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee, at the honor ceremony of the Brooklyn-based Progressive Democrats Political Association (PDPA), founded and headed by the trailblazing former New York City Council Member Dr. Una S.T. Clarke.

"We support the police. We think that the overwhelming number of police officers are there to protect and serve, but we want to make sure that those who are [rogue cops] are held accountable," he continued.

Earlier, Jeffries, in a statement, said the "unspeakably tragic events in Dallas, suburban Minneapolis and Baton Rouge shock the conscience.

"Sadness and despair have descended on America," he said. "Outrage is festering in many quarters. In times like these, America must rise to the occasion through unity under the umbrella of love. Violence is never the answer to injustice. We are all God's children."

State Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, representative for the 44th Assembly District in Brooklyn, said

she is the mother of an African American son, "and we're going through a lot.

"We're under attack," she told the ceremony. "This is a pivotal moment."

Her Assembly colleague Latrice Walker said: "They're also killing our elected officials. We're all under siege.

"There are spiritual wickedness in high places," she added.

Turning to the seven honorees, Public Advocate Letitia James said, "these fine men are the reason why Black Lives Matter."

City Comptroller Scott Stringer also addressed the ceremony, saying: "We'll root out all the racists. We'll stand together."

In a statement, Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte, representative for the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn, noted that, in Dallas, TX a peaceful protest against the "outrageous killings of unarmed Black men by police officers was disrupted by sniper fire, killing five police officers and wounding seven.

"There seems to be this idea that if you value Black lives that you devalue the lives of law enforcement officers, and we must not let this narrative drive a wedge between our dialogue," said Bichotte, the first Haitian American from New York City to be elected to the State Legislature.

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tions from Guyana and the Caribbean for moving to cut ties with the region. They also complain that while the transactions are many, they are relatively small compared to business with domestic partners so to them it is just not worth the risks to spend more to monitor the region and not make big profits from it.

"Only the local, indigenous banks will be affected. They asked for some more time. BOA responded positively and they have won time for three more months. Those like Bank of Nova Scotia, Republic Bank and Bank of Baroda will not be affected — the foreign banks," Ganga said Tuesday.

Ganga said Bank of America had originally set the beginning of August to terminate relations with indigenous banks in Guyana but will extend this by three months, giving the locals breathing space to find alternations agencies to cash checks, deal with wire transfers and other transactions.

Industry chatter about what the future holds for banks in the region has led to a mad scramble to find alternative agencies to process transactions from the Caribbean.

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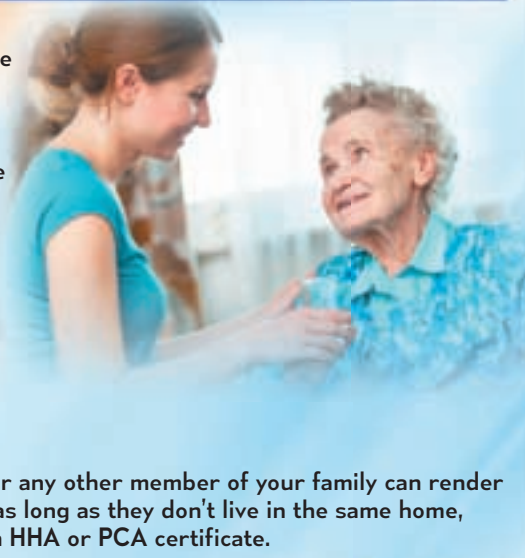


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CARICOM leaders pay tribute to Manning

By Azad Ali

Caribbean leaders have hailed former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Patrick Manning, who died recently as a "true champion of CARICOM," saying that he had advanced the regional integration movement.

Manning, 69, died at the San Fernando General Hospital on July 2, some 24 hours after he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (a rare type of blood cancer).

CARICOM Chairman Roosevelt Skerrit, prime minister of Dominica said that he had the honor of working with Manning over an extended period of time. "I can always rely on him to draw on his wisdom to national and regional matters."

St. Vincent and Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, who visited Manning in hospital a few days before he died described him as "one of the titans of the regional integration movement."

"Patrick was a famous man... his virtues are not written in stone at home or elsewhere but in the hearts and minds of ordinary men and women that cross this region and we shall remember him forever," Gonsalves said.

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley said Manning's death "represents a tremendous loss, not only



Former Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Patrick Manning. Associated Press / Tim Ayles

to the people of Trinidad and Tobago but also to the Community and the entire Caribbean."

"Mr. Manning will be remembered as a visionary, a patriot and a Caribbean man who was committed to excellence and to the Caribbean Community. In this vein, I know that I will continue Mr. Manning's legacy," he added.

Belize devastated by US banks moves

By Bert Wilkinson

Saying it is easily the hardest affected of all the countries in the Caribbean, the government of Belize recently complained that American banks have terminated relationships with all of the country's financial institutions in recent months, throwing international business transactions in chaos.

Foreign Minister Wilfred Elrington said Belize's local banks are scrambling to find alternatives to American banks to process checks, wire transfers and other transactions since U.S. agencies began terminating relations with Belize and other Caribbean single trading bloc nations in the past three years.

The issue of American correspondent banks terminating relations with the Caribbean was the main agenda item of a three-day Caribbean leaders summit which opened in Guyana on Monday, July 4.

Several leaders who spoke at the opening ceremony touched on the issue, saying that every country in the bloc of 15 nations has been affected by the move.

Elrington blamed tough new anti

money laundering and other laws approved by the U.S. Congress in recent years for the problem for putting pressure on banks to spend more to scrutinize transactions from the region.

He also said mega banks like JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America have concluded that "it is just not worth it to continue relations with us because our transactions are small." Every single indigenous bank has been terminated the minister said.

He said that even when the Belizean Central Bank finds smaller alternative American agencies to work with, the relationships goes downhill for the very same reason as the big ones.

"It is something emanating from the laws passed by Congress. They have to make amendments as it is going to with changes to the law," he told Caribbean Life early Tuesday.

Two other leaders, Gaston Browne of Antigua and Allen Chastanet of St. Lucia called for a stepped up lobbying of power brokers in Washington including the Treasury Department and President Obama.

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The anatomy of racism

By Wayne Kublalsingh

Alas! I think I have discovered the cause of original sin. The filthy chancre which disturbs the universe, the very soul and bones of men. Pure original sin. The disease above all disease. The sickness immortal. The pathology so deep! It is not the snake, but the twin-tongued shaft of the snake buried deep within us all. It is not the apple, but the worm of the apple screwing through the core of us all. What is it?

Racism. Racism is shared. It is atomic, radioactive. When the atom bomb of racism fell, the original apple, it did not infect one man, one continent, but us all. It is an ideology, a shared and dangerous dogma. We are all pathologically afflicted by one version or the other, to one degree or the other, according to our various colours or estates. Not just racism against snake, the animal kingdom; apple, the plant kingdom; woman, the kingdom of gender. Racism belongs not to the other, practiced by others against Iraqi, Mexican, Japanese, Jew, African, Arab, Kurd, Gypsy; but to us all.

But there are some worse case scenarios.

After the war of Lincoln, the Civil War in the United States in the middle of the 19th century, after two hundred years of African enslavement, most of the betterment laws promised the freedmen, Africans, Negroes, were subtly taken back; incrementally withdrawn. One hundred years later Africans in the United States were still march-

ing on the streets to secure fundamental rights.

The United States and Great Britain only entered World War II when Hitler was directly upon them; and the deep hatred and rancour, expressed by Hitler, against the Jews, in his writings, speeches, actions, the wide net which he cast to collect Jews for his extermination camps, was not opposed, by their governments, until the genocide was over.

Truman and Churchill, the leaders of the United States and Great Britain well knew that the War was over - Japan was on one knee, about to fall on the other - when they dropped the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In 1990, as a young officer in the British Territorial Army in Great Britain, I listened in great dread and anger, as senior visiting officers rallied for war with Iraq, not with reticence or awe, but with breezy self-satisfaction, mellow smugness. Cool and seamless consciencelessness! There were no women, children, men, the elderly in Iraq, only one evil monster. "The Iraqis will be sitting ducks on a desert landscape, with no air cover," I explained to my commanding officer, a Lieutenant Colonel. He invited me to leave the Army, and I did.

The trial of Trayvon Martin in the United States in July 2013 illustrated to the world that the germ of racism is insipid, resident not only in the police, but forensic expert,

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Brexit – Perceptions and repercussions in the Americas

By Joaquín Roy

MIAMI, Jun 27 2016 (IPS) - The hopes of many of those who confidently expected the British electorate to vote, by a slender margin, for the country to remain in the EU have been dashed. All that is left to do now is to ponder the causes and background of this regrettable event, and consider its likely consequences, especially for relations with the United States.

In the first place one must point out and – and this is a general criticism of the present British political system – that Prime Minister David Cameron was hugely irresponsible to steer his country into this risky adventure. It has resulted in the worst calamity to befall Britain in the last half century and has inflicted severe damage not only on the EU but also on all the countries of the North Atlantic rim.

Cameron went out on a limb, thinking to secure total control over the country for his Conservative Party for the next several years. Next he pursued a surrealist referendum campaign agenda, seeking to persuade the public to vote to remain in the EU, against the Brexit proposal that he himself had engineered. He relied on the advantages and special privileges promised to the UK by the EU if the British people voted to remain.

Brussels had already warned that the EU would not grant Britain any further concessions or benefits

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over and above the conditions that apply in common to all EU members. It pointed out that Britain was in fact already a privileged partner, having opted out of the common currency (the euro) under a special agreement that did not even fix a timescale for its putative future membership of the euro area.

London also retains full control of Britain's borders, having declined to sign the innovative Schengen Agreement which abolished many internal borders and introduced passport-free movement across the 26 Schengen countries.

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And now the fateful moment is at hand. The effect on Europe has been devastating. The one possible advantage for the EU – which has discreetly remained unvoiced – is that of ridding itself of an awkward partner, a dinner guest with an unfortunate habit of drawing attention to itself in negative ways.

Britain slammed the brakes on progress towards fuller European integration and was a temptation to other recalcitrant EU countries to follow its bad example.

Recently concerns were raised in Washington over the Brexit referendum.

President Barack Obama himself did his best to urge Britons to stick with the EU when he visited London in April.

Cameron, and the people who voted for the UK to leave the EU, have done Obama a disservice. Britain's image in the United States will deteriorate to unprecedented depths. The vaunted special relationship between the U.S. and Britain will no longer be an effective force underpinning one of the strongest alliances in recent history.

The first victim of the debacle may be the approval process for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the United States and the European Union, which is already looking shaky, at least for the immediate future.

The TTIP was meant to replicate the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), an ambitious deal to cut trade barriers, set labour and environmental standards and protect corporate intellectual property. The TPP was signed in principle by twelve Pacific Rim countries including the United States, and now awaits approval by legislators in each of the countries.

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New York City Parks, AT&T expand free public Wi-Fi and solar mobile charging

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NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FACIP, recently joined AT&T's New York President Marissa Shorenstein, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and community members to announce a deal to extend free public AT&T Wi-Fi in the Parks for an additional five years.

The free Wi-Fi is available, regardless of wireless carrier, to parkgoers at 27 locations in 21 parks across the five boroughs. The collaboration increases the number of free solar mobile charging stations to 34 units at 15 parks and beaches; and four new parks will receive the popular AT&T Street Charge units — Queens Flushing Meadows Park at David Dinkins Circle and Ederle Terrace, Brooklyn's Sunset Park and Prospect Park at the LeFrak Center and Joyce Kilmer Park in the Bronx, where the announcement was made.

Launched in 2011, the Wi-Fi in the Parks initiative was the City's first free public Wi-Fi



Virua Virtudazo of Raleigh, N.C., searches for a job in the fashion business on her laptop computer using the free Wi-Fi connection in New York's Bryant Park.

Associated Press / Ed Bailey, File

program that allows all smartphone and tablet users to connect. Through the program there have been 8.6 million connections.

"The renewal of our partnership with AT&T, expanding free Wi-Fi and charging stations to more of our parks this summer and fall, furthers Parks'

commitment to utilizing technology to serve parkgoers city wide," said Commissioner Silver. "Through amenities like Wi-Fi and charging stations in parks, we help increase technological access, while gathering insights into how our visitors engage our green spaces; insights that strengthen our strategic approach to building a better park system for the future."

"Over the past five years, millions of visitors to New York's parks and beaches have connected over Wi-Fi in the parks and charged their devices at AT&T Street Charge units," said Marissa Shorenstein, AT&T's New York State president. "It's been exciting to watch these programs become proof points for how a city can leverage advances in technology to keep its citizens connected. AT&T is excited to continue working with the de Blasio administration to offer these free services and support New Yorkers on the go."

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Antidote to racism is to name it

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judge, jury, our peers and counterparts, the entire system. The death of Sandra Brand, hundreds of others, and just this week, the death of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling, expressed an intensity to deny the humanity of black, African, "nigga" folk!

How long shall persons of African heritage labour in the vineyard to demonstrate that they are human. Capable of pain, vexation, anger, hurt, stupidity, fear, doubt, error, recklessness, love, just like the rest of neo-Neanderthal humanity? What more do they have to show? Their hands? Their back pockets? Their drivers permit? What is this proverbial digging, gnawing up in the proverbial back pockets of proverbial Black Folk? What are you looking for? What do you expect to find? What fantasy? A star, a moon, a crystal? Get over it!

Did you know that the sharpshooter who killed five policemen in Dallas three days ago, injuring seven others, was killed by remote? A bomb disposal robot, which is normally dispatched to blow up explosives, was sent hunting across the streets to blow him up. Micah Johnson was an army reservist who served in Afghanistan. They sent a drone of racism, like they do every day in Africa, the Middle East, to get him. If truth be told, many observers of

this unending saga of racism, tragedy, will feel deep down, in their hearts of hearts, a catharsis, vindication.

Racism is racism. The only antidote to racism is to name it. There is no need to play the balancing game – O, so whites were killed too; O, blacks rob and kill, misbehave; O, blacks have low family skills and values – to point to, nail, flagrant racism on the head. Racism is racism is racism. It is an anti-Sioux, anti-Jew, anti-African, anti-Arab, anti-Iran, anti-Mongoloid Japan and Chinese, anti-Mexican, anti-yellow man, brown man, black man, parading as law and order in Land of the Free, Home of the Brave: Fascism parading as Democracy.

How many Russians killed how many Americans in their so called Cold War? And vice versa? The victims of these two empire states were all, by the millions, in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and South East Asia. As the U.S. and Euro economies collapse, the canopies of their economic parachutes catch a' fire, they will now turn to make war. Seek to destroy their competitors and debt-owners. Win back capitalism from the jaws of death. Many robots, drones, along with Black and Hispanic folk, will be heading out to the China Sea, China, North Korea, to snuff out that yellow whirlwind.

National sovereignty is now key

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The rise of populism and anti-free trade sentiment is reflected in speeches by both U.S. presidential candidates, and is likely to slow down what is now viewed as "excessive globalisation". There is a return to a style of nationalism that exerts control over economic as well as political initiatives.

The next U.S. president will find it difficult to advance their country's alliance with London on defence issues. The UK will have freed itself from what was already problematic military cooperation with Europe, and only its link with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will endure. Some European NATO partners will be cautious about developing joint operations with a fellow member they view as uncommitted to agreements within the EU.

In the matter of trade per se, Washington will not take kindly to the new position of the City of London once it has lost its enviable status as a financial hub embedded in the EU. Siren songs from other European capitals solidly anchored in the soon-to-be expanded European community will be hard to resist, especially if European leaders adopt policies to strengthen the euro zone.

In Latin America, Brexit will be read as a confirmation that supranational

practices and thoroughgoing integration are no longer a priority for the UK. The referendum result sends the message that national sovereignty is now paramount. All the time and effort the EU has spent over the years to promote the advantages of the European model of integration, based on the strength of its treaties and the effectiveness of its institutions, will be regretted as a sheer waste of time and energy.

An alternative "model of integration" based on the U.S. agenda, favouring one-off arrangements or treaties limited in scope exclusively to trade issues, will prevail over the already weakened European model.

The Caribbean region has strong historical and cultural ties to Britain. It will suffer from a less secure bond with the UK and will incline more closely to Washington.

The continent of the Americas, which is closest to Britain from the point of view of history and culture as well as in political and economic terms, will thus find itself further apart from Europe than before.

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Local group to host forum on gentrification

By Alexandra Simon

The Flatbush Tenant Coalition will host a forum for residents of East Flatbush and local politicians on July 16. The forum plans to address tenant rights, gentrification, and the deliberate pricing out of tenants from once affordable homes in the area.

The event which is open to the community will be held at the St. Paul's Church In the Village, at 157 St. Pauls Pl. between St. Paul's Court and Church Avenue. Residents can submit questions to the local politicians.

"This is another opportunity for us to bring awareness to issues happening in Flatbush," said Karl Valere, community outreach coordinator for the Flatbush Tenant Coalition. "Our main goal is to recognize what is happening and discuss the threatening of affordable housing in East Flatbush and New York City."

Assembly members Rodneyse Bichotte, Robert Carroll, Walter Mosley, N. Nick Perry, State Senators Jesse Hamilton and Kevin Parker, and possibly some other local representa-

tives are expected to speak at the New York State Assembly and Senate Candidate Forum.

The politicians will address their stances on the concerns of residents.

Organizers state that gentrification forced itself into East Flatbush less than two years ago, when predatory investors set their eyes on the predominantly low-income, West Indian community. Valere says they are deliberately pricing residents out.

"In 2014, popular real-estate companies declared Flatbush as the next frontier," said Valere. "It was our worst fears — aggressive investors are targeting rent-stabilized apartments."

East Flatbush has seen many changes in recent years, including new retail space and condominium construction, the revitalization of formerly abandoned, Kings Theatre, and the introduction of hipster-attracting stores such as Gap.

Valere hopes the forum teaches residents how to protect themselves from greedy landlords, and hopes that



Voice of the people: A local resident talks to politicians, at the 2014 Candidate Forum, hosted at Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church in Flatbush-Ditmas Park.

Flatbush Tenant Coalition

the forum aims for legislation against the landlords who raise rents to price them out of their homes and gentrifica-

tion.

"We want to strengthen rent laws," said Valere. "Most recently the tactics have gotten

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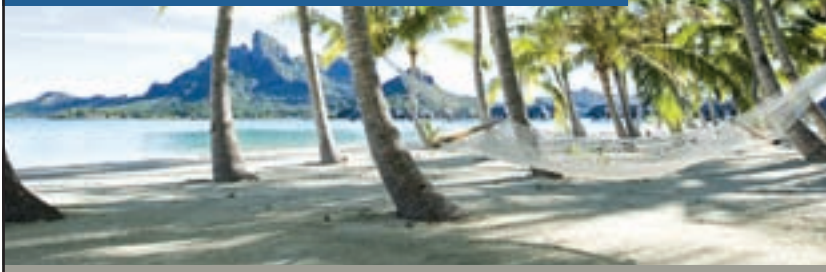
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Grenada

A former elder of the Soubise Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grenada was jailed for a total of 11 years at the Richmond Hill Prison after he was convicted of raping his 12-year-old daughter six years ago.

Terry Noel, 36, a contractor by profession was charged with two counts of rape.

He was sentenced by Madam Justice Paula Gilford in the High Court in St. George's recently to a total of 11 years on the two counts, but he will only serve five years and nine months as the sentences are to run concurrent.

Police said the victim attended the same church as Noel.

Justice Gilford also ordered Noel to undergo psychological counseling as part of his sentence.



Jamaica

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) has launched a summer advertising campaign, targeting several cities in the United States, particularly those with direct flights into the country.

Director of Tourism Paul Pennicook in making the announcement said the campaign is aimed at promoting the island as a first-choice destination. He was at the time addressing the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA) 55th annual general meeting in Ocho Rios recently.

Pennicook noted that the JTB is also taking advantage of online advertising versus traditional media such as print, television, out-of-home and radio.

He pointed to the recent TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice recognition naming Jamaica as one of the world's best islands, as a powerful marketing tool.

Pennicook said the popular reality television franchise "The Bachelor" filmed episodes in Jamaica, reaching more than nine million television audi-



ence inside the U.S.

The Tourism minister noted that the island was featured on the cover of the New York Times Travel section on April, 3, 2016, reaching more than 2.1 million print readers and 6 million more online.

Suriname

Suriname President Desi Bouterse recently instructed the country's attorney general to immediately stop his trial in relation to the abduction and execution of 15 political opponents in 1982 when he was the military dictator of the Dutch island.

He invoked Article 148 of Suriname's constitution, which allows the president to issue such an order in the interest of national security.

Bouterse returned to power in 2010 when he was democratically elected president by parliament. Two years later, Bouterse's supporters pushed an amnesty law through parliament and he was re-elected after general elections last year.

However, in June, the court declared the amnesty law invalid and ordered the resumption of the trial against Bouterse and 24 co-defendants.

Bouterse has accepted what he calls "political responsibility" for the military's killing of the 15 well-known journalists, lawyers and union leaders but said he was not present when the executions took place. Witnesses in the trial have denied that claim.



St. Lucia

Former St. Lucia Prime Minister Kenny Anthony has broken his silence on why he has stepped down as political leader of the St. Lucia Labor Party (SLP) saying "that is what honorable people, people of integrity do," during a television interview last week.

Following his party's 11-6 defeat at the June 6 general election, Anthony announced that he was quitting as SLP leader.

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A quiet storm passes

By Vinette K. Pryce

Tri-state radio listeners of a certain generation that reveled to tunes by The Spinners, The Whispers, The O'Jays, Kool & The Gang, The Manhattan, Skyy, Isaac Hayes, Luther Vandross, Barry White, Isley Brothers, Al Green, Teddy Pendergrass and a long playlist of classic music recorders will not soon forget the name Vaughn Harper AKA "The Velvet Voice."

He was the tall, temptin', talented radio dude, much like the five Motown dudes he often introduced at numerous venues as The Temptations.

Harper died last Saturday at age 71. Born March 1, 1945 in Harlem, Harper died July 8, 2016 while in rehab in Englewood, New Jersey.

He had been ailing for a while from the debilitating diabetes he was diagnosed.

During the hey-days of urban contemporary music radio, Harper was acclaimed for his Barry White-like baritone, smooth, suave delivery and much revered romantic voice hosting the "Quiet Storm." Hired in 1976 by Frankie Crocker, the national model and top music programmer of the urban contemporary music format which launched WBLS-FM into an unmatched stratosphere of excellence, Harper quickly established himself among a handful of personalities who could either make or break a recording career. In the 80's he embraced a late-night "Storm" format which was already formatted at WHUR in Washington D.C. but not to the extent he entranced listeners. Harper's audience dubbed him the innovator and main orchestrator because he elevated both the quietude and the storminess with class.

Talking romance, love and subtle sex, Harper emerged one of the elite personalities at the flagship station to decide music and when Crocker fired him — allegedly due to budgetary constraints — members of the Black Music Association convened an emergency meeting of record company big-shots to discuss how to boycott the top, radio station in America.

The meeting at Sweetwater's — reputedly where Whitney Houston was 'discovered' by Clive Davis — undoubtedly proved a difficult decision to ponder. Groups such as Jodeci, Boyz II Men, Teddy Riley & Guy and a host of young and up and coming talents were begging for airplay and without WBLS-FM record labels would be at a loss for the most successful promotion campaigns.



The best the fest: Thousands come out to eat jerk-centric dishes at the annual Grace Jamaican Jerk festival on July 17.

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JERK FEST PROMISES KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

By Alexandra Simon

The sixth annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival will kick off Roy Wilkins Park in Queens, on Sunday, July 17.

The annual culinary and musical festival boasts of the best jerk dishes and musical performances by leading Caribbean artists. The daylong event starts at noon and will continue until 8 pm.

Organizers promise fun activities at the event, especially one just for children.

"We have a very extensive Kidz Zone — we want people to know there are lots of activities for kids to do," said

Eddy Edwards, CEO of Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival USA, Inc.

The festival will begin with a cookoff to be judged by Andrew Fowles, winner of Food Networks show "Chopped," and Miss Jamaica World 2015, Sanneta Myrie. Judges will base the winner on who can create the best jerk-centric dishes.

Music will also be one of the biggest highlights of the fest as Soca star Rupee will headline the main stage and will perform with legendary Reggae band, Third World. Other performances include music from some of the most popular names in Dancehall like

Gyptian, Dexta Daps, and Ikaya.

Aside from music and food, other cultural activities and crafts and collectives will be available for purchase from vendors. Organizers say there will be a variety of things to do at the festival for guests to enjoy.

"We will have a small stage that will focus on culture, poets, and book signing," said Edwards. "People come for the food and stay for entertainment."

Roy Wilkins Park is located on Merrick Blvd in St. Albans, Queens. Tickets can be purchased at www.JerkFestivalNY.com.

CARICOM ambassadors briefed on health security

Caribbean ambassadors in Washington have been briefed on the Global Health Security Agenda (GHS) during a meeting hosted at the Embassy of the Bahamas on June 27, 2016.

Professor Goulda Downer, chair of the Caribbean Political Action Committee (C-PAC) and a member of Howard University Medical School Faculty who serves on the GHS's Industry Committee spearheaded the meeting.

The goal of GHS which was launched in February 2014 is to (a) accelerate

progress toward a world safe and secure from infectious disease threats and to (b) promote global health security as an international priority. GHS is a collaborative multilateral and multi-sectoral partnership among governments, international organizations and civil society.

GHS accelerates action and spurs progress toward implementation of the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations and other global health security frameworks. The overarching aim of GHS is to have all

countries unite to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats.

GHS was initially launched in 30 countries. The U.S. government subsequently announced its intent to invest more than \$1 billion in resources to expand the GHS to other countries. And, in November of 2015, the U.S. announced plans to add the Caribbean Countries (CARICOM) to the list of GHS countries and help to strengthen the region's capacity improve its health security.

Historical society honors immigrant New Yorkers

By Tequila Minsky

New York City Councilmember Mathieu Eugene originally from Haiti along with fellow Councilmember Margaret Chin from Hong Kong and two other outstanding immigrant Americans: Rick Rescorla — from Cornwall, UK and Adrian P Flannelly from Ireland were recognized for their contributions to American society on July 3.

At the National Memorial Federal Hall, the Lower Manhattan Historical Society (LMHS) celebrated these individuals with the Alexander Hamilton Immigrant Achievement Award.

The society organizes historical events that educate about the area's rich history. Acknowledging that New York has always been a city of immigrants and that the city takes pride in its ability to attract immigrants, who in turn realize great contributions, it created these awards to highlight individuals that exemplify the spirit of these achievements.

The award is named in honor of Alexander Hamilton who arrived in the United States from the Caribbean island of Nevis as a 16-year-old penniless orphan.

When he died in 1804, 31 years later, he had been a key aide to George Washington in the revolutionary war, the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury creating the nation's financial system (his face is on the \$10 bill) and he promoted its manufacturing economy. It was a result of his efforts that Wall Street, where Federal Hall is located, became the nation's financial center.

This was the first time that LMHS has bestowed awards to American citizens born outside the U.S., having made outstanding contributions to Lower Manhattan and New York State.

The award was presented posthumously to Rick Rescorla who died in the south tower of the World Trade Center during 9/11.

Born in the United Kingdom, the retired decorated U.S. Army officer, became the corporate security director of Morgan Stanley in the World Trade Center. Recognizing its vulnerability, he regularly scheduled evacuation drills and during the attacks, he helped in the evacuation, credited in saving the lives of almost all the 2,687 Morgan Stanley employees. He was killed after returning to the building to find any remaining persons.

Mathieu Eugene's City Council district represents Crown Heights, Flatbush, Midwood, Prospect Heights and Leffert Gardens in Brooklyn. He received a medical degree in Mexico. In his acceptance, he reminded attendees of Haitian contributions citing their fighting in Savannah for American Independence, Chicago founder Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, and Pierre Touissant, freed slave who became a leading philanthropist who contributed funds to help build Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street.

After years of being deeply involved with the community, he was elected in 2007 to New York City Council, the first Haitian-born councilmember. He is co-founder of the Committee for the Development of Northern Haiti, which supports immigrants in Brooklyn

Councilmember Chin took office in 2010 and represents District 1 in Lower Manhattan. Arriving in the U.S. at age nine, she grew up in Chinatown and attended Bronx High School of Science and City College. Prior to her service to the city, she worked for years in advocacy, community organizing, coalition building, and fought for the preservation and building of affordable housing and better access to government services. She also helped immigrant adults get a college education when she worked at LaGuardia Community College's Division of Adult and Continuing Education.

Adrian Flannelly emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 17. In his dedicated career as a broadcast journalist, community leader and promoter, he discusses issues of concern to the American Irish community. His uncle Paul O'Dwyer was a well-known political activist and politician and another uncle, William O'Dwyer was the 100th mayor of New York.

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Human trafficking in T&T

By Azad Ali

Law enforcement officials in Trinidad and Tobago have been complicit in human trafficking crimes, according to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking of Persons Report 2016.

The report noted that T&T's "government reported one new investigation of a police officer complicit in sex trafficking and the 2013 prosecution of a law enforce-

ment officer for the sex trafficking of three Colombia nationals remained ongoing." The report also stated that "some (T&T) government and immigration officials received bribes in exchange for protection and sabotaging police investigations," while a "national security ministry source said one police station routinely sent new recruits to purchase commercial sex from a local brothel."



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Guyanese boxing champion Clive "The Punisher" Atwell.

Guyanese boxer seeks help for brain surgery

By **Tangerine Clarke**

Guyanese boxing champion Clive "The Punisher" Atwell said he needs life saving brain surgery, and is asking Guyanese in the Diaspora to help him raise \$25,000 needed to travel to Trinidad and Tobago for a procedure to put a metal plate in his head to cover his exposed brain.

Atwell, a 27-year-old prize fighter who underwent surgery to ease hemorrhaging and swelling at the Georgetown hospital last year after his WBC FECARBOX super lightweight fight that ended abruptly due to a prolonged injury, said he and his wife Alavi Atwell arrived in the U.S. eight weeks ago after exhaustive efforts to secure financial backing in Guyana.

"I am feeling drained, said the champ in a feeble voice, as he spoke with this reporter by phone, pleading for financial help that would cover his airfare and accommodation to the twin-island state, where he said, Dr. Steve Mahadeo would perform the surgery.

Atwell explained that he was diagnosed with massive intracranial hemorrhage and swelling to the brain that prompted emergency surgery. He further said that the metal plate would cover the cranial nerves that are now exposed.

It is critical that he avoids an accidental fall that could result in him hit-

ting of his head, and endangering his life further, said the world champion boxer, who fought Kyle Mackenzie for the interim PABA super/featherweight title in Australia.

"If I fall or hit my head, this would jeopardize the situation I am in," said Atwell, who was crowned CABOFE super / lightweight champ after his bout with Jamaican Welterweight contender champ Sakima Mullings, last year during a 12-round battle.

Atwell who is staying with relatives in Brooklyn, returned to his former fitness center, the famous Gleason's Gym in the Borough where he said he received moral support from boxing promoter Seon Bristol, and others, but needs financial help that he did not receive from the government of Guyana, but is hopeful that Guyanese would understand his plight and support him financially.

The "Punisher" is also calling on medical professionals who could give him a notarized referral, taking responsibility for him to see a neurosurgeon and be treated at Kings County Hospital, a follow-up from a scan, done at the medical center.

The Guyanese community wishes Champ Atwell all the very best, as he battles for his life. The boxer could be contacted at cliveatwell@yahoo.com, or by calling 347-654-1818.

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Vincentian centurion passes

By Nelson A. King

Inez Elise Young, née Dougan, who was born on Oct. 30, 1912 to one Mr. Dougan and Wilhelmina Birkette, of Old Montrose, Kingstown, the Vincentian capital, died on June 18, in Brooklyn.

The 103-year-old Young, who had resided in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, was a resident at the Palm Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in the same borough.

She was in and out of the hospital in the latter stages of her life, her great-nephew, Rawle Mars, an accountant, who currently resides in St. Kitts, told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview.

Mars, who grew up with Young until he was 12, and several relatives were among mourners at a two-hour-long funeral service last Thursday at Young's home church, Sheepshead Bay United Methodist Church, in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn.

"I can tell you, she loved me to her heart; she treated me like her son," said Mars in his tribute at the funeral service, presided over by the church's Jamaican-born pastor the Rev.



Inez Elise Young.

Sharon Cundy.

"I had to attend Sunday School," he added. "Those virtues made me who I am today."

Chester Peters, Mars' younger brother and another of Young's great-nephews, said he "distinctly remembered" Young as a Sunday School teacher in her native land.

"What she was doing was serving humanity," the Brooklyn resident, a former banker in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, told mourners. "Even in her '90s, she volunteered at Coney Island Hospital [in Brooklyn]."

"She has installed virtues in

me," added Peters, disclosing that he volunteers in teaching literacy at the Brooklyn Public Library.

Doreen "June" Price said she got closer to her aunt during the last eight years.

"We had some wonderful visits," she said. "My aunt was an exceptional lady where God was concerned. I know she's with the Saviour. She's where she's supposed to be."

Another relative, Merle "Margaret" Mars-Bryson, who was born in Trinidad and Tobago, said, when she migrated to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the country of her parents' birth, Young had already left for New York. But she said she was happy that Young loved God.

"I'm happy to see my relatives," Mars-Bryson told mourners. "It's a blessing to know the Lord. I know she [Young] loved the Lord. It's such a blessing."

Melba Villafana, a member of the Sheepshead Bay United Methodist Church, said she knew Young for 35 years.

"She used to sit next to me when we were singing [in the choir]," she said. "She real-



Pastor Sharon Cundy eulogizes Vincentian centurion Inez Young. Photo by Nelson A. King

ly loved me; I know that for sure.

"She was never out [absent from church] on a Sunday," Villafana added. "She was always here. She wore high heels every Sunday. She had a sense of style. She strutted her stuff [laughter]."

Mars said Young's siblings — Samuel, Maurice, Beryl, Albina and Ruby — predeceased her.

"Although all of them lived long lives, she was the only one

to become a centurion," he said, adding that, in 1958, Young married Samuel Young, who died in 1975.

He said while the union produced no children, Young took care of Ken, her stepson, and him.

Mars said his great aunt was a housewife "for the better part of her life in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," and that she also "ran a preschool at one time.

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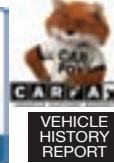
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Tiny yet an efficient place to call home

By Dawn Plummer

With climate change and energy conservation seen as major aspects of most global summits, it is no surprise then to have a “state of the art” energy efficient “Tiny Lab House” launched out on the lawn of the historic Wyckoff House Museum on Clarendon Road and Ralph Avenue in Brooklyn.

The mobile exhibit moves across America as a demonstration for enthusiastic supporters, proving that “your home is a system.” The masterpiece is the brain child of Grace and Corbett Lunsford now on their eighth stop since leaving St. Augustine, Florida in April 2016. The Lunsfords with the assistance of lead sponsor Green Power Associates and its Energy Advisor Ian Minerve, are giving New York City the opportunity through a series of workshops to learn about home performance and sustainable energy resources.

Applauding the work and safety of the “Tiny Lab House”



Above: NY State Senator Kevin Parker with Grace and Corbett Lunsford in the “Tiny Lab House.” **Right:** From left Ian Ninerve of Green Power Associates, Corbett and Grace Lunsford and NY State Senator Kevin Parker. Raven Robinson

was the ardent supporter for energy efficiency, Ranking Democratic member on the State Committee for Energy and Telecommunication, State Senator Kevin Parker. Senator Parker was on hand to extend heartfelt gratitude to the main sponsor, Green Power Associates’ Ian Ninerve, who made this possible for Brooklyn to be

the site for this project. In his conversation, the senator said Green Power Associates helps highlight energy efficiency, family health and safety to help educate home owners and renters. “It is important that the public has an opportunity to be aware of sustainable energy resources and how to properly pre-diagnose issues in their



home,” Parker further added.

Grace and Colbert Lunsford were enthused that they can share the idea with home owners, who may have fears and concerns about the 8 by 24 house. The “Tiny Lab House” cost less than \$125,000 to be constructed “and it proves that your home could perform more efficiently if the home is built to quality standard,”

Grace Lunsford noted. “It is home diagnosis on the road,” she added. The Lunsford hosts two-hour workshops everyday in the “Tiny Lab House” while they are in Brooklyn, on home performances. The workshop exposes consumers and contractors alike on how to live healthy and in the meantime operate in as a much limited space.

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Tale of two Charlestons

"We Are Charleston"
by Herb Frazier, Bernard
Edward Powers Jr., PhD,
and Marjory Wentworth
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BOOK REVIEW

AME Church has stood for generations, welcoming people of faith.

Wednesdays are Bible study nights at Mother Emanuel, although on June 17, 2015, that was pushed back a bit for a business meeting. By 8 o'clock, however, "a dozen of the most devout parishioners" were ready for the Word of God.

Exactly 16 minutes later, "a skinny young white man" entered the door and joined the group, sitting next to the church's pastor; the young man was a stranger there, but they welcomed him just the same. And after prayerful fellowship and Bible study, "as eyes were closed and heads were bowed" for a final benediction, he took out a gun and started shooting.

But why did Dylann Roof scream racial sentiments, reload his gun five times, and kill nine strangers in a house of God? The answer, say the authors, lies in the past, aboard slave ships, on wharfs where people were once sold, and on

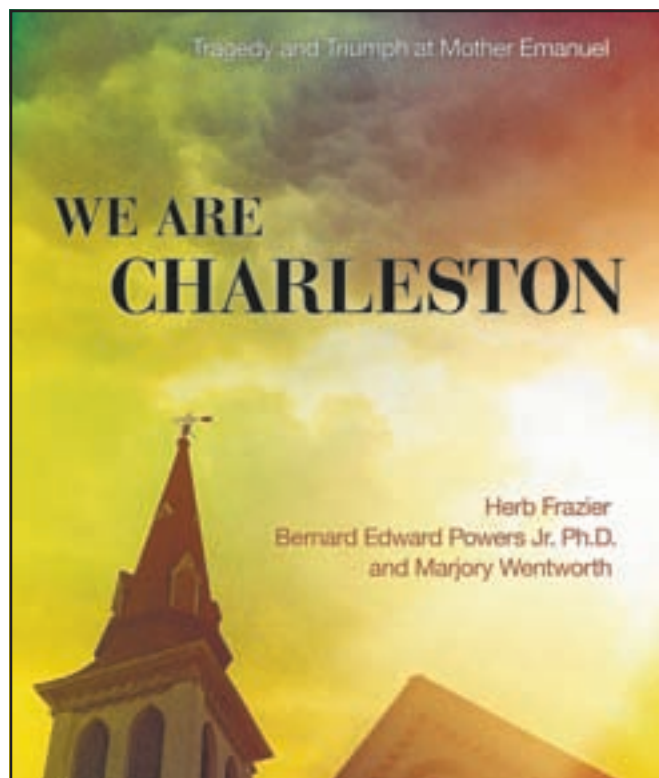


"We Are Charleston" authors Powers, Wentworth and Frazier.

a flag. It goes back some 200 years, to another time when that church was a "target of hate." And yes, it lies in the story of a "young man who purchased a weapon to kill human beings."

But surprisingly, what resulted from that night more than a year ago wasn't just a history lesson. It wasn't merely grief, either. What happened in the days after that night was forgiveness, over and over and over...

There is, of course, more to



Book cover of "We Are Charleston."

this story than just what happened in June 2015 in South Carolina — and that's where I struggled with "We Are Charleston." There's too much inside this book, and it veers too much off-course.

I see where the authors are

trying to take readers: the book's open and ending are about the shooting and aftermath, while the middle part consists of African American history and that of the AME church, with an attempt to tie them together.

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Calling all Jamaicans from Kingston towns



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



Rohan Locke, right, cooks jerk chicken at a stand along the parade route on Eastern Parkway in the Brooklyn borough of New York Monday Sept. 3, 2012 Associated Press / Tina Fineberg

Much is made of destination Kingston, the Jamaican capital a majority identify to be the hub of all things from the island.

However, to many immigrant Kingstonians residing here, the definitive identifier to their roots are the towns they still call home.

Matter of fact, for longer than ever, Jamaica was divided with reference to people from rural areas in other parishes as 'country' people or Kingstonians known as people from "town."

Probably most known as Jamaica's most acclaimed is Trench Town.

Renowned for cultivating reggae talents — Ken Boothe, Wailing Souls, Toots & The Maytals, Delroy Wilson, The Techniques, Alton and Hortense Ellis, The Paragons, Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer and Bob Marley — the world's most popular Jamaican community for creative talents and the birthplace of reggae is the title of an internationally acclaimed Marley song, "Trench Town Rock."

Located in the western region of the capital, TT was

also the stomping ground of youths from neighboring towns.

Proud and nostalgic former residents of western townships from Rose Town, Allman Town, Denham Town, Jones Town and Hannah Town plan to reminisce their youths all day, Aug. 20 at Prospect Park with an annual reunion of town residents.

Sylvester Williams, an organizer of the West Kingston Reunion in Prospect Park explained that on that date he and former residents of towns in Kingston will reminisce their youth and in the process celebrate the nation they consider home.

"It all started as a boat ride to Bear Mountain," Williams said, "a few of us used to pack food and have a picnic."

He said one year, there was a problem with the boat and instead of taking the upstate ride down memory lane, it was

decided that the small group would go to Prospect Park.

Since 1972 it became the Boom Town Family Day.

"We planned it for Marcus Garvey's birthday and it started to build every year."

Throughout the years, news of the event traveled and like-minded former residents and their families traveled from Canada, the United Kingdom, Jamaica and Florida to join the nostalgic group.

According to Williams, guests brought jerk pork, brown-stew chicken, fish and bammy, mackerel and banana, red herring and crackers, rundown, festival, roast yam, pick-up salt-fish, oxtails, rice and peas, curried goat, escovitched fish, stew peas and rice, ackee and salt-fish, bun and cheese, fried plantain, steamed fish, hard dough bread, pepper shrimps and foods they ate while living on the Caribbean

island.

He said his wife and her friends cooked and provided much of the culinary delights and it was all free to anyone that attended. Now their annual is becoming a benefit to aid the St. Alban's school in Denham Town. As a courtesy, guests to the free event are asked to contribute school books, backpacks, pens and pencils and school supplies for

the youngsters that attend the west Kingston school.

This year, www.irietimes.com will provide a live stream of the day's proceedings. Former Denham Town resident and Fort Lauderdale, Florida resident hosts the web portal.

"I have always heard about this reunion and wouldn't miss my first for anything," Leroy "Dreamy" Riley said.

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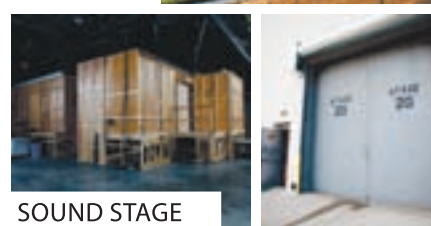
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Green costumes at the Dingolay Mas Camp in Brooklyn.

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Dingolay Mas fired up to revel

By Tangerine Clarke

Costume designer Rachel Hall said she created her themed “Green” — one-color costume collection of costumes in just one month to dress-up an expected 300 revelers when Dingolay Mas parades on Eastern Parkway on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

The band had an exciting launch on

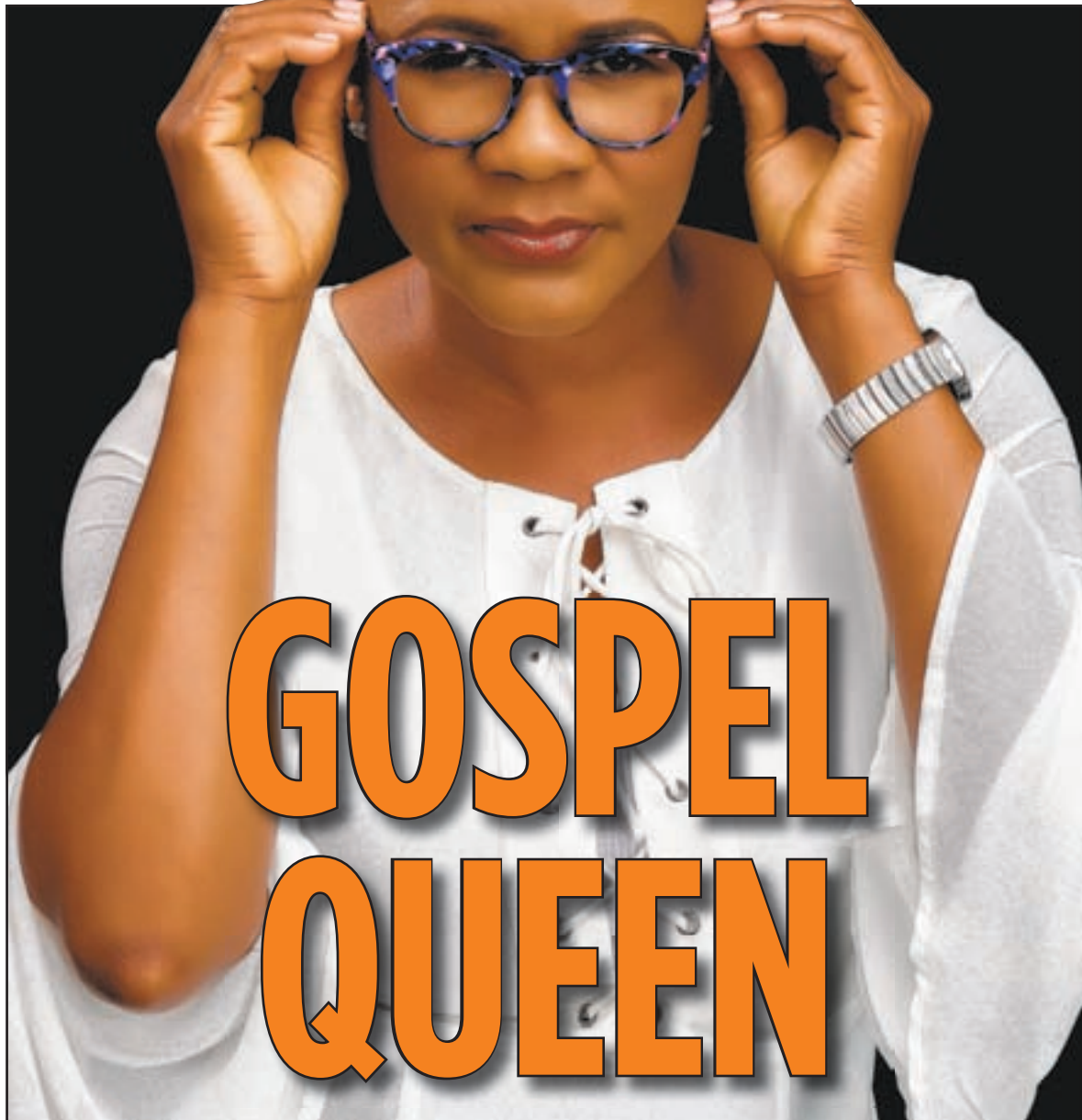
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Calypso humor showcase in ‘Kaiso Laugh Riot’

Some of the premier names that have laced the calypso art form with crowd-pleasing comedic offerings over the years will be bringing their combined talents to “Kaiso Laugh Riot,” a blockbuster showcase of wall-to-wall calypso humor to be rolled out Sunday evening, July 17 at Brooklyn’s Tropical Paradise Ballroom.

Renowned funnymen Lord Funny, Pink Panther, Trinidad Rio, Organizer, Dr. Witty and performing emcee Sprangalang headline the cast of what is billed as “an evening designed to keep the audience in stitches.” Onetime T&T road march champ Poser is in the lineup as well, along with the inimitable

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New minister: Marion Hall, formerly known as Lady Saw, turned her life around to focus on church and gospel music, after she was baptized last December. The singer, once known for spicy, explicit songs, says she is at peace with religion in her life.

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Former Dancehall queen is all for Jesus

By Alexandra Simon

The former Dancehall queen has an upcoming album, and it is not about sexual innuendos or a feud — because the lyrics vastly differ from what many knew her to sing as a Dancehall queen.

Marion Hall, formerly known as Lady Saw, is a woman reborn. The award-winning Jamaican entertainer no longer sings the raunchy hit makers she is known for. She is only here to sing praises of the Lord

and says her loyal fans can expect rejuvenation with her new gospel album, “When God Speaks.”

“Expect to be blessed,” said Hall. “I’m gonna win souls, and people will feel blessed and uplifted.”

Last December, Hall shocked the music industry when she debuted a new and more conservative image after getting baptized. She was no longer donning the colorful wigs or the scantily-clad mini skirts she used to wear. But Hall explains,

‘Lady Saw’ was really a necessity — an escape to free herself from abuse and her rough childhood.

“Every show I did I was ashamed of every song,” said Hall. “I would lift my legs on stage and when I got home I couldn’t sleep — I was demented,” said Hall. “That’s not what I wanted to do, but I had to get my family out.”

Hall emotionally recalls fans, and even some close friends, chas-

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Distributor: Broad Green Pictures



John Leguizamo (left) and Bryan Cranston (center) in the "The Infiltrator."

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By Kam Williams

Pablo Escobar (1949-1993) was an infamous mobster who ran Colombia's Medellin drug cartel with an iron fist. During his reign, Escobar controlled about 80 percent of the global cocaine market, and raked in about \$70 million / day.

To maintain his power, the ruthless kingpin had his henchmen assassinate thousands of adversaries, including policemen, politicians, witnesses, judges and journalists.

So, the idea of infiltrating the ranks of such a vicious operation at its height in the Eighties was certainly a very serious

undertaking.

But the risks didn't deter an ambitious U.S. Customs Agent Robert Mazur (Bryan Cran-

ston), despite the fact that he had a wife (Juliet Aubrey) and a couple of kids (Lara Decaro and Niall Hayes) to worry about.

After assuring his spouse, that this would be his last assignment before retirement, he adopted the alias Bob Musella pretending to be a shady Tampa businessman willing to turn crooks' ill-gotten gains into Florida real estate.

He executed this daring sting with the assistance of two agents. One was Kathy Ertz (Diane Kruger), a novice asked to pose as his fiancée on her first undercover case. The other was Emir Abreu (John Leguizamo), his grudgingly-accepted new partner with less polish than street smarts.

It's not long before the intrepid trio is swept into a seedy underworld where they have a close brush with death seemingly at every turn. However, by proving themselves capable and trustworthy money launderers, they gradually work their way up the Medellin cartel food chain to the point where they gain the confidence of Roberto Alcaino (Benjamin Bratt), Escobar's Miami-based right-hand man.

Independent & Foreign Films

C Street (R for sexuality and drug use) Free-wheeling farce about a U.S. Senate intern (Evan Hall) who pimps out his crib to sex-starved politicians only to catch his boss (Dylan Walsh) in bed with the object of his affection (Shaun Licitata). Cast includes Bruce Altman, Carey Lowell and Don Stark.

Cafe Society (PG-13 for violence, suggestive material, smoking and a drug reference) Woody Allen romantic dramedy, set in the 1930s, revolving around a New Yorker (Jesse Eisenberg) who relocates to Los Angeles hoping to work for his uncle (Steve Carell), only to fall in love with the powerful Hollywood agent's secretary (Kristen Stewart). With Sheryl Lee, Jeannie Berlin and Richard Portnow.

Don't Blink: Robert Frank (Unrated) "Say cheese!" biopic chronicling the enduring career of 91-year-old Robert Frank, legendary photojournalist and independent filmmaker.

Equals (PG-13 for sensuality, mature themes, partial nudity and disturbing images) Futuristic tale of forbidden love, set in a dystopia devoid of disease and human emotion, about a couple of co-workers (Nicholas Hoult and Kristen Stewart) who find themselves falling head-over-heels for each other after becoming infected with a mysterious new virus. Cast includes Guy Pearce, Jacki Weaver, Scott Lawrence and Kate



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Lyn Sheil.

Free to Run (Unrated) Fitness documentary revisiting the rise of running as a popular form of exercise 50 years ago. (In French and English with subtitles)

Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party (PG-13 for violence, mature themes and smoking) Political documentary, written and directed by arch-conservative Dinesh D'Souza, incriminating Hillary Clinton while uncovering shady skeletons in the Democrats' closet. Featuring commentary by D'Souza, Jonah Goldberg and Peter Schweizer.

Madaari (Unrated) Revenge thriller revolving around a grieving widower's (Irfan Khan) search for answers after losing his family and everything he owns in a man-made disaster. With Jimmy Shergill, Vishesh Bansal, Nitish Pandey and Tushar Dalvi. (In Hindi with subtitles)

Outlaws and Angels (R for profanity, disturbing sexuality and graphic violence) Western tale of vengeance about the game of cat-and-mouse which ensues after a criminal gang invades the home of a frontier family. Co-starring Luke Wilson, Francis Fisher, Francesca Eastwood and Teri Polo.

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Sia Feat. Sean Paul
- 5 **This is What You Came For**
Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna
- 6 **Just Like Fire**
P!nk
- 7 **Ride**
twenty one pilots
- 8 **Don't Mind**
Kent Jones
- 9 **Dangerous Woman**
Ariana Grande
- 10 **I Took A Pill in Ibiza**
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GOSPEL QUEEN

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tising her when she dropped the Lady Saw title and how she came to accept and move on.

"Some people may think I'm crazy," said Hall. "As soon as they would recognize me, I would just run off. Because the media disrespected me."

But the singer no longer aspires to be a Dancehall queen and has fully devoted her life to the church, which she says releases a sense of peace and joy within her.

With an expansive two-decade career in Dancehall, this will be her first gospel album. The new album is as religious, as it is an empowering. The album's first single "I Had Jesus," is an empowerment song for women and men who were victims of rape or drug abuse.

"You will feel the anointing all over this album," said Hall.

She promises her loyal fans that they will still enjoy her gospel career without the saucy lyrics, with a Dancehall-inspired song titled "I'm On Fire For Jesus."

I want to be remembered as an ambassador for Christ.

Hall wishes for fans to respect her new life venture and wants the world to know she is not putting on an act.

"I was always connected to the Lord — I grew up in church," said Hall. "I want to be an example for people who

Gospel Queen: Marion Hall, the former Dancehall queen, will release her new gospel album "When God Speaks," on July 22. She talks about fully devoting her life to Christianity.

Brain Photostudio



Costume designers, Catherine Dubois, Rachael Hall, and Laverne Bradshaw showcasing some of the costumes to be featured in the "Green Themed" Dingolay Mas band.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Dingolay

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June 3, before opening its Mas Camp at 1169 Nostrand Ave. in Brooklyn on July 1, with a dazzling array of costumes, all designed in the color green, and cut from spandex, and other comfortable fitting fabric to give masqueraders easy movement when they mas on the parkway.

Hall, a seasoned fashion designer, brought style and elegance to the raiment, some designed in two-piece bikini, boy shorts with bustier, body suits and skimpy all-in-one.

The impressive pieces are accessorize with jewelry, leg decorations and towering head pieces decorated with feathers.

The costumes are geared to all sizes, and embellished

with colorful sequins, stones, and streamers. The outfits are priced from \$350 - Front Line, Midline (two options) \$300, and Back Line, \$250. The individual pieces cost \$375 each.

Over the last six years, the one-color themed costume band featured, red, yellow, blue, and other colors. This year, revelers will mas in the color — VERDE — Green in Spanish and once again, vie the medium band category. However, Hall said the presentation would be bigger and better, showcasing, seven sections of magnificent costumes.

She, along with teammates, Catherine Dubois and Laverne Bradshaw said it is a dream come true, and an amazing feeling to leave their homeland of Trinidad & Tobago, bring their culture to another country and celebrate as a family.

"It is beautiful, we enjoy our-

'Kaiso Laugh Riot'

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Wassy. Lambert & The Mators Orchestra provides musical accompaniment.

"Kaiso Laugh Riot" taps into the prominent place humor has always occupied in the calypso genre. Rib-tickling material has typically been a mainstay of any first-rate calypso revue and has produced hits for countless bards in both live and recorded performances. With a deliberate emphasis in this instance on humorous content that runs the gamut, "Kaiso Laugh Riot" expects to provide those on hand to share in the experience what promises to be a memorable evening of comic relief.

Included in the lineup are performers who are seasoned practitioners in generating peals of laughter from audiences. Lord Funny, a popular favorite since the early 1970s, has had a laundry list of hits including "Soul Chick," "Meh Granny," "Ah Soul Man," "Bowling Alley" and "Two Knee."

Pink Panther's hits include "Laughing in the Ghetto" and "Misprint." From Trinidad Rio audiences have been treated to "Looking for Cup," "Free Show Kaiso King" and "No Drawers." The evergreens

from Organizer include "Doh Tell Ah Soul" and "Bandit."

Dr. Witty, a multiple winner of the annual Sesame Flyers calypso contest in New York, as well as a featured calypso tent performer in Trinidad, has scored with "Ketch Ass" and "She Continues." Emcee Sprangalang, an infrequent contributor to the musical performance portion of calypso revues, was a big fan favorite with his "Two Chord" some years ago.

In its focus on calypso humor, "Kaiso Laugh Riot" will also seize the opportunity to pay tribute to leading bards, now departed, by way of comedic compositions with which they had audiences in stitches in past years.



Emcee Sprangalang.

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Team Hitchens: Hitchens, left, poses with his boxing coach, Aureliano Sosa, before a training session at Flatbush Gardens gym in East Flatbush.

CommunityNews Group/Alexandra Simon

Olympian wants gold for Haiti

By Alexandra Simon

A local Olympian is heading to Rio with his eyes set on gold.

Crown Heights teen Richardson 'Africa' Hitchens, will represent Haiti at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil next month. The ambitious teen is looking forward to participating in the huge sports event. The teen was stunned when he learned he was an Olympian.

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Twenty20 for Sir Garfield

By Azad Ali

Several local, regional and international past and present cricketing celebrities will take their place among some of the game's most prolific players, who will compete in a Twenty20 match at the Kensington Oval, Barbados this month in honor of the world's greatest cricketer, Sir Garfield Sobers as he approaches another milestone — his 80th birthday.

In a press release issued by the organizers of the event, it said Sir Garfield Sobers' contribution to the great game has long cemented his place in history's page; surpassed only by his humility and passionate efforts to promote West Indies cricket to the ends of the earth.

Fans from around the world are

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Miguel Ricketts of the NY Reggae Boyz tackles Joel Lewis (11) of The Soca Ballers during a NY Caribbean Cup Soccer game on Sunday, July 10.

Keith Dawson

GOALS RAIN

During week 7 in NY Caribbean Cup Soccer

New York Caribbean Cup soccer games kicked off on Sunday, July 10 under a cloud cover that suggested a rainy afternoon. And while it did drizzle a sparse moment, the only rain that fell was goals.

Whether the uncertain start of the 2016 25th anniversary season

had anything to do with teams getting untracked is probable left to conjecture, but on Sunday afternoon fans witnessed free flowing attacking soccer that is traditionally associated with New York Caribbean Cup soccer.

Team St. Vincent and the Gren-

adines got things going at the sound of the whistle kicking toward the Flatlands goal. Team Vincy looked a far cry from the team that struggled to defeat the Brooklyn Soca Lions U-23 in their opening day exhibition game.

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"It hit me the second day I was qualified," said Hitchins. "I'm just excited, I can't wait to perform for my country," said Hitchins. Hitchins almost gave up on his Olympic dream after losing the chance to represent for United States in the qualifying trial. The disappointment almost made Hitchins reconsider his interest in boxing and he was prepared to try for professional boxing.

"I was already done, and mentally I was out of it," said Hitchins. "I was at a low point, where I was done with amateur boxing."

The loss did not prevail over him. After losing his opportunity to represent United States, Hitchins was offered a spot to compete in boxing for Haiti, his parents native country.

"It hit me the second day I was qualified," said Hitchins. "I'm just excited, I can't wait to perform for my country," said Hitchins.

Further luck found Hitchins when welterweight boxer Andre Berto offered to fund his expenses for the Olympic qualifiers in Baku, Azerbaijan. Hitchins placed second in those qualifiers, out of 180 competitors. His coach was thrilled as Hitchins gradually moved up in the competition.

"I would be sleeping and I would wake up and see his texts — I was like wow, am I dreaming?," said Aureliano Sosa, Hitchins' coach at Atlas Cops and Kids Gym in Flatbush Gardens.

"I had Africa since he was 12 — he's a great kid. He definitely deserves it," said Sosa.

Sosa and Hitchins want nothing short of a gold medal coming back something he knows is achievable.

"Nobody can tell me what I can and cannot do. So the gold medal, in my head — is already mine," said Hitchins.

Hitchins will leave Haiti in late July and boxing tournaments for the Olympics begin Aug. 12.



Roland Deleon (#14) of Panama in control of the ball while playing against Team St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Keith Dawson

TEAM GRENADA DOMINATES DOMINICA

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However, it was Team Panama who struck first nine minutes into the half when Taliba Carrido latched onto a ball down the right side turned inside his marker and left footed the ball home just inside the left post.

A couple minutes later Los Canaleros was celebrating once more when Rogelio Nash beat Vincy goal keeper Kevin Nanton to send his team into a 2-0 lead.

The second goal seemed to unsettle Vincy Heat for a few minutes as they lost their rhythm, and just when they seemed to be regaining their composure Nanton left his line to clear a ball only to see his poor attempt rebound off Taliba Carrido's face and roll into the goal.

Los Canaleros was flying now and had Vincy Heat on their heels. Just before the half Michael Collis passed a ball to Darren Francis about 25 yards out who rocketed a shot past the out stretched hands of Michael Ashby. With Team Panama leading 3-1 the whistle sounded to end the half.

As the second half wore on the fighting spirit that has led Vincy to several NY Caribbean Cup championships was beginning to surface. In the tenth minute of the second half Ricardo John rose above the Panamanian defense to pull his team closer to levelling the score.

With full time approaching Jamal Niles was a little too aggressive in a tackle in his defensive box that gave referee Chip Reed no alternative but to point to the penalty spot. Up stepped

Gary Daniel to bury the shot and pull Team Vincy even at three goals apiece. Seconds later the final whistle sounded with the teams sharing the points.

There was much uncertainty leading into game two. Uncertainty, because Team Grenada had not been playing particularly well to date, and although Team Dominica was winless they showed a lot of fight with each game they played.

That afternoon, however, the Spice Boyz came with their shooting boots polished.

Team Grenada dominated the early exchanges and it was no surprise when Aniel Jones opened the scoring off a free kick just past the 10-minute mark.

Denron Frederick scored the second goal off a goal mouth scramble. In fact,

goalkeeper Arminex Carbon did well to block the first two shots on goal but was out of position for the Frederick shot.

Team Dominica was in complete retreat now with very few forays past the half line. Goal number three came from another goal front melee, however, this time Brian Andrew's shot to the right roof of the goal gave Carbon no chance.

Goal number four for the Spice Boyz was the result of pure carelessness from goalkeeper Arminex Carbon. Carbon's poor kick off fell at the feet Raymond Alleyne who dribbled in and easily beat the advancing Carbon.

Team Dominica defended stoutly in the second stanza and you really could not fault the defense for goal number five.

Sir Garfield celebrates 80 yrs

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expected to converge on the island of Barbados for his momentous occasion dubbed "Sir Gary: 80 Not Out Season Celebration" running from July 3 to Sunday, July 31.

The Twenty20 match will bring together cricket celebrities including Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, the legendary duo Courtney Walsh and Sir Curtly Ambrose, former England player, Freddie Flintoff, India's Ravi Shastri and Pakistan's Rashid Latiff.

Barbadian cricketing heroes Collis King, Sherwin Campbell and Philo Wal-

lace will also take their place among some of the game's most prolific players, who will compete as the Sir Garfield Sobers Masters team managed by the legendary Clive Lloyd, according to the news release.

They will go up against a youthful squad of all-stars managed by Sir Vivian Richards on July 28 at Kensington Oval.

Sir Garfield remains active as an ambassador for Barbados and cricket, using his celebrity status to attract numerous sporting opportunities to the island and providing the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., states the news release.



West Indies cricket great Garfield Sobers.

Associated Press / Eranga Jayawardena

Denesh Ramdin sacked from Windies squad

Former West Indies Captain Denesh Ramdin has been sacked from the West Indies Team for the upcoming series against India, starting July 21.

Ramdin has played 74 Test matches averaging 25.87 and played 136 One-Day Internationals at an average of 24.95. In the Tri-Nation series with South Africa and Australia, he scored 197 runs at an average of 28.14.

WINDIES BATSMEN MUST IMPROVE THEIR GAME

West Indies batsmen must dedicate themselves and perform to expectations in the upcoming Test Series against India.

Two opening batsmen Shai Hope and Kraigg Brathwaite must cement some good scores and partnerships to give West Indies a boost in their batting.

Jermaine Blackwood, the middle order batsman ought to carefully select his shots against



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Team India, which will be relying heavily on their spinners to defeat the West Indies. India and the West Indies will play four Test matches in Antigua, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Trinidad.

INDIA SQUAD

Virat Kohli (Capt), Ajin Kiyarahane, Ravichandran Ashwin, Stuart Binny, Shikhar Dhawan, Ravindra Jadeja, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Amil Mishra, Mohammad Shami, Cheteshwar Pujara, Lokesh Rahul, Ishant Sharma, Wriddhiman Saha, Rohits Sharma, Shardul Thakur, Murali Vijay and Umesh Yadav.

WINDIES SQUAD

Jason Holder (Captain), Kragg Brathwaite (Vice Captain), Dev-

endra Bishoo, Jermaine Blackwood, Carlos Brathwaite, Darren Bravo, Rajendra Chandrika, Roston Chase, Shane Dowrich, Shannon Gabriel, Leon Johnson, Marlon Samuels.

POINTS TABLE FOR CPL 2016 UP TO 7-12-16

1. Guyana Amazon Warriors: 10 points from 6 games
2. Jamaica Tallawahs: 5 points from 4 games
3. Trinbago Knight Riders: 5 points from 4 games
4. St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots: 5 points from 2 games
5. Barbados Tridents: 3 points from 3 games
6. St. Lucia Zouks: 2 points from 3 games



Former West Indies Captain Denesh Ramdin.

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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, even if you feel like you're running yourself ragged, all of your hard work will pay off in due time. Just be sure to avoid falling victim to exhaustion; scale back if necessary.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, bide your time until you find the right moment to express your true feelings. You don't want to come across as premature, and patience can help you fine-tune your thoughts.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
It seems like you cannot move beyond the preparation stage of a new project, Gemini. Make an effort to narrow down your choices so things can start moving forward.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, overcome any lingering doubt by examining your thought process on past successes. Trust your gut instincts, and you probably will not go wrong this week.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, speak up if demands on your time have become unmanageable. Your loved ones will understand if you need to slow things down and take a breather.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, evaluate all of your choices when a significant project is entrusted to you. There's a reason you have been given this responsibility, so don't be too hasty.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may need to be more efficient with daily tasks. Dilly-dallying won't get the job done, so make a concerted effort to improve your focus and avoid distraction.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, now is not the time to worry about what others think. Your willingness to choose the road less traveled has helped you get where you are and will continue to do so in the future.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, maintain your focus no matter how challenging that proves this week. You have some tasks to complete, and they will only grow more difficult if you lack focus.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you do not have the time to cater to every person's whim this week. Let others know you want to help but need some time before you can offer any assistance.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, take a few days off, even if responsibilities are calling. Sometimes you need to reorganize your priorities, and some time off can help you do just that.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, the week ahead is full of opportunity. Expect some extra work to come your way and make the most of this chance to shine.

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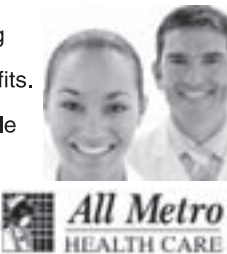
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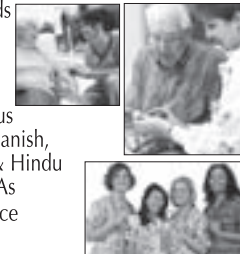
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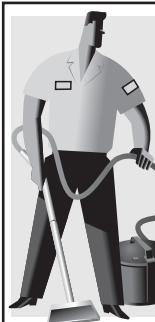
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