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Educator Dr. Bernadine Gordon, whose parents hail from Cat Island in the Bahamas, poses for our camera, adorned in full Junkanoo carnival costume. See story on page 14.

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City Council passes Williams' Use of Force bill

By Nelson A. King

New York City Council last Thursday passed Council Member Jumaane Williams' Use of Force bill that requires that the New York Police Department (NYPD) issue quarterly reports on the use of force and their relationship to quality of

life offenses.

The bill, known as Intro. 606, was overwhelmingly passed in the City Council by a vote of 40-4.

Williams, deputy leader and representative for the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, introduced Intro. 606 after the

death of Eric Garner in 2014.

Garner died on July 17, 2014 in Staten Island after a police officer placed him in a chokehold, while arresting him for selling cigarettes.

"I wanted more information from the police department
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TRADE WAR TRUCE

Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago move to sort out problems

By Bert Wilkinson

For years Jamaica and Trinidad have had serious differences over how free trade in the single trading market is supposed to work with Jamaica mostly always accusing Trinidad of unfair trading competition.

But in recent months, the issue has boiled over for a very different reason — a reason so bizarre says government and private sector officials in Jamai-

ca that it has forced Trinidadian Prime Minister Keith Rowley to spend a full week in Jamaica assuring islanders that all will be well after he returns home.

At center of the latest reason for a quarrel between two of the more influential members of the 15-nation group is the growing feeling in Kingston that immigration and government officials in Trinidad are so biased against ordinary Jamai-

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Clive Atwell.

Prayer and funds for boxer

By Tangerine Clarke

Prizefighter Clive Atwell knelt before the altar of Safe Harbor Ministries in Jamaica, Queens last Sunday, July 17, as Pastor Jean Kissoon placed her hands on his head and prayed for his recovery, saying because of God's grace, the boxer my not have to undergo the urgent surgery he said he urgently needs.

Atwell, himself a preacher in his rural Agricola village church in Guyana, is not only in need of much prayer, he is also keeping the faith that he would reach his financial goal of \$25,000, necessary for his second brain surgery.

To this end, humanitarian, and businessman Tony Singh who read a Caribbean Life article written by this reporter, invited the fighter to church to pray, and to help the Guyanese hero.

Singh teamed up with Pastor Jean Kissoon who blessed Atwell at the morning service of healing, after which, Singh donated a check for \$1,000.00, and then passed around a collection plate that added an extra \$450.00, to help the champ on his way to recovery.

Singh told the congregation that he had never met the boxer before, but was touched by his plight.

"I immediately called Tangerine, after reading her story, and inquired how I could support Mr. Atwell, because when people are in desperate need we must show kindness, and I wanted to be first to help him with his medical expenses," said the founder of Calvary's Mission Food Pantry, in Queens.

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Williams hails Nelson Mandela International Day

By Nelson A. King

As the world on Monday celebrated Nelson Mandela International Day, a Grenadian American legislator here has paid tribute to the late South African president whom he said had an "unwavering devotion for human rights, peace and social justice."

New York City Council Member Jumaane Williams said that Mandela's devotion was not only to those within his own nation but for all people around the globe.

"In celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day, we want to recognize a political pioneer, who fought effortlessly to encourage people to pledge their time and effort in restoring and rebuilding their communities," said Williams, representative for the predominantly Caribbean 45th Council District in Brooklyn.

"Nelson Mandela's legacy serves as inspiration to those who follow in his footsteps, and is a true testament for what he set to accomplish – equality for all," added Williams, deputy leader and co-chair of the New York City Council's Task Force to Combat Gun Violence.

He noted that, during Mandela's campaign for peace and equality, Mandela also known as Madiba (used as a sign of respect and endearment) received over 250 merits, including the Noble Peace Prize in 1993 "for his continued efforts in terminating apartheid."

Williams said Mandela had challenged people to use their knowledge and education to battle prejudice, racism, violence and human suffering.

"It deepens me with sadness that we are still battling some of the same troubles that he fought to overcome," Williams said. "But what's more disheartening is the widespread epidemic that we are being confronted with now, which is the senseless killings of Black and Brown men at the hands of police officers.

"We are also confronted with the harm we inflict on our own communities," he added, stating that, over the weekend, there were two shootings in his district.

Williams said these incidents of gun violence "speak to the gun violence epidemic that is spreading across the country, and infiltrating our neighborhoods.

"We cannot in good conscience condemn injustices inflicted on the community without also taking a hard look at what we can do ourselves to strengthen our neighborhoods and stop bloodshed," Williams said.

With the recent killings of two Black men by police — Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Philando Castile of Falcon Heights, Minnesota



Council Member Jumaane Williams hosts a town hall meeting in East Flatbush with Mayor de Blasio to discuss gun violence. NYC Council / John McCarty

— Williams said it is his "sincere hope that we start to carry forward Mandela's ideology of unity so that his mission remains prolific.

"I call on everyone to adopt the spirit of love, and not see the injustices being committed against Black and Brown communities, as a reason to retaliate or spread hate," he said.

At the same time, Williams said his "heart goes out to the five officers in Dallas, Texas and the three officers in Baton Rouge, who lost their lives," in recent shootings.

"Targeting and attacking police officers is not the answer," he said. "We can all agree that now is not the time to lose faith in change; but, instead, we should continue to mirror Mandela's perseverance, and celebrate a hero by continuing the efforts in being great humanitarians."

United Nations officials and UN Peace Ambassador Stevie Wonder on Monday paid tribute to the South African activist and peacemaker's tireless efforts to end intolerance and injustice, calling on the international community to fol-

low his guiding example in efforts to build a better world for all.

"Nelson Mandela International Day is an opportunity to reflect on the life and work of a legend who embodied the highest values of the United Nations," said UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson at a meeting of the General Assembly at UN Headquarters in New York to mark the Day, which is observed annually on July 18.

"Today, we remember a man of quiet dignity and towering achievement who worked tirelessly for peace and human dignity," he added, delivering the message on behalf of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who is currently in South Africa for the International AIDS Conference and who marked the Day in Durban.

The UN Deputy Secretary-General emphasized that, as the UN sets out to implement the newly adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States should seek to continue building on Mandela's legacy of selflessness and deep sense of shared purpose.

Antigua

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Colin Murdoch said that the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has yet to agree on a policy that will enable a skilled national to travel with a spouse, child, or other dependent to the respective territories.

He said while there is an agreement on the free movement of skilled nationals, there is no arrangement or understanding about contingent rights.



Ambassador Murdoch said no person coming to Antigua & Barbuda from any CARICOM country has any right to bring any dependent.

He stated that these issues are under discussion at CARICOM and there is to be a protocol on contingent rights, but these are not yet agreed.

The ambassador noted that discussions are also going on as to who can be classified as a dependent.

He also pointed to another glitch within the free regime as it relates to the categories of persons allowed to move freely.

According to Murdoch, there are about 11 categories of skilled nationals who are authorized to move freely within the CARICOM single market.

But he said, not all member states have signed off on all 11, thus creating a kind of "confusion" within the system.

Barbados

Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) Hugh Riley said Barbados and the rest of the Caribbean remain safe for tourists.

He said safety and security remained an area that officials were always focused on addressing, adding that the region was "still to see by the people who send our visitors here to be a safer place."



Riley said there is no crime free place on the planet, so there are always going to be efforts to make sure the borders are secure.



CARICOM travel

Colin Murdoch, of Antigua & Barbuda, listens to remarks during the closing press conference of the Eighth FTAA talks in Miami, Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

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"When you look around of some of what is happening around the world, it might not shock you to know that the Caribbean is seen as a place to come to and relax," when he announced that Barbados would host the State of the Industry Conference at the Hilton Barbados Resort from Sept. 14-16.

The CTO secretary general said this

will be the third time the event will be held in Barbados following successful staging in 2000 and 2010.

Riley said among other topics to be discussed at the high level three-day conference are issues relating to security, the aviation industry, religious tourism, emerging markets and the menacing Sargassum weed.

Grenada

Grenada has called for a wider approach to battle the mosquito-borne Zika virus.

Health Minister Nicholas Steele said an increase in suspected and confirmed cases of the virus, the situation is challenging.



He has called for an emergency meeting of health ministers to discuss the situation, saying the matter is bigger than any one country can handle regionally.

To date there has been nine confirmed cases of Zika in Grenada while 30 are suspected.

The health minister said that based on scientific evidence, the re-emergence of mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, yellow fever and chikungunya are direct consequence of climate change.

Over the past few weeks, doctors at several health facilities have reported an increase in persons with symptoms of chikungunya and Zika on the island.

Guyana

Guyana has vowed to save two million hectares (4.9 million acres) of forested land so it can comply with international conservation treaties.

This was disclosed by Natural Resources Minister Raphael Trotman who said Cabinet took a decision to preserve forests that will ensure that Guyana complies with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and conserve 17 percent of its land by 2020.



Trotman said that 8.3 percent of Guyana's land is conserved now and another two million hectares would bring the percentage of protected land to 17 percent.

In 2009, Norway promised to give Guyana a US\$250 million grant to encourage it to protect its rainforests.

Guyana lost US\$20 million of that

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Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago move to resolve issues



Trinidad & Tobago PM Dr. Keith Rowley. www.news.gov.tt

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can folk that there are either harassed at ports of entry or denied landing altogether.

Earlier this year, Trinidadian authorities turned away a group of more than 12 Jamaicans, most of them women, saying they have given insufficient reasons for visiting the island.

The incident sparked a furor in Jamaica with the umbrella Private Sector Commission jumping to the side of those rejected and saying that the time had come to boycott export products from Trinidad.

Weeks after that, Jamaica formally placed the issue of unfair trade and impediments to free travel within the region on the plate of the trade ministers conference and later took it to the just-concluded regional leaders summit in Guyana, taking up significant portions of debate time at the meeting.

Jamaican government officials say they think they have detected a pattern against Jamaicans and decided that the time had come to do something about it, joining in stinging criticism against Port of Spain, the Trinidad & Tobago capital.

For Rowley who was elected prime

minister back in September, the constant negative barrage against the island and its peoples was just too much to bear, so he decided to make a full official visit to Jamaica, complete with a red carpet welcome, a 21-gun salute and all the pomp and ceremonies associated with a visiting head of state or government.

By mid week, tensions had clearly died down after Rowley and Trinidadian delegation members had held several rounds of talks with Jamaican government and private sector officials, dealing with the trade and immigration issues. Smiles, platitudes and handshakes replaced the stinging rhetoric of recent weeks.

Council passes Use of Force bill

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on the use of force when it comes to offenses such as those alleged to have been committed by Mr. Garner," Williams said. "This bill will shed light on the basis for police officers approaching, or engaging in a police interaction with a New Yorker."

Intro. 606 was passed alongside two other bills that address use of force incidents in the police department.

Intro. 539, sponsored by Council Member Rory Lancman, requires the NYPD to provide a quarterly report on the number of use of force incidents disaggregated by type of force used, precinct or unit of the officer that used force, and whether the officer was on or off duty when the force was used.

In addition, the bill would require the department to report on the number of injuries to an officer or civilian resulting from a police and civilian interaction involving a use of force incident, and the severity of those injuries.

The NYPD would also be required to annually provide a report on the uses of force found to be excessive by the department.

Williams said these excessive uses of force would be disaggregated by type of force used, including whether a firearm was used; precinct to which such officer was assigned; whether

such officer was on duty; and the outcome of any departmental charges brought against such officer

Intro. 0824, sponsored by Council Member Deborah Rose, requires the NYPD to post an annual report of the total number and percentage of officers in each precinct that have two or more substantiated Civilian Complaint Review Board complaints in the last three calendar years; have been the subject of an Internal Affairs Bureau investigation that resulted in a suspension in the last five years; and used excessive force in the last three years.

"When combined with legislation by Council Members Lancman and Rose, we'll get further information on overall use of force, along with additional reporting on the location of officers, who have received the highest number of civilian complaints," Williams said.

"We will also be able to identify officers who are frequently named in civil action lawsuits because of alleged police brutality," he added.

"It is my hope that as we move toward improved police-community relations, the data gleaned from these new reports will help us understand overall use of force guidelines, including their relation to quality of life offenses, and open up opportunities to deescalate altercations where at all possible," Williams continued.

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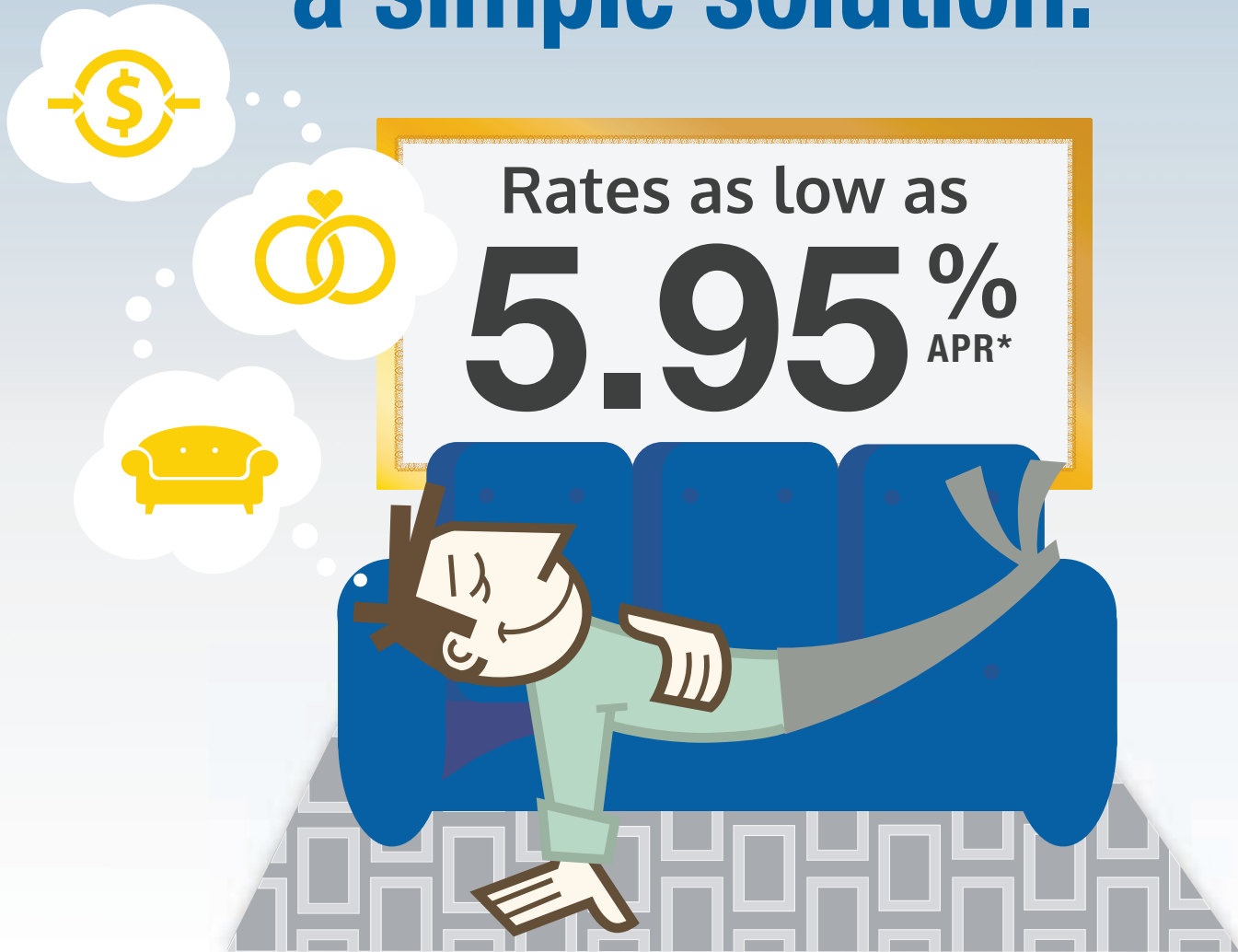
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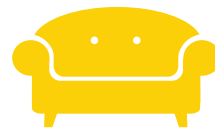
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Rastafarians celebrate 'one love' to Selassie I

By Vinette K. Pryce

July 23 marks the 124th anniversary of the birth of Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I, the spiritual leader of the Rastafarian movement. And while the date will be recalled with reverence and acknowledgement by many throughout the world, the Black king from the east who distinguished his native Ethiopia by alluding enslavement of his people from Italian powers and in the process fomented African pride has been regaled through all 2016 seasons.

Earlier this spring, Jamaica recalled the April 21, 1966 visit of the revered Rastafarian messiah with island-wide commemoration of the historic journey to the Caribbean.

Now known as Grounation Day — (because it was the 1st time an African king had touched ground in Jamaica) -- the date marked a significant milestone for the Rastafarian movement. The visit manifested 36 years after HIM's coronation but that an African king would visit the tiny, independent nation also held

sway for braggadocio there.

For the 50th anniversary of the historic four-day visit, the king's grandson Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie returned to the Caribbean island that poured royally an immeasurable welcome even the king had not imagined.

Greeted by Olivia "Babsy" Grange, minister of culture and Mike Henry, the longest serving Parliamentarian in the cabinet with 30 years of unbroken service to government, an equally imposing reception — but not quite as overwhelming a welcome party as the one his grandfather received — the prince witnessed thousands that converged on the Kingston airport this past spring.

Invited by the government, the prince retraced his grandfather's footsteps and was regaled by multitudes on the island.

This fall, on Nov. 5, the 86th anniversary of the coronation of the king will be held at the Golden Terrace, 120-23 Atlantic Ave. in Queens. Hosted by Darc Foundation, an Ethi-



Prince Ermias arrives in Jamaica in 2016.

Rebekah Kebede

ophile banquet will continue the all-season honor of the revered African monarch.

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US elections cry out for reform!

By John Scales Avery

COPENHAGEN, July 14, 2016 (IPS) - As many observers around the world have pointed out, the United States is no longer a true democracy. It is an oligarchy.

The U.S. government ignores the safety, wishes and needs of the majority of its citizens, and instead makes decisions which

will bring profit to enormous corporations, or satisfy the wishes of powerful lobbies.

Governmental secrecy occurs in many nations, but in the United States it has assumed huge proportions.

As Edward Snowden's revelations have shown, the number of people with security clearance

(i.e. the number involved in secret operations in the US) is now as large as the entire population of Norway.

Furthermore, trade deals, which threaten both the global environment and the jobs of millions of American citizens, have been negotiated in secret. If people have no knowledge of what their government is doing, how can they exert the control that the word democracy implies?

It is ironic that the United States justifies aggressive wars for regime change by saying that it is "bringing democracy" to various countries. In fact, its own government is not a democracy.

Author John Atcheson has given the following examples of the fact that the will of American citizens no longer influences the decisions of their government:

"When 91 percent wanted to strengthen rules on clean air and protection of drinking water, Congress, led by the Republican majority, proposed to weaken them."

"When 90 percent wanted to

protect public lands and parks, the Republicans proposed putting them on sale or otherwise privatizing them"

"When 74 percent of Americans favored ending subsidies to big oil, Congress retained most of them."

"When 70 percent of Americans said climate change should be a high priority, Congress took no action."

Atcheson gives a number of other examples. Read his full article.

According to a recent poll, 91 per cent of American citizens are dissatisfied with their electoral system. Its faults have become glaringly apparent this year, when the presumptive candidates for the two major parties, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, are both heartily disliked by most of the voters.

The most dangerous feature of Trump's candidacy is his denial of climate change. If he should be elected, all hope of avoiding catastrophic climate change may be lost. But Hillary Clinton is

dangerous too, since her record shows that she is in favour of war.

At present, U.S. policy risks an all-destroying thermonuclear war by provoking both Russia and China. This would continue under Clinton.

How can we get money out of our elections? How can we restore democracy? The reversal of Citizens United would be a vital first step.

Other steps could be de-legitimising lobbies, and a law to make networks give equal free broadcasting time to all major candidates.

In 2016 voters are faced with a dilemma. Very many of them would like to vote for Bernie Sanders, but they are afraid that if they do so, Trump will be elected.

There is, in fact a simple voting system in which such a dilemma would not occur: ranked choice voting.

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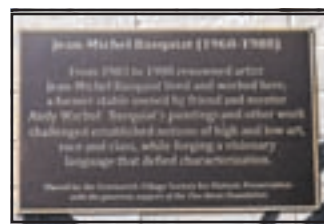
Celebrating Jean-Michel Basquiat's life and work

By Tequila Minsky

A non-descript two-story building in NoHo, the area between the East and West Village, is covered with paste and stencil art. An anomaly to a gentrifying East Village, this building at 57 Great Jones Streets, a symbol of a bygone era, was the site where painter, collagist and musician Jean-Michel Basquiat lived and created work for five years until his death in 1988.

Last week, the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP) honored Basquiat by installing a historic plaque at the doorway of the site of his work / residence.

The Jean Michel-Basquiat (1960-1988) plaque reads: "From 1983 to 1988 renowned artist Jean Michel-Basquiat lived and worked here, a former stable owned by friend and mentor Andy Warhol. Basquiat's paintings and other work challenged established notions of high and low art, race and class, while forging a visionary



The plaque at 57 Great Jones Street (near Broadway / Lafayette) is installed at the site where Jean-Michel Basquiat created art and lived.

language that defied characterization."

The artist joins other creatives who lived or worked in this part of Manhattan and are likewise recognized. Writer James Baldwin — his home, and dancer and teacher Martha Graham, her rehearsal space was in the Village, are also honored through the historic plaque program, co-sponsored by GVSHP and Two Boots.

Basquiat was the son of a Haitian father and a Puerto Rican mother. This innovative artist born in Brooklyn melded

his urban American experience with his African-Caribbean heritage. He first achieved notoriety as part of the graffiti duo SAMO. By the 1980s he was exhibiting his work, a mixture of text, abstraction, figures, and historical information mixed with social commentary. Basquiat died of a heroin overdose at the age of 27.

In 2005, the Brooklyn Museum mounted a major exhibition of his work and in 2015, the Museum exhibited the artist's notebooks filled with poetry fragments, wordplay, sketches, and personal observations ranging from street life and popular culture to themes of race, class, and world history.

In May of this year, an untitled painting by Basquiat broke the artist's world auction record and sold for \$57.3 million at Christie's.

At the plaque unveiling last week, the artist's friend from that era Michael Holman called



At the plaque unveiling Ayanna Legros said of Basquiat, "He pushed boundaries and it made (some) people uncomfortable. He figured out how to navigate an art world that wasn't prepared for his messages." Photos by Tequila Minsky

Basquiat an alchemist whose talent was the transformation of materials.

Ayanna Legros reminded those at the dedication that Basquiat created more than 2,000 images with subject matters of slavery, colonialism, rape, religion, gender and the Diaspora. "He pushed boundaries and it made (some) people uncomfortable," she said. "This plaque serves as a reminder for us to think about legacy. Basquiat was aware that he lived in a world of contradictions that operate on prejudices. He managed to make

himself one of the most recognized American painters of the century."

Haitian-American Legros, along with her graduate studies at NYU, immersed herself in the life and impact of Jean-Michel Basquiat and co-founded the Basquiat Still Fly at 55 Project, dedicated to explore the artist's life, legacy and the impact on African Diasporic communities across the globe.

She concluded in her remarks, "He figured out how to navigate an art world that wasn't prepared for his messages."



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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Vincentian prime minister chairs CARICOM cricket committee

By Azad Ali

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has been appointed to chair the CARICOM committee to look into the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) issue of governance and reform.

This was disclosed by Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley at a news conference at the VIP lounge at Piarco International Airport after his arrival from a CARICOM meeting in Guyana recently.

Rowley said at the last CARICOM meeting, there was consensus from the heads that the report of the Dr Eudine Barreiteau-

led review panel should be accepted in its entirety — a move that was subsequently opposed by the WICB.

He said there were two committees — one on governance and another on governance and reform.

The T&T prime minister said Grenada's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell who headed the committee on reform has retired from the position.

Rowley said the heads of government agreed to the merging of both committees to treat with all aspects of West Indies cricket to be chaired by Gonsalves and with designated members from

Antigua and Jamaica to push the way forward.

He said two legal opinions were sought on the WICB issue — one from the CARICOM secretariat and the other from an independent senior counsel, who advised that "we cannot force the West Indies Cricket Board to cooperate."

But, he said, there was never any intention to do so, adding that the intention was that the board, in the face of the Barreiteau panel's findings, would have done like the Australian authorities did and allow an arrangement to be put in place for an interim structure to be established.

Boxer in need

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Atwell who has been a boxer for 17, of his 27-year life, suffers from numbness in his feet, while experiencing constant pain in his body and head. He also suffers from memory lapses, but endured the pain as he stood and thanked patrons, and told Pastor Kissoon, he sensed the spirit of God when he walked through the church door.

"Honor your leader, because your destiny is a part of your spiritual needs," preached the sportsman, who called himself a hero, and the only Three-division registered boxer since 1980, who represented the country at

the 2007 games.

Atwell further stated that he felt disappointed that neither the previous, or current Guyana government has reached out to him to aid him with his medical emergency.

"If it were not for my wife, Altivi, and my faith in God I would not be here today," said the champ, adding that after being sent home from the hospital partially blind, he fell into deep depression, and contemplated committing suicide.


"It is now three months past the due date for my second surgery, and my condition is becoming worse. My legs are numb, when I get out of bed, it's like


I have to warm up my legs before I can walk," said Atwell who complimented Dr. Dookie of the Georgetown Hospital for the lifesaving surgery he said, many don't survive.

"I am grateful that my two-year-old son Alexander cannot comprehend what I am going through," said Atwell, a youth ambassador and national hero who advocates for youth in his homeland.

Mrs. Atwell spoke passionately of the boxer's harrowing tragedy that left them deep in debt.

Clive 'the Punisher' Atwell could be reached at cliveatwell@yahoo.com, and 347-654-1818 to contribute, or to buy a Tee shirt emblazoned with the fighter's image, for a donation of \$20.00.



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South Jersey Caribbean fest celebrates 16th anniversary

By Nelson A. King

The South Jersey Caribbean Cultural and Development Organization (SJC-CDO) recently celebrated its 16th Annual South Jersey Caribbean Festival at Wiggins Park at the Camden waterfront, across from Philadelphia.

The free cultural event, on July 9, showcased Caribbean art, music, food and dance, encompassing diverse aspects of the Caribbean, including limbo and salsa dancers, and steel drum, reggae and calypso / soca music.

The multi-cultural family event attracted Caribbean and other nationals from the New Jersey, Philadelphia and New York regions, with dynamic entertainment and Caribbean food favorites, such as jerk chicken, oxtail, curry shrimp and roti.

There were also free activities in the children's tent, community informa-

tion, health screenings, Caribbean food vendors and gives-away.

The event, adjacent to the Adventure Aquarium and the Susquehanna Bank Center, attracted international and local artistes, who enwrapped attendees with energetic cultural dance and musical performances on the huge Wiggins Park concert stage.

Artistes included international recording artist Vincentian Curtis C; Dance4Ever Dance Company; Jay Live; Living Image; Soca Fitness; Universal Dance & Drum Ensemble; Verse Mega; Ras Professor; El Feco; and Bahamas Potcakes Junkanoo.

Performers also comprised martial arts demonstration by Dan Jennings; Caribbean Line Dance by Charged Up Dance; Poetry by Niger Ali; CSS Drill Team; and Philadelphia Pan Stars Steel Orchestra.

Masqueraders delighted the crowd with their colorful

costumes, adding to "island atmosphere", according to SJCCDO president and festival coordinator Kylla Herbert.

Masquerader Dr. Bernadine Gordon, whose parents came from Cat Island in the Bahamas, said she attends the event annually "and dance."

"I honor my father [Bartholomew "Broad" Brown] by doing this," the Lindenwold, NJ educator, adorned in a full Junkanoo carnival costume, told Caribbean Life.

"It's [festival] diverse, which I appreciate," added Dr. Gordon, while swaying to the beat of the Philadelphia Pan Stars Steel Orchestra. "Everybody comes from different parts of the Caribbean. We all come together. I'm happy I chose this. I love to dance."

As in last year, tribute was paid to the organizing group's founder, the late Nkem Tshombe, a native of



Philadelphia Pan Stars Steel Orchestra bangs out Caribbean soca vibes. Photo by Nelson A. King

Nevis, the sister isle of St. Kitts, and Camden City resident for 30 years, who died in 2007.

"The SJCCDO relies solely

on donations and sponsors to present this free cultural experience to the community," said Herbert, Tshombe's daughter.



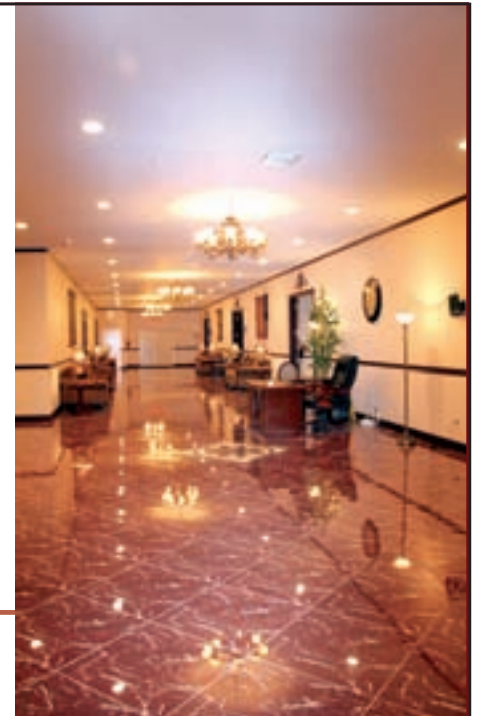
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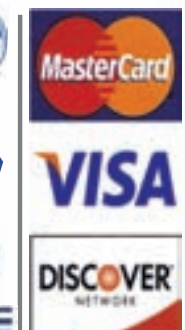
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Forum on homelessness among Black gay youth

By Alexandra Simon

Inclusive religious leaders are hosting a forum to address homelessness among minority gay youth in New York City. The event will take place on July 27 at the Metropolitan Health Center, located at 1901 1st Ave. in Manhattan at 6:30 pm.

The Citywide Coalition of Clergy and Allies of LGBTQI Youth will host, "The Wall of Silence in our Black Community: The Plight of Homeless Gay Youth." Organizers took a year to plan the first time event, which they hope to discuss homelessness in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) communities of color. The goal is to bring people of different religious faiths to talk about the crises of homelessness among youth of color, said an organizer.

"It's the first time I know of such forum. We don't know what the audience will be. We're doing



Inclusive leaders: From left, Minister Romall Smalls, Electra Cummings, Dr. Wilhelmina Perry, Ronald Moore, and Reverend Yunus Coldman. LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent

our best to attract as many as we can," said Dr. Wilhelmina Perry, member of LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent. "We hope the presence of the clergy will attract people of faith."

The event will have a panel discussion with various LGBT organizations present, and panelists will discuss the root causes of homelessness, and how religion plays a part. Panelists hope to achieve this by presenting their diversity to fellow parishioners. Perry hopes to put an end to the stigma of homosexuality in the church.

"We want to bring people together to look at what the

bible teaches and what it does not," said Dr. Perry. "We come from various denominations — Quaker, Buddhist, Pentecostal, Baptists — we came together to reach people through a variety of goals, and one of those goals is education."

In New York City, there is an estimated 4000-6000 homeless youth, and close to half of them are LGBT, with young Blacks and Latinos accounting for most, according to Perry.

"What we hope is a real acknowledgement of the problem in the community, what comes out of it, and talk about solutions and responsibility," said Dr. Perry.

Guyanese expats ineligible for old age pension

By Tangerine Clarke

Unless Guyanese living abroad decides to repatriate, they would not be entitled to Old Age Pension under a new measure that the Guyana government has recently put in place. This is according to Minister of Social Protection, Volda Lawrence who clarified after a firestorm by Guyanese at the announcement, that persons will only be eligible for Old Age Pension if they satisfy the age, citizenry, and residency requirements.

Minister Lawrence, further made clear, that Old Age Pension of which she refers, is not an entitlement from employment such as Government Pension or National Insurance Scheme (NIS) Pension, but instead a monthly payment given to eligible Guyanese who have reached the age of 65.

Some 8,000 Guyanese living outside of Guyana are benefitting from the monthly old age pension payments, said Minister Lawrence, who stated that expatriates are

"double dipping" adding that the overseas-based Guyanese would return home yearly to get the benefit of which they are ineligible, short-changing those at home who need the pension money.

Social media and news outlets in Guyana blew up with negative comments, because many Guyanese were not clear as to which Old Age Pension the minister was referring, since thousands of expatriates receive National Insurance Scheme and Government Pensions, and were outraged that the government was taking away their entitlement.

However, Minister Lawrence clearly outlined the benefit, stating that a pensioner must satisfy the proper authority, and have been a citizen of Guyana for at least 10 years immediately preceding claim for pension.

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Jamaica

Commonwealth-Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland says that the rising incidence of serious crimes among young people in Jamaica is not unique to the island and that the best way to address the situation is to reduce the exposure of children to abusive circumstances.

She said crime is a globalized problem where young men feel dissociated, underemployed, and misdirected, is not unfortunately, an isolated issue, she told young people at a town hall meeting at the University of the West Indies (UWI) regional headquarters in the parish of St. Andrew, recently.

Scotland, the first female head of the Commonwealth Secretariat, was in Jamaica recently to launch the Commonwealth collaboration on youth leadership with UWI and Common Purpose, a development charity.

She explained that domestic violence featured largely in offenders' lives prior to committing crimes was based on analysis of cases brought before her while she served as minister of state for Criminal Justice and Law Reform with specific responsibility for offender management and youth justice from 2003-2007 in the United Kingdom.

She said the greatest issue among violent crimes was domestic violence, which accounted for 25 percent of all violent crimes. It killed 120 women every year — that was two or three women every single week by their partner or their ex-partner.

The Dominican-born said that the grim statistics delineate a picture of the oppressive, parasitic qualities of domestic abuse on those exposed to it and urged that better care be taken when rearing children.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia's Prime Minister Allen Chastanet has called for drastic changes in the regional airline, LIAT.

He emphasized the importance of transportation to the regional integration movement, saying regional airline LIAT should be liberalized.

Chastanet, who was attending his first CARICOM heads of government meeting which was held in Guyana, told reporters, the cash-strapped airline needs to operate in the context of the private sector.

The major shareholders of the airline are Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The airline, which has been suffering losses over the years, has come under heavy criticism from the traveling public over poor customer

service, delayed and canceled flights and overall high costs of air fares to its destinations.

Chastanet said transportation is critical to integration and LIAT needs to be liberalized and that the airline needs to operate in the context of the private sector.

St. Kitts

The Ministry of Agriculture recently held a two-day Monkey Summit conference to deal with the green vervet monkey which is posing a significant threat to farmers on the island.

The conference was held in conjunction with a technical team from Colombia.

In a statement the Ministry said: "The popular green vervet monkey continues to be a menace in wreaking havoc on crops, resulting in great economic loss to farmers, they have also been troublesome at resorts, residential areas and urban districts. It is against this backdrop that the government of St. Kitts and Nevis is aiming to bring about effective solutions to address the problems associated with monkeys."

The plenary sessions of the summit covered areas such as research institutions and work with primates; farming perspectives and viewpoint and work from hotel and tourism vantage point.

Discussions also surrounded initiatives involving monkeys, such as education tourism and the establishment of wildlife theme parks.

The green vervet monkeys, which are popular with tourists, are also used in research such as Parkinson's disease at the St. Kitts Biomedical Research Facility.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago will soon set up an Embassy in Abu Dhabi, Dubai.

This was disclosed by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley who said that Cabinet has decided to close its mission in Uganda and establish an embassy in the Middle East.

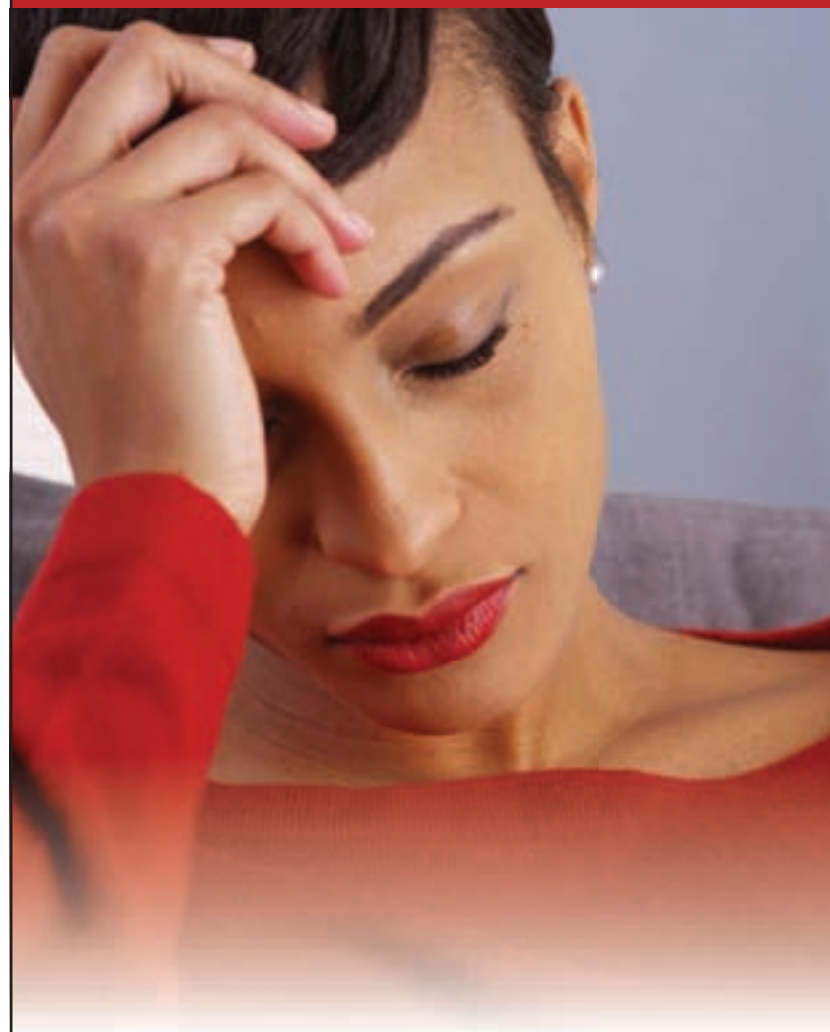
He also said that a high commission will also be re-established in Barbados to serve the countries in the Eastern Caribbean.

He said Cabinet agreed to the closure of "our mission in Uganda, given the history of this location and the changes in international profile and where we want to be at this time, we came to the conclusion that Uganda was not the best location to be on that part of the world."

He noted that given the importance of the Middle East in today's world as it relates to finance, business, energy etc. Trinidad and Tobago will be better served with a mission in the Emirates that will serve the surroundings from there.

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Chef Andre talks judging at Jerk Festival and future

By Alexandra Simon

The sixth annual Grace Jerk Jamaican Festival transformed Roy Wilkins Park to a feast of jerk flavors last weekend, and aside from all the music and food, a local recognizable face was also at the festival.

The reality-TV star and winner on the show “Chopped,” Andre Fowles, better known as Chef Andre, was a judge at the festival, deciding on the best jerk and Caribbean dishes up for competition. Fowles explains his insight and what makes a good judge.

“First thing is – you have to have a level of experience, and being that I’m from Jamaica and cooking Jamaican food all of my life, I know all about the jerk,” said Andre Fowles. “I look for good flavor, presentation, good textures, and the balance of flavors.”

Fowles participated in a cooking demonstration at the festival as well, displaying the different uses of Grace cooking products. But his favorite was getting to taste the variety of dishes, especially a dish from fellow judge, Sanetta Myrie, the 2015 Miss World Jamaica.

“She cooked a steamed fish in coconut milk with pasta,” said Fowles. “Overall everyone did a great job, the worst I might’ve tasted that day was someone else’s fish – it was overcooked and salty – I drank two bottles of water.”

Since winning on the show, Fowles is now a chef at Miss Lilly’s, a Caribbean restaurant in Manhattan, saying the show gained him some fame and several opportunities, including the invitation to be a guest judge at the jerk festival.

“It’s been amazing to say the least. It’s such a good feeling to be recognized for all the work I put in,” said Fowles. “To be shown so much love from people from the Caribbean and at Miss Lilly’s — it’s all positive energy.”

Fowles has major plans in his future, including businesses but he is in no rush. One of his main goals is to create cooking videos, get into catering, and help push Caribbean cuisine more into the American culinary industry.

“Opening a restaurant is every chef’s dream — but it’s not the not top of my list,” said



Meet the chef: Jamaican chef, Andre Fowles, appeared on the reality-television show, “Chopped,” where he would win a competition on cooking Caribbean cuisine. The victory gained him an invitation to judge a cook-off at the Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival on July 17.

Monique C. Foster

Fowles. “I want to start doing catering and build my brand. I want to be the person easily accessible to any food event or cooking class, and constantly advocate for Caribbean cui-

sine.” As the popularity of Caribbean cuisine grows, Fowles hopes that it continues and opens doors for more avenues to explore.

“It has started already, we just need someone to start pushing barriers,” said Fowles. “It definitely has a place to stay — everyone loves Caribbean cuisine.”



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Guyanese surgeon wants to give back at home



Dr. Horace Griffith displays his 21st Century Leadership Now Award after a ceremony in Guyana. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

By Tangerine Clarke

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Dr. Horace Griffith, is hopeful that with this new Guyana government in place, he would get an opportunity to return to his homeland to make a significant contribution, doing what he is passionate about — performing reconstructive surgery to help patients live a normal life.

Because of the type of oral care he received while growing up in Guyana, Dr. Griffith wanted to give back to his country after becoming a surgeon, but said his requests met resistance from the previous government. However, he sees a new opportunity to realize his dream to share his skills in his homeland.

Based in St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands, Dr. Griffith, a Howard University educated dentist said he is determine to give back to his birthplace. Since speaking with new Minister of Health, Dr. George Norton, to whom

he expressed his thoughts as to how he could help the Guyanese people, he is optimistic that he will would receive that important call to begin his tour of duty in the Republic.

Dr. Griffith told this reporter after receiving the Twenty-First Century Leadership Now Award during Guyana's 50th Independence Jubilee in Georgetown, recently, that after completing his high school education he moved to the U.S at 18 years old with a vision to become a dentist, simply because it was difficult to get professional dental care in general while growing up in Guyana.

"This was the impetus for me becoming a dentist, and I went on to become a surgeon, the highest in the field of dentistry, because I felt compelled to pursue this particular career to give back. I am at the top of the ladder in dentistry and it is exciting," explained Dr. Griffith.

"I like the thrill that I get, yes, I am helping a patient

recover from an infection, or a gun-shot to the face that needs reconstructive surgery so that they could return to some semblance of normalcy to function in public. This is exciting to me, and a great way to made a difference."

In addition to performing cleft palate surgery during medical mission to Africa, Dr. Griffith has worked tirelessly throughout the Caribbean in countries such as Antigua, Dominica, the British Virgin Islands, and earthquake-ravished Haiti where he performed surgeries to repair deformities of the jaw, face, and cleft lip, working in poor and medically underserved communities.

One of his passions is to ensure that his patients are comfortable whenever he has to perform surgery, and especially in cases where parents in the past in Guyana, and even now, use a dentist visit as a scare tactic to discipline their children.

"Parents use going to the dentist as a benchmark for pun-

ishment, and this had gone from one generation to the next, but this is changing now because we medicate patients to sup-

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Avoid summer 'brain drain' with ScholarSkills classes

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

When you rest, you rust.

Keep your children's academic skills sharp this summer at the ScholarSkills Learning Center.

There, Reverend Brian Vieira and his professional staff of fellow educators, focus on innovative methods and strong classroom discipline to teach small groups of children.

The summer session runs from July 7 to Aug. 25, Mondays through Fridays, 1 to 6 pm. Registration is ongoing.

Rev. Vieira says that the "summer brain drain" is disastrous for students.

"The average student loses at least three months of education in math and reading over the summer," he says. Kids should have fun, but make time to learn, too.

When the summer ends, the center continues the education by offering after-school tutoring and test preparation for students from kindergarten through high school.

What makes ScholarSkills unique is that children receive personalized attention.



Reverend Brian Vieira helps a student with schoolwork.

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"We identify weaknesses," explains the Reverend. "We then go back to the foundation and repair these weak areas."

Furthermore, the center builds confidence and provides motivation.

"We make excellence exciting," he says. "Students get the attention they need."

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Students are prepared for all New York City standardized tests as well as specialized high school tests, including the ACT, PSAT, and SAT.

Math, reading, and writing skills are emphasized. Both the summer session and the after-school program provides parents with "a safe, progressive environment for home-

work help," says the Reverend. "Children are not roaming the streets."

Instead, they are being offered the chance to accelerate.

It is not only the students who receive help. ScholarSkills provides family-oriented learning via guidance counseling. Rev. Vieira, a former New York City educator, knows firsthand how frustrating the complex public school system can be. That's why he helps parents walk through the steps, offering assistance with questions such as: What school is best for my child? How can the system help my child need to pass this school year?

"We are the problem-solvers and counselors who help navigate the system," he says.

When one talks to Rev. Vieira, one can't help but catch his passion for learning.

"Our concern for children comes out of our devotion for God's glory," he explains. "It's very important to us."

Rev. Vieira is from the West Indies, where disciplined learning is emphasized. He

brings this sense of discipline to his center where, "You can hear a pin drop," he says. Parents appreciate it.

ScholarSkills earns high grades from parents for improving their children's academics. They also "thank us all the time for being in the neighborhood," says the Reverend. "We are centrally located, between Flatbush and Utica avenues, making it a hop, skip, and a jump for kids who live near Kings Plaza, Eastern Parkway, Marine Park, or Mill Basin to get to the center after school." Many kids walk home.

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Hundreds pay tribute to Vincentian teacher



A section of the mourners at the funeral of Barbara DeFreitas. Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

Hundreds of Vincentian and other Caribbean nationals on Friday, July 8 paid their last respect to Barbara DeFreitas, a militant in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines teachers' struggles in the mid-to-late 1970s and early 1980s, who died on June 23. She was 69.

Mourners at a funeral service, at the Episcopal (Anglican) Church of St. Mark, on Brooklyn Avenue in Brooklyn, described DeFreitas, who taught public and private schools for most of her life, among other superlatives, as compassionate, caring, generous, loving, extremely spiritual, humorous, talkative and outspoken.

The Rev. Dillon Burgin, a former Methodist Church minister at home and an erstwhile United Methodist Church pastor in New York, noted that DeFreitas was closely related to Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves and Jennifer Eustace, wife of Opposition Leader



Barbara DeFreitas.

Arnhim Eustace.

"If you get to talk about politics in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, she [DeFreitas] talked about politics from both sides [government and opposition]," said Rev. Burgin. "Barbara knew Jesus, and she knew how to converse with Jesus."

Candis Hope said she met DeFreitas 30 years ago.

"We're going to miss her," she said. "We will always remember

the type of person she was. She was the life of the party."

Shanell Davis said she had formed a bond with DeFreitas.

"It was such a joy to meet her," she said. "We had such a bond. I grew to embrace her. She always had optimism – this beautiful life."

Retired Guyanese-born educator George Davson said he and DeFreitas taught at P.S. [Public School] 92 in Brooklyn.

"She was a good friend, a family friend," he said. "Barbara was very outspoken."

"We would be on the phone for 20 minutes; it was a monologue — not a dialogue [laughter]," he added, disclosing that he had the responsibility of taking care of DeFreitas' plants when she was out of town. "I think she's in a better place."

In his eulogy, Pastor Cecil Durrant, the Vincentian-born pastor of Bethany Deliverance Church of God on Rodgers Avenue in Brooklyn, said DeFreitas was "a lady that would talk.



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Jazzy Jazz Fest pays tribute to Max Roach

Founded in 1996 by the late Dr. Mary Umolu, the Medgar Evers College Jazzy Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Department of Mass Communications, Creative and Performing Arts and Speech, is celebrating its 20th year of free concerts to the Crown Heights and surrounding communities.

Every year members of the community have made this festival into a Brooklyn summer tradition. Hence, the festival has become the stage for a series of exceptional musicians who engage and share their talents with local residents.

Medgar Evers College's 2016 Summer Jazzy Jazz Festival will be held on eight Friday evenings began on July 8 and ends Aug. 26 in front of the College's Academic Complex building at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Crown Street. The program is from 7 pm to 10 pm. Seating is on a first come basis. This event is free to the public.

The Dr. Mary Umolu Jazzy Jazz Festival will pay tribute to the great jazz drummer the late Max Roach, an honoree doctorate recipient from Medgar Evers College. A native of Bet-Study Brooklyn, by the time he was 18 years old, Max was in the avant-garde movement of change with such persons as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and under the influence of Kenny Clarke. Later he interfaced with the progressive-minded Coleman Hawkins, Benny Carter and a brief stint with Duke Ellington. In his quest to move the art form of jazz forward, Roach used cymbals as gongs and played mesmerizing solos on the tom-toms, creating and atmosphere rarely experienced before in

jazz. He propelled jazz to new levels.

Above all though, Roach ought to be admired for never being curtailed by the idea of non-acceptancy because of his social and political consciousness, which made him a rarity among jazz musicians.

This year's lineup of performers include: Steve Cromity and friends; Roman Mitchell and MEC Jazz Ensemble; George Gray Jazz Quartet; Brandee Younger, harpist; Patience Higgins Sugar Hill Quartet; Mark Whitfield & Sons; TK Blue, jazz saxophone; and Pantastic Steel Orchestra.

About the Jazzy Jazz Festival

Originally created as the Jazzy Jazz Festival, the festival has been renamed the Dr. Mary Umolu Jazzy Jazz Festival in honor of the late Dr. Mary Umolu, professor and chair of the department of Mass Communications, Creative and Performing Arts and Speech at Medgar Evers College. Dr. Umolu was committed to educating a new generation about the history of the only uniquely American art form created in the 20th century — Jazz — thus ensuring that the entire community heard the music.

"The department is carrying forth the legacy and goal of this extraordinary educational and cultural program. Attendees can relax in style to the rhythms of Jazz in the cool and friendly outdoors. We do not envision Jazzy Jazz as simply a summer concert event. This festival and its performers will become embedded in the educational life of the community," states Dr. Crawford, current chair of the department.

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Kevin Powell.

affection from her; in fact, she beat him regularly. She said he wasn't "gonna make it," but she got him a library card anyway. Books opened up his world, he hungered to read, and he decided that he wanted to be a writer.

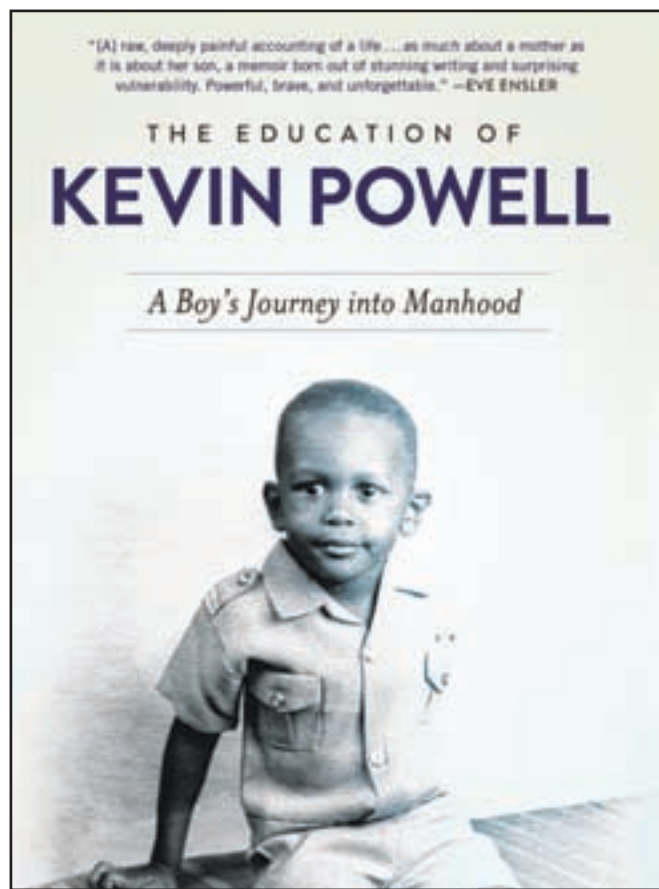
But then life intervened.

Powell went to college, but his temper got him into trouble time and again. He joined a mosque, but left it just as quickly. He'd learned to hate White people, and that got him into trouble, too. He found success in the entertainment world, but he started to drink and commit petty crimes; he hit bottom, then hit it again... until a search for his lost past gave him what he needed.

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Part of that effect comes from Powell's style: there are times when he pulls out a sense



Book cover of "The Education of Kevin Powell" by Kevin Powell

of childlike innocence that'll make you chuckle uneasily. But beware — there are teeth behind the wide-eyed schtick, and his next memory gnashes them. In a way, that can be quite relentless — but it's also very interesting and oh-so-entertaining.

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You never knew what you didn't have.

There were times in your childhood when cereal was supper because there was nothing else. When birthday toys seemed gently pre-loved, hand-me-downs were new to you, and you were none the wiser. Your family didn't have much and you never realized it then but in the book "The Education of Kevin Powell" by Kevin Powell, getting schooled later was rough.

Born in the spring of 1966, Kevin Powell entered the world and, though his mother had moved to Jersey City from "Down South" to escape it, slid directly into poverty. They shared a rat-and-roach-infested apartment with Powell's aunt and her son, and their us-against-the-world closeness was "something safe, something magical..."

At age four, Powell "did not

know what the word 'drunk' meant," but he learned at a party, and was beaten by his mother for getting drunk-sick. At age six, his grandfather died, but although Powell barely knew the man, he understood that he was a wife-beater. At 13, he impulsively joined a fight and lost his cousin, who angrily shunned Powell for the rest of their lives.

As he grew and matured, Powell began to realize that his family was poor. His home turf was bleak and there were times when it seemed like a dead-end, but his mother told him that he needed an education to become something. She'd never hugged him. He received no physical

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'Harlem Week' will salute greats

Muhammad Ali, Prince and Maurice White, are among the celebrated achievers slated for a series of tributes marking the 2016 "Harlem Week" festivities.

The three iconic talents will be regaled on separate dates with activities befitting their individual legacies during day-long activities slated at numerous Harlem locations.

Ali who died June 3, 2016 will be remembered with a Children's festival themed for Back To School at a schoolyard location at 135th St. & Malcolm X Blvd.

Prince passed on April 21, 2016 and his day will feature a musicfest and Soul Train tribute at Marcus Garvey Park on Aug. 1.

White, co-founder of the rhythm and blues group Earth, Wind & Fire died on Feb. 3, 2016.

His legacy will be recalled with an r&b, jazz, hip-hop, blues, reggae and dance tribute on Aug. 21 at 135th St. & St. Nicholas Ave. where a stage will feature a variety of popular music.



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Also slated for distinctive recognition is blues singer Nina Simone who died at age 52 in France on April 21, 2003.

"Uptown Saturday Night" will highlight the tribute to the singer acclaimed as the High Priestess of Soul. Latin icon Eddie Palmieri will also be hailed on the Aug. 20 date.

Retiring Cong. Charles B. Rangel will have his day after 46 years representing Harlem in the Congress. On Aug. 21, the persevering politician along with Serena Williams, Donnie McClurkin, and Eddie LeVert, lead singer for The O'Jays will also be acknowledged as individuals who have "transformed the world."

Delivering a multiplicity of honors on that Sunday, organizers have also announced that the pioneering events of Harlem politician and Inner City Broadcasting Corporation

radio innovator Percy Sutton will be highlighted by a 5K run and walk through the Harlem village.

Sutton died on Dec. 26, 2009 at age 89.

It was 42 years ago that the first celebration evolved from a one day "Harlem Day" 1974 idea to being the annual, alluring, boast-worthy attraction to thousands.

Last week, Mayor Bill de Blasio and his wife Chirlayne McCray hosted the first "Harlem Week" of the year event with an afternoon cultural kick-off to "Harlem Havana," a collaborative launch to the first, annual, Harlem / Havana Music & Cultural Festival.

With a promise of heralding the bond between Harlem and the Cuban capital since World War I, films, fashion, foods and music already pack a daily listing of activities marking the



In this Oct. 23, 2000, file photo, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, jokes with boxing great Muhammad Ali during a photo session with U.N. Messengers of Peace at the United Nations. Associated Press / Shawn Baldwin, File

Harlem/Havana connection.

"A Great Day In Harlem" slates the first series of celebration to the village on July 31.

A fashion showcase, gospel caravan, international cultural showcase and a concert under the stars is billed at Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Park, 122nd St. & Riverside Drive.

Guaranteed to pour over the significance and excellence Harlem has contributed to the New York landscape, "A Great Day In Harlem" was inspired by a classic photograph captured by Art Kane when he used his camera to honor the legacies of 57 jazz greats.

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Jamaicans celebrate

The City of New York goes back to basic on the 52nd year of independence for the Caribbean island of Jamaica. JA Jamdown presents 'The 4th Annual Jamaica Family Fun Day' on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016 at Thomas Jefferson High School Field located at 125-08 Flatlands Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11208.

The event begins at 11 am - 9 pm it's
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'True To My Roots' debuts at #10

Reggae Ambassador, Freddie McGregor, O.D. released his highly anticipated album, "True to My Roots" on his Big Ship Music label on July 1, 2016. Previously in June, his hit singles entitled "What You Gonna Do" and "True to My Roots" made history topping the NY & South Florida Reggae Music charts up to seven weeks in a row respectively and has continued to receive heavy airplay. Additionally, in a tribute to his longtime friend, Dennis Brown (Crown Prince of Reggae), McGregor includes a remake of the popular track "Your Love's Got a Hold on Me" on the classic Studio One "Havenless" riddim. Other notable tracks are "Calling" and "Indigenous People," two anthems addressing the prevalence of violence, need for lead-

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UNITY PICNIC

Michelle "Hibiscus" Hillocks performs at the Vincy Unity Picnic in Canada.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Vincenians converge in Canada

By Nelson A. King

Thousands of Vincenians from all walks of life on Saturday converged on Brown's Bay Park in Western Ontario, Canada for the annual Vincy Unity Picnic.

Organizers said about 20,000 nationals from major North American cities trekked to the picturesque site, bordering the St. Lawrence River in the 1,000 Is. area, for the extravaganza.

In almost picture perfect weather — temperatures in the 70s —

nationals displayed a cornucopia of colors, gyrated to pulsating Vincenian and Caribbean music, and feasted on a potpourri of national delicacies, washing them down with local drinks, such as sorrel, ginger beer and mauby.

Vincenians, their friends and supporters came on the annual pilgrimage from major North American cities, such as Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, New York, Philadelphia, Miami, Boston and Washington, D.C.

They proclaimed, in interviews

with Caribbean Life, that the get-together is a must!

"I love it, it's great," said Cassandra Gonsalves-Thompson, a banker in Toronto, sitting on a large blanket under a tree. "They (organizers) picked the perfect location.

"You have folks from Montreal, Toronto and the [United] States — all over the place," added Gonsalves-Thompson, enjoying her third picnic. "This is great. You get to meet the people you grew up with. It's good

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **One Dance**
Drake Feat. WizKid & Kyla
- 2 **Can't Stop the Feeling!**
Justin Timberlake
- 3 **Cheap Thrills**
Sia Feat. Sean Paul
- 4 **Don't Let Me Down**
The Chainsmokers Feat. Daya
- 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 **Send My Love**
Adele
- 10 **Needed Me**
Rihanna

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Blank Face LP**
ScHoolboy Q
- 2 **The North Corridor**
Chevelle
- 3 **Where The Light Shines...**
Switchfoot
- 4 **California**
Blink - 182
- 5 **Lemonade**
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- 6 **Hamilton: An American...**
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- 9 **Wildflower**
The Avalanches
- 10 **Traveller**
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VINCY FUN DAY

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to reconnect, and it's a good reminder of how you grew up. Vincy spirit alive!"

Gonsalves-Thompson's friends, Carol Hendrickson and her daughter, Leanna Estwick, along with Hendrickson's parents, Charles and Pauline Hendrickson, joined her at the picnic.

"It's a lovely day out — to see old friends and family," said Carol, who was born in London and recently migrated to Toronto, as Leanna, enjoying her first Unity Picnic, turned chicken legs and thighs on a small gas grill.

"I love the family aspect of it — the food, the music," added Carol, later putting corn on the grill. "It's worth the drive [three hours by car from Toronto]."

"Very nice!" intoned her Barbadian-born mother, who met Carol's Vincentian-born father in London before the couple decided to retire in Layout, Mr. Hendrickson's place of birth in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. "Plenty of people to chat to. I'm enjoying the music; lovely atmosphere."

Brooklyn resident Nolene King brought along her elder sister, Ester, and Trinidadian

friend, Marilyn Sampson, during the 10-hour bus trip, organized by the Brooklyn-based Vincentian umbrella group in the U.S., Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Organization, U.S.A. Inc. (COSAGO).

"I really like it," said King, purchasing Vincy memorabilia at a tent with a plethora of Caribbean merchandise, as a DJ nearby struck up Kevin Lyttle's "Coming Home for Carnival." "Meeting people, family and friends is great."

Sampson agreed: "I'm meeting people and enjoying some of the good food."

Further away and closer to the water's edge at the expansive park, COSAGO set up tents, with busloads of supporters volunteering to prepare meals.

"I like it — a lot of unity and togetherness, and you get to meet people," said Brooklyn resident Kimberly David, as she prepared vegetables with Cello Williams. "Everybody works together."

"It's a great opportunity to reconnect with Vincentians in the Diaspora," said Williams, also a Brooklyn resident, enjoying her fourth Unity Picnic. "You meet new people, make



A section of the large crowd of Vincentians at the annual Vincy Unity Picnic in Canada. Photo by Nelson A. King

new friends."

Queens resident Ruth Browne-King said the picnic served as "a great get-away time for me." "Whatever thing they're [organizers] doing here, they're doing a great job in getting people together," said Browne-King, grinding garlic and preparing chive.

As she turned breadfruit, roasting on charcoal, lawyer

Curlina Edwards, part of the COSAGO organizing committee and co-captain on one of four buses from Brooklyn, said she did not mind getting her fingers dirty.

"I'm a country woman," Edwards said. "I enjoy serving my people. I don't mind roasting breadfruit, doing food preparation and doing what's necessary."

Family Day

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highly recommend for early arrival. The afternoon is anticipated to be jam packed with Jamaicans from throughout the tri-state area and those who love the culture, coming together for one common purpose, to honor a special day in history.

JA JamDown CEO, Brother Gee said, "We want people to feel like they're back home by triggering good ole' memories. Throughout the USA, Jamaica's independence is celebrated and as members of the Jamaica / NYC diaspora we must preserve our history, plus it's a responsibility we have to our culture, community, and people to put together an event such as this."

Patrons are highly suggested to come prepared for a host of activities such as Bull in a Pen, Bulla Eating Contest, Hulla Hoop Contest, Dominoes Contest, Tag-A-War, and many more organized competitions are set in place.

But, the fun doesn't stop

there, Ragashanti, owner of Tamborine Radio and Prince Marni, Internet comedian sensation, will be hosting the main stage which features live performances from Professor Nuts, General Trees, Sprouti, Livety International Sound, and Skelesha, the Dancehall Puppet.

Tickets are available online via www.JAJamDown.com or for more information, contact 718-483-8372.

About JA JamDown

JA JamDown is a cultural movement that seeks to reunite, preserve and educate the next generation of Caribbean nationals about their rich cultural heritage.

Through family time, sports, stories, music and food, as your motto, would have it "Out of Many, One People," a reference to the many cultures that came together to produce a nation.

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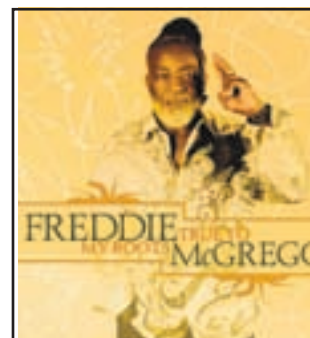
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ership, fight for social justice and encourages youth within many underserved communities today.

"True to My Roots' (the album) dropped right in time for International Reggae Day and has received rave reviews in the UK, Japan, the Caribbean and U.S, it's definitely an album for the people. What began this year as a 'new project' is now a living testimony for many including myself. Giving your all, staying true and never giving up is what Big Ship Music is all about," says Freddie McGregor, CEO Big Ship Music Inc.

Currently the Big Ship family (including McGregor's talented offspring Daniel "Chino" McGregor, Stephen "Di Genius" credited songwriter and producer on Drake's "Controlla" hit and Shemabeth) is touring Brussels, Germany, Spain, Amsterdam, Belgium, Hungary and Italy. Released



"True to My Roots" album cover.

on the Big Ship Music Inc. label with notable producers Dalton Browne, Cleveland Browne (of the legendary Reggae production duo, Steely & Clevie) and Lloyd Campbell, the album "True to My Roots" transcends the trials of life, inspires love, celebrates cultural pride and preservation and shares a prophetic message with today's youth. "True to My Roots" is living proof that Reggae music is still universal and its boundaries limitless.

Ghost appears only in the dark in horror flick

"Lights Out"
 Very Good (3 stars)
 Rated PG-13 for violence, mature themes, disturbing images, incessant terror and brief drug use
 Running time: 81 minutes
 Distributor: Warner Brothers Pictures



Teresa Palmer and Gabriel Bateman in "Lights Out."

Warner Brothers

By Kam Williams

When Rebecca (Teresa Palmer) was growing up, she spent many a sleepless night frightened by noises that she only heard after the lights went out. Today, the emancipated 22-year-old has all but forgotten that unfortunate chapter of her childhood. After all, she's long-since moved out of the house and has her own apartment as well as a devoted, if dimwitted, boyfriend, Bret (Alexander DiPersia), she's been dating for eight months.

But Rebecca's relative state of bliss is rudely interrupted when she gets word that her little brother, Martin (Gabriel Bateman), has been suffering from

insomnia for several days. She can't help but wonder whether he's just having nightmares or if he's being terrorized by the same sort of paranormal

activity that had plagued her own formative years.

It suddenly has Rebecca reflecting on how her father (Billy Burke) had perished

under mysterious circumstances at work after being warned by an alarmed colleague (Lotta Losten) that something weird was happening with the office lights. Could his untimely death possibly be related to little Martin's current plight or was there no correlation?

So, those are among Rebecca's concerns when she returns home to comfort her scared sibling. She offers to take custody of Martin as soon as he starts talking about their mom Sophie's (Maria Bello) recent bizarre behavior, an indication that she might again be struggling with bouts of depression.

Truth be told, however, something supernatural is afoot. The premises have been invaded by the ghost of Sophie's BFF (Alicia Vela-Bailey) who died from a light-sensitive skin condition when they were kids. For some unexplained reason, she's morphed into an evil apparition that haunts her old friend's house and only comes out at night.

Independent & Foreign Films

Absolutely Fabulous (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Adaptation of the British TV sitcom revolving around a couple of flamboyant,

aging fashionistas (Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley) who flee London for the French Riviera after creating a media storm by accidentally knocking now-missing supermodel Kate Moss off a balcony and into the River Thames. With Rebel Wilson, Joanna Lumley, John Hamm and Alexa Chung, with cameos by Jerry Hall and Joan Collins.

Don't Think Twice (R for profanity and drug use) Ensemble dramedy about the emotional fallout visited upon a fledgling, improv comedy troupe when one of its members (Keegan Michael-Key) gets a big break on a Saturday Night Live-type TV show. Cast members include Gillian Jacobs, Chris Gethard, Kate Micucci, Tami Sagher and the film's writer/director Mike Birbiglia.

Don't Worry Baby (Unrated) "Who's the daddy?" dramedy about a philandering husband (Christopher MacDonal) who unknowingly cheats on his wife (Talia Balsam) by sleeping with the same woman (Dreama Walker) as their son (John Magaro), only to learn that one of them is the father of her daughter (Raiin Williams). With Tom Lipinski, Britt Lower and Phil Burke.

For the Plasma (Unrated) Buddy dramedy, set in Maine, about the friendship rekindled between a forest fire look-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

out (Rosalie Lowe) and the former BFF (Anabelle LeMieux) she hires as her assistant. Support cast includes Tom Lloyd, Ryohei Hoshi and Erica Jennifer Hill.

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.

Quitters (R for sexuality, profanity, and teen drug and alcohol abuse) Coming-of-age dramedy, set in San Francisco, about a troubled teen (Ben Konigsberg) who finds a better family to live with after his parents' (Mira Sorvino and Greg Germann) marriage falls apart. Featuring Kara Hayward, Morgan Turner and Kieran Culkin.

The Seventh Fire (Unrated) Native American documentary, set in Minnesota, about a jaded gang leader (Rob Brown) just sentenced to prison who rethinks his violent lifestyle role while his impressionable teen protege (Kevin Fine-day) still dreams of becoming the biggest drug dealer on their Ojibwe reservation.

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Brandon Valentine-Parris ran a 21.48 in the 200 meters en route to setting the meet record at the Emory Crossplex Invitational. Claflin University

Vincy star preps for Rio

By Nelson A. King

Vincetian track star Brandon Valentine-Parris says preparations are in high gear to compete in the Sumer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

“Right now, I’m just focusing on getting stronger and getting more power in the weight room,” said Valentine-Parris, 21, in an exclusive Caribbean Life interview Monday after returning the day before from the four-day North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACAC) Under 23 athletic championship in San Salvador, El Salvador, which ran from July 14-17.

“I’m trying to stay healthy and men-

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WI cricketer sues Aussie fast bowler

By Azad Ali

West Indies middle-order batsman Marlon Samuels is suing former Australian fast bowler Geoff Lawson for accusing him of being involved with criminal gangs in Jamaica.

Lawson’s comments, described in Samuel’s statement as “erroneous, malicious, and unjustifiable,” were made on a radio broadcast a day after the Jamaican led West Indies to their second World Twenty20 title in India earlier this year.

He was quoted as saying Lawson’s comments were not just defamatory but

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Marvens Dominique #16 (Haiti) on the attack against Theon Gordon #4 (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) during a New York Caribbean Cup match in Brooklyn. Keith Dawson

NY Caribbean Cup Soccer enters week 8

Team St. Lucia opened week eight of the 2016 New York Caribbean Cup Soccer Tournament with a workman like effort against the U-23 Brooklyn Soca Lions team.

Because of the withdrawal of Team Barbados, the youthful Lions have filled the gap admirably during this

25th anniversary season of the Cup. The young Lions represented themselves very well but at the end of the day, the more experienced Lucians came away with a 2-0 win on goals by Leigh Marcellin and Daran Fedee on either side of the half.

In game two between Team Guy-

ana and Team Antigua & Barbuda was a classic 0-0 draw.

For much of the first half the game was played between the 18-yard lines, however, just before the half ended, the Golden Jaguars got a golden opportunity to go ahead from a cor-

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tally-focused and not be overwhelmed by the opportunity," added Valentine-Parris, who is one of two Vincentian track stars selected to compete in the Olympics, which spans from Aug. 5-21.

Valentine-Parris — who was the lead athlete when the Thomas Saunders Secondary School (TSSS) first competed in the Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 2011 — will represent the nation, along with Kineke Alexander, in the 400m in the Rio Games.

"At first, the excitement did not hit me right when I was told," said Valentine-Parris, who is on an athletic scholarship at Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C.

"I am extremely excited and grateful [to be] given the opportunity," added the track standout. "I am also humbled and honored. It really does mean a lot being the first athlete from my school and the first in my family to compete at these games.

"I am working hard but smart, and doing my best to prepare myself," Valentine-Parris continued. "I am looking to cut my times down before heading to the Olympics."

He earned the spot on the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Olympic team through an invitation from the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) for achieving the country's best time (46.11 sec.) in the 400m., according to Claflin University.

In competing in the 2nd Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (O ECS) track and field championships in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) late last month, Valentine-Parris said, while he did not win, he was "pleased that I found myself again."

He said he placed third in the men's 400m in 46.77 sec. and fifth in the men's 200m in 21.15 sec., adding that "the joy of the day was being a part of the winning 4x400m relay team.

"At the end of the O ECS meet, I was informed that I was selected to represent St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro," Valentine-Parris said.

"Being a part of my country's Olympic team — it hasn't hit me yet," he added. "I'm sure, when I get to Rio, everything will set in. "It's a great accomplishment to make the Olympic team and a great opportunity for me to get the experience I need to continue to be successful in my career."

Claflin University said Valentine-Parris had a "breakout season" during his sophomore campaign for the school's athletic team, known as the Claflin Panthers.

During the 2016 indoor season, he placed third in the 400m at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Pittsburg, Kan. to earn the All-American Status.



Marlon Benjamin #12 (Guyana) and Karanja Jack #4 (Antigua & Barbuda) battle for the ball.

Keith Dawson

TEAM HAITI DEFEATS ST. VINCENT

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ner but the ball just wizzed wide off the post.

Minutes into the second half, Benna Boy Jahwan Joseph was brought down inside the 18-yard box but Richard Reynolds came up big for the Golden Jaguars on the ensuing penalty to keep the score level at 0-0.

If there was an MVP vote for this game it would have gone to Richard Reynolds automatically. Following the penalty, he was tested severely by the Benna Boys for a good 10-minute stretch but blocked or pushed shot after shot wide off the post.

The Golden Jaguars eventually regained their composure for with the playoffs looming, points were crucial to both teams, however, and while both teams were happy to come away with a

point one could sense the dissatisfaction with not coming away with maximum points.

The feature game of the afternoon between Team St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Team Haiti got off to a late start as once again the Team Haiti players were tardy in arriving at the park.

When the game did get started both teams had less than their full complement of 11 players on the field.

Despite playing with one player less than Team Haiti, the Vincentians adapted quite well to their situation and in fact did not play like they were over matched.

The opening goal came quite unexpectedly when Jean Gary Rubin intercepted a pass about 30 yards out and drove a scorcher toward goal. Just before the ball got to Vincy's substitute goalkeeper Nateka Simmons, the ball

bounced in front of him and skidded through his hands into the goal.

As the second half progressed, a determined Vincy Heat was on the hunt for the equalizer but 15 minutes into the half, Milcar Edson just about broke the hearts of Vincy fans when his shot from distance beat replacement substitute goalkeeper Delroy Samuel.

Following the second goal, the Vincentians had their chances to perhaps bring the game even but were denied by faulty and sometimes hesitant shooting, particularly by Daran Francis.

Games Sunday, July 24, 2016

1:30 pm — Team ST. Kitts & Nevis vs Team Panama

3:30 pm — Team Jamaica vs Team Dominica

5:30 pm — Team Guyana vs Team Grenada

Samuels defends his character

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also deeply offensive and damaging to his character.

Samuels said he intends not only to defend his character, integrity and image as an international cricketer but also the values he has defended in his career.

"I also wish to avoid any public figure from making insulting or false allegations an athlete using the media, without evidence or foundation or to go unpunished," Samuels was quoted as saying.

His lawsuit includes journalists James Matthey, who published a news story on the website news.com.au, also accusing him of being involved with criminal gangs in Jamaica.

In his statement, Samuels said he has no criminal record nor has been the subject of any criminal investigations.

He said the comments were published and aired with the absence of conducting proper journalist research nor was he contacted to give his views on the damaging remarks about his character.



West Indies' batsman Marlon Samuels. Associated Press / Andres Leighton

West Indies bowling very weak!

The West Indies team is set to play India four Test matches and the visitors are touring with a uniquely balanced squad with strong batting and a superb bowling attack with spinners and pace.

However, the regional team is going to be without Jerome Taylor and Kemar Roach because they were not selected for this series against India.

Marlon Samuels is the most experienced in the West Indies squad with 64 Tests with an average below 35 followed by Darren Bravo who has about the best average of 41:50 runs after 42 Test matches.

HOLDER, GABRIEL, BRATHWAITE POSE NO THREAT TO INDIA

Shannon Gabriel is very quick but not very accurate as a fast bowler to pose a serious threat to the Indian batsmen.

Jason Holder and the inexperienced Carlos Brathwaite are now getting into the Test cricket rhythm. With such pace as Gabriel carries, it would have been appropriate to have a bowler to back him up from



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

the other end.

Legspinner Devendra Bishoo is having another opportunity. He is effective in short spells but beyond that he throws down long ups and bowls too short.

Bishoo can be a wicket taker if used correctly.

He is very effective when he keeps the ball up to the batsmen and develops a quick straight one.

Captain Jason Holder must avoid using Bishoo for long spells. He can be a wicket taker if used correctly.

JASON MOHAMMED SHOULD BE IN TESTS

Trinidad and Tobago batsman who is in top form in the Caribbean Premier League has

shown skills as a batsman that should be used in Test cricket. He bats intelligently and has a big appetite to stay at the wicket for long periods.

Many West Indies batsmen lack the ability to remain at the wicket for a long time. Mohammed is showing some top class batting, superb timing and stroke play. West Indies will do very well with him in the middle order.

CPL Twenty20, 2016 POINTS TABLE UP TO 7-19-16

Jamaica Jallawahs: 11 points from 7 matches.

Guyana Amazon Warriors: 10 points from 7 matches.

Barbados Tridents: 7 points from 6 matches.

Trinbago Knightriders: 6 points from 7 matches.

St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots: 2 points from 4 matches.



West Indies' Darren Bravo hits a shot during the third and final One Day International cricket match against Sri Lanka, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011.

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Aries, you may desire to be somewhere else this week, but responsibilities keep you close to home. You can still have a good time and make lasting memories.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you initially felt good about choices you just made a few days ago, but now you're not so sure. Ask around for advice before making any final decision.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Lately you are more willing to take risks, Gemini. It's fine to want to try new things, but always let reason guide you. You do not want to bite off more than you can chew.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, the solution to a lingering problem is on the horizon, and you will get some closure. This week you will push past it all and finally move on.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, realizing your dreams is fully within your capabilities. Make a commitment now and stick with it. You have to work hard to get what you desire, but it's within reach.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, after running the show, it's now time to hand over the reins to someone else. Surrender some control and enjoy this respite from being the go-to guy or gal.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, your energy is focused on too many things at the moment. Focus your attention on just one thing for the time being, and your main goal will be realized.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may not be up to too many trivial tasks right now, so immerse yourself in a creative project that's more about the big picture than the small details.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may have reached a turning point in a romantic relationship. Now is the time to fan those flames so that the relationship can grow into something special.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Keep riding this creative wave you seem to be on, Capricorn. It will take you far and in many different directions. Trust in your dreams and put a plan to realize them into action.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, assert yourself a little more at work so that you get the respect and the recognition you deserve. When you state your case, others will see your perspective.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you tend to see the best in everyone and that is why you are such a good friend to so many people. Maintain your positive outlook.

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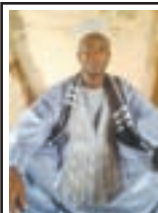
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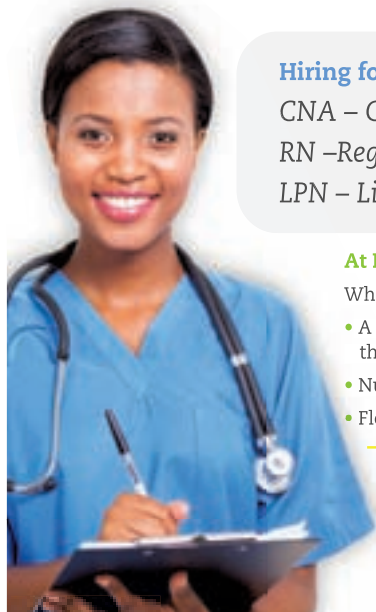
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Studio	\$548	3	→	1 person	♂	\$20,126 - \$25,400
Studio	\$865	15	→	1 person	♂	\$30,995 - \$38,100
Studio	\$1,049	3	→	1 person	♂	\$37,303 - \$63,500
Studio	\$1,729	9	→	1 person	♂	\$60,618 - \$92,075
Studio	\$2,137	36	→	1 person	♂	\$74,606 - \$104,775
1 bedroom	\$589	7	→	1 person	♂	\$21,566 - \$25,400
				2 people	♂ ♀	\$21,566 - \$29,000
1 bedroom	\$929	34	→	1 person	♂	\$33,223 - \$38,100
				2 people	♂ ♀	\$33,223 - \$43,500
1 bedroom	\$1,320	7	→	1 person	♂	\$46,629 - \$63,500
				2 people	♂ ♀	\$46,629 - \$72,500
1 bedroom	\$2,170	20	→	1 person	♂	\$75,772 - \$92,075
				2 people	♂ ♀	\$75,772 - \$105,125
1 bedroom	\$2,680	61	→	1 person	♂	\$93,258 - \$104,775
				2 people	♂ ♀	\$93,258 - \$119,625
2 bedroom	\$713	4	→	2 people	♂ ♀	\$28,852 - \$29,000
				3 people	♂ ♀ ♂	\$28,852 - \$32,640
				4 people	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	\$28,852 - \$36,240
2 bedroom	\$1,121	22	→	2 people	♂ ♀	\$39,840 - \$43,500
				3 people	♂ ♀ ♂	\$39,840 - \$48,960
				4 people	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	\$39,840 - \$54,360
2 bedroom	\$1,591	4	→	2 people	♂ ♀	\$55,955 - \$72,500
				3 people	♂ ♀ ♂	\$55,955 - \$81,600
				4 people	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	\$55,955 - \$90,600
2 bedroom	\$2,611	13	→	2 people	♂ ♀	\$90,926 - \$105,125
				3 people	♂ ♀ ♂	\$90,926 - \$118,320
				4 people	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	\$90,926 - \$131,370
2 bedroom	\$3,223	44	→	2 people	♂ ♀	\$111,909 - \$119,625
				3 people	♂ ♀ ♂	\$111,909 - \$134,640
				4 people	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	\$111,909 - \$149,490

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Unit Size	Monthly Rent*	Units Available		Household Size**	Annual Household Earnings***
3 bedroom	\$817	1 →	3 people	👤👤👤	\$29,863 - \$32,640
			4 people	👤👤👤👤	\$29,863 - \$36,240
			5 people	👤👤👤👤👤	\$29,863 - \$39,160
			6 people	👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$29,863 - \$42,040
3 bedroom	\$1,289	4 →	3 people	👤👤👤	\$46,046 - \$48,960
			4 people	👤👤👤👤	\$46,046 - \$54,360
			5 people	👤👤👤👤👤	\$46,046 - \$58,740
			6 people	👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$46,046 - \$63,060
3 bedroom	\$1,831	1 →	3 people	👤👤👤	\$64,629 - \$81,600
			4 people	👤👤👤👤	\$64,629 - \$90,600
			5 people	👤👤👤👤👤	\$64,629 - \$97,900
			6 people	👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$64,629 - \$105,100
3 bedroom	\$3,009	2 →	3 people	👤👤👤	\$105,018 - \$118,320
			4 people	👤👤👤👤	\$105,018 - \$131,370
			5 people	👤👤👤👤👤	\$105,018 - \$141,955
			6 people	👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$105,018 - \$152,395
3 bedroom	\$3,716	7 →	3 people	👤👤👤	\$129,258 - \$134,640
			4 people	👤👤👤👤	\$129,258 - \$149,490
			5 people	👤👤👤👤👤	\$129,258 - \$161,535
			6 people	👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$129,258 - \$173,415

*Rent includes gas for cooking and gas for heating.

**Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

***Household earnings include salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an application **by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: "535 Carlton c/o MHANY Management Inc." PO Box 25136, Brooklyn, NY 11202.** Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **September 15, 2016**. Late applications will not be considered.

What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an interview to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Interviews are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

Español	Presente una solicitud en línea en nyc.gov/housingconnect . Para recibir una traducción de español de este anuncio y la solicitud impresa, envíe un sobre con la dirección a: "535 Carlton c/o MHANY Management Inc." PO Box 25136 Brooklyn, NY 11202. En el reverso del sobre, escriba en inglés la palabra "SPANISH." Las solicitudes se deben enviar en línea o con sello postal antes de 15 de septiembre 2016 .
简体中文	访问 nyc.gov/housingconnect 在线申请。如要获取本广告及书面申请表的简体中文版，请将您的回邮信封寄送至：“535 Carlton c/o MHANY Management Inc PO Box 25136 Brooklyn, NY 11202.信封背面请用英语注明“CHINESE”。必须在以下日期之前在线提交申请或邮寄书面申请 2016年9月15日 。
Русский	Чтобы подать заявление через интернет, зайдите на сайт: nyc.gov/housingconnect . Для получения данного объявления и заявления на русском языке отправьте конверт с обратным адресом по адресу "535 Carlton c/o MHANY Management Inc PO Box 25136 Brooklyn, NY 11202. На задней стороне конверта напишите слово "RUSSIAN" на английском языке. Заявки должны быть поданы онлайн или отправлены по почте (согласно дате на почтовом штемпеле) не позднее 15 сентября 2016 .
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