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Tasian Edwards in costume from one of the seven sections of Suga Candy Mas. See story on page 43.

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TRINI REBELS SEIZED

Heightened security as Trinidad faces growing threat from locals

By Bert Wilkinson

Less than a week after Trinidad observed the 26th anniversary of the bloody 1990 coup attempt by a rebel Muslim group, authorities are now forced to deal with a problem of a different kind-gathering intelligence on dozens of locals with strong links to ISIS.

Security Minister Edmund Dillon said this week that while police are grappling with a string of murders and other serious crimes, much of their time and energy are being

devoted to the growing threat from locals who are sympathetic ISIS and other Middle Eastern terror groups.

He talked about a "recent emergence of Trinidad nationals interested in participating in conflicts overseas," noting that "the security environment was very dynamic and evolving."

Concerns in cabinet and the halls of the police service heightened as the week began because an Islamic publication

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Parker wants safe staffing bill into law by 2017

By Alexandra Simon

Nurses who work in hospitals could soon find their jobs easier if this new bill aimed to decrease patient ratio passes.

The Safe Staffing for Hospital Care Act bill was introduced to the New York State Senate in 2009 by state Sen.

Kevin Parker (D-East Flatbush), who sponsors the bill. The safe staffing bill would introduce a law that would require hospitals to assign an adequate number of patients per nurse and enforce proper staffing in hospitals. It would allow better patient care and

create more jobs.

"The whole focus of this bill is to make sure that we have enough nurses to address the issues of people in our community, and increase the quality of care, to make sure enough nurses on duty," Sen.

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From left Troy Farrington, minister counsellor in the Guyana Mission, Joel Talbot (son), Grace Talbot (wife), Ambassador George W. Talbot, Eden Charles, Trinidad & Tobago permanent representative to the UN, Janine Coye Felson, charge d' affaires of Belize to the UN, and Bibi Ally, counsellor in the Guyana Mission. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

UN, CARICOM bid farewell to Guyana's ambassador

By Tangerine Clarke

George Wilfred Talbot, Guyana's ambassador to the United Nations, his wife – Grace Angela and son – Joel Ephraim received an emotional and warm farewell from staff of the United Nations, Guyana Mission and the CARICOM community on Wednesday, July 27 as the envoy prepares to take up his next assignment in Brazil, South America.

The Guyana Mission's 5th Floor space on Manhattan's East side with many well-wishers, showered with praise, calling him humbled, and hardworking and someone who will leave an indelible mark on the diplomatic community.

Serving as emcee, Troy F. Torrington, minister counselor in the mission, said the afternoon of tributes was fitting for Talbot, a Guyana National Award recipient, whose dedication and exemplary work in the mission will be missed.

"It was an honor to work with Mr. Talbot, a man of integrity and humility," said Torrington, adding that the former chargé d'affaires, showed leadership in the mission.

"We appreciate the work you did at the mission and wish you well as you go forward," added Torrington.

Janine Coye Felson, charge d'affaires of Belize Mission to the UN, described Talbot, a former permanent representative of Guyana and chair of the Second Committee (Economic and Financial) for the General Assembly's 67th session as a God-fairing man who served his country very well.

She reflected on Talbot's accomplishments calling him a leader who demonstrated qualities of composure and character that many leaders should have. She noted that he worked for the greater good of the community.

"Thanks for your service and your friendship," she said to Talbot who also served as Guyana's non-resident ambassador to Israel and non-resident high commissioner to the Republic of Namibia.

Counselor Bibi Shelia Ally tearfully expressed her sadness at the diplomat's departure, stating the staff would miss Talbot.

"We sincerely appreciate all that you have taught us over the years and wish you the best," she said, before presenting Talbot with a token of appreciation from the mission staff.

Talbot who joined the mission as a minister counselor, brought a wealth of service from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Georgetown, holding positions as second secretary and first secretary was held in high regard by Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago Permanent Representative to the UN, Eden Charles.

"It is a testament that we hold George in high regard, your work has shined, and will continue to shine on behalf of your country. Although you are going to a bilateral post, I know wherever possible, you will look after the region's interest," added Charles.

A career diplomat, who headed his country's delegation in New York when

Guyana was chair of the Union of South American Nations in 2011, and the Rio Group in 2006, Talbot took his work seriously, in a refreshing way, said former colleague in the foreign service, Neil Pierre, chief in Policy Coordination Branch for ECOS Support & Coordination Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs in the UN.

"He has not been alone in this journey. He has been accompanied by a competent and rock of a family. I know you are people of faith, God's speed as you embark on this next phase of your life," said Pierre.

Ambassador Talbot, who so far has spent 23 years in the foreign service, held posts in the field of multilateral diplomacy, working on economic, social and political issues, said that it was a rewarding experience to represent Guyana in the foreign service, and he was extremely proud of his country, Guyana.

Talbot who earned a bachelor's degree in modern languages from the University of Guyana and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, thanked staff and colleagues for their consistent support during his tenure in the foreign service.

"For my family and me it has been a rewarding experience to serve at the UN, we grew up with the UN, and it was an honor to serve as a permanent representative of Guyana, most recently, we are extremely proud of our country."

Medgar Evers mourns loss of former T&T PM

By Nelson A. King

Medgar Evers College's President Dr. Rudolph F. Crew says the recent passing of former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Patrick Manning "has a special resonance" at the Central Brooklyn college.

Manning, who was born on Aug. 17, 1946, died on July 2, 2016. He was 69.

The former Trinidad and Tobago leader had received an honorary degree from Medgar Evers College in 2007 and "was committed to strengthening the nation through education," Dr. Crew said.

"Beyond his commitment to education, his passing is significant to us because so many members of the college community are from Trinidad and Tobago," he said.

Crew noted that, during Manning's tenure as Prime Minister (1991 to 1995, 2001 to 2010), he "championed the Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE) program, which gave countless students in his country access to higher education and opportunities.

"His understanding of the importance of human capital in the age of globalization underscores his connection to an institution such as ours," Dr. Crew added. "We here at Medgar Evers College join our friends, colleagues and families in Trinidad and Tobago and around the world in mourning the passing of Patrick Manning."

Manning's death was caused by acute myeloid leukemia.

He is survived by his wife Hazel Manning, and two sons, Brian and David Manning.

Located in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, Medgar Evers College is a growing institution offering both associate and baccalaureate degrees.

The nearly 7,000-member student body primarily comprises those who are the first in their families to attend college.



Medgar Evers College President Dr. Rudolph F. Crew.

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Antigua

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) has recorded a \$10 million loss for 2016.

ECCB Governor Timothy Antoine who was speaking at a press conference following the 85th meeting of the ECCB Monetary Council in Antigua and Barbuda recently said there is “no immediate concern” over the \$10 million in losses, arguing that yearly losses are reducing.

He said the ECCB is not a profit making institution and therefore the losses are not as alarming as they seem at first glance.



Antoine said the Central Bank has made losses for the last three years -\$18 million in 2014, \$12 million in 2015 and \$10 million in 2016.

“The good news is that we’re actually seeing a reduction in those losses. There is no immediate concern,” the governor said.

According to Antoine, the “principal reason” for the losses was because of the “low interest rate environment” in the global market.

Barbados

Travel demand to Barbados increased by 30 percent in the first quarter of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

This is according to Expedia group, one of the world’s leading travel companies, which said additionally, 20 percent of travel demand to Barbados during this timeframe is based on package bookings.

These bookings, Expedia said are extremely valuable for hoteliers as they generally feature twice the length of stay, are booked two times further in advance and have half the cancellation rate of a standalone (i.e. hotel only) booking.



New data from Expedia also indicates that the United States continues to be the top feeder market for Barbados making up more than 40 percent of travelers to the island.



Mas in Toronto

Mas band members dance in front of Toronto Police officers as they make their way through the exhibition grounds during the Toronto Caribbean Carnival’s grand parade, in Toronto on Saturday, July 30, 2016. See story on page 18.

Cole Burston / The Canadian Press via Associated Press

Other top feeder markets include the United Kingdom with 25 percent of travelers and Canada with nearly 15 percent.

Expedia said Barbados has always been an important Caribbean destination for the group adding that it will seek to continue to add more properties to its portfolio in 2016 and to support tourism growth in Barbados and the Caribbean region as a whole.

Bahamas

The Central Bank of the Bahamas (CBB) has denied reports of a possible devaluation of the local currency.

In a statement, the CBB said it wanted to assure the public that “contrary to speculation” in the local media “there is no imminent or medium-term threat of devaluation of the Bahamian dollar.”

It said that “adequate support and

mechanisms remain in place to protect the value of the currency, despite conjectures about the impact of economic growth, fiscal consolidation prospects or governance institutions.”

“The Bahamian dollar’s value continues to be supported by the foreign reserve holdings of the Central Bank and the tools at the bank’s disposal to regulate the demand for foreign exchange,” the statement said.



The CDB said that the Bahamian public continues to have comfortable access to foreign exchange to fund their external transactions.

Guyana

The Guyana government has no immediate plans to abolish the death penalty. But it is not ruling it out at

some stage, according to Minister of Natural Resources Raphael Trotman, but the people would have to be consulted.

He said the government has found itself in a situation where credible international organizations, like the Financial Action Task Force, were calling on it to enact certain laws while others were urging that those laws be abolished.

Guyana recently introduced laws against the financing of terrorism, which list the death penalty as punishment.

There has been a moratorium on the death penalty in Guyana since the early 1990s.

President David Granger made it clear that if government wanted to go



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Local ISIS fighters may face charges

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featured a well known Trinidadian Muslim by the name of Shane Crawford as saying that it would have been an honor on his part to have assassinated then Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and other cabinet ministers back in 2011. He also called for the murder of Christians who fail to convert to Islam.

The leading Express Newspaper detailed a story carried by Islamic State in Syria, an online publication, of Crawford chatting about various topics including executing senior government officials and unrepentant Christians because the Bible had been corrupted by Christian leaders. In the article, he is named as Abu Sa'd at Trinidad.

"The only thing between you and us is the sword," Crawford said of what he called unrepentant Christians.

Minister Dillon in the meantime said that while authorities are closely monitoring locals with known sympathies to rebel groups, they are also trying to confirm reports that nine Trinidadians had been detained by Turkish police in the past week as they were headed to mid east battlefields.

They were expected to be deported back to Trinidad sometime this week.

Attorney General Faris Al Rawi vowed that the men would be under 24-hour surveillance by intelligence officials as there have been calls for sympathizers to launch attacks on local soil.



Trinidad and Tobago's Attorney General Faris-al-Rawi.

Officials are also trying to determine what if any charges can be brought against the group when the return to the island with its past history of acrimony between government and some Muslim groups.

"At the end of the day anybody in an alleged circumstance of terrorism has to face the courts. There is due process and it must be done fairly but at the same time you have to take an intelligence-based approach to this," Al-Rawi said.

The men were detained and rounded up while traveling in a truck in Turkey on July 27, the anniversary of the 1990 coup.

But even as officials in Port of Spain are liaising with counterparts in Turkey, a serious problem is arising as there are no non stop flights to Trinidad from Ankara.

Hospital nurses may get relief

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Parker. "The second thing is to keep us from overworking nurses, and causing injury to nurses. This would affect them positively."

With support from the New York State Nurses Association, unfortunately the bill — now seven years since it was introduced — has not reached the senate floor, which Sen. Parker hopes changes in 2017 when the senate voting session returns. The bill is currently in the senate health committee. Although the bill will not benefit nurses who work in nursing homes, hospices, or other medical facilities that are not hospitals, Parker hopes it can transcend to different facilities the quicker the bill gets passed.

The bill would also ensure that nurses working in the field are fully educated and licensed. The mandate would also help minimize accidents and mistakes caused by overworked nurses, and would ensure better accountability and provide better health care.



Senator Kevin Parker.

Parker is confident that Gov. Cuomo will sign the bill into law when it passes the senate, but emphasized that he wants more support from nurses.

"I think Cuomo will support it because it's good for patients in hospitals," said Parker. "But we really need more support from nurses groups."

Other supporters of the bill are state Sen. Tony Avella who is a co-sponsor as well as Assemblywoman Rodneye Bichotte, who sponsored the bill in the Assembly.

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DOT adds longer parking time for Nostrand Ave

By Alexandra Simon

The Department of Transportation, accompanied by Borough President Eric Adams, business owners, and members of the Nostrand Avenue Merchants Association, will add longer metered parking times for Nostrand Avenue, the departments Brooklyn commissioner announced on Thursday, July 28.

The addition of longer meter parking times and the reduction of truck-loading on Nostrand Avenue — from Empire Boulevard to Parkside Avenue — will allow drivers to park longer and shop more along the busy B44 Select Bus Service route.

“Nostrand Avenue is also one of Brooklyn’s most vibrant commercial strips and we were happy to follow-up to ensure that parking and loading regulations meet the needs of the community,” said Keith Bray, Department of Transportation’s Brooklyn commissioner.

“We continue to remain



In with the new: New parking regulation signs being installed on Nostrand Avenue and Maple Street on July 28. The new rules will reduce truck loading hours, and extend parking meter hours.

NYC DOT

committed to working with local businesses and their customers while at the same time addressing concerns about

keeping vehicle and bus traffic moving. I think we have struck a proper balance.”

“I hope to get meters on Rogers Avenue, so people can come and park all day.”

The Nostrand Avenue Merchants Association, a local organization committed to the livelihood of local businesses, reached out to the Department of Transportation in 2015, to discuss how truck-loading, short meter times, and the Select Bus Service was affecting shoppers and businesses. With research, the Department of Transportation decided effective changes for Nostrand Avenue. Local businesses owners were delighted with the news.

“Over on Rogers Avenue — what we were experiencing with the lane being taken away during morning and afternoon commutes — was



City agency working with the community: Department of Transportation Brooklyn Commissioner, Keith Bray, center, Borough President Eric Adams, far left, and local businesses owners and members of the Nostrand Avenue Merchants Association, at a press conference about the department’s new parking regulations for Nostrand Avenue. NYC DOT

that we were getting ticketed on a regular basis,” said Danii Oliver, owner of House of Juice. “I hope to get meters on Rogers Avenue, so people can come and park all day.”

The new parking regulations will prolong meter times and reduce truck-loading, increasing the number of potential customers for businesses, as drivers will not have the fear of getting ticketed for traffic violations, one local business

owner said.

“It takes a lot from my business — people will double park, up and down block — sitting in their cars, to avoid truck loading restrictions and the bus lane,” said Mark Schwartz, owner of Little Mo Wine and Spirits.

“Getting rid of that will let people actually park their car and not worry. That will encourage more people to stop by and see what’s going on.”

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Guyana travel ban on university graduates is lawless

To The Editor:

The recent pronouncement of the minister of finance in which he declared with the utmost pomposity that graduates who are in arrears with the University of Guyana would be prevented from travelling out of the country until they had settled the debt, must strike all right-minded people as an appalling act of idiocy and lawlessness. This is so much the case that international news agencies carried the story. Citizens of Guyana are subject to and protected by the Constitution of Guyana, and I cite section 148(1) as follows: "No person shall be deprived of his or her freedom of movement, that is to say, the right to move freely throughout Guyana, the right to reside in any part of Guyana, the right to enter Guyana, the right to leave Guyana and immunity from expulsion from Guyana."

There are some exceptions to this which are to be applied under the laws of Guyana, but which can only be imposed after the judgement of a court of law and I refer particularly to section 148 (h) which states that restrictions upon the right of any person to leave Guyana may only be made if they are reasonably required in order to secure the fulfilment of any obligations imposed on that person by law.

Unless the order to fulfil an

obligation is made by a court of law, no president, minister of government or cabinet can take it upon themselves to subvert the Constitution of Guyana and infringe the constitutional rights of any Guyanese citizen to travel freely. Indebtedness is a civil matter and must be proved in a court of law on a balance of probabilities! When a judgement is made further action at law can be taken if there is evidence that the party under obligation does not intend to fulfil it.

The government of Guyana has just recently launched this disgraceful attack on University of Guyana graduates which is intended to shame and humiliate thousands of people who have made significant contributions to Guyana mostly by working overseas and sending remittances which have supported the economy for years. For most of those who remained, it was impossible to get a decent job to earn a salary which could take care of ordinary obligations let alone pay back student loans. The free movement of CARICOM nationals was also a policy intended to allow professionals and university graduates an opportunity to develop themselves and to contribute in all parts of CARICOM. How does this minister of finance think this ridiculous dictatorial pol-

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US gov't report exposes exaggerated TPPA claims

By Jomo Kwame Sundaram

Jomo Kwame Sundaram was United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and received the Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought in 2007.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, July 28, 2016 (IPS) - A U.S. government agency acknowledges that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) will not deliver many economic benefits promised by its cheerleaders. The 2016 report by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) acknowledges that the TPP will not deliver many gains claimed by the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and the Peterson Institute of International Economics (PIIE) although it uses similar methodology and assumes that the TPP will not change the U.S. trade deficit as a share of GDP.

The ITC's credibility has declined over the years as it earned a reputation for cheer-leading FTAs. It had grossly underestimated US trade deficit increases following virtually every 'free trade' pact it assessed. Its projections understated the large U.S. deficit increase with Mexico following the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the huge trade deficit explosion with China following 'permanent normal trade relations', and the trade deficit spike with South Korea following the U.S.-Korea trade agreement.

To assess the impact of the TPP, the ITC used its variant of a computable general equilibrium (CGE) model modified to take account of

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foreign direct investment (FDI) effects. To be sure, the ITC accepts growth to rise due to a significant increase in FDI, although there is no strong evidence or even logic that the TPP provisions will ensure the increase in FDI and growth projected. In fact, the procedure used involves many arbitrary elements, such as the impact on the OECD's Regulatory Restrictiveness Index (RRI), and the impact of the latter on productivity, FDI flows and GDP, both in the U.S. and abroad.

However, the ITC accepts only a fraction of the overall growth attributed to 'non-trade measures' (NTMs) by the 2016 PIIE — and World Bank — assessment, effectively rejecting many claims of growth attributed to other NTMs. Thus, for example, the ITC estimates exports will increase by only 1 percent due to NTMs by 2032 as against the PIIE's estimate of 9.1 percent by 2030.

Thus, the economic gains from the TPP are much more modest for the ITC, with US GDP growing by only \$42.7 billion (0.15 percent) by the year 2032, or by an average of less than 0.01 percent annually. Indeed, the ITC found that U.S. manufacturing output in 2032 would be \$10.843 billion lower with

the TPP than without it, with manufacturing employment lowered by 0.2 percent! And while vehicles production would gain, automotive parts, textiles and chemicals output would contract.

Overall projected gains to U.S. real national income are \$57.3 billion, or 0.23 percent, by 2032, implying an average annual increase of slightly over 0.01 percent over the next 17 years. The much larger increase in U.S. national income compared to GDP suggests that the TPP will significantly increase (mainly corporate) income from economic activity abroad, presumably from outward FDI. It is not clear how much of this is due to enhanced intellectual property rights (IPRs) or TPP-related financial liberalization, or if such income changes have been considered. An alternative possibility is that the terms of trade will change sufficiently in favour of the U.S.

US trade balance to worsen

The ITC expects the TPP to have small positive effects on the U.S. economy. Dropping the usual CGE modelling assumption of an unchanging trade balance, it adopts a controversial methodology to project changing trade balances. According to the ITC, U.S. exports and imports would be \$27.2 billion (1.0 percent) and \$48.9 billion (1.1 percent) higher than 'baseline projections' without the TPP, thus increasing the U.S. trade deficit to \$21.7 billion in 2032. It projects that U.S. exports to new TPP and other FTA partners would grow by \$34.6

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Something they will long regret

Donald Trump's stupid boast that republicans were going to outshine democrats, as far as having more interested republicans than democrats when stuff got underway, was just more of the same. The guy just seems unable to resist saying crap. The fact that the democratic convention had a lot about it that got lots of folks interested enough, outshining Trump, is all that needs be said. That being the case, we present all you should need to know about why this Trump person is no one you should be speaking about regarding something important like the presidency of the United States.

For starters, Trump should not, as we commented before, be able to even try to become president with his being an unrepentant racist. Trump made this abundantly clear to anyone who did not know it before, in the way he treated the president of the United States ever since Mr. Obama took office. The fact that someone thought it perfectly in order that Mr. Obama merited Trump's callous disrespect says

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

all we need to know about what the Trump name involves.

Trump has made no bones about the rough manner certain Americans need to be handled. Americans who apparently should have their status made null and void, all because this individual doesn't believe that these citizens should no longer be considered legitimate partners of what they had acquired. The fact that legitimate members of the American community could be irrationally transformed into something so appalling makes the individual responsible for it nothing less than having the mind of a lunatic.

It takes someone with a mind most of us could never imagine to conclude that a Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient should be subjected to unbelievable disgrace. This is what Trump thought appropriate for the Medal of Honor individual who became the most recent case of Trump displaying absolutely no respect. His ridiculous comment about former soldier Humayun Khan is unfortunately the kind of crap of which we've gotten accustomed as par for the course with this idiot.

Trump's delay about releasing his finance has been such that the public should not be surprised if he eventually says to the folks that he concluded it was none of their business. He of course is the sort of individual who thinks there's nothing wrong with telling folks precisely that.

Having gotten to a point this time around that is beyond so-called attempts at election that he has undertaken in previous years, we have gotten the most instructive idea of what he's all about as a candidate. So far in the campaign, Trump has probably scared people big time and one would assume there's more to come. We feel quite comfortable that the pattern already being heard, of persons who have previously identified

themselves as republican supporters, will increasingly make themselves known to be non-supporters of Trump. We feel very strongly that the number of republicans getting scared over what the candidate is all about will steadily continue. All of which makes our understanding of what went down when



Donald Trump reacts during Republican presidential debate at Milwaukee Theatre, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Milwaukee. Associated Press / Jeffrey Phelps, File

Trump and a bunch of others said they wanted to be the 2016 candidate, something we remain unable to understand. The fact that republicans couldn't do what was necessary to have this guy become a non-event when there was time enough to do so, is something they will regret for many moons.

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OP-EDS

Exaggerated TPPA growth claims

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billion (18.7 percent) while U.S. imports from them would rise by \$23.4 billion (10.4 percent).

The ITC projects increased exports of \$27.2 billion in 2032 (in 2017 US dollars), less than a tenth of the PIIE's projection of \$357 billion in 2030 (in 2015 dollars). It expects manufactured exports to rise by \$15.2 billion, while such imports would increase by \$39.2 billion, increasing the net manufactures' trade deficit by \$24.0 billion.

Although US services' output is projected to increase by \$42.3 billion (0.1 percent) due to the TPP, the net services' trade surplus is expected to contract as the increased services' imports of \$7.0 billion would exceed the increased exports of \$4.8 billion. Exports of services to non-TPP partners are projected to fall by \$11.8 billion, less than the projected increase of \$16.6 billion to TPP partners.

The ITC report also projects worsening trade balances for 16 of the 25 U.S. sectors it featured, including vehicles, wheat, corn, auto-parts, titanium products, chemicals, seafood, textiles and apparel, rice and even financial services. It projects a declining market share of U.S. manufactures, natural resources and energy of \$10.8 billion as such exports increase by \$15.2 billion while imports rise by \$39.2 billion by 2032. In the U.S., agriculture would gain most, with output \$10.0 billion, or 0.5 percent, higher by 2032. However, the costs and implications of the still growing U.S. agricultural — including biofuel — production subsidies are largely ignored in the report.

Who gains, who loses?

While dropping the typical CGE modelling assumption of constant labour supply, the ITC nevertheless seems to assume that the economy naturally tends to full employment. It thus projects over-

all employment will increase by 128,000 full-time jobs, or by 0.07 percent, due to the TPP. The trade deficit increase due to TPP implementation would result in 129,484 American job losses, including a manufacturing employment drop of 0.2 percent. Hence, this has to be largely attributed to services employment growth despite the expected fall in the services trade surplus.

Even if a more comprehensive and balanced assessment of the costs and risks of TPP provisions finds the potential for improved net economic welfare for all in all TPP countries (which the ITC report does not claim to show), TPP measures will not compensate losing participating economies and stakeholders. And while there may be measures available for beneficiaries to compensate losers in some national economies, nothing in the TPP itself will ensure such compensation, let alone adequately compensate those who will lose.

Furthermore, the ITC analysis does not seem to consider public health and consumer welfare losses due to higher prices, and reduced access due to broader, stronger and longer patent and copyright protection — although higher prices for pharmaceutical drugs, software and other forms of intellectual property will impose substantial costs on the public and governments.

Implementing the TPP will greatly profit some large corporations, especially those getting IPR and financial rents. Meanwhile, real incomes for employees, especially the less skilled, are likely to be further depressed, as in the past, due to international competition following trade liberalization. Compensation for such losers is virtually unheard of in developing countries, and declining in developed countries, as they are hardly ever advocated by current conventional wisdom, let alone in the TPP Agreement's 6350 pages.

Breach of the Guyana Constitution

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icy will work? Someone seeking a job overseas will have to present a million dollars to some customs officer in order to leave the country, which will eventually amount to a lesser sum in order to 'get away'? Is the minister so blatantly ignorant of Guyana's international agreements and citizen's rights? Is this the new democracy?

The level of crassness with which this matter of student loans has been handled by the Granger Administration leaves one to wonder at the quality of governance it intends to provide. There was no attempt to engage graduates on the issue before publishing the "list," instead the administration took the route of name and shame which was immediately latched upon by the news media and others with glee,

and which had the effect of criminalising those named in the public eye.

To President Granger, this policy is a serious, unforgivable breach of the Constitution of Guyana, the tenets of which you publicly swore to uphold. There are much better ways of dealing with this matter and as President of Guyana, it is your duty to find a way. Graduates will not forgive the stripping of their dignity in this manner.

I call on the legal profession in Guyana and the diaspora, and indeed all citizens, to get involved in preventing this breach of the Constitution of Guyana and infringement of the constitutional rights of Guyanese graduates. This government must be held accountable!

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Zika travel warning for pregnant women



A graphic rendering of a baby born with microcephaly, a smaller head — the results are a number of birth defects. The mosquito-born Zika virus is one cause for this condition. Photo by Tequila Minsky

By Tequila Minsky

The message is loud and clear by Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner Mary Bassett, “If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant delay travel to Zika-affected countries.” And that goes for women’s sex partners, too; the Zika virus can be spread by unprotected sex.



Health Commissioner Mary Bassett is adamant, “If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant delay travel to Zika-affected countries.” Photo by Tequila Minsky

The Zika-carrying mosquito is not in the New York and northern U.S. states. However, travelers from Zika-affected areas have returned with the virus.

For pregnant women, birth defects caused by the virus on a developing fetus can be devastating.

This urgent message is why the Commissioner held a briefing last week with the ethnic and community press to get the word out.

Since October, there have been over 1500 confirmed reports of babies born in Brazil with malformations, primarily microcephaly, caused by the mosquito-born Zika virus.

quito, found in all countries of the Caribbean, and Central and South Americas except Chile (which has a cooler climate), that spreads the virus.

In weekly updated statistics, the DOH reports 249 women tested positive for Zika—140 who had traveled to the Dominican Republic. The other most common countries visited reporting cases are Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Guyana, Colombia, and Saint

Lucia. Also, 97 men tested positive. Most recently there have been 14 confirmed cases originated in Miami.

Zika symptoms can be slight and may include a fever rarely higher than 102 degrees, an itchy pink rash, bloodshot eyes, sensitivity to light, headaches and joint pains and usually don’t have long-lasting affects except on a baby in utero.

Microcephaly is a birth defect where a baby is born with a head smaller than expected and the smaller brains do not develop properly. A slew of problems—seizures, developmental delays, movement, vision or hearing problems are paired with this birth defect, depending on its severity.

The DOH has begun a free testing program for pregnant women who may have been exposed to the virus — at this point from travel or having sex with someone who has traveled to a Zika-affected area. More than 2,000 pregnant women have been tested since late March and

the daily number being tested is increasing. Last Friday alone, the City’s Zika Test Call Center received 56 test requests.

In the New York area, there have been a reported 41 pregnant women who tested positive for Zika, and last week, the first baby in this area was born with microcephaly.

Adamant with her message to delay travel, the commissioner is trying to ensure pregnant and potentially pregnant women to avoid the possibility of having a baby with Zika-related problems.

She repeated and emphasized, “If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant, postpone your trip to places where there

is Zika.” Further recommending, she says, “If he travels, on his return, your male partner should follow our advice regarding safe sex (using barrier methods.) If he is uncertain that he can follow this advice, he should consider not traveling. The consequences of infection are far too high.”

A copy of the Department of Health guidelines can be found at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/zika-virus.page>. The campaign, which builds on existing “Fight Back NYC” messaging, began last week, on social media and will expand to subways, print and TV in the coming weeks.



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Tribunal to examine human rights violations



St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet.

By Azad Ali
Newly elected St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet has announced plans to set up a tribunal to look into the report of gross human rights violations by the Royal St. Lucia Police Force (RSLPF) between 2011-2011 and to present a road map to move forward.

The tribunal will comprise a representative from Britain, the European Union (EU), the United States and another from St. Lucia.

This followed a courtesy call on U.S. Ambassador Linda Tagliatlateala in Bridgetown, Barbados recently.

The United States has told the new Chastanet administration it will not lift sanctions on St. Lucia if it fails to bring to justice those responsible within the Royal St. Lucia Police

Force (RSLPF) for gross violations of human rights through credible judicial processes and prosecutions.

The U.S. Department of State suspended assistance to the local police force as a result

of "credible evidence of extrajudicial killings of 17 people in 2010-2011 under the former Kenny Anthony government.

The visas of a number of senior police officers to travel to the USA were canceled.

National Night Out Against Crime

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday night was lit in blue in recognition of National Night Out Against Crime, a nationwide event celebrated annually since 1984 in which police departments host community residents for an evening of activities aimed at building greater partnership.

Honoring the continued service of the members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), in which he served for 22 years in precincts across Brooklyn and Manhattan, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams said he dedicated the ceremonial lighting to the "continued pursuit of advancing community-police relations across New York City and America."

Adams said he has been committed to this mission during his entire professional career.

"As someone who has worn the blue uniform of a police officer and the blue jeans of a civil rights activist focused

on just policing, I know better than many the critical need of ongoing and open lines of communication through which community and police speak openly about the issues we face and how we can work together to solve them," he said.

"Brooklyn Borough Hall is the 'People's House,' and bathing the building in blue is symbolic of the appreciation that the people of this borough have for the tens of thousands of hard-working men and women who sacrifice to protect Brooklyn's families," he added.

"Community and police, working in partnership, are stronger together in preventing crime," Adams continued. "I ask all New Yorkers, regardless of what role they play in our communities, to take National Night Out as a valuable opportunity to advance their commitment to making this city a safer place to raise healthy children and families."

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One million spectators view Toronto's carnival



Roy Pierre and Cheryl Odeian in front of designs for Brooklyn J'Ouvert 2016 "Havana Nights."
Keith Getter

Continuing the tradition — Mas Icons

By Mervyn Taylor

Over a span of some forty-plus years, Roy Pierre & Associates has participated, in one way or another, in cultural events and activities related to the West Indian Labor Day Parade. The group's presentation, "Midnight at the Oasis," winner of the Band of the Year prize in 1974, was the pinnacle of many creative productions, including "Hiawatha," a tribute to the Native American, Shangri-La, for which the band's king won the King of the Bands title, and "Caribbean Potpourri," a mashup of our own cultural origins.

After a hiatus of some seven years, the band rejoined the celebration of its cultural presence in the borough of Brooklyn through the backdoor (so to speak) of J'ouvert, becoming an integral part of that spontaneous outgrowth. Love of pan was in large part responsible for the band's return. That participation, presently closing in on a 20-year duration, has rewarded Roy Pierre & Associates with the impressive record of winning the J'ouvert Band of the Year title 16 times. *Caribbean*, the magazine of Caribbean Airlines, recently featured the band in an extended, six-page article, written by Alaskan judge Ray Funk, in recognition of work the band has done, and continues to do.

Roy Pierre & Associates, always with an eye to presenting mas that is relevant and thought-provoking, has managed such productions as "Boomerang" — the Australian aborigines, "Cotton and Cane" — the history of slavery in the U.S. and in the Caribbean, "Running of the Bulls" — the famed festival of Pamplona, and on and on. While producing high-quality mas, the organizers always kept the cost of its costumes at affordable levels, partly the reason for its loyal band of followers.



Mas bands revel in the music as they walk the parade route at the Toronto Caribbean Carnival's grand parade, in Toronto on Saturday, July 30, 2016.
Cole Burston / The Canadian Press via Associated Press

By Nelson A. King

About a million people from around the world on Saturday converged on Toronto's Lakeshore Boulevard for city's 49th annual Caribbean Carnival Parade.

Colorful costumes, floats and reggae and soca music enveloped the boulevard with 16,000 participants, according to the *Toronto Sun*.

"This is just perfect, and everyone is so happy," Muneer Ali, 16, taking part in his first parade this year with the "Working with Youth in Policing" contingent, told the paper. "I love the music and the dancing."

Waving the Guyana flag, Torissa George, 17, said she was having a time of her life.

"I feel so free and proud representing my Guyanese heritage," she said, dancing. "It is very welcoming, and people can learn a lot of great things."

Saturday morning started with showers and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, but the sun broke through just in time for the Grand Parade, the *Sun* said.

"This is a fun and important event in the city that brings out a lot of people to celebrate our diversity," the city's Mayor John Tory told the *Sun*. "This is one of Toronto's premier events, and it's not a parade, it's a huge street party."

Ontario Education Minister Mitzi Hunter described the parade as "the fabric of the city," according to the *Sun*. "It brings us together."

Ontario PC leader Patrick Brown also told the paper that the parade is the highlight of the three-week Caribbean Carnival festival, adding that it was great to be back at the event.

"The beautiful part of Canada is the way we celebrate our culture and diversity," he said. "Some places say forget your roots and culture; in Canada, we celebrate it," Brown said.

The *Globe and Mail* described the Caribbean Carnival as "an ebullient three-week celebration" that attracts nearly 300,000 tourists and injects CAN\$438-million into the economy, referring to a 2009 Ryerson University study.

But the paper lamented that tension lies in the event's culmination, which many believe is over-policed, with guests subject to harassment.

Police, however, maintain the need to protect the carnival's million-plus attendees, the paper said.

"An ideal carnival is one in which nobody really notices the police," said Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash, declining to disclose the number of officers working at this year's festival

but added that the tally has decreased in recent years.

In 2012, police added 456 officers downtown during the three-day carnival and a further 350 during the parade, in response to heightened concerns about gun violence, said the *Globe and Mail*, adding that, that year, was also the first time police searched bags.

But Caribbean Carnival spokesman Stephen Weir said police have been more hands off in recent years, allowing organizers to recruit about 270 "Caribbean-friendly" security officers, who, he said, have experience working with similar groups at nightclubs and other festivals.

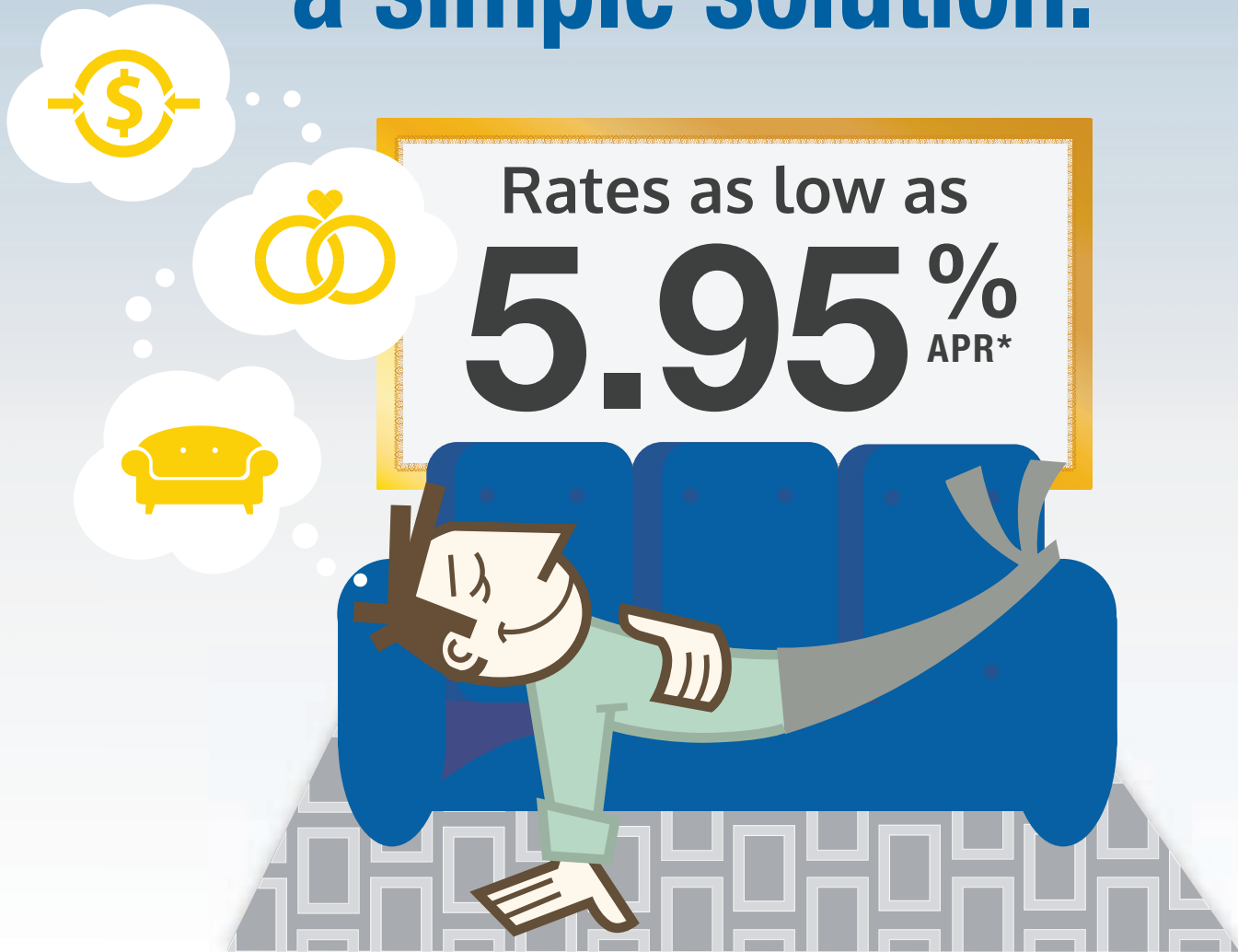
Each masquerade band is also accompanied by a squad of marshals on the parade route, *Globe and Mail* said.

It said that, in recent years, Toronto police has publicly embraced the Caribbean Carnival, that it kicked off the festival last summer at its headquarters with a dance-off between Mayor John Tory and Police Chief Mark Saunders.

Police had the first float at last year's and this year's parade, the *Globe and Mail* noted.

Weir said that, given the carnival's size, the number of incidents and arrests each year are "infinitesimal," according to the *Globe and Mail*.

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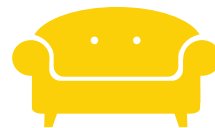
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a step further to abolish capital punishment, there would be widespread consultation.

The call to review the death penalty came from Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at the UN, Ivan Simonovic, during a meeting with President Granger.

Jamaica

Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Winston De La Haye said that the Ministry of Health has received increased reports from doctors of patients with symptoms that could cause paralysis and even death.

He said that in terms of neurological complications there is a total of 67 notifications that appear to be Gullian Barre Syndrome (GBS).

Dr. La Haye said there are nine suspected cases, within that only one has been confirmed Zika positive, three of them negative and "we are still awaiting results from about five."

He said the ministry is in the process of preparing a special facility at the National Chest Hospital to treat persons with GBS.

To date, health officials are investigating 2,800 suspected cases of the Zika virus.

The health minister said the island will participate in several clinical trials in the drive to find a vaccine to treat the mosquito-borne virus.

He said that the island's participation forms part of an international study to fight against ZIKV and is being supported by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr. Tufton said the vaccine could become available within a year.

St. Vincent

A 63-year-old Vincentian man was jailed for 12 years for raping his 12 year-old foster daughter.

Benjamin "Ben" Roberts from the west coast community of Mahoe, Lowlans was found guilty on three counts of rape and one count of indecent assault against the teenager.

He had been accused of the offences at his home between 2004 and 2006. Roberts was sentenced by a high court judge to 12 years on each count and one year on the indecent assault charge but the sentences are to run concurrently.

The court heard that Roberts' wife had operated a business, leaving the house early on mornings.

Benjamin used the opportunity when the older of the two girls was getting ready for school to sexually assault her.

The court was told that Roberts

had threatened to kill the girl if she reported the sex acts.

The matter only came to the attention of the police in 2012, after the girl became an adult and years after she reported the abuse to her pastor and Social Welfare Department.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly, Sarah Flood-Beaubrun has been appointed minister of Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service.

A statement from the Office of the Prime Minister, said that Flood-Beaubrun, who previously served as health minister in the 1997 St. Lucia Labor Party (SLP) government was sworn into office last week.

The parliamentary representative for Castries Central was earlier this month sworn in as deputy speaker of the House of Assembly.

Flood-Beaubrun, who served as a diplomat under a United Workers Party (UWP) administration, is expected to also take up the Foreign Ministry portfolio.

The UWP won the June 6 general elections when it won 11 of the 17 parliamentary seats.

Trinidad

The Development Bank of Latin America or Corporacion Andina de Fomento (CAF) has announced a grant of US\$300 million (TT\$2 billion) to be disbursed to the Ministry of Finance for use in a special program for 2015-2020.

The ministry's program called the "Support Program for the Medium-Term Fiscal Consolidation Strategy" is designed to bolster tax revenue and to cushion reductions of subsidies.

A media release from CAF said it will "represent an important input in strengthening tax revenue in the non-energy sector, increasing efficiency in public spending, promoting the optimization of States assets, and progressively reducing subsidies for fuel and private transportation".

CAF said the measure will complement the efforts made by the government to increase efficiency in public spending and prompt economic diversification.

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Mentorship needs for students identified

By Dawn Plummer

After almost 40 years of offering scholarships to middle school scholars, high school students, undergraduate and graduate students, the Guyana Nurses Association of America, Inc. has taken their work and dedication to another milestone in the community.

The association is now engaging and connecting past recipients of its scholarships to undertake the role of mentoring young students, a mentee/mentor relationship. The opportunity is also one for allowing the past recipients to help prepare another generation of brilliant minds by providing them with professional directions and guidance.

The first annual scholarship/mentor event was held recently at the New Life Center of Truth Hall, on Snyder Avenue, in Brooklyn. More than 120 students were on hand to participate in a panel discussion about their future and how significant changes could be made in their lives through mentorship. Dr. Jacqueline Gulstone, chairperson and past president



Chairperson of the mentorship program and Past President of the Guyana Nurses Association, Dr. Jacqueline Gulstone.

of the Guyana Nurses Association said the former recipients, who are all now established professionals, are also expected to work with the students directly to help them follow their dreams. Dr. Gulstone noted that some students were lacking the knowledge of the concrete requirements for their career choice. "This lack of awareness has caused serious missteps which can affect



From left, Dr. Edmund Anstey, Kara Hamilton, school administrator and Amedella Clarke, former recipient now a teacher. Mark LaRose

their lives," she added.

The 14 varying professionals include practicing careers such as judges, doctors, pharmacist, principals, social worker, business owners and police officers, some of whom benefitted

from the annual scholarship awards. "This group of professionals have taken on the responsibilities to help these students in getting the professional help they need," Dr. Gulstone expressed.

The Guyana Nurses Association of America, Inc. opens its scholarship award program to applicants in August, 2016 and scholarships are designated to recipients at its December gala, 2016.



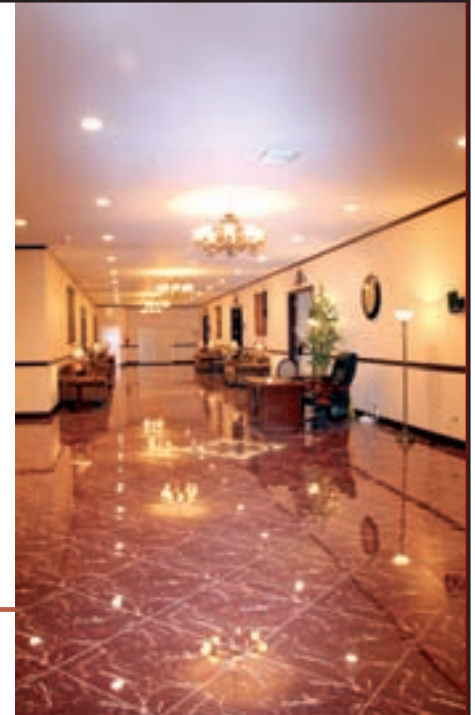
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Deputy Consul General Jacquelyn Hamer and Consul Communications Specialist and Executive Officer 11, Aquafie Munroe. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Guyana Consulate NY launches new website

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyanese in the Diaspora will have easy access to a wide scope of functions on a new state-of-the-art website launched recently by the Guyana Consulate, New York as the consulate seeks to raise its profile by implementing new and innovative programs and initiatives, that will help support nationals and the overall development of services.

Deputy Consul General Jacquelyn Hamer said she built the site from the ground up to make it technology savvy, user-friendly and content-driven, making it seamless for citizens to use, she told Caribbean Life in the her Manhattan office, recently.

When visitors enter the www.guyana-consulateny.org website, Guyana’s beauty comes into focus through moving images. With a click, swipe or tap, users are directed to passport application status by entering a receipt number.

In addition, applications for birth certificates, and other documents would be updated daily. The second phase of the website — that will continuously be upgraded — will be interactive, allowing applicants to submit a form online. The government of Guyana, however, must approve this feature because of safety measures.

Mrs. Hamer, who worked with an outside contractor to build the site, said she wanted to make it comprehensive. As such, a community outreach page showcasing the consulate’s interaction with the community is also on the site.

Both U.S. and Guyana holidays, as well as information of the consulate’s programs through its e-blast database, will help expatriates to stay informed.

The website also has links to government ministries such as Tourism, Com-

munities, Housing, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs page that allows the remigrant progress to begin. The Guyana Chamber of Commerce and Go-Invest are also listed.

The Guyana Information News Agency (GINA) will keep Guyanese up to the minute with President David Granger, and his Cabinet, while live video feed of all press conferences and speeches are viewed by going to a video link.

Mrs. Hamer stressed that businesses should be listed on the website, and is calling on churches, alumni associations, non-profit, among others, to log on to the website and in-put contact information, such as e-mail and postal address that would be uploaded into a database. This would allow E-blast invitations to functions, as well as pertinent information to keep the community updated.

She also felt it was important to educate Guyanese on historic issues such as the Guyana / Venezuela border controversy, a hot button topic of which many citizens lack the knowledge.

Guyanese are also invited to host events, such as book signings, and cultural events, by signing up through the website.

Consul Communications Specialist and Executive Officer 11 Aquafie Munroe commended Mrs. Hamer for being instrumental in building the site, stating that the diplomat, who communicated exactly what the features of the site should be, influenced the design process.

“The emphasis was to make the site user-friendly, as well as interactive to limit calls to the office,” said Munroe, adding that the consulate received its SSI certificate, a safety mechanism that decreases hacking.

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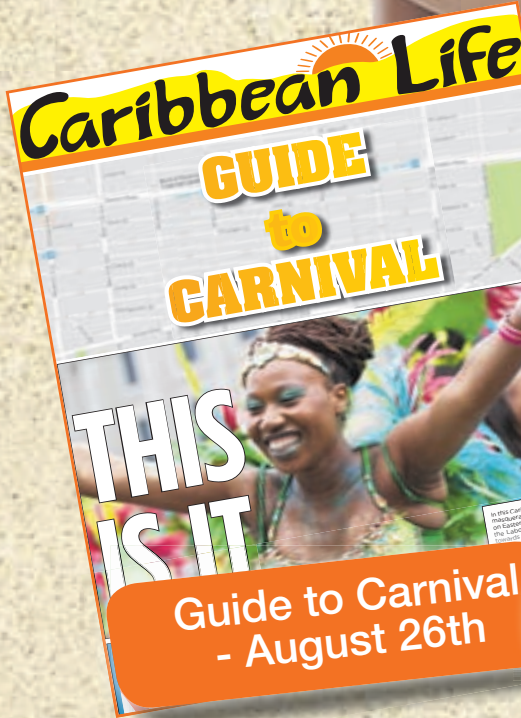


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Bringing the Caribbean beat to the Olympics

By Alexandra Simon

Put your own spin on music! With the upcoming Rio 2016 Olympics, the Caribbean sound hopes to take a significant spotlight with the launch of a new Digicel digital platform designed to remix music, with some of the biggest Caribbean names as the face of the campaign.



“Bring the Beat” is a remixer platform launched last month, that allows users to remix music and add their own creative take on the namesake song, sung by Soca megastar Machel Montano, and The Voice season 5 winner, Tessanne Chin. With the recognizable faces of the fastest man and the fastest woman in the world, Usain Bolt and Shelley-Ann Fraser Pryce, creators hope that as representatives of their campaign, “Bring the Beat” builds support for all Olympic athletes, and brings the Caribbean region together.

“We wanted to come up with a platform that united all of the Caribbean,” said Peter Lloyd, director of marketing for Digicel. “When it comes to the Olympics, people want to support their island — and this platform will transcend to all. The campaign celebrates Caribbean culture, and unites all the islands. Usain Bolt can unite everyone.”

The brainchild behind Bring the

Beat’s platform says bringing more digital opportunity to the Caribbean would encourage creativity, and how Montano was the best choice to promote it.

“We really want to bring more to the digital consumer,” said Laurence O’Byrne, creator of the platform. “The campaign, the music elements, the massive soca star — it was a long process, and we wanted someone who musically understood people with an anthem that can live beside the ad.”

Soca megastar Machel Montano is the voice behind the catchy, energetic tune “Bring the Beat,” which also features Tessanne Chin. Users can make changes to the song, as well as Bolt’s cover version to their liking, adding their own sound, and sharing it online. The platform comes equipped

with a variety of options that users can use to slow down the track, speed it up, and even add special effects sounds, according to its creator.

“There’s a catalog of sounds — percussion, drums, cymbals — it’s very flexible and it’s been designed to be user friendly.”

The remixing platform is mostly aimed at a younger crowd — 16–22-year-old — but creators hope that all age groups find value in the overall goal of the platform, which aims to connect people with music and sports.

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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You were surprised, but not surprised. Hopeful that it might be different, but only barely. You know that these days, the idea of justice can be a slippery issue that's sometimes based on all the wrong things, and in the new book "Nobody" by Marc Lamont Hill, you'll see how we've come to this.

On the afternoon of May 1, 2015, when Baltimore's chief prosecutor, Marilyn Mosby, said she was bringing charges "on six... police officers involved in the arrest and detention of Freddie Gray," her pronouncement was met with "cheers." Gray's case then was the latest in a long line, nation-wide, but it wouldn't be the last of its kind.



Marc Lamont Hill.
Whitney Thomas

Gray, says Hill, was Nobody. "To be Nobody is to be vulnerable," he says in his preface. It's being "poor, black, Brown, immigrant, queer, or trans" and living in an atmosphere that's "more rather than less unsafe." Nobody is "considered disposable."

Take, for instance, Michael Brown.

By all indications, Brown was a normal guy who acted spontaneously: he stole cigarillos from a c-store and shoved the shopkeeper, who called authorities and the rest is history. The way it happened, though, the dehumanization, and the

aftermath of Brown's "random encounter" with police will be talked about for generations, says Hill.

How did we get here? The answer is found in crowded, ill-maintained, depressing neighborhoods where schools are sub-par and few in charge care. It's in the way the justice system operates for those who are too poor to hire a lawyer or afford their bail. Also to blame: so-called "quotas" within police departments, a lack of differentiation between serious infraction and minor annoyance, and the relative ease of targeting minorities in all of the above.

And yet, says Hill, we cannot "individualize this crisis." We must fix housing, schools, the justice system, and the economy overall, in all corners of the country.

"We must reinvest in communities. We must imagine the world that is not yet."

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FOREWORD BY TODD BREWSTER



Casualties of America's
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Medgar Evers College mourns Don Kelley's death

By Nelson A. King

The Medgar Evers College community in Brooklyn is mourning the passing of Dr. Don Quinn Kelley, a founding faculty member.

According to the predominantly Black college in Central Brooklyn, Dr. Kelley died on Wednesday, July 27, surrounded by his wife, Sandra Burton Kelley, daughter and other family members.

Dr. Delridge Hunter, a professor at the college, said in an email circulated to faculty and staff, that Dr.

Kelley "suffered a massive heart attack" on Jul. 16 and was in the care of Baystate Medical Center in Palliative Care.

"Dr. Kelley, a historian and filmmaker, had a life of achievement and institution building," said Medgar Evers College, adding that he was a professor of American and African-American history at the college.

In 1990, Kelley was a founding board member of TRANSART & Cultural Services, Inc., which promotes the art, history and popular cultures of people of African ancestry. Its first home was the Medgar Evers College library. He retired from

Medgar Evers College in 2008.

Kelley was also a partner in ThinkLarge.org; a founding co-chair of Lift Ev'ry Voice, a festival celebrating African American culture and history in the Berkshires, Medgar Evers said.

He was also a professor emeritus at the City University of New York (CUNY).

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ing to Medgar Evers College.

Within CUNY, Dr. Kelley chaired a Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and directed a Digital Media Center.

Additionally, he was on the faculty of the graduate Media Studies program at the New School in New York City.

"His documentaries have been screened worldwide, he created museum partnerships, and he received national recognition for course syllabi in American history and teacher education," Medgar Evers College said.

At the time of going to press, no funeral arrangements have been made.



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Yacht Party Wednesdays with DJ Reggie Wells

By Roz Nixon

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For sure you will see friends you have not seen in years as you dine on finger food from Golden Krust Bakery & Grill. With his velvet baritone voice, a major knowledge of music and a passion to rock the house, Wells is still New York's # 1 DJ. It is no small wonder that many party people know his name.

The music maestro set it off back in the 80's when he became the talk of the town as a regular or house DJ for some of the top night spots in New York City such as Studio 54, Barns International, Justine's, The Red Parrot and The Crain Club. With a star-studded resume like that, A listers such as Russell Simmons, Mike Tyson and Spike Lee hired Reggie to be the master of music for their high profile events.

Through the years, Wells



Reggie Wells.

developed a versatility that has been sort after across the board from dance parties to projects belonging to HBO, Tri Star, Nickalodion and as an opening act for the Radio City Music Hall Rocketts! How many DJ's do you know who opened for the Radio City Rocketts? ... Well the fun and the high kicks continue as Reggie Wells and

Co. take his after work parties up and down the Hudson River on steamy summer Wednesdays that turn into soulful cool nights at sea. They're calling it the "Grown and Sexy Cruise" and the next one sets sail on Aug. 10, with DJ Reggie Wells on the ones & two's. The After Work Yacht Parties leave from 125th Street in Harlem, Pier 1 at 7 pm.

Reggie has always been a pioneer with the talent to make his one dreams come true. In the 1970's while studying communications at City College, he had a show on the school's radio station. Wells always believed one day he would host his own show on New York's 107.5 WBSL FM and as it turned out, not only did that happen but he also landed a show on New York's 98.7 KISS FM. Millions tuned in and became his loyal fans forever.

Over the years, Wells has returned the love tenfold with free holiday, gift parties for children and over the top night time dance parties with surprise special celebrity guests and delicious gourmet food for their parents. Since



Party goers dance to the music of DJ Reggie Wells.

the early 90's Wells has put his entrepreneur skills to work and continues to produce successful music, dance and concert events, that boast some of the top names in R&B enter-

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Studies have shown that seniors can benefit both mentally and physically from having a pet around.

Best dog breeds for seniors

Pets often make ideal companions. They are around when a person needs support, they can provide protection for those living alone, they're always willing to lend an ear to problems, and many tend to offer unconditional love. Seniors facing an empty nest or the loss of a spouse may find pets can buoy their spirits. Studies have shown that seniors can benefit both mentally and physically from having a pet around. Pets can alleviate anxiety, depression and boredom.

While pets can provide

comfort and companionship, they remain a significant responsibility. Seniors should find an animal that will fit in with their lifestyles. This is an important consideration for those seniors who travel frequently or have mobility issues. In addition, men and women living in senior communities or assisted living facilities should determine if there are any pet restrictions in place.

Those seniors who have decided that a dog will be the best fit can choose among several breeds that may be a good

match for their needs. When selecting a dog, consider both size and temperament. Smaller dogs tend to be easier to handle and will need less maintenance. They are easily carried and won't take as long to bathe and groom. Smaller dogs also consume less food than larger breeds, reducing the expense of dog food and the hassle of wrangling large, heavy bags of chow. Temperament is also important, as some breeds tend to be more easygoing than others. Larger breeds may be preferable to a smaller breeds, which tend to

be hyperactive. However, always remember there are pros and cons to each breed, and each dog will demonstrate his own personality traits. The following are some dogs that can be especially compatible with seniors.

Pug: Equally playful and willing to be a lap dog, the pug requires little exercise and grooming. The breed is typically nonaggressive and submissive. Pugs are good-natured and playful; they don't often bark and are easy to train.

Shih Tzu: The Shih Tzu

lives for attention, but this breed can be dominant and difficult to train. The Shih Tzu will be alert to its surroundings and, despite its small stature, can be a good watchdog.

Pomeranian: Pomeranians look like big balls of fur and can bring a smile to an owner's face. The breed tends to be perky, can display dominance and can be difficult to train. Because Pomeranians can be dog-aggressive, they may be best as the only pet in the house.

Yorkshire terrier: The
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The Value of a Routine Ophthalmologic Examination



Millie R. Fell, MD, FACS

Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology NYU

How much do you value your eyesight? When this question was put to Americans, most replied that they would give up years of their life in order to maintain their eyesight. That is why every individual should have a comprehensive eye exam at least once a year, including a dilated retinal exam. Today, most conditions if caught early can be treated so that good eyesight can be maintained.

Recently, I examined three individuals with poor vision who came asking for either new prescriptions for eyeglasses or removal of their contact when indeed they had a more serious condition. On examination, their eye pressures were in the 30's. Yes, normal eye pressure is usually between 10-21, although this varies with each individual. Even with eye pressures three times normal, these individuals had NO symptoms until their optic nerves were damaged severely and vision was permanently lost.

High pressure causes damage to sensitive optic nerve fibers and thus damage to the optic nerve. Often this rise in pressure can only be found when the patient is examined by an eye care professional. Ophthalmologists or eye MDs usually do

a series of tests including a functional visual field test and optic nerve analyses in order to determine if the patient is a glaucoma suspect. To treat high intraocular pressure, eye drops are prescribed or laser treatment is often performed. In some severe cases, patients require glaucoma surgery.

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Natural aging or a danger sign?

Four indicators a senior needs help

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

As we age, our bodies and minds go through changes. Many of these changes are normal; for instance, almost all older people admit to "senior moments" when a name or title eludes them. Fortunately, the answer usually comes later in the conversation or in the middle of the night. These memory lapses are not to be feared, they are due to natural brain shrinkage in older adults that sometime causes lapses in recall.

There are, however, some behavior signs that reveal more serious problems. Here are four indicators that should not be ignored:

Forgetfulness: Absentmindedness or dangerous omissions?

A doctor once described the difference between normal forgetfulness and dementia this way: An older person might occasionally forget where he put the car keys. This might be due to a momentary distraction when he puts the keys down without thinking. The keys will be found with some memory prods, like thinking back over what he did when he left the car.

A more serious concern is when an older person finds the car keys but does not know what they are or what to do with them. This is a danger sign that can indicate the early stages of Alzheimer's disease or another cognitive disorder that needs to be addressed.

Occasional memory lapses are due to natural changes in the brain as we age. The brain reaches its maximum size in a person's early 20s and then starts to shrink. Blood flow to the brain decreases over time and that can result in occasional memory slips. However, something more dangerous is happening when a senior cannot remember how to perform day-to-day functions.

Inactivity: Too tired or too arthritic?

Everyone gets tired from time to time. Fatigue can be caused by lack of sleep, boredom, or illness. This type of fatigue is temporary and can be cured by a good night's sleep, finding new interests, or regaining health. In contrast, a person who complains from fatigue daily could be suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, a debilitating condition that can cripple a person's ability to live independently. The symptoms can include muscle pain, pain in joints, chronic headaches, and



By recognizing these danger signs and finding the right help, we can insure our loved ones stay safe.

overwhelming exhaustion even after a good night sleep.

Chronic fatigue syndrome is a dangerous condition and should be monitored by a doctor. Although there is no cure, there are methods for relieving some of the symptoms. A regiment of rehabilitation specialists, mental health professionals, and pain management can help these people live more productive lives.

Confusion: Mistaken identify or other reality?

We all misidentify a friend occasionally. We might not be wearing our glasses or we might need a stronger lens prescription. We could also misidentify someone by association. My cousin Rachel often misidentifies her children when addressing one. She goes through the names of all three of her children and sometimes even her dog before she settles on the right name. This might cause some embarrassment and amusement, but is not to a cause for concern.

A senior who misidentifies a youthful person for a sibling or grade-school friend is a more dangerous concern. Many older people who are in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's disease lose track of time and begin calling friends and family members by the names of long-dead relatives. Confusing the past with the present is a dominant sign of dementia.

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As a caregiver, you need time off

BY LOU-ELLEN BARKAN

You've been the primary caregiver for your husband for the past six years, 24-7. His Alzheimer's has steadily worsened, and it's taking an emotional and physical toll on you. You are getting more and more frustrated, exhausted, and at the same time, losing your patience. This doesn't mean you're a bad caregiver.

This month, on the third leg of our Alzheimer's and caregiving journey, we're looking at the importance of getting help and respite if you are a caregiver.

The Alzheimer caregiver is often referred to as the hidden, or second, victim of the disease because of the incredible amount of emotional and physical stress that can be a part of taking care of someone with dementia. In fact, it's not unusual for caregivers to suffer from physical symptoms like fatigue, stomach problems, headaches, and difficulty sleeping. Emotionally, caregivers face a wide range of issues such as depression, tension, anger, guilt, loss of self-esteem, and feelings of being overwhelmed and misunderstood.

Stress often leads to physical and psychological symptoms. The good news is that there are steps you can take to reduce the stress and feel better.

Here are some of the best ways to minimize the stress that come hand-in-hand with caregiving:

Enroll in a support group

Bottling up your emotions will



Care Chronicle

by Lou-Ellen Barkan

limit your ability to process the challenges that come along with the progression of this disease.

In a support group you can speak with others going through similar experiences, which can help with the feelings of isolation and hopelessness. These groups can also help you learn caregiving and coping skills and tips. CaringKind offers support groups in all five boroughs and you can find more information at www.caringkindnyc.org/supportgroups.

Take care of your own physical health

See your physician regularly. Eat well-balanced meals, get plenty of rest, and exercise. If going to the gym isn't feasible, simple walking is still one of the best ways to stay active.

Consider relaxation techniques like meditation, deep breathing, or yoga — all of which can be practiced at home and are proven to help reduce stress.

Accept assistance from others

Attempting to handle everything

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Dr. Alan P. Goldman: Treating And Relieving Arthritis Pain

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Appetite: Not hungry or cannot eat?

After age 45, the average individual loses approximately 10 percent of his muscle mass every 10 years. Many older adults gradually reduce their physical activity level when this occurs. As they become less active seniors do not need as much food, and might not be as hungry and will not eat as much as in their younger days.

But sometimes the reasons for not eating are more serious. Loss of appetite can be a sign of depression. Many

seniors experience intimate losses — the loss of youth, loss of loved ones, loss of possessions. Anyone of these factors can cause a person to become depressed, and lose her desire to eat.

Another reason some older people stop eating is they forget when to eat or how to eat. A person with dementia might be aware of hunger and get up to prepare a meal, but will then forget why she got up. Some dementia patients might forget how to handle utensils. They might not remember how to open a can of tuna or soup, or forget how to use a fork. These are signs that a person needs help with basic activities of daily living.

Natural aging causes

changes in both physical and mental capabilities. Many of these changes are normal, and with some life adjustments and a sense of humor, older people can continue to live productive and happy lives. However, some of these changes can indicate more serious conditions. They can indicate mental and physical disorders that can be dangerous to the individual. By recognizing these danger signs and finding the right help, we can insure our loved ones stay safe.

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PETS

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Yorkie is a diminutive breed in size only, as they tend to have exuberant personalities that dwarf their stature. The ideal lap dog, Yorkies want to lie around and lounge, though some do like to bark. If the fur is kept short in a “puppy cut,” the dog can be easy to maintain.

Pembroke Welsh corgi: This medium-sized dog hails from Wales and typically requires only moderate exercise and little grooming. They are easy to train and moderately dominant. They don't bark excessively, and they often get along with other dogs.

Schnauzer: Available in



Pooches can provide exercise for seniors.

three sizes, schnauzers are good companions and protectors. This is an intelligent and loyal breed and will need to be kept amused to stave off boredom.

CAREGIVER

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yourself will only lead to burnout, depression, and resentment toward your family member. Accepting help is not disloyal or a failure to care.

Reaching out to others for

help with small, day-to-day tasks — such as taking the dry-cleaning to the laundry, or helping out with grocery shopping — can help reduce the burden, and when possible, free up time on your own to rest and recharge your batteries. People often want to help, but don't know how, so be specific.

Make time for your interests

Find some time every day to give yourself “me time.” It's easy to abandon the activities and hobbies that you love. Ask a relative or friend to help if only for an hour or two so that you can go to the movies or to a local diner with a friend, or simply take a nap!

Stay connected to friends and family. Social isolation is a common condition for many caregivers, and often worsens the longer you are a family caregiver. Avoid becoming consumed by caregiving duties and try to put some energy into nurturing outside relationships. Even small social interactions throughout

the week can help you feel connected through an often isolating experience.

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Planning for retirement



Many budding retirees have misconceptions about how much money they will need in retirement.

Many budding retirees plan to travel, relax, and enjoy the company of their spouses when they officially stop working. But such plans only are possible if men and women take steps to secure their financial futures in retirement.

According to a recent survey by the personal finance education site MoneyTips.com, roughly one-third of Baby Boomers have no retirement plan. The reason some may have no plan is they have misconceptions about how much money they will need in retirement.

Successful retirees understand the steps to take and how to live on a budget:

Have a plan

Many people simply fail to plan for retirement. Even men and women who invest in an employer-sponsored retirement program, such as a 401(k), should not make that the only retirement planning they do.

Speak with a financial advisor who can help you develop a plan that ensures you don't outlive your assets.

Set reasonable goals

Retirement nest eggs do not need to be enormous. Many retirees have a net worth of less than \$1 million, and many people live comfortably on less than \$100,000 annually.

When planning for retirement, don't be dissuaded because you won't be buying a vineyard or villa in Europe. Set reasonable goals for your retirement and make sure you meet those goals.

Recognize there is no magic wealth-building plan

Saving comes down to formulating a plan specific to your goals, resources, abilities, and skills.

Make saving a priority and take advantage of employer-sponsored retirement programs if they are offered.

Don't underestimate spending

You will need money in retirement, and it's best that you don't underestimate just how much you're going to need.

No one wants to be stuck at home during retirement, when people typically want to enjoy themselves and the freedom that comes with retirement.

Speak to a financial planner to develop a reasonable estimate of your living expenses when you plan to retire.

Pay down or avoid debt while you can

Retiring with debt is a big risk. Try to eliminate all of your debts before you retire and, once you have, focus your energy on growing your investments and saving money for retirement.

Start early on retirement saving

It's never too early to begin saving for retirement.

Although few twenty-somethings are thinking about retirement, the earlier you begin to invest the more time you have to grow your money.

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Rita Marley celebrates her 70th in Nassau



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



Rita and Cedella Marley in Nassau, Bahamas on July 25, 2016. Cedella Marley

Rita Marley celebrated her 70th birthday anniversary in Nassau, Bahamas by combining a family reunion with a Pan-African event dubbed a “Soul Shakedown Party” that featured African traditions, Bahamian fire-eating skills and Jamaica’s best export, reggae as the main ingredient.

Orchestrated by Cedella, her eldest daughter with Robert Nesta Marley, the Caribbean event invited surprise guests and an assembly of children, grandchildren and great, grand children the reggae queen probably had not seen in one place at the same time.

For the July 25 ‘earthstrong’ Cedella invited Chris Blackwell, Island Records founder, Dr. Delois N. Blakely, representing Harlem and the United Nations, Irvin “Carrot” Jarrett, former Third World percussionist and a long list of associates that contributed to the steady rise of the singer who is now an entrepreneurial genius.

Dr. Blakely presented the matriarch with a copy of her book “The Harlem Street Nun” and in her role as Queen Moth-

er offered spiritual guidance to the former singer who inherited a dynasty and added gems to her crown.

Acclaimed the queen of reggae due to her shared rule of the genre with Bob Marley, the crowned king of reggae, the heiress sat on a throne-like seat of honor to greet her guests.

Bob Marley’s bride and mother to all his children revealed to the out-pouring of sentiments her family and friends lavished on her milestone anniversary.

“I call my mother Janet but I call her (Rita) mama,” Rohan Marley said, “When I was three years old, my father introduced me and told me who she was...”

Born in 1972, the former football player and now Jammin Java proponent of the family-owned coffee corporation exuded pride giving salutations to the woman at the center of

the soulful celebrations.

Rohan brought his children — with pop singer Lauryn Hill — John, Joshua and Selah to the Bahamian affair.

He played drums and with his daughter Selah paid tribute to Mama Rita.

Selah sang “Turn Your Lights Down Low,” a song her mother recorded in tribute to the legendary and iconic reggae superstar.

Here with his brother Kymani, sisters Cedella, Sharon, Stephanie, Serita, and many grandchildren from each of them along with Stephen and Ziggy they witnessed African dancing and drumming to start the revelry.

Cedella and her big sister Sharon relived the Melody Making years they accompanied their brothers Ziggy and Stephen voicing “Could You Be Loved” and an incomparable

set of songs recorded by the first Third World superstar and the legend they knew as father.

The next generation of Marleys did not shy away from entertaining their famous relative.

Skip, Cedella’s son wailed

his grandfather’s hits — “No Woman No Cry,” “Redemption Song” and “Could U Be Love.”

Ziggy’s daughter Zuri rendered her grandfather’s “High Tide” and “Who Feels It Knows It.”

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Diversity in stories: In a previous production Penn showcases a mystery story, titled "Sanco: A Guyanese Murder Mystery."
American-Caribbean Theatre Alliance, Inc.

Play tackles foreign investment

By Alexandra Simon

Caribbean theater is tackling foreign investment in the region.

A new Barbados-set play will approach the subject of international investors purchasing land in the Caribbean, through the story of a Barbadian family. The story details investment as an ongoing problem in the Caribbean and

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'Whispers'

By Tangerine Clarke

Last year's second place win on Eastern Parkway for Maxine Magdaleno, was a pleasant surprise for the seasoned costume designer, whose Suga Candy Mas band captured the title in the small-band category, cementing a possible win at this year's Labor Day Carnival on Sept. 5.

Magdaleno led her band to an exciting finish, wearing an array of innovative costumes. She said it was a huge accomplishment being recognized by WIADCA, the first year she competed as a bandleader.

Starting at the tender age of nine, Magdaleno who played mas as an individual queen over many years, said the win brought back great memories, and as such, she is setting her sights on a possible first place win before taking to the streets of the Miami carnival for a showcase showdown.

Now age 30, the Belizean nation-

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'PRIMAL'

Rebecca Sixto portrays Queen of the Jungle.

One Destiny Mas

One Destiny Mas explores the wild side of nature

By Nelson A. King

As Guyana this year celebrates its 50th year of political independence from Great Britain, the Guyanese mas band One Destiny is going "Primal" for Labor Day.

"We, as Proud Guyanese, want to represent Guyana tremendously," said One Destiny Mas' founder and band leader Zeelema Verwayne in a Caribbean Life interview. "We are taking you back to an early stage in evolutionary development of the wild, with our costume presenta-

tions.

"This year's presentation is called 'Primal' — release your inner beast," added Verwayne, whose band has been participating in the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade on Eastern Parkway for the past three years. "This year, One Destiny Mas wants everyone to be able to be free and express themselves, as they take closer looks into the wild sides."

Verwayne said One Destiny Mas comprises six mixed — male and female — sections, with 25-30 mas-

queraders in each section.

"In our entire band, we look forward to having about 300 masqueraders this year," she said, identifying the sections as Purple Onca, Queen of the Jungle, Medusa's Paradise, Wild Things, Passion and Primal Goddess.

"We are a Guyanese band, but we do have a few other nationalities that are a part of our band," Verwayne said. "All are welcome."

"This year, we hope to be one of

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **One Dance**
Drake Feat. WizKid & Kyla
- 2 **Cheap Thrills**
Sia Feat. Sean Paul
- 3 **Can't Stop the Feeling!**
Justin Timberlake
- 4 **This is What You Came For**
Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna
- 5 **Ride**
twenty one pilots
- 6 **Don't Let Me Down**
The Chainsmokers Feat. Daya
- 7 **Just Like Fire**
P!nk
- 8 **Send My Love**
Adele
- 9 **Needed Me**
Rihanna
- 10 **Don't Mind**
Kent Jones

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Everybody Looking**
Gucci Mane
- 2 **Lemonade**
Beyonce
- 3 **Air For Free**
reliant
- 4 **Views**
Drake
- 5 **Bobby Tarantini**
Logic
- 6 **Hamilton: An American...**
Original Broadway Cast
- 7 **Periphery III: Select...**
Periphery
- 8 **Retrograde**
Crown the Empire
- 9 **Blurryface**
twenty one pilots
- 10 **Lil Durk 2x**
Lil Durk

'PRIMAL'

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The best," she added. "We plan to have a performance especially for the judges. Our costumes speak for themselves, with the vibrant colors and work detail."

Verwayne said her band has "grown tremendously" over the years, starting out with just 50 masqueraders in the initial year to almost 300 now.

This year, she said masqueraders can expect to have "lots of safe fun."

"They can expect to see different cultures and enjoy lots of music," she said, adding that, so far this year, with several other designers, "we are in great standing with all of our preparation."

"We are fundraising by keeping events weekly at our mas camp to help in raising funds for our band," Verwayne continued. "We are still looking for sponsors, if anyone is interested in working with us."

She said masqueraders will sway to a "remarkable sound system that will lead us down the road with some of Guyana's top DJs." She did not identify them.

Verwayne also said that One Destiny Mas is not only a mas band but a non-profit organization "that receives no governmental funding."

She said the group aids "all school age children living back in Guyana — the educational material, resources and support to low income community and general public, relating to many different vocational educational training."

"[These] will 'further their hands' in education to become successful adults," she said, disclosing that One Destiny Mas is also "working towards opening a recreational center to further our mission."

The mas camp is located at 381 East, 52nd St., between Church and Snyder Avenues, in Brooklyn.

One can reach One Destiny Mas by visiting its website at onedestinyinc.com, visiting the mas camp after 6 pm each day, or calling Verwayne at (347) 384-0497.

"One Destiny Mas just wants to wish Guyana a Happy Independence [Anniversary]," Verwayne said.



Chelsa Khan portrays Purple Onics.

One Destiny Mas

New play

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shows the downsides of investment tears the family apart.

"It's a big issue in Barbados — land developers are buying up land and building resorts," said Harlan D. Penn, a Caribbean-American playwright and founder of the American-Caribbean Theatre Alliance, Inc.

"A lot of people are now selling homes that have been in their families for years."

"My Barbados, Your Barbados" premieres at Springfield Gardens Church of Christ in Springfield Gardens, Queens, for a three-day weekend showing, Aug. 5 and 6 at 8 pm, and Aug. 7 at 5 pm. The play's runtime is 90 minutes, and will have a 10-minute intermission after the first 45-minute act.

A former theater teacher at Hillcrest high school, Penn wrote the story in three months hoping to shed light on a topic often ignored in the Caribbean narrative.

"A lot of people don't know what's going on if they're not there. That's one of the reasons I have been writing so much," said Penn. "Caribbean theater can be over the top with men dressing as women — it's

outlandish but very funny and entertaining. But I just wanted to see more socio-political stories being told."

The story follows Neville Ifill, an elderly Barbadian fisherman and his two children, who are fighting a losing battle against a land development corporation attempting to buy out their sought after beachfront home to build a resort. But before the battle ends, an unfortunate discovery strikes the family, and the audience learns the wasteful result of greed. Penn says despite the story being set in Barbados, the subject can find appeal from non-Barbadian audiences.

"Caribbean people in general can relate," said Penn. "China has a big presence in the Caribbean — and Caribbean people can identify with that."

The play's Saint Lucian director Kentillia Louis, making her directorial debut in the United States, was delighted to be commissioned by Penn to add more Caribbean insight, such as cultural sayings and terms, into the play.

"I think exchanges like this are important," said Louis. "I'm happy to put out writing about the region. We don't have enough written and we really have to have that dialogue to understand."

Suga Candy Mas

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al argues that carnival runs through her veins and even if she wants to stop playing mas, she cannot, because she is equipped as a good designer, and will once again compete in the small-band category, with approximately 150 revelers.

Her emphasis, however in not particularly on winning, but on showcasing her themed "Whispers" costumes that will take to the parkway in mesmerizing color to dazzle both the spectators and judges.

The revelers she explained to Caribbean Life, will mas in 10 sections. Each will reveal a secret from each Caribbean country. For instance, the colorful costumes will showcase that country's nature, food, flora and fauna and other beautiful aspects, that will be unveiled in a burst of color, glitter and feathers.

This year, Magdaleno teamed up with Grenadian-born designer, Key Sky Max, to design pieces that will include creations by other designers from Tobago, Grenada, and Jamaica, as well as



Designer Maxine Magdaleno and Key Sky with model Tasian Edwards, wearing a creation from Suga Candy Mas. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

a Nigerian designer, who will present a different concept of costuming to the band.

Magdaleno said Suga Candy Mas band will cater to all body types including plus-size masqueraders and a diverse group that will not necessary go for the customary skimpy costume. There is a range of styles to choose from. The popular boy short, mono-kini, high-waist and cover-ups are available in a variation of designs.



Matt Damon stars as dashing rogue assassin

“Jason Bourne”
Very Good (3 stars)
Rated PG-13 for brief profanity, violence and intense action
Running time: 123 minutes
Distributor: Universal Pictures



Matt Damon stars in “Jason Bourne.” www.rottentomatoes.com

By Kam Williams

A Jason Bourne movie just isn't the same without Jason Bourne, as the producers found out the hard way in 2012 when they made “The Bourne Legacy” without the iconic title character. Fortunately, they've since settled their differences with star Matt Damon who returned to reprise the role of the dashing, renegade CIA agent which he originated and played to perfection in the espionage franchise's first three installments.

The movie marks the reunion of Damon and Paul Greengrass, director of both “The

Bourne Supremacy” (2004) and “The Bourne Ultimatum” (2007), the series' most successful episodes at the box office. While this offering might not quite measure up to

those in terms of high-octane action, it nevertheless makes up for the relatively-subdued atmosphere with riveting cloak and dagger intrigue.

The point of departure is

Athens, and a decade since we last saw Jason. He's now fully recovered from the amnesia that had previously plagued him. Yet he has nevertheless remained under the radar, since he is still considered an outlaw by CIA Director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones).

We soon learn that Jason's one ally inside the Agency, Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles), has also gone rogue. She's off the grid in Iceland, working in concert with a WikiLeaks-style whistleblower (Vincenz Kiefer) attempting to hack into the CIA's computer files.

Nicky eventually tracks down Jason in Greece where she slips him the key to some incriminating evidence about the Agency as well as to answers about his own mysterious past. Their rendezvous, however, has not gone unnoticed by CIA analyst Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander) who had been surreptitiously monitoring Nicky's movements all along.

Next thing you know, Jason finds himself on the run from a bloodthirsty assassin (Victor Cassel) dispatched by Director Dewey. Meanwhile, Lee joins the chase, too, hoping to talk Jason into voluntarily coming in from the proverbial cold. The ensuing cat-and-mouse caper proves to be a trademark globe-trotting affair, unfolding in ports-of-call all across Europe and culminating in a visually-captivating showdown on “The Strip” in Las Vegas.

The film's only distracting flaw is the sotto voce performance delivered by Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander (for The Danish Girl) who inexplicably seems to swallow her every word here. Otherwise, the balance of the principal cast acquits itself admirably, from Tommy Lee Jones in the familiar role of an orders-barking boss, to Vincent Cassel as an appropriately-despicable diabolical villain, to the inimitable Matt Damon back in the saddle as the two-fisted protagonist.

Independent & Foreign Films

Amateur Night (Unrated) A day in the life comedy about a cash-strapped architecture student (Jason Biggs) who reluctantly takes a gig chauffeuring call girls around town after learning that his wife (Jenny Mollen) is expecting a baby. With Ashley Tisdale, Janert Montgomery and Steven Woo.

Bazodee (Unrated) PG-13 for suggestive material and brief profanity) Bollywood-style romantic musical, set in Trinidad, revolving around an East Indian bride-to-be (Natalie Perera) who falls head-over-heels for a local soca singer (Machel Montano) hired to perform at her engagement party. Featuring Kabir Bedi, Staz Nair and Valmike Rampersad.

The Brooklyn Banker (R for violence and profanity) Fact-based mob saga about an ambitious banker (Troy Garity) who comes to regret allowing himself to be recruited by the Mafia. Cast includes Paul Sorvino, David Proval and Elizabeth Masucci.

Five Nights in Maine (Unrated) Character-driven drama revolving around a grieving widower's (David Oyelowo) visit to his estranged mother-in-law (Dianne Wiest) in the wake of the untimely death of his wife (Hani Furstenberg). With Teyonah Parris, Rosie Perez and Faith Fay.

Front Cover (Unrated) Bittersweet romantic dramedy, set in Manhattan,



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

about an openly-gay fashion stylist (Jake Choi) who falls in love during a photo shoot with a supposedly-straight movie star (James Chen) from Beijing. Supporting cast includes Elizabeth Sung, Jennifer Neala Page and Ming Lee.

Little Men (PG for smoking, mature themes and mild epithets) Coming-of-age drama, set in Brooklyn, about a couple of teen BFFs (Theo Taplitz and Michael Barbieri) whose friendship is tested by the tension between their parents locked in a landlord-tenant battle over the rent. With Paulina Garcia, Greg Kinnear, Alfred Molina and Jennifer Ehle. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

The Little Prince (PG for mature themes) Animated adaptation of Antoine de Saint-Exupery's beloved novella about an overprotected little girl (Mackenzie Foy) who is introduced to the wonders of the world by her eccentric, aviator next-door neighbor (Jeff Bridges). Voice cast includes Albert Brooks, Rachel McAdams, Paul Rudd, Marion Cotillard, James Franco, Benicio Del Toro, Ricky Gervaise and Paul Giamatti.

Olympic Pride, American Prejudice (Unrated) Reverential documentary recounting the exploits of the 18 African-American athletes who competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

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West Indies' Stafanie Taylor plays a shot during their ICC Women's Twenty20 Cricket World Cup semifinal match against Australia in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Thursday, April 3, 2014. Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi, file

Cricketers win major awards

By Azad Ali

Two Jamaican cricketers walked away the major prizes at last week's fourth West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) / West Indies Players' Association (WIPA) Award Ceremony in Antigua.

Middle-order batsman Marlon Samuels captured the prestigious Cricket-of-the-Year award and the One-Day International Player-of-the-Year and Twen-

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Cricket champions

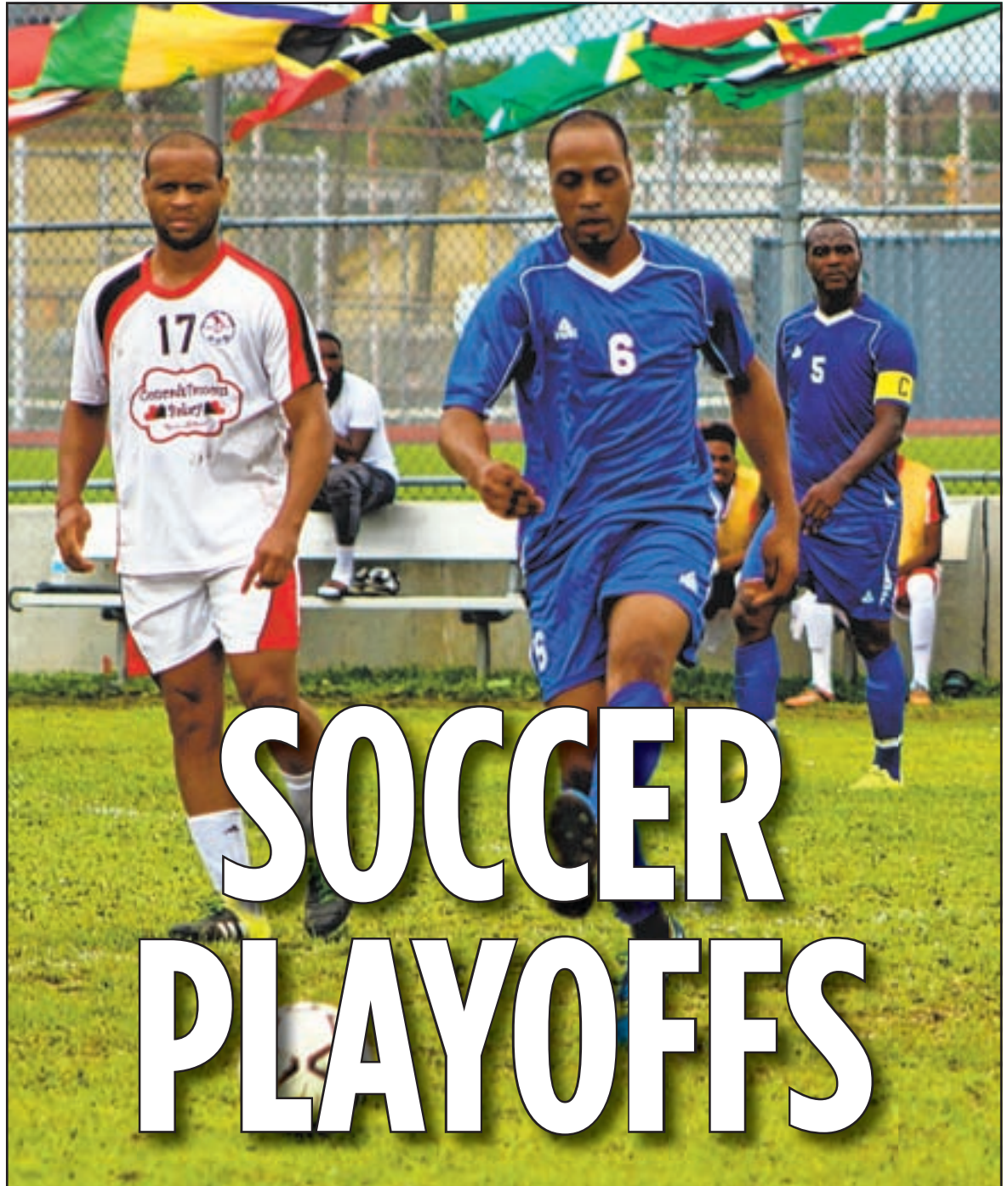
By Azad Ali

The Trinidad and Tobago team was crowned Under-17 cricket champion for the first time but the Windward Islands dominated the individual awards when the competition ended recently.

Trinidad and Tobago beat Guyana by 0.3 points after winning their five matches with the other two fixtures abandoned because of rain, to finish with 20.6 points. Guyana also had a similar record, playing unbeaten but a diminished fraction of a bonus point (0.1) proved their undoing in the fifth and last round of the week-long tournament.

Defending champions Windward Islands placed third overall in the six-team round-robin series with 14.2

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SOCCKER PLAYOFFS

Lawson Robinson #6 (Antigua & Barbuda) takes a shot while Conrad Smith #17 (Trinidad & Tobago) looks on. Keith Dawson

Antigua, St. Lucia, Haiti score wins

Early morning showers left puddles in spots on the field as the preliminary round of the New York Caribbean Cup soccer tournament came to an end at the Thomas Jefferson High School field last Sunday, July 31.

Team Antigua and Barbuda opened

the afternoon's triple-header kicking toward Egan Street and in the fifth minute, the Benna Boys won a corner kick that set the tone for the game. Dave Carr's kick evaded all the defenders as the ball fell at the feet of Eugene Kirwan who guided the ball home.

Following the goal, the game developed into end to end action and Team Trinidad and Tobago may have equalized or even gone ahead but for poor decision making by Conrad Smith.

The Benna Boys doubled their
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ty20 International Player-of-the-Year honor, while West Indies women's captain, Stafanie Taylor took the Women's Player-of-the-Year award.

Taylor, 25, also won the One-Day International Player-of-the-year and Twenty20 International Player-of-the-Year, to complete a clean sweep of the women's awards.

Last year, Samuels, 35, scored 484 runs from nine Tests while scoring 601 runs from 15 One-Day Internationals and 118 runs from five Twenty20s.

He also played a key role in West Indies winning the Twenty20 World Cup in India last April, scoring an unbeaten 85 off 66 balls in the final to defeat England.

Taylor, hit 491 runs in 10 One-Day Internationals last year at an average of 70.14 and 197 runs at an average of 49, in six Twenty20s.

She also guided the West Indies Women to capture their maiden Twenty20 World Cup title in April scoring 246 runs in six matches. The Caribbean side defeated three-time defending champions Australia Women.

The hard-hitting Jamaican opener Chris Gayle won the Twenty20 Player-of-the-Year award.

Trinidadian Darren Bravo, was adjudged Test Player-of-the-Year for his 644 runs at an average of 35, with a century and five half centuries.



Leigh Marcellin #14 (St. Lucia) tackles his opponent for the ball.

Keith Dawson

CARIBBEAN MID-SEASON CLASSIC

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lead in the 25th minute by way of an Okeem Challenger penalty kick after Tnoy Andrews was brought down inside the 18-yard box. There was no further scoring as Team Antigua and Barbuda went to the break with a 2-0 lead.

It was obvious very early in the second half that the Soca Ballers had not corrected their defensive faults as their wing backs continued to play too high and their center backs failed to cover the long passes down their wings.

Kirwan got his second goal of the game when Peter Byers picked him out with a long ball down the left side and he was able to race away on goal to easily beat Dlyan Allum.

The final goal of the game came when Tnoy Andrews crossed a ball to Dave Carr whose shot was brilliantly blocked by Allum, unfortunately for Allum, the ball fell at the feet of a lurking Kimoi Alexander who tapped home from inside the six-yard box.

At the final whistle, the Soca Ballers were spent as they squandered an opportunity to get into the playoff. Final score Antigua & Barbuda 4, Trinidad & Tobago 0.

Game two on a dreary overcast Sunday afternoon turned out to be a rough and tumble game. A draw would have safely placed Team St. Lucia into the playoffs, while Team St. Vincent and the

Grenadines needed a win.

For the first 20 minutes or so, the game was evenly matched when things went bad for the Vincentians in the 22nd minute. The Vincentian defense was caught napping as Rashid Duncan raced through their middle to give the Lucians a 1-0 lead they never relinquished.

St. Lucia goalkeeper Chad Amari Phillip almost gave away his one goal advantage very late in the half when he left his line to intercept a high cross but was a little too aggressive and was carded. Fortunately for the Lucians, Chris Myers' nonchalant side footed penalty shot bounded off the right post and was cleared by the defense.

The Duncan goal turned out to be the only goal of the game. However, the second half got a little chippy that saw three players being given their marching orders. Rayvon Jack and Aaron Hope for the Vincentians and John Perry Joseph for the Lucians. This was Joseph's second game dismissal for the season.

The feature game between Team Haiti and team St. Kitts and Nevis turned out to be just that when it got started.

Once again, Team Haiti showed up late for their game and it appears its beginning to wear thin on both fellow teams and fans and it's about time the Caribbean Cup organizers take some corrective action.

Les Grenadiers opened the scoring in the 28th minute when Sugar Boys goalkeeper Akil Byron hesitated about leaving his line to try and block or intercept a pass through the heart of his defense. The moment of hesitation allowed Kevin Morency to get to the ball first and knock it over the head of the advancing keeper.

Ten minutes later, Byron was carded for an overly aggressive hit on Louis Robenson and Benshy Estama, playing in his first game for Les Grenadiers, stepped up to double the score from the penalty spot.

Despite losing Jean Gary Rubin midway through the second half, the Haitians playing intelligently in defense were able to hold on to their lead without further damage.

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, Mid-Season Classic

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, is the annual New York Caribbean Cup Mid-Season Classic. There are three games scheduled beginning at 1:30 pm, 3:15 pm and the 5:30 pm inaugural President's Trophy game.

Gates open at 1 pm and the day's festivities will include the usual Mid-Season Classic Caribbean Cup backpack giveaway to youngsters with their families, ages 3 to 12 years old, along with other giveaways and festivities.



West Indies' Marlon.

Associated Press / Andres Leighton, File

Champions

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points with Barbados (14), Jamaica (7.3) and Leeward Islands (1.4) occupying the last position.

Johnel Eugene of the Windward Islands took home the "Most Valuable Player" prize for an exceptional all-round performance.

He made 132 runs, with a highest score of 51 not out, for an average of 44 and a strike rate 60.27. He also took eight wickets off 37 overs bowled, conceding 139 runs with a best performance of four for 29 against Jamaica.

Low morale affects West Indies squad

Head Coach of the West Indies Cricket team Phil Simmons apparently do not say much during the cricket game. He gives his ideas, expectations and shares his expertise before game time and at team meetings. West Indies Captain Jason Holder is left to be the motivator with little help from his Vice Captain Kraigg Brathwaite who appears to lack the necessary communication skills. There is a basic component lacking within the West Indies squad and that is motivation. In addition to the batting failures, there is a clear indication that the team lacks unity.

Players must not feel because of one failure they would be exempted from the next Test match. Playing under those conditions creates uneasiness. Carlos Brathwaite must return to the team as a batsman and he can also be useful bowler. Twenty-four-year-old Roston Chase, the Barbadian who was chosen for the first two Tests, failed with the bat but seemed to have impressed many with his potential as a bowler. Chase is needed in the team more as



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

a batsman than a bowler. Jason Holder's captaincy has been very poor and he must improve in all categories.

SPECIALIST BOWLERS NEEDED FOR TEST CRICKET

West Indies bowlers are very non-threatening to these Indian batsmen. India has a strong squad with a superb combination of quality bowlers and batsmen. West Indies bowlers ought to exploit their opposition weaknesses in order to pick up wickets. Shannon Gabriel is quick but he does not move the ball around much. He does not even apply a slower ball. Holder at times derives some movement but not enough to put batsmen in much trouble.

Devendra Bishoo lacks variety and he continues to bowl that long up or bowls well too short. Brathwaite must not be used as a top bowler. He is

more of a batsman who can really show off skills in a Test match as well. The potential is there and he is developing quickly. Apparently the West Indies coach Simmons needs him to fill the gap of a front line bowler in Test cricket, that may not be possible. Brathwaite must focus on his batting.

Chase, who made his debut in Antigua, must concentrate on his batting and do not get confused with the business of being an all-rounder. The responsibilities of an all-rounders are pretty tough, if one is incapable of producing.

CAPTAIN HOLDER IS UNPRODUCTIVE

West Indies Captain Holder has not been taking wickets nor making runs. If the captain does not lead from the front, it is possible that the performance of the team members can



West Indies' Jason Holder celebrates after scoring a century against England on the last day of the first cricket Test match, that ended in a draw, at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda. Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan, File

also drop. Holder has not been an effective captain either. He is too laid back and he is always late on making essential changes in the field.

Deverndra Bishoo must pick up wickets at regular intervals if not the West Indies can find themselves for another inning defeat.

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It may take a little extra effort to solve a particularly puzzling problem this week, Aries. It's not an insurmountable obstacle, just one that takes patience.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, all of your efforts thus far in relation to personal challenges have been well worth the sacrifices you have made. Keep doing what you are doing.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21
Gemini, you cannot control the actions of others all of the time, but you can change the way you react to certain situations. Take time to develop a response.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you will have to adapt when your schedule gets turned upside down. Let others see how capable you are by modifying the situation as needed.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, an unconventional approach to a problem may see things fall into place. While others are following one path, you'll be marching to the beat of a different drummer.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, it's time to get your head out of the clouds for a little bit. Focus on the priorities in your life, which may include family and work responsibilities.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Friends may prove a distraction this week, Libra. It will take a lot of energy to focus on what you need to accomplish rather than getting sucked into other plans.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, adjusting to a changing situation at work will require some patience and trial and error. Keep your head down because you will grow comfortable before you know it.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Drama seems to find you this week, Sagittarius. But you can handle whatever comes your way. Remove yourself from gossip and keep a low profile until things seem to dissipate.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, resist the temptation to dive in when you sense a potential conflict brewing. It may be difficult to stay out of the fray, but you will ultimately be glad you did.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you need to be more assertive at work, especially if you want to receive the acclaim you feel you deserve. Be confident in your abilities.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it may take some time for things to develop, but plans will start to go your way. This could be a week of big change.

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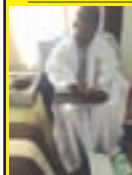


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