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Top US officials attend CARICOM Summit

By Nelson A. King

The United States Department of State said two top Trump administration officials have headed to Grenada to attend the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) summit currently underway

there.

The State Department said on Wednesday that Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., and Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Francis-

co Palmieri, traveled to St. George's, the Grenada capital, July 5-6, for the 38th CARICOM Conference of the Heads of Government.

"The under secretary will meet with CARICOM mem-

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ILLICIT GUN TRADE

Increasing gun smuggling worries Caribbean officials

By Bert Wilkinson

At almost every summit of Caribbean Community leaders, the issue of crime and security is placed on the agenda as is the case at this week's main annual conference underway in Grenada. The opening ceremony was held Tuesday evening, July 4.

Also likely to engage the attention of leaders would be the situation in nearby Venezuela which has been embroiled in months of protests owing to the virtual

collapse of the economy and the tough living and survival conditions which have come with it.

It is unclear when exactly leaders will discuss crime and security but St. Lucian Prime Minister Allen Chastanet has already put the issue in perspective, saying that governments ought to be worried about arms smuggling from nearby Venezuela into the region as an example.

He did not identify any

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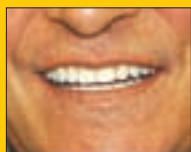
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PAHO Director Dr. Carissa F. Etienne addresses candidates' forum.

PAHO

PAHO Dominican-born director presents platform

By Nelson A. King

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) said its Dominican-born director, Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, has presented her proposed platform for the next five years.

PAHO said the presentation, for the post of director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), took place on Friday during the Candidates' Forum, with member states, at PAHO headquarters in Washington, D.C.

PAHO member states will elect Dr. Etienne at the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference here, from Sept. 25 – 29, 2017.

She will assume another five-year term on Feb. 1, 2018, PAHO said. Etienne has been PASB director since Feb. 1, 2013.

According to the PAHO's Constitution, Etienne can be reelected for a second five-year term.

PAHO said her candidacy was the only one that was presented by member states.

The President of the PAHO Executive Committee, Ruben A. Nieto, of Argentina, moderated the forum on Friday, during which Etienne "presented her platform, her policy priorities and the financial and programmatic direction she proposed for the organization," according to PAHO.

PAHO said Etienne made a 30-minute oral presentation, which was followed by an hour question-and-answer session with member states, in accordance with the Rules Governing the Election of the Director.

Etienne was elected PAHO director by member states of the organization on Sept. 19, 2012 and began her five-year term on Feb. 1, 2013.

From March 2008 until Nov. 1, 2012, PAHO said Etienne served as assistant director-general for Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Prior to that, as assistant director of PAHO, from July 2003 to February 2008, she led five technical areas: Health Systems and Services; Technology, Health Care and Research; Health Surveillance and Disease Management; Family and Community Health; and Sustainable Development and Environmental Health.

During her tenures at WHO and PAHO, Etienne led the efforts to renew primary health care and to strengthen health systems, based on primary health care, promoting integration and improved functioning of health systems, according to PAHO.

PAHO said she has also spearheaded policy directions for reducing health inequalities and advancing health for all through universal coverage, people-centered care, the integration of health into broader public policies, and inclusive and participatory health leadership.

PAHO said the World Health Report 2010, "Health systems financing: the path to universal coverage, was produced under Etienne and WHO's deputy director-general.

"The report is recognized worldwide for providing an agenda for action by countries at all stages of development

to move more quickly and in a sustainable manner towards universal coverage, while proposing ways in which the international community can better support efforts to achieve universal coverage and improve health outcomes," PAHO said.

It said Etienne has also led the WHO global agenda "to support universal access to safe and efficacious medical products and the development of a global code of practice for the international recruitment of health personnel."

PAHO said Etienne also chaired the International Health Partnership (IHP+) initiative, which seeks to commit partners to work together and put into practice international principles for effective aid and development cooperation in the health sector.

In her native Dominica, PAHO said Etienne began her career as a medical officer at the Princess Margaret Hospital, where she eventually became the chief medical officer.

She has also served in other high-level posts in Dominica, including coordinator of the National AIDS Program, disaster coordinator for the Ministry of Health, chair of the National Advisory Council for HIV/AIDS, and director of Primary Health Care Services, PAHO said.

It said Etienne received her medical degree (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery — MBBS) from the University of the West Indies, at the Mona Campus in Jamaica, and her Master in Science (MSc) in Community Health in developing countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London.

Caribbean American ex-nurse and her hitman jailed for life

By Nelson A. King

A Brooklyn Supreme Court judge on Thursday sentenced a Caribbean American former nurse and a hitman she hired to kill her Jamaican-born husband to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Justice Neil Firetog imposed the stiff sentence on Alisha Noel-Murray and Kirk Portious, both 29, of Brownsville, Brooklyn, following their convictions earlier this month to first-degree murder after a jury trial.

Prosecutors said that Noel-Murray, the daughter of Guyanese-born Registered Nurse Pauline Noel and Grenadian-born construction worker Andrew Noel, hired Portious to kill her husband, Omar Murray, 37, after two previous failed assassination attempts on his life. Noel-Murray's estranged parents reside in Brooklyn.

Noel-Murray, who was fired as a registered nurse by the Visiting Nurse Services of New York (VNS), tried to cash out life insurance policies under her husband's name days after he was killed, prosecutors said.

"With their premeditated and callous actions, these two defendants forfeited their right to remain part of our society," said Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Puerto Rican-born Eric Gonzalez immediately after Justice Firetog imposed the sentence. "They planned and carried out the heinous and cruel execution of an innocent man for nothing more than pure greed."

According to trial testimony, on Feb. 24, 2013, at about 12:58 p.m., Omar Murray was shot three times and died inside his home, at 204 Lott Ave. in Brownsville.

Gonzalez said the investigation led police to Damien Lovell, 33, Noel-Murray's boyfriend, who told investigators that his girlfriend had asked him to find someone to kill her husband after her attempt to poison him had failed.

The first person shot at Omar Murray on Feb. 6, 2013, but missed, according to trial testimony.

Lovell then hired Portious and provided him with a US\$500 down payment and the gun, which he received from Noel-Murray, court evidence showed.

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Caribbean

Six Caribbean countries recently participated the Caribbean Export Development Agency's Agroalimentary Fair — the Dominica Republic's largest and most important food and beverage food fair.

Companies from six Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries took part in the event, funded by the 11th EDF Regional Private Sector Development Program and presented a range of products; Saints Brewery Company Ltd. from Barbados; Pomeroon Oil Mill Inc. from Guyana; the St. Lucia Trade Promotions Agency (TEP), representing three companies from St. Lucia; Coffee Solutions from Jamaica; Suriname Candied Fruits N.V. and the Trinidad and Tobago Fine Cocoa Company Ltd.



Deputy Executive Director at Caribbean Export Escipion Oliveria said the participation of CARICOM at Agroalimentary for the first time is a significant development contribution towards the increase of regional trade.

Bahamas

The new Bahamas government is seeking outside help from the governments of United Kingdom and Singapore for drafting anti-corruption legislation that would result in the seizure of assets of corrupt public officials.

Speaking at the end of the budget debate in parliament recently, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis said Transparency International and other agencies have documented the degree to which corrupt practices stymied economic growth and development.



He said investors should not have the cost of doing business increased by certain officials looking for something.

The prime minister said the foreign governments would be asked to assist with the overhaul of anti-corruption legislation and the strengthening of anti-corrupt best practices.

Dr. Minnis said the consultants will be thorough and will include discussions on the issue of technology and other oversight mechanisms to stem corruption among all officials, including political leaders, public officers and those with business before the government.

Barbados

The Barbados National Union of Public Workers (NUPW) said it will take industrial action if the government does not reverse the tax increases which were recently announced by Finance Minister Chris Sinkler.



Cuban, Vincentian heads meet

Cuba's President Raul Castro, center, and Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph Everard Gonsalves walk out together following the official group photo at the Summit of the Americas, in Panama City, Panama, Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Associated Press / Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File

Sinkler has described the threat as "ill -advised and unfortunate" at this time.

The Finance Minister told the online publication Barbados TODAY that he does not believe the union's leadership "is obvious to the fact that the alternatives to the measures which we introduced, including an increase in the National Social Responsibility (NSRL), will be more hurtful to public officers than what is proposed".

In delivering the country's 2017 budget last month the Finance Minister increased the NSRL to 10 percent from two percent, introduced a two percent tax on all foreign exchange transactions and increased excise duty on fuels.



Sinkler said there are persons in Barbados who argue that the government should reduce the size of the public service saying that it would mean that the government should send home thousands of public servants from the service.

NUWP president Kanni McDowell said that the industrial action could come in the form of a go slow, sickout, work to rule of all forms and that the government has until July to meet the union's demands.

Cayman Islands

Britain's Foreign and Common-

wealth Office (FCO) has appointed Anwar Bokth Choudhury as the next governor of the Cayman Islands.

Choudhury, 58, who is currently based in Peru as Britain's ambassador, will take up his appointment in March 2018, a release from the FCO said.



The next governor was born in Bangladesh and is Muslim. He served in the Royal Air Force (RAF) before joining the Ministry of Defense and was headhunted to the FCO ranks from the Cabinet office.

Choudhury joined the Foreign Office in 2003 and became high commissioner to his native Bangladesh in 2004, where he was injured in a bomb attack that year at the Hazrat Shahjalal shrine in a terrorist attack.

In 2008 he served as director of International Institutions responsible for multilateral policy.

He replaces outgoing governor, Helen Kilpatrick, who is expected to leave the Cayman Islands early next year.

Jamaica

Jamaica's trade and investment promotions agency, Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JMPRO), said they will lead 18 companies on an export promotion mission to Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and The Bahamas.

In a release, JMPRO said that this

move was part of a strategy to develop Jamaican exporters and increase export to regional markets dubbed "The Caribbean Market Mission" and forms part of their export development program (Export Max).

It began on June 18 in Barbados and ended on June 30, in The Bahamas.

The mission, according to JAMPRO will give companies the opportunity to promote Brand Jamaica in the regional and increase outlets, and have key discussions with private and public sector partners to garner market intelligence.



The Caribbean Market Mission will support Export Max's goal of increasing overall exports for the participating companies by 50 percent.

Export Max 11 is a three-year initiative geared towards providing focused capacity building and market penetration support for export, the release said.

St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves recently met with Cuban President Raul Castro during a working visit to the island.

During the meeting the two leaders spoke about the progress in bilateral relations and welcomed the recent commemoration of the 25th anniversary of

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Two sentenced to life in prison

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Gonzalez said the gunman was promised a total of US\$3,500. He said Noel-Murray had taken out nearly US\$900,000 in life insurance on her husband before the murder and attempted to cash out the policies within days of his death.

Lovell had previously pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for a promised sentence of 15 years to life in prison, Gonzalez said.

"I thought she loved my brother," said Andrew Knight, the brother of Omar Murray, about Noel-Murray at Thursday's pre-sentencing hearing.

Noel-Murray had made her own attempt to kill her husband in October 2012 by poisoning his dinner after she found out he cheated on her with a prostitute, according to the New York Daily News.

When that plan failed, she engaged in an affair with Lovell and confided in him to solicit someone



Alisha Noel-Murray. Office of Brooklyn District Attorney to kill Omar Murray, the paper said.

Lovell testified in Brooklyn Supreme Court against Noel-Murray and Kirk Portious in exchange for 15 years to life in prison.

A jury had taken only three hours to convict Noel-Murray of first-degree murder.

Portious was found guilty by a separate jury for pumping three bullets into Murray's body at 204 Lott Ave., "as Noel-Murray coldly hid in an upstairs bedroom with

her 10-month-old baby," the Daily News said.

"The man who murdered your husband is sitting right there and, this whole trial, she acted like it was nothing; she showed no remorse, no emotion," Knight told the pre-sentencing hearing on Thursday.

Noel-Murray told Lovell that she was the beneficiary of three separate life insurance policies out on her husband, and she needed him dead to cash in and clear up her finances, according to the Daily News.

"She didn't care about Omar, only herself, he was a US\$900,000 check," said Assistant District Attorney Emily Dean to Justice Firetog.

Prosecutors said, during trial, that Noel-Murray was not initially linked to her husband's murder for over a year, during which time she remarried.

"She continues to maintain her innocence," said Wynton Sharpe, Noel-Murray's defense attorney.



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Gun trafficking

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country as a recipient of smuggled arms and ammunition but he was quick to point out that “we have seen an increase in the movement of arms. We have seen an increase in money laundering and just basic criminal activity,” Chastanet said. “I think we have to take an interest in what’s happening. From a security perspective we are very concerned about the deterioration of things in Venezuela because it has impacted us from a security perspective,” he said.

Chastanet’s remarks at the summit, came a day after authorities in Trinidad complained bitterly about a near \$20M illegal gun trade operation mostly through the smuggling of hand and long guns through jet skis for the tourism sector and by way of containers which are not flagged or searched by customs and security officials.

The information was passed onto legislators at a joint select committee of parliament this week and even the police appeared to have been surprised by the announcement that guns are smuggled through containers and jet skis entering Trinidad.

Customs Chief Glenn Singh told the committee that the perception that the lower classes are the ones smuggling guns into the twin island



St. Lucia’s Prime Minister Allen Michael Chastanet addressing the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters.

Associated Press / Jason DeCrow, File

with Tobago is not correct.

“It is not the small people who bring in weapons. It is the rich people you should be having your eyes on,” he said, noting up to 40 percent of the containers which enter the country do so without inspections. These are not brought in by the poorer classes.

The announcement has startled the police administration. Senior Superintendent Leroy Brebnor said that importers will do dry runs and once they determine that the containers will get safe passage into the country would load them up with illegal items the next time.

US officials attend summit

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ber heads of government and foreign ministers to discuss regional and bilateral issues of mutual interest,” the department said.

“He will also meet with CARICOM Chairman and Prime Minister of Grenada Keith Mitchell to discuss stronger coordination between the United States and the Caribbean Community,” it added.

In keeping with a mandate from the US–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act, or HR 4939, which became Public Law 114-29, after being signed last year by former United States President Barack H. Obama, the United States last month released a “Multi-Year Strategy for Engagement with the Caribbean.”

The United States Department of State said it has, in coordination with the US Agency for International Development (USAID), submitted the strategy to the United States Congress “that establishes a framework for enhancing the security and prosperity of the United States and its Caribbean partners.

“Considered the ‘third border’ of the United States, the Caribbean is a vital part of our efforts to counter organized crime and illicit trafficking, support democracy throughout the Western hemisphere, strengthen energy security, and create jobs

through increased trade and investment,” said the State Department in a media note.

“A secure and stable Caribbean contributes to a safer and more prosperous United States by securing the United States border, protecting United States citizens abroad, and increasing opportunities for United States exports,” it added.

“The United States will continue to work with the Caribbean region to support commitments in the multi-year strategy; encourage private sector-led growth and job creation; reduce energy costs through diversification, regulatory reform, and public-private partnerships; and maximize partnerships in health and education for more sustainable growth and development in the Western Hemisphere,” the State Department said.

It said the United States Congress mandated this Caribbean strategy “underscores US interest in enhanced relations with the governments of the Caribbean, the Caribbean Diaspora, the private sector and civil society.”

The strategy states that the Caribbean region is the United States’ “third border”, characterized by common interests and societal ties that yield daily, tangible benefits for United States citizens.”



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Our Perspective

Across the U.S., Workers are Choosing a Union Voice

By Stuart Appelbaum, President
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At our union, the RWDSU, we are seeing workers across the U.S. demand the respect and fair treatment all workers deserve. They are doing it by choosing a union voice, and they are doing it because now more than ever, workers need a union in their corner so they can build better lives for themselves and their families.

In the South, where it is more difficult to be a union activist than anywhere else in the U.S., the RWDSU Mid-South Council recently celebrated reaching the remarkable milestone of 10,000 members, doubling their size in five years. The Mid-South Council just won union recognition and a first contract for workers at four Piggly Wiggly grocery stores in Alabama. And in Georgia, the RWDSU Southeast Council is celebrating a win for over 100 workers at a Nestle Foods distribution center.

In New England, where the RWDSU represents hundreds of workers at Coca-Cola and Pepsi bottling plants, the union has won strong new contracts. And at Guitar Center stores in New York, Las Vegas, Chicago and Boston, workers are about to hold a ratification vote for their first union contract, which the dedicated worker activists there have for years fought for.

No workplace is too big or too small for union representation, and there are no industries where workers can't improve their jobs by joining a union. The RWDSU has welcomed workers at poultry plants and retail stores. And, the RWDSU represents workers in New York's medical marijuana industry, as well as adult toy stores in New York City including Babeland, and thanks to their win at the end of June, Pleasure Chest.

The dedication of union workers to winning a voice, the strong contracts they are proving they can negotiate, and the diverse field of industries represented shows that workers can win, even at a time when the playing field is stacked squarely against them and bosses will do whatever they can to keep unions out.

Workers are proving that they don't have to settle for lack of respect at work, and for an economy that sees workers fighting for scraps while the rich just get richer. Working people have had enough of being told they should just be happy to have a job, and that the wealth at the top will somehow magically trickle down to them if they just go along with low pay, poor benefits, and bosses that won't listen to them or address their problems. They are fighting back against anti-union propaganda and intimidation. They are fighting back against professional union-busters who spread lies and misinformation, and try to scare workers away from changing their jobs for the better. Workers are joining together and winning together, and the RWDSU stands with all of them.



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their establishment.

Gonsalves ratified his solidarity with Cuba following the new policy announcement of the United States government towards the island.



They also addressed issues of regional interest, in particular, the situation with respect to Venezuela.

Dr. Gonsalves was accompanied by St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ambassador to Cuba Ellsworth John.

Trinidad

Tropical Storm Bret which hit Trinidad and Tobago recently has left more than \$1 billion in damages.

Head of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPEM) Captain Neville Wint told a press conference that it was estimated that 135,000 homes and 400,000 persons were affect-

ed. He said the statistics were compiled by the 14 regional corporations in Trinidad and the Tobago House of Assembly (THA).

He noted that Tobago and south Trinidad were most impacted. There are still homes surrounded by water and the flood water is receding very slowly because of persistent rain.



Several roofs of houses were blown away or damaged, while farmers lost millions in agricultural crops and livestock.

The government has established a TT \$25 million fund to assist those who are in dire need of financial help to replace stoves, fridges and other household items which were damaged by the flood.

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Respect our cosmopolitan republic

By Wayne Kublalsingh

I had a cursory look at part of the Anthony Bourdain documentary two days ago. I did see the part which triggered the latest verbal attacks on the Syrian / Lebanese communities in our nation. There was nothing in that part which offended me. After seeing some stir on my Facebook page, I went searching for that part. I again looked at it. I saw a family happy to show off its food. Happy to say how much they had achieved. Happy to show how far they had come. Happy to show that they had brought some Middle Eastern magic and cultural richness to these tropical islands. There was some socio-economic analysis, but nothing injurious; for me this episode, perhaps too innocently, exuded pride in roots, in accomplishment, in civic and economic importance.

Why did such a family moment, a Syrian / Lebanese moment in the sun, go wrong? The pathology is in the public response. The response paints an unflattering portrait of some responders. Something disturbed them, and it cannot just be that video.

If, as some say, that Syrians are responsible for drugs and gunrunning, why have not the alleged guilty parties been arrested? Must a Syrian daughter arrest a Syrian father and haul him into the police precinct? I myself have been hauled, not less than six or seven times, into police precincts, jail cells, brought to

court, roughed up, for the horrible crimes of right action, right advocacy in our economic history. Okay, no problem. But why have not these alleged criminals been brought to court? Who is responsible for this? The Syrians?

Or, as I have been told, the Syrians are oppressing "we." Really? Big man like you, and the Syrians oppressing you? No Syrian can oppress you brother, unless you share in, consent to, this alleged oppression. You, who have come from a history of colonial oppression, are allowing a minority ethnic group oppress you? Why such lack of robustness? Are you yet a mewling and pining indenture? Catch yourself!

Or, the Syrians "control" all the big business. Really? Is this true? Every immigrant group which has come to these shores have brought their own economic habits, terms, skills, types of trade. Without exception. Taino, Arahuan, Spanish, African, French, Dutch, Irish, British, East Indian, Chinese, Venezuelan, Syrian, Grenadian, St. Vincentian and Chinese again. If you fail to use your historical economic bootstraps to pull yourself up, must you blame another group in the cosmos for this?

Or, that the Syrians don't mix with we. Really? Let us assume that this is so. In this cosmic dance, everyone must be free to decide if or not to attend, when to dance or

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Who was the greatest cricketer — Bradman or Sir Garfield Sobers?

By Albert Baldeo

To understand what cricket supremacy means in a global context to the average Caribbean man, is best summarized by the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Michael Manley, "The West Indies are Third World countries, but we belong and are in the first World of Cricket." Cricket is not only a religion in the Caribbean, but it best defines the region in any context. Regional political integration has followed cricket as a unifying and defining force.

In a deeper psychological and historical context, a West Indian cricketer's artistry and flamboyance is the product of the post-colonial era, where the psyche is the celebration and liberation from that bondage. His glorious successes lifted a marginalized people from their daily burdens, and took them to flights of pride over their achievements, living in the ecstatic comfort of the superlatives that always followed—helping them overcome their daily burdens.

Cricket is simply the lifeblood of the Caribbean, and its greatest adhesive force. C.L.R. James, the renowned cricket scholar, in his work "Cricket in West Indian Culture," at, p 119 aptly noted, "From its beginning to this day cricket in the West Indies has expressed with astonishing fidelity the social relations of the islands." In his seminal work, "Beyond a Boundary," James puts cricket in

Cricket has always been more than a game in Trinidad.

perspective when he wrote, "Cricket is first and foremost a dramatic spectacle. It belongs with the theatre, ballet, opera and the dance."

As kids, we were inspired to become famous and reach the pinnacle of cricketing fame like Sir Garfield Sobers, Sir Learie Constantine, George Headley, Sir Frank Worrell, Rohan Kanhai and other West Indian icons so revered around the cricketing world. They are the very embodiment of the West Indian dream, and the fruit of its labor. One of the great lessons we learnt as aspiring cricketers was to walk when you knew you were out without waiting for the umpire's signal and to acknowledge a good performance from the opposing side.

In fact, sportsmanship was as intrinsic a part of a cricketer's development as his ability to flick the ball off the legs, late cut or hook a bouncer off the eyebrows. The latter was a necessity in those days because our paraphernalia consisted only of a sculptured coconut tree branch or carved piece of wood for a bat and a cork ball for a ball, much in the traditions of the great West Indian players listed above. There were no helmets or pads, you had to play off the legs or get crippled.

As Samuel Selvon chroni-

cles in his book, "The Cricket Match," Ways of Sunlight, p. 162, a dry mango seed often substituted for a ball, and a pitch oil tin for a wicket. Yet, what cricket meant for us as kids is best summarized by Nobel Laureate Sir V. S. Naipaul, in The Middle Passage, p. 44, "Cricket has always been more than a game in Trinidad. In a society which demanded no skills and offered no rewards to merit, cricket was the only activity which permitted a man to grow to his full stature and to be measured against international standards... The cricketer was our only hero-figure."

This question as to who is the greatest cricketer has spurred great debate when Wisden's so-called panel of experts chose Sir Don Bradman over Sir Garry Sobers as the cricketer of the last century, and, a fortiori, the greatest cricketer. Hopefully, this article will put the issue to rest. Sir Garfield Sobers was the greatest cricketer, as distinct from being the greatest batsman, which honor belongs to Bradman and others. Sobers was the greatest cricketer of this and any other century, and by parity of reasoning, that he was the greatest cricketer that has ever lived, or the greatest the world has ever seen.

The son of a merchant seaman from the small island of Barbados, he was only five when his father died at sea in January 1942, after his ship was torpe-

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'Jamaica' takes center stage in Harlem

Once again, Jamaica is in the spotlight.

This time shining the light on the Caribbean island / nation is the Harlem Repertory Theater with a 60th anniversary staging of the musical that launched the iconic actress Lena Horne into Broadway stardom.

In 1957, the legendary star of stage, screen and recordings starred in Y.E Yip Harburg and Fred Saidy's "Jamaica" and the rest is history.

The musical opened on Broadway at the Imperial Theatre on Oct. 31, 1957 and closed on April 11, 1959 after 558 performances.

The cast included Ricardo Montalban as Koli and Horne as Savannah, Ossie Davis as Cicero, and Josephine Premice as Ginger.

Every principal actor was nominated for a Tony award the following year but Davis took home the coveted trophy for his best Performance by a Featured Actor in a Musical.

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Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

cal, "Jamaica" returns to New York City, this time to The Tato Laviera Theatre, 240 East 123rd St. in Harlem.

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Harburg a playwright and lyricist wrote the now landmark production when he was a victim of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's purge of liberals, Communist sympathizers and anti-political rhetoric.

During the period of fear from persecution and reper-

cussions from elected officials at the highest level of government, many creative talents were forced to work underground, temper their expressions or submit to making the ultimate sacrifice by leaving the country.

Paul Robeson, opera singer, actor, athlete, cultural scholar and Civil Rights activist did.

Harburg chose not to find a home elsewhere outside of America. Instead he abandoned a career in Hollywood (where a serious McCarthy blacklist prevailed) and focused his talents on the Broadway stage.

Revered as the "social conscience of Broadway" after writing the depression era lyrics for his anthem "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" Harburg's progressive communal vision is now a nostalgic triumph.

His socially conscious classic Broadway shows include the anti-racist, anti-capitalist



Jamaica The Musical.

musicals: "Finian's Rainbow," (1947) "Bloomer Girl," "Flahooley" (1951) and "Jamaica" (1957).

He also won wide acclaim for his collaborative presentation with Fred Saidy of "The happiest Girl in the World" (1961).

Together with the playwright, Harburg set the stage for a number of winning productions.

As co-writer of the book, Saidy was nominated for Broadway theater's highest award — the Tony — for Best Musical for his work on "Jamaica."



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Display of worldly pride

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not dance, what tune to dance to or what not. This is the essence of cosmopolitanism. Freedom to engage, participate, on one's own terms. No one should be forced, or ransomed, or induced to conform to some vague idea of "we" or "mixing." In any event, geography, economics, and the marketplace demands engagement; the cosmopolitan canvas is never fully painted.

Ours is a cosmopolitan Republic. And let us wave the flag of cosmopolitanism which history has so honorifically bestowed on us. It is vile, oppressive and shameful to be loading off on a minority national or ethnic group; this group, like all other groups, should be cher-

ished, loved, protected, celebrated like we celebrate the achievements of our young brothers or sisters. We should be happy to see the obvious pride exuded in the video, a family so eager to show off their accomplishments, with harmless pomp and exuberance.

Any attack that is based on race or ethnicity is bound to be inaccurate and deceptive; since race and ethnicity are superficial categorizing markers. It is only natural that minority groups, universally, practice vibrant forms of self-affirmation, stake out their roles, as it were. Perhaps the family was so eager and happy to show off to the American because they feel under-appreciated or scorned by its own compatriots. Our own majority ethnic groups have failed to bring us to a sustainable, affordable, non-violent and rational post-colonial future; this is the real problem; so let us each deal with that cocoa in the sun!

King Cricket

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doed by a German U-boat. Sobers' rise from his ensuing hardship to greatness, to his sobriquet "King Cricket," is a monumental inspiration for many to follow, and his genius has bequeathed an indelible memory wherever cricket is played. He was born with an extra finger in each hand, which he removed himself, a harbinger that the Good Lord had overflowed that extra talent into him, demonstrated by him playing golf, soccer and basketball for Barbados, and making his first class and Test debuts in cricket at the age of 16 and 17 respectively.

He was a one-man cricket team, the dream of any captain. His versatility with the ball enabled him to bowl left-arm orthodox and wrist spin and fast-medium pace, including bowling bouncers. The completeness of his versatile skills and talents bestrode the cricketing world like a colossus, and like the proverbial Napoleon on the battlefields of cricket, he conquered all before him, excelling in every conceivable department of the game-except wicket keeping. Oh, if only Sir Garry, and players like Kanhai, Hall, Lara, Richards, Headley and others were available to proudly don West Indian flannels...

West Indian pride will soar once again.

Uniquely gifted, he was blessed with supreme athleticism, panther reflexes, eagle eyesight and the heart of a lion. He was a peerless exemplar of cricketing brilliance, endowed with an alliance of such natural gifts of talent and genius, that cricket may never see his like again. He was the cricketer's cricketer, whose phenomenal genius hardly brooked human limits. It was legendary, both in quality and quantity. Sobers has set the standards by which other cricketers are measured, and like Muhammad Ali in boxing, Michael Jordan in basketball and Pele in soccer, Sobers is similarly unrivalled in the world of cricket.

Sir Neville Cardus, that doyen of cricket scribes, gave the appropriate imprimatur to his all round genius in Wisden, 1967, p. 38, when he wrote: "Garfield St. Aubyn Sobers...the most renowned name of any cricketer since Bradman's high noon. He is, in fact, even more famous than Bradman ever was; for he was accomplished in every department of the game, and has exhibited his genius in all climes and conditions... We can safely agree that no player has proven versatility of skill as convincingly as Sobers has done, effortlessly, and after the manner born."

In fact, Sobers is to cricket what Shakespeare is to literature,

Michelangelo to art and Mozart to music. His only perceivable Achilles heel was as a captain, a consideration which can be excluded in the present context of argument. Sir Donald Bradman, who saw his 254 against Australia for a World XI in Melbourne in 1971-72, reckoned that it was the best innings he had ever seen on Australian soil. Sir Clyde Walcott said, "Sir Gary is remembered not only for his remarkable trail of statistical records, but for the quality of his cricket and the way he enjoyed the game." E.W. Swanton reminded us that "the true measure of his influence must take account of his sportsmanship and an unselfishness that were never questioned, an example second to none." John Arlott described Sobers as "the finest all-round player in the history of cricket."

C.L.R. James reiterated that, "A man of genius is what he is, he cannot be something else and remain a man of genius." Michael Manley once said this of Sobers, "Sobers was destined, in typically Caribbean fashion, to shine like some great star alone in the firmament of his own genius." Let Sobers have the last word. In his book, The Changing Face of Cricket, he commends C.L.R. James' words to all readers everywhere, as if answering those who chose him second best, "What do they know of cricket, who only cricket know?"

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De Blasio's admin hails new MWBE state legislation

By Dawn Plummer

Mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, has long seen small businesses in the city as an opportunity for economic growth for persons who will make themselves eligible through the City's entrepreneurship programs. Thus the new piece of state legislation passed by New York State Senators and the State Assembly Members in late June to expand funding to the MWBE program, was encouraging news to the team at the New York City Small Business Services and more so to the Minorities / Women Business Entrepreneur (MWBE) office.

The bill, passed by a margin of 63 to 0 in the Senate, and 115 to 15 in the State Assembly, awaits the signature of New York's Governor, Andrew Cuomo. The piece of legislation would increase discretionary funding for MWBE certified members in the City. The legislation is seen as a leeway for more minorities and women to obtain more cash flow for their businesses. The Bill de Blasio administration, through its Senior Director for

the MWBE, Jonnel Doris, said that over 5,000 small businesses are already registered with the MWBE and asked that more small businesses in the City become certified through the program and maximized on the possibilities of how their businesses can grow through the MWBE program. The MWBE senior director explained that loans are available to assist these small business owners who face challenges in their operational finances.

The legislation is welcoming news to the administration also because as noted by Doris, the MWBE is working towards a 30 percent increase in its membership and with an expanded program to improve on the available funding for its members as well as prospective members. The MWBE hopes this will help increase in membership to a 9,000 registered. Doris announced also that there was an increase in contract agreements, an increase from eight percent to 14 percent in the program. "This is a milestone for small businesses in New York City," said Doris. "Such resources to business



In picture are NY City officials from Small Business Services & MWBE: From left: Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services, Greg Bishop; director of Mayor's Office of Contract Services; Michael Ow, commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services; Lisette Camilo; CEO of TaylorMade LL & Chairperson of NYC MWBE's Alliance; Joycelyn Taylor, senior advisor & director of Mayor's Office of and MWBE; Jonnel Doris and Executive Director for External Affairs, Walter E. Maxwell.

owners in the city are helpful and provide employment and helps enhance growth and sustain the businesses," Doris added.

In commenting further on the effectiveness of the MWBE program and how the new bill could propel the work of busi-

ness owners, Doris called on the Caribbean small business owners to take advantage of the resources at the MWBE program and become certified and align their businesses with work of the City's minorities and women business programs. He reminisced on the

positive impact the MWBE's program had on his mother, a Guyanese woman who owned a small business in New York City. "The work is very dear to me. Caribbean small businesses should utilize its resources, it is an expansion for discretionary funds," he explained.

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phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

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Funding climate resilience benefits all nations

By **Kenton X. Chance**

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, July 4, 2017 (IPS) — A leading climate change mitigation and adaptation activist and former climate negotiator in the Caribbean says that the United States could protect its economic and political interest by helping the region to go green.

Further, James Fletcher, a former Minister of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology in St. Lucia, says that US President Donald Trump's emphasis on the coal industry is an attempt to increase jobs that no longer exist, while ignoring numerous opportunities in renewable energy.

On June 1, Trump announced that he would withdraw the United States from the global climate change deal reached in Paris in 2015, saying that the non-binding accord imposes draconian financial and economic burdens on the United States.

The US President was referring to the Green Climate Fund, for which advanced economies have formally agreed to jointly mobilise 100 billion dollars per year by 2020, from a variety of

sources, to address the pressing mitigation and adaptation needs of developing countries.

Fletcher, who was the 15-member Caribbean Community's lead negotiator for the Paris accord, told St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Minister of Sustainable Development, Camillo Gonsalves' "Firm Mediation" podcast, that Trump is wrong.

"Those are voluntary contributions, so it isn't something that any country is mandated to do," he said of the voluntary contribution to the GCF, known as Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).

Former US President Barack Obama had pledged 3 billion dollars to the GCF and delivered 1 billion before leaving office.

"Now, it's up to President Trump to decide whether he wants to honour that obligation, adjust it — we know he won't increase it," Fletcher said, noting that there is nothing compelling the United States to contribute any amount to the GCF.

"It's just 100 billion that we hope to raise," Fletcher emphasised.

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Contributions are precisely what they say they are: contributions. They are not commitments. No country is being held legally liable... You are not even allowed to name and shame. It is a kind of gentleman's agreement that we all say yes we agree to do this, we all agree that there will be no backsliding so that we will increase ambition over time and I believe that's one of the reasons that so many countries found it safe enough to join the Paris Agreement, because they knew there were no legal sanctions if they backed off on the agreement.

"So, to speak of the NDC as basically something that is putting an economic noose around the neck of the United States of America is anything but," Fletcher said.

He said that the growth of the energy sector in the United States is in renewable energy.

"And if President Trump understood that sector a little bit better, he would understand that that is where he needs to be focusing his attention and not on a coal industry that really does not have any future, from an employment-generation perspective, for the United States."



People wait for assistance after the devastation left by Hurricane Matthew in Low Sound, North Andros, The Bahamas in October 2016. A leading climate change mitigation and adaptation activist in the Caribbean says more climate-related disasters can result in climate refugees looking towards the United States for assistance.

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U.S. Congress lays out initiative fostering more diplomacy with the Caribbean

By Alexandra Simon

Since becoming a law late last year, the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act (H.R. 4939) — a bill passed by congress to increase U.S. diplomacy efforts with the Caribbean and their leaders — recently publicized their initiative. As a mandate of the bill, officials with the State Department produced a multi-year strategy laying out a plan to increase engagement, safety, and the livelihood between the governments. The effort to reach the action plan was in collaboration with several groups, said the director of Caribbean Affairs at the State Department.

“We consulted a number people from the Diaspora and in the process of developing that strategy, we engaged with the Diaspora to seek their advice on policy,” said Brad

Freden.

Officials met with groups such as the CARICOM caucus and co-sponsors of the bill, as well as other Caribbean-centric groups and organizations based in the islands or in the United States to devise the act. The key points of the bill include six elements: diplomacy, education, energy, health, prosperity, and security.

And many of these points will be towards increasing economic cooperation, particularly in the private sector, investment and trade, counterterrorism, dealing with other violent acts, and energy and diversification, according to Freden.

He said that the efforts to carry out this law will be a continued joint effort between the U.S. and Caribbean governments.

Trinidad and Tobago is especially an area of concern in

regards to security recently, due to nationals leaving to join terrorist militant group, ISIS.

“Somewhere around 100 people from Trinidad and Tobago went to Syria to join ISIS, and that doesn’t sound like a lot but that’s the biggest number in the western hemisphere,” said Freden. “The government of Trinidad and Tobago takes this very seriously and we will work with them to provide assistance to countering violence, and reaching out to Muslim community there to ensure that they feel included in society to ensure that they don’t become radicalized.”

But most of the countries in the Caribbean are prioritized and will seek to benefit from the law as it pertains to their criminal justice systems and national security, added Freden.

People of Caribbean back-



Brad Freden, director of Caribbean Affairs for U.S. Department of State.

U.S. State Department

ground currently living state-side can also stand to benefit from the law, as it pertains to the safety of their home countries. Freden says introductory initiative will build a long-standing cooperative relationship



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A senior at Ozone Park Senior Center poses with his elaborately designed hat for the Jonkuunu Hattitude Masquerade Show. Braata Productions

Hat tricks: Seniors design extravagant hats

By Alexandra Simon

These elders got style.

About a dozen seniors showed off their elaborate hat designs at the Jonkuunu Hattitude Masquerade Show at the Ozone Senior Center on June 29. The old timers first learn about the extravagant Jamaican Christmas custom called Jonkunnu, and literally pull skills out of their hats to create intricately designed lids, which they were thrilled to model, said the organizer of the event.

"They did a whole runway thing and they lit up," said Andrew Clarke, founder of Braata Productions. "This was really a hat show inspired by Jamaican jonkonnu masquerade and what inspires them."

The golden-aged artisans dedicate hours studying how to create the peculiar headgear, and also get to use familiar day-to-day items for their designs, added Clarke.

"They work in two-hour sessions twice per week and work closely with us and we guide them," he said. "They mostly use common household items and we might include feathers and additional trinkets, we'll encourage use of utensils and creatively finding ways of making hats inspirational."

The hat show is part of the city's SU-

CASA initiative, which encourages art and cultural organizations to engage with aging New Yorkers in the arts. The program allows for an enriching and informative experience and encourages more people to explore it, said Clarke.

"I think what is interesting is that the vast majority of the residents there are not Caribbean and are mostly of Latino descent, African American, or Caucasian, and this work is educational and not something many of them have ever heard of," he said. "It's one of the things to spend months learning about something you saw, and it's another thing to see these artists come alive."

He adds that the exposure of jonkunnu's traditions to non-Caribbean people helps keep the custom in the spotlight for future generations.

"It's about the cultural exchange and experience to those who might not have otherwise had it, and of course in doing so we preserve our culture because it's so important to preserve that," said Clarke. "I'm passionate about folk culture and we are in the age of the Internet, social media, and television and that culture is the order of today, and having a workshop like this is important because it not only engages, but also broadens our mandate to preserve the culture."

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Caribbean Heritage Month closes out with food fest



New Yorkers from all over came to Brooklyn Borough Hall to celebrate the end of Caribbean Heritage Month on June 29.

Photo by Jason Speakman

By Alexandra Simon

Hundreds of people turned out to celebrate the end of Caribbean Heritage Month at Brooklyn Borough Hall on June 29. The indoor and outdoor festival turned the building's vestibule and Columbus Park Plaza into a hub honoring Caribbean culture for a day-long event, featuring segments of island cuisine, a symposium and musical concert.

Several attendees stumbled onto the event as passersby but could not miss the chance to indulge in the plentiful food dishes that were served at A Taste of Caribbean Cuisine, said one local woman.

"I didn't even know about the event but it was really good and the food was so delicious," said Amoicee Flatts, who spent two hours participating in activities with friends.

Vendors served a variety of dishes including rice and peas, jerk chicken, fried green plantains served with differ-

ent condiments, and even eggs with a Caribbean twist, added Flatts.

"I actually liked this one restaurant that was serving plantains and curry eggs — I never had that before," she said. "It was boiled and similar to deviled eggs, but it had a curry taste to it."

Other guests came to lend a helping hand for food vendors and also got to grab some bites of the food, said one man.

"I was one of the volunteers so I was able to taste some of the food, and I really liked the jerk chicken because it was spicy but not too spicy," said Jerry Kansis.

Kansis, who is of Ghanaian descent, said he enjoyed the ambiance and camaraderie of the event and seeing different cultures come together as one, even though he is not Caribbean. He added that one of the highlights of the event for him was getting to discuss the similarities between cultures.

"It was so beautiful and significant to what Caribbean Americans have contributed to society. I love to engage with the Diaspora because I get to be with my long lost brothers and sisters," he said.

"I met a couple from Jamaica and we were talking about the similarities of our food and culture and that's what I really like to experience."

Every year since 2006, when June was designated as Caribbean American Heritage Month, the Caribbean American

Heritage Committee hosts a celebration of Caribbean culture at the Brooklyn Borough Hall with Borough President Eric Adams.

And despite not knowing about the event initially, Flatts said she will be marking her calendar for next year and hopes to bring her child.

"This was first time finding out about it, but I'm definitely coming next year and I'm going to bring my daughter with me," she said.



Vendors served a variety of dishes including fried green plantain topped with assorted condiments at "A Taste of Caribbean Cuisine" segment of the celebration.

Photo by Jason Speakman



From left, Republican candidate for City Council District 35 Christine Parker, Dr. Roy Hastick, founder of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), with his granddaughter, Kristine Ortiz, enjoy their time at "A Taste of Caribbean Cuisine."

Photo by Jason Speakman

CARICOM diplomats bid farewell to Amb. Troy F. Torrington

By Tangerine Clarke

The diplomat corps bid a fond farewell to colleague Troy F. Torrington, during a recent luncheon at the Manhattan Permanent Mission of Guyana to the UN, where Ambassador Rudolph M. Ten-Pow noted that Torrington was ending one chapter of his distinguished career thus far, to return to Georgetown to begin a new chapter as head of the Multilateral and Global Affairs Department.

Torrington, who served 12 years in various high-profile positions at the Guyana Mission, and recently promoted to Ambassador, received high praise for the valuable knowledge he imparted.

Ten-Pow who was a recipient, of Torrington's ability during his transition as newly appointed Ambassador last year, said the attaché was helpful with all the obscure rules of protocol in substantive areas at the mission.

"My transition to the secretariat was aided immeasurably by Troy. We value that headquarters is being strengthened, we are losing his physical presence but his ability will still be available to us from Georgetown," said Ten-Pow.

Torrington's level of experience at a very young age, impressed Ambassador Ten-Pow, who made noted of the diplomat's contribution as chairman of the CAICOM / RIO Group Experts, Second and Fifth committees. This brilliant envoy also won a special award for his outstanding work at the CARICOM Caucus of Ambassadors.

"When I look ahead I see a place for Troy in the upper echelon at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We can look forward to hearing about Ambassador Troy Torrington when we talk about our diplomatic

representation."

His outstanding contributions, qualifications and accomplishments that includes peace-making and preventive diplomacy in Norway, studies in Beijing China and in Washington DC, are too many to mention.

He completed his Post Graduate foreign affairs operative and was later appointed Foreign Service Office, before becoming First Secretary/Minister Consellar at the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the UN. He quickly climbed the ladder to become Minister Counselors and Head of Budget.

Torrington, an ordained deacon and executive board member of Ephesus SDA Church, who was educated at the University of Guyana and University and the West Indies Institute of International Relations, and Foreign Service Institute obtaining Bachelor of Arts in English and Law, was an outstanding negotiator.

Consul General Barbara Atherly wished Torrington every success in his endeavors and thanked the diplomat for helping her to settle in and adapt to working in New York for the first time.

"I know your work will speak to the type of person you are. Guyana would be better off with you at home," said the Atherly.

Colleague Kereeta Whyte said it was a sad day for the group and noted that Troy passed on a wealth of knowledge to his colleagues, and thanked the government of Guyana for lending a son of the soil to the diplomat corps.

Colleagues, Shari Spiegel, Raymond Landveld, Samantha Hodges, Donnette Critchlow and Dr. Olney Daly all expressed gratitude to Torrington who at some point experienced his

professionalism during his 12 years in the UN General Assembly. Nephew, Dejean Torrington, said his uncle Troy, was a man of principle. "He has been a great influence to me. He personifies greatness."

Torrington in his brief remarks said engagement with colleagues was valuable when representing a small country such as Guyana, and singled out collegiality as a major part that built his network.



Guyana Consul General to New York Barbara Atherly (fifth from left), Ambassador Michael Ten-Pow and Ambassador Troy F. Torrington, surrounded by members of CARICOM diplomatic corps.
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Suede Restaurant wins Restaurant of the Year title



Representatives of Suede Restaurants with accolades for Restaurant of the Year nod.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

By Tangerine Clarke

Suede Restaurant, a popular Caribbean eatery that has made a name for itself, offering delicious dishes at reasonable prices, was named Restaurant of the Year by the Brooklyn Borough President Nightlife and Restaurant Coalition, (BNRC) at its 2nd Annual International Food and Wine Tasting event on Monday, June 26.

Copping the title for the first time, Suede, and other Caribbean restaurants received cer-

tificates from BNRC, citations, and Congressional Certificates, handed out by CB-17 BNRC Coordinator, June Persaud at the J-Loft Banquet Hall at 1055 E 45th St. Footprints Cafe won the title last year.

The Newest Business honor went to the J-Loft, while Vivid Bistro, was named Best Customer Service. Best New Restaurant went to Gallis Lounge and Restaurant, the Love Partnership award went to Pizza 57 Restaurant and Wien Bar, and

Most Improved, went to Round 2 Café. Silver Crust got the Community Service nod.

The Longevity honor went to Tropical Reflection Ballroom, while Kelly Ann Daniels, received prizes on behalf of Royal Wines.

Other restaurants receiving awards included Footprints Cafe, and Tasty Delicious.

The event, sponsored by Royal Wines Bartenura, and BK Bottles, offered samples of food and wine to a large audi-



Chefs of Gallis Lounge & Restaurant - winner of the Best New Restaurant title.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

ence, who were seen carrying plates piled-high with Caribbean fare offered by the business owners.

Tropical Rhythms Band and a carnival costume presentation by Sesame Flyers provided entertainment at the event. This event was an initiative by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams to improve relations and dialogue between bar and restaurant industry stakeholders, the communities in

which they operate and the City of New York.

The membership is free and open to any establishment that holds a Department of Health food Services, establishment license or an on-premises liquor license, distilling, or brewer license. All restaurants, bar, cafes, and nightclubs are eligible.

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Public Advocate presents Caribbean Heritage Month

By Tangerine Clarke

Public Advocate of the City of New York, Letitia James presented proclamations to Caribbean nationals, and citizens of Caribbean descent, during a recent Caribbean Heritage Month reception in the David Dinkins municipal building, in Manhattan.

Grenadian national, Carlisle Paul, a trustee and NY District Council of Carpenters Delegate, who represents Queens County Local Union 45, was recognized for his commitment to his community.

Professor Chantel Jackson of Belizean-descent, a director of the Harlem Center for Education and Social Worker, was congratulated for her dedication to educating youth in her community.

Earnest J. Baptiste, chief executive officer of NYC Health & Hospice/ Kings County Hospital, a Haitian-born, was honored for his distinguished career that included service at the Catholic Health East,

and the St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, among others. Neva M. Shillingford-King of the Commonwealth of Dominica, is an executive vice president of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. She founded the Labor Youth Organization, an arm of the then ruling Dominica Labor Party where she became president before migrating to the US.

Chaka Bomani of Castries, St. Lucia is president of the Upscale Group, an entertainment entity, and owner of the hugely popular Suede Restaurant which opened in 2014, and specializes in modern Caribbean cuisine.

Artist and culture worker Jamaican-born Maxine Hamilton-Alexander developed and implemented programs and workshops in Caribbean arts and culture while bringing thought-provoking conversations to youth in the community. Her mission is to stay inspired and resourceful

through arts and culture.

Sesame Flyers International, Inc. headed by Curtis Nelson, executive director, is the largest English-speaking Caribbean American organization that was honored for its 30 years of dedication to educating the youth population of Brooklyn. More than 6,000 people will receive help from the organization this year alone.

Guyanese-born Deodat Urprasad was recognized for his outstanding career which took him to many precincts. He joined the Police Housing Department in 1992 and began his career on patrol duty in the P.S.A #3, before climbing the ladder to lieutenant, captain, and executive officer, and being promoted to deputy inspector.

Public Advocate Letitia James, joined by E. Wayne McDonald of the Caribbean Culture Theatre at the podium and who recently signed legislation to ban employers



Public Advocate of City of New York Letitia James, fourth from left, join honorees and guests at a Caribbean Heritage Month celebration she hosted at the David Dinkins Municipal Building, 1 Center Street, in New York City.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

from asking a job applicant for previous salary information, applauded the honorees for their contribution to America.

"People from the Caribbean came to this country with big

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What a jerk!

Caribbean food festival celebrates all the islands

By Alexandra Simon

Curry on down to Canarsie!

A new food festival in Canarsie aims to showcase the wide variety of Caribbean cuisine, featuring culinary favorites from more than a dozen different islands. The organizer of the New York City Caribbean Food Festival, happening on July 15 at PacPlex, said that she wants the event to do away with stereotypes and preconceived notions of what the region's cuisine is like.

"I want people to appreciate and enjoy the different dishes that the Caribbean has to offer because we are not just all about pineapples and coconut," said Deborah L. Burchell. "Once you say Caribbean, they're thinking palm trees — but we are more than that."

Burchell, an event planner, came up with the idea after noticing a lack of West Indian representation at other city food events. Most festivals featured only a few from select cultures, she said. The event is being co-sponsored by Caribbean Life newspaper and PacPlex.

"Every time I go to a festival there may be only one Caribbean vendor and it's a lot about jerk but nothing for the entire Caribbean to come together," she said. "It's either Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, [or] Jamaica."

For her festival, Burchell has recruited chefs serving food from Belize, Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and a few other spots. She had originally hoped to include representatives of all 26 Caribbean countries, but the size of the venue and some economic concerns encouraged her to scale down, she said — though future events might have more.

"I wanted a lot of vendors at first but if we have a lot of vendors they won't make a profit, and we want our vendors to be happy. Because we want this to be an annual festival," she said.

Each admission ticket will allow guests to sample dishes from five different vendors, and those with VIP tickets will also get a sit-down, four-course meal and alcoholic beverages, according to Burchell.

The diverse offerings on the menu will let eaters a chance to experience trendy plates influenced by stateside favorites.

"We have a nice Caribbean modernized menu and it's not going to be a typical curry — we are having something more modern," said Burchell. "It's going to be a fusion and a mix of American and original Caribbean."



Cooking with a twist: Chef Shayaa Muhammad, who runs Gourmand Eats will be serving an island style version of fried shark and waffles at the inaugural New York City Caribbean Food Festival on July 15. Gourmand Eats

One of those innovative dishes will be a shark and waffle dish, served by Prospect Heights chef Shayaa Muhammad, who was inspired to combine Trinidadian fast food and southern cuisine.

"I had to choose something from my country and a popular dish is bake and shark," he said. "I also like to eat chicken and waffles, so I figured I'd do something from my island but with a twist."

He will be serving a lightly fried

shark, along with some fried chicken for those who are not fond of fish.

In addition to the food, the fest will feature live calypso, soca, and reggae music, with a performance from up-and-coming soca singer KC.

New York City Caribbean Food Festival at PacPlex [1500 Paerdegat Avenue North between Paerdegat 13th and 14th streets in Canarsie, (718) 209-1010, www.caribfoodfest.net]. July 15, noon-7 pm. \$20 (\$65 VIP, free for kids 12 or younger).



A prepared meat dish by Chef Naika Gousse, who will also be at the food festival.

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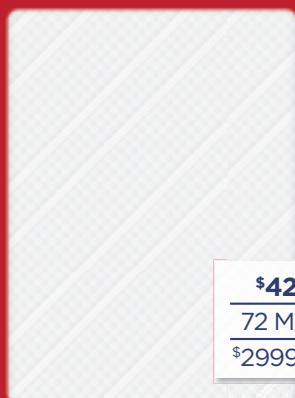
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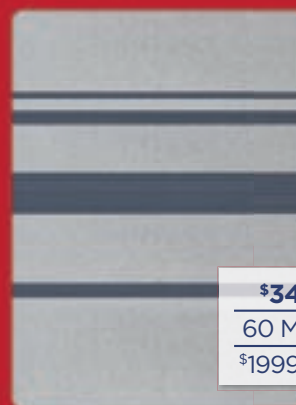
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Jabari takes the plunge with dad's backing

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You can do it.
Yes, you can. You just need to take a deep breath and then blow it out. Find the courage inside yourself. Think of something else and do it. Don't be scared. As you'll see in "Jabari Jumps" by Gaia Cornwall, good things come to those who get brave and take the leap.

Jabari loved to swim. He was really good at it, too. He'd gone to all his swimming lessons and he passed every test. He was so good at swimming that he was ready to jump off the diving board. He even told his dad about it.

The diving board was "high and maybe a little scary..." There were a lot of rungs to climb to get to the top — Jabari could tell that from the side of the pool. Other kids on top of

the diving board looked tiny from below as they sprang up and splashed down into the water. It was a long, long way to dive, but Jabari thought it looked like fun — and besides, he was a "great jumper."

As he stood by the ladder, he looked up. Way up.

Then he turned around and looked at the other kids in line. They'd been standing there awhile; maybe they should go first. In fact, maybe a "tiny rest" was a good idea before tackling such a huge thing. And oh, Jabari forgot to do his stretches before swimming — that's very important. Maybe tomorrow would be better for diving off the board.

But then Daddy said something that Jabari never thought about. Daddy knew exactly what Jabari was thinking, and he had some helpful advice. There were many ways to dive off a board and into a pool. You can jump feet-first or with your arms above your head, backwards or forwards, straight

or flipping head over feet, but there was only one way to get to the top to do it.

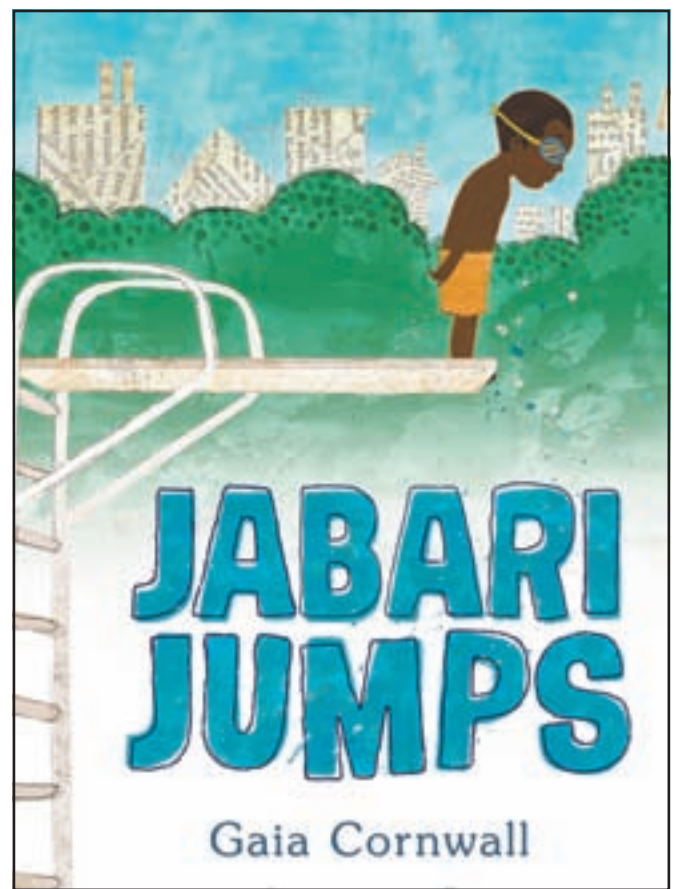
And so Jabari did...

More than three out of five Americans don't know how to swim. In the African American community, that number is considerably higher. "Jabari Jumps" may help fix that.

It's okay to love swimming, according to author Gaia Cornwall's energetic little main character. It's okay to get all wet and take swim lessons. It's actually fun, and Cornwall's illustrations make it seem so.

But, as your child will see, it's also okay to be scared of doing something you've never done before. In this, Cornwall makes it clear to even the smallest youngster that Jabari's faux-bravery is wavering even as he brags about his big plans in the pool. There's plenty of reassurance here, though; Jabari's father is a great supporting character, understanding and calm with no belittling.

In the end, well, I'm sure you



Book cover of "Jabari Jumps" by Gaia Cornwall.

know where this book goes. Kids might, too, and it's a joyous finale that will leave young readers with a smile and maybe an urge to learn to swim. If that's what you want to foster in your child, then give him "Jabari Jumps." Do it.

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Grandparents may develop special relationships with their grandchildren, who may benefit from the knowledge and wisdom their elders offer.

Grandparent-grandkid bond benefits both

What used to be the “golden years” of life for seniors are now turning into an opportunity to spend even more time with their youngest family members. Nowadays, a growing number of grandparents are called on to provide child care for their grandkids, many of whom are growing up in two-income households. Others are helping to raise grandkids while providing financial assistance for adult children who may not be able to live on their own.

This trend has been corroborated in a few recent studies. Information from the Pew Research Center showed 7.7 million children in the United States were living in the same household as one of their grandparents in 2011. A University of Chicago analysis of a decade of data based

on interviews with 13,614 grandparents, ages 50 and older, found that 61 percent of grandparents provided at least 50 hours of care for their grandchildren during any given year between 1998 and 2008.

And an April 2012 study for the MetLife Mature Market Institute and Generations United, an intergenerational policy group, found that 74 percent of respondents provided weekly child care or babysitting service for grandkids.

Grandparents often cite helping their own children financially as well as staying in touch with grandchildren as motivating factors behind providing care. According to Generations United, staying in touch with grandkids can give seniors a feeling of self-worth and improve their overall health.

When spending so much time together, grandparents may develop special relationships with their grandchildren, who may benefit from the knowledge and wisdom offered by their elders. The following are some lessons grandparents can share with youngsters:

Empathy: Grandparents can help teach grandchildren empathy by sharing stories of how things were when they were younger, when opportunities may have been more scarce. Grandchildren may learn to be grateful for the things they have and the people around them, rather than taking what they have for granted.

Family history: Grandparents can tell grandchildren about family members, including youngsters' own parents, and shed light on the generations that came before them. Looking

through photos or watching old movies can provide the avenue by which to start conversations about family history and give children opportunities to ask questions.

Interests: Children may be excited about learning new skills or hobbies taught to them by their grandparents. Anything from gardening to woodworking can be shared.

Respect: Children who grow up respecting their grandparents may have an increased tendency to respect authority figures outside their homes, which may help kids grow up to be more courteous and kind.

Grandchildren also offer benefits to their grandparents. Companionship, new experiences, and conversation can help keep grandparents' minds sharp and bodies active well into their golden years.



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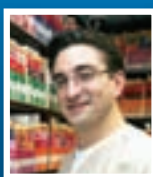
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Although some seniors dread the conversation about leaving home and moving to a retirement community, there are many advantages, including improved safety, transportation, and the chance to make new friends.

When is the correct time to leave 'home?'

Few people like to admit their age is affecting them. However, as we age, certain abilities become compromised, and it may no longer be practical for aging men and women to remain in their homes, or at least live there alone.

Comfortably living alone may be a signal to an older adult that he or she still has independence. Taking away a driver's license or suggesting a move may cause feelings of animosity. But at some point in time, friends or family members of an aging man or woman might need to broach the topic of moving to an assisted living facility. Such a discussion can be difficult, but having some evidence that a change is necessary may make the news easier to process. Sometimes the older adult may have already made the decision that a move is necessary, which will make the process even easier.

Moving should never be a knee-jerk reaction unless there is a sudden medical emergency that necessitates fast action. Under normal circumstances, moving should be a gradual process that begins even before a parent, grandparent, or other relative really needs to change residences. Here are some steps to keep in mind:

Make sure to develop a strong relationship with your loved one. This relationship should be consistent and keep you in frequent contact so you can best assess his or her living situation.

Talk things over with other siblings or relatives to see if others feel the same way you do. Perhaps they have a different point of view.

If there are problems at home, make your case by pointing them out. Show the elder adult how day-to-day life has grown more difficult, and how certain burdens may be lifted by changing living situations.

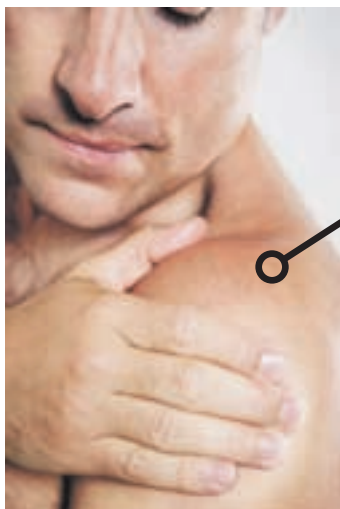
Indicate that access to health care and a safe environment are some of the key benefits of moving to a senior community. Point out other benefits, such as companionship with similarly aged people, activities, transportation, and the presence of a maintenance staff to ensure nothing falls into disrepair.

Do your research and have the names and amenities of different residences available to discuss. Request brochures from senior communities and offer to make trips to view the homes together with your senior relative.

Consider other options. If the idea of a "home" is not what your loved one has in mind, discuss the option of moving in with a relative and whether it would be a more comfortable situation.

You may need a mediator or help with finding the right fit for a loved one. Consider hiring a geriatric care manager to help you organize your thoughts and priorities regarding a senior living transition. These individuals provide services that include helping families locate appropriate housing and other care services for their loved ones.

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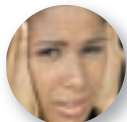
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Care Chronicle

Lou-Ellen Barkan

If you're a regular reader of my column, you know how much attention I give to the topic of wandering — and for good reason. Statistically, we know that wandering affects up to 67 percent of those living with Alzheimer's, but anyone can wander at any time, placing themselves in dangerous or even life-threatening situations.

Fortunately, New York City dementia caregivers have access to a life-saving program: CaringKind's MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety Program, which operates in partnership with the police department's Missing Persons Unit. MedicAlert NYC assists in the safe and timely return of individuals who wander, either in the city or across county and state lines. Today, more than 26,000 New Yorkers are registered in the program.

Here's how it works: After registration, the person with dementia receives a bracelet or necklace engraved with an ID number and 24-seven toll-free, emergency contact number. The MedicAlert system stores the individual's personal information and health records, including the name and contact information for the primary caregiver. When a caregiver reports an incident of wandering either to the MedicAlert team at CaringKind or to the police, we can activate missing person announcements, which include photos and identifying details. The information is also sent to local hospitals, Port Authority, shelters, and morgues. If the family agrees, the media is contacted. These actions ensure that word gets out quickly and broadly throughout the entire metropolitan area.

While the person is missing, CaringKind's MedicAlert 24-hour Emergency Response team maintains communication between all the agencies and keeps the family informed, ensuring that no time is lost or no information is overlooked.

When the individual is found, often by law enforcement or emergency responders, a call is made to the toll-free number on the ID bracelet, alerting the MedicAlert team, who communi-



More than 26,000 New Yorkers are registered in MedicAlert NYC, which assists in the safe return of individuals who wander, either in the city or across county and state lines.

cates with the family and authorities to ensure that the individual is safely returned home. The medical information stored in the MedicAlert record allows doctors to quickly provide appropriate treatment and medication if needed.

The program goes one step further by giving caregivers an option to purchase their own corresponding MedicAlert ID bracelet or necklace. This identifies them as a dementia caregiver and, should anything happen to them, police, hospitals, and other authorities will immediately know that there is someone with Alzheimer's or dementia who needs care or assistance.

The numbers speak for themselves: 98 percent of the New Yorkers enrolled in the program who wandered were returned home safely.

MedicAlert NYC adds a level of protection to prevent a wandering event from ending tragically, making the already tough job of caregiving a little easier.

For more information about the MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety Program, and many other caregiving resources and programs, all free of charge, call CaringKind's free 24-hour Helpline at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caringkindnyc.org.

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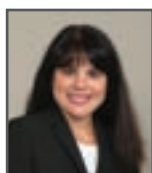
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Finding love again is possible for seniors who get back into the dating scene.

Advice for seniors who want to date

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

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

Consider online dating

Data from Pew Research found one in two divorced or widowed seniors had remarried in 2013, and that trend figures to continue. Many seniors are using online dating sites to find their new matches. While websites geared to dating make it eas-

ier to get in touch with fellow singles, the relative anonymity of the process can make it challenging to separate the truth from some self-promoting hype in dating profiles.

Begin by relying on dating sites that have been tested and recommended. One to try is the AARP dating site partnered with How About We. In addition to its simplicity and small financial commitment, the site caters to the over-50 crowd and is backed by the AARP name. It's good for those looking for an activity partner as well as casual dating. Popular websites Match.com and eHarmony.com also boast high percentages of users age 50 and up.

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

Keep an open mind

It's easy to be preoccupied with the rigors of be-

ing an older adult and the responsibilities that still may rest on your shoulders. Part of the fun of dating when you were young likely had to do with throwing caution to the wind.

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

Sometimes it's who you know

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

Taking another stab at dating later in life can be both exciting and nerve-racking, but no matter how long it's been since your last first date, some aspects of dating are the same as ever. Just remember to have fun and don't be afraid to try new things.

Tips for avoiding retirement boredom

From the moment young men and women first walk into the office for their first day as working professionals until the day they officially retire, the notion of planning for retirement is never far from their minds. But when the day to hang up the briefcase and donate all those business suits arrives, some retirees wonder what to do next. Some know exactly how they will spend their days when they no longer have to work, while others who decide to play it by ear may find themselves battling boredom.

For those among the latter group, it's important to understand that many retirees find themselves bored once they no longer have to focus on a career. Jobs keep men and women busy and provide a sense of purpose in their lives, so it's understandable that retirees feel bored once those jobs are no longer a part of their daily routine.

But just because you no longer have an office to go to every day does not mean life cannot be as fulfilling or even more fulfilling than it was when you were still working. You just need to find something to avoid succumbing to retirement boredom.

Work part-time. Though it might seem odd to start working right after you retire, a part-time job can provide the type of structure you have grown accustomed to without all of the responsibility that comes with a full-time career. Part-time jobs can range from consultancy work that makes use of your professional experience to something entirely different like landscape maintenance at a nearby golf course that gets you out of the house and enjoying the warmer seasons. Whichever you choose, make sure it's something you find fun and interesting.

Embrace a new hobby. Working professionals often say they wish they had time to pursue a hobby. Now that you are retired, you have all the time in the world to do just that. Whether it's perfecting your golf game, writing that novel, learning to cook like a gourmet chef, or whatever else you might have always wanted to do, retirement is a great time to do it.



Embracing a new hobby is one way for recently retired men and women to avoid growing bored during retirement.

Get in shape. If retirement boredom has started to negatively affect your mood, one great way to conquer your boredom and improve your mood at the same time is to start exercising. Exercise is a natural mood enhancer. When the body exercises, it releases chemicals known as endorphins, which trigger positive feelings in the body. In addition, regular exercise has been shown to reduce stress, boost self-esteem, and improve sleep. Working out at a gym also is a great way to meet fellow retirees in your community, and the energy you have after exercising may give you the boost you need to pursue other hobbies.

Volunteer. If a part-time job is not up your alley, then consider volunteering in your community. Volunteers are always in demand, and volunteering with a local charity can provide a sense of purpose and provide opportunities to meet like-minded fellow retirees, all while helping to quell your boredom. Retirees who love to travel can combine their passion for volunteering with their love of travel by signing up to work with an international relief organization that travels abroad to help the less fortunate.

Upon retiring, many retirees initially find themselves coping with boredom. But there are many ways to avoid the restlessness of retirement.

State's nursing home bed-hold policy is reduced

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Nursing home residents often require temporary admission to a hospital to treat a chronic condition, an illness, or medicine readjustment. A recent study estimates that a quarter of all home residents will require hospital care every year. Yet, most residents and their families are not aware of the nursing home readmission policy. Many assume the resident will be readmitted and return to the same bed. This is not always the case.

Federal regulations require all skilled nursing facilities receiving Medicare and Medicaid to provide a returning resident the next available bed in a semi-private room, not necessarily the original bed. States may modify these regulations as long as they do not offer lesser services.

New York State has been one of the more generous states with regard to bed-holds. New York guaranteed a resident could return to her original bed if she is hospitalized no more than 14 days in

any 12-month period. This applied to all residents receiving Medicaid and occupying a bed in a semi-private room. The facility must still provide her with the next available bed after the 14-day period, but not necessarily the original bed.

But New York's liberal bed-hold policy has changed as of April 1. Nursing homes must still guarantee the first available bed in a semi-private room, but not necessarily in the same room or on the same floor. The state affirms that by eliminating this policy it can significantly reduce Medicaid costs. A family may still reserve a bed, but only if they pay privately.

This change is due to a New York State amendment to the Public Health Law that eliminates Medicaid's bed-hold reimbursement. New York's Department of Health maintains this amendment will reduce Medicaid expenses by \$22 million per year. Prior to April 2017, New York nursing homes were reimbursed 50 percent of the Medicaid daily rate for 14

days as long as the nursing facility maintained a 95 percent occupancy rate.

Some states still retain policies that reserve nursing home beds for a designated number of days.

Minnesota has a bed-hold policy of 18 days, Washington State will reserve a bed for 20 days, and Connecticut for 15 days. Other states have determined the expense for a bed-hold is too costly. Maryland, Alabama, Indiana, and Oklahoma have no bed-hold days. These states will still hold a bed if a family or friend privately pays for it. The average bed-hold cost is between \$300 and \$350 per day.

New York still offers generous bed-holds for "therapeutic leave," or a non-medical, overnight visit to a friend or family. Medicaid pays the nursing facility 95 percent of the Medicaid rate provided to that resident for up to 10 days within any 12-month period.

The average length of time for therapeutic leave among state programs is about 18 days



In New York, nursing homes must guarantee a returning patient the first available bed in a semi-private room, but not necessarily in the same room or on the same floor as the bed he or she had before leaving.

per year. North Carolina offers the most permissive policy, paying for 60 days of therapeutic leave per year. Some states have different rules with regards to leaving the facility for consecutive days. For instance, Hawaii allows Medicaid eligible residents a total of 12 days for therapeutic leave per year, but the leave cannot

be for more than three consecutive days.

Nursing homes are obliged to inform every resident of their bed-hold policy when a person is first admitted. Families should be aware of these policies to insure their rights.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advocate.



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Will I need glasses after cataract surgery?



Millie R. Fell, MD, FACS
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By the year 2030, there will be 70 million Americans over the age of 65. At least one out of every three Americans will have some sort of eye problem. Cataracts are one of the most common problems facing Americans, but fortunately surgery can usually restore vision. With modern-day cataract surgery many patients can experience improved vision almost immediately. Today, patients don't only want improved vision, but also less dependency on glasses for driving, computer work and reading. There are new implants which for the right patient can lessen the necessity for glasses and can also correct astigmatism.

Every patient planning to undergo cataract surgery should have the following discussion with their ophthalmologist:

1) How strongly do they want to not use glasses.

2) What are their hobbies?

Patients who need crisp distance glasses for example in order to play tennis are not necessarily good candidates for the new multifocal implants. If the patient is still working, what kind of job do they hold and what vision requirements do they have?

3) Do they drive?

4) Do they use glasses for reading now?

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Lena Horne.

Jazz evenings

By Nelson A. King

The opening act of “Jazzy Jazz” at Brooklyn’s Medgar Evers College begins this Friday, July 7.

The opening performance features Bashiri Johnson & Frances Elizee; Jazzmeia Horn; Alex Blake & Collective and others, according to organizers of the Dr. Mary Umolu Jazzy Jazz Festival.

The festival will be held on nine Friday evenings, from July 7 to Sept. 1, and will this year pay tribute to the

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Uptown Triennial artists working above 99th Street

By Tequila Minsky

When the Wallach Art Gallery hosted its opening reception earlier this month, one felt they were walking through the remnants of a construction zone to get there. Located almost at the West Side Highway, bright orange hazard netting greeted visitors while crossing West 125th Street to the plaza at the Columbia University’s Manhattanville new Lenfest Center for the Arts where the gallery is located (relocated from its Upper West Side campus).

Once there, this spacious sixth-floor gallery showcasing 25 artists in the show entitled “Uptown” perfectly fits its mission to exhibit art.

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Reggae artist Alborosie performs at B.B. King Blues Club to celebrate Greensleeves Records anniversary on June 21.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Concert celebrates 40 yrs of Greensleeves Records

By Alexandra Simon

It was a landmark celebration!

VP Records festively honored legendary label Greensleeves Records with a concert celebrating their 40th anniversary at B.B. Kings Blues Club and Grill on June 21. The full-house concert featured reggae artists Addis Pablo, Alborosie, and Queen Ifrica, who performed several of their songs and classics, that best represented the quality of artists the British-based label produced, said a director at VP Records.

“The recent concert at B.B. King is an excellent example of the quality of music that has been put out on Greensleeves over the past 40 years,” said Richard Lue. “Addis Pablo represented his father’s legacy on Greensleeves, Alborosie represented the label’s current roster and Queen Ifrica represented VP Records. Together they put on an amazing show.”

At the concert Addis Pablo, the son of dub musician Augustus Pablo, opened to the show with a perform-

ance paying homage to his late father and sang a few of his popular songs such as, “Java.”

Also at the show was Italian-born reggae musician Alborosie, who debuted his first New York concert. During his performance he surprised guests by bringing Lady Ann to the stage, who gave the crowd a performance of her 80s hit song, “Informer.” Queen Ifrica concluded the celebratory show with songs of her recent album.

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 That's What I Like**
Bruno Mars
- 2 Despacito**
Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee...
- 3 Shape Of You**
Ed Sheeran
- 4 Stay**
Zedd & Alessia Cara
- 5 Something Just Like This**
The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
- 6 I'm The One**
DJ Khaled, Justin Bieber, Qavo...
- 7 It Ain't Me**
Kygo x Selena Gomez
- 8 Say You Won't Let Go**
James Arthur
- 9 Issues**
Julia Michaels
- 10 Believer**
Imagine Dragons

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 Melodrama**
Lorde
- 2 Pretty Girls Like Trap Music**
2 Chains
- 3 The Nashville Sound**
Jason Isbell And The 400 Unit
- 4 Feed The Machine**
Nickelback
- 5 DAMN.**
Kendrick Lamar
- 6 Guardians Of The Galaxy, Vol. 2**
Soundtrack
- 7 Crack-Up**
Fleet Foxes
- 8 How Did We Get So Dark?**
Royal Blood
- 9 Woodstock**
Portugal. The Man
- 10 Boomiverse**
Big Boi

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BRITISH REGGAE

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The event was one of many worldwide celebrations of the legendary British reggae record label, which was acquired by VP Records nearly a decade ago.

In addition to the concert, exclusive records honoring the anniversary of the label are available, as well as more that are set to be released this year. They include new projects from Alborosie and King Jammy, and even re-releases from various artists.



A guitarist for reggae musician Alborosie plays at B.B. Kings Blues Club.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Jazz

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legendary Lena Horne.

Summer 2017 Jazzy Jazz Festival takes place in front of the College's Academic Complex Building at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Crown Street, in Brooklyn.

The program is from 7 pm to 10 pm. Seating is on a first-come basis. This event is free to the public, organizers say.

This year's lineup includes: Eric Wyatt Quartet, Steven Kroon & Sextet; MEC Jazz Ensemble, Hillard Greene and The Jazz Expressions; Melba Joyce and Friends, Ngoma's "Not Your Average String Thing"; Rhythm Healing featuring Bashiri Johnson & Frances Elizee; Jazzmeia Horn; and Alex Blake & Collective.

"Bring your lawn chairs, the street is blocked off every Friday," said Dr. Clinton Crawford, the Guyanese-born chair of Evers College's Department of Mass Communications, Creative and Performing Arts and Speech, which sponsors the event.

Horne was born in Brooklyn, June 20, 1917 – 100 years ago. Hence this year is her centennial year.

The department said Medgar Evers College, of the City University of New York, is "proud to celebrate the unmatched contributions of this talented actress, singer, dancer and civil rights activist, with nine outdoor Jazz concerts every Friday from July 7 to September 1, 2017.



Dr. Clinton Crawford.

Clinton Crawford

"This Brooklynite who shared the company of Max Roach and Randy Weston, among others, lived in Bed-Stuy and began performing in Clubs in Harlem at an early age of 16," the department said. "Her illustrious career spanned almost eight decades as a performer and actress in Hollywood, not without controversy."

The college said Horne's association with Paul Robeson, who was blacklisted as a communist during McCarthyism, slightly damped her stint in Hollywood, but she continued to perform in elegant clubs in the US and Europe.

"Cabin in the Sky" and "Stormy Weather" are the signature pieces for which Horne was best known.

"Horne's repertoire of musical performances bequeath to us is a treasure strove," Medgar Evers College said. "Like all great African descendant artists in these United States of America, Lena never failed to lift her voice against the rampant discrimination against 'Colored folk' of that era.

Uptown art

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Infused with light, a wall of windows overlooks the city looking south. The New York Times calls this building the "fraternal twin" of the Whitney Museum of Arts—similarly located near the Hudson River (five express subway stops downtown), also designed by architect Renzo Piano.

The artists of this show, many of Latin American, Caribbean or African Diaspora heritage, live or work above Manhattan's 99th Street, are exhibiting paintings, sculptures, photographs and video.

"This is a great initiative for artists who have been working uptown for years," said artist Rejin Reys, adding, "It's fabulous that their contribution to the art world

as well as the neighborhood is being recognized."

Haitian heritage Cybil Charlier's work has deep connections to Haitian culture and her work in this show is no exception. In one niche in this space, Charlier shows five digital prints from her series of 26. Entitled Pantheon, she is "developing a personalized, syncretic pantheon of deities that merges traditional Vodou imagery with popular cultural personae," reads the gallery description.

Her friend Reys further elaborates on how this artist brings Haiti and Harlem together, "Cybil has melded African Diaspora figures with Catholic saints in a similar way that the saints and Vodou come together. It's a Diasporic approach to the spirits."



Cybil Charlier stands amidst her Pantheon series where she melds Catholic saints with popular personae—here Mary (Erzulie Dantor) with artist Freida Kahlo.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

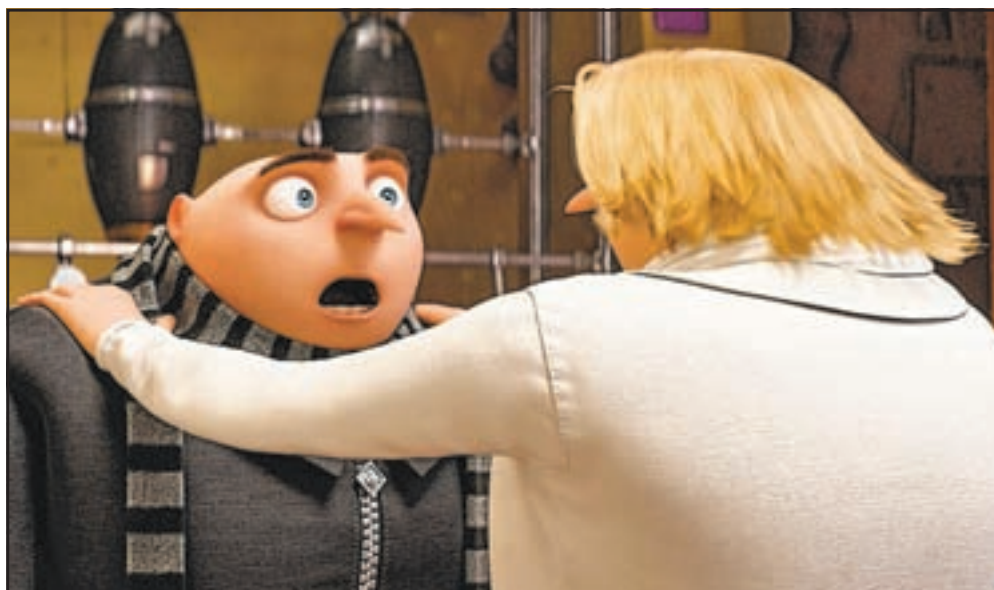
Sequel finds Gru bonding with long-lost bro

"Despicable Me 3"
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Pictures

By Kam Williams

"Despicable Me 3" is actually the fourth installment in the animated franchise, provided you count the prequel Minions, which some may consider a spin-off. Co-directed by Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda and Eric Guillon, this episode revolves around Gru (Steve Carell) who discovers that he has an identical twin before facing-off against his most formidable foe ever.

As the film unfolds, we find the reformed reprobate and wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig) being fired from by the Anti-Villain League for failing to prevent Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker) from purloining a priceless pink diamond. FYI, Balthazar



A scene from the movie "Despicable Me 3."

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was an adorable child star until Hollywood had no further use for him when he hit puberty.

Embittered about being kicked to the curb, he's ventured to the dark side and is currently bent on world domination. Yet, he's a bit of a comical figure, since he's still emulating the character he played

in the Eighties, in terms of his clothes, haircut and musical taste.

Now that Gru and Lucy have joined the ranks of the unemployed, they have the time for a family outing to Fredonia to meet Dru (also voiced by Carell), the identical twin Gru never even knew he had. Other

than sharing the same barrel-chested physique, the two are different as night and day. For, Dru is handsome with long blond hair and less of a Slavic accent. Plus, he's criminal-inclined, and wants nothing more than to pull a heist with his relatively-gnarly, bald brother.

However, Gru hopes to kill two birds with one stone by duping his sibling into helping him "steal" the precious gem from Balthazar. What Dru doesn't know is that his bro just wants to get back into his boss' (Jenny Slate) good graces by returning the stone to its rightful owner.

While the twins embark on that quest, the other characters become embroiled in more subplots than you can shake a stick at. Gru and Lucy's dating-age daughter, Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), inadvertently encourages an ardent admirer (Adrian Ciscato). Their younger girls, Agnes (Nev Scharrel) and Edith (Dana Gaier), wander off into the forest in search of a fabled unicorn. And the Minions land in jail after being arrested for trespassing.

The action is frenetic and the multi-stranded storyline eventually culminates in a manic finale featuring Balthazar terrorizing Tinseltown from the turret of giant, bubblegum-spewing robot. 90 minutes straight of the sort of overstimulation kids of the Attention-Deficit Generation crave!

Independent & Foreign Films

Austin Found (Unrated) Midlife crisis dramedy about a fame-craving, former beauty queen (Linda Cardellini) who has her daughter (Ursula Parker) kidnapped in order to land back in the limelight. With Craig Robinson, Skeet Ulrich, Patrick Warburton and Jaime Pressly.

City of Ghosts (R for profanity and disturbing violence) War on Terror documentary chronicling an intrepid band of Syrian journalists' efforts to shed light on ISIS' gruesome crimes against humanity.

Hickok (Unrated) Luke Hemsworth plays Wild Bill Hickok in this biopic where the legendary lawman's reputation as the fastest draw in the West is put to the test while trying to restore peace in a wild frontier town. Co-starring Trace Adkins, Kris Kristofferson and Bruce Dern.

Santoalla (Unrated) Missing persons documentary revolving around a grieving Dutch widow's investigation into her husband's mysterious disappearance a decade after they moved to a tiny Spanish village inhospitable to outsiders. (In English and Galician with subtitles)

Swim Team (Unrated) Inspirational documentary highlighting the exploits of three members of the Jersey Ham-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

merheads, a competitive swimming team composed entirely of teens on the autism spectrum.

Undercover Grandpa (PG-13 for violence and suggestive material) Action comedy about a shy teen (Dylan Everett) who enlists the assistance of his grandfather's (James Caan) World War II buddies to rescue the kidnapped girl of his dreams (Greta Onieogou). With Lou Gossett, Jr., Paul Sorvino and Jessica Walter.

BIG BUDGET FILMS

A Ghost Story (R for brief profanity and a disturbing image) Romantic fantasy revolving around a recently-deceased musician (Casey Affleck) whose spirit miraculously returns home to comfort his inconsolable wife (Rooney Mara). Supporting cast includes Kenneisha Thompson, Will Oldham, Liz Franke and Kesha.

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13 for action, violence, profanity and suggestive comments) Tom Holland assumes the title role in this reboot of the Marvel Comics franchise which finds Peter



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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.

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Taylor is top all-rounder

By Azad Ali

West Indies Women Cricket Captain Stafanie Taylor has been named the world's leading all-rounder and is in the top five of both the batting and bowling rankings.

In the latest ICC Women's rankings recently released, the 26-year-old Jamaican held a handsome lead in the all-rounders rankings over second placed Ellyse Perry of Australia.

Taylor was the only West Indies player in the top 10 as Marizanne Kapp of South Africa along with the New Zealand pair of Suzie Bates and Amy Satterthwaite rounded up the top five.

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Cricketers pay based on points

By Azad Ali

Cricket West Indies (CWI) President Dave Cameron has said that seniority and experience of players would no longer count in the issuing of central retainer contracts.

Speaking against the backdrop of the controversy arising from Darren Bravo's rejection of a Grade C contract last year, Cameron argued that West Indies players now controlled their own futures once they perform, and not CWI dictating the quality of contracts they received.

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Ghana goalkeeper Richard Ofori makes a save against the United States in the first half of an international friendly soccer match at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, Saturday, July 1, 2017, in East Hartford, Conn.

Associated Press / Jessica Hill

Dwyer scores in international debut exhibition match

By Ronald Blum

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Dom Dwyer volleyed in a go-ahead goal in the 19th minute of his international debut, ran to the corner flag and did a double back flip that would make a gymnast proud.

Back home in Missouri, wife Syd-

ney Leroux was overjoyed.

The goal made Dwyer and Leroux the first husband-and-wife couple to score for the United States, which beat Ghana 2-1 on Saturday in an exhibition ahead of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"I'm very proud of Sydney and

what she's achieved and still achieving in the national team," Dwyer said. "I've got quite a few caps to catch up to her, and a few goals, too."

Brad Guzan saved Asamoah Gyan's penalty kick in first-half stoppage

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United States' Kellyn Acosta, left, and Matt Hedges, right, pressure Ghana's Raphael Dwamena, center, during the first half of an international friendly soccer match at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, Saturday, July 1, 2017, in East Hartford, Conn.

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time, and Kellyn Acosta added his first international goal in the 52nd minute on a low free kick that bounced in. Gyan curled a free kick just under the crossbar in the 60th, leaving the final 2-1 — matching Ghana's victories that eliminated the U.S. from the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and the American win over the Black Stars at the 2014 tournament.

"I got fired in 2006. It took me 11 years to get this job back," Arena said, laughing, after the U.S. improved to 4-0-4 since he replaced Jurgen Klinsmann in November.

Born in Cuckfield, England, Dwyer was in Norwich City's youth system but broke his right foot three times and was released. He moved to the United States in 2009 to attend Tyler Junior College, shifted to the University of South Florida, then was drafted by Sporting Kansas City in 2012 and has played for the team ever since. He became a U.S. citizen on March 16 and made his international debut at age 26.

Leroux, a 27-year-old forward from British Columbia, played for Canada at age 14 in the 2004 Under-19 Women's World Cup, became a star at UCLA and switched affiliation to the U.S. She has 35 goals in 75 international appearances and helped the Americans win a gold medal at the 2012 Olympics and the title at the 2015 Women's World Cup.

They met when she was training with the national team in Kansas City and were introduced by a mutual friend.

"We just kind of hung out. We were buddies, and then we started to hit it off," he said.

Dwyer and Leroux announced on Valentine's Day 2015 that they had married a month earlier. She wears No. 2 and he No. 14.

Of course, the home is filled with competition.

"We have little bits here and there. We definitely encourage each other," he said. "She definitely owes me money for this one."

They are only the fourth husband and wife to both play for the U.S., joining Jim Gabarra and Carin Jennings, Claudio Reyna and Danielle Egan and Zach Loyd and Casey Nogueira. Egan's only goal was in 1993, four years before she married Reyna.

"I'm insanely proud of him and so happy for the overall win for the MNT," Leroux said through a spokesman. "I love the fact that we both came to the USA from other countries and get to chase our dreams together wearing the crest that means so much to us. When he scored, it's really hard to describe the feeling. Just chills. I know this is only the beginning for him."

Arena changed eight starters from his lineup in the June 11 World Cup qualifier at Mexico, retaining only Guzan, Acosta and Paul Arriola. Seven American starters entered with fewer than 10 international appearances.

There also were debuts for a pair of midfielders: Kelyn Rowe started on the left flank and Kenny Saief, who played twice for Israel before switching

his affiliation to the U.S. last month, entered in the 71st.

Atop a 4-5-1 formation, Dwyer failed to take advantage of scoring chances in the 14th and 17th minutes, then broke through. Jorge Villafana dribbled from the left flank past defenders and laid the ball back to Joe Corona, who made his first U.S. appearance in two years. Corona's shot hit Villafana and bounced up to Dwyer, who scored with his left foot from 8 yards.

Dwyer broke in again in the 24th and was sent tumbling by a studs-up tackle from goalkeeper Richard Ofori, who was given only a yellow card by referee Ismael Ornejo of El Salvador.

"First 10 minutes or so, he looked a little nervous out there, but he got ahold of the game and did well," Arena said.

Getting ready to open the Gold Cup against Panama on July 8, the U.S. wore new uniforms with red and blue horizontal stripes. Leroux, at home for FC Kansas City's National Women's Soccer League match on Sunday, watched with 10-month-old son Cassius and teammate Becky Sauerbrunn.

Cassius wore a white home U.S. kit with mom's number, according to a photo she posted on Instagram. Will he wind up playing for the U.S.?

"I'm not going to put any pressure on him," Dwyer said, "but he's probably going to want to copy mommy and daddy."

Arena, 65, won't be waiting. "You don't expect me to be coaching, do you?" he said.

All-rounder

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In the batting rankings, Taylor is in fifth position with Aussie Meg Lanning occupying the top spot and Indian stroke-maker Mithali Raj in second.

Aggressive right-hander Deandra Dottin was installed at number eight but was the only other West Indies player in the top 20.

Off-spinner Anisa Mohammed is the only other Caribbean player in the top 20, at number seven.

Taylor was the most prolific all-round player for West Indies in recent years, scoring 3732 runs from 98 ODIs at an average of 44.

She has taken 114 wickets with her off-spin at an average of 18.

The West Indies Women team is currently playing in the ICC Cricket World Cup which runs from June 24 to July 23 in England.

The West Indies has lost their first match against Australia last week.

Retainer contracts



Cricket West Indies President Dave Cameron.

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CWI determines the grade of contract on a points system stemming from players' performances over a 12-month period and on this basis, players were aware of the performances required in order to stake their claim for higher grade contracts.

The CWI president said that seasoned players need to translate that experience into performance instead of hoping for a high level retainer based on their length of time in international cricket.

Grade A is the highest level contract on offer and is worth US\$150,000 with Grade B valued at US\$125,000 and Grade C, US\$100,000.

Opener Kraigg Brathwaite, who averages 35 from 37 Tests, is currently the only player on a Grade A contract with Test and ODI captain Jason Holder on Grade B.

West Indies Women cricketers fight for a win

By Azad Ali

West Indies Women cricketers are fighting for a win in the current ICC 50-over World Cup campaign in England.

In their opening match they were defeated by eight wickets to reigning champions Australia Women last week at Taunton and a few days later they lost to India at the same venue.

The losing finalists from the last 50-overs World Cup and the reigning Twenty20 World Cup champions now face the prospect of not making the semi-finals.

In their last match on Sunday the West Indies Women were humiliated as they went down to South Africa, in what was their worst performance of the tournament.

Sent in to bat, the West Indies capitulated for 48 off 25.2 overs — their second lowest ever total in One-Day Internationals and the sixth lowest in World Cup history.

Number four batter Chedean Nation was the only one to score 26 as West Indies lost their last five wickets for 10 runs in a shocking display of poor batting.



West Indies's Stafanie Taylor loses her wicket during an ICC Women's Twenty20 Cricket World Cup semifinal match between Australia and West Indies in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Friday, Oct. 5, 2012.

Associated Press / Gemunu Amarasinghe, File

South Africa leg-spinner Dane van Niekerk took four wickets for no runs off 3.2 overs. In reply, South Africa scored 51 for no loss off 6.2 overs to win the match. Captain Stafanie Taylor, who along with Deandra Dottin celebrated their 100 ODI career last week, said the form of the senior players needed to improve if the team is to turn around its fortunes.

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Aries, allow time for others to process a big announcement you recently made. Patience is something you will need this week. Viewing things from others' points of view will help.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Very little that is holding you back this week, Taurus. You realize you can do anything that you set your mind to. Use this power wisely in the next few days.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
It's the little things that make you happy this week, Gemini. Taking time to laugh with friends or enjoying a quiet dinner with family is just the thing to elicit a smile.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, lately life has been busier than ever before, but you can handle it. Go with the flow for a little while and wait for things to settle down.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
You never need to remember all of the details when you speak the truth, Leo. Be as forthcoming as possible this week, and remember the truth shall set you free.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Avoid using back channels to communicate, Virgo. If you want something to go a particular way, be straightforward with those who might be affected.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, do not delegate to others what you can clearly do yourself. Now is not the time to take shortcuts. Everything needs your stamp of approval.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, being the go-to person can sometimes be tiring. Many people lean on you for advice or to get things done. Consider it an honor.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Handle your to-do list one task at a time, Sagittarius. This way you will not become overwhelmed by everything on it. Take frequent breaks if the workload gets to be too much.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
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AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have been making many healthy changes as of late and it's important to keep that momentum going. Some hurdles will be tougher than others, but stick with it.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
You have to walk before you can run, Pisces. Do not let the slower pace get you down. You will reach the finish line soon enough.

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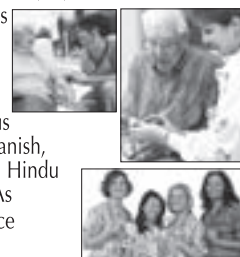
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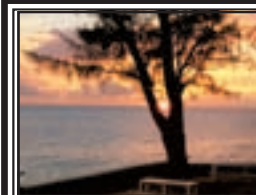
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