



Allen Chastanet and his wife, Raquel, during the final campaign rally in St. Lucia.
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BANKS TAKE ACTION

As US counterparts cut relations to avoid high risks

By Bert Wilkinson

Once again, the issue of the large American commercial banks such as J.P Morgan Chase and others cutting relations with those in the Caribbean because of alleged high risks of doing business attracted the attention of heads of governments, this time in Cuba where leaders recently gathered for a summit of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS).

And not for the first time, some in high office in the region are beginning to hint

that the American banks might not be acting that unilaterally or without reason as some countries in the 15-nation Caribbean single trading group might have been lax in tightening loopholes in anti-money laundering legislation and laws relating to international terrorism.

Prime Minister Keith Rowley of Trinidad, says that banks in Trinidad should be on the alert as much work remains to be done, for example, to make

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New PM in St. Lucia, Anthony defeated

By Nelson A. King

Former St. Lucia Tourism Minister Allen Chastanet and his United Workers Party (UWP) on Monday handed the incumbent St. Lucia Labor

Party (SLP) of Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony a heavy defeat in general elections, winning 11 of the 17 Parliamentary seats.

Chastanet, a business man,

was sworn in the next day as the island's new prime minister, promising to work hard in building "a new St. Lucia."

"Again, I would like to thank

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President of Medgar Evers College, Rudy Crew, stands with Hubert Evans, at a congratulatory event for Evans' achievements for graduating at 87 years old.

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Medgar Evers College graduates 87-year-old

By Alexandra Simon

Medgar Evers College hosted a congratulatory event for an 87-year-old graduate of class of 2016 on Tuesday.

Hubert Evans, a safety officer for Brooklyn College, graduated in January but was unable to walk at his graduation two weeks ago. But Evans was delighted to be awarded and celebrated at a special event on June 7 in the presence of his peers and college officials.

"I feel excellent," said Evans.

The political science major and physics minor, experienced a long journey to reach this milestone achievement. After taking his GED and a City University of New York entrance exam, Evans says that his drive and his family helped him complete school.

"Always strive for the best and be truthful. Strive for the best and work hard," said Evans. "I've been through a rough journey, but I survived and I keep on working."

Evans came to the United States from Kingston, Jamaica in 1980. In Jamaica, he served in the Jamaica Defence Force, before taking up a job at a bank and then coming here. Evans says his family and friends encouraged him to go to school and pursue a degree. Even at his age, Evans found a struggle many college students find themselves at — he found American history to be a challenging course.

"I didn't know much about American history," said Evans, who also cited geography as his favorite course.

Mayor remembers slain officer at Guyanese Independence Reception

By Alexandra Simon

Mayor de Blasio celebrated Guyana's 50th independence with members of the Guyanese community Thursday, for an event filled with awards, singing, storytelling and food.

The South American country, celebrated its May 27 day of independence for a milestone event at New York City's Surrogate's Court, in a ceremony honoring some 50 honorees of Guyanese origin and descent.

"It is such a pleasure to be here. I have real great appreciation for what this community has done for this city," said de Blasio. "New York City works because we are a group of communities that come together and we are more than the sum of our parts. Therefore we have to appreciate each part that makes us great — and appreciate further what matters to each community."

Also at the event to accept an honor award on behalf of their son, were the parents of slain NYPD officer Randolph Holder, who was shot and killed in Harlem late last year. De Blasio commended Officer Holder and his family for bringing their families tradition of serving on police forces.

"His family was police officers, so that tradition learned there was brought here to protect us," said De Blasio. "I have to tell you I wish New York City had gotten a different opportunity to get to know the life of officer Holder, who was a heroic man — wish



Mayor De Blasio poses with the 50 honorees at Guyana's 50th Independence Reception at New York City's Surrogate's Court in Manhattan.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

we had come to know him for so many other great things about him, and not because we lost him," said De Blasio.

The mayor praised the Guyanese community for its contributions, and encouraged the members to continue advancing to build a strong New York City.

"We commend your homeland for its 50th anniversary golden jubilee, and we know so much good is to come in the future, and we know the commu-

nity here will only grow stronger, and as you grow stronger, New York City grows stronger," said De Blasio.

Afterwards doctors, judges and journalists alike, were all presented with awards for their contributions to the Guyanese community here and abroad.

The event concluded with a reception to the sounds of the steelpan, and a feast of popular Guyanese dishes including doubles and curry chicken.

Adams hosts first 'embrace your hyphen' citizenship drive

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams and Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna on Saturday hosted the inaugural "Embrace Your Hyphen" citizenship drive at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Adams said 30 participants received free assistance with their naturalization applications and had legal questions answered by experienced immigration attorneys.

According to an analysis by the Center for Migration Studies of New York, as of 2013, more than 200,000 Brooklynites were eligible for naturalization, with the largest such populations residing in Bensonhurst, Bushwick, East

Flatbush, and Sunset Park.

"Our hyphens define us as proud members of the most diverse community in the world, where our many cultures contribute to the extraordinary success of One Brooklyn," Adams said. "In Brooklyn, where generations of families from around the world have come in search of the American Dream, we know that citizenship offers enormous benefits, such as the right to vote, entry into public service, and participation in our civil society."

"I want to thank the attorneys and advocacy organizations who work every day on shepherding immigrant families through the naturalization process, especially at a time when our national

discourse has proven hostile at times toward those seeking to legally become members of the patchwork quilt that is our American family," he added. "Brooklyn Borough Hall will continue to be an extension of the welcoming arms that Lady Liberty extends far and wide from our harbor."

"Borough President Adams and I applaud our partners and collaborators who have been working tirelessly to spread the word for our first citizenship drive here at Brooklyn Borough Hall," Reyna said. "Brooklyn was built on the shoulders and by the contributions of immigrants."

"As a daughter of Dominican (Republic) immigrants and lifelong Brooklyn resident, I advocate for immigration reform that treats immigrants fairly — giving them a strong voice and path to an earned citizenship," he added. "Our borough's diversity adds to the greatness of our city and country."

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Caribbean

The European Commission (EC) is giving \$100 million euros to help the Caribbean cope with effects of natural disasters, particularly the region's most vulnerable states such as Haiti.

In a statement the EC said, "the impact of natural disasters is increasing despite countries' efforts to reduce it. Over the past year, drought has affected more than 6.2 million people in the Caribbean, especially in Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba."



"Irregular and insufficient rainfall throughout 20156 has caused loss of crop and livestock in the region. For the third consecutive year, some people are facing periods of drought that threaten their livelihood, with the most vulnerable groups being small producers, day-laborers and people with no land of their own," the statement said.

As a result, the EC's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department is contributing 13.9 million euros to help the Caribbean people cope with drought in 2016, facilitate access to food and water and protect the livelihood of more than 429,000 people.

Since 1994, the European Commission has given the Caribbean 509.7 million euros in financial aid.

Antigua

Travel demand to Antigua and Barbuda grew by 35 percent in 2015, compared to 2014, according to Expedia, one of the world's leading travel companies. It noted that Package bookings, transactions that combine components like flights and hotel, also continue to increase in Antigua and Barbuda with nearly 30 percent increase in 2015 year over year.



New data from Expedia also indicate that the United States remains the key feeder market for the twin-island federation with a reported growth of nearly 40 percent in 2015 year over year.

The United Kingdom and Canada are other key markets for Antigua and Bar-



From left, businessman Dikran Izmirlan, Li Ruogu, chairman and president of the state-owned Export-Import Bank of China, Sarkis Izmirlan, Baha Mar CEO, and Bahamian Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette pose for a photo at the Baha Mar groundbreaking ceremony in Nassau, Bahamas, Monday Feb. 21, 2011.

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buda, growing at 50 percent and nearly 15 percent respectively as well during the same time frame.

Representatives from the Expedia's Market Management team recently attended the third annual Showcase Antigua and Barbuda, the destination's premier trade event and the single most important business generator for Antigua and Barbuda's tourism industry.

Following the three-day conference, Expedia said it seeks to continue to add more properties to its portfolio in 2016 and to support tourism growth in Antigua and Barbuda and the Caribbean region.

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Bahamas

The Bahamas government has announced that an agreement has been reached to continue with the construction and completion of the multi-billion dollar Baha Mar Resort and work is expected to resume soon.



This was revealed by Prime Minister Perry Christie, during the recent 2016 / 2017 Budget debate in the House of Assembly, who said the Export-Import Bank of China has agreed to finance the project with China Construction America (CCA), a subsidiary of China State Construction Engineering Company, completing the project, which has long been in receivership.

While not disclosing details of the resumption of construction, Christie

said the agreement was reached after two days of meetings in Beijing, China.

He said Attorney General Allyson Maynard Gibson and Sir Baltron Bethel, represented the government's interests in the negotiations.

Christie said a first round of bids for buyers interested in purchasing the mega development is complete and there are a number of "reputable" interested buyers.

He also assured local contractors that the government will fight for them to be re-engaged and that consideration is being given to settling the debts owed to Bahamian creditors.

Dominica

The Caribbean is being told to brace itself for unusual weather and chances of more hurricane activity this season

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Caribbean banks face isolation



Joanna Charles, chair of the Caribbean Association of Banks.

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legislation in Trinidad compliant with requirements of the umbrella international Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

"Banks abroad in the metropolitan countries are taking the position that if we are not sufficiently compliant with the requirements of FATF our banking would pose a threat to them, where they are, and they would be liable for actions taking place within our jurisdiction. To protect themselves from that they cut off relationships with bank," The Guardian Newspaper quoted him as saying this week.

His remarks come as commercial entities in the region continue to complain about difficulty completing transactions with American banks including the processing of checks, wire transfers and other forms of daily interaction.

To counteract the situation, several governments have mooted the idea of the region opening and owning its own commercial banks in metropolises such as New York and perhaps Miami, Florida.

Prime Minister Rowley says that no one in the region should think that they

situation is not serious and that the Caribbean should be slow to act.

"This is not just a threat. It has already happened to some CARICOM banks. Belize had action of that nature and there is very strong cause in some quarters for other banks to be faced with similar problems," he said after returning from Cuba with other leaders.

In the meantime, the Caribbean Association of Banks says that it is convinced that not much will change for the better in the near future so it is moving to take proactive action to deal with the situation.

Call for national unity

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the Almighty God for allowing His will to be done," he said in a nationwide television broadcast. "It has been a very difficult period for me and my family, but God has helped me through. No doubt, it has also been very difficult for you as well, and you have also been carried through by God."

Chastanet called for national unity, urging an end to the name-calling and insults that were prominent in the intense campaign.

"Elections are over and so, let us put all the name calling, insults and persecution away; let us unite as a family, one nation under God," he said. "We all are St. Lucians, and we must all work together to build this great nation of ours."

He pledged "absolutely no victimization," stating that his party was elected to serve all St. Lucians.

"You elected us to help all St. Lucians, and that is exactly what we will do," Chastanet said.

In conceding defeat, Anthony, who served as prime minister for almost three terms, said he was stepping down as SLP leader but will continue to serve the Vieux Fort South constituency that he won. The SLP triumphed in the remaining six seats the polls.

"It is clear there was a major national swing against the St. Lucia Labor Party," Anthony said. "I wish the peo-

ple of St. Lucia the very best as we embark on this new journey," he said.

"As to my future, I do not intend to serve as the Leader of the Opposition and indeed, Political Leader of the St. Lucia Labor Party," he added. "I will, however, continue to serve my constituents of Vieux Fort South and support my other Parliamentary colleagues in their various constituencies as they seek to protect the interests of their constituents."

In defeating the SLP's Guibion Ferdinand in Micoud South, Chastanet won 2495 votes to 1446, according to preliminary results.

Besides Chastanet's triumph, other UWP winners were: Dominic Fedee (Anse La Raye-Canaries); Ezekiel Joseph (Babonneau); Sarah Flood-Beaubrun (Castries Central); Stephenson King (Castries North); Guy Joseph (Castries South East); Bradley John Felix (Choiseul-Saltibus); Edmund Estephane (Dennery South); Lenard "Spider" Montoute (Gros Islet); Dr. Gale Rigobert (Micoud North); and Herold Stanislas (Soufriere-Fond St Jacques).

Except for Anthony, SLP victors were: Philip J. Pierre (Castries East); Ernest Hilaire (Castries South); Shawn Edward (Dennery North); Alva Baptiste; and Moses Jn Baptiste (Vieux-Fort North).

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Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams (R) joins Dr. Roy Hastick and his wife Dr. Eda Hastick (3rd and 4th from left, respectively) at birthday celebration. Photo by Nelson A. King

Mayor deBlasio hails Hastick on 66th birthday

By Nelson A. King

New York City Mayor Bill deBlasio has joined elected officials, dignitaries and community figures in extending congratulations to Dr. Roy Hastick, the Grenadian-born founder and president of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), on his 66th birthday.

In a letter to Hastick — at a gala birthday reception Sunday afternoon at Hastick's home on Rutland Road in Brooklyn, read by Tahirah A. Moore, Brooklyn Borough Director, NYC Office of the Mayor, Community Affairs Unit — deBlasio said he was "delighted to recognize the indelible mark" that Hastick has left on "our great global city."

"For more than 30 years, as president of CACCI, you have worked tirelessly to foster economic development and international trade, support the Flatbush Caton Vendors Mart, and promote minority and women-owned business enterprises," the Mayor said. "Your commitment to empowering Caribbean Americans in Brooklyn and beyond has advanced diversity in the business sec-

tor and strengthened the bonds between New York and the Caribbean region.

"I applaud your outstanding leadership," deBlasio added, "and I look forward to the ways your continued success will contribute to a better, brighter future, where all of us can rise together."

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, who attended the celebration, told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview that "Roy's is more than an annual celebration.

"It's a day for all of us in elected office," he said. "We have a great deal of respect for Roy. We sit with him at the table to seek guidance.

"For 30 years, I've known him," Adams added. "I get many marching orders from Roy."

State Assembly Member Latrice Walker, who represents the 55th Assembly District in Brooklyn, said Hastick taught her protocol and candor.

"I thank you for teaching me dignity," said Walker, chair of the Assembly's Sub-Committee on Renewable Energy. "I wish you success."

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What lies ahead for oceans, seas and marine resources

By Andrew Hudson

UNITED NATIONS, June 5 2016 (IPS) - In September 2015, the international community adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

As we mark the World Oceans Day on 8 June, let us see how we can begin this new 15 year era for global sustainability and the Ocean SDG targets by considering which concrete actions and deliverables will actually be required to achieve them.

Achieving Target 14.1 of reducing nutrient pollution and marine debris, will require transformational change in nutrient and solid waste management across multiple sectors at all levels of governance. The private sector, driven by the right kinds of enabling policies, will need to play a pivotal role in moving management of both types of resources – not waste – towards a much more ‘circular economy’.

Thirty percent of all man-made carbon dioxide emissions dissolve into the oceans. So the good news is, if we can achieve the Paris Climate agreement leading to sizeable reductions in CO2 emissions, we will in turn make substantial progress on Target 14.2 – minimize and address ocean acidification.

There is a strong relation-

ship between Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, overfishing and weak fisheries governance. Achieving Target 14.4 to end IUU and overfishing will require reducing the proportion of overexploited stocks by an average of 6 percent per year and reducing IUU by 4 percent per year, both by 2020. This will require significant efforts to strengthen fisheries governance at regional, national and local levels.

Target 14.5 calls for 10 percent of the ocean to be made into Marine Protected Area (MPA) by 2020, we are presently at about 3.5 percent. The world added an average of 0.26 percent per year from 2004 to 14; to achieve 10 percent by 2020 we need to place 1.3 percent more ocean area under MPA per year. That's 4.7 million square km per year, or five times the 2004-14 rate.

At present, about \$16 billion per year is spent on destructive fisheries subsidies (tax breaks, fuel subsidies, etc.) that overcapitalize the sector and lead to overexploitation. To achieve Target 14.6, by 2020 prohibit destructive fish subsidies, these subsidies will need to be reduced to near zero through WTO mediated processes – that have been underway since the year 2000.

Target 14.7 calls for increasing economic benefits to Small Island Developing States

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Innovation, intellectual property and the donor industry in CARICOM

By Abiola Inniss

The focus on innovation and technology has become synonymous with the narrative on the advancement of so-called developing countries as one of the most important means by which countries can move from low to high levels of economic development, to the extent that some are advocating for the renaming of the world groupings from developed and developing to technology rich and technology poor. This does not however properly take into account the economic dynamics which underlie the categorizations as they have come to be known.

The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report prepared by the United Nations categorizes countries into three broad areas, developing economies, economies in transition, and developed economies, and it seems as though movement through the categories follows a linear pattern from the least to the greatest. It is not quite so certain how so-called technology poor countries move into becoming technology rich without any definable transitory stages. The impassioned clamoring of advocates for changes in the way the world is viewed is of little value where it is unaccompanied by real solutions to the challenges faced in creating the kind of impetus needed for poor and developing countries to propel themselves from one level to the other. It is high-

Wholesale copying and reproduction of certain goods result in potential and actual losses.

ly unlikely that the re-naming of categories of countries can actually change the reality on the ground. The fact is that the North-South (developed-developing) delineation exists along with particular distinguishing conditions.

It is the same with many of the well-meaning initiatives which come from many developed countries through assigned agencies and funding for the promotion of innovation and technologies in developing countries. These efforts are often short term project cycles which assume that what is needed is a demonstration of the worth of innovation, a contest for young innovators followed by a brief period of mentorship for contest winners, and away will go the innovation for development train - or not.

The advocacy for innovation and the quest to find the means by which it can be propagated in countries that seem unable to initiate and sustain programs which actually work are important, and are not actuated out of pure philanthropy. Rather it is a combination of the considerations of the considerable economic advantages which can be gained by bringing an end to a parasitic rela-

tionship in which billions of dollars in possible revenues to developed countries are lost in countries which are weak in innovations and her twin sister intellectual property rights. Wholesale copying and reproduction of certain goods result in potential and actual losses which it is believed would be avoided where countries are doing more for themselves in creating an enabling environment for the growth, development and exchange of technology and information.

Without doubt there is the firm belief by some academics and volunteer service sectors that developing countries can begin to bridge the technological gap by making use of old technologies from developed countries, and that with globalization as a catalyst, the process must necessarily move much faster. The instance of the widespread use of cell phones in Africa is an example of how imported technology impacted the everyday life across an entire continent, but the actual evidence of other technologies having the same effect is chastening. There has been little success in the importation and widespread adaptation of technologies in local usage in many developing countries for several reasons, among which are the lack of knowledge about the how to use them, and that the scale of usage is often so small that it remains within

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'Let the jackass bray,' the man said

How Trinidad and Tobago's first and longest serving prime minister, Dr. Eric Williams, once responded to a particular vexation to the spirit decades ago, it turns out, is a seamless fit with the side show we're currently forced to endure as politics American style, for which one A-class jerk, above all else, bears responsibility. "Let the jackass bray," Williams said of some sad-sack, would-be tormentor back then. Fast forward to today's presidential contest in this country, and a more appropriate designation for the Trump travesty might be well-nigh impossible to come by.

We have taken issue in this space with the willingness of the media to be Donald Trump's pawns in this bizarre ambition of his to make America his plaything. Never mind there being a disoriented portion of the electorate for whom the Trump presence has validity other than as mega hustler, it's obvious that most of us have him correctly placed where he needs to be. As we've

indicated before, the Republican Party must live with the infamy of coddling someone who brazenly employed xenophobic rants and other scummy tactics that would have gotten him the boot from any principled body. Republicans having not done as they should, it has been our contention that responsible media coverage of Trump should not have media folk dancing to every tune he calls, but being a lot more circumspect about what legitimately is newsworthy and what is sheer Trumpian fluff. But more sober reflection determines that at Trump's level of classlessness and narcissism, "let the jackass bray" clearly becomes the most effective tool at the people's disposal.

It's evidently pointless to berate the media for marching in lock step with the tiresome rollout of pseudo news surrounding Trump, so it's best we just let it be. Somehow, he's seemingly not yet convinced, or maybe just refuses to be, that opening his mouth about anything only rein-

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

forces, for those still needing it, that being a candidate for president is light years away from where he belongs. The flap that has triggered harsh criticism, not least from GOP headliners, about Trump's denigration of the respected federal judge assigned to the case of "Trump University" and its alleged scamming practices, has added to the pile-on of sick stuff from this hate monger. Among reports making the rounds was the putdown of Trump by GOP big cheese Newt Gingrich. Trump's typically nonsensical firing back at Gingrich for calling him out surprised no one, of course. Not even referring to the Gingrich slam of him, with a straight face, as "inappropriate."

When he announced last year that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomi-

nation, Trump tore into the party's two prior nominees, John McCain and Mitt Romney as abject failures whose pitiful performances as standard bearers were the reason he felt compelled to run. But like so many of the Trump blowhard utterances, we suspect that the reason he got into the fray for 2016 wasn't really about looking better than McCain and Romney. Trump was probably driven to this year's nomination hunt by the same impetus that lured the cast of other forgettable characters vying for the GOP nod: that if a man named Obama could serve two presidential terms, they should be a shoo-in. And given his unrestrained dismissiveness towards this president ever since he assumed office, Trump was probably more convinced than any of his GOP rivals that the presidency is his to claim.

It's difficult to imagine any serious contender for the presidency who is so indifferent about continuously showing off how miscast he is. It makes one reach back to a comment

someone made (presumably) in jest the other day, that at the GOP convention Trump will end the joke and announce to the assembled Trump fanatics and nervous nellys both, that he wasn't serious about any of this nomination-seeking stuff. Who knows, maybe there could be a picture emerging by then that prompts him to seriously consider going there.

With Hillary Clinton wrapping up the Democratic nomination and Bernie Sanders hopefully moving promptly to play a unifying role, rather than prolong what would only be both senseless and selfish, Democrats can get to the real business of 2016. Disabusing even those hopelessly lost pilgrims who misguidedly believe it, of the notion that Trump possesses the wherewithal to assume intelligent stewardship of this country, becomes the focus not just of political pros, but all who think themselves responsible. We may be tempted to leave it to Trump to self-destruct, which he's already doing quite handily. But we shouldn't.

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OP-EDS

The donor industry in CARICOM

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the purview of a few and often privileged sections of the society.

All of this would seem to augment the argument for the approach of the governments and agencies mentioned before, except that it too has failed to result in any lasting momentum in innovation in developing countries in the Caribbean. The reason for this is that the programs are not sustained for any lengthy time periods that would serve to institutionalize the culture of innovation and technological development. Undoubtedly this kind of effort should come from a sustained policy position of regional governments in which there is a dedication of resources towards science and technology, perhaps as a fixed percentage of each country's GDP. Among countries which were formerly in the South category, Singapore is a prime example of how government economic policy which centralizes science and technology as a means of growth and development can propel a nation to economic prosperity. It is now reportedly the third richest country in the world.

So what about the Caribbean countries and the 'donor industry' which arrives on their shores in conquistador fashion with nicely packaged solutions to their challenges in innovation, technology and intellectual property? The Caribbean operatives seem willing to take whatever is handed out without thinking out what is needed and formulating policies that can direct assistance where it would be most useful.

Donors need to rethink the ways in which they approach handing out

goodwill. It should be common practice that a needs assessment is done before creating projects which are aimed at bolstering the promulgation of innovation or any other sector, but it often is not. It is quite common that assumptions are made on what should be useful in the region without actual research which results in the expenditure of millions of dollars and strenuous effort which amount to nothing. For example, someone with the best of intentions sitting in an office somewhere in Europe dreams up a project for innovation in energy conservation in Caribbean countries, when in actual fact the countries are plagued with blackouts for lack of energy resources and the most pressing concern in the region is really food security.

It is necessary that donors work with organizations that are already on the ground to conduct research that can guide their efforts and carry out some of the work. Collaboration must begin at the point of conceptualization of programs. not merely in the implementation phase.

The regional governance body CARICOM and some of its member countries have shied away from creating programs and policies which are truly focused on science, technology and intellectual property in ways which focus on the development of skills, exchange of information and the promotion of local innovation to the degree at which there could be significant change for the better. There is no question that all the help that can be had is needed, but it is equally important that those with actual knowledge of what is needed are properly engaged.

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Marine resources

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(SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) from marine resources by 2030. SIDS exports of fish products hit \$1.75 billion in 2012, representing 7 percent of exports and 1.7 percent of GDP and a 50 percent increase over 2006 levels. Recent SIDS tourism exports amount to \$24 billion, representing 50 percent of their services exports, and hotel related FDI to SIDS increased to \$0.5 billion in 2012. However, fisheries in SIDS are subject to as much as \$872 m. per year in harmful subsidies; about 60 percent of SIDS stocks are considered overfished leading to realization of only 48 percent of potential economic benefits in their EEZs. To reach Target 14.7, SIDS need assistance from the international community in developing and implementing their 'blue economy' strategies to create jobs, reduce poverty, and sustainably grow their economies in their new roles as "Large Ocean States."

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for Small Scale Fisheries (SSF) to marine resources and markets. SSF supply almost half the world's seafood supply and employ about 90 percent of those involved in the sector, contributing to far more livelihoods on a per volume seafood basis than large scale fisheries. SSF use a quarter the energy of large scale to catch the same volume of fish, making them far more climate friendly. However, most SSF are selling raw products to domestic and international markets so are gaining little in added value.

Small scale fisheries are disadvantaged by much greater subsidies to large scale fisheries, lack of co-management arrangements, lack of access to markets even domestically, and a lack of pricing power. To achieve 14.b, SSF have significant capacity building and financing needs. Governments need to enact legislation to incentivize wholesalers and processors to source fish from SSF. Fish pricing needs to be more transparent and accessible.

Jamaica's first national hero

Marcus Mosiah Garvey

By Nelson A. King

Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jamaica's first national hero, was a proponent of the Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements, inspiring the Nation of Islam and the Rastafarian movement.

According to Biography.com, Garvey advanced a Pan-African philosophy, which inspired a global mass movement, known as Garveyism.

Born on Aug. 17, 1887, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, Garvey was an orator for the Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements, to which end he founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and African Communities League, Biography.com said.

It said Garveyism would eventually inspire others, from the Nation of Islam, to the Rastafari movement.

Social activist Garvey was self-educated, who was dedicated to promoting African-Americans and resettlement in

Africa, according to Biography.com.

It said that, in the United States, Garvey launched several businesses to promote a separate black nation.

After he was convicted of mail fraud and deported back to Jamaica, he continued his work for Black repatriation to Africa.

Garvey was the last of 11 children born to Marcus Garvey, Sr. and Sarah Jane Richards. His father was a stone mason, and his mother a domestic worker and farmer, Biography.com said.

It said Garvey, Sr. was a great influence on Marcus, who once described him as "severe, firm, determined, bold, and strong, refusing to yield even to superior forces if he believed he was right." His father was known to have a large library, where young Garvey learned to read, Biography.com.

At 14, Marcus became a printer's apprentice. In 1903, he traveled to Kingston, Jamai-

ca, and soon became involved in union activities, Biography.com,

It said that, in 1907, Garvey took part in an unsuccessful printer's strike, and the experience kindled in him a passion for political activism.

Three years later, he traveled throughout Central America working as a newspaper editor and writing about the exploitation of migrant workers in the plantations, Biography.com said.

It said Garvey later traveled to London, where he attended Birkbeck College (University of London) and worked for the African Times and Orient Review, which advocated Pan-African nationalism.

Inspired by these experiences, Garvey returned to Jamaica in 1912 and founded UNIA with the goal of uniting all of African Diaspora to "establish a country and absolute government of their own," Biography.com said.

After corresponding with



Black nationalist Marcus Garvey is shown in a military uniform as the 'Provisional President of Africa' during a parade up Lenox Avenue in Harlem, New York City, Aug. 1922, during opening day exercises of the annual Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World. Associated Press

Booker T. Washington, the American educator who founded Tuskegee Institute, Garvey traveled to the United States in 1916 to raise funds for a similar venture in Jamaica, Biography.com said.

It said Garvey settled in New

York City and formed a UNIA chapter in Harlem to promote a separatist philosophy of social, political, and economic freedom for Blacks. In 1918, Garvey began publishing the widely distributed newspaper Negro World to convey his message.

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High-school students saluted at Borough Hall

By Alexandra Simon

Some 75 Brooklyn high-school students of class of 2016 were honored at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, June 7 for their outstanding achievements.

The Caribbean American Center of New York hosted the saluting event to honor students who were selected for their determined school work. Students and families came to Brooklyn Borough Hall to receive their awards from Brooklyn Borough president Eric L. Adams, and the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo.

"We are here today, because we, the Caribbean American Center and its board of directors, really dedicate ourselves to young people — especially students," said Jean Alexander, executive director and one of the founders of the Caribbean American Center of New York.

She also encouraged the honorees to know about self-worth.

"If you never charge a penny for something, you'll never going to have a penny for yourself," said Alexander.

Organizers said that the selection process for the hono-

rees was not an easy task, and the overall recommendations were made by school superintendents, principals and teachers.

"Real scrutiny went into selecting the group that is here. It wasn't as easy as just looking at a list and seeing who was at the top," said Ival Williams, a board member of the Caribbean American Center of New York. "We wanted to know who is at the top and how did they get here, and where were they last year."

The Caribbean American Center of New York is a youth and community organization, founded in 1987 by Jean Alexander, due to the lack of resources for immigrants to rely on. The center aims to aid young adults with the tools and support needed in pursuing education and careers.

Several schools that had honorees included the School of Human Rights, High School for Sports Management, School for Legal Studies, George Westinghouse High School, and John Dewey High School. Students were presented with two awards, one from the Caribbean Ameri-



Not one but two: Brooklyn high-school students smile with city officials and directors of the Caribbean American Center of New York, with two awards honoring their achievements in school; one award from Comptroller Scott Stringer, and the other from both the borough president and Caribbean American Center of New York. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

can Center of New York and Borough President Eric L. Adams, and the other from State Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Alexander hopes that students take advantage of scholarships and enroll into college without delay.

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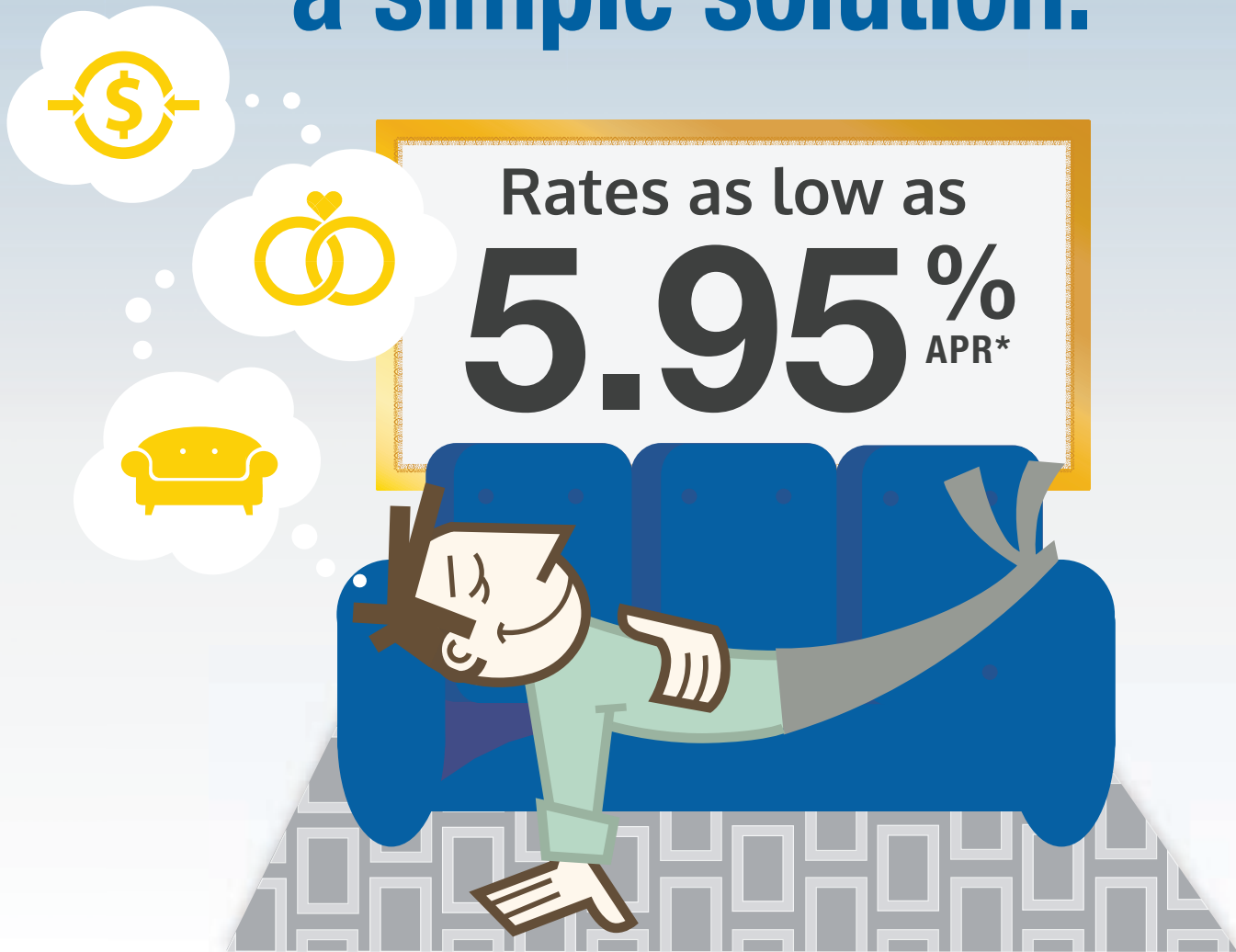
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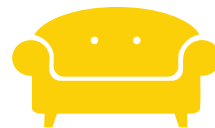
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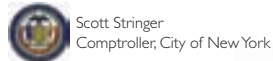
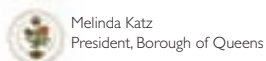
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than in the past five years.

A two-day Caribbean Regional Climate Control Forum (CariCOF) recently took place in Roseau, Dominica where the Wet / Hurricane Season Outlook for 2016 was presented by climatologist with the Dominican Meteorologist Service (DMS) Annie Carrette-Joseph.



She said between June and August, there would also be gradual drought alleviation across the region and that "surface water reservoirs will recharge, there will be soil moisture replenishment and an increase in river flow."

Joseph predicted that water shortage-related problems in agriculture will disappear in many places and that "where it has not already started, the wet season may start abruptly in June".

CariCOF noted that the second half of the wet season will be wetter or unusual in countries such as Belize and the Leeward Islands with Carrette-Joseph warning that "moist conditions may favor mosquito breeding."

The outlook, which was prepared by the DMS in collaboration with the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), also warned of extremely wet spells occurring with "serious potential for flash flooding and landslides".

In addition, September to November will be wetter than usual and there will also be chances of more hurricane activity than in the past five years.

Guyana

After an absence of five years, Insel Air of Curacao will reconnect Guyana and Brazil come July 4, 2016.

The last airline to fly this route was META, which flew between Paramaribo, Georgetown and Boa Vista, which ended around 2011.

Insel plans to fly three times weekly between Boa Vista and the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, Guyana. These flights will connect with Insel's network of 26 destinations in the Pan-American region, according to a press release from the airline recently.



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Guyana has limited air connectivity with Latin America, which was cited by a 2015 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) report.

Recently, Fly AllWays airline of Suriname has been granted permission from the government of Guyana to operate two routes, which will fly twice weekly. The routes are Paramaribo, Suriname / Georgetown.

Grenada

The Grenada government says it ready and willing to bring back Grenadian students from Venezuela as the

South American country continues to face an economic crisis.

In a statement, the Keith Mitchell government said it has communicated to the students its readiness to facilitate their return home.

The government said the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs are in constant contact with the students and Grenada's Ambassador to Venezuela Hassan Hadeed, continues to visit them and provide the needed material and other support.

A meeting was recently called by the ministers for Foreign Affairs, and Education to brief the parents and guardians of the students and to assure them that the government of Grenada is prepared to take necessary action, at any given time, to ensure the well-being of the she Grenada government says it's ready and willing to bring home Grenadian students from Venezuela as that South American nation continues to face financial and other challenges.



However, it noted, "the majority of students, for now...have indicated a willingness to complete their studies, in spite of those challenges."

Oil-rich Venezuela is in the midst of a crisis that has stemmed from the fall in global oil prices. There have been reported shortages of food and other basic supplies.

Jamaica

The Jamaican government said more than 400 nationals were denied entry into Trinidad and Tobago over the past 15 months.

This was revealed by Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Kamina Johnson Smith who told the Senate recently that 326 Jamaicans were denied entry into Trinidad and Tobago in 2015 and 113 Jamaican have so far been refused entry during the first three months of this year.



The two CARICOM countries have been holding talks in a bid to deal with the problem, particularly after 12 Jamaicans were deported in April, claiming they would have been a drain on the local economy.

Immigration officials say that several thousand Jamaicans are living in Trinidad and Tobago illegally.

Johnson Smith said Jamaica has sought to deal with the issue at both the bilateral and regional levels and following talks with Port of Spain, a commitment had been given by the Trinidad and Tobago government to resolve the issue "as expeditiously as possible."

She told the Senate that at the regional level, Jamaica requested the item "Treatment of CARICOM Nationals Traveling in the Region" be returned to the agenda of the recent meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED), which has oversight for the implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

— compiled by Azad Ali

STAY SAFE WHEN DRIVING IN WET WEATHER

Drivers must modify their driving habits when weather compromises their visibility and makes road conditions unsafe. Rain can fall any time of year, but tends to be most problematic in spring.

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

To drive safely in the rain and avoid accidents, drivers should follow certain precautions.

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

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

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

- Reduce speed. The automotive group AAA says hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water, can occur with as little as 1/12 inch of wa-

ter on the road. The group goes on to say that tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speeds to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. New tires can still lose some contact with the roadway, even at a speed as low as 35 mph. Therefore, reducing speed and avoiding hard braking and turning sharply can help keep the rubber of the tire meeting the road.

- Rely on the defogger. Use the car's windshield defroster/defogger to improve visibility. Turn it on early and keep it on until the rain has stopped and visibility has improved.

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

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

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

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

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Surgical weight loss open house

By Nelson A. King

The NYU Lutheran Surgical Weight Loss Institute recently hosted its fifth annual open house, welcoming a lively crowd of Brooklyn residents seeking support from weight loss specialists.

More than 70 attendees met with a team of NYU Lutheran bariatric experts in general medicine, cardiology, gastroenterology, psychology, physical therapy and nutrition.

Three of the institute's leading weight loss surgeons Corneliu Vulpe, MD; Rabih Nemr, MD; and Sharique Nazir, MD gave a one-hour presentation.

The presentation covered statistics on obesity, causes and treatment, indications and types of weight loss surgeries, and program benefits, followed by a question and answer session.

"Obesity is dreadful and there's no point in suffering through it," Dr. Nazir said. "There isn't one factor to blame for being overweight, there are multiple factors involved."

"NYU Lutheran has a collaborative team of specialists who are willing to work with you every step of the way so that in the end you see results," he added.

Five patients shared stories about how the NYU Lutheran Surgical Weight Loss Institute helped change their lives for the better, NYU Lutheran.

Donald Stankalis, a former patient and frequent visitor of the institute, showcased his size 64 pants and shared his remarkable weight loss journey, thanks to the NYU Lutheran team.

"Before the program, I weighed 440 pounds, now with the help of NYU Lutheran, I am at a healthy 230 pounds. They helped me get through that stage in my life mentally and physically," he said. "Last year, I completed 20 full and half marathons and walkathons, and plan to enter in this year's NYC marathon in November."

Stankalis is an active member of NYU Lutheran's surgical weight loss support group, which meets every month, and has been since his weight loss surgery in 2013.

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In the seat of the moment: Tony Lindsay sits in a chair at El and John's barbershop, where he shot a flashback scene for his debut film, "Where the Heart Lies." Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

Brooklyn filmmaker showcases his diverse community

By Alexandra Simon

Let us think deeper beyond the surface.

That is what one Jamaican-American filmmaker wants people to do before watching his film that tackles life's tribulations in a relatable way.

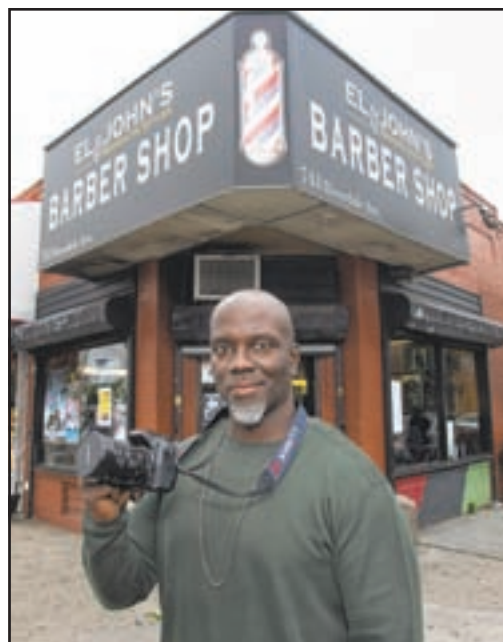
"When you watch the movie you'll be seeing a lot of yourself," said Tony Lindsay, director and executive producer of his debut film "Where the Heart Lies," that is premiering this month.

The film follows main character, the young and ambitious Brave Williams, as he tries to climb the success ladder, but finds the multiple hurdles of life preventing him from getting there. Lindsay says the character is based on himself, and promises that the film covers everything from relationships, heartbreak, decisions, abuse, to mental illness.

"There's a lot of sub-stories in the film. I even want to spread awareness about Alzheimer's," said Lindsay. "Another issue is child abuse — that's something not spoken enough about I believe, and you'll see a lot of that in the film."

Lindsay entered filming when a friend convinced him to scrap his manuscript and transform it into a screenplay. And growing frustrated and impatient with Hollywood's portrayals of black men was encouraging for Lindsay to pick up a camera. Within a year he was directing his first film.

"I got tired of seeing depictions of black men in movies. It doesn't represent me or the type of people in my circle and in my family," said Lindsay.



In his zone: Filmmaker Tony Lindsay stands in front of El and John's barbershop with his camera in East New York, a location where he filmed a flashback scene for his film "Where the Heart Lies." Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

"Where the Heart Lies" was filmed on location in the East New York, Brooklyn, and shot over the course of three weeks. And New York City natives were majority of the cast. Casting was a strategic choice by Lindsay who says it was important to shoot the film in the area he calls home for authenticity, and to also show everyone his oft-demonized neighbor-

hood in a different light.

"There's a lot of talent in East New York," said Lindsay. "I wasn't interested in the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and I wanted the story to be real. Being in my community — it's as real it gets."

Also being an active member of his community he wanted to hire the local young men for his film. Even using his own property for filming, after ditching a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for the film, and going for his own pockets.

Lindsay is not done — he is just getting started. Looking up to filmmakers such as Spike Lee and Ryan Coogler, director of Rocky sequel "Creed," Lindsay foresees a similar box office future.

"Ryan Coogler — his first project was a feature film," said Lindsay. "I look forward to reaching that — I expect my second project to be that big as well."

Lindsay is currently working on his second film that hopes to highlight the relationship between the police force and black communities. Lindsay says the film will focus on the incidents that do not make headlines and hopes he gets to the root of the problem.

"Where the Heart Lies" premieres at AMC theater in Times Square June 7.

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Haiti panel recommends throwing out election results

By David McFadden

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A special verification commission on Monday recommended throwing out the disputed results of Haiti's first-round presidential election because it appeared to be tainted by significant fraud.

Commission President Pierre Francois Benoit said there were far too many "zombie votes" and other problems in the Oct. 25 presidential balloting to be considered legitimate. He said some tally sheets from polling stations had fingerprints that appeared to be from a single person.

"We recommend that the presidential election be done over," Benoit said on the grounds of the National Palace, where the commissioners handed over their report to Haiti's interim president.

The commission, which was installed a month ago by caretaker President Jocelerme Privert, said they audited a random sample of 25 percent of

the roughly 13,000 tally sheets from polling stations seeking to verify the results as well as to explore allegations of rampant fraud.

Benoit said it appeared electoral fraud was masterminded at a "high level."

The final decision whether to redo the election will have to be made by a reconfigured Provisional Electoral Council, known by its acronym CEP. The current members were sworn in earlier this year, replacing a council that was repeatedly accused of corruption.

"The CEP now has to finish the work to have a good election," Privert told reporters at the ceremony Monday night.

The council had been scheduled to announce a new date for a three-times postponed presidential runoff Tuesday. But CEP chief Leopold Berlangier said Monday night that the electoral council would now plan to issue an electoral timetable June 6.

Berlangier made no immedi-

ate comment on the recommendation that the October presidential results be thrown out.

Privert has repeatedly said Haiti cannot restart balloting without first building confidence in the electoral machinery.

U.N. peacekeepers and Haitian police could be seen on streets around the National Palace compound. After the commission's announcement, Port-au-Prince's downtown appeared calm and there were no signs of political unrest.

In recent days, several foreign embassies have warned their citizens in Haiti that the release of the panel's report and the scheduled Tuesday announcement of a new election date could lead to civil unrest across the country.

Jean Pierre, a Port-au-Prince resident who has a small wedding photography business, said he was hopeful that Haiti's political class would accept the findings and move on.



The president of the verification commission Francois Benoit speaks during a ceremony in the national palace, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, May 30, 2016. The commission recommended throwing out the disputed results of last year's first-round presidential election because it appeared to be tainted by fraud.

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Costumes parade depicts Guyana's history, culture

By Tangerine Clarke

The history of Guyana's journey over the last 50 years, its beauty and multicultural heritage were displayed in a spectacular kaleidoscope of colorful costumes as revelers danced along the streets of Georgetown on May 26, during the country's Independence celebration.

Thousands of nationals and visitors alike, took full advantage of the 90 degree weather after daily rainfall — many dressed in the colors of the national flag, while others showcased magnificent floats to depicted the theme of the country's Golden Jubilee — Reflect, Celebrate Inspire.

One of the highlights was the historic image of Queen Elizabeth II, and Guyana's late freedom fighters — Linden Forbes Burnham and Cheddi Jagan depicted against the map of Guyana, with the sign — “Not a Blade of Grass” in reference to the Guyana / Venezuela border.

Miss World Guyana 2016, Lisa Punch, who was not born when

It was an honor to be a part of the costume parade to celebrate Guyana 50th Independence, as she masqueraded in a float which portrayed Guyana's thriving agriculture sector.

Guyana became an independent nation on May 26, 1966, delighted in the parade with a towering float of the Treaty of Chaguaramas which was signed in 1973. The piece showed then Caribbean leaders who were a part of the historic treaty.

Forty-two-year-old Samantha De Freitas a resident of Region 5, Berbice, said it was an honor to be a part of the costume parade to celebrate Guyana 50th Independence, as she masqueraded in a float which portrayed Guyana's thriving agriculture sector.

Avril Chung from Georgetown was three years old when history was made in Guyana and as she reveled in the Ministry of Agriculture's “Reflecting and celebrating our Cultivation” contingent, she felt proud of Guyana's achievement, and excited to be a part of her country's development.

The costume parade which began on the Avenue of the Republic moved past Georgetown's landmark Stabroek Market and on to Georgetown's historic Brickdam thoroughfare before ending at the D'Urban Stadium where the parade was judged.

Floats from the Ministries of Education, Natural Resources, Indigenous People, and hundreds of other costumed revelers participated in the parade.

Guyana's legendary folktale Masquerade band, with Mother Sally and Mad Cow, were entertaining, as bystanders take in the stirring, historic moment, that were captured for future generation to enjoy.



Miss World Guyana Lisa Punch revel in a Treaty float.



Samantha Gonsalves parades on her float.

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Dance your Caribbean

By Alexandra Simon

Get up, stand up! Stand up for gay rights!

A Caribbean dance festival springing into Dumbo on June 11 will use the music of Bob Marley to call out anti-gay attacks on the musician's home island. The organizers of "New Traditions Festival 2016: Dance Your Caribbean" say that they chose the piece "Facing Home: Love and Redemption," to show gay members of the Caribbean community that they are welcome, and to encourage discussion of homophobia throughout the region.

"We invest in everyone Caribbean, and we want and desire all people to come," said Candace Thompson, the founder of Brooklyn's Dance Caribbean Collective. "Part of the festival is about using present concepts, our tradition, and issues that face the community, like racial profiling, gay deaths in Jamaica and in New York, and to start conversations. We felt we could start discussion."

Two Jamaican-Canadian dancers, Christopher Walker and



Dancing in the air: Maxine Montilus, one of the performers for Dance Caribbean 2016, jumps high for a dance move.

Photo by Shoccara Marcus

Kevin A. Ormsby, will present "Facing Home" on each day of the two-day festival. The dance uses covers and remixed tracks of Marley's music to highlight the Jamaican culture that praises Marley's songs of equality, but which also discriminates against the gay community. Jamaica is considered one of the most anti-gay countries in the world.

The festival, now in its second year, will also showcase work by Caribbean dancers and dancing companies based

in New York City.

One Brooklyn dancer said that her piece will also deal with social issues, focusing on the Haitian immigration crisis of the 1980s.

"It's about the Haitian boat struggle," said Jessica St. Vil. "I wanted to share that story because it's something that's part of the history of Haitian people in the United States — a lot of people don't know about that story and it's important to share that."

Cultural tribute to Guyana

Caribbean American Repertory Theatre Inc. (CART) in collaboration with the Coalition of Theaters of Color and the Theater of the Living Word, will be celebrating Guyana's 50th anniversary of Independence with a cultural event titled "O' Beautiful Guyana" followed by a reception.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 18 at 4:30 pm at the Charles Gray Theatre located at the Presbyterian Church of St. Albans, 190-04, 119 Ave. (2 blocks off Farmers Blvd.) in the borough of Queens. Admission is free but donations are accepted. The cultural celebration will feature: Monica Sanchez, Wrickford Dalghetty, Frank Mayers, Timothy Rahamatulla, Rudolph Shaw and other Guyanese artists.

Guyana became independent on May 26, 1966 and the recent change of government has infused a new spirit of unity and excitement in the Guyanese community.

CART plans to treat the guests at this event with that heightened spirit of cultural history as it presents music, songs, poems and excerpts of plays from Guyana. In addition, guests will be treated to fine Guyanese cuisine as they mingle with the artists and socialize.

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During the event at 5 pm, a tribute will be paid to Irving Burgie, the Caribbean's pioneer musical ambassador to the world.

Burgie introduced the world to Caribbean culture through his songs that were made famous by the voice of Harry Belafonte. A Queens resident, the writer / composer has produced such songs as "Island in the Sun," "Day O" and "Jamaica Farewell." His musical "Calaloo," which starred the late Theresa Merritt, played Off-Broadway at the Perry Street Theater to rave reviews.

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Royal Palace making every senior feel like royalty

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Seniors should be made to feel special all the time — but especially during May, National Senior Month.

That's why Royal Palace Adult Care ended the month with Senior Day, inviting the community's still young-at-heart to a gathering on May 31, where they received the royal treatment.

There were games, line dancing, lectures, food, and more. All were encouraged to dress in their best clothes. Introductions were made so new friendship could be formed. Learning opportunities included how to use Skype and FaceTime, so seniors could remain in touch with grandchildren; and how to communicate effectively, using eye contact. When classes were over, there was plenty of time to get some fresh air, sitting outdoors at Royal Palace's spacious backyard, socializing with new friends.

The day included disseminating information on how to



Seniors at Royal Palace were fetted to celebrate National Senior Month.

obtain Medicaid.

"Many people do not know how to get Medicaid," the faculty's director Cyrillene Felix said. "They think if they have a car or a home, they are not eligible. This isn't true."

By educating the community, Royal Palace Adult Care hopes that more people can take advantage of the services that are available to them.

The facility expects to offer once-a-week Medicaid semi-

nars every Wednesday, from 6 to 7 pm, starting in July. It will also offer lectures for caregivers. Members of the community who are on Medicaid may stop by the Food Pantry the last Tuesday of each month to pick up food for their homes.

These activities are all ways in which Royal Palace Adult Care helps keep seniors active and sociable as they age. Senior Day was attended by those who come to the fa-

cility regularly, and by those who may not yet be attending. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to connect and form friendships.

Participants already involved with Royal Palace Adult Care know of the many activities available to them that promote wellness and socialization. Senior Day provided those who are not yet attending regularly the opportunity to hear about the trips to museums, parks, and cultural events; the computer classes; music programs; shopping trips; and more.

They learned that door-to-door transportation is provided to those who take advantage of the Royal Palace's services, making it convenient for everyone to get there and get home again.

There are two sessions per day. A four-hour morning program is for early risers who, in addition to the day's activities, will receive breakfast, lunch, and a snack. Those who prefer to sleep late may wish to at-

tend the four-hour afternoon session when lunch, dinner, and a snack are served.

The center takes into account the dietary and nutrition needs of each person. As a number of participants are from the Caribbean, ethnic food is on the menu.

"As people age, they want foods that are familiar to them," says Cyrillene Felix.

As a result, Royal Palace Adult Day Care accommodates their needs by preparing these favorite dishes. The staff also speaks Haitian-Creole fluently, making all feel comfortable.

Caregivers can feel secure when they leave their loved ones here, because it's a safe, well-maintained environment, says Cyrillene Felix.

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Is there anything better in basketball? It's sheer poetry, absolute magic, and your team can't do it enough — especially when it happens from the three-point line. In the new book “Chasing Perfection” by Andy Glockner, you'll see how science is trying to ensure that it does, as much as possible.

Ask any baseball fan about their favorite player or team, and you'll likely hear stats. Baseball is known for that but basketball, says Glockner, is a relatively easy game to ana-

lyze. Basketball, on the other hand, is different. Players in basketball have no set pattern for play.

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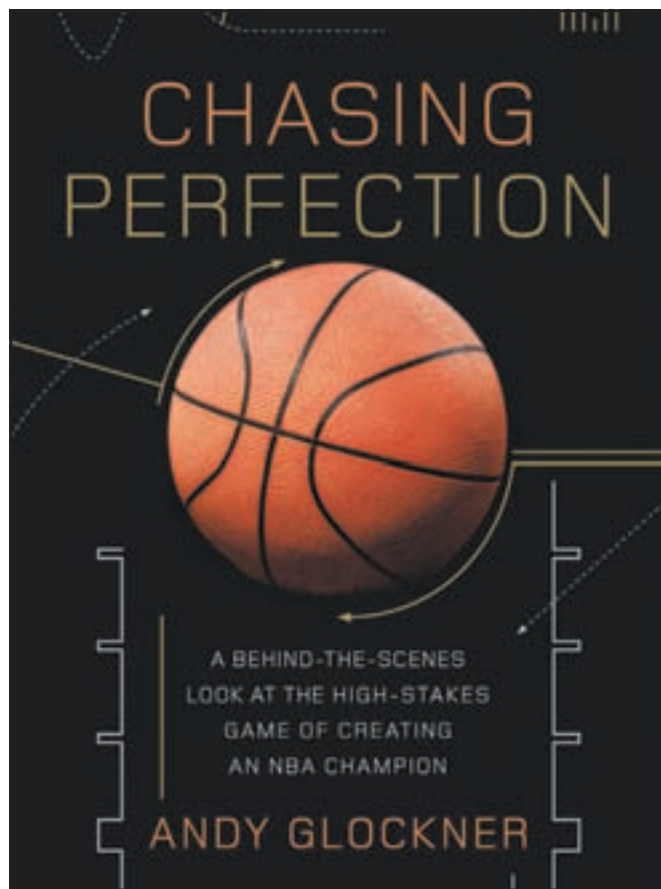
It all started, perhaps not surprisingly, with baseball when Bill James began his Baseball Abstract in the late 1970s. Shortly after that publication appeared, a computer database for basketball was created to “crudely... determine a value for adding a new player to an existing team” but, amazingly, few people were interested in the information and work on the system ended. Nearly 20 years later, “a handful” of analysts started working on sophisticated, deeply-detailed basketball metrics, and an industry was born.

While it's true that analytics may be of interest to fans, the

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HOW TO AVOID SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN

When school is dismissed for the summer, parents across the country worry about how much their children will forget over the vacation months.

Will all those hours helping them with math and reading dissolve with the carefree hours spent at the pool or playground?

“While a break from the long days of school is needed, studies show that most kids lose up to two months of their math skills between school

grades,” Dominique Ciccarelli, education specialist for tutoring service Kumon North America, said. “The brain is like a muscle and needs a regular dose of exercise to stay strong. Connections in your brain multiply when you learn new topics, and through this process, you get smarter.”

Added to this concern is how much time over the summer parents will be able to commit to helping their children retain and reinforce what they learned during the previ-

ous school year.

While millions of children are eager for the freedom of summer, parents are coming up with plans to keep the learning momentum going.

Here are seven fun ways to keep your child engaged over the summer with enriching experiences.

Have a scavenger hunt at the museum

One way to turn a visit to the museum into a fun and educational experience is to make it

a scavenger hunt. If you are going to an art museum, your list can include things you might see in paintings or sculptures from a certain country. If it is a natural history museum, you can include dinosaurs and animals.

Find the right learning program

For families with children looking for enrichment activities, the right learning program is invaluable. To help students continue learning

through the summer, Kumon is offering free registration in June at participating centers.

Develop their green thumb

Gardening allows children to not only play and build something — as they might do in a sandbox — but learn about the life cycle of plants and the importance of nutrition. One way to make this more exciting is to try to grow something giant, like a huge squash or zucchini that will provide an end goal to

Returning to the classroom has never been easier

Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.

This age-old adage resonates for many whose personal or professional obligations delayed or rerouted their educational goals. The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to pause, take stock in your goals and make a plan for how you can achieve them, including going back to school to finish the education you started and finally earning that college degree.

College graduates earn approximately \$17,500 more than adults without a degree, and they are more likely to be employed than their less-educated counterparts, according to the Pew Research Center. Despite these advantages, more than 31 million people started college in the last 20 years, but did not graduate. In fact, 4 million adults have completed at least two years of

college, but have not earned a college degree or certificate.

Family or personal responsibilities and military service are just some of the reasons students "opt out" of their education. And the thought of going back to school can be overwhelming. Madeleine Slutsky, vice president of career and student services at DeVry University, has advice for those who want to return to school.

"Every college and university is unique. There is no 'one size fits all' institution," she said. "Those looking to go back to school must research options to identify which will help them achieve both their academic and career goals. Breaking the journey down into actionable steps will help the decision-making process."

Slutsky offers some advice:

Do research

Begin by researching your field of interest. Use a resource

like O-Net, which includes a career assessment tool to help students explore a range of career directions.

Researching schools can be daunting. Create a list of pros and cons of each to help narrow your search. Assess each institution's degree programs, faculty, student organizations and flexible learning options to identify those that best align with your education and career objectives.

Seek school and career advice

Connect with friends, family members or acquaintances who are employed in your ideal career field. Their academic experiences will help you identify the qualities your ideal degree program possesses. Or use LinkedIn to expand your professional reach with those in the field you are considering.

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Creativity is king when it comes to financing school

Does the cost of higher education scare you? If so, you're not alone. College tuition prices have skyrocketed. Over the past 30 years average tuition and fees at public four-year institutions rose by 225 percent, according to The College Board. Factor in room and board, books and living expenses, and it's becoming increasingly difficult to afford the hefty price tag of higher education.

For many, applying for scholarships is essential. Valuable scholarship dollars are available to any and all kinds of students - artists, athletes, writers, mathletes and more. With a little digging you can find the perfect opportunities for you and your talents.

Here are five unique scholarships examples:

Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest

Students who enjoy art and fashion design, or just happen to be duct tape enthusiasts, should enter the annual Duck brand Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest.



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Duck brand has a history of "sticking" by students, awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships over the last 15 years.

The contest is open to high school students in the United States and Canada attending prom in 2015. For more details and full contest rules visit StuckatProm.com.

Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Trivia talent and knowledge of random facts have probably always impressed friends, but now those skills may finally "pay" off — college costs, that is. Students (and parents, too) can simply register for one of the Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation, Inc. online scholarship quizzes. Throughout the year, the foundation of-

fers quizzes that test general knowledge across a variety of subjects - music, books, movies, etc. - with prize amounts ranging from \$250-\$2,500.

These scholarships are available to high school, undergraduate and graduate students in the United States. Visit cksf.org for full details and how to register.

Tall Clubs International Scholarship

It's a "tall task" to enter this scholarship. In fact, that's it - you just have to be tall. The Tall Clubs International Scholarship is available to students of above-average height, who plan to start college in the fall. Tall Clubs International identifies "above-average height" as at least 5 feet 10 inches tall for women and at least 6 feet 2 inches tall for men. Those of elevated stature could win a \$1,000 prize.

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Do good while earning money for college as a volunteer

Volunteerism can help young people grow into well-rounded, responsible individuals. When volunteering, kids can learn new skills, foster new friendships and contacts, and improve both their social and interpersonal skills.

In addition, a 2011 study from researchers at the Stony Brook University School of Medicine found that people are generally happier and healthier when giving back to their communities. The study even recommended that health care professionals recommend volunteering to patients 12 and older, with the belief that helping others provides significant health benefits, including allowing volunteers to escape their stress and anxiety. And, there could even be a few added bonuses for volunteering!

Students between the ages of 6 and 18 who haven't yet graduated high school have the chance to be recognized for their volunteering efforts and earn money for higher education thanks to Kohl's Department Stores. For more than a decade, the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program has recognized more than 19,500 students, awarding nearly \$4 million in scholarships and prizes. This year the organization



will award nearly \$400,000 in scholarships and prizes to more than 2,300 young volunteers who have made a positive impact in their communities.

Finding the right activity is often the most important step when fostering a love of volunteering in youngsters, and there are a number of great opportunities and causes that children can relate to.

Embrace eco-volunteering

Today's kids are increasingly eco-conscious, and concepts like recycling, reusing and conserving fuel and energy are second nature to many young people. That makes eco-volunteering a natural fit for today's eco-conscious students. Children can volunteer with organizations that remove trash from beaches and parks;

plant trees to establish community green spaces; work to promote wildlife conservation; or further recycling efforts in their communities.

Help the needy

Volunteerism can open youngsters' eyes to the plight of the less fortunate. Various organizations dedicated to helping the needy depend on volunteers of all ages to meet their

missions. From soup kitchens to shelters to private clothing or food collection drives, opportunities abound for kids who want to help the less fortunate.

Help the sick

Many organizations that cater to the sick also provide volunteering opportunities to youngsters. Many kids who volunteer with such organizations are motivated to do so by a close friend or family member's battle with a particular illness, but some kids even turn their own personal adversity into an opportunity to help the sick.

Visit the elderly

Kids can learn a lot from their elders, and many organizations that work with the elderly offer volunteering programs for boys and girls. Individuals in group homes or hospitals often appreciate visits from youngsters, and kids can learn valuable life lessons in return.

Tutor fellow students

A child who is proficient in a given subject can lend a helping hand to fellow students who need some assistance. Working together to improve grades and school performance can improve others' sense of self-worth and instill a greater sense of accomplishment in tutors.

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the entire experience.

Let them be your travel agents

Before you set off on your summer vacation, get your children involved in the planning process. Let them help you search for lodging within your budget and in the area you want to stay. Together, you can learn about nearby attractions and plan your visit accordingly. The entire process not only builds confidence, but serves as a finance, geography, history and social studies lesson all wrapped in one.

Have adventures in reading

Reading is one of the most important skills to maintain and develop. Reading to your children each day establishes a positive association in their mind and makes them excited to read on their own. Be sure to stay up to date with the activities at your local library, which provides fun and social learning opportunities.

Make something

While there are plenty of kits out there to promote STEM learning skills, you can encourage your children to use their creativity and knowledge to build projects from common

household materials. Some classic examples of this would be making a raft out of empty milk cartons or plastic bottles, a homemade volcano using vinegar and baking soda or a homemade electromagnet.

Become a collector

A great way for children to get hands-on knowledge of the natural world is for them to build a collection while discovering the outdoors. Rocks, plants, bugs — these are the things that excite a young mind. Search for different kinds of leaves to press at home, then work with your children to identify their types.

— *Brandpoint*

RETURN

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Assess credit-transfer opportunities

Obtain official copies of your transcript and determine which credits qualify for transfer to your desired program. Complete the school's evaluations and confirm its credit transfer policies with an academic advisor who can answer your questions and help you create an action plan.

Explore financial aid and scholarships

Colleges and universities offer an array of financial

aid and scholarship options, some specifically for transfer students. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid online to determine what you qualify for. In addition, research and apply for scholarships. Map out financial assistance options, policies and deadlines and apply as early as possible. College and university resources as well as websites like scholarships.com and fastweb.com can aid in your search.

A college-educated workforce is in demand, and the value of a college degree continues to rise. For adults planning to complete their degree, there's no time quite like the present.

Muhammad Ali — World's greatest evangelist

The accolades showered on Muhammad Ali is unprecedented for any poet, magician, social commentator, Olympian, athlete, Muslim, pop culture icon, humanitarian, philanthropist and American.

That as an American he publicly defied the government, military order by claiming the status of conscientious objector when he was drafted to fight in the Viet Nam war speaks volumes for the 74-year-old champion who passed away last Friday.

The Louisville, Kentucky born Muhammad accomplished all of the above and controversial as it was in 1967 said he would rather be shot by a firing squad than fight people who never called him a derogatory name.

Convicted of draft evasion, he was stripped of his title, banned from boxing, sentenced to five years in jail and fined \$10,000.

The young would-be recruit was adamant and determined in his religious beliefs and though at the time also at the peak of his physical might, and boxing career risked imprisonment by



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

refusing to take the oath of military service. He appealed the decision and won a major victory when the Appeals Court reversed the decision.

But that was not his first big fight, he had already conquered nations beating a Pole and Russian at the Rome Olympics in 1960. From that global arena in Europe, the athlete known then as Cassius Marcellus Clay emerged the light, heavyweight champion of the world.

And while there is a significant amount of distinguished citizens — Olympic sprinter Jesse Owens, baseball legend Jackie Robinson, boxer Joe Louis, Nobel Peace prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., among them — who triumphed with excellence to overcome tremendous obstacles and are indelibly etched in history as heroes, trailblazers and super-achievers — it is an acclaimed boxer who America is now cel-

ebrating as The Greatest.

Early in his career he described himself as “the Greatest.” But America did not always view him in that light.

More than a few called him a “traitor,” “loud-mouth” and un-American” for his refusal to fight in what later proved to be an unjustified conflict. Ali was vilified for his objection and sacrificed millions of dollars in endorsements. However, as Elijah Muhammad, his spiritual leader who he often referred to as a messenger of Allah had done during World War II when he refused to fight — but was jailed for five years — Ali maintained his conviction.

That many of his critics later witnessed President George Walker Bush present the once-scorned Black, three-time heavyweight boxing champion with the Medal of Freedom — America’s highest civilian medal; and that Ali



Front cover of the “Gladiator” sports magazine Spring 1989 edition.

was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame; lit the Olympic flame to start the games in 1996 is already written in American history books.

The fact he was honored in 1978 with a Superman vs. Muhammad comic book edition, clowned around with the Beatles, performed on Broad-

way in “Buck White” in 1969; appeared in “The Greatest,” his own bio-pic and a myriad of other pop culture ventures claims the athlete’s ability to test his mettle.

Confident, eloquent, brash and poetic he often used extemporaneous prose to intimidate

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Pan Jazz for Father's Day!

DFG Promotions will hold its first Father's Day concert on June 19, 2016 at the Tropical Paradise Ballroom which is located at 1367 Utica Ave., Brooklyn.



Othello Molineaux will play at the Father's Day event at Tropical Paradise Ballroom.

According to one of the organizers, DFG Promotions was born out of love for the culture and especially the steelpan. It also came about because of the now debunked Father's Day show, Jazz at Lincoln Center.

The show will feature Othello Molineaux who is based in Miami and will perform a fusion of Latin and Calypso Jazz with his band.

Also featured will be Garvin Blake, well known in Brooklyn circles both as the player with the "lite" touch along with his group of friends including Sir Frankie McIntosh. Blake has also arranged for NYC bands such as "Moods" and "Pan Rebel."

Sir Frankie McIntosh is a prolific

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Noel to sing 'Golden Arrowhead' in Brooklyn

By Tangerine Clarke

Fresh from a crowd-pleasing performance at Guyana's Golden Jubilee celebrations in Georgetown, singer / songwriter, Courtney Noel is gearing up to take the stage on June 12 at South Shore High School in Brooklyn, to recreate that glorious moment at Guyana's 50th Independence Anniversary in New York.

Known as the 'Golden Arrowhead Man' for his successful 15-year old song "Golden Arrowhead" — a tribute to the

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Calypsonian Hibiscus performing at the preliminaries.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Calypsonians in preliminary competition

By Nelson A. King

Fifteen Vincentian calypsonians Saturday night / Sunday morning thrilled an appreciative crowd in the preliminary round of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Calypso Competition at Café Omar in Brooklyn.

A packed house witnessed the performance of several veterans and a few newcomers in the calypso business in the Brooklyn-based Dynamite Calypso Tent, as they competed for a spot in the semifinals in the calypso

competition in Vincy Mas 2016.

Five judges — two more than in previous years — trekked from home to adjudicate in the tent, the sole Vincentian calypso tent in North America.

The competitors were perennial artistes: Groovy D (Vincent Kennedy); Dennis Bowman; John "D Truth" Dougan; Jose Juan (Ramon Diaz); Exposer (Earl Isles); Jakie (Kenroy Jack); Bob MC (Mervin Bobb); Chang-I (David Morgan); Navel String (Joel Bartholomew); D-Tecta (Delano

Joseph); Stryker (Francis Brown); and Oscar James.

Newcomers were: Hibiscus (Michelle-Ann Hillocks), Prim Adona (Primadonna Bascombe) and Zae Gay (Maxwell Samuel).

After a stuttered start, caused by technical issues with the back-up band, Lambert and the Matadors, resulting in some artistes re-starting their songs, the competition ended at 3:30 am Sunday.

Most calypsonians offered biting

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Tomboy-turned-dancer seeks acceptance

"The Fits"
Good (2 stars)
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Running time:
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Royalty Hightower stars as Toni in the movie "the Fits."

By Kam Williams

Toni (Royalty Hightower) is an 11-year-old girl growing up in the rough projects of inner-city Cincinnati. The prepubescent adolescent keeps out of trouble by hanging out at the local recreation center with her big brother, Jermaine (Da'Sean Minor) and his BFF, Donte (Antonio A.B. Grant, Jr.). Trouble is, Toni has developed a reputation as a tomboy because she's spent so much time training to be become a boxer, mostly out of admiration for Jermaine, an amateur champion.

Everything changes the

week Toni decides to join the girls' dance team that also practices in the gym. Since she is already athletic enough, her initial challenge rests in just

learning the steps and perfecting the choreography. Meanwhile, a side benefit is that she gets to enjoy the sort of female camaraderie she's missed by

being immersed in a macho sport dominated by guys.

Unfortunately, Toni still has a hard time finding acceptance by the tight-knit group of girls.

And that endeavor is further frustrated when her teammates start suffering from mysterious fainting spells. Will the newcomer be fully embraced, or might she be blamed for this inexplicable development?

So unfolds "The Fits," an ethereal, coming-of-age drama effectively exploring a tentative tweener's rigorous rites-of-passage. The movie marks the promising directorial debut of Anna Rose Holmer who has managed to make a decent movie on a micro-budget.

Short on dialogue, long on atmospherics, "The Fits" feels like a solid student flick that hasn't quite been fleshed out to feature-length format. Nevertheless, future star Royalty Hightower's inspired performance as the protagonist, here, is reminiscent of Kerry Washington's in her first picture, *Our Song*, a similarly-modest, ghetto-based production.

A mellow meditation on a beautiful, little black girl beginning to bloom!

Independent & Foreign Films

Be Somebody (PG for mature themes, suggestive comments and mild epithets) Romance drama about a jaded pop star (Matthew Espinosa) burdened by fame who finds love with an ordinary, small-town girl (Sarah Jeffery) while taking a break from the limelight. With Allison Paige, LaMonica Garrett and Mahaley Patel and Caitlin Keats.

De Palma (R for sexuality, profanity, violent images and graphic nudity) Reverential portrait of iconoclastic filmmaker Brian De Palma, director of such screen classics as "Scarface," "The Untouchables," "Carlito's Way," "Carrie," "Blow Out" and "Mission Impossible."

Genius (PG-13 for mature themes and suggestive content) Prestige biopic chronicling the career of Max Perkins (Colin Firth), the legendary editor at Scribner's who discovered such literary giants as Ernest Hemingway (Dominic West), F. Scott Fitzgerald (Guy Pearce) and Thomas Wolfe (Jude Law). Supporting cast includes Nicole Kidman, Laura Linney and Vanessa Kirby.

Germans & Jews (Unrated) Truth and reconciliation documentary chronicling the cultural transformation of Berlin, the European city with the fastest growing Jewish population.

King Jack (Unrated) Charlie Plum-

Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams



mer plays the title character in this coming-of-age tale, set over the course of a very eventful weekend, about an ostracized 15-year-old outcast being bullied by a sadistic, bigger boy (Danny Flaherty). With Cory Nichols, Christian Madsen, Chloe Levine and Erin Davie.

Last Cab to Darwin (Unrated) Bittersweet dramedy about a terminally-ill loner (Michael Caton) who embarks on a long trek to the Australian Outback in order to pass away on his own terms. Featuring Ningali Lawford, Mark Coles Smith and Emma Hamilton and Jacki Weaver.

The Music of Strangers (PG-13 for brief profanity) Multicultural documentary in which renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma and members of the Silk Road Ensemble expound upon their musical philosophies.

Puerto Ricans in Paris (R for profanity and sexual references) Fish-out-of-water comedy about a couple of Latino NYPD detectives (Luis Guzman and Edgar Garcia) who travel to France to track down some stolen designer handbags. With Rosario Dawson, Rosie Perez and Ravi Patel.

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Fifth Harmony
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- 7 **Skin**
Flume
- 8 **To Be Everywhere Is to...**
Thrice
- 9 **The Ride**
Catfish & The Bottlemen
- 10 **Dangerous Woman**
Ariana Grande



Kaiso Competition

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commentaries on the socio-political status quo at home, rendering takes according to their political affiliations or inclinations.

Others, however, dealt with social issues or offered calypso-soca combinations.

Adorned in a red hat and suit, with a red and white vest — red is the color of the incumbent Unity Labor Party (ULP) of Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves — Union Island-born Navel String took unequivocal swipes at the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), claiming: “You too power hungry.”

The NDP has been staging a series of protests over what it characterized as fraudulent general elections on Dec. 9 last year, in which the ULP was returned to power with an 8-7 majority in Parliament — the same figure as in the previous general elections five years ago.

Jose Juan, on the other hand, was “Crying Fuh Me Country.”

“My country is in total disarray,” he sang. “Look how me country come.”

Exposers expressed bewilderment over the origin of what he

regarded as moral breakdown in his native land.

“I just have one wish for the young people/propaganda and everything you hearing/you don't know who to trust/or to believe,” he sang, adding, “You have to be a mathematician to win the election / NDP saying it's thieving.”

With good stage performance, Jackie implored: “Do something to stop the crying / do it now / do it now.”

With an admixture of rhapsody and soca, Primadona said: “Whey you feeling / it's a crisis.”

The Philadelphia-based Hibiscus — winner of the Dynamite Calypso Tent's new song competition last month that coincided with the launch of Vincy Mas at home — claimed that there was “no honor” for calypsonians in her country.

“We calypsonians have no power in we own country,” she claimed. “Look how we own people does treat we.”

Zae Gay claimed that “cocaine by de kilo / mashing down / killing ah we people.”

But Stryker reasoned that “people will say what they want to say” in the up-tempo “The Unexplained.”

Bowman and Dougan called



Calypsonian Navel String performs at the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Calypso Competition at Café Omar in Brooklyn.
Photo by Nelson A. King

for national unity in “Take Care of SVG” and “Together-ness,” respectfully; while D-Tecta “Welcome(d) [Everyone] to SVG.”

James expounded on the significance of “Mathematics”; Groovy D preferred “Your Natural Beauty;” while Bob MC offered a rather risqué “Get off Ah Me.”

But, for Chang-I, the Toronto-based winner of Dynamite's

New Song Competition last year — he did not compete this year — a tribute to his mom, Patsy, was most appropriate.

In his new CD, “Mama,” Chang-I complimented his mom for “all the hard work and sacrifices she's made.

“It's is also a tribute to her tenacity as a single woman, raising six children with the help of my grandmother,” he wrote on the CD label.

Noel sings of his love for homeland

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gold and black colors of Guyana's Golden Arrowhead flag that shot him to fame, Noel, a talented poet, and entertainer, says lyrics are very important to music, and expressed how excited he is to showcase his verses that celebrate his culture.

“I always stress the importance of lyrics,” said Noel who broke out singing his track “Golden Arrowhead.” “Some people see land they want it, money and power they flaunt it, but we say no, we are not giving up, we will fight to the last drop, don't believe all the things they tell you they will lie to you to get what they want.”

“A land of Gold and Diamond — Guyanese abroad come back home, come and see what's really going on, don't believe the things they tell you — I love My Golden Arrowhead.

“From the Land of Many Waters, come people of many cultures, African, Indian, Amerindian, Chinese, and Portuguese, coming together, in harmony.”

Noel, whose stage costume depicts the red, white, green,

gold and black colors of Guyana's Golden Arrowhead flag, told Caribbean Life before his performance at the ceremony in Georgetown, that being at D'Urban Park for the flag raising ceremony was a very emotional experience for him, because he grew up in the same region where he enjoyed horse racing at D'Urban Park, and it felt nostalgic being back there 50 years later.

His new release, “Moving Forward Together Unite Guyana” is a direct message to Guyana's progress and the unity of its people after its 50th Independence Anniversary, said Noel who spoke proudly of his love for Guyana.

“I am a proud Guyanese,” said the popular entertainer who will partner with new media professionals to release his music and movie which chronicles an interracial love story.

And when the budding star is not writing music and performing, he fights for world peace at the United Nations where he has worked for more than a decade.



Courtney Noel in his Golden Arrowhead costume revving up a crowd at GCA Folk Festival in Brooklyn, recently.
Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Pan Jazz

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arranger who has worked with many of the leading calypsonians over the years. “Utopia Pan Soul” will also be featured.

DFG Promotions is the brain child of Shafeeq Muhammad and includes Ann Belfon and Janice McMayo. Its mission is to promote the steelpan as a business, and in so doing, also create opportunities for the various pannist both here and around the world.

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his opponents.

"Float like a butterfly sting like a bee" is perhaps his most quoted poetry, however, he recorded "I Am The Greatest" a spoken word album released in 1963 prior to his name-change.

During a lecture at Harvard University in 1975 Ali implored graduates to excellence. According to writer George Plimpton during the message someone in the crowd shouted a request for a poem.

Plimpton recounted in a Muhammad Ali documentary "When We Were Kings" that the champion immediately responded using two words — "Me, We."

Interpreted to mean "I am the people," Ali's words are recorded to be the shortest rhyme and poem in the English language.

Numerous colleagues and friends also attest to his prowess as a magician.

Raven Symone, a now grown-up child actress and panelist on the TV talk show "The View" paid tribute to the champion after his death showing a video clip of her magical encounter with the legend when she was a mere tot. In the clip she thanked Ali for showing her some of his magic tricks and also thanked him for revealing how he was able to maneuver the tasks.

To his legacy, a blogger at Cricket Country.com recalled that in 1966 Ali visited Lord's in England where Caribbean athletes were waiting to play against the British cricketers. Ali he said met the entire West Indies cricket team.

"He talked to the entire team before he took a bat, played some extremely original strokes, and, stretched himself on one of the massage-tables in the dressing-room."

Four years later he would pay cricket a visit again, this time at Edgbaston. By that time his life would have changed completely."

Ali was an inspiration to Jamaica's first music royalty, Prince Buster, a prolific recording artist who ruled the charts. In 1964, Prince Buster met the World Heavyweight Champion boxer "who invited him to attend a Nation of Islam talk at Mosque 29 in Miami."

That same year the singer changed his name to Yusef Muhammad Ali and joined the Nation of Islam. At the same time, he also started to release material, including a version of Louis X's "White Man's Heaven is a Black Man's Hell," on his own imprint label called "Islam."

Yusef Muhammad Ali still maintains the identity and is a resident of Miami, Florida. His son, Sultan Ali an avowed Muslim is also a reggae artist who lives in Los Angeles, California.

Muhammad Ali visited Jamaica twice.

As a guest of Prime Minister Michael Manley on his first visit in 1974, he received the key to the city of Kingston at the National Stadium. Accompanied by Black Muslim Minister Louis Fara-

khan, his delegation toured the entire island for a reported month. Reportedly while learning about the island's history, he became curious and intrigued by the legacy of Nanny, Jamaica's only female national hero.

Ali returned to Jamaica in 1987 when Prime Minister Edward Seaga led the island / nation.

Accompanied by Rev. Al Sharpton, boxing promoter Don King, tennis champion Arthur Ashe, Joe Jackson, father of the Jackson Five, Ali reconnected with old acquaintances there to reflect on his initial trip.

On June 3, 2016 Jamaica's Minister of Culture Olivia "Babsy" Grange offered condolences to the Ali family saying:

"Muhammad Ali transcended the sport of boxing and sport in general. He made boxing entertaining with his signature swag, which attracted millions of followers worldwide. More importantly, Muhammad Ali was an exceptional human being."

"Muhammad Ali came into boxing at a time when racial segregation was rampant in America. Yet, he was never daunted by this as a young man. He was confident in his abilities, which was evident both inside and outside the ring. He was bold and courageous, never afraid to challenge the political establishment; a fact which landed him in prison when he refused to go to war in Vietnam. That, for us as people of color, was truly inspiring. Although his views were shared by millions of people around the world, not many were prepared to speak out the way he did."

She exhorted Jamaicans to celebrate his legacy.

In a tribute to readers of the Trinidad & Tobago Newsday, a reporter said: "Muhammad Ali touched the lives of millions around the world, including Trinidadians fortunate enough to have seen the world's greatest boxer in friendly action at the Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain in the 1970s."

According to the TT tribute, Ali was greeted to the twin islands by Prime Minister Eric Williams. Of his one and only visit there for a boxing exhibition match, 90-year-old Nicholas Simonette who organized the fight reflected:

"It was a very exciting time and it was very full of news. I remember, Dr. Williams met him at Queen's Hall and after the display Claude Noel gave him a pair of gloves as a souvenir."

Simonette described Ali to be engaging. He said Ali was accompanied on the visit by two of his brothers.

On April 21, 1979 when A Pan Am jetliner landed at Timehri Airport at Georgetown, Guyana, newspapers reported "Ali Fever" broke out throughout the nation. According to archival reports from the Guyana Chronicle, thousands greeted the American boxer. "

He was greeted with flowered garlands and afterwards "moved to the steel band on the tarmac, where he was handed two rubber-tipped beating sticks, and played a pan as if that was just the thing he had been doing since back in Louisville, USA."

He joined Chronicle Atlantic Steel Orchestra playing and later laid a wreath at the Liberation Monument.

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West Indies Chris Gayle waves his bat to the crowd as he leaves the field after he was dismissed for 61 runs while batting against New Zealand during their Cricket World Cup quarterfinal match in Wellington, New Zealand, Saturday, March 21, 2015. Associated Press / Ross Setford, File

No play for Chris Gayle

By Azad Ali

West Indies star batsman Chris Gayle has been blanked from playing with the Melbourne Renegades for this year's Big Bash League in Australia.

The franchise confirmed they had decided to focus their attention elsewhere for the coming season, ruling out any possibility of Gayle being part of the lineup.

Renegades chief executive officer Stuart Coventry said, "we'll unveil our international signings soon but Gayle isn't part of those plans."

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Grenada's PM may step aside

By Azad Ali

Grenada's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has hinted that he will step down as chairman of CARICOM's Subcommittee on cricket governance, but he was not prepared "to play games" with the future of West Indies cricket.

Mitchell, who has been at the forefront of spearheading efforts to effect the restructuring of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), said he fully endorsed the recent Barriteau Report, which last year recommended "the immediate dissolution" of the embattled WICB.

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COPA OPENER

Colombia's James Rodriguez kicks the ball to score a penalty against the U.S. in the Copa America Centenario opening match at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., Friday, June 3, 2016. Associated Press / Jeff Chiu

Colombia beats United States 2-0

By Janie McCauley

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Cristian Zapata scored his first international goal, James Rodriguez added a 42nd-minute penalty kick and Colombia beat the United States 2-0 Friday night in the opener of the Copa America.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann spoke about the importance of a strong showing in this special edition 100th anniversary Copa to create buzz for a potential 2026 World Cup bid. Instead, the 31st-ranked Americans began the biggest tournament at home since the 1994 World

Cup with a dud as FIFA President Gianni Infantino watched among the announced sellout crowd of 67,439.

Geoff Cameron lost his mark on the first goal, and following a turnover by U.S. captain Michael Bradley, DeAndre Yedlin left a raised arm that

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The move by the Renegades comes on the heels of the latest sexist controversy involving Gayle recently.

In an interview with journalist Charlotte Edwards published in the Times newspaper in England recently, Gayle is quoted as saying he has “a very, very big bat, the biggest in the world.”

“You think you could lift it. You need two hands,” he added.

Edwards also said Gayle asked her how many black men she has “had” and also inquired if she had even been involved in a “threesome.”

The interview sparked another controversy against the “don’t blush” scandal during the Big Bash last January, for which he was reprimanded and fined for his contentious comments with another female television reporter.

Mitchell

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However, with CARICOM locked in a stand-off with the WICB over the matter, the Grenadian prime minister said he was fully prepared to step away from his current role though he would remain outspoken on the governance issues facing the game.

“It would appear we did a poor job in communicating what has occurred so my view is that I need to step back. I have no ego to get from this. I have one interest and the regional leaders, mostly so, have one interest: the success of West Indies cricket,” Mitchell said as he delivered the 19th Sir Frank Worrell Memorial lecture at the UWI Cave Hill Campus recently.

Mitchell also sought to brush aside the idea that he and CARICOM were intent on taking over West Indies cricket. In fact, the veteran leader said not only was this not their objective, but prime ministers were not even equipped to properly run the game. He said, though, the regional grouping had a role to play in creating the environment for the game to prosper.

“I want to make it abundantly clear again to everyone, CARICOM has no desire or intention of getting involved in the running of the day-to-day management of West Indies cricket,” Mitchell said.

“CARICOM’s sole objective in the process of reform is helping to create a structure and an enabling environment where West Indies cricket can again flourish and rise to the pinnacle of the sport,” he noted.

The Barrieteau Report was commissioned by CARICOM with agreement from the WICB, and authored by UWI Cave Hill Principal, Professor Eudine Barrieteau.



Colombia scores their first goal in a Copa America Centenario Group A soccer match against the U.S. at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., Friday, June 3, 2016.

Associated Press / Marcio Jose Sanchez

US LOSES TO COLOMBIA

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led to a hand ball call and Rodriguez's penalty kick. Colombia dominated, with Carlos Bacca putting a shot of the crossbar in the 77th minute.

“That penalty decision had a big impact,” Klinsmann said.

The Americans will look to rebound on Tuesday against Costa Rica at Chicago, then close their group stage four days later against Paraguay at Philadelphia.

Clint Dempsey, a 33-year-old veteran of three World Cups, had the three best U.S. chances.

“Clint was a warrior out there giving everything he had,” Klinsmann said. “He was really fighting that fight very positively 'til the very last second.”

Klinsmann started eight players who appeared in the 2014 World Cup, joined

by goalkeeper Brad Guzan and forwards Gyasi Zardes and Bobby Wood. Trying to spark the attack, he put in 17-year-old Christian Pulisic and Darlington Nagbe in the 66th minute.

Rodriguez came down hard on his left shoulder in the second half after tripping over Bradley, and Rodriguez exited in the 73rd minute.

No. 3 Colombia, a World Cup quarterfinalist two years ago, went ahead in the eighth minute on an unseasonably warm night when Zapata volleyed from about 10 yards out off a corner kick from Edwin Cordona. With Bradley marking Daniel Torres, Zapata circled around the pair to get away from Cameron, and the defender scored his first goal in 42 international appearances.

Mexican referee Roberto Garcia awarded the penalty when Yedlin, just inside the penalty area, jumped and

turned to try to avoid a cross by Farid Diaz but left his right arm elevated as the ball hit.

American midfielder Alejandro Bedoya, whose father was born in Colombia, argued with Garcia to no avail, and Rodriguez fired a left-footed penalty kick past Guzan, who had dived the other way, for his 15th goal in 43 appearances. Guzan was picked by Klinsmann to start in the tournament over Howard, the Americans' goalkeeper at the last two World Cups.

Dempsey had a shot from the top of the area that went just wide in the 37th minute, and his header in the 60th minute off Bradley's corner kick was cleared off the line by Sebastian Perez. Dempsey curled a free kick around a defensive wall in the 60th minute that was parried by goalkeeper David Ospina.

Narine and Pollard trigger Windies victory

The Tri-Nation Series started at The Providence Stadium in Guyana with South Africa facing the West Indies. South African captain Abde Villers won the toss and elected to bat.

However, some fine steady bowling from the West Indies bowlers restricted the South Africans from any fast scoring.

After a stubborn knock of 61 runs from 83 balls from RiLee Rossouw and 31 from 49 balls from Abde Villiers, South Africa was bowled out for 188 runs in 46.5 overs.

SUNIL NARINE CAPTURES 6 WICKETS FOR 27 RUNS

Some thrilling bowling from Sunil Narine with some exceptional turn with the ball got the South African batsmen in conjecture. They were doubtful of what to do and Narine dismissed six of them for 27 runs.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Allrounder Carlos Brathwaite got two wickets for 35 runs off 8 overs and pacers Jerome Taylor 1 for 36 and Jason Holder 1 for 37.

WEST INDIES 191 FOR 6 IN 48.1 OVERS

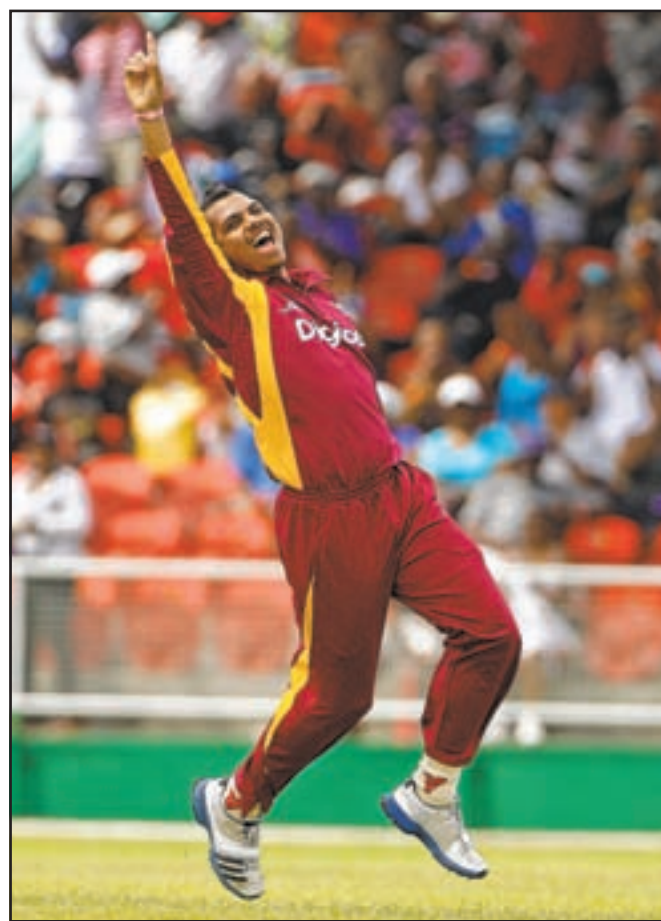
Opening batsman Johnson Charles scored a defiant 31 from 52 balls and a spectacular 67 runs not out from 67 balls from Kieron Pollard.

Pollard is the fourth Caribbean player to hit 100 sixes in One-Day Internationals. The others are Chris Gayle, Brian Lara and Sir Vivian Richards. Man of the match was Sunil

Narine.

For South Africa, Aaron Phangiso 3 for 40 from 10 overs and Imran Jahir 2 for 41 from 10 overs were the main wicket takers.

Note: West Indies senior squad continues to have this problem in negotiating how to modify their approach in batting spin. Four top West Indies players went down to spin against South Africa because of a lack of feet movement and leaving big gaps between bat and pad. They are Johnson Charles, Andre Fletcher, Marlon Samuels and Darren Bravo.



West Indies' Sunil Narine celebrates after bowling out Australia batsman for 2 runs during their third one day international cricket match in Kingstown, St. Vincent, Tuesday March 20, 2012. Associated Press /Andres Leighton, File

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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, communication between you and another is a bit stilted this week. You need to find a new strategy to introduce the topics you want to discuss.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you have been juggling a lot lately, and now may be a great time to take a step back and exhale. Reevaluate your priorities during this respite.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21
You feel physically strong and healthy this week, Gemini. In fact, you may have more energy than you've had in a while. Allow this energy to take you far.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a fun and productive week is ahead. Make every moment count by sharing experiences with friends or loved ones. Also, focus on some future adventures.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Happiness for you comes from home and family members this week, Leo. Host a party or another social event to bring those closest to you together in your own home.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, group activities and other social interactions fill your schedule this week, and that's right up your alley. Friends may offer their suggestions for more fun.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
You may experience a complete change in attitude regarding someone in your life, Libra. The tables will be turned completely, and it may catch you off guard.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Spiritual and psychic matters come to the forefront this week, Scorpio. You may be inspired to express yourself in meaningful ways. Or you may provide sage advice to others.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a move or another significant life event is looming on the horizon. Make a list of changes you may need to make and ask an unbiased friend for some advice.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, communication is both congenial and supportive this week. Be there for a loved one without questioning their decisions. They will appreciate the unconditional support.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Your career is going great right now, Aquarius. Take this opportunity to ask for additional responsibilities or to ask for that well-deserved raise.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, plan a trip to someplace distant or exotic. Find a location on the map that appeals to you and make your adventure come to life.

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 07, 2014 and Order Ratifying Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed December 9, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9 Fanchon Place, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 3483 and Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,202.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the filed Judgment Index # 2030/07.

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