



Opposition members shout slogans against Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro as they wait for the results of a symbolic referendum in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, July 16, 2017. Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans lined up across the country and in expatriate communities around the world Sunday to vote in a symbolic rejection of President Maduro's plan to rewrite the constitution, a proposal that's raising tensions in a nation battered by shortages and anti-government protests.

Associated Press / Jesus Hernandez

## Call for return to democracy in Venezuela

By Nelson A. King

As Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government have "offered their good offices to facilitate" dialogue between the government and opposition in Venezuela, the secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, and Venezuela's opposition leader, Leopoldo López, have urged immediate return to democracy in the country.

The Washington, D.C.-based OAS said that Almagro "held a telephone conversation" with López on Wednesday.

"During the conversation, the two agreed on the need to continue working for the return of democracy to Venezuela and the recovery of the

rights of the Venezuelan people," the OAS said.

"They also emphasized the urgent need for the regime to cease repression, to publish a comprehensive electoral calendar, open a humanitarian channel to meet the needs of the people of the country, completely restore the powers of the National Assembly and release all political prisoners, including a complete release for López himself," it added.

"They expressed their recognition of the Venezuelan people, who achieved the release of López, following more than 100 days of pro-democracy protests," the statement continued. "In the same way, they highlighted the importance of the plebiscite called for Sun-

day, July 16."

On the contrary, the OAS said the two leaders agreed that the holding of the National Constituent Assembly "would entail the final dismantling of democracy, and called on the people to join forces for Venezuela to return to the path of democracy and institutionality."

In a statement contained in a communiqué at the conclusion of the 38th Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM, held from July 4-6 in Grenada, CARICOM leaders said they had "discussed the serious challenges facing Venezuela and its people."

"They reaffirmed their  
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# BACK PAY FIGHT

## Europe replies to CARICOM on reparations

By Bert Wilkinson

Sometime after the so-called summer holiday period ends, an umbrella body established by Caribbean Community governments to fight European nations to make them pay for the transatlantic slave trade will meet to review the state of play regarding regional efforts to win this battle.

The issue was discussed at length at the just-concluded main leaders meeting in Grenada where the general regional leadership was informed that most of the European nations which were sent formal letters of demand from CARICOM have replied in similar fashion. Portugal, says Assistant CARICOM Secretary General Douglas Slater, was the only "one we are yet to hear from." It therefore means then that countries such as Britain, France, Spain, The Netherlands and Denmark have already sent in their replies and the tone is reported

not to be too endearing to the minds and ears of CARICOM leaders.

Of note is the fact that Brazil, colonized for centuries by Portugal, was among the last nations in the hemisphere to abolish slavery. Brazil also has the largest number of people with African ancestry outside of Nigeria.

Despite the fact that the meeting decided that public pressure must be upped on Europe through greater involvement of and support from Caribbean people, Slater said this week that governments are treading rather carefully and deliberately as it is the agreed policy at this stage to push for a negotiated settlement rather than an open, ugly row.

Should the negotiated solution fail, governments have already said they will resort to the World Court in The Nether-

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# Strike, sick-out in Barbados



Former Guyana President Bharrat Jagdeo delivers keynote address.  
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## Jagdeo: Guyanese gov't 'a threat to democracy'

By Nelson A. King

Former Guyana President Bharat Jagdeo has assailed the incumbent David Granger administration in Guyana, claiming that the government's policies are "a threat to democracy."

In delivering the keynote address on the recent launch of the Richmond Hill, Queens-based International Center for Democracy (ICD), at Russo on the Bay, Jagdeo said this threat particularly surrounds the issues of elections and the separation of powers.

"And, if we fail to address these, our country will slide back," he warned patrons at the gala event in the Howard Beach section of Queens.

"On the courts in Guyana, the party flag [incumbent party] flew above the national flag," he added. "The president has failed to appoint judges. At one stage, for three to four months, we did not have a court of appeal in Guyana. I shudder to think [about] what is happening in Guyana today."

Jagdeo claimed that there are "major attempts of the executive to change the spirit of the Constitution," stating that "the Constitution is being eroded."

"The management of Parliament – we reduce the powers of the Public Service Commission," he said, alluding to the incumbent administration. "I can go on to the changes because I realize that our country

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By George Alleyne

An apparent mishandled response to a sick-out at the Bridgetown Port Wednesday sparked a full blown strike at the entity as Barbados trades unions ramped up protests against a tax increase that could spike inflation.

Following a go-slow of employees across Barbados Monday and Tuesday, instituted by some unions with the aim of pressuring government to repeal or soften a recently increased import tax, workers on Wednesday began a sick-out at private and public places across the island, but Bridgetown Port management responded by bringing in reportedly armed coast guard members to replace protesters instead of employing casual labourers.

The port management's action contravened the established labor agreement, and this saw the situation degenerate into a strike by permanent staff.

"There was a gang that reported sick this morning. The usual response from the port management would be to get another gang to come in to work. If another gang was unavailable there are casuals and reserves that can be called on," explained Toni Moore, president of the Barbados Workers Union that represents port workers.

She said that though the casual workers were there and willing to replace the 'sick' labourers, management ignored the long-standing bargaining agreement with the union and brought in the soldiers.

"Management never called me but instead went straight to the Coast Guard. What created a lot more anxiety among the port workers who were inside was the fact that the coast guard came armed," she said.

The island's four largest trades unions, Barbados Workers Union; National Union of Public Workers; Barbados Union of Teachers; and the Barba-



President of the Barbados Workers Union Toni Moore. Photo by George Alleyne

dos Secondary Teachers Union had on Monday issued a 'work to rule' directive to workers who account for most of the country's workforce.

The directive by the unions was prompted by government's refusal, so far, to respond to an ultimatum they issued last Tuesday demanding that the Prime Minister Freundel Stuart administration either withdraw or reduce a sweeping import tax that was jacked up from two to 10 percent as of July 01.

The movement from two to 10 percent of the tax, National Social Responsibility Levy, threatens to hit the island with an inflationary shock because Barbados imports more than 70 percent of its goods and inputs for services.

The "go slow and stand outside

at lunchtime" instruction to workers was for Monday and Tuesday, with then upping the ante by calling in sick Wednesday and Thursday, then returning to go-slow Friday.

If by then government does not flinch, the plan was to mobilize Barbadians for a march and rally Saturday.

While Bridgetown Port management's clumsy handling of the sick-out led to a strike, there have been media reports of workers being off the job at many private and public entities across the island claiming illness.

Some sections of the civil service along with the Transport Board that operates a crucial public bus transportation service and the state-owned television station, CBC are reported to be among those severely affected.

## Jamaicans will gather at Riverside to give thanks for 55

By Vinette K. Pryce

Color-conscious Jamaicans are readying everything black, green and gold for the Aug. 6 celebration of 55 years of independence from Britain.

In Weston, Florida, nationals are being urged by the motto of the country "Out of many One people — Wear Yuh Colors" on Aug. 5 to a street dance patterned after the Kingston celebrations that culled all the cultural aspects of the island.

The annual ecumenical service in south Florida will be held at the Faith Center 5555 NW 95th Ave., Sunrise, Florida on Aug. 6 at 4 pm.

The planned events include a number of cultural presentations, such as church services, galas and concerts to commemorate the event. In Houston, Texas, a colorful and

fashionable independence gala kicks off on July 29 with Tinga Stewart.

In California, Maryland, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Maryland and Boston the anniversary is already being regaled.

Here, the flag will fly at Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive from 3 pm when the service begins on Aug. 6. Rev. Bertram Johnson will host the prayerful service with guest preacher Rev. Canon Audley Donaldson and officiant Rev. Cecil G. Riley.

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To commemorate the achievement, Celebrate Jamaica, Inc., in collaboration with the Jamaican Diaspora in Boston began a series of events showcasing Jamaica's history and rich culture from July 15 which will continue

through Aug. 12.

"Yard Food, Yard Style and Labrish" a Jamaican back yard party with authentic home-style food, storytelling, island music and games was held July 16 at the Massasoit Elks Lodge, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Local Jamaican actress, writer and folklorist Marcia Fearon performed dialect verses in tribute to Louise Bennett.

Although the food was a standout, reggae music competed with Domino playing, Ludo, and potato sack race competitions. The children played hopscotch and double-dutch.

Proceeds from the Jamaica 55 Boston celebration events will support domestic violence prevention initiatives and women's shelters in Jamaica.

### Caribbean

Trans Island Air (TIA) has started a chartered service between Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica on its 12-passenger Beech 900 Turbo-prop.

Trans Island Air's CEO Bruce Kauffman said a 19-seater Twin Otter will be added to the fleet by September.

The Barbados-based airline also offers private chartered services to 15 Caribbean destinations within a radius of 800 miles.

Kauffman said by the end of November, TIA will upgrade its scheduled chartered service to fully scheduled service.

He said from October this year, TIA is committed to inaugurating another service between Hewanorra Airport in St. Lucia and Cane Field Airport in Dominica, to provide connections into Dominica from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and the rest of Europe.

The CEO said the airline hopes to take advantage of the fact that there are more seats into St. Lucia's Hewanorra International direct from the United States than any other airport in the sub region.



### Barbados

A Barbados government minister has called for an end to the importation of produce that can be grown locally.

Labour, Social Security and Human Resource development Minister, Dr. Esther Byer-Suckoo has warned that high food import bill is not sustainable for a small country like Barbados adding that the country could no longer heavily depend on food imports.

Addressing a graduation ceremony of the Inter-American Institute on Cooperation in Agriculture, the minister told graduates that young people, along with other graduates from the program that they are the ones that will ensure that "our food supply remains sustainable and that we can survive by utilizing our own resources."

"It is not sustainable for a small country like ours to be spending that much money on importing anything and we must return to the land and we must eat what we grow because it is actually healthier to do so," she said.

Byer-Suckoo quoted from a Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report on the State of Food Insecurity in the Caribbean region for 2015, showing that CARICOM countries imported four billion US dollars in food annually- a percent increase over the figures recorded in 2000.

She said the imports were expected to increase to US\$10 billion by 2020 if cur-



## Referendum in Caracas

Venezuelan lawmaker and President of National Assembly, Julio Borges, center, speaks after the announcement of results of a symbolic referendum in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, July 16, 2017.

Associated Press / Ariana Cubillos

rent efforts to enhance food production are not successful in addressing this rising problem.

### Grenada

Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has said that cutting taxes on air travel was among measures needed in the region to help foster greater intra-regional trade.

The new CARICOM chairman told leaders at the 38th regular meeting of heads of government at the Grenada Trade Center in St. George's recently that it is widely chronicled about CARICOM that intraregional trade is obstructed by non-tariff barriers which all affect global competitiveness.

He noted that transportation is the lifeblood or the integration process adding that domestic and intra-regional air travel, added to low service competition and high travel costs all culminate in the reality that Caribbean countries connect more easily to destinations outside of the region than to destinations within members states.

Mitchell said reducing air travel costs would help to change the situation.

The Grenada prime minister said it would represent a significant installment to the regional integration account if heads would collectively agree to reduce airline ticket taxes as well as other fees



which are attached to the cost of intra-regional air travel.

### Guyana

Guyana will soon sign an agreement with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for International Development as the South American country moves to promote trade and investment.

Minister of State Joseph Harmon said that Minister of Finance Winston Jordon will sign the agreement later this month in Vienna, Australia.

Joseph said the agreement, which caters for encouragement and protection of investment, would provide opportunities for Guyana to benefit from OPEC's resources to advance private sector, trade finance and public-sector operations.

OPEC is a permanent, inter-governmental organization, created at the Baghdad Conference in 1960, by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Its objective is to co-ordinate and unify petroleum policies among member countries in order to secure fair and stable prices for petroleum products.

### Jamaica

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has partnered with the education, youth

and information ministry in Jamaica to provide a grant of US\$3 million for safety and security in schools.

Under the partnership, USAID will provide the funds over two years.

The National Education Trust (NET) will act as coordinator for the project.

NET said the prime objective for the ministry, is to make the immediate surroundings into safe zones through a multilayered and multisectoral approach.

It will utilize schools, community, parents and public and private partnerships in an effort to ensure a safe environment that will facilitate a quality education system and raise the bar to benefit all learners, both male and female.

The project will also ensure the implementation of security and safety guidelines and continue the promotion of uniformed groups and clubs, which will promote positive values and attitudes at both school and community levels.

### St. Kitts

St. Kitts Police Commissioner Ian Queeley has expressed concern how easy guns are readily available on the streets of the twin-island, noting that the product is not manufactured in the Caribbean.

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# Kingsbrook school presents 'Domestic Violence Education'

Kingsbrook's Best Health School has partnered with the 71st Precinct to feature a series of educational sessions for the community this summer. On Saturday, July 22, Neighborhood Coordinating Officers Paul Parkinson and Stephen Schmitt will present "Domestic Violence Education," discussing the importance of understanding abusive relationships and what interventions are necessary. The event will be held on Kingsbrook's main campus at 585 Schenectady Ave. between Winthrop Street & Rutland Road in the Lillian Minkin Ballroom.

The Neighborhood Coordinating Police Officer program was created out of the need for new methods to close the gap between cops and communities. Through this program, New York city residents get to know their neighborhood police officers in a different way.

"Domestic violence is an important issue that needs focus and discussion," said Enid Dillard, director of Marketing & Public Affairs. "We are happy to partner with our neighborhood coordinating officers at the 71st Precinct as part of our Best Health School initiative, especially to present this important subject matter."

For more information about the Best Health School's educational schedule for 2017, visit [www.kingsbrook.org](http://www.kingsbrook.org) under Community Programs & Events or call Kingsbrook's Community Information Line at

718-604-5062. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call the New York City Domestic Violence Hotline through 311 or 1-800-621-HOPE, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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# CARICOM to discuss Europe's response



Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart. Photo by George Alleyne

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lands after two years. "We would prefer a negotiated approach. The leaders don't want to engage in a confrontational approach with Europe but prefer a negotiated solution," Slater said, suggesting that the special sub-committee that Barbadian Prime Minister Freundel Stuart heads will likely sit down sometime in September and decide on how to treat the replies from Europe. He said, officials will absolutely not release the contents of any replies.

Nearly all of the 15-member states in CARICOM have already established national commissions to research facts, compile data and make historical linkages to some of the problems affecting people of African ancestry in the Caribbean including communicable diseases that experts link to poor diet on slave plantations.

Jamaican officials for example, have already calculated that at today's rates, locals are owed an astonishing Sterling 2.3 trillion dollars. This might be one reason why former British Prime Minister Dave Cameron had said on a 2015 visit to Jamaica that Britain absolutely has no

intention of paying any reparations.

Despite the fact that leaders claim to prefer a measured approach of diplomatic engagement, the final communique of the Grenada meeting did give hints about their mindset going forwards and in the light of the formal replies from the EU nations.

It talked about efforts to "coordinate the preparation of a strategy that includes diplomatic, media and messaging to advance the reparations claim and to redouble efforts at public education."

CARICOM leaders had back in 2013 decided to take the fight to Europe. They have already hired a British law firm which had won millions for Kenyan tribesmen after they were slaughtered by British soldiers during the colonial era.

# CARICOM offers to mediate

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guiding principles of adherence to the rule of law, respect for human rights and democracy, as well as for the fundamental principles of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of states," the statement said.

"Concerned with the difficult political, economic and social situation in Venezuela, in particular the increase in violence and polarization between the government and the opposition, and its effect on the people of Venezuela, and recognizing the urgent need to find a solution to the present situation, and that this had to be sought internally, CARI-

COM Heads of Government called for all parties to commit to engage in renewed dialogue and negotiation leading to a comprehensive political agreement with established time tables, concrete actions and guarantees to ensure its implementation for the well-being of the nation," it added.

"In this regard, CARICOM Heads of Government offered their good offices to facilitate this dialogue," the statement continued, mandating the Chairman of Conference, Grenada's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell, to "communicate with the parties concerned in Venezuela about this offer."

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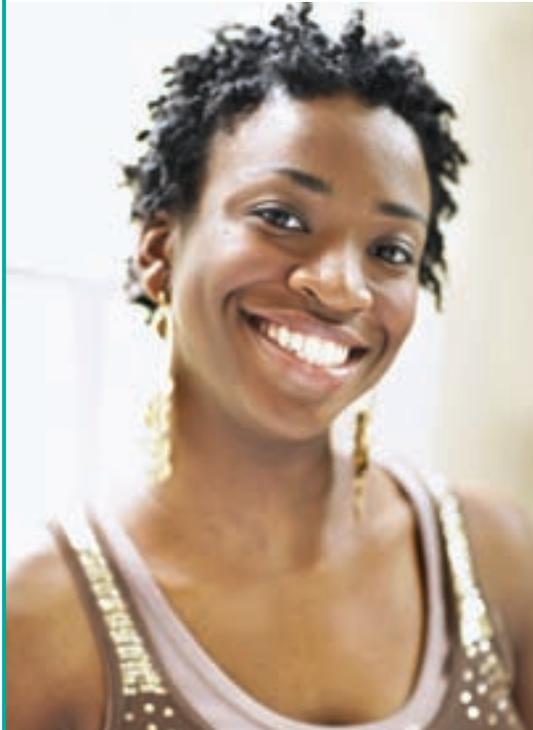
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# The Georgetown prison fire: A failure and opportunity for good governance through public accountability

By Rickford Burke

*Burke is the president of the Caribbean Guyana Institute for Democracy (CGID)*

Last week swift public accountability reinforced good governance in Trinidad & Tobago. Ms. Marlene McDonald was sworn in as Minister of Public Utilities on June 30. Three days later Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley fired her for countenancing a reputed member of the criminal underworld to attend her swearing in ceremony. Ms. McDonald introduced the gentleman, who is on the radar of security forces, to President Anthony Carmona with whom they were photographed. This public outrage forced the prime minister to hold his minister accountable. Her firing restored public confidence in the government. Accountability is the essence of good governance. Good governance is the foundation of a democratic society.

In March 2016, inmates at the Georgetown Prison, Guyana's main jail, rioted and burnt down part of the facility. 17 inmates were killed and several prison officers and prisoners were injured. The Commission of Inquiry (COI) which investigated this fiasco made several recommendations. Minister of National Security, Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, said implementation of the reforms

was unaffordable. Director of Prisons, Mr. Gladwin Samuels posited that money was a major challenge to implementing the major COI recommendations.

Last Sunday, July 9, 2017 the prisoners struck again. They rioted, shot several guards and burnt down the entire Georgetown Prison. A prison officer was shot and killed. Several of his colleagues remain critical in hospital. Make no mistake, unaffordability to implement the COI reforms led to the July 9 national tragedy that has left the Granger administration wanting.

We must laud our security forces. They commendably evacuated over 1000 prisoners safely and protected the lives of dozens of prison officials. In one year, the government's only significant achievement in prison reform is a brilliant evacuation that was expertly executed. Meanwhile, its vacillation and negligence allowed prisoners to hatch a more viable conspiracy to escape successfully, access weapons and incendiary devices that ultimately led to the prison's destruction. It is inexplicable how such comprehensive planning went undetected. The systemic failures, negligence, absence of prison intelligence gathering and mismanagement evince poor leadership of our prison service and national security.

**All of us, as stake holders, must work to find solutions to the current economic and social challenges, and help mold and develop a modern country for new generations of Guyanese to inherit.**

The most dangerous inmates who masterminded the riot escaped. Authorities have given different numbers of escapees. Every two days the number changes and the names of some escapees are unknown. Obviously, there is an improper inmate registration system, which must be addressed by the reform project. Most of the prisoners were evacuated to the Lusignan Prison, where they have been video-taped roving the vast compound unrestrained, killing animals to cook, bathing openly etc. This lawlessness amplifies Mr. Samuels' contention of lack of funding and the government's laxity and unpreparedness for exigent circumstances.

The optics of prisoners casually roaming a compound with cutlasses and knives and killing animals is a traumatizing image. The inmates are currently housed in a swampy compound. They are exposed to elements of the environment, and to unsanitary conditions that are hazardous to public health. This development is repugnant to international human rights norms.

Moreover, rushing magistrates into that compound to convene a haphazard satellite bail court, and releasing over 300 prisoners willy nilly, seems reckless. It further com-

plicates the balance of human rights against public safety. Moreover, if there is a judicial basis to release a prisoner who is charged with a petty crime after the fire, what was the judicial basis for remanding them to prison before the fire? Furthermore, there must be transparency. The police has an obligation to inform the public of the nature of the charges against those who have been released, to assuage public safety concerns.

Opposition leader, Mr. Bharat Jagdeo, has issued sanctioning condemnations of the government's handling of the matter. However, his party, the PPP, was in government for 23 years. He was President of Guyana for 12 years; from 1999 – 2011. What did he do to solve this problem? In fact he ostensibly used a previous jail break to manufacture a national security crisis to blame his political opposition and slaughter hundreds of innocent, young black men. His party left this 100-year-old, antiquated, wooden facility to deteriorate to a national security risk, which they passed on to the Granger administration. Mr. Jagdeo therefore has no integrity to lecture us on this issue. If he were smart, he would just sit down.

The minister of national security and director of prisons must account to the nation for a prison in which inmates accessed guns, knives and cutlasses and gravely endangered the lives of prison officer. Why didn't the government, recognizing that the 2016 riot caused a national emergency situation, mobilize the necessary resources from the international community to fast-track the implementation of the COI

recommendations? How did the prisoners acquire weapons and incendiary devices? How were the female guards overpowered? Was there a combination of male and female guards serving meals? How were the prisoners able to move from their cell to different parts of the compound to set simultaneous fires? How could prisoners escape when there were mobile police patrol units around the outer perimeter of the prison? What kind of prisoner registration system is in place? How can missing inmates' names and identification numbers be not known?

Public safety is the most inviolable responsibility of a government. The minister of national security has the unpleasant record of two prison riots, 18 deaths and the complete destruction of the Georgetown Prison on his watch. He must answer these and other questions to assure public confidence in the government. As the government contemplates solutions for this crisis, its actions must exude transparency, accountability and good governance. Part of the solution must include construction of a modern prison facility outside of the commercial district of Georgetown. The government has the ability to mobilize the resources for such a project. It requires political will, courage and forward thinking on the part of this administration.

Guyana is a beautiful country. It is rich in vastly untapped natural resources. All of us, as stake holders, must work to find solutions to the current economic and social challenges, and help mold and develop a modern country for new generations of Guyanese to inherit.

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# Waters to keynote women's conference

The first and only female to lead the oldest, independent English-speaking nation in the Caribbean received a grateful and rousing farewell Sunday when her People's National Party's Women's Movement ramped up accolades to her during their annual conference by inviting California Congresswoman Maxine Waters to keynote an address to women.

Portia Simpson Miller was honored and regaled by the activist females associated with the political party, presented a personal Women in Politics award and distinguished by an address urging women themed: "Be Bold for Change; Empowering Women in Politics."

"These women are activists, innovators and leaders in the political arena," Jennifer Edwards, president of the PNP Women's Movement said.

"Their experience challenges us to do more with our collective voice and to dare to say what we believe even if it unpopular!"

"We are thrilled to honor Comrade Simpson Miller and engage Congresswoman Waters and other bold inspir-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ing women at this year's conference."

Renowned for taking bold and decisive stance on behalf of her constituents, Cong. Waters has been voicing a willingness to impeach President Donald Trump.

Along with advocating for numerous feminist proposals to advance the position of women in America, Cong. Waters relentlessly defends the rights of immigrants, the LGBTQ community and the homeless in her state.

Although the legislator was on a private visit to the island with her husband, Ambassador Sidney Williams, allegedly, when she was told about the conference and the movement of female activists revered as "one of the foremost voices on issues affecting women and girls in Jamaica" she accepted the invitation to address the gathering.

She spoke in an unofficial capacity.

The gender-focused group has been credited with denouncing the killing of women; lobbied for changes to the Sexual Offences Act and petitioned for raising the age of consent and changing the definition of rape as it relates women in marital status.

Reportedly, the political, gender-focused forum is the PNP's largest event for women.

Reputed for attracting hundreds of participants who meet to discuss national gender equality, how to empower women in politics and for individual professional development, it is an annual calendar event that this year arrived on the heels of the departure from politics by the Opposition leader and first female prime minister.

"We the women of the party



Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., ranking member on the House Financial Services Committee, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, July 14, 2017, in renewing calls for a vote on an independent commission to investigate Russia's election meddling and ties to the Trump administration and adding that presidential adviser Jared Kushner's security clearance should be revoked.

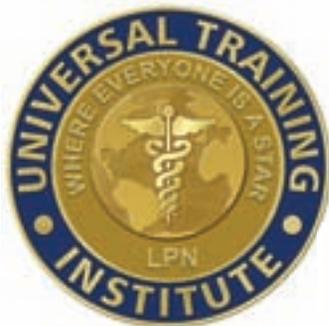
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and the women of Jamaica need empowerment to speak up for change. That is the focus of this year's conference," a spokesperson for the group said.

"What Jamaica needs is fearless leadership and political will! We the women of the party and the women of Jamaica need empowerment to speak up for change. That is the focus of this year's conference."

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# Dynamic Airways, Fly Jamaica Airways boost staff

By Tangerine Clarke

As the summer travel peaks, carriers to Guyana are vying for market share to airlift passengers to the South American nation with fares upwards of \$700.00, round trip from JFK International Airport to Cheddi Jagan International Airport.

To this end, two of the main airlines, Fly Jamaica Airways, and Dynamic Airways, are staying competitive in the market by boosting its cabin crew to provide satisfactory service to meet the demands of the traveling public.

Earlier this year, Fly Jamaica Airways, owned by Guyanese Captain Ronald Reece, and Director Roxanne Reece, increased its crew with 20 newly trained flight attendants, who joined the airline's scheduled twice weekly flights from JFK to Kingston and Georgetown, and Canada.

Just recently, Dynamic Airways, a US-based international airline, followed suit, and began a six-week training of 25 Guyanese, to work as flight attendants on its Boeing 767 wide-body aircraft.

Guyana Roraima Airways, headed by managing director, Captain Gouveia, who partnered with Dynamic Airways four years ago, said the airline has reached a significant milestone with the hiring and training of an added 25 young Guyanese cabin crew. The recruitment comes ahead of the airline's plan to begin daily flights between New York and Guyana, said Capt. Gouveia.

He added that his company is pleased to be at the forefront of job creation, and noted that Roraima Airways, which started with four employees 25 years ago, has grown to about 300 employees, spanning 16 divisions



Captain Debra Gouveia, far left sitting, and Captain Gerry Gouveia, center, owners of Roraima Airways Guyana, with cabin crew in training and staff at their Georgetown, Guyana office.

Roraima Airways

across the travel and tourism industry.

According to a report, Roraima / Dynamic partnership has thus far trained 56 flight attendants. The flight attendants that began train-

ing on June 12, will complete their instruction on July 31, 2017, in time to meet the demands of the summer rush, along all Dynamic Airways routes.

Captain Carlson, chief pilot

of Dynamic Airways, noted that the airline will continue to serve the New York — Guyana route, and added that Dynamic Airways is dedicated to affordable, reliable, and safe operations."

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# Extreme weather wiping out hard-won GDP gains in hours

By **Kenton X. Chance**

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 14, 2017 (IPS) — With Antigua and Barbuda joining St. Kitts and Nevis as the two eastern Caribbean nations to attain middle-income country status, a senior diplomat has identified climate change as a major factor preventing other nations in the grouping from taking the same step forward.

According to the World Bank, a middle-income economy is one with a gross national income per capita of between 1,026 and 12,475 dollars in 2016, calculated according to the Atlas method — a formula used by the World Bank to estimate the size of economies in terms of gross national income in U.S. dollars.

“What I do want to say is that the other countries, the independent ones in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) like Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, all of them are exposed to climate events annually and the climate

events are devastating for us and you could have situations where 90 percent of our GDP is wiped out in 22 hours, 23 hours, 15 hours, depending on how long a tropical storm sits on you,” says Sharlene Shillingford-McKlmon, charg e d’affaires at the Eastern Caribbean States Embassy to Belgium and Mission to the European Union.

She was speaking to Caribbean journalists on a tour of the European Union Headquarters as part of activities to mark the 40th anniversary of the European Union Mission to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Shillingford-McKlmon’s comments came as she spoke to some of the developmental challenges affecting OECS nations and the response options available to them.

Between Dec. 23 and 24, 2013, Dominica, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Lucia began reporting heavy rain with accumulations over that 12- to 24-hour

period recorded at 406 mm in St. Lucia, 156 mm in Dominica, and 109 mm in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The heavy rains were associated with a low-level trough system, and with the traditional hurricane having ended almost a month earlier, many residents had dismissed the rains as just another tropical downpour.

However, by the time the hours-long downpour subsided in St. Vincent and the Grenadines around 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, nine people were confirmed dead, three were missing and presumed dead, and 37 were injured.

Over 500 people were affected, of which 222 had to be provided with emergency shelter, while 278 took refuge with family, friends and neighbours.

The Caribbean Disaster Management Agency (CDEMA) said that sectoral damage assessment estimated that 495 houses were damaged/destroyed; over 98 acres of crops damaged; 28 bridges damaged/destroyed;



A poorly constructed house in Gel e, Les Cayes, Haiti is further damaged by trees that fell during the passage of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. A senior Caribbean diplomat assigned to the European Union says climate change events are preventing many Caribbean countries from moving up the development ladder.

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and the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital suffered major losses.

The total damage/losses and cost of clean-up operations were estimated at 58.44 million dollars — some 17 per cent of the nation’s gross domestic

product wiped out in a matter of hours.

In St. Lucia, there were six confirmed deaths related to the weather system and an estimated 1,050 persons were severely affected.

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Speaking about the increase gun violence in the federation, Queeley said unnamed people were ensuring that the deadly weapons entered the country and end up in the hands of criminals.



He pointed to the fact the guns are not manufactured in the region and it is the ease and access to those firearms that are really creating the problem.

The top cop said so far for the year the police have removed about 23 guns from the streets but there are still a lot more out there.

St. Kitts-Nevis has recorded 16 murders so far this year, with 13 of them being gun-related.

The last murder occurred in full glare of staff and people at the JN France Hospital when 31-year-old Darnell Govia was shot to death. A man has since being arrested and charged with the offence.

## Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago has been named as the most dangerous English-speaking country in the Caribbean region followed by Jamaica,

This is according to the Global Peace Index Report 2017 which ranked 163 countries.

The most dangerous listed in the Caribbean are the Dominican Republic ranked 65, following by Trinidad and Tobago at 67, Jamaica 72, Cuba 76, Haiti 81, and Guyana 83.



In the America, Colombia has been listed as the most dangerous ranking 17, followed by Venezuela at 21, Mexico, 22, USA, 50, Brazil 56 and Honduras, 58. The least dangerous in the Americas is Chile tanked 140.

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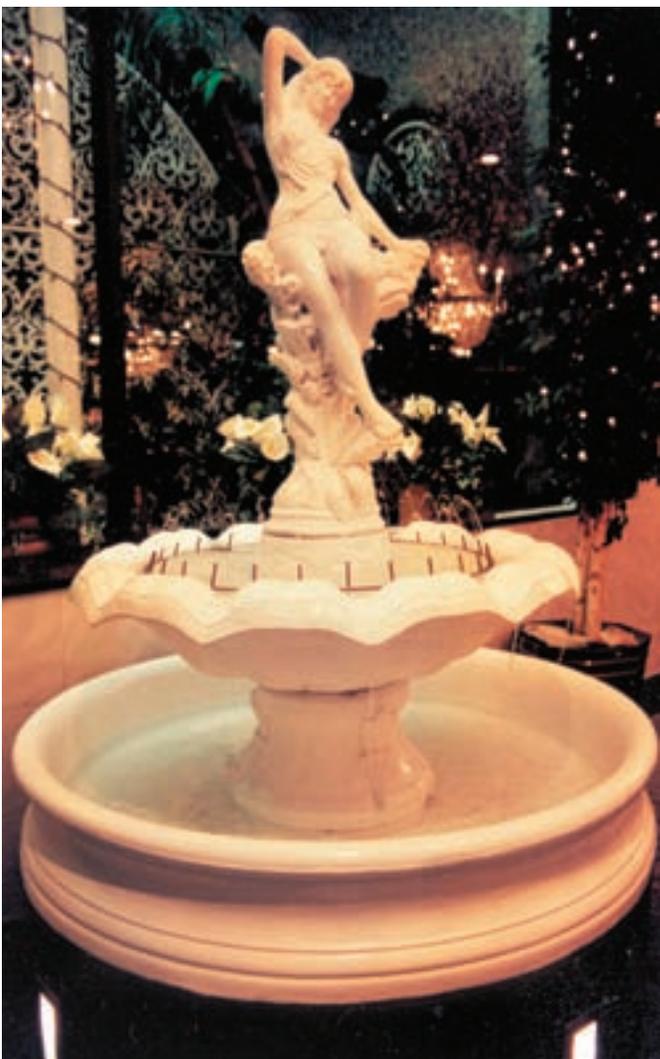
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## Daydreaming

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

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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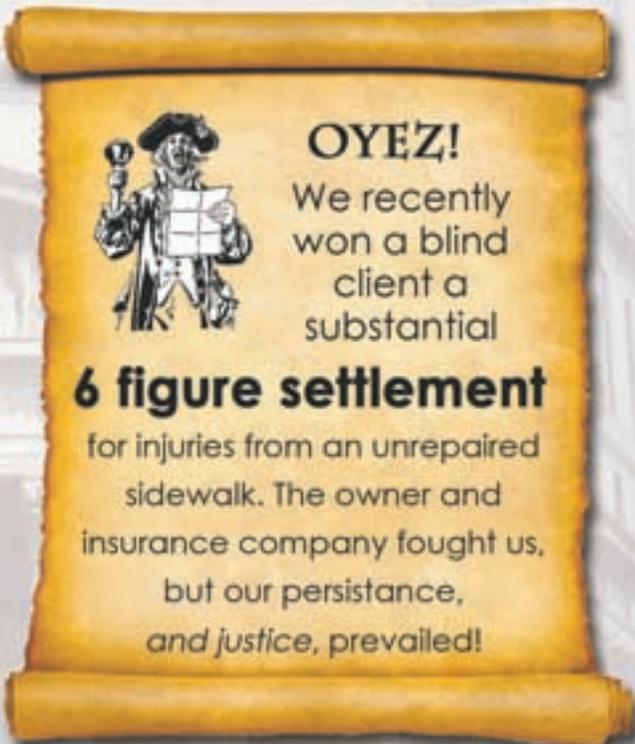
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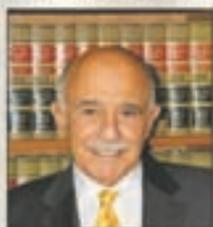
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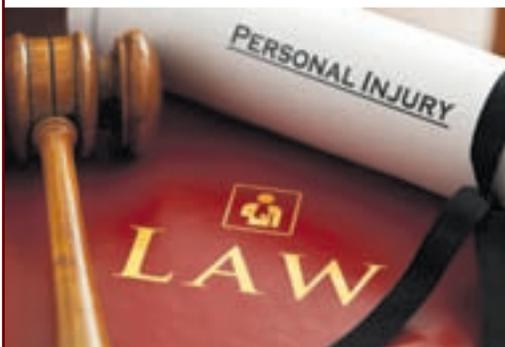
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# Vincentians display unity at Canadian picnic

By Nelson A. King

The camaraderie, love, pride and unity were fully on display on Saturday, as thousands of Vincentians — and their Caribbean and North American friends and supporters — converged on the extensive Brown's Bay Provincial Park in Western Ontario, Canada for the annual massive Vincy Unity Picnic.

The picnic, which can be described as an extravaganza, is considered among the largest gathering — if not the largest — of Vincentians in North America.

The spectacle — organized by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Associations of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto — has, over the years, attracted Vincentians from all walks of life along the shores of the majestic St. Lawrence River in the 1,000 Is. Area.

A cornucopia of colors, a potpourri of Vincentian delicacies and the gyrating hips of nationals were exhibited during the day-long convulsion, which drew nationals from home, the Caribbean, as well as from major cities in North America, among other places.

"This is beautiful!" exclaimed Anthonette Jacobs, an Ottawa resident, as she busied herself renting tables to picnic-goers at the eastern section of the grounds, in a Caribbean Life interview.

"I've seen it [picnic] grown from a little group to almost 20, 000 people," added Jacobs, who once sat on the picnic's organizing committee. "We have so many people, and we've had no fights, no accidents."

Jacobs' cousin, Amelia Jacobs, who has been residing in Ottawa for the past 30 years, said she has been coming to the picnic for 20 of those years.

"It's great," she said. "It's a great place to spend the day. It's a great place for business, and it's always peaceful."

A few yards away, Brooklyn resident Claudia Solomon assisted her son, Sean Solomon, in selling chicken and chips, among other mouth-watering delicacies.

"I just came to support my son," said Solomon, whose son owns the Nu Caribbean Restaurant in Ottawa. "I like it [picnic]. I like the association. You've

got to support [the event]."

Chester Clarke said he attends the picnic annually, when he visits friends and relatives in Toronto.

"It's beautiful, very good," he said. "That's why I come." Nelson Wall spends time with Clarke on the Unity Picnic Day.

"I like it," said Wall, who is also vacationing in Toronto. "I get to meet other Vincentian people."

Jack Dear, president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Montreal, said his group brought three busloads of nationals to the picnic.

"It's good," he said about the event. "The enthusiasm is still there."

As he roasted breadfruit on coal inside the rim of an auto tire, Desmond Hills said he loved the unity and camaraderie exhibited at the picnic.

"I've been here before, but it's the first time I'm getting involved [in meal preparation]," said Hills, son of popular, Brooklyn-based gospel singer, Bardo Hills, who came from Brooklyn on one of three buses organized by the Brooklyn-based Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), the umbrella Vincentian group in the US. "It's (picnic) good. I'll help any time. I'll do it again."

Otis DeFreitas of Colonaire who lives in Delran, NJ, attended the Unity Picnic, for the second time.

"I love it," he said. "I love the unity. I love that, when we move out of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, we're still unified, even though we're in different parts of the world."

As she chops chicken legs for the BBQ grill, Brooklyn resident Rosita Providence said it was "a pleasure doing this to keep our community together."

"I'm also proud of being out here supporting the Vincentian Diaspora," she said.

Patsy Phillips, who calls herself "Diva Pat," attended the picnic, for the fifth time, with nationals from Pennsylvania.

"I always enjoy myself," said Phillips, who travelled on a bus, organized by the Philadelphia-based St. Vincent and the



Vincentian and other Caribbean paraphernalia on sale at a tent.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Grenadines Organization of Pennsylvania, Inc. (SVGOP). "I'm proud of my home, St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"I'm having a great time," added the SVGOP member. "This is fun."

Dr. Clifford Young, a physician, took the COSAGO bus from Brooklyn, for the very first time, bringing along his Jamaican-born wife, Hilda, a registered nurse.

"This is very entertaining," said Dr. Young, who owns Citi Medical Center of Canarsie (Brooklyn), while drinking calaloo soup. "As it stands, this is unity."

"This is a new experience for me," he added. "You learn about the St. Lawrence River in the text books, and you're now partying along the St. Lawrence River. It's really an exhilarating experience. It reminds of me of when I was growing up — the firewood and all that. It's really a good experience."

"I will cherish this forever — for the

rest of my life," Hilda chimed in.

Anesta Delpesche, who works as a nurse in the Dutch Caribbean island of St. Eustatius, also attended the picnic for the very first time.

"I'm seeing lots of Vincentians I've not seen in a very long time," said Delpesche, who is vacating in Montreal and staying at her elder sister's, Irene Delpesche. "I'm having a good time — enjoying Vincy Day and hoping to be back next year."

Even as picnic-goers gyrated to soca vibes, emanating from boom boxes at several tents, most party lovers "went wild" before the main stage.

There, leading Vincentian soca artistes, fresh from Vincy Mas 2007 — such as Vincy 2017 Soca Monarch Delroy "Fireman," Hooper, Gamal "Skinny Fabulous" Doyle, Rondy "Luta" McIntosh and Shaunelle McKenzie — kept the huge crowd in paroxysms.

Rodney "Vincy Freshie" Small also mesmerized on tenor pan.

But, despite the gaiety and penchant for unity, there were some concerns, primarily in political circles, that Opposition Leader Dr. Godwin Friday was not allowed to address the massive crowd from the central stage.

Friday, president of the main opposition New Democratic Party and the Northern Grenadines representative in Parliament, and was not listed, on the Unity Picnic Committee's official program, to speak, but Minister of Health, Luke Browne, was allowed to do so.

Browne even posed, with others, for a Caribbean Life photo-op with honoree, lawyer Alwyn Child, whose contribution to the development of the Vincy Unity Picnic and Vincentian community in Canada, as a whole, is described as exemplary.



Peeling yam and other provisions for lunch. From left: Celia Bramble, Donna Richards, Laverne McDowald-Thompson, Curlina Edwards, Dofflyn King and Otis DeFreitas while Desmond Hills (R) roasts breadfruit

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First Kill (R for profanity and violence) Action thriller about a successful Wall St. broker (Hayden Christiansen) who finds himself pressured to cooperate with the gang of bank robbers that took his young son (Ty Shelton) hostage for ransom. Supporting cast includes Bruce Willis, Gethin Anthony and Magi Avila.

Landline (R for sexuality, profanity and drug use) Skeleton-in-the-closet comedy, set in Manhattan in 1995, about a couple of sisters (Jenny Slate and Abby Quinn) spying on the father (John Turturro) they suspect of cheating on their clueless mom (Edie Falco). With Jay Duplaa, Finn Wittrock and Ali Ahn.

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By Kam Williams

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# Raging Fyah promotes 'Everlasting Kush'

By Alexandra Simon

A new meaning for ganja music.

Grammy-nominated reggae band Raging Fyah has introduced their own strain of cannabis into the billion dollar marijuana industry in the United States. The group is the first musical band to join the industry, with their own brand of marijuana called "Everlasting Kush." The entrance of the band into the business is not a first from a Jamaican artist — they were somewhat inspired by Damian Marley's hand in the business, said the group's lead singer.

"We've thought about this for years and we've been thinking about it once we saw the laws changing, and the main inspiration was watching the Marley Natural

brand a few years ago," said Kumar Bent.

He said that even as the cannabis laws in Jamaica have lightened over the years, people can still face consequences for being in possession of it, said Bent.

"It's currently decriminalized and the laws were strict up until two years ago. It's not an offense to have small amount, but it has to be a certain amount," he said.

But as the weed trade grows the band felt it was a right to time to join the industry, and named their introductory product after their recent best-selling album as a creative way to continually promote it, said Bent.

"After meeting friends in Colorado we decided to go ahead, and we thought 'What cooler way than to

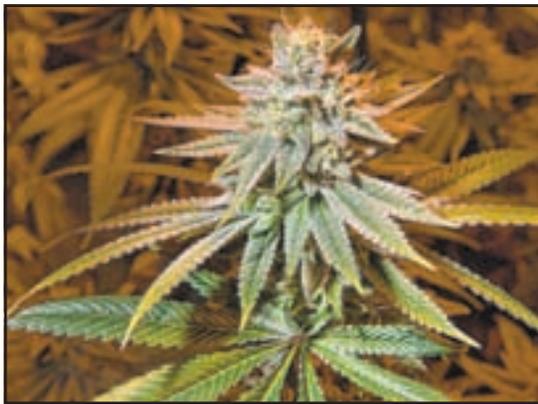
have a strain named after our album?'" he said. "We are very excited about this new venture and even the few people who have tried it."

"Everlasting Kush" is an organic and non-chemically grown plant, setting it apart from the other strains farmed in Colorado, in addition to other beneficial qualities. And it is healthy for the body, , added Bent.

"It's a dominant strain that you can feel and operate with a very nice vibe — this is something you can use if you need help going to bed at night," he said. "We don't grow with chemicals like a lot of growers in the states. Some of those strains can give you a headache but we use natural soil and hand pick them — there's a personal touch to each joint."



Members of the band say they are getting involved in the weed industry to help reduce stereotypes about the drug and to encourage other Jamaican artists to follow their foot steps.



Grammy nominated band Raging Fyah invests in a new strain of marijuana "Everlasting Kush" in Denver, Colorado.

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## Guyanese democracy

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needs to go forward."

He also said that his People's Progressive Party (PPP) has been waiting for two years to have its election petition heard.

"If the government has control of the judiciary, they you'll never have justice," Jagdeo said.

Economically, the former president said the Guyanese economy has "flat-lined," claiming that "if you take away businessmen, there's no investment, because they [businessmen] are scared.

"People, particularly

the business community, are shaking," he claimed. "Already the economy is in the doldrums. If you got to Guyana, they [the people] will tell you [that] our economy has changed.

"The government seems to be focusing on oil," he said, stating that "oil proceeds are volatile.

"If you kill the labor incentive sectors and try to replace it by a capital incentive sector, you'll get 300 jobs," he added. "Their [government] whole philosophy is one we [PPP] don't subscribe to."



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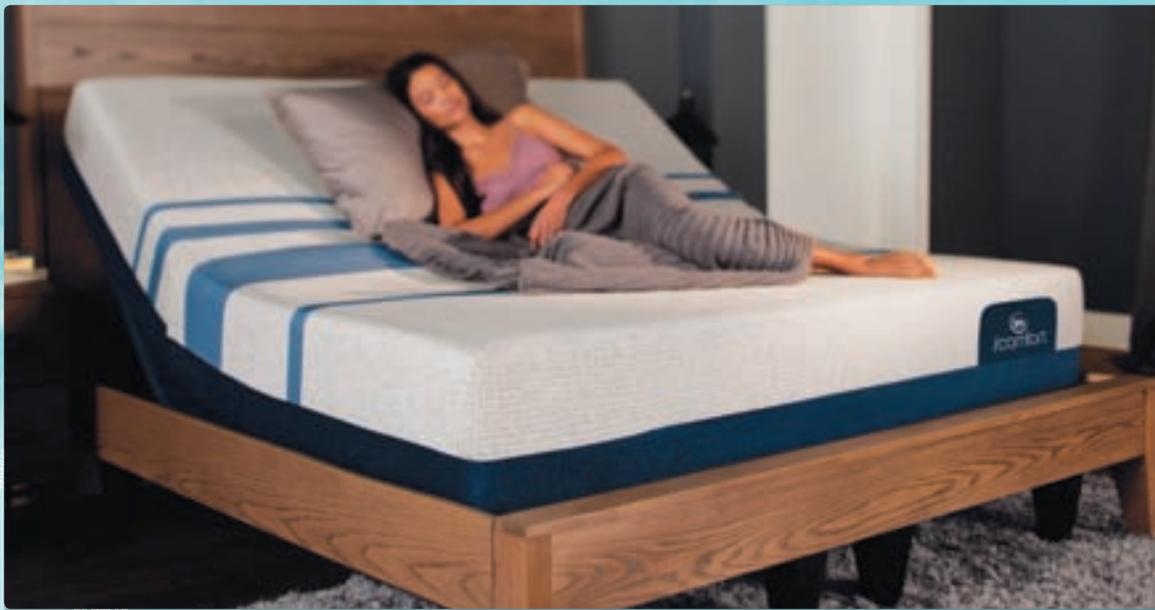
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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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## Have a party to remember at Sirico's

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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Lisa Hanna, Jamaica's former Miss World and member of parliament, will be at the seventh annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival on July 23.

## Annual jerk festival returns this weekend

By Alexandra Simon

There's going to be jerk and more. The Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival returns again this weekend to Roy Wilkins Park on July 23 from noon to 8 pm. The seventh annual food and music event celebrating Jamaican culture will feature all types of food, including the beloved jerk, and a cook off contest between Mayor

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## Movie making in Jamaica

By Alexandra Simon

A new book documenting the international movie industry filming in Jamaica was released earlier this month and hopes to share the history of Jamaica as a destination for filming. In the book, "Jamaica, the Land of Film," author Peter Polack chronicles all of the mainstream films from the early 1900's to present, that used the island nation's setting as the go-to place to shoot a movie in the Caribbean.

A self-proclaimed lover of film, Polack initially set out to write a short-form piece about films in Jamaica, and discovered something greater than he imagined in his search, he said.

"I realized that there were over 200 films with some connection or refer-

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# MUSIC NOTE



From left, Silver and Shak-Trauma of the Brook Brovaz. The group includes a third member, Belle Boy. Sino

## Brook Brovaz puts a new spin on sound

By Alexandra Simon

Putting a different spin on sound. A Brooklyn-based musical trio is revolutionizing the way people see music producers. The Brook Brovaz, comprised of three friends — Shak-Trauma, Silver, and Belle Boy — are a group of producers and artists. Together the team produces and composes music, and also write and perform their songs that cover a wide range of melodies from their outlook, said one member.

"We want to give the masses and

people musical compositions from our perspective, and show people our approach to music and how we do it in different genres," said Shak-Trauma.

Formed in 2009, the members initially met and discovered each other's talents and decided to combine their skill sets into one.

"We listened to each other's music and styles, and it was like the perfect marriage," said Shak-Trauma.

They named their unity Brooklyn Brothers, but ultimately chose a

shortened version of it resulting in Brook Brovaz, he added.

Making the sounds for hip-hop, pop, rhythm and blues, and other world and multi-genre tunes, the group's work is not limited to one category and can be heard in more than 80 placements on television, including commercials, reality-television, and sports night intros.

Their soca bashment style single "Turn and Bubble," is an example of that.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Despacito**  
Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee...
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Imagine Dragons
- 7 **Something Just Like This**  
The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
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# Grace Jamaican Jerk Fest returns to Queens

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DeBlasio and former Jamaica Miss World, Lisa Hanna. The two will be competing in the Celebrity Quick-Fire Challenge and the two-time winning mayor will defend his title against Hanna this Sunday.

One of the highlights of the jerk festival is the cooking demonstrations of the Culinary Pavilion where guests and popular chefs get to interact. This year's hosts are chef Hugh Sinclair and chef Wenford Patrick Simpson, and set to show off their cooking skills and new recipes is returning chef Andre Fowles and chef Max Hardy.

For entertainment, the festival will have musical performances from soca singer Alison Hinds and reggae legend Barrington Levy, and many more. And even folk singers and dancers will also take the stage.

Organizers say that the festival is one of the leading opportunities they get to expose the multiple aspects of Jamaican culture to New Yorkers in one day.



Mayor Bill de Blasio will be challenging Lisa Hanna in the jerk cook-off at the festival.

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"We are espousing a part of our culture that's endemic and that we share with the world our food, our music, and our culture," said Abdul Muhsin, director of the festival. "Everybody loves jerk, everybody loves reggae and everybody loves Morgan Her-

itage, Alison Hinds, Konshens and Barrington Levy."

And on the heels of the anniversary of Jamaica's independence, the day will not miss the chance to celebrate also.

"It's Jamaica's 55th year of independence, so we want

to make it extra special and memorable for our patrons," said Bridget Edwards, a coordinator with the event. "With the theme 'Celebrating Jamaica 55', performances will be focused on various factors of Jamaican heritage and traditions."

## New outlook for producers

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They are working on their upcoming debut project "The Producers Perspective." Their concept for the LP was inspired by several uneventful encounters with artists in the music industry, which led them to choose to follow their own take on their own means to get their music out there, said their representative.

"We kept having to part ways after investing a lot and a conversation came about that we are music and we make music don't need to depend on artists and that's how it catapulted," said Cloe. "This is written, produced and performed by them, and it's from their perspective and their meaning behind that."

A few famous producers who inspire the band are Michael Cox, Teddy Riley to Hans Zim-

mer, and Timbaland, said Silver.

"Timbaland definitely influenced me a lot before I started," he said. "His sound collection is amazing and the way he uses instruments, especially that parts of the instrument he uses — he's so versatile with the editing."

And they look to these hit-makers as a exemplars of what they aim to be, he added.

"We take ideas from everyone, and it's safe to say a little bit of everybody influences us," said Silver.

But overall, they are trying to set a different precedent for producers.

"We really want to make our mark in the music industry and we want to influence our genre and sound," said Shack-Trauma.

## Filming in Jamaica

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ence to Jamaica so I started to research it," said Polack.

In his discovery he first learned of a 1916 Hollywood film set in the early century Middle East, which cost millions to make, said Polack. The movie was "A Daughter of the Gods," which was filmed entirely in Kingston and used a defunct women's prison as a location for some of the filming. Polack also noted that even camels were brought to the island for the sole purpose of the film, further piquing his interest to uncover other movies.

"It was amazing to discover that a big American film company went to Jamaica in 1916 to shoot a million-dollar movie," he said. "From there I started to catalog a lot of movies — even some that were portrayed as being shot in Jamaica."

From 1910 to 2007, more than 149 films were filmed in the country, not including documentaries, according to Polack. Some decades saw a stumbling period but that has decreased over the years. The

70s and 80s in particular were golden years for big budget Hollywood films coming to Jamaica, which extended in the 90s.

Some of those movies were 1972's "Papillion" and 1989's "The Mighty Quinn," which starred up-and-coming Denzel Washington.

"The seventies was a big year — we had romantic movies and action films — you name it," said Polack. "But the period in which we seemed to have the most film production was from 1992 – 2006 — it was almost one movie a year."

But pre-dating that even one of the first Bond films, "Dr. No" used Jamaica's scenery for some backdrop.

He adds that despite Jamaica being a desirable location for directors to shoot movies, over time filmmakers moved from actually shooting on location and opted for footage or other tropical places assumed to be in the region — in particular the "Pirates of the Caribbean," which has done some filming for it's last few films in Hawaii, which is far from the Caribbean, said Polack.

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# Epic showdown between primates and humans

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By Kam Williams

“War for the Planet of the Apes” is the ninth episode in the legendary film franchise that began almost a half-century ago with Planet of the Apes. The groundbreaking sci-fi adventure was based on the novel of the same name by Pierre Boulle, who also wrote “The Bridge over the River Kwai.”

The original was adapted to the screen by a couple of consummate scriptwriters in Rod Serling (The Twilight Zone) and two-time Oscar-winner Michael Wilson (“The Bridge on



A scene from “War for the Planet of the Apes.”

www.rottentomatoes.com

the River Kwai,” “Lawrence of Arabia,” “It’s a Wonderful Life” and “A Place in the Sun”). So, it’s no surprise that the movie’s thought-provoking social commentary would resonate with

critics and audiences alike.

Furthermore, the apes’ masks were such a hit with the Motion Picture Academy that it awarded the movie’s makeup artist, John Chambers, an hon-

orary Oscar that year. And it would take until the Eighties for Best Makeup to become an official category.

“War for the Planet of the Apes” is the finale in a trilogy

which rebooted the series in 2011 with Rise of the Planet of the Apes, and was followed a few years later by “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes.” The good news is that one need not recall or even have seen the earlier installments to fully appreciate this captivating conclusion.

The better news is that its use of next-generation CGI has been so painstakingly crafted that you never once question whether you’re watching real apes interacting with humans. But the best news overall is that the movie is a magnificent morality play of Shakespearean proportions which explores a host of universal themes en route to an epic showdown destined to settle the fate of both species once and for all.

This go-round, the simians are again led by Caesar (Andy Serkis) who must match wits with a ruthless army colonel (Woody Harrelson). Between the sophisticated storytelling and the state-of-the-art special f/x, “War for the Planet of the Apes” turns out to be a touching swan song well worth the wait.

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West Indies' Evin Lewis plays a shot during a T20I against India at Sabina Park cricket ground in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

## Lewis slams century

By Azad Ali

West Indies opening Twenty20 batsman Evin Lewis slammed a record-break century against India to win the one-off Twenty20 at Sabina Park, Jamaica last Sunday.

In pursuit of 191 for victory, the regional team staged the third-highest successful run chase in their history to win the game with nine balls to spare.

West Indies had recalled five of their star players, Chris Gayle, Marlon Samuels, Kieron Pollard, Sunil Narine and Samuel Badree for the game in a bid to remain the top Twenty20 side.

But the star batsman of the show was Lewis who dominated an 81-run,

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## Cricket trouble

By Azad Ali

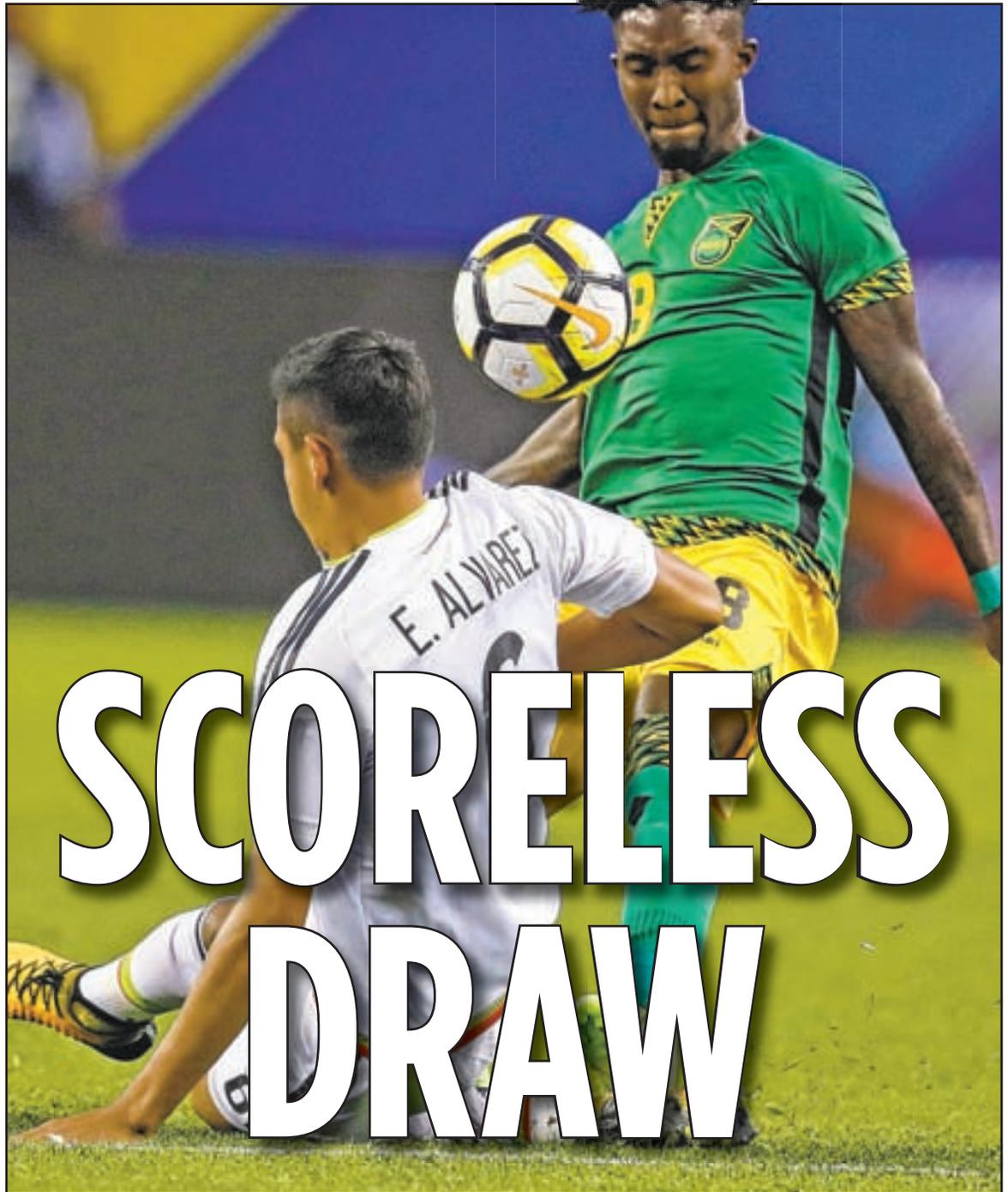
Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley said administrators of Cricket West Indies (CWI) are hoping for a "miracle" to turn around the fortunes of West Indies cricket.

He fears that West Indies could face relegation from the top tier of international cricket if the current regional game continues in its current state of crisis.

Blaming the current demise at the feet of Cricket West Indies, Rowley said nothing proactive was being done to salvage the situation.

Dr. Rowley claimed that West Indies Cricket is in dire trouble, in crisis, and it is likely to happen in the not too distant

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# SCORELESS DRAW

Mexico midfielder Edson Álvarez, front, blocks a pass by Jamaica defender Sergio Campbell during the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match Thursday, July 13, 2017, in Denver.

Associated Press / David Zalubowski

## Mexico, Jamaica move to the next round in Group C

By Michael Kelly

Denver (Ap) — Jamaica was so determined to keep Mexico from scoring, it sacrificed its own offense to get the job done.

The game plan worked, and now both teams are in a position to move to the next round if they can take

care of business this weekend.

Mexico and Jamaica played to a scoreless draw Thursday night (July 13) and remained on track to advance to the knockout round of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Jamaica faces El Salvador and Mexico plays Curacao at the Alamo-

dome in San Antonio on Sunday. Jamaica and Mexico have four points each in Group C while El Salvador has three points. The top two teams in each of the three groups and the two best third-place teams advance to the quarterfinals.

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first wicket partnership with superstar Gayle who made only 18.

Lewis cracked an unbeaten 125 off a mere 62 deliveries adding 112 with Marlon Samuels in an unbroken stand with Samuels who was unbeaten of 36 off 29 deliveries.

With his 100, Lewis became only the third batsman to score two centuries in Twenty20 Internationals joining the illustrious company of Gale and New Zealand Brendon McCullum.

The Trinidadian batsman also eclipsed Gayle's 117 against South Africa 10 years ago for the highest score by a West Indian in Twenty20 Internationals and overtook Australian Shane Watson for the third-highest score.

India had posted a challenging total of 190 for 6. The opening pair of captain Virat Kohli and Sikhar Dhawan punished the Windies bowling attack to all parts of the ground scoring 54 off the first five overs. But after they departed, the scoring fell but still ended in a strong position.



Mexico midfielder Jesús Molina, left, fights for control of the ball with Jamaica midfielder Michael Binns during the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match Thursday, July 13, 2017, in Denver. Associated Press / David Zalubowski

## JAMAICA GETS THE JOB DONE

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Neither team could break through on a relatively mild night, although Mexico (1-0-1) dominated chances. The 49,121 fans in attendance, the largest crowd to attend a soccer match at Sports Authority Field, heavily favored Mexico. The Mexican team heard some boos after failing to score despite holding a 6-0 advantage in shots on net.

"The fans bought the tickets, they came out to watch a team win and perform well, so we understand their frustration," Mexico assistant coach Luis Pompilio Paez said. "We didn't perform as we should have. The result wasn't good enough."

Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio served the second of his six-game sideline suspension for berating an official. His team, which beat El Salvador 3-1 in the opener Sunday, did everything but score against Jamaica (1-0-1). It held possession for the majority of the night but never got one past keeper Damian Hyatt.

"We were solid on the back end," Jamaica coach Theodore Whitmore said. "It was a collective effort. We accept the point."

When Hyatt couldn't make a save, his teammates came through.

The best chance to score came on Mexico's fourth corner in the 39th minute when Jesus Molina bounced a header off the turf toward an open net. Jamaican defender Jermaine Taylor deflected it off his head over the crossbar to keep the match scoreless.

"We created some chances with the header from Molina in the first half, we had the ball, we had the possession, we just didn't create enough opportunities," Pompilio Paez said. "Jamaica came out with three players on the attack, they attacked with two players in the second half and in the end they attacked with one player."

Mexico's Erick Torres had a good chance in the 11th minute off a free kick, but the ball went over the goal. Later, Elias Hernandez, the star in Sunday's win with two goals, sent a ball to the front of the net that Jamaica cleared.

Torres again had a chance in the 24th minute.

Jamaica, a 2-0 winner over Curacao on Sunday, didn't generate much in the first half, but nearly scored on one of its only chances when Cory Burke crossed a ball to the far post. Oniel Fisher couldn't control it before goalkeeper Moises Munoz scooped it up.

It was Jamaica's only real scoring

chance of the night.

"Our players were afraid to take risks," Whitmore said. "We mentioned it in the dressing room at halftime that the transition was a bit slow to the attack."

Burke left the game on a stretcher in the 87th minute after a collision near midfield.

Mexico got a scare in the 25th minute when Torres went down following a collision with Lowe. He briefly left after a trainer attended to his right hand but returned moments later.

The chances kept coming for Mexico in the second half. In the 50th minute, Hernandez bent a free kick just over the net, and he put a low shot on goal moments later that forced Hyatt to make a save.

"We never felt like we were going to lose the game," Pompilio Paez said. "We controlled the game for 90 minutes. On the defensive front we were very solid. Our goalie didn't have a single shot on goal. They had a few counterattacks but we were able to take care of the ball and recover quickly."

In the first match, El Salvador beat Curacao 2-0 to improve to 1-1 in pool play. Forward Rodolfo Zelaya had a goal and an assist and Gerson Mayen scored the other goal for El Salvador.



Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Keith Rowley.

Government of Trinidad and Tobago

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future even though it is not being spoken now, he told I-Sports radio program in Port of Spain, Trinidad recently.

"I don't know if the International Cricket Council (ICC) will continue to this sub-standard West Indies team to play against the top five or six teams going forward into many more years," he said.

Rowley was speaking against the backdrop of the CARICOM heads of government summit in Grenada recently where West Indies cricket was one of the hot topics.

CARICOM Chairman Dr. Keith Mitchell in his opening speech spoke about the challenges facing the sport regionally and call on his colleagues to find a consensus on the way forward.

Rowley agreed with Mitchell that CARICOM had a vital role to play in helping to fix the sport especially since CWI seemed unable to find solutions to the current crisis.

# The dust settles in CONCACAF

By Patrick Horne

The dust has settled after the preliminary round of the 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup and there are no surprises among the eight teams, from the original 12, that have advanced to the quarterfinal stage this week. The quarterfinal doubleheaders get under way on Wednesday, July 19, 6 pm at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia when Group A winner Costa Rica takes on Group B second-place finisher, Panama; and in that nightcap, Group B winner USA goes against Group C third-place team, El Salvador. The winners here would battle in the first semifinal, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington (TX), on Saturday, July 22, 10 pm ET.

The other quarterfinal doubleheader kicks off on Thursday, July 20, 7:30 pm at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, AZ. In the first game, Jamaica, second in Group B, battles Canada, the second in Group A, and in the second contest, Mexico, Group C winner will take on Group A third placed team Honduras. The winners play in the

semifinal on Sunday, July 23, in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The 2017 CONCACAF Final is set for Wednesday, July 26, 9:30 pm at Levi Stadium in San Francisco (CA).

This stage of the tournament is do-or-die; it's a single elimination tournament now, and all the teams have made use of the rules that allows for reinforcements to strengthen their squads. No team has made more changes than the USA. It's a reflection of the struggles the U. S. experienced in its three preliminary games so far and the pressure building on the home team to win the tournament, especially with the resumption of the World Cup qualifying games in a month.

Panama always created problems for the U.S., as we saw in the teams' last World Cup qualifier on the road, when the Americans stumbled to a 1-1 draw – ditto the opening game of this Gold Cup tournament. Ho hum performances were the trademark of the U.S. against Martinique and Nicaragua, its other Group B opponents. In

the Martinique contest, the U.S. fumbled to a 3-2 win; Martinique twice recovered from 1-0 deficits to tie the U.S. before the Americans outlasted the French with a late goal. Going into the game versus Nicaragua, the U.S. had to win by three goals to win the group and only got the third goal, 3-0, with less than five minutes to play.

The Americans play El Salvador in this knockout stage and an early exit will be an embarrassment to the Americans and a setback with the World Cup qualifiers looming. So, in comes goalkeepers Tim Howard and Jesse Gonzalez, forwards Jozy Altidore and Clint Dempsey, midfielders Darlington Nagbe, Michael Bradley. Commenting on the move, U.S. coach, Bruce Arena said: "I think we are bring in some experienced players, players of quality, and that only helps our team." Arena knows the expectations placed on his leadership, expectations of winning the Gold Cup — especially against the backdrop of the 2015 debacle when the U. S., under former coach



Jamaica's Kevon Lambert (17) and El Salvador's Ivan Manca (5) leap to make a header during a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match in San Antonio, Sunday, July 16, 2017.

Associated Press / Eric Gay

Jurgen Klinsman, finished a less than a Gold Cup final win disappointing fourth. Nothing is expected of the USA.

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**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, you may need to sort out a complicated relationship that has you trying to figure out who is friend who, if anyone, is foe. Play it carefully until you have all of the facts.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
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Leo, if personal growth or a change has been on your mind, why not get started this week? You may benefit from a minor makeover or a change of scenery.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, don't be afraid to unload some clutter in the weeks ahead. Inventory all of your belongings and see what can be donated or removed. Enjoy the feelings of freedom this inspires.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, your social schedule in the coming days is as busy as ever, but you don't know how you will find the time. Make a list of your biggest priorities.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, it's best to check your sense of direction from time to time to make sure you are not going the wrong way at full speed. Use a friend as your personal GPS.

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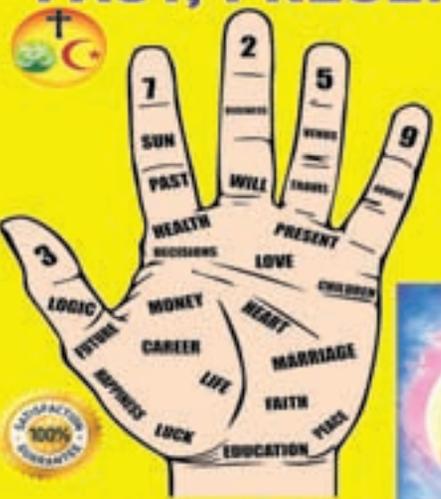
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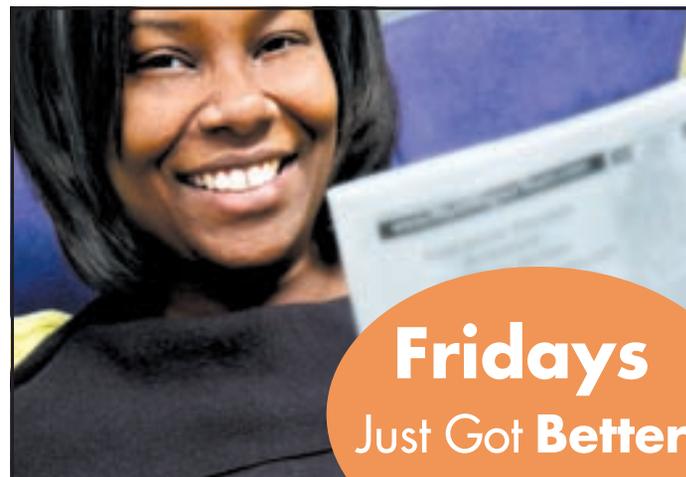
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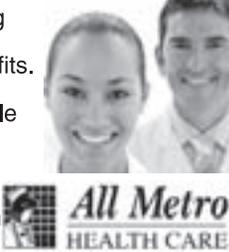
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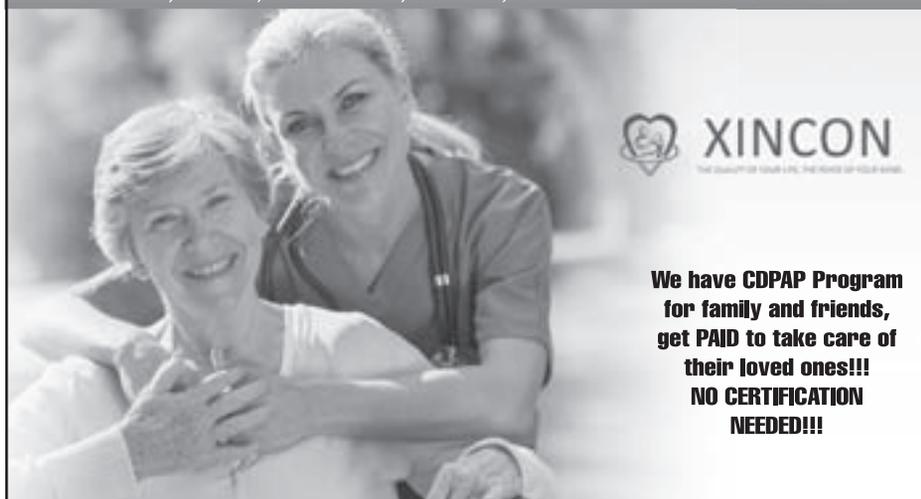
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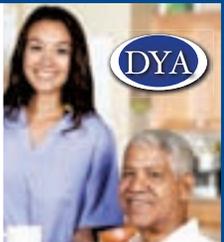
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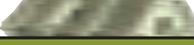
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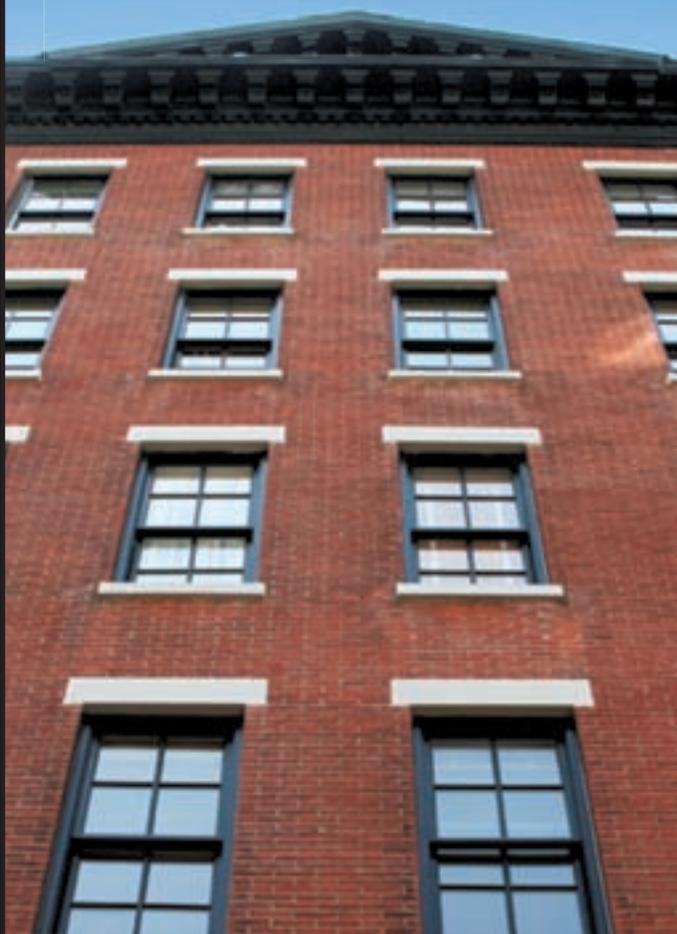
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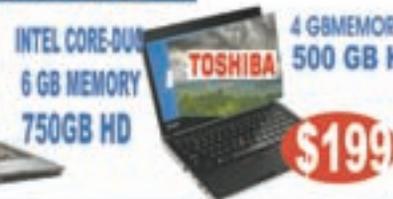


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