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Supporters of Eric Garner attend a prayer vigil in Staten Island.

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## Bratton's 'troubling' statement

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane Williams says while he applauds Police Commissioner William Bratton's plans to retrain all police officers on the use of force in light

of the ongoing investigation in the Eric Garner case, he is concerned about Bratton's remarks on the issue of race.

"The commissioner's statement that he did not believe Eric Garner's race had any-

thing to do with the situation caused concern," said Williams, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, and is deputy leader and chair of the Housing and Buildings

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# ARUBA HUNGER STRIKE

## Government officials protest Dutch interference in its affairs

By Bert Wilkinson

Any visitor to the Caribbean island of Aruba in the past week might not have missed the fact that the most important item of debate in the country would have been protest hunger

strike Prime Minister Mike Eman and other high officials had undertaken against alleged Dutch interference in financial affairs on the island.

Eman spent hours under a tent in

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## Caribbean

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has pumped US\$120 million into the water and sanitation sector in the Caribbean in the last 40 years. CDB's acting Vice-President (Operations) Nigel Romano made this disclosure while addressing the recent opening of a two-day Regional Water Sector Assessment Workshop at the CDB. Romano said the money was channeled into various areas including basic infrastructure, water treatment plant, distribution and storage facilities and technical assistance. The bank is currently assisting with projects in Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia.



## Antigua

Officers of the National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDPCP) in Antigua made one of the biggest drug hauls in recent times in Antigua.

Lawmen swooped down on a property at Old Runway and carted off 480 kilograms or 1,058 pounds of cocaine worth around EC\$17 million.

The cocaine was wrapped in over 400 parcels and stashed in bags.



A 41-year-old Antiguan and a 42-year-old Guyanese female, both residing in Old Runway are assisting the police in their investigation.

The raid follows the seizure of approximately 2,300 pounds of marijuana with a street value of EC\$37 million and the arrest of a Jamaican crew comprising six men who are currently awaiting trial in the High Court.

## Barbados

Barbadians have been told to pay the Municipal Solid Waste tax even though they have not yet received information from the Barbados Revenue Authority (BRA).

BRA Director of Shared Services, Wayne Forde, said the first instalment of the tax is due by the end of this month.



He said that property own-



## Rising seas threaten Barbuda

Marine biologist and environmentalist John Mussington (left) and New York-based archaeologist Dr. Sophia Perdikaris. See story on page 36.

IPS/Desmond Brown

ers, who have structures with an improved value on the land, were required to pay the solid waste tax, which has been calculated at a rate of 0.3 percent of the site value.

"The Municipal Solid Waste Tax Act 2014 does not make any provisions for exemption from the payment of the tax. However, the minister of finance has the authority to remit or refund part or all of the tax on the grounds of hardship or for any other reason, as stated in Section 5 of the Act," Forde said.

Forde warned that the failure to pay the tax by the specified dates would result in a penalty of five percent of the tax demanded and unpaid. In addition, interest at the rate of one percent for each month on the penalty and the unpaid tax at the prescribed time, will be charged.

The tax was introduced this year to assist with the management of solid waste including that of all garbage generated from residential households, apartment buildings, commercial and business establishments, institutional facilities, construction and demolition activities, municipal services and treatment plants.

## Dominica

The Dominican government says it will not accept same sex marriages insisting the island will not follow other countries in doing so.

"I will make it clear that there are some things that this government will not accept and we will never allow for the state to recognize same sex marriage in our country.

"If other countries want to do it, that's a matter for them but there are certain guiding principles that we must follow," Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said.

The local minority group, Minority Rights Dominica (Miri-Dom), has been calling on the government to re-examine the Sexual Offences Act of Dominica as it relates to buggery, claiming that the legislation "discriminates against people of their sexual preferences."

"We are just asking that everybody be treated equally," the group said, adding that it was still awaiting correspondence from Prime Minister Skerrit on the issue.



## Grenada

Grenada's Tourism Minister Alexandria Otway-Noel says despite an inherited depressed economy, the Keith Mitchell administration has recorded significant growth in the tourism industry in 2014 so far.

Otway-Noel was the feature speaker at the opening of the 1st Caribbean Symposium for Innovators in Coastal Tourism in Grenada recently.

"We have had a 12 percent increase in cruise ship arrivals in 2014: We have seen a 37 percent increase in our Canadian market: 18.5 percent increase in our European market and a 20.5 percent increase in our U.S. market," she said.

The tourism minister said she was confident that the country's tourism sector was on the right tract to seeing improvements across the country.

Recently a few changes were made to the tourism sector, which included the renaming and restructuring of the Tourism Board to Grenada Tourism Authority and the rebranding the



tourism product from "Grenada the Isle of Spice" to "Pure Grenada": the "Spice of the Caribbean."

## Guyana

Two Guyana police officers were charged with setting fire to the hands of a teenage boy while he was in custody.

Constable, Earwin Forrester, who was charged with inflicting serious bodily harm and Inspector Dexter Thornton, who is accused of perverting the course of justice, appeared before a magistrate and were placed on Guy\$125,000 and Guy\$100,000 bail respectively.

The alleged incident occurred in May, when the teen said police on patrol accused him of wandering and took him to the police station where an officer poured methylated spirits on his hands, and with the assistance of others, set it alight.



The inspector is alleged to have sought to settle the matter out of court by facilitating payment of Guy\$100,000 to the boy's relatives.

Photos of the boy's severely burnt hands were splashed in the leading daily newspapers after the incident and an internal police investigation followed, resulting in charges against the two cops.

## Jamaica

Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller government has denied knowledge of whether the United States has imposed an arms embargo on Jamaica and if external pressure resulted in the sudden departure of Police Commissioner Owen Ellington.

Information Minister Sandrea Falconer told a post-Cabinet media conference, a week after the commissioner resigned, that she was unaware of an embargo and the issue was not discussed by the Cabinet.

She said matters concerning the commissioner's retirement would not reach the Cabinet's agenda.

Ellington went on pre-retirement leave recently, stating that the investigation into the death squad activities and the commission of enquiry, to be held in the



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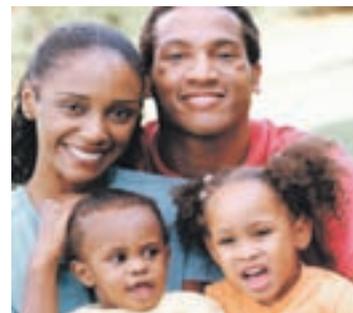
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# Simmering row continues between Holland and Aruba

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downtown Oranjestad, the island's capital, railing against efforts by Holland to determine what economic austerity measures were to be put into the 2014-15 budget, approved by cabinet in recent weeks.

In the end, Eman and his team agreed to call off the hunger strike late last week while a review of measures in the estimates was undertaken. The results are to be made public this week but there is every indication that the incumbent cabinet feels it has taken the right position and might well not back down. Authorities in Holland had ordered Governor Fredis Jose Refunjol's not to sign off on the estimates, forcing officials to spend contingency funds at levels similar to that of the 2013.

Finance Minister Juan David Yrausquin said Holland wanted to push authorities to implement measures similar to those

the International Monetary Fund inflicts on ailing Third World economies, arguing that the cabinet had already cut back on spending, adjusted pensions and other plans and was aggressively tackling the budget deficit which stands at six percent and national debt at 75. The IMF thinks that the 75 percent figure should not be above 40.

The standoff came as the idyllic Caribbean tourist island just north of the Venezuelan coast began a spirited campaign to reach out to its English-speaking Caribbean Community neighbors and attract more visitors from CARICOM.

Officials say they want people from the region to take advantage of the island's super developed infrastructure and enjoy its mix of sun, sand and sea with its eco tourism offerings. Land tourism arrivals are expected to reach a million visitors by next



In this Sept. 25, 2009 file photo, opposition candidate from the Aruban People's Party, Mike Eman, center left, and his wife Doina ride atop a jeep upon their arrival to a polling station in Oranjestad, Aruba.

AP Photo/Pedro Famous Diaz, File

year to go along with about 700,000 that are disgorged by cruise ships annually.

Insel Air, the flag carrier of the Dutch islands, recently began services to regional trade bloc headquarters, Guyana, and has its eyes on other destinations in the future.

# Call for better police practice

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Committee.

"To claim that NYPD (New York Police Department) has practices that don't adversely affect black and brown communities is the root of this problem," he added. "Our city has historically struggled with racial tensions between the police department and people of color.

"The NYPD needs to focus on a cultural systemic shift within the department to really address this issue," Williams continued. "This is a pivotal movement to work together to create better police practices in communities of more color the Commissioner specifically highlighted.

"Only then will people in these communities be able to walk the streets of New York without worrying if they will be the next victim of bias-based police brutality," he said.

Bratton had called for all 35,000 police personnel to be retrained on "use-of-force" practices after Garner 43, died while being held in a chokehold during his arrest for allegedly selling illegal cigarettes in Staten Island.

Bratton then said Garner's case had nothing to do with his skin color, adding that the NYPD is culturally sensitive toward all races.

Williams had described Bratton's immediate response to Garner's death as "a definite step in the right direction," stating that "the past administration may have stayed silent on this issue until the investigation was complete."

But he said the more Garner's story continues to unfold, "the more troubling it is."

"I am further dismayed by recent revelations that NYPD officers omitted

information from initial reports about the chokehold, and stated that he was not in great distress," Williams said.

"Thank goodness someone was there to film the incident to make sure the truth surfaced," he added. "Have other cases like this slipped through the cracks because a bystander didn't intervene?"

"The NYPD must hold their officers accountable for this criminal behavior," he affirmed.

Williams said he was "additionally troubled that new videos surfaced showing just how inhumane those officers treated Garner while he was struggling for air.

"In the video, Garner was left like a piece of meat on the sidewalk," he said. "As I've said before, if he was a dog, he probably would have received medical assistance sooner."

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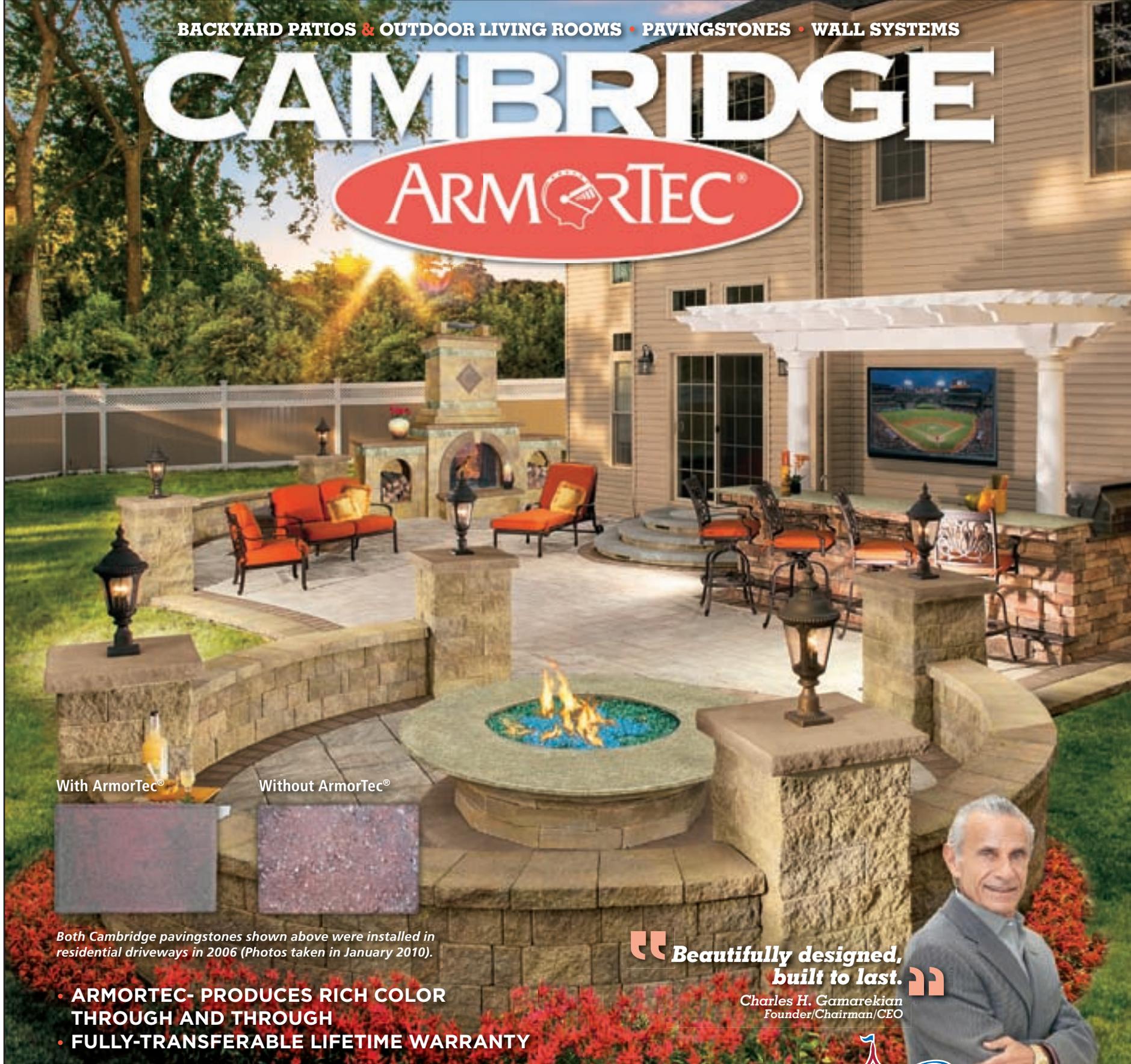
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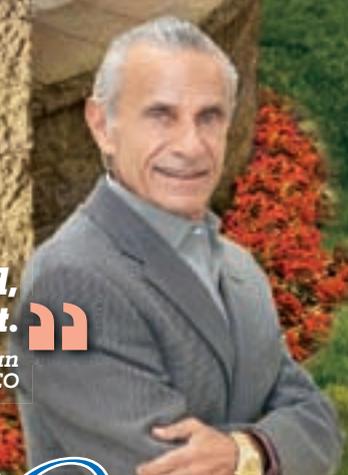


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# Grenadians to vote on constitutional reforms

By Azad Ali

The Grenadian government will seek a referendum to determine proposed changes in the constitution.

Addressing a recent weekly post-cabinet briefing, Legal Affairs Minister Elvin Nimrod said the Constitution Reform Advisory Committee has submitted its initial report to the Cabinet following weeks of consultations throughout the island.

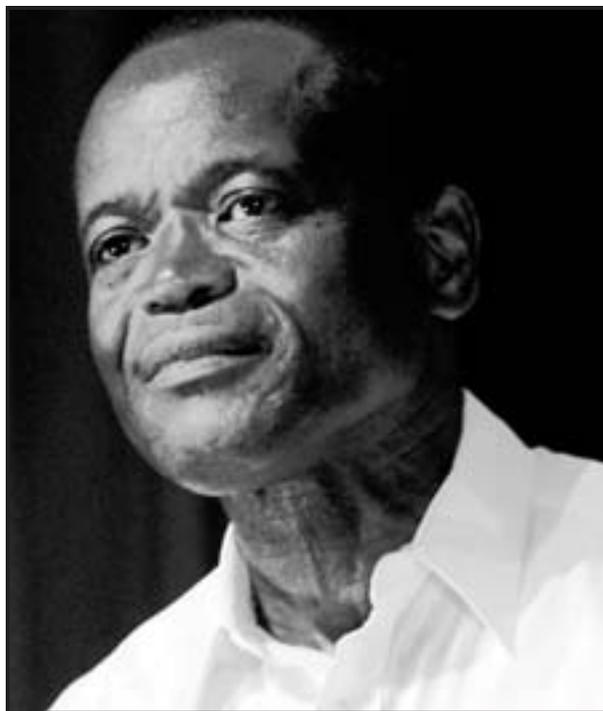
He said the members will now examine the proposal with a view to having a referendum on Feb. 10, 2015.

Nimrod said one of changes recommended was that Grenada recognizes the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as its final court of appeal.

"We are saying that as an independent nation, as a sovereign nation, we think that we should use our own court instead of going to the Privy Council in England," he said.

The legal affairs minister said it was apparent during community consultations that most Grenadians were in favor of going that route, adding that he is convinced that the British Privy Council feels the same.

Nimrod, who served as attorney general in the previous New National Party administration, said he believes the CCJ would be more amendable and much more competent "in terms of knowing our culture and our ways of life and of course we believe that that



Legal Affairs Minister Elvin Nimrod. Photo by Nelson A. King

might be the better route to take."

Another major recom-

**"As an independent nation, as a sovereign nation, we think that we should use our own court instead of going to the Privy Council in England."**

mendation was for an official name change from the State of Grenada to Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

Residents on the islands

of Carriacou and Petit Martinique have been clamoring for this change for decades. They feel more connected to the Grenadine islands than the State of Grenada.

Other suggestions for reform include the oath taken by government officials when accepting office, from allegiance to the Queen of England to allegiance to Grenada, changing the title from the chief of police to commissioner of police and establishing an Electoral Commission instead of having a supervisor of elections.

Twelve recommendations have been reviewed and approved by Cabinet.

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# Paid leave can help fix our marketplace

By Mitch Rofsky

As a business person, there is one economics lesson I learn over and over again: The marketplace is essential but not perfect.

It is not perfect in a variety of ways, but a big one is that not everyone can be a winner.

I don't mean winner in the sense of Bill Gates or Warren Buffett. Rather, a winner in the sense of middle class—with access to some discretionary income.

There are a variety of ways to lose—and they're not all bad. The marketplace creates losers of the inefficient or passé. Or the rich who make poor investments. But some consequences are so awful, such as starvation, that we, as a society, will not accept them. So we have food stamps.

No, it is not just well-heeled investors who lose. The marketplace makes losers of workers who may not have had the best education or family upbringing, and as a result don't acquire valuable skills. Or perhaps they just specialized in the wrong industry, developing skills that are no longer valuable.

In fact, there are a surprising number of jobs where skills aren't distinctive and basic benefits are not provided. No matter how well or hard one works in those jobs, middle-class wages and benefits are not available. One of the missing benefits is paid family and long-term medi-

cal leave.

A more perfect marketplace would consider the personal issues that enable a worker to excel at his or her job. After all, if they or a family member is sick or their family has grown a little bigger, and they do what is necessary for the family, they risk losing a paycheck—or even their job. This kind of pressure keeps them from being as productive as they can be. Even worse, in the food industry where skills are often low and benefits non-existent, this could lead to employees working when they are sick. Infecting the customers...and the business.

When the marketplace is imperfect, there is only one institution that can fix it: the government. Sorry, but the non-profit sector just doesn't have the resources or the power.

The Protected Sick Time Ordinance recently implemented in the City of Portland, where my company is based, is an example. It ensures that all workers within Portland city limits are able to accrue paid and protected sick time at work.

Similarly, the proposed FAMILY Act by New York Senator Gillibrand would bring the United States in line with every other developed nation, ensuring paid leave for any worker who needs to care for a sick family member, take time off for their own long-term illness, or just had a child. It would be paid for like Social

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# Clean energy revolution in the Caribbean

By Richard Schiffman

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, July 14, 2014 (IPS) - Lefties Food Stall, a pint-sized eatery serving Barbados' signature flying-fish sandwiches, recently became the first snack shack on the Caribbean island to be fitted with a solar panel.

The nearby public shower facility sports a panel as well. So does the bus shelter across the street, the local police station, and scores of gaily coloured houses on the coastal road leading into the capital, Bridgetown.

Like many other small island nations, Barbados has to ship in all of the oil that it uses to produce electricity—making power over four times more costly than it is in the fuel-rich United States.

That high price has proven to be a boon for Barbados' fledgling solar industry. Nearly half of all homes boast solar water heaters on their roofs, which pay for themselves in lower electric bills in less than two years. Increasingly, industries like the island's small desalination plant are installing solar arrays to meet a portion of their power needs.

This move to solar is being driven by tax incentives for green businesses and consumers. In an address marking the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) "World Environment Day" in Bridgetown's Independence Square, Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart recently pledged that the island nation would produce 29 percent of its energy from renewables by the end of the next decade.

That rather conservative goal is still over twice what the United States currently produces with renewables. It won't be hard to reach. Not only is the



Children in Georgetown, Guyana learn about solar energy during an exhibition. Photo courtesy of CREDP

island blessed with abundant sunshine, it also has year-round trade winds to run wind turbines, and sugar cane waste—or bagasse—that can be used as a biofuel.

The Barbados government is furthermore looking into harnessing the energy of the tides, as well as introducing ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC), a technology that employs the temperature difference between cooler deep and warmer shallow sea waters to generate electricity.

Clean energy technologies are slowly making headway throughout the Caribbean. And the nearby United States, the world's number-one historical emitter of carbon emissions, should pay attention.

## A FRONTLINE REGION

Barbados is not alone in the Caribbean in its enthusiasm for green technology.

Aruba is planning a 3.5-MW solar airport, perhaps the largest such project in the world. The Dutch-speaking island has combined wind and solar power with energy efficiency measures

to cut its imports of heavy fuel oil in half, saving some 50 million dollars a year.

The volcanic islands of Nevis, Montserrat, and St. Vincent have contracted with Icelandic geothermal companies to conduct exploratory projects to determine how to tap their vast geothermal potential. Meanwhile, mountainous Dominica already meets about half of its energy demand with hydropower.

Caribbean islands don't just have abundant resources for developing clean energy. They also have compelling reasons to do so. The region is burdened by some of the highest energy costs in the world, which have stunted its industrial development and drained its reserves of foreign exchange.

The islands also have fragile ecosystems like mangrove forests and coral reefs, which are highly vulnerable to oil spills and pollution. And many countries like Barbados depend on tourists, who will flock there only so long as the places remain attractively clean and green.

But the best reason to cut

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# Plenty there to make them samba happy

No one ought to have been surprised when much of the soccer mania that seemed to grip the U.S. during the World Cup, after the American team made it into the knockout round, disappeared once the team was quickly eliminated. Although the network telecast of the Germany-Argentina final posted fairly decent viewer numbers, there's no doubt the U.S. team making it into that game would have done wonders for ABC's ratings. But the big story of World Cup 2014 wasn't about the Americans not advancing as far as they'd hoped, or even about Germany eventually winning the thing. The big story was the inexplicable humiliation suffered by the Brazilian squad, a meltdown made appreciably worse by Brazil's being host of the event. Brazil's search for answers to what precipitated this seismic shock to the national psyche, as well as a "never again" corrective course, looks likely to be a long, hard one.

One leftist sympathizing correspondent named Jay Janson posited the theory of protest demonstrations held before and during the games having possibly messed with the morale of at least some of the

Brazilian players. But there's not much reason to put stock in that proposition, unless accepting that the compromised player morale mysteriously chose not to manifest itself prior to the semi-final match with Germany. Longtime watchers of Brazilian football knew full well that what was being served up, ever since the tournament began, by this Brazilian squad was a far cry from what's been known to be the best of Brazil. But not measuring up to typical Brazil standards is a lot different from looking absolutely dreadful, which is how the Brazilian players treated with their "religion" for much of that semi-final encounter.

The protests were all about income inequality and what was seen as misguided prioritizing in the commitment of a reported \$14 billion to erect new facilities for the World Cup, while so many underclass needs remained yet to be addressed. The voicing of grassroots gripes, which sometimes became confrontational with police, probably didn't affect the play of Brazil's footballers, but it does invite conjecture about further social unrest down the road. Was Brazil indeed overreaching,

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

bidding for, and getting, not just the World Cup, but the Summer Olympics two years hence? And was all of this play for world-stage attention really undertaken at the expense of those on the lowest rungs forgotten, as protesters claimed, while the good times rolled for other Brazilians seemingly a whole world away?

A good juncture, here, to get one thing straight about Brazil. Its location in Latin America notwithstanding, one needs to be disabused of any idea of "struggling Third World state" relative to Brazil. Unnoticed, perhaps, by many of us, Brazil, whose sustained development has it now ranked as the seventh largest economy in the world, is on a trajectory, by some reports, to break into the top five world economies maybe in a couple of decades. Indicators of robust growth are to be found throughout the Brazilian economy. Brazil boasts the second

biggest industrial sector in the Americas. The unemployment rate currently runs at or below five percent; 18 million new jobs were said to have been created in the last decade. The 2011 Forbes listing of the 2000 largest companies in the world included 36 from Brazil. Forbes also ranked Brazil in 2012 as having the fifth largest number of billionaires in the world. And between 2000 and the present the country reportedly lifted some 35 million persons out of poverty.

Brazil's success is real. And it's clear that the course charted by the country's leadership since the early 2000's has been key in the current healthy state and positive outlook economically that Brazil enjoys. Pivotal in facilitating this period of sustained growth was the presidency of Lula da Silva who was first elected in 2002 and served two four-year terms. Although elected as the candidate of the Workers Party, of which he was a founding member, Lula had the political smarts to espouse policies which, while committed to a social change agenda, were also particular about maintaining a business-friendly environment. When Lula, one of the more

popular leaders Brazil has had, left office at the beginning of 2011, being succeeded by Dilma Rousseff, the current president and Lula's former chief of staff, more or less ensured continuation of the operating model that had been shown to work extremely well.

Ineluctably, there would be elements of Brazilian society taking issue with the notion that Lula's formula is the optimum choice as Brazil's way forward. They will contend, as they did in those World Cup street protests, that the share of this good-looking pie carved out for the have-nots is inadequate, period. They made their voices heard last year too, in even greater numbers, during the Confederations Cup matches.

For most of Brazil, though, the verdict seems to be that, all things considered, it's not at all a bad ride, this heady trip in which there's promise of even more shine radiating from their Latin jewel. They're not about to forget that dreadful business of the World Cup semis. But for these people, there's a heck of a lot more about which to get all samba happy. The football piece will be re-joining the party, for sure.

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### Clean energy revolution

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carbon emissions is the danger that these island nations face if climate change proceeds unchecked. And indeed, climate change is already having a big impact. In recent years, lower rainfall in the Eastern Caribbean has posed a threat to agriculture and scarce groundwater supplies.

Sea level rise as well as ocean acidification and warming have killed many protective coral reefs, leading to severe beach erosion. And the hurricane-prone region is being battered by increasingly frequent and powerful storms.

At the World Environment Day event in Bridgetown, the prime minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph Gonsalves, called climate change “the most serious existential threat in the world today.”

That is certainly true for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Successive storms ripped through the islands in 2010, 2011, and 2012, leading to a yearly loss of up to 17 percent of the developing country’s GDP, as well as destroying hundreds of homes and killing dozens of islanders.

“If my people don’t get flooded out on the coast,” the prime minister observed

ruefully, “they will be washed away in landslides.”

Barbados’ Prime Minister Freundel Stuart, echoed his counterpart’s sense of urgency. “Since the issue involves our very survival,” Stuart told the crowd, “capitulation is not an option.” Stuart said he believes that the Caribbean should set “a shining example” for the world to follow.

His government recently commissioned a Green Economy Scoping Study, prepared in partnership with UNEP and released in Bridgetown in June, which includes recommendations on how to make the island’s agriculture, fisheries, transportation, and energy systems more sustainable.

It makes sense: these islands are on the front line for climate change’s destructive forces, so they should also be on the front line in cutting their own carbon emissions. They need to demonstrate how seriously they take the threat, as an example to the rest of us.

#### A MARSHALL PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Right now, energy production in the Caribbean is anything but sustainable. Venezuela’s late socialist president Hugo Chavez

offered many islands long-term loans and concessionary rates for cheaper oil. His successor has done his best to maintain the modest subsidies.

But nobody can say how long this largesse will last, given Venezuela’s current financial crisis, and still less what will happen to already stressed island economies when they are forced to pay full price for crude.

The Caribbean needs to become energy-independent in order to thrive. But overhauling energy infrastructure does not come cheaply. There are knotty technical challenges related to the stability of the grid that few small nations are currently equipped to meet. And the small scale of the demand for electricity on many of the islands makes it hard to attract international investors.

Moreover, countries like Jamaica, St. Kitts-Nevis, Grenada, Barbados, and Antigua and Barbuda are saddled with public debts that often exceed their annual GDP. So unlike an industrial powerhouse like Germany, for example, few Caribbean nations are in a position to fully exploit their renewable energy potential.

*Richard Schiffman is an environmental writer.*

### Low cost marketplace fixes

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Businesses are realizing this. The American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) has met with Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez to support the Family Leave Act. ASBC represents businesspeople like me who are proving that you don’t have to choose between your investors and your employees. In fact, we believe that low-cost, simple marketplace fixes, such as having all employers offer decent benefits for every job, can play a sig-

nificant role in building a more stable middle class—increasing the number of marketplace winners.

Any business owner can tell you: When workers are happy, businesses do better. If Congress wants to help businesses grow, it should pass the FAMILY Act and bring the U.S. in line with other developed countries. Businesses, employees—and the marketplace—will be better for it.

*Mitch Rofsky is president of Better World Club, Inc., America’s only eco-friendly auto club.*

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# Picture perfect Vincentian Unity Picnic in Canada

By Nelson A. King

Thousands of Vincentians from all walks of life last Saturday converged on Brown's Bay Provincial Park in the 1,000 Island area in south-eastern Ontario, Canada, for the annual massive Vincentian Unity Picnic.

Nationals came from home, the Caribbean and other places, including major cities in the United States – New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, D.C. – and Canada – Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto – for arguably the largest picnic in North America.

According to Canadian tourism officials, Brown's Bay Park, on the outskirts of Mallory Town, is the oldest of all of the parks along the St. Lawrence River.

Before the St. Lawrence "Seaway" came into existence, Brown's Bay was the only provincial park between Gananoque and the Quebec



COSAGO and SVGOP contingent at the Vincentian Unity Picnic in Canada. Right: Ricky Bowman entertaining picnic-goers. Photos by Nelson A. King

border, officials said.

They also said Brown's Bay continues to be a popular stopping point for travelers to enjoy some outdoor recreation en route between Toronto and Montreal.

In picture perfect weather, with sunny skies and tem-

peratures in the 80s (degrees Fahrenheit), over 18,000 nationals dined, drank, danced, sang and had just plain fun in a true, exhilarating spirit of Vincentian unity.

"I'm very overwhelmed by the amount of people we



have here today, taking into consideration the malicious rumor we had last year," Jack Dear, president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Montreal and an executive mem-

ber of the organizing group, referring to rumors last year that Canadian immigration authorities would round up undocumented nationals at the picnic, in a Caribbean Life interview.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Associations of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto collaborated in organizing the annual pilgrimage.

"In Montreal, the tickets (for the trip by bus) were sold out," Dear added. "Today, we have over 18,000 people."

Tom Austin, a past president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Montreal and also an executive member of the organizing group, said the picnic, which started in 1985, has to date been incident-free.

"People come here and have fun," he said. "Even though we have a big crowd, we've had no incidents."

"It's a marvelous opportunity for Vincentians in North America to get together," he added. "We're pushing a lot of our culture. We're attracting new people, which is good."

The fun-filled, day-long event also featured games zones and live entertainment at the main stage in the center of the sprawling park, bordering the St. Lawrence River, showcasing Vincy talent.

There were performances from, among others, Lone  
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## CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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West Kingston operation, led to his decision to leave the force.

It has since been widely speculated that he was forced out of office by the government of the United States.

### St. Lucia

The Roman Catholic Church in St. Lucia recently confirmed that a priest had been withdrawn from the ministry "with immediate effect" after he had a relationship with a male parishioner.

"It was clear that the priest crossed his boundaries and acted inappropriately," said Archbishop Robert Rivas, adding that the Church had considered the matter serious.

In a statement, in which the priest was not identified, Archbishop Rivas said the priest had also been sent on administrative leave during which time he will receive "spiritual and counseling support."

However, according to St. Lucia News Online, the priest in question is Gros Islet Parish Priest Fr. Stephen Quinlan and the "relationship" was with an adult male.

The archbishop said the Roman Catholic

Church would not cover up for indiscretions by priests in the future.

### Trinidad

State-owned Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) is projecting a loss of TT\$100 million for its financial year 2013.

This was disclosed by Finance Minister Larry Howai who said the airline has been enduring a difficult period but may now be emerging out of it.

"CAL has had some struggles in completing its accounts. They should be able to bring them up in a couple of months. It hasn't been good news but they have narrowed the loss down," he said.

Howai said he hoped the national airline of Trinidad and Tobago could make a "full turnaround."

He noted that the airline industry worldwide was not an easy one.

"Every one of those (international airlines) has gone bankrupt at one time or the other so it is a challenge," he added.

According to its financial statements for 2012 showed CAL losses moved from US\$43,647,732 in 2011 to US\$83,780,546 in 2012.

*Compiled by Azad Ali*



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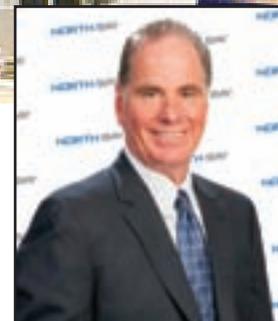
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# Celebrating Haitian Culture, a huge success!

By Tequila Minsky

"There is momentum and excitement when you have a festival with an abundance of events," says a slightly exhausted Regine Roumain, director of Haiti Cultural Exchange (HCX) that recently wrapped up its six-week 25-event "Selebrasyon!," a cultural extravaganza celebrating Haitian arts.

"People are already asking—'will we do it again?' Yes," she unhesitatingly retorts, "but it will be a biennial event, alternating with our Haitian Film Festival, held in the spring."

Still catching her breath from the breadth of Selebrasyon, she adds, "For the next one, we might not have 25 different programs with multiple events on the same day. And, we need more volunteers to help publicize and run it."

The multi-week feast of



Mimerose "Manze" Beaubrun signs her book "Nan Domi" at Five Myles Gallery, following a discussion with Joel Dreyfus. Then, with her husband, son, and band Boukman Eksperyans, she performed in the Gallery. At right: In an exuberant outdoor performance across from BAM, the street blocked to traffic, father Lolo Beaubrun of Boukman Eksperyans sings with son Paul and his band, Zing.

Photos by Tequila Minsky



Haitian culture that ended last month included musical events, poetry readings and literary discussions, panels from politics to dance, and a hands-on "community-curated" project. People traveled from all the boros and Westchester to attend

the Queens panel on Konpa with FanFan of Tabou Combo.

"We explored and connected with new partners, an on-going goal," said Roumain, enumerating the successes. "Previously, we've had events at La Caye

Restaurant, directly across from BAM, but the outdoor yard Haitian food-tasting with their chef who offered off-menu samplings was really special." The restaurant was also a venue for Zing's outdoor performance while the street was closed

during DanceAfrica.

"Having Boukman Eksperyans perform at Five Myles Gallery – the HCX base— following a discussion with lead singer Manze on her book about becoming a vodou initiate, was great!" says Roumain, clear-

ly enthralled. The following day, mother and father, Lolo and Manze, joined son, Paul with his band Zing, performing in the blocked-off street.

One of the highlights was a creative collaboration that brought digital and performance artist Maksaens Denis from Haiti to work outdoors with local dancer Gela Lambert, who performed in Fela, creating a video, much of which was shot at the Bailey Fountain next to the Grand Army Plaza arch.

Music by local composer Didier Sylvain and Maksaens provided the "soundtrack."

With added computer affects manipulated by Maksaens during the actual screening, dancers Lambert and Haiti-based Loubentz Raphael performed to and with the video projection. Organic form was layered on originality.

Following the amazing multi-dimensional work Roumain beamed and said, "This is why Haiti Cultural Exchange exists, to create new work."

Turnout for the events varied between a "healthy" attendance and a very full crowd.

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# Vincentian Unity Picnic

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Wolf (Ottawa), Lively (New York), and Gideon James and Ricky Bowman (Toronto).

Additionally, the inaugural St. Vincent and the Grenadines Idol segment featured Toronto resident Munirah Hutchinson, 16, who sang Adele's "Someone Like You"; Montreal-based sisters Trisha and Nicole George, 10 and 12, respectively, who sang Adele's "Sky Fall"; dance routines from Adanna Ubochi, 7, of Toronto, and Khanun Hutchinson, 13, also of Toronto; and a poem Kade Audain, 16, of Montreal.

Adele Adkins is the British singer whose 2008 debut album won two Grammy Awards and made her a leading pop singer in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Many businesses and government agencies also used the event for promotion, including the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority.

"We do this every year to remind the Diaspora that St. Vincent and the Grenadines

is in business for vacation and to encourage nationals to travel home," Shelley John, Director of Sales, Canada told Caribbean Life.

Kinda "Edy" King-Keizer, treasurer of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto, said she

**"It creates a medium for Vincentians to come together and celebrate their oneness, to seriously raise funds to help Vincentian athletes at home to attend the annual Penn Relays in Philadelphia."**

looks forward to attending the event annually with her extended family – husband, children, mother, father, sisters, brother and in-laws.

"I get to share part of my Vincentian culture with my children (two sons)," she

said, while helping her husband to roast corn and barbecue chicken on an open grill.

A few yards away, Suzette Joslyn, who also resides in Toronto, chipped in by helping to peel potatoes for lunch for four busloads of nationals who trekked from the U.S., organized by the Brooklyn-based Vincentian umbrella group, Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations of Pennsylvania (SVGOP).

"Every year, I'm here," Joslyn said. "It's always a good time, and I always have fun.

"It's the meeting central," she added. "You don't see people for years, and it's like the connection spot."

James Cordice, coordinator of the SVGOP's leg of the U.S. trip, said the get-together must be highly applauded.

"It creates a medium for Vincentians to come together and celebrate their oneness," he said, adding that the opportunity should also be used to "seriously raise funds" to help Vincentian

athletes at home to attend the annual Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Over the years, COSAGO and SVGOP have been selling raffle tickets at the picnic to support athletes at the games.

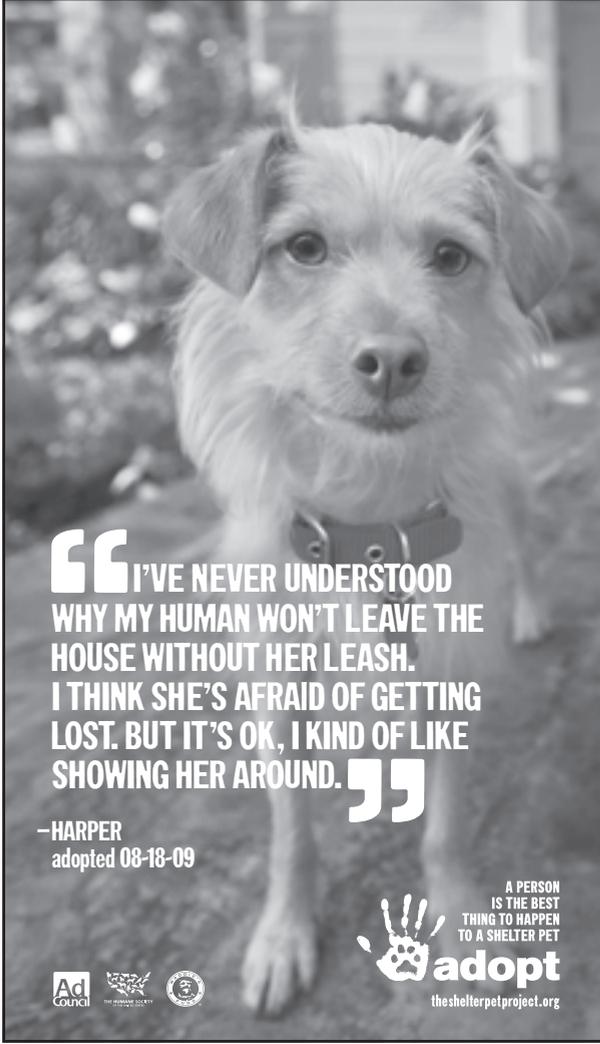
"I am going to make a serious push to the Canadians (Vincentian-Canadians) to help raise funds for the Penn Relays," continued Cordice, who is also coordinator of Vincentian athletes at the Penn Relays and president of SVGOP.

COSAGO president, Laverne McDowald-Thompson, said the picnic, clearly, serves a very important role in bringing nationals together.

"For COSAGO, we look forward to the trip every year," she said. "People meet people who they haven't seen in a very long time."

O'Brien Simmons, who coordinated the COSAGO portion of the trip, lauded Vincentian-Canadians for spearheading the event.

He also said Vincentians in New York and Philadelphia "will be coming stronger and stronger," as the third annual Unity Picnic will be held on Aug. 16 at Heckscher State Park in Long Is.



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# Big benefits from a small patio

When readers browse through home décor and lifestyle magazines in search of ideas for backyard patios, they are usually teased with grandiose designs and sprawling outdoor spaces that can be far from feasible. With the exception of occasional articles that appear in do-it-yourself publications that can entail more construction skills and building time than bargained for, rarely will one find professional design concepts for a small patio without minimizing or omitting key elements that can turn a wish list into reality. A solution may lie within a homeowner's grasp by turning to manufactured hardscape materials. The many inherent attributes and benefits connected with interlocking concrete pavers and segmental wallstones can add up to big benefits in a small patio footprint.

Compare your project to designing a small indoor room such as a kitchen, den or bathroom. Approach your patio design with a similar strategy but realize that an outdoor space, regardless of its size, can be multi-functional. First, figure out what you would like to see in the space to make it as functional as possible given the space you have to work with. Often, a larger impression can be achieved by utilizing materials that offer the most versatility. For example, consider an interlocking concrete pavement system, which is a durable and aesthetically pleasing alternative to traditional patio blocks and poured or stamped concrete.

Use of larger sized pavers, certain pattern designs and a centrally-placed inset of a circular or diamond-shaped pattern arrangement make a smaller space look bigger. Also, placing pavers diagonally can, depending on the configuration of the patio, result in a wider perception.

When incorporating either a refreshment bar or cooking area, consider "bumping out" these areas from the main patio configuration and surround them with garden beds or pathway approaches. For on-demand casual seating, think about a perimeter seat wall or a bench seat notched into a wall system. Both can be built from rock-faced wallstones and allied products from a supplier of hardscape materials.

If stairs are needed to step down onto the patio from a back door, opt for ready to install, cast stone treads in natural colors such as those available in 48" and 72" individual lengths or as a pre-packaged staircase kit from distributors of Cambridge hardscape products. Cast stone alternatives are a more affordable substitute for custom-cut natural bluestone and more durable than wooden steps.

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elements longer than the best bamboo tiki bar. Another benefit is these components will match pavers or a wall system in your overall design. Cover them with an attractive, pre-packaged, two-column pergola without taking up any additional ground space.

If you have always wanted a fire pit and there isn't any room for one in your allotted patio space, build one just off the patio where it's accessible a few steps away and visible to family and friends on the patio. Cambridge Fire Pits measuring 50" and less come round and square

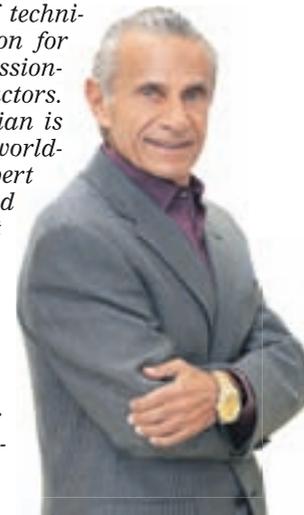
in an array of textures and colors with grills, spark screens and covers. They are also in pre-packaged kits ready to build. Integrate a Cambridge pond-less waterfall kit adjoining your patio without taking up space associated with cascading, custom waterfall and pond.

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For the computer-savvy, visit [cambridgepavers.com](http://cambridgepavers.com) to download the software and create images on your own. Homeowners who are inclined toward do-it-yourself projects are invited to attend D.I.Y. Workshops hosted at Authorized Cambridge Distributor locations. Among other topics, workshops focus on installing a patio as a do-it-yourself undertaking and introduce tips on proper installation methods. Locate your nearest Cambridge distributor on the Cambridge website.

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# Plans to rebuild Haiti capital displace families

By David McFadden

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The broad avenues in the Haitian government's promotional material are clean and unbroken, dotted with palm trees, parks and manicured expanses of grass. The new ministry buildings are sleek and modern but retain some of the neo-classical architecture of the former structures lost to natural disaster.

This is the grand, dream-like vision of central Port-au-Prince that President Michel Martelly says will replace what was toppled when a 7.0-magnitude earthquake left much of Haiti's capital in ruins on Jan. 12, 2010. Sketched plans look more like a wealthy Miami suburb than the gritty downtown of old that housed both state institutions and shabby tenements.

"These plans will take a long time to finish, perhaps another 10 years," says Harry Adam, executive director of the government



In this July 10, 2014, photo, men search for items to recover in the rubble of houses razed by bulldozers in downtown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Demolitions began in June for construction of the "administrative city" in downtown Port-au-Prince.

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agency that is responsible for the construction of public buildings and housing. "But I think it's realistic. We can do it."

Demolitions began in June for construction of an "administrative city" covering 30 hectares (75 acres)

downtown.

But the plan hailed as a sign of post-quake rebirth by some residents has also set off a firestorm of criticism for creating a new wave of homelessness after many poor renters were given just minutes to vacate

their dwellings before bulldozers arrived.

While there are no available figures on the number of people left homeless by the demolitions, the city center has become dotted with new encampments of tarp shacks in recent weeks.

Hills of rubble left by bulldozers have grown so large it almost looks like a fresh quake just hit.

Bitter quake survivors, some who only recently were moved by aid groups from squalid tent camps to downtown apartments, are back to living beneath tarps or staying with friends.

One of them is Jean-Louis Wilner, a 32-year-old father of a two-year-old boy. After a couple of years living in a tent camp, he thought he had finally made it. He had a subsidized rental apartment for a year and a small business selling cold drinks. Now Wilner wonders if he'll make it through the hurricane season. Like others, he claims his possessions were either lost beneath rubble or stolen by thieves when he rushed items out into the street.

"This country doesn't respect human beings. I'm worse off than after the earthquake. It's humiliating," Wilner says.

Opposition politicians say they plan to mobilize the newly displaced families in street protests against Martelly's government.

"They only give them a warning of a few minutes and then they start bulldozing? I consider that a crime. These families have nowhere to go and are now homeless again," said Sen. Moise Jean-Charles, a staunch opponent of Martelly.

Government officials say communication about the demolitions could have been better and contend that some building owners who were notified did not tell their tenants of the coming bulldozers.

Public notary Jean-Henry Ceant, who is helping people with their claims, says owners of buildings with proof of their investments are being quickly compensated. But that's a tall order in Haiti, where the land registry is in shambles and it's not always clear who owns what.

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# Caribbean countries hold national talks universal health coverage

**By Nelson A. King**

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) says countries of the Americas, including the Caribbean, are holding national consultations to discuss the way forward to reach universal health coverage.

With its support, PAHO said national health authorities and other health sector actors are participating in the dialogues, which will help shape a regional roadmap for achieving universal health coverage that will be submitted for the approval of the 53rd PAHO Directing Council in September.

Consultations have already been held in 27 countries and are scheduled to be held in four others in the coming weeks, PAHO said.

"Universal health coverage is a means to attain health and well-being for all people. It is based on

the right of every person to enjoy optimal health, with equity and solidarity, and it is responsibility of all governments," said PAHO Dominican-born director Carissa F. Etienne.

"PAHO is supporting national, sub-regional, and regional consultations that facilitate a broad dialogue so that all the voices of the Americas, including those of the most vulnerable groups, can be heard during this process," she added.

PAHO said universal health coverage means that all people and communities have equitable access to the comprehensive and guaranteed quality services that they need, throughout the course of their lives, without financial hardship.

Etienne said the consultations are led by national health authorities, who are inviting representatives from ministries of finance,

education, and the environment; the legislative and judicial sectors; academia; civil society; and development partners, including other United Nations agencies.

PAHO said it helped develop a series of questions that are being addressed in the consultations to ascertain how best-in each country-to expand equitable access to comprehensive, quality, and people-and community-centered health services.

Questions also address how to strengthen management of health systems to ensure participation, accountability, and monitoring, among other aspects, PAHO said.

It said a central challenge to universal health coverage addressed in the consultations is how to increase and improve health systems financing, to ensure equitable access to services and

efficient service delivery, while at the same time eliminating out-of-pocket spending, or direct payments at the point of service.

The PAHO director said the consultations are also examining mechanisms to strengthen inter-sectoral action to address social determinants of health, such as economic conditions and social exclusion.

"In this discussion, we encourage participants to consider not only problems and obstacles but also innovative solutions and approaches that make it possible for us to advance toward universal health coverage," Etienne said.

She said a proposed strategy incorporating input from the consultations will be presented to ministers of health from PAHO member states at the 53rd PAHO Directing Council on Sept. 29 to Oct. 3.



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# Live Holistic welcomes Dr. Robert Ladyzhensky

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Live Holistic celebrates its third year of keeping the borough healthy with the addition of another physician, Dr. Robert Ladyzhensky.

Like Dr. Vincent Adamo who founded Live Holistic, Dr. Ladyzhensky believes in teaching people how to maintain health, and treating ailments from a physical, mental, and nutritional approach. Rather than prescribing pills for what ails us, Live Holistic explores the factors that create conditions that make us feel sick.

As more people are seeking this type of wellness treatment, Live Holistic continues to grow. Dr. Ladyzhensky started working part time at Live Holistic last September, and joined the firm full time this May. Both doctors are chiropractors who share the same philosophies.

Educating people is a priority, says Dr. Ladyzhensky. While patients are at the office, they view documentaries on food and nutrition that play continuously on television sets. Proper nutrition is essential to wellness. The doctor practices what he prescribes by limiting his own intake of red meat. A healthy lunch might be a shake, made from ingredients that include kale, spinach, and coconut water. When you blend and liquefy meals, they are easier to digest, says the doctor.

Too much of what we eat is acidic — it contains lots of sugar — creating conditions to which diseases cling.

“Stay away from acidic foods,” says Dr. Adamo. “The body can’t heal in an acidic state.”

Instead, he recommends eating greens and vegetables, which put our bodies in an alkaline state. This is a state of wellness. Drinking lots of water is essential, too. When you consume soda, “the body has to work harder to get rid of it,” he says.

Unfortunately, many medical doctors aren’t taught much about the role nutrition plays in overall health, says Dr. Ladyzhensky.

“The pharmaceutical industry has infiltrated medi-



Live Holistic in Bay Ridge celebrates its third year of keeping the borough healthy with the addition of another physician, Dr. Robert Ladyzhensky, who shows off a machine used in the practice.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

cal schools, pushing certain drugs, and teaching about them,” he says.

The public needs to know that there are alternatives. People used to laugh at the thought of being treated without drugs and surgery. But more people are opening up to these possibilities.

“We are here to help them see the light,” he says.

Dr. Adamo has traveled the world, and says his stud-

ies have proven that the body has the power to heal itself, without drugs and surgery. This is because the nerves supply life to all cells, organs, and systems in the body; therefore, they are also responsible for healing it, he says. Think about the spinal cord.

“It controls your brain, which sends messages throughout your body. What happens when your spinal

cord is injured?” he asks. “You are paralyzed.”

Dr. Ladyzhensky says when ligaments are loose, they are flexible, and take stress off the nerves.

But when the spine is not aligned properly, it presses on nerves, and we experience pain or other “paralysis” in areas of our lives. At Live Holistic, the doctors specialize in spinal cord correction. One way this is achieved is

with a machine that “pulls pollution from the body via electronic currents,” says Dr. Adamo. “It excites the cells, allowing them to release toxins.”

Live Holistic is a family-friendly facility that welcomes everyone, including children. The practice accepts health insurance, and works with people to make health care affordable.

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for,” says the doctor. “We don’t turn anyone away.”

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# Lefferts residents launch LACT Block Association



Mathieu Eugene, chairman of the Youth Services Committee and also the New York City Council Member of the 40th District in Brooklyn cuts the ribbon.

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**By Kevin Bollers**

The Lefferts Alliance Community Togetherness (LACT) Block Association hosted their official launching on Lefferts Avenue between Nostrand and Rogers avenues on Saturday on July 19, 2014. Attending this

event were city and state officials including New York City Council Member of the 40th District in Brooklyn, Mathieu Eugene, State Senator Kevin Parker, District Leader of Brooklyn's 58th New York State Assembly, Cory Provost, Commis-

sioner of the Department of Records and Information Services, Pauline Toole, District Leader of the 43rd Assembly District, Jesse Hamilton, Sterling Block Association President, Carmen Santiago and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

Reverend Dr. Douglas Banks of Grace Reformed Church began the event with an opening prayer. The day was filled with great food, fun games and activities for the neighborhood youth, a live calypso performance and a worship dance by the Grace Reformed Church Dance Group. Then finally the moment people were waiting for came when community leaders and residents standing side by side witnessed the historical occasion of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Francisca Leopold who founded LACT on Oct. 14, 2013 described how as she walked along the historical block of Lefferts, she observed the different ethnicities and cultures present in the area she calls home. She saw that the block needed beautification and vibrancy and she realized that forming LACT Block Association would accomplish this. She did not arbitrarily carry out this decision. She respectfully and considerably spoke to her neighbors on the block, the idea was well-received and the rest is history. When

you walk along Brooklyn's Lefferts Avenue, between Nostrand and Rogers avenues today, you are sure to see significant differences in a short amount of time.

From fancy new signage, doggy poop bag dispensers and much more, you can tell that LACT is on the move to improve the block of Lefferts. Even the young people on the block have joined in by cleaning up leaves on the sidewalk and especially in the yards of the elderly. Many of these youth were publicly awarded Certificates of Appreciation by LACT, this past Saturday with state and city officials standing by; faces beaming with gratitude and pride. Also, a petition for a speed bump is in circulation, issues relating to street lighting are being explored as well a neighborhood watch patrol with the NYPD.

Founder and President Francisca Leopold describes LACT as a seed that was sown. "When a seed is sown it begins to grow, but it needs to be nurtured to grow into a tree. It requires water, good fertilizer and sunlight to create the process of transformation from a seed into a beautiful tree. This tree belongs to all of us, whether tenants or landlords. We will all sit under this tree to have fun, take care of problems and share ideas to help others plant their own trees," she said.



2014\_07\_22\_Bollers\_LACT2 The Grace Reformed Church Dance Group performing a worship dance during the official launch The Lefferts Alliance Community Togetherness (LACT) Block Association.

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## IMMIGRATION GUIDE

### REMOVING IMMIGRATION NIGHTMARES

There are solutions to problems immigrants frequently experience. Among the problems and solutions are the following:

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#### 6. CRIMINAL RECORDS: WAIVERS AND PARDONS:

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# Revive summer-ravaged skin, hair and feet

Summer can be harsh on skin, feet, hair, and more. As the warm days wind down, practice some post-summer beauty tips to revive your skin, hair and feet:

## Hair

Weeks spent diving through the waves or plunging into a backyard pool is excellent exercise and a great way to cool off on hot days. However, saltwater and chemical-laden pool water can turn tresses into a mess. One pitfall that plagues people who swim regularly is a green tinge that appears in the hair, which is most noticeable on people who have blond hair. Some people blame the chlorine in the water for the green tint, but the real culprit is copper, a common element found in commercial algicides.

The solution is to find a shampoo that chelates the metal. Speak with a salon professional or a supplier of salon products to find the right shampoo for you. It's sometimes possible to prevent future green highlights



Pool chemicals and the sun can damage hair, and conditioning treatments may be needed to restore vibrancy.

by sealing the hair cuticle with a conditioner before swimming, and then thoroughly rinsing hair

after exiting the pool.

Swimmer's hair is another summertime phenomenon. Constant exposure to water and sunlight can leave the hair's cuticles exposed and susceptible to damage. Leave-in conditioners may help counteract some of that damage. If that doesn't work, speak to a stylist about what can be done to get hair looking healthy once again. He or she may suggest a fresh cut, new hair color and deep-conditioning treatments.

## Skin

Many people now know of the damage ultraviolet rays can do to unprotected skin. In spite of that widely held knowledge, skin cancer remains the most common form of cancer in the United States, where the Skin Cancer Foundation says more than 3.5 million skin cancers are detected annually. The best protection against skin cancer and skin damage from the sun is to use sunscreen and remain in the shade as much as possible.

Moisturize the skin with a penetrating product as a first recovery step. Aloe is an item found in many healing skin balms and lotions.

Although it can be tempting to tear off portions of peeling, sunburned skin, the peeling is actually a natural part of the healing process and should not be disturbed. The dead skin acts as a protective layer while fragile, tender new skin grows underneath. Use a mild soap and lukewarm water when showering. Moisturizer can keep the damaged skin moist and make peeling less noticeable. Some have found that spraying the skin with a solution made of vinegar and water can reduce the itching associated with peeling skin.

If any part of the skin does not heal or looks strange, visit a dermatologist.

## Feet

Walking barefoot or in flip flops or sandals is common during summer. But flimsy sandals

offer little protection against the sun as well as any dangers on the ground. Once summer is over, many people find their feet have paid the price, with calluses, blisters and dried-out skin.

Find a spa or nail salon that provides paraffin wax treatments. These treatments use warm, oil-based wax to provide pain relief and skin-softening benefits. The heat in the wax increases circulation and relieves pain and stiffness. Paraffin works by increasing blood supply to the skin while also opening pores and trapping moisture from underlying layers of skin.

Pedicure treatments also can provide some relief for your feet. Soaking and massaging the feet and addressing any calluses can help feet recover. Think about also applying a deep moisturizer to the feet and then covering them with cotton socks, which can be left on while you sleep, and you may discover the following morning that you have woken up with softer, smoother soles.

## New York Methodist Hospital is on guard against skin cancer

When it comes to the summer months, there's never a shortage of places to "catch some rays" in Brooklyn, from Coney Island to the fields of Prospect Park. For those who will be spending time in the sun, it is always important to take proper precautions to protect yourself against damaging ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can lead to sunburn, aging of the skin, and of greatest concern, skin cancer—the most common type of cancer in the United States.

But even if you never set foot out of doors, no one is immune to the disease. Skin cancers are divided into two major categories: non-melanoma and melanoma. The two non-

melanoma types of skin cancer are called basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma, both of which most often occur on skin that is exposed to the sun. Basal cell carcinomas appear as wax-like bumps or flesh-colored patches, while squamous cell carcinomas look like hard, red bumps or raised, scaly patches. Some may bleed and never seem to heal.

Unfortunately, melanoma — the deadliest type of skin cancer — is more difficult to distinguish, and it can appear on any part of your skin, anywhere on your body, regardless of sun exposure and skin tone. Signs of melanoma can include a dark spot with dark flecks surrounding, a small patch of



New York Methodist Hospital dermatologist Dr. David Frankel, with a patient.

skin that turns red, white, dark blue or brown and has an irregular border, or a mole that changes shapes or bleeds. Those with a personal or family history of

melanoma and individuals with irregular moles that are larger than normal may benefit from a whole body skin exam performed by a dermatologist.

The good news is that there is a wide array of traditional treatment options available for melanoma, including surgery to remove the tumor or tumors, chemotherapy,

**“Should skin cancer develop, early detection plays an essential role in a positive outcome.”**

radiation therapy and immunotherapy.

“With any type of cancer, reducing your risk is vital,” said Dr. Stephen Danziger, chief of dermatology at New York Methodist. “Wearing sunscreen with SPF 30 or above is important, but no matter how high the listed ‘SPF,’ sunscreen never completely protects the body

against the sun's harmful UV rays, so avoiding excess sun exposure is recommended as well. Long-sleeved shirts, long trousers, hats, and to protect the eyes, sunglasses

that block UV rays are all good steps to take to this end.

“However, should skin cancer develop, early detection plays an essential role in a positive outcome.”

*For a referral to a dermatologist affiliated with New York Methodist Hospital, call (718) 499-CARE or go to [www.nym.org](http://www.nym.org) and click on Find a Doctor.*



The best way to protect skin from the sun is to stay out of the sun. When that is not feasible, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen can guard against damage from ultraviolet radiation.

# SUNSCREEN FACTS

Keep skin healthy with the truth about sunblock

The best way to care for skin is to be smart about sun exposure. Too much unprotected exposure to the sun can cause a host of problems, from premature

wrinkling to skin cancer. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, millions of cases of skin cancer are reported each year, and many more

may go undetected. The best way to protect skin from the sun is to stay out of the sun. When that is not feasible, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen can guard against damage from ultraviolet radiation.

screens could be harmful if inhaled. Opt for sunscreens that are applied by hand and can be adequately coated over all areas of the skin.

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**Although sunscreen is an enormous help, it is not foolproof. Sunburns and skin damage can occur even when using sunscreen, and user error accounts for much of that damage.**

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Although sunscreen is an enormous help, it is not foolproof. Sunburns and skin damage can occur even when using sunscreen, and user error accounts for much of that damage. To get the best results from any sunscreen product, consumers can educate themselves about proper application and avoid certain information inaccuracies.

**Myth:** The best sunscreen is the one with the highest sun protection factor, or SPF. Actually, the best sunscreen is the one you will use regularly. Make sure you like the scent and the feel of the sunscreen. Decide if you prefer a sunscreen that is grouped together with a moisturizer or a makeup foundation. Try sunscreens that are lotions or sticks to figure out which application works best for you. Once you’ve found a product you like, stick with it. But make sure the sunscreen has an adequate SPF.

**Myth:** I only need sunscreen on sunny days. The sun can prove harmful even on cloudy days. You may not be safe indoors, either, particularly if you spend a good deal of time next to an open window. Window glass will only block certain types of UV light, making sunburn possible even if you are indoors or riding in a car. It’s a good habit to apply sunscreen daily regardless of if you will be out in the sun.

**Myth:** Spray sunscreens are as effective as the rest. Spray products may not deliver enough sunscreen to the skin because droplets are dispersed unevenly. Furthermore, the propellants used in spray sun-

**Myth:** Sunscreen does not need to be reapplied, especially if it’s water-resistant. There is no such thing as a waterproof sunscreen. The Food and Drug Administration recently prohibited the use of the term “waterproof” because consumers falsely believed their sunscreen products would not wash off. Water-resistant sunscreens will be effective for a certain number of minutes before they need to be reapplied, usually between 40 to 90 minutes. If you have been sweating profusely or have been in the pool or ocean for awhile, play it safe and reapply often.

**Myth:** A little drop of sunscreen is all that’s needed. Many people are applying far too little sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun. The average person needs about an ounce of lotion to cover his or her entire body. Think about the size of a shot glass and use that amount.

**Myth:** Spending more money on SPF 50 will get me superior protection. The rate of protection from SPF 30 to SPF 50 is marginal. SPF 30 (when applied correctly) can protect against 97 percent of UVB rays. That’s adequate for many people.



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Though popular summer hangouts, pools may contain chemicals that can be harmful to hair and skin.

# Protect hair, skin from pool

Chlorine is one of the most widely used substances for water purification. It is often added to public water supplies to kill off pathogens that have the potential to cause illness. Variations of chlorine are used in pool filtration to ensure the water is clean and safe for swimming because it reduces bacteria and other contaminants, and may also help keep algae growth under control.

Although chlorine is very good at purifying the water people drink and bathe in, too much of a good thing can prove troublesome. Oftentimes, chlorine — especially in high amounts — can affect the hair and skin of people who regularly use pools.

## Hair

Chlorinated water that is also high in copper may form a chemical reaction that turns hair green. The chlorine reacts with the copper to form a compound that is green in hue. This can attach to the porous hair shaft and give hair a green tinge. The green is especially obvious in light-colored hair.

Chlorine is harsh and caustic, while hair is porous. Dry hair that becomes saturated with chlorine-treated water can eventually have salt crystals locked inside, which leads to breakage. Washing hair directly after swimming may help rinse off external chlorine, but it will not adequately remove chlorine locked inside follicles. Hair may need to be soaked for several minutes in fresh water. Hair that is prone to dryness may become more dry from chlorine.

Swimmers can wear a waterproof swimming cap to prevent against chlorine damage. If this option isn't available, soaking hair in fresh water to saturate hair shafts and then applying a barrier, such as conditioner combed through the hair, can help repel some of the chlorinated water and protect against damage.

Hair that has turned green from pool water may need to be treated with special shampoos or strippers to remove the chlorine-copper compounds. Cutting off the green areas may be an easier solution.

## Skin

Chlorine is caustic, and

high concentrations can burn the skin. Individuals with sensitive skin may be even more susceptible to rashes and burns from chlorinated pools.

To prevent skin irritation, keep chlorine levels in pool water as low as possible. Applying a waterproof sunscreen or lotion to the skin prior to swimming may also serve as an additional line of defense. There are commercially made products that are designed specifically for application prior to getting in the pool.

Because they are waterproof, they will not wash off in the pool or foul up water.

Public pools with a high volume of swimmers tend to have more chlorine in them than backyard pools at private residences. This is evidenced by the strong and often overwhelming aroma of chlorine in the vicinity of the public pool.

The effects of chlorine can be seen by the bleaching and wearing away of rope barriers and floats that are constantly in the pool. If this is what is occurring to plastic and vinyl, imagine what is being done to skin and hair.

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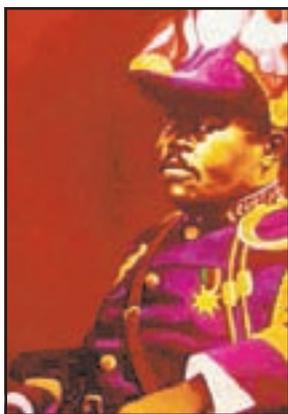
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# Jamaica marks anniversary of Marcus Garvey group

By Nelson A. King

The Jamaican Embassy in Washington, D.C. has commemorated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Negro Improvement Association – African Communities League (UNIA) formed by the country's national hero Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

At ceremony hosted by the embassy and attended by UNIA executives, Jamai-

ca's Ambassador to the United States, Stephen Vascianie, noted Garvey's heroic status in Jamaica and other parts of the world, according to the South Florida Caribbean News.

The envoy also explored reasons for Garvey's iconic standing, suggesting that Garvey's prominence and overall impact be explained by the "special combination of vision and commitment"

that he presented to the world during his 52 years, between 1887 and 1940.

"We still look for Garvey in the whirlwind because his vision and commitment themselves created a magnificent whirlwind on behalf of the poor and the dispossessed, and because he stood firmly for the rights of all black people, at home and abroad – under the special banner, 'One

God, One Aim, One Destiny,'" Vasciannie said.

UNIA President General Senghor Baye emphasized the continuing relevance of Garvey in the lives of people in the Diaspora, South Florida Caribbean News said.

He also noted the significant contribution made by women to UNIA's work and lauded the government of Jamaica for "having issues

relating to Marcus Garvey placed on the school curriculum."

Both Baye and his Assistant President General Nkili Nkrumah, expressed gratitude to the Jamaican Embassy for its support in commemorating UNIA's "significant milestone."

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## Tiny Barbuda grapples with rising seas

By Desmond Brown

CODRINGTON, Barbuda, June 30, 2014 (IPS) - The 1,800 residents of the tiny Caribbean island of Barbuda are learning to adapt as climate change proves to be a force to reckon with, disrupting not just the lives of the living but also the resting places of those who died centuries ago.

United States-based archaeologist Dr. Sophia Perdikaris said when Hurricane Georges hit in 1998, it did a lot more than turn the spotlight on the island's shrinking coastline.

"In the early years when I first started coming to Barbuda, it was because hurricane activity had exposed a lot of archaeology and it was an effort to do rescue. A human skeleton from 450 AD was exposed in the area called Seaview," Perdikaris told IPS.

"In fact, some of the archaeology [including the human skeleton] that we are now housing in the newly formed museum was excavated by Hurricane Georges."

Perdikaris, a professor of anthropology and archaeology at the City University of New York, Brooklyn College, said some of the findings coming out of Barbuda point to climatic shifts in weather conditions at the same time that the northern part of Europe was experiencing the little Ice Age.

"Similar signatures are coming out of Barbuda

that actually have the same stories in Greenland, Iceland and the North Coast of Africa," she said. "Hence, Barbuda is not just a small island in the Caribbean but actually a major part of bigger weather events in the circum Atlantic."

Perdikaris said one of the things that Barbudans are faced with today is "a big word, climate change – what does it really mean and how is it affecting people's lives and what can they do to change it?"

But she noted that the residents are very adaptive.

"We do find solutions with the help of the amazing expertise of the local people because they are the best experts for their local environment," she said.

"We are trying to gather enough information to see what our challenges are and how we move forward; and then find the funding resources and technology to make that happen."

"We are monitoring erosion in many parts of the island and we also have been testing the wells to see whether the water is safe to drink or whether the salinity has been changing; all of these efforts in order to assess the three aquifers that are under Barbuda," she added.

Another project being developed on the island is aquaponics, the combination of aquaculture and hydroponics (growing plants without soil), amid

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## Barbuda vulnerable to climate change

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a growing realization that climate change will likely seriously threaten food security in Barbuda.

"There are diminishing resources in the sea. It is problematic to grow crops if you have a drought or if you only have salty water to water them so we have developed an aquaponics facility," said Perdikaris.

Dr. Perdikaris said climate change has forced the residents of the island with a single village to make changes to their way of life and also to put measures in place to secure their future.

"As glaciers melt because of high temperatures what it's doing to the rest of us is actually increase the sea level, and by increasing the sea level a number of things are taking place," she said. "With a low-lying island like Barbuda, one of our main concerns is how much of the island, how fast, will actually be under water.

"As the sea waters are rising, they are not only

claiming land but they are actually claiming the coral reefs," Perdikaris added.

Marine biologist and environmentalist John Mussington said the warning by scientists that the 62-square-mile [161-square-kilometre] island is becoming one of the most vulnerable spots due to the consequences of climate change is not being taken lightly.

"Barbuda is flat; the highest point is just over 100 feet. Now with climate change predictions they are talking about several metres in terms of sea level rise. When you look at the present topography of Barbuda, it is 62 square miles. A third of Barbuda is taken up by lagoons and wetland systems.

"Another third is what we call the lowlands. One of the sure things that will happen as a result of climate change is that one-third wetlands will engulf the one-third lowland to become two-thirds wetlands," Mussington told IPS.

"So that will leave us with 21 square miles of usable land for sustaining communities. That is the reality we are facing."

Barbuda's culture is firmly based in a "living off the land concept" that Mussington said is fast becoming a thing of the past with the advent of climate change.

"We want to sustain the fact that Barbuda has a tradition of its people living off the land and one of the things we are going to face in terms of challenges from climate change is we are not going to be able to do that," he said.

"If we are going to survive we have to overcome those challenges, hence the direction we are taking in terms of being able to continue to feed ourselves protein wise and vegetable wise."

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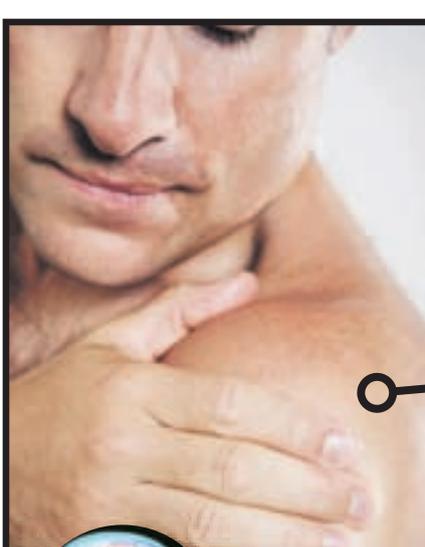
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# Guyana radio producer receives citations

Guyana-born Joseph Dennis Livingstone received three high honors on June 28 when a diverse gathering of friends, colleagues and associates packed into the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building to pay tribute to his legacy.

The 62-year-old Caribbean immigrant received posthumous citations from elected officials representing the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan.

Brooklyn Councilwoman Inez Barron presented the first written citation from the New York City Council saying the plaque also represented the sentiments from her husband, former Councilmember Charles Barron.

Manhattan State Senator Bill Perkins brought a proclamation that he said publically expresses Harlem's love for the activist/producer.

And Queens Congressman Gregory Meeks dispatched the highest honor



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

from Washington D.C. adding a third posthumous acknowledgement to Livingstone's worth and contribution of the New York community.

Amidst a cultural ceremony where libations poured blessings, a drum procession amplified the pastoral remarks from Dennis Dillon. The Guyana national anthem punctuated the ceremony with Allissa Gittens, -- one of Livingstone's relatives -- performing on the flute.

Slated from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the ceremony extended past its deadline and into the evening due to the long list of speakers which included Prof. Leonard Jeffries and his wife Rosalind, Prof. James Smalls, Rev. Herbert Daughtry, musician Bobbi

Humphrey, Carib News reporter Tony Best, Al Sharpton and others.

The gentle-spirited acclaimed activist, producer and communications' specialist died on Mar. 14 but his memorial lingered until June 28 when seven Guyanese family members were able to join his tri-state family and friends.

Carefully, choreographed by radio personality Imhotep Gary Byrd -- with whom Livingstone lived and worked until his last days -- the memorial was appropriately themed "Thank You For Your Kindness."

The phrase Livingstone often added at the end of every telephone conversation to guests he either booked or sought service resounded with familiarity and grace.



Joseph Dennis Livingstone at left with Benin, African singer Angelique Kidjo (with bouquet) her husband, Imhotep Gary Byrd and Vanessa E. Cooper.

Photo courtesy of Vinette K. Pryce

Livingstone had consistently fulfilled the task of producing talk and music shows at three radio shows --WBAI-FM, WBLS-FM and WLIB-AM -- where Byrd hosts a variety of pro-

grams geared at empowering Black consciousness. Together the astrologically-connected Pisceans teamed to present current news, public service and cutting-edge entertainment on

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## Kamarley left the city talking

By Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

Last year, as Caribbean-American Heritage Month approached its sunset with a Caribbean-American open air concert featuring Mighty Sparrow, Lima Calvio of Byron Lee and the Dragonaires, and Val Adams, then Calypso King of Grenada, who had the Borough Hall, Brooklyn crowd rollicking. This year, as the ninth year of the celebration culminated on June 26 at Columbus Park, Borough Hall, it was the six-year-old Kamarley, who held his own among the likes of Antigua's Soca Queen Claudette "CP" Peters, T&T's Sherma Andrews and Panama's Magaly. The six-year-old excited the crowd with the quality of his Reggae and Soca renditions, and artistic synchrony of body language and musical rhythm which belie the tenderness of his



Six-year-old Kamarley rocks the audience during Caribbean-American Heritage Month celebrations at Columbus Park, Borough Hall.

Photo by Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

age.

As he belted out Busy Signal's "Reggae Song," Machel Montano's "Too Young to Soca," and Kerwin de Bois' "Spoil Myself," his vocal quality, control and ability to hold the crowd's atten-

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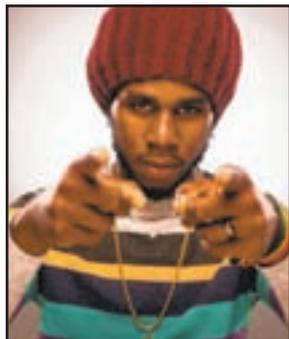
## Reggae in the Park

By Vinette K. Pryce

Reggae music fans are in for a treat on July 26 when Central Park Summerstage showcases the only reggae concert of their 2014 season at Rumsey Playfield in Central Park.

While the diverse and largest, free festival in New York City is slated to offer 105 performing arts events from June to August this year, Caribbean music gets a singular afternoon to show-off a few of its best.

Grammy winning, Jamaican reggae artists Junior "One Blood" Reid and Chonixx are the top billing names for the con-

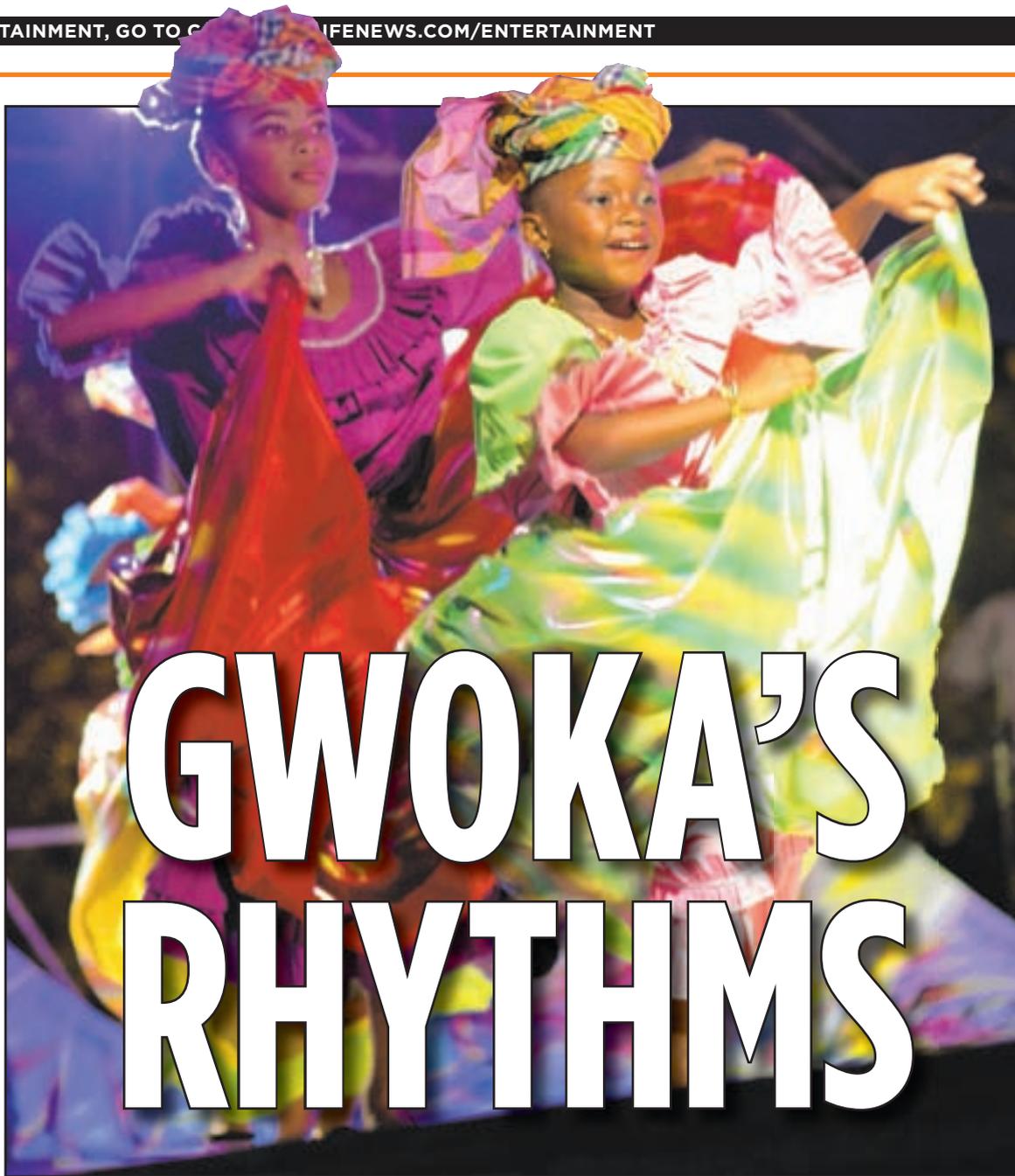


Jamaican reggae artist Chronixx.

cert.

And fans of the genre will have more than a few reasons to revel at the cultural,

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# GWOKA'S RHYTHMS

Young dancers from the Sakitaw children's group on stage at the Gwoka Festival, Ste. Anne, Guadeloupe.

Photo by William Farrington

## This is our music of the drums

By William Farrington

A spirited debate marked opening ceremonies of the 27th annual Gwoka Festival, July 9-14 in Sainte Anne, Guadeloupe. In particular, the news that Gwoka (Creole word for large drum), once the expressions of an oppressed people is now under consideration for an UNESCO world heritage designation. Panelists and members of the public

weighed in on the direction of the music, some seeing it as an opportunity for economic development others concerned about its role as independent voice.

The festival itself was a triumphant celebration of this unique art form and by extension the struggle of a people. Six nights of music, dance, and discussion, all free, set beneath the stars and steps from the

beachfront were the hub of activities in Sainte Anne. Each night hundreds of Guadeloupeans sprinkled with tourists and international fans of the music enjoyed a communal cultural experience.

In the drum can be found the heart of Guadeloupe. The essence of the place is inseparable from its music. From the pattern of speech,

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REVELERS SEEK TO

# RAISE THE BAR

Costumes designed by Joanne Gamaldo for the Frankie, "Lounge section of, "Raise the Bar."

Photos courtesy of Detailz Mas Camp

Detailz Mas Camp is relentlessly working to make its sophomore year of participation on Eastern Parkway for the Labor Day celebration a memorable one for its revelers. At the helm is Trinidadian born Michael "Mr Detailz" Dubois.

The band's 2014 theme is "Raise the Bar" and all 10 sections represent bars throughout New York. The

theme is meant as a nod to the diversity of bars and nightclubs in New York; as well as a call to elevate our mas culture to a higher artistic level. The Labor Day celebration is meant as a celebration of our heritage and culture, not just skimpy costumes.

"We in the mas world turned into a community of consumers and stopped being innovators in pageantry and creativity. We at Detailz Mas Productions are innovators trying to tap the new emerging talents and markets of Carnival! At Detailz Mas Productions we are more than mas, we are the total experience!" says Dubois. Last year, Detailz competed in the small band category but this year they aim to compete in the medium category and "Raise the Bar" for themselves.

The sixth section in the line is Frankie's Lounge designed by Joanne Gamaldo. The section is a nod to the popular nightclub that is nestled in bustling East Flatbush on the corners of Tilden Avenue and Veronica Place. Frankie's come alive on weekends with patrons from all walks of life mixing and mingling in an energetic environment. The grown and sexy turn up, ready to party, adorned in their fineries to be noticed! Just like the partygoers at Frankie's, this gold and silver costume is made to be

noticed! The costume captures the energy of the crowd, the bling and the bright lights... All these elements are reflected in this fierce combination of glamour and sparkle. This is not a costume for shrinking violets. Come and "break away" for Labor Day 2014 in your gold and silver costume!! The Frankie's costumes are priced from \$185 to \$235. For information on the Frankie's Lounge section, please contact Joanne at 718-738-7281.

Detailz's home is The Mecca at 173 Empire Blvd. in Brooklyn and is open every day. Detailz Mas Camp can be reached at [customerservice@detailz-mas.com](mailto:customerservice@detailz-mas.com) or [ceo@detailzmas.com](mailto:ceo@detailzmas.com).



Miss World Guyana 2014 Rafieya Husain, Andrew Harris Jr. and Miss World Guyana 2014 first runner-up, Princess Atisha Gaskill wearing creations from Colefacts Carnival section. Photo courtesy of ColeFacts

## Labor Day designs by Michelle Cole

By Tangerine Clarke

For the first time in the history of carnival on Labor Day Monday, spectators will witness the true genius of a Guyanese costume designer, when revelers take to the streets wearing creations by award-winning artist Michelle Cole.

Cole will bring her 12 years of experience playing Mashramani on the streets of Georgetown to Sesame Flyers International to present her inspired, "Lotus" - as part of the band's theme "Bollywood - Passport to Paradise," which will showcase the Indian culture.

Known for showcasing collections cut from natural fabrics on the fashion runway, Cole will no doubt continue Sesame Flyer's spectacular winning streak with bold colors of pink and yellow handmade eco friendly outfits, with gold accents to complement beautifully crafted wire bent headpieces.

Cole, who is known for creating show-stopping couture gowns, jewelry, swimwear and ready-to-wear fashions under the Facts'n'Roses brand with Trevor Rose, and featured in many shows across the globe, worn by pageant contestants, finalist and queens, will outfit adult revelers in a frontline, midline, with male and female curvaceous options. "Lotus" will compete in the medium category.

Judges should expect to see stunning creations from the costume designer who has won Band of the Year, Best King, Best Queen, and Best Male and Female titles in Guyana's Mashramani costume competitions.

As one of the executive directors of Miss World Guyana 2014, Cole promises to put on an exciting presentation to dazzle the judges with the "ColeFacts Carnival Sesame Flyers International Band."

The multitasking Cole said it is an honor to play mas with Sesame Flyers International and to be a part of a band that has more than 20 years experience of bringing great carnival revelry to Eastern Parkway.

"Sesame Flyers provide the best deejays and performers in a safe environment, from the time you leave the club house until your return. It's indeed an honor to be selected as their newest member," said Cole who now lives in New York.

Costumes are on sale at Sesame Flyers International Mas Camp located at 3510 Church Ave. in Brooklyn. Log on to [www.sesamecarnival.com](http://www.sesamecarnival.com) to register and follow ColeFacts at [www.facebook.com/colofacts carnival](http://www.facebook.com/colofacts carnival) 718-693-0500.

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Sam Smith
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Calvin Harris
- 7 **All Of Me**  
John Legend
- 8 **Latch**  
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Maroon 5
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# Gwoka music fest

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a lilting intonation, to the way people move, the wind in the trees, or the sound of the surf, listen and you will hear it in Gwoka's rhythms.

Historically it has also been the voice of resistance and rebellion from its inception to modern times.

"The polemic is that there is an ideologique dimension to Gwoka. The music has been strongly associated with the nationalistic movement and its popularity today grew out of that movement. In that sense the music and the ideology can not be separated its a complex relationship", says historian and drummer Marie Helena Laumuno.

Felix Cotellon explains, "For a very long time Gwoka has been marginalized, not considered music. In the 70's a nationalist struggle against the colonialist power took hold led by the workers and farmers unions. The movement introduced the music to students and intellectuals." Cotillon, then national director of U.P.L.G. a liberation organization is now president of Repriz, the driving force behind the festival and the UNESCO proposal, "A cultural identity grew out of the struggle and the gwoka music eventually

gained mainstream acceptance." he said. "Now the challenge is to be more inclusive."

After opening ceremonies throngs of fans spent the rest of the evening gathered around several traditional gwoka bands playing on local streets. One, on the steps of the Centre Culturel featured the traditional lineup Maké, lead drummer, and two boulas playing the rhythmic sequences and chorus playing calabash shakers.

The following night hundreds of spectators arranged in a semi-circle around a gwoka ensemble. The event, a Lewoz, is the traditional way to hear the music. The leader Bébé Rospart called out an introductory phrase a cappella and was answered by the chorus, which signaled the drummers what rhythm would be played. Once the music was rolling, dancers were invited into the circle where they first made eye contact with the drummers and then challenged them to stay in tune with their movements. The ritual was repeated over again when a new dancer entered and carried on till the early morning hours.

The following nights many of the great artists of the music performed from a stage beneath the stars and steps from the beach.



Voukoum carnival band performing at the 2014 Gwoka Festival, Ste Anne, Guadeloupe.  
Photo by William Farrington

Traditional ensembles Esnard Boisdur, Kan'nida, and Konywaka. Gwoka Moderne from Fondong and Rozan Monza. Karnival band Voukoum, vocal groups Fanm Ki Ka and Kalbas Ka, and dancers and musicians of traditional arts schools (Acadamiduka, Klethnica, Sakitaw,) dance troupes Djok, and Cie Kokklaya among many others.

Boisdur and Kan'nida both are from the rugged Grand-Fonds region, both also continue family traditions in the music.

Boisdur's voice had a time-

less beauty, mesmerizing as he sung complex melodic patterns that rose and fell over the gwoka rhythms, answered by a chorus that echoed the rhythm. The drumming itself is understated in comparison to other gwoka bands recalling, perhaps, the style of previous generations. He learned in family gatherings and has played the music all his life recording 17 albums since 1983. Three songs he played, 'A Bwa Vigne', Pwotéjé Yo and Las Fe Mal came from his latest album 'Yebois'.



Folklore characters, Devil Woman in black and Old Hag in red, mingle with the carnival characters.  
Photo by Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

## Kamarley

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tered their future expectations but rushed with their smart phones and cameras to capture moments of him. His mother explained that Kamarley began entertaining at age two at kid parties and is usually hired for different events.

The concert was quite interesting as it highlighted elements of Caribbean cultural diversity; English, French, Spanish, Indian, and Caribbean-American. While the crowd

was most enthused by Kamarley, the Indian 'Mehndi' (Henna) dance by the Srijan Dance Center, and the folklore characters dramatized, were two elements which specifically captured characteristics of Caribbean cultural history and socialization.

For thousands of years henna has been grown in various parts of the world, from Ancient Egypt to South Asia, inclusive of other parts of North Africa, the Horn of Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Near East. The plant served as dye for hair, body art, leather, wool, textile and celebrations such as war and marriage.

## Central Park summerstage

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midsummer free fete.

For starters there is no entrance fee to see Chronixx, one of Jamaica's top reggae acts.

And with birds chirping their own melody among the trees in Manhattan's best-known recreational space, a forecast of less than 96 degrees in the shade; easy access to public transportation, the bonus comes with the fact Chronixx will headline the four-hour reggae-fest on the 122nd birthday anniversary of HIM Haile Selassie, the spiritual leader of Rastafarians and perhaps the most revered Ethiopian emperor of a multitude of reggae music lovers.

Riding high from a blowout performance in Montego Bay, Jamaica last Friday at Reggae Sumfest, the 22-year-old Chronixx is the newest star to brighten the reggae galaxy.

Already here to jumpstart his Manhattan appearance, he arrived early for an appearance on late night TV on Tuesday on the Tonight Show. For that date, the acclaimed roots reggae singer backed by his Zinc Fence

Redemption Band previewed the Saturday date in the park.

Hosted by Jimmy Fallon, the entertainment television show promoted the final U.S. dates but also enabled viewers to sample music from the talent who is being buzzed as the hottest reggae name on the horizon.

Saturday will also mark the conclusion of the Dread and Terrible Tour which kicked off an east coast series of concerts in the USA on May 25.

Following the New York date, Chronixx will begin the European leg of his tour, which is booked for summer festivals there through September.

Reportedly, Chronixx will perform in Belgium, Germany, France, Croatia, Switzerland, The United Kingdom, Slovenia, Poland, Spain, Slovakia, Norway and Denmark.

Also slated to perform are an amalgam of local entertainers comprising the seven-year-old movement known as Rice and Peas.

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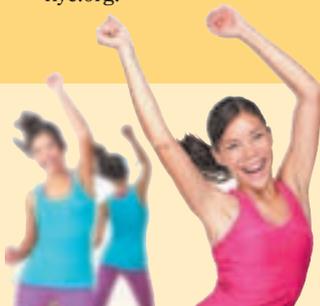


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# Independent & Foreign films



## Kam's Capsules

By Kam Williams

**Cannibal (Unrated)** Romantic thriller about a serial killer (Antonio de la Torre) who feels no remorse about devouring his victims until he falls in love with the sister (Olimpia Melinte) of his last meal. With Maria Alfonsa Rosso, Florin Fildan and Manolo Solo. (In Romanian and Spanish with subtitles)

**The Fluffy Movie (PG-13)** for suggestive material and sexual references) Concert flick, shot onstage in San Jose earlier this year, featuring the standup act of Chicano comedian Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias.

**Happy Christmas (R)** for profanity, drug use and sexuality) Mumblecore maven Joe Swanberg wrote, directed and co-stars in this Windy City dramedy about a slacker (Anna Kendrick) who moves in with her filmmaker big brother (Swanberg), his novelist wife (Melanie Lynskey) and their two-year-old son. With Lena Dunham and Mark Webber.

**The Kill Team (Unrated)** Whistle-blower documentary examining the fallout visited upon U.S. Army Private Adam Winfield after he snitched on fellow soldiers who were slaying innocent Afghan civilians and saving some of their body parts as trophies.

**A Master Builder (Unrated)** Oscar-winner Jonathan Demme (for Silence of the Lambs) directed this screen version of the Henrik Ibsen play about an architect (Wallace Shawn) with a very jealous wife (Julie Hagerty) who finds himself seduced by a flirtatious houseguest (Lisa Joyce) he had propositioned a decade earlier when she was only 14. Supporting cast includes Larry Pine, Andre Gregory and Jeff Biehl.

**A Most Wanted Man (R)** for profanity) Screen adaptation of the John le Carre' espionage thriller of the same name, set in Hamburg, Germany, about a Chechen Muslim (Grigoriy Dobrygin) seeking political asylum who might actually be a radical Islamist in sheep's clothing. Featuring Rachel McAdams, Willem Dafoe, Robin Wright, Nina Hoss and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

**My Man Is a Loser (R)** for sexuality, graphic nudity and pervasive profanity) Makeover comedy about two married guys (Michael Rapaport and Bryan Callen) who come to regret asking a bachelor buddy (John Stamos) for advice about how to spice up their love lives. With Sean Young, Tika Sumpter and Diane Guerrero.

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## Nets coach gets support

By Robert Elkin

Experience could have been a big and important factor in bringing a National Basketball Association title to Brooklyn, according to most of the basketball followers and the new coach certainly has the ingredients that are needed for such a goal for this upcoming season. This coach was a player for the Portland Trail Blazers during their NBA championship year.

We are talking about Lionel Hollins who recently succeeded former NBA all-star guard and first year head coach Jason Kidd who came to the Nets without any head coaching experience at the start of last season.

Lionel's wife Angela was on hand at the  
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Brooklyn Nets new head coach Lionel Hollins.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig

## Cricket icons cop key roles

By Azad Ali

Two West Indies cricket icons, Sir Gary Sobers and Sir Vivian Richards have been appointed to key roles in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), which is underway.

Sir Gary, widely considered the first ever all-rounder in the game's history was announced as the CPL brand ambassador while, Sir Vivian, one of the game's most dominant batsmen, will serve as performance director.

"I've seen first-hand benefits the CPL have had one the Caribbean. Up and coming youngsters get the chance to play with and against some of the best players in the world and the next generation of cricketers can cheer on their heroes in packed stadiums,"  
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# GOAL SCORER

New York Red Bulls' Bradley Wright-Phillips, left, and Tim Cahill celebrate a goal by Wright-Phillips against the Columbus Crew during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, July 12, 2014, in Harrison, N.J.  
AP Photo/Julio Cortez, File

## Phillips leads Red Bulls, league in scoring

By Patrick Horne

Bradley Wright-Phillips scored his league-leading 17th goal of the season in the Red Bulls 1-1 draw against the visiting San Jose Earthquakes last Saturday night in front of 20,000 fans at Red Bull arena. He has a good chance of winning

the 2014 MLS Golden Boot award if he continues his scoring trend. Wright's closest contender for the scoring title is another Englishman, Dom Dwyer of Sporting Kansas City, who registered 15 tallies so far. Saturday night's tally was Wright's sixth in his last five games.

Despite Wright's scoring tear, the New York Red Bulls (5-6-9, 24 pts) are lingering in fourth place in the 10-team Eastern Conference and seem to be the masters of the draw, with nine ties, second only to the Chicago Fire's 10. Sporting Kansas

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# Guyana Amazon Warriors lead points table

The Limacol Caribbean Premier League runners up for 2013 were the Guyana Amazon Warriors but this year the team seems to have a plan to be in the final and win it. So far in the competition, the Guyana Amazon Warriors have played three games and won all, placing them at a six-point lead on the chart. Last year's champion Jamaica has been playing well, winning both of their games.

Guyana Amazon Warriors have two of the best bowlers in the competition, Sunil Narine and Krishmar Santokie and their batting is phenomenal.

## TALLAWAHS DEFEAT HAWKSILLS

Jamaica Tallawahs gained their second win in the Limacol Caribbean Premier League against the Antigua Hawksbills in a fantastic style by eight wickets. The Hawksbills scored 96 runs off 18.3 overs with left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori picking up 3 wickets for 13 runs off his four overs, Jerome Taylor 2 for 22 off his 3.3 overs and Andre Russell 2 for 16 off 2 overs.

Chris Gayle and opening partner Chadwick Walton fired away at the Hawksbills attack scoring 62 runs off 51 balls before Gayle was dismissed for 37 off 31 balls, which included three sixes and three fours. The Jamaica Tallawahs won easily after 14.3 overs and two wickets falling. Chadwick Walton was 43 not out from 34 balls. Daniel Vettori was named man of the match. The Jamaica Tallawahs are very strong on paper and they are playing an aggressive style of cricket. Some of their players are all-rounder Andre Russell, the experienced wicket keeper batsman Carlton Baugh Jr., Nikita Miller, the experienced bowling all-rounder, fast bowler Jerome Taylor and all-rounder Daniel Vettori.



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



West Indies' captain Darren Sammy, right, hugs team-mate Krishmar Santokie to celebrate the dismissal of Pakistan batsman Ahmed Shehzad during their ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup match in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi, File

## KRISHMAR SANTOKIE WRECKS ST. LUCIA ZOUKS

Guyana Amazon Warriors defeated the St. Lucia Zouks in the Limacol Caribbean Premier League competition played at the Guyana National Stadium, Providence. The St. Lucia Zouks scored 117 runs all out from 19.2 overs. Medium fast left-hand bowler Krishmar Santokie bowled impressively for 4 wickets for 11 runs from 4 overs. Sunil Narine gathered 2 for

21 from 4 overs. Guyana Amazon Warriors made an easy task of getting pass the Zouks' score.

## GUPTILL, SIMMONS GATHERED 76 RUNS

Martin Guptill 50 not out, Lendl Simmons 36 after he was bowled by Darren Sammy and Mohammad Hafeez 17 not out, saw the Guyana Amazon through to victory with 118 for 1 wicket. Krishmar Santokie was named man of the match.

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# Cyclones kick off a winning streak

## Jamestown 8 Cyclones 6

July 17 at MCU Park  
(10 innings)

Amed Rosario went four-for-five last night against the Jammers, but it wasn't to break the Clones worst losing streak of the season in a horrible way — by blowing an early five-run lead.

After scoring a run in the first, the Clones used small ball to tack on four more runs in the second. With one out, Michael Bernals got an infield hit before stealing second base and scoring on a single to center by Jeff Diehl. A passed ball sent Diehl to second before Luis Arrizurieta walked. The runners were advanced a base on a ground out by Joe Tuschak, then scored on Rosario's double to left. Jhoan Urena then singled in Rosario for the Clones final run.

But Cyclones starter Casey Meisner couldn't get past the third inning, giving up four runs before Mike Hepple came in as relief. Hepple threw a wild

pitch that scored another run tying the game. The Cyclones used five more pitchers until the Jammers broke through with two runs in the 10th.

## Jamestown 12 Cyclones 7

July 18 at MCU Park  
(15 innings)

Not even the New York's Bravest could end the Cyclones losing streak, as the Clones fell in 15 innings to the Jammers on FDNY night.

The Jammers and the Cyclones battled back and forth all night and headed into the ninth tied at six, when Gaither Bumgardner, who had relieved starter Carlos Valdez with one out in the fifth, gave up an unearned run, giving the Jammers the lead.

But the Clones answered in the bottom of the frame, when William Fulmer led things off with a booming home run to center field, tying the game.

That's how it remained until the 15th, when the



**SLUGGING SAVIOR:** The Clones haven't lost a game since Mike Conforto joined the team.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Jammers exploded for five runs, getting them the win.

## Cyclones 8 Williamsport 4

July 19 at MCU Park

Octavio Acosta gave up just one unearned run on four hits in eight innings, and slugger Mike Conforto got his first professional hit as the Cyclones broke an eight-game losing streak.

The game remained

scoreless until the sixth, when a single knocked in Robinson Torres, who had reached on an error, stole second, and got to third on a wild pitch from Acosta (3-1, 1.46 earned-run average).

Making his professional debut, the first-round pick Conforto (1-for-4), who batted fourth and was the designated hitter, helped the Clones answer back in the bottom of the frame when he opened the inning with a single to right field. He and Michael Katz later scored on a single by Michael Bernals before Adrién Abreu hit a three-run bomb to left to put the game away.

Luis Mateo struggled in the night, throwing a wild pitch and allowing a home run and three runs, but was able mop up for the Cyclones.

## Cyclones 6 Williamsport 0

July 20 at MCU Park

Corey Oswalt threw seven innings of shut-out ball to lead the Cyclones to the team's second win in a row.

Third baseman Jhoan Urena, making in front of just-signed slugger Mike Conforto, led the attack for the Clones, going two for five with a double and two runs batted in. Conforto, who made his first start in left field, added two hits.

The Clones put the game away early with five runs over the first two innings, and got a stellar start from Oswalt (3-1, 2.48 earned-run average) who manager Tom Gamboa says throws great as long as he keeps his focus.

"It was one of those days where he was really on," the skipper said.

Scarlyn Reyes threw two innings of shut-out ball to earn his first save of the season.

## Cyclones 5 Williamsport 2

July 21 at MCU Park

Marcos Molina struck out eight in seven innings of two-run ball and Micheal Katz went four-for-four and drove in two runs as the

Cyclones cruised to a third-straight victory.

Molina gave up two runs on three hits in the first, but settled down and threw six more innings of no-run ball — the type of pitching his manager expects from him.

"Once he got into his groove he's proven he's just about the most efficient pitcher in the league," said skipper Tom Gamboa.

Michael Conforto has continued to have impact, as players in the middle of the order have come alive since he made his debut on Sunday.

Conforto doubled leading off the third, and scored moments later on a Katz double.

In the fifth, Conforto singled home Adrian Abreu, who had singled and moved to sec on on a base-knock by Jhoan Urena. Katz than singled home Urena to give the Clones a 5-2 lead.

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# Windies cricket icons

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Sir Vivian said.

He said 2014 is going to be bigger and better than last year, so the future is bright for the CPL.

Only this year, Sir Vivian was named mentor to the Antigua Hawksbills, the franchise where he served as team manager in the inaugural edition of the CPL last year.

Sir Gary, meanwhile, said he was keen to get involved in the tournament, now the region's premier Twenty20.

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Sir Vivian Richards.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

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## Lionel Hollins

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Barclays Center when the new coach was officially introduced to the media.

For her, the transition will be hard because she has a family living in Memphis.

"(Now) I'm looking for the opportunity to come to New York," she said. "I've been in New York several times before."

Some of the hoop followers, including high school kids, think with the established coach holding such a position is a definite plus. Now they have to get the right combination on the court.

Looking like a promising high school player competing in the 14 and under division of the ElmCor Summer Basketball League, Tray Clarke, a 6'2" center led his team with 20 points in the 14 and under division at the ElmCor indoor center in Queens, New York.

Tray follows the Nets and was surprised that Hollins got the job as head coach.

"I didn't expect Hollins to get the job," said the youngster, who hasn't made up his mind if he will go to Nazareth High School or Channel View High School, which used to be called Beach Chan-

nel High. "He's a good coach and he'll take them far. He's an experienced coach and knows what he is doing. He knows the league and can control his team. I've seen him on television. I've seen his teams do good and the players respected him."

Most recently, Hollins was head coach of Memphis in 2012-2013. Memphis went as far as the Western Conference finals.

Tray's father Trevor Clarke comes from Guyana, where he played soccer. Trevor talks to his son, who is in his first year competing in the ElmCor League, about education, which comes first. Both run the boardwalk together to stay in shape.

The student-athlete's goal is to try to land a scholarship to college for free.

Another player in the league, Jeshon Weston of East Elmhurst said, "I think that coaching the Nets was a good experience for Kidd, coming off the court as a player to (handle) his own team. He did a good job, but management didn't see it like that. Kidd did a good job last season."



Les Charles Critchelow of Guyana and Dujon Verneige of St. Lucia during a match at the Caribbean Cup Tournament at Jefferson High School Sports Complex.

Photo by Keith Dawson

## Caribbean Cup Tournament

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City (10-5-5, 35 pts.) leads the Conference, with DC United (10-5-4, 34pts) and Toronto FC (7-5-5, 26pts.) occupying the second and third place spots.

So who is Bradley Wright-Phillips? Wright-Phillips, who signed with the Red Bulls mid-way through last season, is one of two adopted sons (the other, Shaun Wright-Phillips, who played for English clubs Manchester City and Chelsea) of former England international and now television and radio soccer analyst, Ian Wright.

Bradley played five times for the England Under-20s and had stints with English Premier clubs Manchester City, Charlton Athletic, and Southampton and obviously got his scoring tips from his famous father Ian, who played for a numbers of English clubs including West Ham United, Arsenal FC and Southampton FC; he scored 259 goals in 501 English League and Premiership games from 1985-2000, and scored nine times for the England national team in 33 appearances from 1991-98.

Bradley Wright-Phillips started his MLS scoring tear back on March ninth in the

season opener at the Vancouver White Caps when he scored in the 91st minute as a substitute; he followed that goal with a hat trick versus the Houston Dynamo on April 23; three days later, he tallied his fifth goal, at the Columbus Crew; his sixth came on May 3 at FC Dallas, then came his second hat trick a week later at the Chicago Fire. Wright Phillips hasn't looked back since.

In Saturday's game, the Red Bulls was the better team; it created more opportunities and should have put away the Earthquakes in the first half, but what happens often in soccer when a team keeps the opponent in the game, eventually that opponent gets even, and Steven Lenhart got even for the visitors with five minutes to play. The Red Bulls hosts the 2014 FA Cup Winners Arsenal FC of the English Premier League at Red Bull Arena on Saturday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. (TV: ESPN2).

### ABRAHAMS LEADS GUYANA

Anthony Abrahams scored his league-leading 11th and 12th goals to lead Team Guyana to a 2-0 win over Team St. Lucia in a hard-fought contest last Sunday in the Caribbean Cup tournament

at Jefferson High School Sports Complex in Flatlands, Brooklyn. Abrahams scored his first goal off a defensive mistake five minutes into the game, then put Guyana further ahead, 2-0, only three minutes later when he tucked away a loose ball in front of the opponents' goal area.

St. Lucia, a former champion which reached the Cup final the past two years, hunted for goals in the second half and came close when a shot hit the right goalpost in the 55th minute, but it wasn't enough for Team St. Lucia. The win pretty much assured the Western Zone title to the Team Guyana Golden Jaguars.

In other Caribbean Cup games on the day, Team Haiti toppled Team Dominica, 6-0. Jovin Vilma (2), Ronald DeMadet, Dominique Marvens, Jean Gary Rubin and Prophet Evens all registered goals for Team Haiti. Vilma started the goal rush when he went past a defender and scored a left-footed shot in the 12th minute; he soon doubled his tally with a header to put Team Haiti ahead, 2-0, at the half. Vilma's teammates took over the scoring and insured Team Haiti a place in the quarter final round.

Team St. Vincent and the Grenadines turned back Team Barbados, 3-0, and put itself in a position to win the Eastern Zone title with a draw versus Team Jamaica on Sunday. The game was a story of Bajan defensive errors. After putting the Vincentians under much pressure, it all started to come apart in a moment of a defensive lapse that gave Damal Francis the chance to put the Vincentians ahead, 1-0, by half time.

The second half was a repeat of the first; early Bajan pressure was halted by another defensive error that led to Darren Francis' goal to give the Vincy Heat a 2-0 lead midway in the period. It was all Vincy Heat from then on as Steve Henry completed the scoring on a breakaway. Also on Sunday, Team Trinidad/Tobago plays Team Antigua/Barbuda and Team Grenada meets Team Panama.

### MLS

Sporting Kansas City knocked off the Los Angeles Galaxy, 2-1, at Sporting Park. Benny Feilhaber scored a free kick 10 minutes into the game and defender Lawrence Olum headed in a loose ball for a 2-0 halftime lead.

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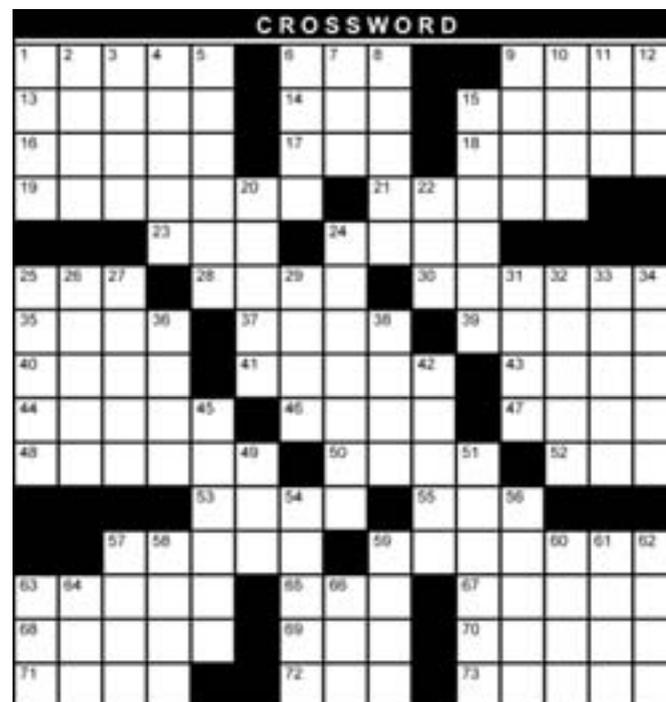
### ACROSS

1. Shrub or tree especially common in Africa
6. \*"Toy Story" child antagonist
9. "That was close!"
13. \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-la
14. \*He confronted Jafar in Disney's "Alladin"
15. This one should beware
16. Asteraceae flower
17. Presidential election month
18. State indirectly
19. \*Cuckoo's nest guardian
21. Open-mouthed
23. Fa follower
24. December stone
25. Fitting
28. Embarkation location
30. \*"The Exorcist" possessor
35. Brooding
37. Last word in radio transmission
39. Flax plant fabric
40. Calcium oxide
41. \*He's evil in "the Jungle Book"
43. Penpoints
44. Hipbone-related
46. Like the White Rabbit
47. \_\_\_\_ Crawley, The Countess of Grantham

48. The enlightened one
50. Post-deductions amount
52. "Uh-uh"
53. To a remarkable degree, in U.K.
55. \_\_\_\_ or decaf
57. Right-hand page
59. \*"Seven" sadist
63. Floorboard sound
65. \_\_\_\_ Beta Kappa
67. Spacious
68. Ancient
69. Bro or sis
70. Amnion, pl.
71. "\_\_\_\_" all work out"
72. \*All about her
73. Egg holders

### DOWN

1. "The first \_\_\_\_ I see tonight"
2. "Major" animal
3. \*He played a sociopath in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
4. Smart \_\_\_\_\_, pl.
5. Drive-in employee
6. Sometimes used for timing
7. U.N. labor agency
8. Parlor piece
9. Shoe option
10. Sensational promotion
11. Moray \_\_\_\_
12. Kind of humor
15. With two axes
20. Poet T.S.
22. To swindle or cheat
24. Kitchen herb
25. Wing it
26. WWI French soldier
27. Abnormally distended, especially by fluids
29. \*Funny and a Dr.
31. Dietary mineral
32. "For better or worse"?
33. Camouflaged equine
34. Take back what one said
36. Decode letters
38. Network of nerves
42. Old but in
45. \*No ordinary doll
49. Aardvark's meal morsel
51. Ali Khamenei's capital
54. Bush thicket
56. Lawn ornament
57. Bona fide
58. \*Voice of Darth Vader, James \_\_\_\_ Jones
59. Be compatible
60. Cheadle and Rickles
61. Bypass
62. Unfledged or nestling hawk
63. Fraternity letter
64. Process of decay
66. It destroys helper T cells



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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Finances are on your mind this week, Aries. You could be driven now more than ever to get your ducks in a row. Expect such tasks to be a bit stressful but ultimately worth it.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, avoid being sidetracked by some familiar obstacles. Even with the best intentions you can get pushed off target. Pay attention and stick with it.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, it may be tempting to set aside responsibilities in favor of more exciting experiences. But the real opportunities for adventure come from making commitments and goals.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you may finally be ready to express feelings that you have been keeping to yourself. If you are worried about how others will respond, don't be. You have accepting friends.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, do not deny yourself some pleasure, especially if you have been putting in a lot of work and effort to attain your goals. Enjoy a little down time when you can.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you cherish your time with friends and family this week, spending as many free moments with them as possible. In the coming days, carve out some alone time for yourself.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, you are no stranger to meeting other people's demands, but you need to be very firm about what you want right now. Work with others but make your opinions known as well.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, your intensity helps you get through some difficult projects in the weeks ahead. Be sure to make some time for rest and relaxation once your projects are finished.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, there is a lot more going on in your life now than meets the eye. Moves that you make could be crucial to your success, so do your best to make sure you make the right choices.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, expect some initial dissent when you propose an unorthodox solution to a problem. Don't worry much, as others will come around when the plan starts to work.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Do not allow your emotions to get the better of you this week, Aquarius. Steer clear of confusing issues and do not delve too deeply into things you don't understand.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, expect to be acknowledged for some special contributions this week. Stand up and take your bow with grace and appreciation.

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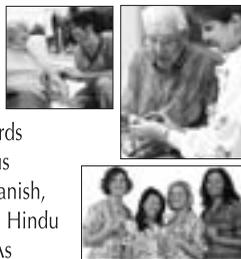
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